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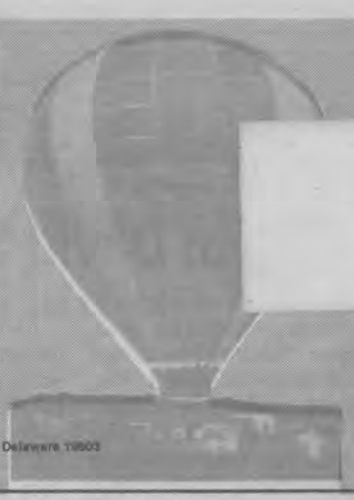

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Kissinger Comes To Delaware

By DAN WEINTRAUB
Editor of The Jewish Voice

Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, former Secretary of State of the United States was in Delaware to accept the Common Wealth Award for government at the Hotel du Pont last Saturday. In a press conference prior to the awards ceremony Dr. Kissinger responded to a question from a reporter with The Jewish Voice newspaper. Asked to characterize prospects for an eventual peace between Israel and Syria, Dr. Kissinger answered, "Nerve wracking."

Dr. Kissinger cautioned against harboring a belief that "at some point in the future there will be a document with the word 'peace' on it" and that thereafter an easy tranquillity would prevail. He said he had never seen an example of an agreement with an Arab country leading to permanent tranquillity. However, he believes that a pragmatic agreement can be reached which would lead to a relatively long period with an abeyance of conflict.

Dr. Kissinger noted that a cease-fire agreement he helped negotiate has been sustained for 20 years marked by no killing on the Golan Heights border between the two countries. This underscores his analysis that Assad is pragmatic and that progress will emerge on the Israeli-Syrian front within the next year or two.

Given the unrest today around the world, the German born Kissinger spoke about how he "grew up in a totalitarian system marked by growing segregation of the faith I represented." He said that this experience made him "a personal observer of the importance of peace" and the role of the United States.

Among his observations after the recent death of former President Richard Nixon, under whom he served as National Security Advisor as well as Secretary of State, Kissinger remarked on how the "very shy, very solitary, very reclusive" Nixon through "an unbelievable effort of self-discipline" made himself a successful politician.

Talk show host Larry King, another Common Wealth Award recipient, suggesting he felt out of place with notables Kissinger, explorer Jacques Cousteau, playwright August Wilson, and geneticist Dr. Leland H. Hartwell, said "I am a Jewish kid from Brooklyn so I pinch myself every morning."

In February of this year, Israel's Abba Eban spoke in the same building about Kissinger's vision of nations' pragmatic pursuit of self interest. Eban addressed the Chai Society of the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD) as part of the still-continuing 1994 "Live Jewish" Community Campaign.

Henry Kissinger flanked by Larry King, left, and Jacques Cousteau, in Delaware last week at the Hotel duPont. Photo Credit: Dan Weintraub.

Mandela Seeks Jewish Support In Building A New South Africa

By SUZANNE BELLING

JOHANNESBURG (JTA) — African National Congress President Nelson Mandela said his party will need the Jewish community's support to help create a better South Africa after the country's first democratic elections this week.

Mandela, who is expected to be sworn in May 10 as South Africa's first black president, said he will need the help of Jewish organizations in a program of reconstruction and development that will help create a better life for all South Africans.

"There are many influential Jewish business people who have an important contribution to make in the partnership between the private sector and the government, which we believe is so crucial for the economic well-being of our country," he said.

Mandela said he is not asking Jewish organizations to directly support the ANC, but he does expect support for the democratization process in South Africa.

South Africa, he said, is "coming out of a terrible period of apartheid, mismanagement and inequality. The ANC is obviously keen to get as much support from the Jewish community as possible."

"We believe that the Jewish community, who suffered so much under racism and who have a proud history of resistance and humanitarianism, will continue to provide their support to a non-racial and democratic dispensation in South Africa," he said.

Mandela said Jewish institutions played a positive role in the difficult 1970s and 1980s.

"There can be some criticism that there was sometimes a lack of vigorous opposition to the draconian measures that were implemented against members of the democratic movement, but it is also true that organizations such as the Jewish Board of Deputies never condoned such oppressive measures," said Mandela.

Mandela said many fears among the upper and middle classes regarding an ANC-led government are not based on fact.

"For years the ANC was demonized. While we were banned, it was impossible for us to respond and present the true picture. Such a long period of persistent propaganda is not easily erased and much of this propaganda is continuing," he said.

Mandela drew generally favorable comments from members of the Jewish community following his widely televised pre-election debate with incumbent President F.W. de Klerk.

A number of people questioned felt that de Klerk lost some support from the Jewish community by twice stressing the Christian values of his National Party.

NEW YORK - - Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres shook hands with Nelson Mandela when they met last September at the U.N. Mandela was the big winner in South Africa's first multiracial election this week. CREDIT: RNS Photo/Reuters.

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Rabbi David Saperstein To Speak At Beth El

Rabbi David Saperstein will be the guest speaker at the May 8th Temple Beth El Men's Club Breakfast meeting. His topic will be *Should the Wall Between Church and State Be Lowered?* Rabbi Saperstein, located in Washington, D.C., is the Director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism which represents the national Reform Jewish movement to Congress and provides extensive legislative and programmatic materials.

Rabbi Saperstein has held leadership positions in a variety of national coalitions dealing with a diversity of Jewish and social issues, and he now serves in organizations including the NAACP, People for the American Way and the leadership Conference on Civil Rights. Rabbi Saperstein is a prolific writer and speaker and has appeared on a number of television news and talk shows.

The community is invited to join in the meeting. A breakfast will begin at 9:30 a.m. for which there is a $5.00 charge. The guest presentation will begin at 10:30 a.m., which is free and open to all.

To assist in the planning, please call the Temple office at 366-8330 for breakfast reservations.

LOCAL

A Conversation With Rabbi David Saperstein

By DAN WEINTRAUB
Editor of The Jewish Voice

On Sunday, May 8, Rabbi David Saperstein, of the Religious Action Committee of Reform Judaism, will speak at a Temple Beth El's Men's Club breakfast program on the topic of the *separation of church and state*. Rabbi Saperstein has been described as among the leading Jewish proponents of social activism.

Last week Rabbi Saperstein spoke to The Jewish Voice from his office in Washington, D.C. He spoke out about recent attacks on the proverbial wall of separation. He said that school voucher proposals, in which tax dollars could pay for private religious schooling, would unduly allow government intervention in the practice of religion. "History has shown this is a bad idea," he added. The noted activist explained he is committed to full time Jewish Day School, which can lead to Jewish continuity, but believes that the Jewish community can pay for it ourselves.

He explained away a recent brouhaha over what was widely described as numerous U.S. Senators voting in favor of school prayer. The legislation in question would deny federal dollars to such school districts as would interfere with the right of students to voluntarily pray at school. The Religious Action Committee, and many others in the Jewish community, have opposed mandated school prayer, not voluntary prayer in school.

The nationally known leader cautioned against the surreptitious effort of the religious right to place their candidates onto school boards, library boards and the like. Rabbi Saperstein warns the religious right poses a danger to the 200 year tradition of fundamental rights. He was hopeful that efforts of moderate clergy to work together will help combat the religious right. He also stresses the need for local communities to identify stealth candidates through pre-election surveys. (For information on local school board candidates call Rabbi Marla Feldman at 478-6200.)

Earlier this century countless Jewish refugees were denied entry into many countries and Saperstein sees parallels in the refugees fleeing the military regime in Haiti. He says the Haitian's plight "resonates with the very bitter memories Jews have" from that era. Rabbi Saperstein supports a significant shift in policy to help Haitian refugees.

Saperstein urges people to call Senators and Congressional representatives to support legislative efforts to end the United States arms embargo on Bosnia. Saperstein says the people of Delaware should be very proud of what Senator Joseph Biden has said in speaking out in Congress about Bosnia.

He is concerned that the *Kiryas Joel* case — regarding the school district set-up for differently-challenged Hasidic children - could lead to a lowering of the wall of separation between church and state to the detriment of most of the Jewish community.

Finally Saperstein affirmed his belief that the Jewish tradition of *tikkun olam* — repairing the world — is the reason so many Jews are involved in social issues, political causes, helping professions and otherwise trying to improve the world. The key challenge for Jewish continuity is for young adults to see their altruism as a connection to Jewish identity and Jewish history.

A Piece Of Peace

By JORDAN SOPINSKY
Jewish Voice Intern

"I'm optimistic that the peace process is doomed to succeed," said Gail Pressberg, co-director of both the Center for Israeli Peace and Security (CIPS) and Americans for Peace Now (APN), at an unprecedented co-sponsorship of University of Delaware students comprising the Arab-American Student Association and the Hillel Student Centre.

Students in attendance found the lecture to be a start for the development of an understanding between the two student groups. "We are united against the violence that is now going on," said George Shaer, president of the Arab-American Student Association.

APN is the U.S. partner of Israel's Peace Now movement (Shalom Achshav) and is working to help Israel achieve peace and security. Ms. Pressberg has been a consistent practitioner of "track two diplomacy," which entails bringing together Israelis, Palestinians, and Arabs for dialogue. She is also the co-author of "A Compassionate Peace: A Future for the Middle East." Because of her extensive travels in Israel, Egypt, Syria, Jordan, Kuwait, and Tunisia, Ms. Pressberg's speech provided students and members of the community with a bird's eyes view of the recent developments which have taken place.

Gail Pressberg, Co-Director of APN.

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BRIEFS

NJCRAC Wants Bosnian Arms Embargo Lifted

NEW YORK — National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council Chair Lynn Lyss called upon President Bill Clinton to immediately lift the arms embargo against Bosnia so that its beleaguered citizens could defend themselves.

Expressing the outrage of the organized Jewish community at the vicious Serbian assault on the Bosnian town of Gorazde, Ms. Lyss, in her letter to the President, stated that "both the U.S. national interest and the moral imperative cry out for an expeditious and decisive response."

The National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council is the national coordinating and planning body for 13 national and 117 community agencies comprising the field of Jewish community relations.

Anti-Semites At Howard Attract Few Students

By PAMELA DRUCKERMAN

WASHINGTON (JTA) — On the campus of America's pre-eminent black university, Howard University, three of the most prominent proponents of a black pride that espouses anti-Semitism addressed a crowd of about 2,000.

The April 19 program was sponsored by a Howard student group, Unity Nation, but most of the audience consisted of working-class blacks from the Washington area,with only a smattering of Howard students.

University officials only grudgingly consented to the use of their hall for the event, saying they were bound by the First Amendment to rent it out tothe sponsoring student group.

The evening featured Khalid Abdul Muhammad, of the Nation of Islam; Leonard Jeffries, chairman of the black studies department at City college of New York; and Wellesley College Professor Tony Martin.

Soviet Refugee Law Extended

By STEVEN WEISS

WASHINGTON (JTA) — To the relief of Jewish groups and their supporters on Capitol Hill, Congress has decided to extend a law making it easier for Jews from the former Soviet republics to enter the United States.

A House-Senate conference committee decided last week to grant a two-year extension to the law, which eases the requirements on members of certain groups seeking to enter the United States as refugees.

Sen. Frank Lautenberg (D-N.J.) originally sponsored the 1989 law, which specifically protects Soviet Jews as well as Evangelical Christians in Russia and Southeast Asians.

"The persecution of groups in the former Soviet Union continues to exist and, in some cases, has worsened," Lautenberg said in a statement last week.

Jewish Leaders Condemn Bombings In South Africa

By SUZANNE BELLING

JOHANNESBURG (JTA) — Jewish leaders have expressed outrage at the recent wave of bombings throughout South Africa that were launched in an effort to derail this week's non-racial democratic elections, the first in the country's history.

Seymour Kopelwitz, national director of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies and the only Jew serving on the President's National Inaugural Committee, said that "elements among the extreme right wing," who are thought responsible for the bombings, are demonstrating their disenchantment with the democratic transition in "a form of expression that must be treated with the contempt it deserves."

Awards For Peres And Abu Ala

WASHINGTON (PNR) — Pax World Service, founded in 1970 as Pax World Foundation, will honor Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Ahmad Qrai Suleiman (Abu Ala), chief negotiator for the Palestine Liberation Organization in the negotiations at Oslo last year for their Declaration of Principles, in Washington, May 24. A posthumous award will honor Johan Jergen Holst, the late foreign minister of Norway who died in January. His award will b accepted by his widow, Marianne Heinberg, a social anthropologist.

Since 1986, Pax has taken more than 600 Americans to the Middle East on fact-finding trips. The host committee for the awards dinner includes Najeeb Halaby, Gail Pressberg, Khalil Jahshan, Alfred Moses, Rabbi David Saperstein, William Quandt, Herbert Teitelbaum, Bella Abzug, John Anderson, Mary Rose Oakar, from Senators George McGovern and Charles Percy, and Bishop Edmond Browning.

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NJDC Protests Humanitarian Policy On Haitian Refugees

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The National Jewish Democratic Council recently stated its strong opposition to the Clinton Administration's policy toward Haitian refugees.

"We are calling on President Clinton to stand by the promises he made during his campaign to do away with the inhumane policy that exists for Haitian refugees," said NJDC Chair Monte Friedkin. "It is unconscionable to turn people away without giving them the opportunity to demonstrate that they are entitled to political asylum under our law."

The NJDC supported Clinton's election, and has been generally supportive of the Administration's policies, Friedkin said.

"It is painful to publicly disagree with someone with whom we generally agree," he said. "But after months of escalating brutality in Haiti and no signs of improvement in our policies, we feel that we have no choice."

The NJDC is asking that the Administration formally adopt a policy under which no refugee is denied the opportunity to have a request for asylum heard. The Administration should move quickly to hire necessary personnel to prevent a backlog. Asylum in the U.S. should be granted to any refugee who faces political persecution at home.

"As Jews we are particularly pained by the way Haitian refugees are being treated," Friedkin said. "It was not too long ago that Jews seeking refuge were turned away from country after country. We cannot stand by and allow the same thing to happen again."

Why Waldheim And Wiesenthal Are In The News Analysis

By JORDAN SOPINSKY

Jewish Voice Intern

Until April 1994, Neal Sher directed the Office of Special Investigations (OSI) in the U.S. Department of Justice. He is now the Executive Director of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC). The OSI has recently released a report written by Sher in 1987 that led to the Bush administration's decision to ban Kurt Waldheim, former president of Austria as well as former U.N. Secretary General, from the United States.

OSI investigates and prosecutes Nazi war criminals. The recently released report accuses Waldheim of having participated in war crimes under Nazi command during World War II. At the heart of this controversy lies an accusation from Eli Rosenbaum and William Hoffer, authors of the book *Betrayal*, that the Nazi-hunter Simon Wiesenthal knew about Waldheim's past and covered it up. *Betrayal* was released last year.

Why would a survivor of the Holocaust, a volunteer of the U.S. War Crimes Office, the founder of the Jewish Documentation Center (first in Austria, and then in Vienna), the man regarded as responsible for Adolf Eichmann's capture, trial, and subsequent hanging, as well as the inspiration for the creation of the Los-Angeles-based Simon Wiesenthal Center, an international human rights organization, hide evidence pertaining to the Nazi era past of the then Secretary-General of the United Nations?

Rosenbaum and Hoffer assert that Wiesenthal failed to inform the Israelis that a Berlin-based Wehrmachtauskunftstelle archive placed Waldheim in the High Command of Army Group E of Balkans service while his publicly released autobiography placed him in Vienna, attending law school. Wiesenthal's claim is that the Israelis only asked if Waldheim had been a member of the Nazi party or the SS.

PLO And Hamas Halt Murder Of Other Arabs

By DVORAH GETZLER

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Al Fatah wing of the Palestine Liberation Organization and the armed wing of the Islamic fundamentalist Hamas movement have declared a month-long truce in which neither group will harm those accused of "collaborating" with the Israeli authorities.

The agreement came at the start of a weekend of three violent attacks against Israelis in the Gaza Strip and West Bank.

A senior Fatah official, said that the Palestinian groups thought it would be best to deal with the issue of so-called collaborators once they have their own judicial system.

Security Cooperation For Russia & Israel?

By DVORAH GETZLER

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Showing a renewed interest in the Middle East peace process, Russia has expressed a desire to work out military and security cooperation with Israel, according to Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who is on a visit to Russia.

The idea surfaced during a lengthy meeting between Rabin and Russian Premier Viktor Chernomyrdin on Monday.

Rabin's four-day trip to Russia is the first ever by an Israeli prime minister.

BUS BOMBING FUNERAL...AFULA, ISRAEL.. The mother of Merav Ben Moshe, a 16-year-old Israeli schoolgirl killed in a car-bomb attack April 6, is comforted by two unidentified young men at her daughter's funeral April 7. CREDIT: RNS Photo/Reuters.

EDITORIAL

Time For A Gorazde Sale?

The multinational arms embargo against the former Yugoslavia was established to limit bloodshed in the ethnic and religious conflicts. Many observers have concluded that the arms embargo has only served to maintain the dominance of the primary aggressors, the Bosnian Serbian Christians at the expense of the Bosnian Muslims. The violence continues with little interruption by the cease fires.

Last month at an event sponsored by Hillel, Alma Musanovic, advisor to the Bosnian Embassy, complained that the Serbs possessed most of the weapons of the former Yugoslav army, and as a result Bosnian Muslims cannot defend themselves. The Delaware Coalition of Bosnia, a grass roots interfaith effort in which Rabbi Marla Feldman, of the Jewish Community Relations Committee (JCRC), Rabbi Peter Grumbacher of Beth Emeth, and the Rabbinical Association of Delaware, have all been involved, has asserted the right of Bosnian sovereignty with the right of self-defense pursuant to U.N. membership and U.S. recognition. Nationally, Senator Joseph Biden (D-DE) has been among the most visible proponents of ending the arms embargo so that Bosnian Muslims could defend themselves against the slaughter at the hands of the Serbian Christians. Over the past two years he has spoken out repeatedly in favor of dropping the arms embargo. In late January Senator Biden asked "Who are we to sit here and say, oh my God, we are not going to let you have weapons, even though the other side has weapons, because if you have weapons more people will die?"

Presently the Dole-Lieberman bill before the Senate calls for the President to terminate the United States arms embargo of Bosnia and Herzegovenia upon receipt of a request for assistance from that government exercising its right to self-defense in accordance with the United Nations charter. Delaware Senator Bill Roth (R-DE) is among the co-sponsors of this bill. Critics say the timing of the Dole-Lieberman bill charge its introduction is a partisan attempt to embarrass the President. At this time there are indications that the Clinton administration is close to negotiating a multinational cessation of the arms embargo. Some of those who have called most forcefully for the United States to unilaterally end the arms embargo are patiently watching for results from this latest attempt at a multinational solution. A multinational end to the arms embargo, as opposed to a unilateral end, is seen as unlikely to upset the multinational embargoes against Iraq and Haiti. If the United States ends the former Yugoslavian embargo unilaterally some say this would invite others to unilaterally cease the Iraqi and Haitian embargoes.

It is frustrating to see the western powers talk as the shelling continues every month. How long should the Bosnian Muslims wait for a multinational end for the arms embargo? How long should we watch the slaughter continue? It is a moral imperative for the United States to work to end the war in the Balkans. While it is preferable that an end to the arms embargo not alienate a resurgent Russia, nor jeopardize multinational efforts against Iraq and Haiti, decency and compassion cannot wait forever

A 21 Puff Salute

No Credit For Falsehood

The Editorial Committee of The Jewish Voice salutes the History faculty at Weslyan for denying History Department credits for students taking Professor Tony Martin's *The Jewish Onslaught* course.

Martin's class is widely regarded as anti-Semitic and decidedly inaccurate historically. The course, which is offered by a different academic department, falsely asserts that Jews played a prominent role in the slave trade.

THE VOICE BOX

"Israel has lost one of its greatest friends ... during the Yom Kippur War in 1973, Richard Nixon was the driving force in mobilizing the airlift to assist us in weaponry at the most difficult of moments."

-Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin

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"(W)ithin a few years Israel will become the largest Jewish community in the world - not as a result of immigration to Israel, but as a result of a decline in the size of the Jewish people."

-Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres

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"You're not going to get a vision of Moses on the route to Parsippany."

-author Dennis Prager encouraging Jews in New Jersey to act religious but limiting unrealistic expectations

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"We don't want to be Zionized, Islamized or Americanized."

-ultranationalist Vladimir Zhirinovsky speaking in France

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"For those alienated from Judaism, concern for the environment is a spiritual bridge back."

-Dr. Ismar Schorsch, chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and The University of Judaism in Los Angeles writing about Earth Day

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"His passport in traveling around the world was not his power but his intellect."

-Dr. Henry Kissinger in Delaware last weekend reminiscing about the late former President Richard Nixon

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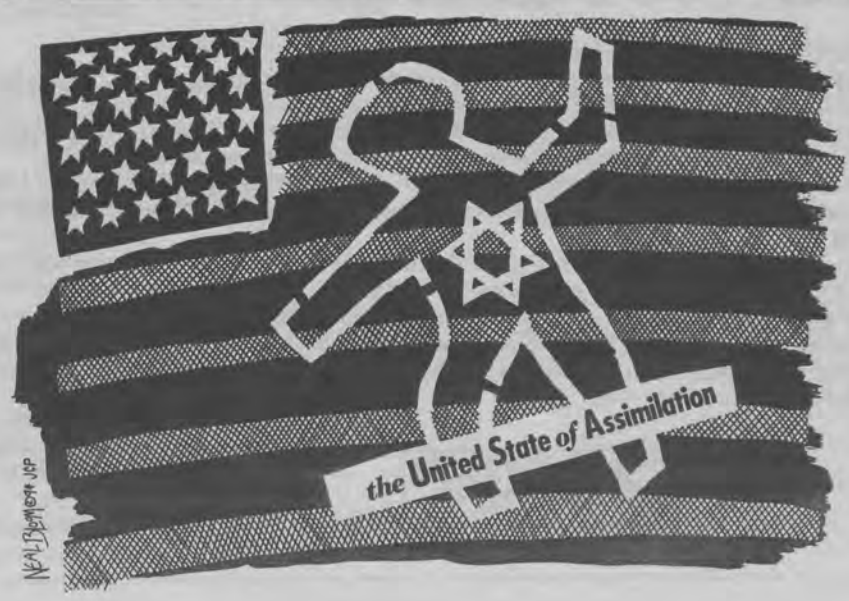

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OPINION

FOI Roster Faces Change

By DOUGLAS M. BLOOMFIELD
Guest Columnist

Friends of Israel could see significant changes in their ranks in the U.S. Senate when the 104th Congress convenes next January. Half of the 10 seats now held by Jews are up this year. In addition, seven of the eight retiring senators and two of the most vulnerable incumbents are staunch supporters of Israel.

Of the five Jewish senators, all Democrats, one is retiring (Howard M. Metzenbaum of Ohio) and four are running for reelection. Two should be safe, Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut and Herb Kohl of Wisconsin; one could be vulnerable, Diane Feinstein of California, and at the top of the Jewish community's priority list is highly endangered Frank Lautenberg of New Jersey.

On the opposite side of the ledger, three of the 34 seats up this year are held by senators decidedly unfriendly towards Israel. The good news is that one is retiring, Malcolm Wallop (R-Wyoming). Unfortunately, the other two appear to be good bets for reelection, Robert Byrd (D-West Virginia) and John Chafee (R-Rhode Island).

Four term Sen. William Roth (R-DE) who usually votes against foreign aid and has a generally mediocre record on Israel, could face his toughest race since 1970.

Besides Metzenbaum, the retiring FOI are Sens. Dennis DeConcini (D-AZ), George Mitchell (D-ME), Donald Riegle (D-MI), David Durenberger (R-MN), John Danforth (R-MO) and Harlan Mathews (D-TN).

Democrats currently hold a 56-44 advantage in the Senate and are unlikely to surrender their majority this year, although it is expected to shrink. Nearly twice as many Democrats as Republicans are up this year (22 vs 12) and many of them face tough contests. Adding to Democrats' woes are the tendency for the party holding the White House is to lose seats in off-year elections, continuing anti-incumbency sentiments among voters and President Clinton's see-saw standings. The state of the economy this fall and the fate of key legislative programs like health care and welfare reform also will be important.

Four pro-Israel incumbents top the Senate's endangered list. Lautenberg, who sits on the vital Appropriations subcommittees on foreign aid and defense, where he has played an invaluable leadership role. A recent poll showed he has only a 28 per cent reelect rating in a state leaning increasingly Republican.

Right up there alongside Lautenberg is Sen. Charles Robb (D-VA), LBJ's son-in-law whose arch rival and successor as governor, Douglas Wilder, is threatening to run as an independent. The Republican front-runner is former White House aide Oliver North. These two former U.S. Marine colonels have high negatives and excess baggage. Robb is daunted by tales of nude massage from a beauty queen, being present at parties where drugs were used and charges of marital infidelity. North has been called unqualified by the state's senior GOP senator, John Warner, because of his Iran-Contra role and admissions that he lied to the Congress and shredded key documents. A Robb-North race could come down to a choice between one who is accused of doing to some bimbos what the other is accused to doing to the Constitution. No wonder Virginia voters seem so turned off this year.

Sen. Slade Gorton (R-WA) has low reelect numbers in a usually Democratic state. The fact there is no clear Democratic front-runner among a handful of candidates and the late September primary date could give Gorton time to build a war chest and electoral momentum for his uphill race.

Freshman Republican Conrad Burns (MT) may face the man he defeated six years ago, former Sen. John Melcher (D), in a state where no Republican senator has ever been reelected. But first Melcher, who stayed in Washington after the 1988 election, must defeat former U of Montana law school dean Jack Mudd. Burns has a good pro-Israel record, compared to Melcher's indifference.

Four FOI are potentially vulnerable. Feinstein, who sits on the Appropriations subcommittee with jurisdiction over economic and military aid to Israel, has become an articulate and effective pro-Israel advocate. Her likely opponent is freshman Rep. Michael Huffington, a wealthy oil and gas man who spent $5.4 million of his own to win a seat in the House last year and is expected to spend even more for a Senate seat.

The other pro-Israel incumbents facing difficult races are two consistently supportive members of the Armed Services Committee, Richard Bryan (D-NV) and Jeff Bingaman (D-NM), and Harris Wofford (D-PA), who sits on the Foreign Relations Committee and brings an impressive level of understanding of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Four-term Sen. William Roth (R-DE) who usually votes against foreign aid and has a generally mediocre record on Israel, could face his toughest race since 1970.

With just over six months to go before election day, 11 FOI appear safe. Lieberman is a leader of pro-Israel forces and a highly respected and influential moderate Democrat. He often teams with Connie Mack (R-FL) to take a bipartisan lead on pro-Israel initiatives. Mack sits on the Appropriations subcommittee on foreign operations.

Paul Sarbanes (D-MD), a key member of the Foreign Relations Committee and one of Israel's most articulate advocates, looks safe but could be vulnerable because he is not the most vigorous campaigner or fundraiser. A leading Republican contender is former Tennessee Sen. Bill Brock, who now lives near Annapolis. Brock had an indifferent record in the Senate but was considered a friend when he was the U.S. Special Trade Representative in the Reagan Administration.

Looking comfortable are Sens. Dan Akaka (D-HI), Ted Kennedy (D-MA), Trent Lott (R-MS), Bob Kerrey (D-NE), Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-NY), Kent Conrad (D-ND), Orrin Hatch (R-UT) and Herb Kohl (D-WI).

Four other senators who appear secure are Richard Lugar (R-IN), a highly respected voice in foreign policy who tries to be even-handed on Middle East issues; Jim Sasser (D-TN), chairman of the Budget Committee who ranges from indifferent to supportive depending on his proximity to election time; and Jim Jeffords (R-VT), who has a mediocre record. Jeffords' toughest opponent could be Independent Rep. Bernie Sanders, who is Jewish but has been a major disappointment to pro-Israel activists.

Beaches, Feasts, Optimism ... All "Of Course" In Israel

By JOEL F. GLAZIER
Special To The Jewish Voice

"Of course," "Yes," "Why not?", "Nachon" (correct). Do these phrases sound positive? Are these the words one expects to hear in a country reported to be tense and torn apart? The quotes are among the most common expressions I heard during four months in Israel. From October through February, this, my fifth and longest stay in Israel proved to be remarkable for many reasons.

My first positive experience occurred during the El Al pre-flight security check at JFK Airport. A *smiling* agent joked about my teaching and asked me to correct his English. The El Al flight landed in Israel *ahead* of schedule. Within 48 hours I was efficiently secured in my apartment and at the ORT High School in Ramat Gan, where I would be a volunteer English teacher. An accommodating schedule provided ample time for me to explore other facets of Israel each week:

TEL AVIV is called "the city that never stops." Having last visited in 1990, I had to learn new landmarks as new high rises have replaced the old crumbling structures along the beach-side Hayarkon Street.

The sprawling city now boasts glassy malls with Pizza Huts and the Eastern Mediterranean's first Tower Records Store and Hard Rock Cafe (which never seems to close). If falafels still don't satisfy, the nearby Ramat Gan Ayalon Mall has Israel's first McDonald's. The inflation of the 1980's seems a memory and prices are actually reasonable for food, gifts, etc. But enough of shopping.

EGGED BUSES took me to deserts, mountains, and beaches. The new Tel Aviv Bus Station is "the world's largest" with six floors, 200 shops, a food court, large screen video music and buses leaving continually at very affordable fares. This new facility even has uniformed, multi-lingual workers whose only function is to roam the 6 floors and help confused or lost patrons!

EILAT during the fall/winter was filled with pale Europeans who fly into town, soak up the sun for a week and then fly home without setting foot elsewhere in Israel. That is their loss, but Eilat is a difficult place from which to tear yourself away. Modern hotels line the beach and the water is crystal clear. A Yellow Submarine takes you beneath the Red Sea to photograph an array of corral led fish.

As a result of the Camp David Treaty, the Sinai Peninsula is now Egyptian territory. The simple border crossing at Taba allowed me entrance to this wilderness and a visit to Mt. Sinai and return in one day. Flying from Eilat to Tel Aviv was a photographer's dream over the Negev and as a tourist, I was treated to hundreds of photo angle suggestions by the Israelis on the plane, and was continually queried with, "So, how do you like Israel?"

JERUSALEM is still special. Ben Yehuda Street is more vibrant on Fridays than cosmopolitan Tel Aviv. Hordes of pre-shabbat visitors eat, drink and shmooze. The Old City was busy and the Jewish Quarter continually changes with new renovations. The Dome of The Rock is newly gilded so "Jerusalem of Gold" glistens all the way to the desert suburbs to the new glassy Malha Mall.

After several months of teaching and sightseeing Yad Vashem, Masada, The Dead Sea, Nahariya and Safad, I retreated to the peaceful "Sukkah In The Desert."

SUKKAH BAMIDBAR, in the Negev, houses guests in seven sukkot (huts), each equipped with soft bedding, sheepskin, solar powered lights and earthen jugs of fresh water. Days are spent hiking, reading or enjoying "the sounds of silence." At dusk, melodic gongs summoned us to dinner. In the main sukkah, over a Shabbat feast of homemade challah, wine and vegetarian dishes, guests indulged in soft conversation accompanied by the sounds of the roof's palm fronds rustling in the desert wind. A blazing full moon later guided us back to our private sukkot.

Are Israelis obsessed with current events? Of course, but daily life continues with a proud expectation of an improving peaceful quality of life. Skepticism is still present but most conversations and newspaper stories do not deal with terrorist fears. Tel Aviv restaurants still fill up after 10:00 p.m.; highways are being widened and construction cranes dominate the skylines from Ashkelon to Carmel.

The attitude of "of course," "Yes," and "no problem" led me to a variety of Shabbat weekends, services, Christmas Eve Mass in Bethlehem, a bar mitzvah, funeral, a sukkah in the desert, fearless walks around towns at night, a Maccabee Tel Aviv Basketball team practice and even on to the cover of the JERUSALEM POST's Time Out Magazine.

I hope readers of this short summary will find the same "Yes" attitude and find a way to visit Israel. Enough of the American "I can't" attitude. JUST DO IT! The "Welcome to Israel" sign at Ben Gurion Airport has never rung so true. Go in good health and enjoy.

(Joel Glazier spent part of his teaching Sabbatical in Israel. He is glad to talk to interested groups about experiences in Israel. Space does not permit descriptions of Israel-based tours to Cairo and Istanbul; a meeting with Delaware Valley Methodists in Israel who claimed they hadn't met any Jews; the annual meeting of Israel's Amnesty International members; etc., etc.)

As they say in Yiddish, "Es ken nit shotten" — it wouldn't hurt. Like an ad in The JEWISH VOICE *Call 478-6200.*

LOCAL

Religious Right Gaining Momentum: Delaware Is One Of The Targeted States

By PRISCILLA W. SIEGEL
Special To The Jewish Voice

Sounding like the voice of the wrathful Almighty, Laia Katz, boomed out to her audience at a Temple Beth Emeth Sisterhood meeting on April 19, "It's a quagmire out there..." Katz, who is vice-president of the Women of Reform Judaism, Department of Religious Action of the Mid-Atlantic Region, came from Washington, D.C. to alert the community to the increasing infiltration of the Religious Right into elected public offices. "When it comes to legislators," warned Katz, "it's very difficult to determine who belongs where ideologically."

Katz began her presentation by play-acting a pediatric nurse running for a school board. Her "campaign speech" focused on concerns about the moral education of her children, their vulnerability, and the need to transmit a value system based on respect for human life and dignity. High sounding a vague — who could argue with such a performer? But unless voters determine candidates' precise motives and know the candidates' endorsers, we might find legislative and local offices filled with officials whose moral and religious agendas would dramatically change the nature of our society.

The issue of "stealth" candidates comes up with each local election. In May, school board elections are being held across the country, and it's a real challenge to discover which candidates represent the Religious Right as their language is indistinguishable from mainstream candidates.

In the late 80's, the political blueprint of the Religious Right was laid out in the Christian Coalition's self-proclaimed mission statement "to mobilize Christians — one precinct at a time, one community at a time, one state at a time — until once again we are the head and not the tail, and at the top rather than the bottom of our political system." The goals of the Christian Coalition are specific and ambitious. By 1995 they hope to have a base of one million people, 1,100 local chapters, 300 congressional district directors, and 25,000 Leadership School graduates.

Citing information gathered by People for the American Way, Katz listed 11 national Religious Right groups, whose memberships and budgets total in the millions. "We are talking big numbers and megabucks," Katz warned. Included in her list, were organizations such as the American Family Association, the Christian Coalition, Citizens for Excellence in Education, Concerned Women for America, and the Eagle Forum, along with several legal organizations such as the American Cancer for Law and Justice and the American Family Association Law Center.

As described by Katz, the vision of the Religious Right is a Christianized America in which the barriers between church and state are dissolved. Their intensity of focus on family values is such that they would abolish school breakfast and lunch programs for the poor because such programs, they believe, undermine family integrity. Other "shalt not's" include abortions, gay-lesbian rights, freedom of the arts, women in the workplace — the list goes on. They aim to gain ultimate control of the political structures that most affect our lives, which means control at the local level. Local level control can then become a springboard to higher offices, with eventual take over of the Republican Party and the Republican National Committee.

But one of the prime targets of the Religious Right is the public school system, starting with the reinstitution of school prayer. Their master plan includes book censorship, curricula revisions (with the demand for the teaching of creationism), and sex education which teaches only abstinence. They are strongly supportive of a school voucher program, which, if instituted, would undermine the public school system and result in public support of religious schools.

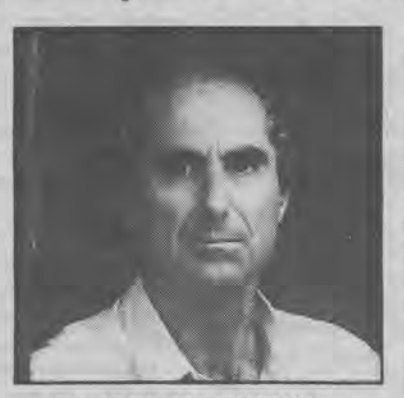
Katz reports that according to information from People for the American Way, Delaware has recently become one of the 33 targeted states by the Religious Right. Their strategies for winning local elections are simple: Prior to an election, the Religious Right, relying on low voter turnout and ignorance, mounts massive phone and letter campaigns to their constituents. These Religious Right constituents get the message, go to the polls and vote their candidates in. The strategy is remarkably successful: In 1992, for example, 40% of the candidates backed by the Christian Coalition were elected to public office.

How do we combat this challenge? Katz says we must fight fire with fire. "It's time to emulate the success of their campaigns." Among her recommendations: The mainstream must get organized, with coalitions in place ready to respond when issues and elections arise. Viable alternative candidates, representing moderate views, need to be presented to the electorate, and voters must become educated about candidates, issues and ramifications through extensive media campaigns. The political base of the Religious Right can be substantially weakened by alerting mainstream religious communities to the dangers posed by the right.

Katz urged the audience to "go into an activist mode at the grassroots level...America is a democracy and Americans are entitled to elect legislators that represent their beliefs."

At the conclusion of Katz' talk, Delaware resident, Nathan Barnett, announced that in Delaware, a campaign to probe views of candidates in school board elections is underway. An ad hoc committee, chaired by Joan Spiegelman of Wilmington, has prepared a candidates' questionnaire, the results of which will be made public. The public should be on the lookout for these results in the newspapers and on local radio stations. Although such results were not anticipated to be available at press time, interested voters may call Rabbi Marla Feldman, JCRC professional, at 478-6200 to learn about the candidates views.

Philip Roth Gives Reading At University of Delaware



By JORDAN SOPINSKY
Jewish Voice Intern

There were no complaints at University of Delaware's Mitchell Hall, Wednesday night, April 20, as distinguished writer Philip Roth gave a reading from this 1991 book, "Patrimony." Quite the opposite; audience members were treated to a son's true and moving account of his father's battle with a brain tumor, told in a lovingly affectionate and surprisingly humorous way. The book won the 1991 National Book Critics Circle Award.

Roth is perhaps best known for "Goodbye, Columbus," which won the National Book Award, and "Portnoy's Complaint," a book that had caused quite a stir in the Jewish community. He has also written a number of other books, some of which include the trilogy and epilogue "Zuckerman Bound" and "Operation Shylock," which won him this year's PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction.

"Patrimony" is one of Roth's two autobiographical books, the other being "The Facts." Rather than employing his usual style of treating real events of his life as starting points for fiction, he chose to recount things in a straightforward manner. He read the third chapter, of the novel, entitled "Will I be a Zombie?" It deals with his having to inform his father of the cause of half his face being paralyzed (it had first been misdiagnosed as Bell's palsy) and meeting with the doctor to discuss the options. ("What do you use to go in there?" his father asks the doctor while considering an operation to remove the tumor. "General Electric or Black and Decker?")

The chapter also provides a good picture of Roth's father, a retired insurance agent. Herman Roth was a loyal family man with an iron-clad will and a vivid memory. He savored places, people, and even the smallest of details as he recalls the stories of his life to his son. Occasionally, his stubbornness results with feuds over soup cans ("Hold the can from the bottom. You're not holding it from the bottom.") with his live-in, Lil, but it is really a flattering portrait of a man who had worked hard his entire life and would just like "a few more years."

Upon finishing the chapter, Roth answered questions that the audience had written on cards. "I liked the 'oy'," he remarked when asked how he had chosen the name Portnoy for his 1967 novel. He also described Newark, New Jersey, the city he grew up in, as a city with "powerful ethnic neighborhoods and rivalries which rarely grew violent." He then quipped: "Is this town pronounced New-ARK? We couldn't afford all those vowels?"

One member of the audience inquired as to whether he thought of himself as an American writer, a Jewish writer, or just a writer. His response revealed how very difficult and personal he finds writing. As one can imagine, sitting alone with a typewriter from ten in the morning until as late as seven or eight in the evening is not very glamorous. "When I write, I think why is this sentence so terrible? Is it because I'm an American writer, a Jewish writer?"

He told of how his father would sign copies of Roth's books for people he met on cruises. "By my son, the Anti-Semite," Roth quipped, referring to the charges of self-hatred he withstood after the publication of "Portnoy's Complaint." He said he wasn't hurt by such charges and that "Jews haven't adored me - as they should."

The audience ate up all of his humorous remarks and was delighted to have found Roth in such a self-revelatory mood. Roth was brought to Delaware by the University's Jewish Studies Program, the Department of English, the Committee on Cultural Activities and Public Events and the Delaware Humanities Forum.

Judith Goldblum Elected To BBW Board

ORLANDO — Judith Goldbaum of Wilmington, Delaware, was elected to the National Executive Board of B'nai B'rith Women at the organization's biennial convention here. She recently served a two-year term as a member of the BBW Task Force on the Jewish Family.

Goldbaum is a language arts teacher in the Brandywine School District.

Locally, Goldbaum was co-chair of the Coalition for the Festival of Shelters.

Since joining BBW in 1975, Goldbaum has been a member of the Executive Committee, Hillel; Executive Board Member-at-Large 1988-92 and 1984-86; a member of the Action & Advocacy and membership committees, and chairman of the Keystone Regional Board.

Feldman Has Board Survey Results

Due to a growing concern regarding "stealth" candidates who hide their affiliation with the Religious Right to gain access to school boards, the Jewish Community Relations Committee (JCRC) has joined with other members of the community to monitor school board elections. "Schools-94" is a coalition of the JCRC, American Civil Liberties Union of Delaware, American Association of University Women, Council of Civic Organizations of Brandywine Hundred, Delaware Congress of Parents and Teachers, League of Women Voters of Delaware and individual civic leaders.

A questionnaire was prepared to discover candidates' positions on such issues as school prayer, vouchers, multicultural curricula, textbook selection, family life education programs, and teaching creationism. As of April 27, responses are available for the following candidates: **Appoquinimink**-Lacefield, Tintall; **Brandywine**-Hoffman, Rapkin, Shields; **Cape Henlopen**-Dey, Porter; **Christina**-Woodard, Kent, Polukis; **Colonial**-Holley; **Indian River**-Grise; **Lake Forest**-Draper, Voschell; **Milford**-Mullins; **Seaford**-Sapna; **Smyrna**-Dickson, Henry; **Woodbridge**-Correll.

For more information contact Rabbi Marla Feldman at 478-6200.

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Rabbi Wortman And Archbishop Laud Relations

On Tuesday, April 26 The Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Philadelphia, The Office for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs Archdiocese of Philadelphia and The Board of Rabbis of Greater Philadelphia presented a program titled Tides of Change: Catholic - Jewish Relations After The Fundamental Agreement Between the Vatican and the State of Israel.

The program was presented by Anthony Cardinal Bevilacqua, the Archbishop of Philadelphia and Delaware's Rabbi David A. Wortman who is Executive Director, Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Philadelphia at the St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Wynnewood, PA.

LOCAL

Garfinkle Likens Mid East Rift To Scarring Wound

By PRISCILLA W. SIEGEL
Special To The Jewish Voice

Will the current negotiations between Israel and the PLO succeed in bringing peace to the Middle East? How did these two sworn enemies ever reach the negotiating table?

Addressing these questions, Dr. Adam Garfinkle, director of the Middle East Council of the Foreign Policy Research Institute in Philadelphia, presented his analysis in a talk sponsored by the JCRC (Jewish Community Relations Committee) on April 14 at the Jewish Community Center.

According to Dr. Garfinkle, an optimal confluence of conditions created the impetus for the negotiations:

1) All the relevant parties concluded that the status quo was more dangerous than change.

2) There had to be some kind of pre-negotiation process in which communication would be established with possible solutions envisioned.

3) Capable leadership needs to be in place on all sides in order to "seal the deal."

4) A diplomatic and legal framework must be in place so that parties can get together to tie up the loose ends.

Dr. Garfinkle is guardedly optimistic about the outcome of the Middle East peace initiative. "It's not going to be a cakewalk," he said. "There are many problems ahead — there's a high level of violence. Can the violence be policed in Gaza and Jericho? Can the Palestinians be good neighbors?"

Dr. Garfinkle foresees a long period of armed peace based on a balance of power, and does not believe that Israel can look forward to a better relationship with the Arabs than that which the Arabs have with each other. "The future," declared Garfinkle, "belongs to the society that is willing to work for it. The Israeli-Arab conflict is a wound trying to become a scar, and it will take generations for that to happen."

If the peace process collapses, Garfinkle conjures up a gloomy scenario of civil war between the Palestinians which Israel would suppress with an ultimate shift in Israeli politics toward the far right, followed by a breakdown of Israeli-American relations and a crisis between diaspora and Israeli Jews.

Responding to a question from the audience about Hamas, Dr. Garfinkle downplayed the significance of this terrorist group. They are stronger in Gaza than in the West Bank, said Dr. Garfinkle, but the Hamas pays Gazane, whose mean population age is 14, to carry out acts of violence.

While it's always easier to analyze the past than to predict the future, Dr. Garfinkle's talk underscored the uncertainties and dangers which lie ahead in the Middle East. The stakes are high but the peace process must go forward.

JHSD Meeting Features Video

The Jewish Historical Society of Delaware will hold its 1994 Annual Meeting on May 1,7:00 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center on Garden of Eden Road in Wilmington. The program will include a video presentation of "Delaware Jews in American Wars and Epilogue: The Way We Were 1940-1945." This video is an updated and expanded version of the slide show produced in 1976 by Ralph Tomases and the JHSD. The evening promises to be both informative and entertaining and is open to the public. Come and learn about Delaware Jewish history.

For further information contact: Helen Goldberg, 764-8328 or Julian Preisler, 655-0365.

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Words & Music On Stage

By STEVE COHEN

The story of Floyd Collins may be unknown to young people and almost forgotten by oldsters, but it has an enduring quality that's meaningful today. The hoopla that surrounded the efforts to save a man wedged inside a Kentucky cave in 1925 is a metaphor for the media circuses that accompany disasters and murders today.

Thus the story provides a strong base for the ambitious music drama that Tina Landau and Adam Guettel have created. The world premiere of their *Floyd Collins* took place April 9 at Philadelphia's Plays & Players Theatre, under the auspices of the American Music Theater Festival.

Landau wrote the script, then wrote the lyrics to Geuttel's music, and she directed the production. With scenic designer James Schuette, she succeeded in creating the illusion of underground caves, the crevice where Collins becomes wedged, and the Kentucky field above the caves. It's an unexpectedly effective use of the Plays & Players tiny stage.

Dramatically, Landau has woven the themes of adventure, rescue, family conflict, greed and media hype into a gripping stage piece. She says that she began work on *Floyd Collins* with mere historical curiosity. "As I learned more, my curiosity turned into a deeper interest in, and connection to the story's unfolding resonances."

Landau and her friend and collaborator Geuttel traveled to the Sand Cave area of Kentucky, doing research and trying to absorb the style of that area's traditional music.

Tina Landau is the daughter of the late writer and director, Ely Landau. Adam Geuttel is the son of Hank and Mary Rodgers Geuttel (she's the composer who has collaborated on occasion with Stephen Sondheim) and Adam is the grandson of Richard Rodgers. Knowing his family, and having heard only one of his earlier compositions, I imagined that this score might be an amalgam of bluegrass and *Oklahoma!* Maybe *The Cave and I*. But I was wrong.

Geuttel's music for *Floyd Collins* is a deep, complex score that's closer to opera than to Broadway. In fact, two of my friends in the audience on opening night had widely divergent opinions. My friend who is a Broadway producer thought the evening was tedious, with no commercial chance. My friend the classical musician thought that *Collins* was a work of art.

I, who divide my time between those art forms, was impressed and moved. I was fascinated by the way Geuttel combined country-style vocal nuances with universal expressionist orchestral music. The music can be enjoyed on two levels. You can focus on the vocal line or you can concentrate on the colorful and passionate instrumental fabric. Geuttel's score could easily be adapted into an orchestral fabric. Geuttel's score could easily be adapted into an orchestral suite that could stand on its own, as Benjamin Britten's *Four Sea Interludes* from *Peter Grimes* does.

The music has no imitations of Rodgers. It does have a closing number that reminds me of one of Sondheim's best inventions. Geuttel's and Landau's vaudeville finale, "The Ballad of Floyd Collins," is on a level with Sondheim's "The Ballad of John Wilkes Booth" from *Assassins*.

The singer-actors were excellent and the small orchestra (including banjo, guitar and fiddle) was superb.

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It's a treat to be able to discuss two new plays in the same week. While I love to talk about new interpretations of musical and dramatic classics, there's a special, extra dimension in seeing new pieces.

Such is the case this week. *I Hate Hamlet* by Paul Rudnick appeared two years ago Off-Broadway, so it's not literally brand new. But this was my first look at it, and I assume that very few patrons at the Delaware Theatre Company had caught the play in its earlier production in its tiny New York space.

I Hate Hamlet is a clever, touch-

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Face to Face with JFD People

Words & Music

(Continued from page 8)

ing comedy. This Delaware Theatre production is so attractive that it's hard to imagine that the premiere production could have been as good.

Dennis Delaney directed and Bennet Averyt designed the set, which is the Manhattan loft apartment that once was the home of John Barrymore.

Rudnick has created an old-fashioned Broadway-style comedy that contains fantasy and romance as well as wit. The premise is that a soap-opera leading man is about to portray his first *Hamlet* in Central Park, and he is scared by the challenge. The ghost of the old Shakespearean Barrymore appears, and coaches the young actor for the role.

Along the way, Rudnick treats us to comments about the theater and about life and passion in New York. *I Hate Hamlet* is, most of all, a loving tribute to Shakespeare

The acting was all good, including Ron Palillo as a movie producer. But best of all was Martin LaPlatney as Barrymore, complete with sword-play, hammy gestures and rolling r's.

The Delaware Theatre Company is the First State's only not-for-profit resident professional theater company, located in its own modern building in downtown Wilmington.

Last week was Special Project Week at Albert Einstein Academy. Students learned about sound by making musical instruments.

60th JFD Annual Meeting to Elect New Board of Directors

The 60th Annual Meeting of the Jewish Federation of Delaware will be held on Monday, June 6 at 7:30 p.m. at Congregation Beth Emeth. The entire community is invited to the meeting which will include a presentation from Ernst Michel, author, humanitarian, holocaust survivor and Executive Vice President Emeritus of UJA-Federation of New York.

The Nominating Committee has nominated the following individuals for election to the Jewish Federation of Delaware Board of Directors:

Term to expire in May, 1995:	Cas Anolick
	Harriet Kalin
Term to expire in May, 1997:	Jack Blumenfeld, Esq.
	Mark Caplan, Esq.
	John Elzufon, Esq.
	Deane Kattler
	Barbara S. Keil
	Richard A. Levine, Esq.
	Amy Leviton
	Herbert Lubitz
	Don Parsons, Esq.
	Barbara Schoenberg
	Joan Wachstein

The following individuals have been nominated as officers of the Jewish Federation of Delaware June 1994 - May 1995:

President	Tony Young
Vice President	Cas Anolick
	David Margules
	Barbara Schoenberg
Secretary	Ellen Koniver
Assistant Secretary	Helaine Gordon
Treasurer	Alfred Green
Assistant Treasurer	Leslie Newman

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Dr. Steven Dombchik, consisted of Seth Bloom, Helaine Gordon, Suzanne Grant, Dr. Vivian Klaff, Karen Moss and Howard Simon.

Pursuant to the bylaws of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, other nominations shall be made only by written petition by any 50 individual members of the Federation. Such petition and the written consent of the individual nominated therein to serve on the board of directors as an officer shall be sent to the secretary of the Federation at least five days before the annual meeting. Only board members may be elected to serve as officers.

Kutz Home Donor Luncheon May 12 Features Storyteller

The Auxiliary of the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home invites you to attend the Donor Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. at the Brandywine Country Club. The featured speaker is storyteller Peninnah Schran, an Associate Professor of Speech and Drama at Stern College of Yeshiva University. She is the founding director of The Jewish Storytelling Center and coordinator of The Jewish Storytelling Network (CAJE). She is the author of *Jewish Stories One Generation Tells Another* and *Tales of Elijah the Prophet*. Ms. Schran travels broadly performing stories from Jewish sources.

Proceeds from the event will be used to enhance the qualify of life for the Home's residents.

The co-chairpersons are Ellen Levin and Ethel Parsons.

Elie Wiesel has said "Peninnah Schram has enchanted audiences young and old with her stories told with truth and depth."

For luncheon information, call Ellen Levin at 999-8997 or Ethel Parsons at 762-6407.

Hadassah Back In Fashion

Please reserve Sunday, May 8, 1994, Mother's Day, for the rescheduled fashion show and luncheon sponsored by the Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah.

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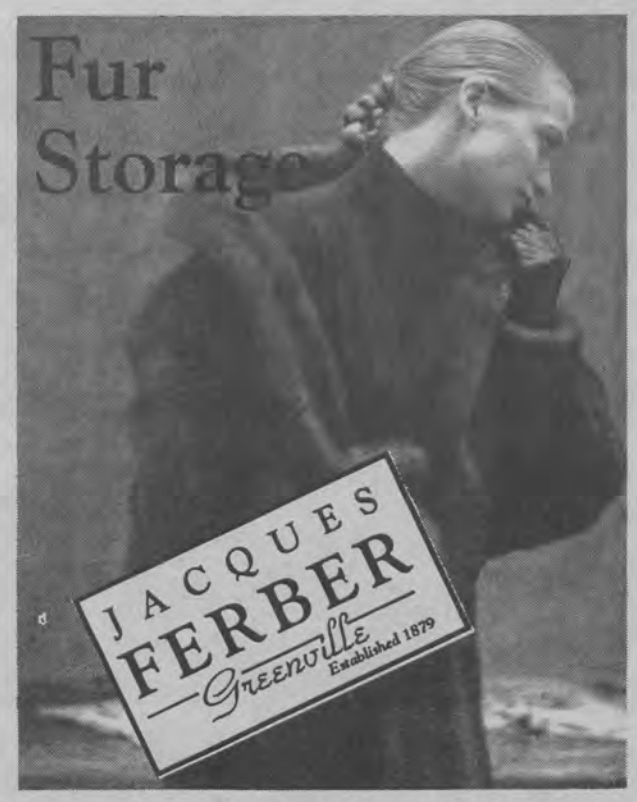

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Face to Face with JFD People

JCC To Conduct Needs Assessment For Special Needs Children

Pam-Sue Schwartz, JCC Special Needs Chairperson, announced that the JCC will conduct a needs assessment for children with special needs in the Jewish community. "We know that there are more families that need services. This assessment will help us to find them and determine their needs so that the JCC can provide better service." The assessment, which will be in survey format, will be provided to area Synagogues and organizations to provide to their memberships. "We hope that the community will become involved by helping to refer families to the JCC," said Schwartz.

According to Michael Grossman, JCC Youth, Family and Camping Services Director, the Kidsplace after-school program and Camp JCC are already providing services to children with special needs, but the JCC is constantly looking for ways to improve and enhance programs. The goal of JCC Special Needs programming is to integrate children with cognitive and/or physical disabilities into existing programs with the support of staff and adaptive equipment.

For more information about Special Needs programming at the JCC or to receive a copy of the Needs Assessment, please contact Michael Grossman, JCC Youth, Family, and Camping Services Director, at (302) 478-5660.

AEA Annual Science Fair

Community Chuppah Available For Public Use

Earlier this year, Jewish students from throughout the State of Delaware helped create a beautiful Chuppah which was used for "The Wedding of the Century" during the 1994 COMMUNITY Campaign. This Chuppah is now available for public use and display.

The Chuppah contains panels quilted together, each with a different theme. Some of the themes include: Creation, Exodus, Life Cycles, Jewish Holidays, and the Jewish Home. Students from Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, Congregation Beth Emeth, Congregation Beth Shalom, Congregation Beth Sholom, Temple Beth El, Habad, and the Albert Einstein Academy participated in the creation of this Chuppah. Art teacher Shoshana Hershkowitz and quilter Rhonda Foreman helped create this beautiful piece of ritual art. We hope many members of the community will take advantage of its availability. For more information, please contact Rabbi Marla Feldman at the Jewish Federation of Delaware at (302) 478-6200.

The Camp Corner

Adventure camping becomes more popular

As the Camp Director, I often hear from older campers the common cry, "I want something different!" I often suggest the Adventure Camp program. Adventure Camp offers a combination of outdoor living skills, field trips, and overnights while helping to develop a camper's self image and respect for the environment. The program includes hiking, canoeing, overnight camping, and some field trips.

Started two years ago with a two-week camp, the program doubled with two sessions last summer. This year "Super Adventure" was added for those campers who have been through regular Adventure Camp. "Super Adventure" trips are more challenging in skill and duration.

Adventure Camp is offered June 27 - July 8 and July 11 - July 22. "Super Adventure" is offered July 8 - August 19. Camp JCC operates Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Bus service or early morning/afternoon care is available. Camp JCC is the day camp program of the Jewish Community Center. For more information, please contact Michael Grossman, JCC Youth, Family and Camping Services Director at (302) 478-5660.

Camp JCC is filling faster than ever!

It's more important than ever to register early for Camp JCC! Already several programs are filled. The following programs are filled and waiting lists have been started:

Horseback Riding I - July 25th - August 5th

Horseback Riding II - August 8th - August 19th

K'Ton Ton 2 Day 2's - all weeks

K'Ton Ton 3 Day 3's - all weeks

Teen Travel Camp - Session III - July 25 - August 5th

Other programs are filling and are close to capacity. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Camp JCC is the day camping program of the Jewish Community Center of Wilmington, Delaware. For more information, please call Michael Grossman, JCC Youth, Family and Camping Services Director at (302) 478-5660.

Mother's Day Special At The J.C.C.

The Jewish Community Center is hosting a special Mother's Day Spa and Brunch on Sunday, May 8 from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. "The day has been specially designed to pamper moms," says A.J. Lipstein, Fitness Center Coordinator. "We will start out with a light stretching and flexibility class by candlelight and then head into the spa facilities (whirlpool, steam and sauna) for an hour of relaxation." Participants can also enjoy a chair massage, reflexology (foot massage) or a manicure for only $10 extra.

"To complete this very special day, moms will be treated to an exquisite champagne brunch, while listening to our guest speaker, Sandra Rose, make-up specialist and image consultant," A.J. added.

The cost is $25 and includes all of the above activities and even a special gift just for mom. Gift certificates are available at the JCC Fitness Center Control Desk. For more information, call A.J. Lipstein at 478-5660.

Water Aerobics Makes Splash At J.C.C.

Water aerobics provides individuals with a way to get a light to moderate, no impact, aerobic workout. These classes offer a warm-up, concentration on muscular toning and a cool-down. Isotonic and intermediate exercises similar to those conducted outside of the water are used.

The Jewish Community Center is now offering you a chance to try one of these water aerobics classes free of charge through June 16, 1994. Just come to any of these classes and "try before you buy!" Water aerobic classes are held Monday and Friday mornings, 9-10 a.m. or Wednesday mornings, 8:15-9:15 a.m.

For more information, call Melody Medley, Aquatics Supervisor at (302) 239-8578.

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SYNAGOGUE LIFE

Between Two Great Holidays

By RABBI MOSHE GOLDBLUM
Congregation Beth Sholom

The period between Passover and Shavuot is known as the period of the sefirah or the counting of the omer. There are a number of modern holy days that occur at this time (Yom Hashoah, Yom Ha-atzmaut, and Yom Yerushalayim), but these are later additions with few historical connections with the major holidays mentioned above.

But you will be receiving this edition of "The Jewish Voice" on the traditional but minor holiday of Lag B'Omer or "The Thirty-Third Day in the Counting of the Omer." Tradition tells us that the students of Rabbi Akiba recuperated from a plague on Lag B'Omer as they participated in the rebellion against Rome under the leadership of Bar Kochba. We are reminded that the life of another sage, Rabbi Simeon bar Yohai, seemed to be designed around the holiday of Lag B'Omer. It is for this reason that Hassidic families in Israel make an annual pilgrimage to his grave near Safed in the Galilee. Does it not seem strange that this minor holiday emphasizing scholars and Rabbis is placed between the major festivals of Passover and Shavuot?

We all recognize Passover as the holiday of freedom when Israel made its exodus from Egypt. We too realize that Shavuot commemorates that great moment when the Israelites at Sinai entered into a covenant with the Divine seeking a special level of holiness in turn for upholding the laws of the Torah. Passover grants freedom, but Shavuot reminds us that freedom must be used to fulfill the commandments of the Divine. The Torah was not given to Moses or to Joshua, or to the seventy elders but to all of Israel. Lag B'Omer emphasizes the life of Rabbi Akiba who did not begin to study until the age of forty. The holiday reminds us of the life of Simeon Bar Yohai who taught his son Torah even though he had to hide in a cave for thirteen years as the Roman authorities wanted to kill him. We cannot but be impressed with the many students of Akiba who were willing to study Torah when such an act was considered a treacherous one against the Roman state. They were willing to give their very lives so that they might qualify in their generation to understand and to receive the Torah, to enter into that covenant initiated by their ancestors at Sinai.

Lag B'Omer, in our own day, asks us to make his same choice. We are never too old to study Torah for Rabbi Akiba did not begin until he was forty years of age. We are *never* too busy for Rabbi Simeon bar Yohai studied even though he was preoccupied with the Roman authorities. We are asked to make the study of our tradition a top priority in our lives as the students of Rabbi Akiba were willing to sacrifice their lives for that very privilege.

American culture is an essential in all of our lives, and Jewish culture is a necessity if we are to survive as a people. It is the challenge of ours and of our children's generations that we must master both. "The day is short, the work is great, the Master of the House is demanding, but the reward is great."

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Cantorial Student Sings At Beth Emeth

By JORDAN SOPINSKY
Jewish Voice Intern

After Lori Salzman spent a year teaching music at the only synagogue in Utah, it was all downhill from there. She had traveled out there to ski two years earlier and were it not for that positive experience, she might not be a cantorial student at Hebrew Union College in New York today.

Miss Salzman, a graduate of Brandeis University, has been fulfilling her student pulpit requirements for the past six months at Beth Emeth synagogue. "Not only has she been a phenomenal asset to the musical program and the youth choir," Rabbi Grumbacher relates, "but to the religious school as well."

If you would like to listen to Miss Salzman deliver the Sabbath's liturgy with voice and guitar, then mark the weekends of May 6-8 and June 3-5, on your calendar.

AKSE Confirmation Service on May 15

You are cordially invited to the Bikkurim Service Confirming our Teenage AKSE Scholars, Ronnie Scott Balick, Sara Tamar Cabelli, Barbara Eisenberg, Alyson Nicole Holob, Yoni Hormadaly, Yelena Nabutovsky, Dana Suzanne Snyder, Daniel Aryeh Tolpin, Amy Faith Weinstein.

Erev Shavuot, Sunday, May 15, 1994, 8 p.m., Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth Congregation, Washington Blvd. & Torah Way.

AKSE Passover food workers, left to right, Helen Gordon, Narda Silon, Sanford Dresin, Chef Sean Warner, (front row) Mitzi Echt, Holly Echt, Barbara Leeman (back row) Susan Warner, President Traditions, Elliott Echt.

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SYNAGOGUE LIFE

Cafe Tamar Returns To AKSE

An exciting evening of song and dance will usher in Israel's 46th year of independence celebration at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 22. The event will be held at *Cafe Tamar* in the social hall of Adas Kodesch Synagogue.

The program, entitled "This Is The Promise" will be performed by the AKSE Choral and Dance Groups with featured soloists, Cindy Goldstein, Linda Vodovis, Judy Bernard and Cantor Daniel Leeman.

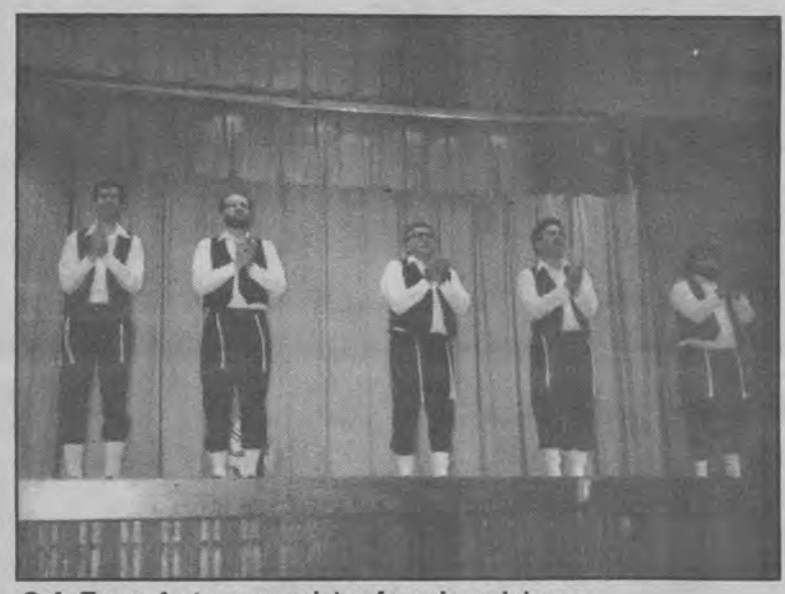
The choral group, directed by Faith Brown will be accompanied by Sara Berman and the Tamar Musicians. David Gesterak, accordionist from the Soviet Union will present a medley of Russian and Yiddish folksongs. Narrator for the evening will be Joel Tenenbaum.

New to this years program will be a young group of dancers, "Akids," directed by Melinda Weinstein. "Harokdim," the teenage dance group directed by Harriet Ainbinder will perform several exciting dances. The adult dancers are led by Faith and Lou Brown with Harriet Ainbinder.

By popular demand, Israeli and Middle Eastern foods prepared by "Zaydie's Place" will be sold at 6 p.m. prior to the performance. Tickets are available at the synagogue office, 762-2205 at $7.00 for adults and $3.50 for children younger than 12. Purchase your tickets now! Cafe Tamar is always a sell-out!

Celebrate Yom Ha Atzmaut at AKSE's Cafe Tamar on May 22.

Cindy Goldstein and Linda Vodovis to be at AKSE



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Woodstock Center Courses Appeared For Summer 1994

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For more information call 1-800-398-2630 or 1-215-242-4074.

Holocaust Survivor And Author To Speak in June

The Jewish Federation of Delaware invites you to join us on a very special evening: Ernest Michel, author, humanitarian, holocaust survivor and Executive Vice President Emeritus of the United Jewish Appeal - Federation of New York will speak at The Jewish Federation of Delaware Annual Meeting, June 6, 1994, 7:30 p.m., Congregation Beth Emeth. Open to the community.

Born in Germany, Mr. Michel was sent to his first labor camp as a young boy in 1939. After almost six years in concentration camps, he escaped just before the end of World War II. Michel is a spokesman for the survivors of the Holocaust, organizing and serving as the chairman of the highly publicized World Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors in Jerusalem in 1989. Mr. Michel will be available to autograph his book, *Promises To Keep*.

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Weitzman-Wortman

Judy and Rabbi David Wortman of Wilmington, Delaware and Howard and Ricki Wasserman of Long Beach, New York announce the engagement of their daughter Mira Beth Wasserman to Dr. Steven P. Weitzman, son of Donna and Jerry Weitzman of Northridge, California.

Mira is a Phi Beta Kappa honors graduate of Barnard College and the Jewish Theological Seminary. She has been awarded a Wexner Fellowship and will begin rabbinic studies at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati in the fall.

Steve is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of University of California at Berkley and received a Ph.D. with Distinction in Ancient Near Eastern Languages and Civilization from Harvard University. He is Assistant Professor of Religious Studies at Indiana University in Bloomington. A summer 1995 wedding is planned.

Menschik-Nemser

Dr. Stuart and Lelaine Nemser announce the engagement of their daughter Erica Liorah Nemser to Elliot Dov Menschik. Mr. Menschik is the son of Judith and Joseph Menschik of Upper Nyack, New York. Erica graduated with honors with a B.A. in Economics from Johns Hopkins University. She is presently pursuing a PhD in Economics at the University of Pennsylvania. Elliot graduated with university and departmental honors with a B.S. and an M.S.E. in Electrical Engineering also from Johns Hopkins University. He is presently pursuing an MD-PhD in Neuroscience at the University of Pennsylvania. A June 1995 wedding is planned.

Vinokur Makes Brandeis List

Meridith Vinokur, a resident of Wilmington, DE, was named to the dean's list for the Fall 1993 semester at Brandeis University in Waltham, Mass. Vinokur is in the Class of '97 at Brandeis. Dean's list honors are given to students who have earned a grade point average of at least 3.5 on a scale of 4.0.

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MAY 1994

Sunday 1

National Museum of American Jewish History, 55 N. 5th St., Phila., "Guarding the Garden" 3 p.m. — A daring new musical interpretation of the creation story and how we've landed in this environmental mess. Join Adam, Eve and Lilith as they go on a colorful, comical, poetical journey from Eden to the Edge! A family show produced by New Legends. Advance ticket purchase recommended. Tickets: Adults $5 (members $3.50); Children 6 through 12, $3 (members $2). Call (215) 923-0763.

Monday 2

The 29th annual Jewish Choral Festival will take place at 7:45 p.m. at the Germantown Jewish Centre, Lincoln Drive at Ellet Street, Philadelphia. Sponsored by the Tyson Music Department of Gratz College, the festival will feature 10 adult Jewish choruses in a program of English, Hebrew and Yiddish choral music. The program is free of charge and open to the public. for more information, please contact Dr. Marsha Bryan Edelman at Gratz College, 635-7300.

Sunday 8

Temple Beth El's Men's Club program will feature Rabbi David Saperstein from the Religious Action Committee of Reform Judaism, based in Washington, D.C.

Tuesday 10

P*H*A*S*E 2 (Jewish Singles 30's, 40's, 50's) Restaurant Sampler, 6:30 p.m., Kid Shelleens (14th & Scott Sts., Wilmington, DE, 302-658-4600). Call by May 9 to RSVP, 302-475-3376.

YJAD Elections, 7 p.m. at the JCC. Call Dan at (610) 444-1839.

Wednesday 11

1994 Public Discussion Series Friends of Planned Parenthood. 7:30 p.m. Dr. Harvey Fineberg, Dean, Harvard School of Public Health, "Reproductive Health Challenges for the New Health Care System". Co-Sponsors: Agenda for Delaware Women, University of Delaware Women's Studies Program, University of Delaware Office of Women's Affairs. Cost: Free to the public. For $50.00 per person per dinner ($15 for students) or $100 for the Series ($30 for students), attendees are invited to join the Friends of Planned Parenthood Public Discussion Group for dinner with one or more of the speakers. For more information call Planned Parenthood of Delaware at (302) 655-7296.

Thursday 12

The Auxiliary of the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home invites you to attend the Donor Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. at the Brandywine Country Club. For luncheon information, call Ellen Levin at 999-8997 or Ethel Parsons at 762-6407.

The Auxiliary of the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home invites you to attend the DONOR LUNCHEON at 11:30 a.m. at the Brandywine Country Club. The featured speaker is storyteller Peninnah Schran, an Associate Professor of Speech and Drama at Stern College of Yeshiva University. She is the founding director of The Jewish Storytelling Center and coordinator of The Jewish Storytelling Network (CAJE). She is the author of *Jewish Stories One Generation Tells Another* and *Tales of Elijah the Prophet*. Ms. Schran travels broadly performing stories from Jewish sources. For luncheon information, call Ellen Levin at 999-8997 or Ethel Parsons at 762-6407.

Saturday 14

YJAD Movie Night at Painter's Crossing. Call Dan at (610) 444-1839.

Sunday 15

P*H*A*S*E 2 (Jewish Singles 30's, 40's, 50's) Spring at Longwood Gardens. Main entrance, 1:30 p.m., look for the blue balloons. After our stroll, adjourn to a local restaurant. Call 302-654-3626 to RSVP.

Tuesday 19

Jewish Great Books Discussion Group, third Tuesday of every month at the J.C.C., 7:30-9:00 p.m. *Wasteland*, J. Sinclair.

Sunday 22

A.K.S.E. Men's Club Breakfast and Speaker, Centennial Room, A.K.S.E., 9:30 a.m.

National Museum of American Jewish History, 55 N. 5th St., Phila., Jewish Cooking in America with Joan Nathan, 3 p.m. — The author will discuss her new book that presents a unique tapestry of the regional flavors brought by three centuries of immigrants from Europe, Africa and Latin America. Joan Nathan is also the author of *The Jewish Holiday Kitchen*. Free with Museum admission. Call (215) 923-0763.

YJAD Pick-Up Softball, outside the JCC, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Call Beth at (215) 592-5331.

Monday 23

National Museum of American Jewish History, 55 N. 5th St., Phila., Senior Citizens Day at the Museum, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. In conjunction with the Citywide celebration of Older Americans Month, coordinated by the Philadelphia Corporation for Aging, the Museum will once again offer free admission plus a 10% discount in the Museum Shop to all senior citizens with proof of age. Call (215) 923-0763.

JUNE

Sunday 12

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

Tuesday 14

P*H*A*S*E 2 (Jewish Singles 30's, 40's, 50's) Restaurant Sampler, 6:30 p.m., Gallucio's (1709 Lovering Ave., Wilmington, DE, 302-655-3713. Call by June 13 to RSVP, 302-475-3376.

Sunday 22

A.K.S.E. Men's Club sponsored bus trip to Veterans Stadium to see Philadelphia Phillies play Atlanta Braves. Tickets: contact A.K.S.E. office, 302-762-2705, to reserve your tickets now.

Ongoing

Sculptor, mask performer and printmaker Suzanne Benton has an exhibition at the National Museum of American Jewish History in Philadelphia. "Suzanne Benton: Mythic Works," opens May 5 and continues through August 21 at the Museum, 55 N. 5th Street, Independence Mall East, Philadelphia, PA.

JHSD Exhibit at JCC - A new exhibit by the Jewish Historical Society of Delaware will be on display at the Jewish Community Center beginning April 15th and run through May 15th. The exhibit, which is in the JCC Showcase, is titled "Jewish Women's Organizations in the First State — A Brief Look Back" and displays many of the interesting items housed in the Society's archival collections. For further information contact: Julian H. Preisler 655-0365.

February through May, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Prints in Progress Seminars. The community-based children's art organization has adopted the theme of "Bridges & Boundaries: Two Peoples Face to Face" as one of the themes of its after-school programs. The programs serve students ages 6 to 18. Workshops explore the African-American and Jewish-American cultures by focusing on textile artists (including Miriam Shapiro and Faith Ringold). Classes experiment with fabric printing techniques and complete a group textile project. Registration and info: 928-0206.

On Wednesdays in May, the YJAD will play coed volleyball inside the JCC Gymnasium. Games run from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and are non-competitive. Cost is $2 ($1 for JCC members). Contact Mike Schenk at (610) 558-3781.

Sister In Art — an exhibit featuring the paintings, etchings and fiber art of sisters Maura E. Golin and Ruth E. Berger — will be on display through April 2nd at Artworks, Fine Arts and Crafts Gallery, 121 East State Street, Kennett Square, PA. Hours: Wednesday to Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and by appointment. For information call 215/444-6544.

Summer Israel Missions

The National Young Couples Mission, May 22-June 1, is for "thirtysomething" participants.

The National Summer Family Missions I, II, III and IV is scheduled for June 19-29, June 26-July 6, July 19-29 and August 14-24.

The Single Over 35 Mission will be June 26-July 5.

The National Hatikvah Summer Singles Missions I and II, July 3-14 and July 17-28 are planned for (ages 25-35).

The Grandparents' and Grandchildren's Mission will be held July 27-August 7 with a special optional pre-mission to Poland, July 24-27.

For additional information on these missions, call the UJA National Missions Department at 212-880-1313 (fax: 212-697-8795), or the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD) at 302-478-6200.

More News

A MONTH BEFORE Steven Spielberg implored all educators not to let the Holocaust remain a footnote in history, three Delaware teachers joined 160 colleagues from around the USA at the annual Alumni Conference of the Teachers' Program on Holocaust and Jewish Resistance. The conference, sponsored by the American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors and the U.S. Holocaust Commission is held in Washington annually to provide further support and ideas for teachers who previously studied in Israel with Holocaust scholars. Pictured above (L to R) are: Joel Glazier (Colonial School District); Charlotte Byrd (Wilmington Christian School) and Karen Wallace (New Castle Vo-Tech District).

Teachers interested in this summer's Israel program can contact the American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors; 25 East 21st Street, NYC 10010 (212) 477-0707.

CJF, UJA Launch Study That May Lead To New Jewish Fund Raising Structure

By LARRY YUDELSON

NEW YORK (JTA) — The Council of Jewish Federations and the United Jewish Appeal have launched a joint study of the national Jewish fund-raising structure that could produce dramatic changes in the way philanthropic funds are raised and allocated.

A 28-member committee, representing the constituent agencies involved and local federations, has been appointed to oversee the study.

While there has been speculation that the study will lead to a CJF-UJA merger, those involved rule out the "m-word" for now, saying it is far too soon to predict the outcome.

But most agree the study is likely to result in major structural changes in the billion-dollar philanthropic enterprise known as the UJA-federation system.

"If federations had a better sense of the ownership of the UJA enterprise, perhaps some of the allocation difficulties that exist in some places might be less difficult," said the head of one major federation.

"If I'm right," one insider predicted, "there will be a new organization called UJA-CJF. Really it will have the UJA as a campaign department with some kind of autonomy but no foreign policy, as part of the CJF family, which probably means you cut the budget in half."

The New Orleans Connection

By JORDAN SOPINSKY
Jewish Voice Intern

Its red light district gave birth to jazz. Jazz then moved on to Chicago and then to New York.

It gave us Cajun cuisine. It also gave us Dr. John. Also, unfortunately, it also gave us David Duke.

It passed through the hands of the Native Americans to the French and wound up in our hands after someone made a really good land deal.

It's also given us (at the JFD and the JCC) Judy Stiebel, David Sorkin, and Michael Grossman.

Judy and Michael are New Orleans natives, while David was just passin' through. Judy works at the offices of the JFD and says she found a surrogate family with the Jewish community of Delaware.

David Sorkin is the Executive Director of the JCC. He worked at the JCC down there. After traveling up to Pittsburgh, he made a right, and wound up in Wilmington. He recalls, with fond recollections, having to walk through two bedrooms, a bathroom, and a living room, to bring a bowl of ice cream from the kitchen to the den. "Shotgun" houses were the result of the city's meshugunah plan to tax according to the width of people's houses.

Michael Grossman is the JCC Camp Director. He spent his very early childhood in New Orleans. "While the New Orleans Jewish community was inculcated with the culture of the city," Michael notes, "The Jewish community of Delaware, while civically minded, channels its energies inward."

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Russian Column

ТУРИЗМ В ИЗРАИЛЕ НЕ ПОСТРАДАЛ НЕСМОТРЯ НА ПОБОИЩЕ В ХЕВРОНЕ

Иерусалим. По прогнозам туристических агентств ожидается, что гостиницы в Израиле в этом году будут переполнены, как обычно бывает во время еврейской и христианской Пасхи. Представитель министерства по туризму сообщил, что еврейская Пасха, которая в этом году начинается 26 марта, и христианская Пасха (начало 3 апреля) обычно привлекают огромное число туристов.

Согласно проводившемуся израильским туристическим издательством Travel News опросу, происшествие в Хевроне, связанное с убийством еврейским поселенцем 29-и арабов, очень незначительно повлияло на состояние туризма в Израиле. В статье говорится, что некоторые лица и группы, в том числе христианские паломники, которые обычно проводят празднование Пасхи в Израиле, решили отменить поездку в этом году. Отмечается также, что еще некоторое количество запланированных поездок может быть отменено в последний момент, если ухудшится положение, касающееся безопасности людей.

Впервые после войны в Персидском заливе правительство США предупреждает американцев о том, что в связи с обострившейся после побоища ситуацией, не следует посещать Восточную часть Иерусалима, Западный берег и полосу Газы.

Сара Фиттерман, владелица туристического агентства в Иерусалиме заявила, что хотя трагедия в Хевроне не слишком повлияла на туризм в пасхальный период, наблюдается некоторый спад в количестве заказов на май и июнь. Есть также несколько отмен заказов.

АНТИСЕМИТСКОЕ ВЫСТУПЛЕНИЕ В ВЕНГЕРСКОМ ПАРЛАМЕНТЕ

Впервые с времен Второй Мировой войны в венгерском парламенте прозвучало антисемитское заявление. В своей парламентской речи член этого представительного органа, Гиула Зачек, выступавший от имени небольшой право-реакционной партии, резко критиковал вмешательство израильской фирмы в приватизацию сети супермаркетов. Зачек утверждал, что израильская фирма купила свою долю у венгерской фирмы по гораздо более низкой цене, чем ожидалось, при этом заключив, что деловые отношения такого рода являются "сионистским заговором" против венгров. Зачек также обвинил Еврейское агентство в Венгрии в "нелегальной" деятельности. По сообщению венгерских средств массовой информации ни спикер парламента ни кто-либо из других членов парламента не попытался пресечь это выступление.

В КОНГРЕССЕ ОБСУЖДАЕТСЯ ЗАКОНОПРОЕКТ О ЗАПРЕТЕ НА ВЪЕЗД В США ПРЕДСТАВИТЕЛЕЙ ХАМАСа

Вашингтон. В подкомиссии конгресса проходит обсуждение законопроекта, запрещающего членам исламской фундаменталистской группировки ХАМАС въезд в Соединенные Штаты.

"Хамас является частью широкоразветвленной террористической сети в США", – заявил конгрессмен-демократ от штата Флорида Питер Дойч, выступая перед законодательной подкомиссией Палаты представителей по международному праву, иммиграции и беженцам.

В соответствии с законопроектом, вынесенным Дойчем на рассмотрение в марте 1993 года, все члены ХАМАСа должны считаться террористами. Иммиграционный закон США запрещает террористам въезд на территорию страны.

Мэри Райан, помощник секретаря по делам консульств при Госдепартаменте, выступила против утверждения законопроекта, объявляющего всех членов ХАМАСа террористами и таким образом лишающего любого представителя ХАМАСа права на въезд в США. Во время слушаний Райан заявила, что не всех членов ХАМАСа следует считать террористами, поскольку ХАМАС занимается социальной деятельностью по оказанию экономической, образовательной и медицинской помощи палестинцам.

Она также заявила, что Госдепартамент придерживается своей многолетней позиции в отношении терроризма, заключающейся в том, что въезд на территорию США может быть запрещен только лицам, непосредственно вовлеченным в террористическую деятельность.

Valentina Chtchepatcheva as the Black Swan from Swan Lake, is a principal dancer with The Russian Ballet Theater of Delaware, scheduled to perform May 7 at The Playhouse Theatre in Wilmington. Tickets for the 8:00 p.m. performance are on sale at the box office for $20-$40. Call (302) 656-4401 for tickets and information about special rates for students, seniors and groups.

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Children at Albert Einstein Academy (AEA) conduct Havdallah service.

Touvier Conviction May Signal French Self-Evaluation

By MICHEL Di PAZ

VERSAILLES, France (JTA) — The conviction here last week of Nazi collaborator Paul Touvier signals that France may finally be ready to confront its wartime past.

Some 23 years ago, then French President Georges Pompidou pardoned Touvier on charges of committing war crimes with the explanation that France should bury the period of its history when the Vichy government supported the Nazi program for the extermination of the Jews.

But now a jury reached the verdict that Touvier, 79, was guilty of crimes against humanity. He was given the maximum sentence of life imprisonment.

Nearly 50 years after committing the deeds for which he was tried, Touvier has become the first Frenchman to be convicted of crimes against humanity.

The majority of the French population was in favor of bringing Touvier to trial. More than 64 percent of those recently polled supported the idea, saying it would help shed light on this dark period of French history.

The verdict in the Touvier trial was greeted with relief by the French Jewish community.

Jean Kahn, head of CRIF, the umbrella organization representing French Jewry, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he was "totally satisfied with the outcome of the trial. This was not the trial of Vichy, like some people have said, but the trial of one of the smaller wheels of the collaboration.

Three other Frenchmen have been charged with crimes against humanity, but their cases never went to trial.

Maurice Papon, a senior official in wartime Bordeaux, has so far managed to evade trial with a series of legal maneuvers. Papon, who served as Paris police chief in the 1960s and was a Cabinet member in the 1970s, is now 83 and may never come before a court.

But Kahn and Papon should be brought to trial, because he was "much more important than Touvier." He pointed out that Papon ordered the deportation of hundreds of Jews from the Bordeaux region, "which was not even occupied by the German army."

"I do regret that there will be no Bousquet trial," he added, "because Bousquet was the one responsible for the arrest of Jews in France. I still cannot understand how Bousquet was so conveniently suppressed so close to his trial."

Kahn added, "Given the crimes committed by those people, how can anyone speak of erasing the memory of what they did? The unique circumstances of the Holocaust forbid us from holding such a view," he said.

French Nazi-hunter Serge Klarsfeld expressed bitterness at the current French government's handling of the Vichy period.

"The leniency of the French president is not a surprise for us. He has expressed it on various occasions, and we had to oppose it, as in the Bousquet case.

"Mitterrand joined the Vichy regime in 1942, a collaborationist and anti-Semitic regime. He left this regime to join the Resistance, but he'd rather have these years of the beginning of his career not mentioned anymore in the courts," said Klarsfeld.

The jury at the Versailles Court of Justice convicted Touvier on Tuesday night for his role in the assassination of seven Jewish hostages in Rillieux-la-Pape, located near Lyon in southeastern France, on June 29, 1944.

Touvier was at the time the local head of the intelligence service of the militia, the 30,000-member collaborationist civilian armed force created by the Vichy regime.

The killings of the Jewish hostages were in reprisal for the murder the day before by the Resistance of Vichy Propaganda Minister Philippe Henriot.

After the liberation, Touvier was arrested and held at the Paris police headquarters from where he mysteriously escaped. Condemned twice to death in absentia for his numerous war crimes, he went into hiding.

He was helped by numerous members of the Catholic Church in France, some of them belonging to the highest ranks of the Catholic hierarchy.

Because of the statute of limitations for war crimes — a charge different from that of crimes against humanity, which has no statute of limitations — Touvier reappeared in his hometown of Chambery, in 1970,

Touvier asked for a pardon from President Pompidou. Pompidou obliged in 1971.

The outrage was immediate.

Instead of trying to defuse the scandal, Pompidou justified his action by saying that it was time for the French to cast a veil over this period of history "when Frenchmen didn't like each other."

Touvier, in a letter to a Catholic priest, revealed that he was the one who had picked the seven Jewish hostages who were murdered in Rillieux-la-Pape.

Some extreme right-wing French weeklies, in articles published before the verdict was handed down, called Touvier the "French Schindler." This was an allusion to Touvier's line of defense, which was that if it had not been his personal intervention, the Nazis would have had 100 Jewish hostages, not merely seven, shot in retaliation for Henriot's assassination.

JWV Video Crafted From Rediscovered Slides

In July, 1992 Harry Lubin, Commander of the Jewish War Veterans (JWV), and Garry G. Greenstein, Senior Vice Commander were searching through the archives of the Jewish Historical Society (JHS), looking for a missing bronze plaque. Greenstein accidentally came across four boxes of 35mm slides labeled "Veterans." Lubin recognized the slides as those used in a slide show about Delaware's Jewish veterans.

Now, after two years work, Dr. Ralph Thomases has reconstructed the original slide presentation, called "Delaware Jews in American Wars" and has recorded it on video tape, together with the original script and new background music selected by Sarah Goldstein. The Mollye Sklut pictures have been found and recorded on video tape. These invaluable Jewish historical records are now preserved for future generations, and readily accessible for public viewing.

In 1992 Greenstein spoke to Dr. Ralph Tomases who remembered the 1976 show, and found the only remaining copy of the script.

As part of the Bicentennial Celebration for the 200th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, Hilda Coder in 1975 conceived the idea of a visual presentation of the history of Delaware's Jewish men and women who had served their country in time of war. Then Rabbi David Geffen, amassed a large number of photographs, sketches, documents, letters, pictures and memorabilia concerning Delaware Jews who have served (many of whom were wounded or killed) in the United States armed forces from Colonial days up until the Korean War. Dr. Tomases recorded the material on 35mm slides.

Early in 1975 Dr. Tomases turned the slides over to William P. Frank and Dorothy Goberman. William P. Frank was the dean of Delaware journalists. Dorothy Goberman, as a member of the Handloff family from Newark, was very knowledgeable about the history of Delaware's Jews. Together they organized the slides into a coherent whole and wrote a script weaving it all together.

In the fall of 1992, the JWV Department of Delaware, and the JHS agreed to underwrite the studio expenses, and Dr. Tomases undertook to reassemble "Delaware Jews in American Wars" and record it on video tape.

After about 30 hours of detective work, Dr. Tomases was able to reconstruct the order in which the slides were originally presented. He and Sarah Goldstein then edited and took the assembled material to O.K. Video on Philadelphia Pike. Janet Greenstein Potter, who does voice overs professionally for Philadelphia TV stations, donated her services to record the narration. David Klein of O.K. Video assembled all the material into a video tape. He recorded the narration of Janet Potter and laid down the slides on the video tape. Sarah Goldstein had selected music. Cantor Daniel Leeman recorded the El Moleh Rachamim prayer that accompanies the pictures of the 30 Jewish men from Delaware who were killed during World War II. The Mollye Sklut tribute composed in 1976 by Lenny Lipstein was recorded and put on tape. Dr. Tomases produced the project.

During World War II (1941-1945) Molley Sklut was in charge of the office at the old Y.M.H.A. on French Street. Wilmington was then a smaller place and Mollye knew most of the Jewish men and women who were going into the armed services.

Her "Dear Mollye" column in "The Y Recorder" was widely read. Mollye began writing to armed service personnel regularly. They wrote to her, often accompanying their letter with photographs of themselves. Mollye posted the photographs around the walls of her office at the Y.M.H.A., and by the end of the war in 1945 there were over 200 photographs of Wilmington's Jewish service men and women on the walls.

During a heavy rain all the photos were destroyed. The only copy of these historic photographs was then the 35mm slides taken by Dr. Tomases in 1976.

Helen Goldberg, President of the Jewish Historical Society, located the missing Mollye Sklut slides in the Society's archives. The slides are now on video tape, and Dr. Tomases has placed names on the pictures (some of the pictures required more detective work by Dr. Tomases to learn the name of the subject), and the Mollye Sklut pictures are now attached as an addendum to "Delaware Jews in American Wars."

The video of "Delaware Jews in American Wars" will be shown to the public for the first time at the JCC by the Jewish Historical Society in May. The public is invited and there is no charge. Copies of the videos will be available for purchase of $10.00, which covers the cost of reproduction. The video of the Mollye Sklut pictures will be shown for the first time at the Jewish War Veterans Convention to be held in May.

To contact the Jewish Historical Society call 764-8328.

American Jews Take Solidarity Trip To AFULA

By CYNTHIA MANN

AFULA, Israel (JTA) — Nearly 400 people spent 36 hours in Israel this week on a mission organized by the United Jewish Appeal to show solidarity with Israelis in the wake of the recent series of terrorist attacks.

The trip, organized in about a week's time, was not intended to make any political statement. Still, many of the participants said they were pained by the high price of the Middle East peace process and fear a continuing cycle of violence.

The group's chartered airplane made a dramatic landing Monday afternoon on a runway at an air force base in the rural Jezreel Valley in northern Israel.

As they descended from the plane, the visitors were greeted with recorded Israeli music, flags, military personnel and dozens of youths from Afula, where a terrorist car bomb exploded April 6, immediately claiming seven lives. Four were local teenagers.

At around the same time as the landing, the death roll rose to eight, as 37-year-old Ahuva Cohen Onalla died of the wounds she sustained in the blast.

"We felt we had to say we care, so when the opportunity arose, we jumped," said Mark Seiger, from Hartford, Conn. Afula is Connecticut's sister city under UJA's Project Renewal.

"Connecticut has worked very closely with Afula to have a real connection," he added. "We feel the city is part of us. It's family."

The recent attacks have unnerved Seiger. "It makes you wonder if there can ever be peace," he said. "I used to think it was the Israelis being stubborn. I don't any longer."

"A lot of us are deeply committed to Israel and feel frustrated, wondering what more can we do to help people here at times like these," said Larry Weinberg of Log Angeles.

"So, when UJA offered the opportunity to stand here in Afula, I said yes without hesitation," said Weinberg, the media and marketing advisory board chairman for UJA's Western region.

"It is incredibly important that American Jews express their solidarity with Israelis as they move forward through the peace process," said Debra Pell, co-chair of UJA's Young Leadership Cabinet.

"I want Israelis to know that as an American Jew, I support the courage and vision of this government and that no act of violence or terror should be allowed to derail it, despite the pain and the suffering.

"I also came because I feel it is extremely important that American Jews know that life goes on in Israel and that there is no place safer in the world. They must come in numbers and they must come again and again," said Pell, who lives in San Francisco.

"I came because I thought it was the right thing to do," said Eugene Schupak, chairman of the western region's Exodus campaign from Phoenix.

"It's not for any American to tell Israel what to do," he added. "But as someone who cares, I'm concerned there may not be the peace everyone wishes (from) the agreement with the Palestinians. It takes both sides to make peace and I'm not so sure the Palestinians have embraced it. I think terror will continue and even increase."

Meanwhile, the thirst for peace remains. Seventeen-year-old Aflalo said, "Yitzhak Rabin must continue peace negotiations because the killing must be stopped."

But finalizing the agreement with the Palestinians will not stop the violence immediately, said Aflalo. "After they finish the negotiations, it will take one or two generations before there is real peace."

OBITUARIES

DAVID L. CAMIN

David L. Camin, 66, of 4 Violet Lane, West Grove, Pa., died April 23 of complications from cancer at home.

Mr. Camin, a physical chemist, was a 1948 graduate of Case Western Reserve University. His first job was at the National Bureau of Standards, where he became interested in petroleum chemistry.

Later, he was a faculty member at Carnegie Mellon Institute for 11 years. He retired in 1986 as manager of an analytical laboratory at the Sun Co. after more than 25 years.

An author and inventor, Mr. Camin contributed to the concept of the catalytic converter.

After retiring, he began a consulting firm.

Mr. Camin was a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers, Society of the Sigma Xi, The American Petroleum Institute and the American society of Testing Materials, where he was chairman of various committees.

He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Mr. Camin and his wife, Bernadine Kahn Camin, raised Airedale terriers, and he was a member of local and national Airedale clubs.

In addition to his wife of 45 years, Mr. Camin is survived by a son, William Michael of Havre de Grace, Md.; two daughters, Suzanne Cutler of Cleveland and Judith Ann Cronin of Wilmington; and eight grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association.

HILDA A. CHESLER

Hilda A. Chesler, 73, of Cliff House Condominiums, 2016 Naamans Road, Brandywine Hundred, died April 19 of congestive heart failure at Riverside Extended Care Pavilion.

Mrs. Chesler, a homemaker, was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom and its Sisterhood and Hadassah.

Her husband, Paul Chesler, died in 1984. She is survived by a son, Keith of Baltimore; two daughters, Deena Schwartzman of Wayne, N.J., and Judy Emmett of Naperville, Ill.; and five grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Congregation Beth Shalom or Diabetes Association, both in Wilmington.

ANNA T. GERBER

Anna T. Gerber, 82, of 109 E. Fourth St., Beach Haven, N.J., died April 20 of cancer in Riverside Extended Care Pavilion, Wilmington.

Mrs. Gerber owned and operated the family business, Gerber Department Store, founded more than 100 years ago, in Tuckerton, N.J. A second store was later opened in Beach Haven, N.J. She retired in 1987 after more than 50 years of service.

She was a member of Rodef Shalom Congregation, Atlantic City; Jewish Community Center of Long Beach Island; Order of the Golden Chain, New Jersey Link, and Soroptimist Club of Beach Haven.

Mrs. Gerber was a life member of Deborah Heart & Lung Foundation and the American Medical Center.

Her husband, Norman Gerber, died in 1986. She is survived by two sisters, Lillian Kurman of Baltimore and Josephine Kessler of Wilmington.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Riverside Extended Care Pavilion, Wilmington, or charity.

Nixon Recalled

By DEBORAH KALB and STEVEN WEISS

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Richard Nixon's relations with Jews were as controversial and paradoxical as much else about the late former president, who died last week at age 81.

While voicing derogatory attitudes about Jews during his now-infamous White House taping sessions, Nixon hired a number of Jews as key advisers, among them Henry Kissinger, the former Harvard government professor who served first as national security advisor and then as secretary of state.

Nixon was also viewed as a strong supporter of Israel, and, with Kissinger, was the first to involve the United States in "shuttle diplomacy" immediately after the 1973 Yom Kippur War, to improve relations between Israel and its Arab neighbors.

But on the other hand, in a move that Jews found hard to forget, Nixon asked a campaign aide, Fred Malek, to compile a list of Jews in the Labor Department.

A branch of the department had released a study with which Nixon disagreed, and Nixon, notoriously concerned about leaks to the press, immediately turned to Malek and ask how many Jews worked in the department — implying that Jews had leaked the information to the press.

Stephen Hess, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution who served in the Nixon administration from 1969-1971, said that while Nixon made derogatory comments about Jews on his tapes, he often turned to Jewish advisers for help.

"He had tremendous respect for Jews. To the degree that Nixon had best friends, 'some of my best friends were Jews'," Hess said.

Max Fisher, a prominent Jewish Republican who served as a close adviser to Nixon, said that he had "no sense" that Nixon, a Republican, was suspicious of the Jewish community.

"I never heard him do or say anything that would lead me to believe that he was anti-Semitic," Stein said. He added, however, that "Nixon might have been fast and loose with his language," which was sometimes interpreted as anti-Semitic by the Jewish community at large.

Gerald Strober and Deborah Hart Strober, authors of an upcoming oral history on Nixon, said that they asked sources about Nixon's derogatory comments about Jews on his tapes.

"There were some references on the tapes, and these were explained away to us, that he did this with all ethnic groups. It wasn't targeting specific groups," Deborah Strober said.

Hyman Bookbinder, the former longtime Washington representative for the American Jewish Committee who is now involved with the National Jewish Democratic Council, was on Nixon's famous "enemies list."

Bookbinder — who commented that he would give Nixon mixed reviews overall — said that Nixon put Bookbinder and 80 others who signed a tribute to labor leader Walter Reuther on the list.

"In the Jewish community in general," Bookbinder said, "there was a greater than average amount of concern" about this sort of "guilt by association."

On the other hand, Bookbinder and others said that the Nixon ad-

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Rabin In Russia

By LISA GLAZER

MOSCOW (JTA) — Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin concluded talks here this week with high-level Russian officials and heralded a new era of cooperation between his country and theirs.

"I hope that we are starting to gradually bring about a change in the relationship between Russia, a great country, and Israel, a small but independent country," he said at a news conference Tuesday.

The Middle East peace negotiations, along with discussion about trade accords and anti-Semitism, were the focus of discussions Monday and Tuesday.

"We want peace in the Middle East and I think that Russian interests correspond with ours," Rabin said after meeting with Ivan Rybkin, speaker of the Russian Parliament's lower house.

Rabin also met with President Boris Yeltsin, Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin, Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev and Defense Minister Pavel Grachev.

Rabin's four-day trip to Russia, the first ever by an Israeli prime minister, was scheduled to end Wednesday. It came one week after a similar trip by Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat.

The two leaders were invited to Moscow by Yeltsin after Middle East peace talks ground to a standstill following the Feb. 25 massacre of Palestinians in Hebron.

The invitations were widely seen as reflections of Russia's recent attempts to reassert itself as a world power. It is officially a co-sponsor, along with the United States, of the Middle East peace process begun in Madrid in 1991. But Russia has been inactive lately on the diplomatic front, consumed by its own internal problems.

During a meeting Monday, Rabin heard assurances from Prime Minister Chernomyrdin that a new wave of anti-Semitism would not surface in Russia.

Fears of a resurgence of anti-Semitism have arisen in Russia's Jewish community following the surprise victory in last December's parliamentary elections of ultranationalist Vladimir Zhirinovsky, who has spouted anti-Jewish rhetoric in a number of public speeches since then.

After meeting with Rabin, Chernomyrdin told reporters that "no Zhirinovsky will be able to incite" a new wave of anti-Semitism in Russia.

"I can tell you unequivocally that this will not happen," he said.

The subject of anti-Semitism had been a topic of discussion in several of Rabin's meetings, the prime minister said.

"In every meeting I reminded everyone to whom I talked that when Hitler wrote 'Mein Kampf' no one believed it would happen — and it happened," he told reporters.

"Therefore, whenever and wherever we see racism, anti-Semitism, fascism and neo-Nazism raise its head, it's important that people will learn the lessons of the past," he said.

"Everywhere I heard that everyone is aware of the danger," he added.

At the news conference Tuesday, Rabin said his Russian hosts had not put forward any new or concrete proposals to push forward the Middle East peace talks. But he did say that the resumption of negotiations between Israel and Syria had been discussed.

As Syria's long-time ally and arms supplier, Russia has a potentially influential role in negotiations between the two countries.

Russia's first deputy prime minister, Oleg Soskovets, arrived Monday in Syria to discuss "pressing issues of bilateral cooperation" and Middle East peace, according to the Itar-Tass news agency.

During Rabin's one-hour meeting with Yeltsin on Tuesday — an encounter described by both sides as "very warm" — the Russian president told him that Soskovets was scheduled to discuss with Syrian President Hafez Assad the issue of Israelis missing in action since the 1982 War in Lebanon.

The deputy premier, Rabin was told as well, also had directives to encourage Syria to resume peace talks with Israel.

Among other issues discussed by the two men was the rise of Islamic fundamentalism, an issue of deep concern for Israel and for Russia. The latter faces a rising tide of militant Islamic activity in some of the newly independent states of the former Soviet Union.

Yeltsin reiterated assurances given earlier to Rabin that Russia was not going to supply new weaponry to Syria, but merely provide spare parts.

Rabin stated Tuesday that he had signed six bilateral accords on Israeli-Russian cooperation in areas such as science, technology and agriculture. He added that he expected to sign a wide-ranging trade accord before he left Russia.

In other comments, he said that he had invited many Russian leaders to visit Israel and that Defense Minister Pavel Grachev had in principle accepted the offer.

"We discussed with the Ministry of Defense the possibility of better relationships and better acquaintances between our two defense systems," he said.

Among his other engagements while in the Russian capital, Rabin, a former army chief of staff, addressed the Russian army's high command.

Rabin's visit to Moscow concluded with a mass "Salute to Israel" held in the presence of 5,000 members of Moscow's Jewish community.

Rabin was scheduled to spend Wednesday in St. Petersburg, where he was to meet with the Jewish community.

The Israeli leader told reporters that he has direct ties to the city since his mother left St. Petersburg 75 years ago to move to the land that eventually became Israel.

(Contributing to this report was JTA correspondent Dvorah Getzler in Jerusalem.)

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ministration was supportive of a strong U.S.-Israel relationship.

One of the major crises in the Middle East during Nixon's presidency was the 1973 Yom Kippur War between Israel and its Arab neighbors.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who was ambassador to Washington for part of the Nixon presidency, released a statement this week saying that "Israel has lost one of its greatest friends."

Rabin said that "during the Yom Kippur War in 1973, Richard Nixon was the driving force in mobilizing the airlift to assist us with weaponry at the most difficult of moments."

There had been some debate over Nixon's exact role in assisting Israel in the 1973 war, focusing on the few days that the president waited to act before ordering help to be sent to the Jewish state.

Nixon's top aides disagreed about whether to resupply Israel with a massive arms shipment. It was Nixon who broke the deadlock in his administration a few days into the war and ordered the arms sent. Many believe that this move saved the Jewish state.

The 1974 amendment, supported by many advocates for Soviet Jewry including the National Conference for Soviet Jewry, links most-favored-nation trading benefits for Moscow to its emigration policies.

Nixon and Kissinger opposed the statute, seeing it as public pressure on the Soviets. In addition, they felt it would constrain their own hand in dealing with the Soviet Union.

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

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A spokesperson said the singles mission will include meeting Israelis, celebrating Shabbat of the Western Wall, climbing Masada, enjoying Israeli night life, and learning about UJA-Federation programs.

The mission is part of a series of visits sponsored by the organization to help growing numbers of young people to experience Israel. For more information, call (212) 836-1442.

Castle Amendment

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The House Education and Labor Committee recently approved the "Head Start Act of 1994," adopting an amendment by Congressman Michael N. Castle that is designed to boost community participation in the vital child development program.

ORT Cocktail Party On May 14

Women's American ORT, Brandywine Chapter at Large, is holding its Annual Cocktail Party on Saturday, May 14 at 8:00 p.m. Join us for an "Affair to Remember" at the home of Amy and Michael Levitan in Hockessin. The cost is $30.00 per couple in advance and $35.00 per couple at the door. For more information call Jill Locke at 764-4655.

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