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Jewish Groups Divided Over Clinton's Response to Construction

From APN to ZOA, Har Homa Plans Provoke Comment

By CYNTHIA MANN

NEW YORK, March 18 (JTA) — The international political uproar over Israeli construction of Jewish housing in eastern Jerusalem initially found American Jews circling the wagons.

Some criticized the timing of Israel's decision, saying that it would endanger the peace process. But most defended Israel's sovereign right to build anywhere in the city of Jerusalem.

What subsequently provoked a stronger and more divided reaction, however, was the Clinton administration's response to the construction at Har Homa.

"A significant part of the community is very concerned about the way Israel's been treated in recent days," said Kenneth Jacobson, director of international affairs at the Anti-Defamation League.

"The decisions by the Israeli government were not illegal and did not violate the Oslo accords," he said, referring to the Israeli-Palestinian peace agreements.

World reactions were "way out of proportion" and "we would have hoped our own government would have understood and tried to temper them."

Jacobson, like many others, lauded the veto by the United States of a U.N. Security Council resolution that denounced the construction as illegal. But he said there were a series of other steps "that were disappointing, and not necessary."

He was referring, among other things, to Clinton's statement that he wished that the Har Homa decision had not been made "because I don't think it builds confidence."

"I think it builds distrust" between the

Israelis and the Palestinians, Jacobson said.

What disturbed many even more was the U.S. decision to send a representative to the weekend summit in Gaza convened by Palestinian Authority leader Yasser Arafat. Israel was not invited to the gathering.

Despite the role the United States ultimately played in muting criticism of Israel from the summit, many Jews said they were worried that it set a precedent that would hurt the peace process.

An unusually blunt letter to Clinton from the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, the pro-Israel lobby, said the conference "elevates the expectations of Palestinians that they can gain further concessions from Israel without negotiations."

"Second," the letter continued, "the willingness of the people of Israel to take risks for peace is based on their confidence in the support and friendship of the United States." American participation in the conference "diminishes that confidence."

AIPAC also drummed up opposition to the summit from more than 100 lawmakers, most from the president's own party.

But there were some American Jews who felt just as strongly that it was improper to criticize the president, who they believed was merely fulfilling his role as an honest broker in the peace process.

For its part, Americans for Peace Now called on its constituents to write to Clinton and "inform him of your support for his commitment to Israeli security and the Middle East peace process."

The sample letter it provided said the president's statement on Har Homa "demonstrated thoughtful leadership and a

deep understanding of Jerusalem's sensitive nature. Americans for Peace Now fully supports your position on Har Homa."

On the same side of the political spectrum, Tom Smerling, director of Project Nishma, an education and advocacy group, sought to put the administration's actions in perspective and urged the community to do the same.

"This is not loan guarantees redux," said Smerling, referring

to the highly charged conflict during the early 1990s over U.S. loan guarantees for Israeli immigrant resettlement, which

President Bush had made contingent on a halt in Israeli settlement building.

"Clinton is not Bush. Netanyahu is not Shamir. The issues are not at this level," said Smerling.

"The most foolish thing the community could do is misconstrue tactical gestures by the administration necessary to maintain

enough trust with the Arabs to keep the peace process alive, as anything remotely resembling a policy clash that endangers Israel."

At the other end of the spectrum, Morton Klein, president of the Zionist Organization of America, disagreed. "We strongly condemn

Clinton's singling out Israel building homes on Jewish land as an obstacle to peace."

He said it was unfair to ignore "Arafat's true anti-peace behavior of not changing the covenant, not disarming terrorists and not keeping terrorists in jail."

He also criticized U.S. participation in the Gaza meeting. He called the gathering a "violation of the Oslo accords," noting that Israel was "conspicuously refused an invitation."

For its part, the United Rabbinic Committee for the Security of Israel, including the National Council of Young Israel, called a news conference Tuesday to protest the "American meddling in Israel's sovereignty."

The mainstream National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council sent a letter to Secretary of State Madeleine Albright expressing concern about the United States' attendance of the Gaza meeting and encouraged its agencies across the country through an "action alert" to do the same.

But Martin Raffel, NJCRAC associate executive vice chairman, used the same language as Smerling in calling the conflict a "tactical disagreement" over how to get over the "current crisis" of Har Homa.

"It sets a precedent which is counterproductive to the peace process," said Raffel, "but I don't think this reflects a shift in U.S. policy."

Still, he said, "there is always a certain amount of discomfort" among U.S. Jewry "when there are differences between Israeli judgment and American judgment, even on a tactical matter."

For Raffel, the latest flap is a sign of things to come.

"We're going to be in an extended period where the U.S. is juggling its unique friendship with Israel" with its need "to be the principal facilitator of the peace process with

its multiple parties. There is an inherent tension."

At a weekend congress of the American Zionist Movement, the umbrella organization of grass-roots Zionist groups, reaction was also mixed.

"Har Homa is clearly part of municipal Jerusalem and it's purposefully misleading of Arafat to try to present it as another West Bank settlement," said Elihu Davison, a board member of the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Metrowest region in New Jersey.

"The problem isn't with the legitimacy of development," he said. "Rather it is with the timing, which I think is unhelpful."

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campus organization the Progressive Zionist Caucus, said, "I'm terrified about Har Homa."

It contradicts Israel's pledge to negotiate the future of Jerusalem, she said, adding, "Nothing that's built for Jews is going to be negotiated. It's a slap in the face to the Palestinians."

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NEWS AND COMMENTARY

Legal Immigrants and Welfare Reform - Is it a Jewish Issue?

By DAN WEINTRAUB
JCRC Director

Most Jewish immigrants and refugees from the former Soviet Union come to this country legally, play by the rules while here, add to the tax base and add to our society's rich diversity. Few need the support of society's safety net. Those who do are often the most vulnerable because of age, poor English language skills, and/or other infirmities. Changes in the law means that taxes paid by legal immigrants help pay for the very services now being denied to them.

A movement is underway to turn Federal governmental power, decision making and resources, to the States. This decentralization, along with a scaling back of big government, has been referred to as *devolution*. Perhaps unintentionally, related policy changes could detrimentally impact legal immigrants including Jews from the former Soviet Union.

In August 1996, President Clinton signed the welfare bill that is only now going into effect. Among the changes in the Federal law is that the program called Aid To Families With Dependent Children (AFDC) has been replaced with a program called Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) which is available to fewer people for a more limited duration.

A central goal of the Federal welfare reform bill, Delaware's *A Better Chance* program and other states' welfare reforms is to encourage people to work rather than to be dependent on the state. This notion of accountability, responsibility and self-sufficiency is consonant with traditional Jewish values.

There are eight levels of Tzedakah, each one higher than the other. The highest one of all is when one takes the hand of one from Israel and gives him a gift or a loan, or engages him in a partnership, or finds him work by which he can stand on his own and not require any charity." (Maimonides, Mishna Torah, Laws of Contributions to the Poor, Chapter 10:7)

But the impact of federal and state welfare reform laws and proposed legislation extends beyond young able-bodied citizens who are not working. Unfortunately, the strangers in our midst, legal resident aliens lawfully admitted, bear the brunt of some provisions of such laws. Those legal immigrants from the former Soviet Union with the skills and physical health to work find work. But the elderly, the frail and infirm have trouble finding or performing work. Since immigrants are denied benefits that citizens would enjoy many are now looking to obtain citizenship. For some this is can be a difficult hurdle. Those who need financial support, food assistance or other benefits that the federal government and the state of Delaware will not provide will turn to Jewish agencies instead.

A lobbying effort to Albany brought home to New York Governor Pataki the plight of legal immigrants. Changes in federal law have made legal immigrants ineligible to receive Supplemental Security Income and Food Stamps. According to Gary E. Rubin, director of public policy for the New York Association of New Americans Inc., "cutoffs in assistance to immigrants have little to do with the aim of the welfare law to stimulate self-sufficiency. Immigrants who lose SSI are elderly and disabled individuals whom no one expects to work. Yet, they will lose the income they desperately need to pay rent and for food." Such concerns are not localized to New York.

The February 27 issue of *The Jewish Exponent* spoke of Jewish social service agencies from Philadelphia traveling to Harrisburg to present their concerns about welfare reform to state government officials. "There is something encouraging about putting a human face on government policies" said Fredda Satinsky, the assistant director of Federation Day Care Services for Greater Philadelphia. These issues are being discussed outside of Pennsylvania too.

The Jewish Community Council

of Greater Washington participated in the annual Virginia Jewish Lobby Day in Richmond and the Maryland Jewish Alliance Advocacy Day in Annapolis this year. They advocated for continued immigrant benefits. According to Council President Elaine Senter "The Federal welfare law...bars immigrants, including young children and elderly, from receiving basic benefits. We must do everything we can to restore these benefits." She says the federal law allows states to determine the eligibility of immigrant populations for such programs as Medicaid and job training. Some see an opportunity to organize an effort in Dover similar to these efforts in Richmond, Annapolis, Harrisburg and Albany.

A Better Chance is the welfare reform program which operated in Delaware under federal waivers in December 1995 and September 1996. On January 21, 1997 Governor Carper proposed a "State Plan for A BETTER CHANCE: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Title IV-A of the Social Security Act." The Plan prohibits certain legal resident aliens (legal immigrants) and all illegal aliens from receiving cash benefits. Those in the United States prior to August 22, 1996 qualify for state public assistance according to the governor's proposed legislation. This grandfathering provision prevents an unfair rule change for those legal resident aliens who came to this country under prior understandings.

When a stranger resides with you in your land, you shall not wrong him. The stranger who resides with you shall be to you as one of your citizens; you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt; I the Lord am you G-d" (Leviticus 19:33-34)

However, legal resident aliens (legal immigrants) who enter the U.S. after August 22, 1996 must remain in the country for at least five years to qualify for public assistance. This policy change has consequences for some legal immigrants who come in the future.

Refugees and asylees would be eligible to receive cash assistance in Delaware for five years under the state Plan. Many new American Jews from the former Soviet Union have come here as refugees. After five years refugees will have to become citizens in order to continue to qualify for such federal benefits as SSI and food stamps which may be more significant than TANF. Such refugees and asylees could also only become citizens after residing here for five years. Administrative delays with the Immigration and Naturalization Services means most refugees face a 3 to 36 month gap between the end of their eligibility for benefits as a refugee and the time when they become citizens and are again eligible for benefits including SSI and food stamps. Advocates could urge the State to provide some State-only funds for this gap period.

When you cut down your harvest in your field, and have forgotten a sheaf in the field, you shall not go again to fetch it; it shall be for the stranger, for the orphan, and for the widow; that the lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands... And you shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt therefore I command you to do this thing. (Deuteronomy 24:19-22)

Federal benefits such as SSI and food stamps will no longer be available for legal immigrant non-citizens who are neither refugees or asylees. Refugees and asylees only maintain eligibility for these benefits for five years. This underscores the need to achieve citizenship through testing or exemption. Qualification for citizenship is of course a federal concern, but the impact can be felt here in Delaware. State law can be crafted to help those for whom obtaining citizenship is a more difficult hurdle. An implication is possible advocacy for the creation of a state-only fund or funds to make up for denied SSI and food stamps. Those who arrived in the U.S. prior to August 22, 1996 may be

eligible for some general assistance from the State but this may not be the full equivalent of SSI and food stamps.

The poor will never cease out of the land; therefore I command you, you shall open wide your hand to your neighbor to the needy and to the poor in the land" (Deuteronomy 15:7-11)

The few frail, elderly, non-English speaking legal resident aliens who have the greatest need for benefits also have the greatest difficulty achieving citizenship given advanced age and/or poor English skills. Those who came to this country previously may have put off naturalization. Such persons may have a great feeling for America but could not pass the test. Now there is pressure to complete this task or lose SSI and food stamps.

Recently, Diana L. Aviv, director of the Washington office of the Council of Jewish Federations, has been quoted saying "we have reports from all parts of the country informing us that elderly parents are considering suicide rather than impoverishing their children and grandchildren with expenses that their families cannot possibly pay."

"You shall rise before the aged and show deference to the old; you shall fear your G-d, I am the Lord." (Leviticus 19:32)

Addressing the plight of Jewish immigrants and others speaks to the Jews' role in improving the world. Many regard these issues as Jewish issues. The Jewish Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware continues to work to analyze these issues, educate our community and where appropriate to provide opportunities to advocate regarding significant concerns which impact the Jewish community. If you would like to be a part of this effort please call (302) 427-2100, ext. 17.

Legislation Seeks Full Protection for Those with Breast Cancer Gene

By DANIEL KURTZMAN

WASHINGTON, March 16 (JTA) — Sharon has always feared developing breast cancer. The disease has already struck her mother, an aunt and a cousin, as well as three great aunts, who died from it.

"Knowing my family history, I've come to believe that I could have inherited the gene that causes breast cancer," says Sharon, a Jewish mother of two in her mid-30s.

But she refuses to be tested — or

reveal her full identity — "because of the risks that I believe exist for me and my immediate family if genetic information about myself were to become public knowledge."

Simply put, she fears losing her health care.

With the advent of testing for breast-cancer genes, health insurance companies have begun to deny coverage to — or impose higher premiums on — women who test positive for a mutated gene that can

cause breast cancer.

Angered by what they point to as evidence of genetic discrimination, health-care advocates for women are now leading a charge to ban the practice.

"No American should have to worry that their genes — which they did not choose, and over which they have no control — will be used against them," said Rep. Louise Slaughter (D-N.Y.), who has introduced legislation in the House known

as the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act.

Some Jewish groups, including Hadassah and the American Jewish Congress' Commission on Women's Equality, have been at the forefront of the effort for such legislation. In addition to their concern with issues relating to women's health care in general, breast cancer strikes a particularly scary note.

Sharon is not alone. Other Jewish women believe that they have a

heightened risk of developing the disease.

Last year, researchers identified two cancer-causing genes found to occur with higher frequency in women of Ashkenazi descent. The mutations, in genes known as BRCA1 and BRCA2, affect as many as one in 50 Jewish women of Eastern European descent.

One of the researchers involved in

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BRIEFS

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Jews and Poles Initial Accord on Preservation of Auschwitz

NEW YORK, March 12 (JTA) — In the latest chapter on the fate of the site where the Third Reich murdered nearly 2 million people, Jewish and Polish officials have agreed in principle to a long-term arrangement for the preservation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau death complex.

Advocates of the proposal, which was initialed March 5 in Warsaw, say they hope that it helps in resolving years of controversy involving the future of the former camps and their relationship to the nearby town of Oswiecim, where about 50,000 people now live.

Major points of the plan include:

- * physically linking Auschwitz with the Birkenau camp, which is not as well preserved and which Jewish leaders call the world's largest graveyard;
- * ensuring the enforcement of a U.N. protective zone around the camp;
- * better training for tour guides at the site.

The plan was signed in the presence of Polish President Aleksander Kwasniewski.

All parties now have to officially sign off on the deal, in which case it will be brought back to Poland and officially signed, said Miles Lerman, the chairman of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council in Washington who headed the delegation of Jewish groups.

Israel Blasts Palestinians' Charge that it Infected Children with HIV

WASHINGTON, March 18 (JTA) — A senior Palestinian representative to the United Nations has drawn swift and strong condemnation from Israel for accusing the Jewish state of injecting 300 Palestinian children with the virus that causes AIDS.

Nabil Ramlawi, the Palestinian observer delegate to the U.N. Commission on Human Rights in Geneva, cited a litany of what he called "crimes of genocide by the Israeli occupation authorities against the Palestinian people" at the opening session of the commission's annual meeting. This list included a charge that Israeli authorities "infected by injection 300 Palestinian children" with HIV "during the years of the intifada." Ramlawi claimed that the Israeli daily newspaper Yediot Achronot confirmed the report in January.

In fact, the Egyptian newspaper al-Ahram printed a full retraction on its front page of the same charges, "admitting that the story was completely false and that nothing of the kind had appeared in Yediot Achronot," Israel's ambassador to the U.N. commission, Yosef Lamdan, wrote to the body's president.

The World Jewish Congress representative in Geneva, Morris Abram, called upon the president of the U.N. body, Ambassador Miraslov Somol, to "challenge the assertion of the Observer of Palestine as baseless, false and intolerable in the Commission of Human Rights."

President's Conference Nominates New Head

NEW YORK, March 18 (JTA) — After months of anticipation and speculation, the nomination is in for the next chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. It is Melvin Salberg, a prominent attorney and former chairman of the Anti-Defamation League. Several members of the umbrella organization expressed surprise at the news, but welcomed it. They cited Salberg as a fair and moderate man who can bring people together at a juncture of tension and fragmentation in the Jewish world.

"It is a victory for moderation at a time of polarization," said Abraham Foxman, the national director of the ADL, who worked closely with Salberg in recent years. "He is both a leader and a mediator."

"It's a very wise choice," agreed Betty Ehrenberg, director of international affairs and community relations for the Orthodox Union.

"Mel seems to be someone who can really build a consensus" given his "balanced political views," she said. "He has been outgoing and open with everyone in the conference."

The decision by the nominating committee was unanimous, according to Lester Pollack, its chairman, and is expected to be ratified in the coming weeks through an election by the full conference, which has more than 50 member-organizations. The race to succeed Leon Levy, whose term expires in June, has been closely watched.

While not widely known among the grass roots, the organization is seen as the central address for Jewish affairs by governments around the world, including the United States. The chairman's mandate is to find consensus on divisive issues at a time when the Jewish community is highly fragmented, particularly over the politics of the Middle East peace process.

Shop-Rite Bakery Under Delaware's Vaad

Delaware's Vaad Hakashrut is now supervising the bakery at the Shop-Rite on Concord Pike. Offering a wide variety of baked goods, the bakery now offers dairy and pareve foods. Those searching for other edibles in stores supervised by the Vaad can either go to Carvel in Bear for ice cream cakes or Bagels & Donuts for bagels or challah. Rabbi Sanford Dresin from Congregation Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth is the Rosh Mashgiach of Delaware's Vaad Hakashrut.

Arab Americans Accuse Israel of "Apartheid" and "Ethnic Cleansing"

By DANIEL KURTZMAN

WASHINGTON, Mar. 12 (JTA) — Arab Americans have launched a nationwide campaign to protest Israeli plans to build new Jewish housing in eastern Jerusalem.

The campaign, led by the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee and endorsed by major Arab American organizations, scheduled teach-ins in about 100 cities around the country aimed at pressuring the U.S. government to intervene in "Israel's settlement-building policies."

In a joint statement Arab American groups called the building of Har Homa a "flagrant violation of international law" that is "making a mockery" of peace negotiations.

"Through this nationwide campaign," the statement said, "we hope to educate the American public about the devastating consequences of

Israel's policies of apartheid and to send a message to our elected representatives calling for an immediate cut in U.S. aid to Israel."

In response to the campaign, the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council (soon to be JCPA) advised local communities and national agencies to monitor the gatherings and assure that there is a balanced and accurate representation of the issues.

At a news conference announcing this week's teach-ins, Arab Americans elevated their rhetoric to a level that riled Jewish leaders.

"These expansionist policies are part of an elaborate plan of ethnic cleansing in Jerusalem and have intensified since Netanyahu came to power," the groups said in a statement released at the news conference.

Martin Raffel, associate executive vice chairman of NJCRAC, called the language "scurrilous" and "deeply offensive."

"To falsely accuse Israel of ethnic cleansing is beyond the boundaries of acceptable discourse," he said.

"I would hope that Arab Americans in general would not accept the characterization in this document and would repudiate it."

Khalil Jahsan, president of the National Association of Arab Americans, which endorsed the statement, defended use of the term "ethnic cleansing," but said it was only used in a "narrow kind of context."

Jahsan added, however, that "ethnic cleansing" was not a term his organization has used in the past or intended to use again in the future.

Survey of Russian Jewry Reveals Division Over Desire to Emigrate

By LEV KRICHEVSKY

MOSCOW, March 18 (JTA) — The Russian Jewish community seems to be split down the middle when it comes to the issue of emigration, according to a recently published survey here.

While 42 percent of Russia's Jews believe that members of their community should work to preserve their identity and not emigrate, 48 percent believe that all or most Jews will eventually leave Russia and that an insignificant number will stay.

About 47 percent of the respondents believe that Israeli and international Jewish organizations working in Russia should use their funds for Jewish communal revival in Russia.

However, a quarter of the respondents said the funds should be devoted to promoting immigration to Israel.

Russian Jewish officials said the findings of the survey were not surprising and did not differ much from other polls conducted during the past six years.

The poll, which is the most comprehensive up-to-date survey of Russian Jewry, was conducted by Rozalina Ryvkina of the Moscow-based Public Opinion Fund last year,

though the findings were just published.

Estimates of the Jewish population in Russia run between 600,000 and 2 million.

The aim of the survey was to measure Russian Jewish attitudes about emigration, the political situation in Russia and the future of their community. Another goal of the survey was to draw a portrait of the community.

About 16 percent of the respondents — some 1,000 Russian Jews in four cities were interviewed — said all Russian Jews should immigrate to Israel. Some 10 percent said Russia's Jewish community should assimilate, while 30 percent said they were uncertain about whether Jews should leave Russia.

Of those who said they wanted to leave, more than half said they would do so to ensure a better future for their children. Most people said they would resettle in Israel (57 percent), followed by the United States (18 percent), Australia (5 percent), Canada (3 percent) and Germany (3 percent).

Mark Kupovetzky, Russia's leading Jewish demographer, said the findings reflected a trend in the departure of Jews.

But Kupovetzky found other aspects of the survey troubling. The percentage of respondents who said

they identify as Christians was "threateningly high," he said.

About 14 percent of the respondents who said they were religious called themselves Christians, while 24 percent said they were Jewish.

Some 29 percent of the respondents said they celebrate Easter and 25 percent observe Christmas, in comparison with the 34 percent who celebrate Passover and the less than 15 percent who observe Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

In addition, 54 percent of the poll's respondents said they had experienced anti-Semitism at some point.

And just 22 percent said Russian authorities "strongly or somewhat" counter the activities of anti-Semitic and ultranationalist groups.

No margin of error was reported for the poll, which also found that:

- * 75 percent of Russian Jews never go to synagogue;

- * 15 percent of respondents received some Jewish education as children;

- * 9 percent were raising their children in the Jewish tradition;

- * 34 percent felt that their Jewish identity grew stronger after the collapse of communism.

The survey was conducted in Moscow; the southern city of Rostov-on-Don; Khabarovsk, which is located in the Far East; and Ekaterinburg in the Ural Mountains.

U.S. Lambastes Israel

By CYNTHIA MANN

UNITED NATIONS, March 12 (JTA) — The international community stepped up pressure on Israel when the U.N. General Assembly called an urgent session to debate plans for construction in eastern Jerusalem.

One speaker after another accused Israel of undermining the peace process by altering the "facts on the ground" and pre-empting final-status negotiations with the Palestinians.

They called on the Israeli government to rescind the decision to build

housing at Har Homa, referring to it by its Arabic name, Jamal Abu Ghenaim.

Several also used the opportunity to criticize Israel's decision to further redeploy from 9 percent of the West Bank as insufficient and a sign of bad faith.

The debate by the 185-member assembly followed the U.S. veto last week of a Security Council resolution critical of the Israeli decision for eastern Jerusalem.

Speakers made it clear they be-

lieved that the United States had flouted international will, forcing them to take up the matter.

The session culminated in a non-binding resolution condemning the Israeli action.

Guilty Plea

Harry Shapiro, a gas station attendant and former butcher, pleaded guilty to planting a bomb at a Florida synagogue before an appearance by Shimon Peres, Israel's former Prime Minister, according to published reports.

EDITORIAL

Show Me the Hamantaschen!

We, The Jewish Voice Editorial Committee, urge the state of Delaware to adopt the hamantaschen as the official State Pastry.

It is no coincidence that the Diamond State just happens to form the shape of two hamantaschen placed with sides touching. It is also no coincidence that Caesar Rodney (albeit a misguided imitator of the not-so-fashionable three-cornered hat Haman wore) not only rode from Dover to Philadelphia to cast his vote for the Declaration of Independence, but munched on poppy-seed hamantaschen during the entire trip. (History buffs recollect how George Washington took Rodney aside to quietly inform him that he had seeds between his teeth.) In fact, Rodney was so fond of the pastry that, in his biography entitled *Forget About That Declaration Stuff - Eat Some Yummy Hamantaschen*, friends have quoted him as saying, "Ain't nothin' I wouldn't do for one of them things."

In addition, the Teflon© hamantaschen, an overlooked important development for DuPont, has become a status symbol for MBNA telemarketers. Upon achieving certain outlined goals, employees receive the indestructible goodies and proudly display them on their desks and walls.

And few baseball fans realize how

Delaware's minor league baseball team, the Blue Rocks, acquired their name. It actually refers to the three-week-old blueberry hamantaschen which many of their ballplayers favor.

As we go to press, reports signify that six states including Delaware are in the race to adopt the hamantaschen as their State Pastry. New York, with over 3000 powerful bakery constituents, appears to be leading the pack. Quickest at last year's fight for methane as the State Odor, New Jersey has been steadily nipping at New York's heels. Delaware, still seething over last year's loss of the orange as the State Fruit to Florida (we got stuck with the prune), is struggling to compete in this frenzy to make pastry history and redeem its honor among the states.

There are no concessions in this struggle. We will not accept the chocolate chip cookie or the brownie. We didn't back down in '83 when we wanted the State Emotion to be Slightly Agitated and we won't stop now.

In this fair and great nation of ours, competition does abound. The hamantaschen is worth fighting for. Write to your state legislators and the governor because it is our pastry and no one else's. End of megillah.



Regretably, the famous Caesar Rodney Statue, located in downtown Wilmington, contains no information about Rodney's deep desires for the triangular-shaped delicacy. Making the hamantaschen our State Pastry should change that.

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Voice Box

"I'm getting frankly fed up with the idea that everything we do is a violation of the agreement and everything the Palestinians say is in compliance with the agreement."

Israel Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, on March 12 in Moscow, after several days of attacks on Israel's decisions to build housing in eastern Jerusalem and to withdraw from portions of the West Bank that the Palestinians rejected as too small.

"If we have to fight for our lives again, Arafat will not be able to sit in his villa on the beach with his wife and give instructions to shoot. Whoever opens up the bag of weapons may find himself packing his bags and going back to traveling the Tunis-Baghdad route, as he once did."

Israel Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi, on March 15, in response to the threats of Palestinian violence once construction on Har Homa begins.

"I feel I've lost a child."

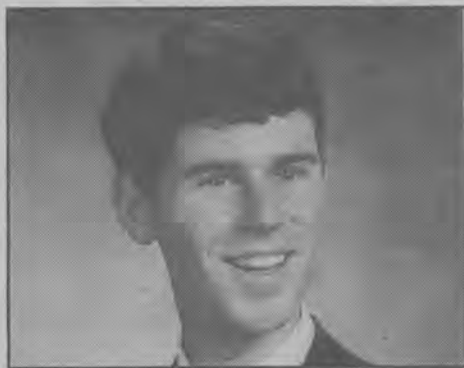
King Hussein of Jordan, to Shimon Malka, father of Adi Malka, one of the seven young girls killed by a Jordanian soldier.

LURIE'S WORLD

"Gee-whiz, Hillary... come see what I found in my fortune cookie!"

OPINION

The Edge of Discovery



By DAVID RAPPAPORT
Special to The Jewish Voice

(This article represents the second in a series concerning my experience with the Jewish community of Donetsk, Ukraine. Having spent four months working here in Donetsk, I feel that I am now in a position to make some observations concerning the situation of Jews in this city specifically and in the former Soviet Union generally.)

First, there is the question of "Jewish community" — does such an entity even exist here in Donetsk or anywhere in the former Soviet Union? The Donetsk branch of the Jewish Agency for Israel fervently argues that the necessary structures to constitute a Jewish community are simply not present here. There are no Jewish schools (although the Ukrainian government does support Jewish schools in larger cities) and no Jewish community center. The one synagogue is old and tiny. Those few Jewish organizations that do exist are almost completely supported by outside groups, primarily from Israel and the U.S. Without this outside aid, all Jewish activity in Donetsk would

quickly come to a halt. The two Sunday schools — which use public school classrooms during the evenings and on weekends — could not operate. The two youth clubs, which attempt to involve young people in Jewish activity, are completely supported by the Jewish Agency and Chabad, respectively. With very rare exceptions, only the very religious are willing to accept a rabbinical post in the former Soviet Union (People here therefore have very little conception of Conservative or Reform Judaism; in fact, the "religious" Jews of the community have clearly stated that we, as "secular" Jews, do not represent the kind of leadership the synagogue seeks, and thus we are not actively involved with synagogue programs.) My somewhat limited exposure to other areas of the former Soviet Union has presented a similar situation: what Jewish life exists crucially relies on outside support. This support includes the program in which I am participating, called AMITIM, a joint U.S.-Israel project.

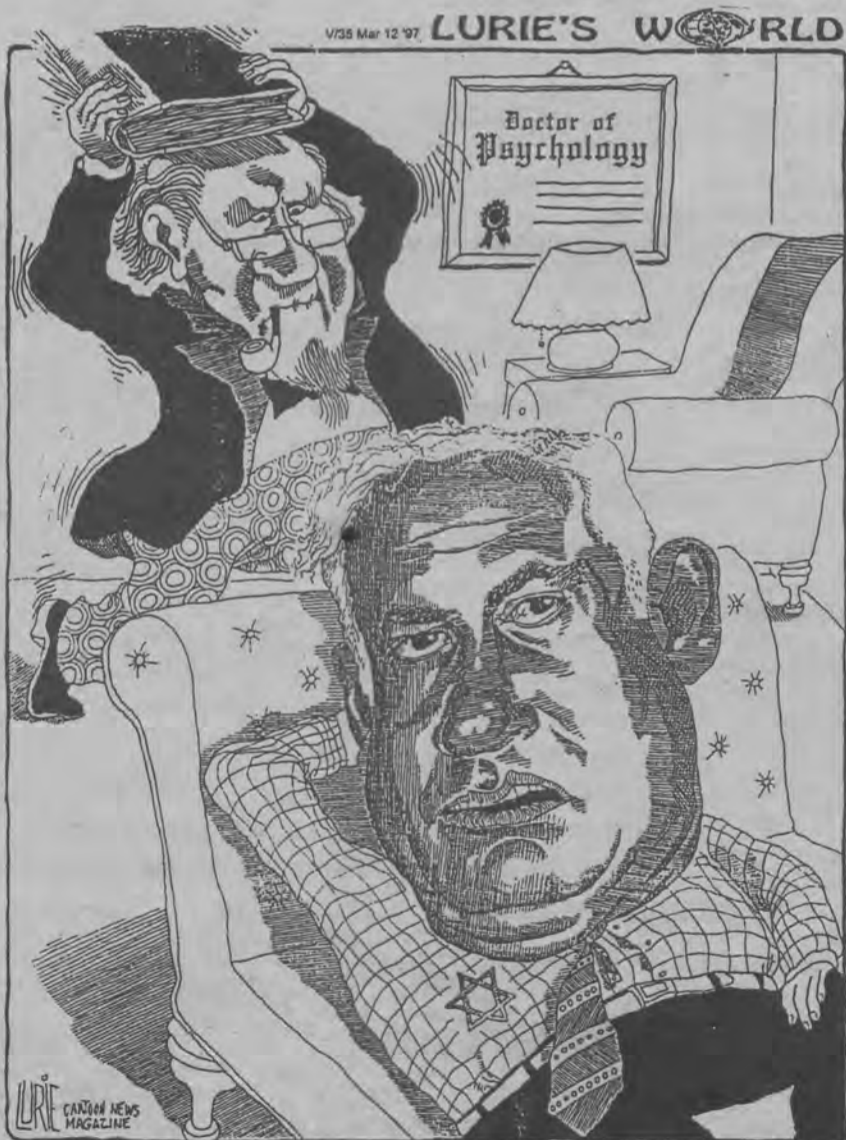
The question that immediately follows, of course, surrounds the goal of this outside activity. Is it intended as a permanent solution — that is, will Jewish life here, if it is to exist at all, continue to depend on such organizations indefinitely? Or are these programs designed as temporary solutions while the Jewish communities of the former Soviet Union eventually develop self-sufficiency? Some of the organizations at work in the former develop self-sufficiency? Some of the organizations at work in the former Soviet Union, including the Jewish Agency, quite explicitly state that their aim is simply to relocate as many Jews (and even non-Jews eligible under the Law of Return) to Israel as possible. The Jewish Agency argues that by moving to Israel,

these people will lead more productive, healthy, and happy lives — both Jewishly and otherwise — while contributing to the advancement of the Jewish state. Donetsk, for instance, a city with a relatively small Jewish population, fills a plane with 80 new olim every two weeks. The Jewish leadership, as well as young future leaders, generally do not remain in places like Donetsk long enough to take an active role in the community. A substantial number of Jews also elect to emigrate to the U.S. or even Germany. The Jews that stay are often older people who may recall Judaism in some form from their childhood but generally have very little influence with young people. Tension therefore often surfaces between organizations which seek to develop Jewish community here and those which are attempting to move the Jews to Israel. This division often occurs between American-based organizations such as the Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) and Israeli-based groups such as the Jewish Agency.

Our project seeks to locate a common ground between these two philosophies. I teach several English classes in which I attempt to discuss issues of importance concerning Israel, the U.S., and Jews worldwide. It is interesting that nearly all the people who study Hebrew under the supervision of my Israeli counterparts do so out of practical necessity: they are moving to Israel and need a functional basis in the language, while in America, many people who elect to learn Hebrew do so out of religious or cultural identity rather than from practicality. We are certainly supportive of attempts to move Ukrainian Jews to Israel, despite the potentially detrimental effect that this mass exodus may cause on any future Jewish community here.

In several ways, Ukraine represents a nation teetering on the edge: it sits between Europe and Asia, unsure whether to pursue the challenge and promise of the West or the secure and regulated past of the East. Its borders hold great economic potential — its soil is among the richest on earth, and a culture of business is slowly developing — yet it is also dangerously close to economic collapse. The Jews of Ukraine also occupy a doubly precarious position: many do not feel Ukrainian but most do not see enough Judaism within themselves to truly view themselves as Jews. The high rate of intermarriage affects even the most prominent Jews — the leader of the Donetsk Jewish community married a non-Jewish woman, for instance. One of the goals of our project lies in the attempt to at least present Ukrainian Jews — who sit on the edge of a significant Jewish life for themselves and potential generations to come, but also on the edge of losing Judaism forever — with the knowledge and support to make their choice.

This article has hopefully illustrated several of the many difficulties involved with describing, organizing, an understanding Jewish life in the former Soviet Union. There are of course further problems associated with the post-Soviet bureaucracy and the poor state of telecommunications here. Yet these problems seem to evaporate when I see the exuberant joy of a young family as they step onto a plane bound for Israel. Or the eyes of an old man when I recognize a few echoes of Yiddish he hears from Shabbat dinners some fifty years ago. When these people know that there are Jews from such far-off places as Wilmington, Delaware who genuinely care about them, they do not feel on the edge of anything except discovering a deeper part of themselves.



"My problem, Doctor, is that everyone is after me."

Rosten was a Mensch

By RUTH FISHER GOODMAN
Special to The Jewish Voice

We mourn the loss of Leo Calvin Rosten who died February 19, 1997. He was a writer of extraordinary versatility and range whose contributions made an impact on our times. How best can we pay tribute to his memory than to quote from his books that have delighted four decades of readers and will continue to do so far into the future.

The Education of Hyman Kaplan (1937) gave a new dimension to American humor. He said he learned much from his immigrant students. When asked to conjugate "to fail," Hyman Kaplan answered: "to fail: fail, failed, bankrupt."

In *Treasury of Jewish Quotations* (1972) among my favorites are:

When a young man marries, he divorces his mother.

When you add to the truth, you subtract from it.

The Joys of Yinglish (1989) his 37th book, is an exuberant dictionary of Yiddish words and phrases. Among the Yiddish words now deeply imbedded into the English vocabulary which you may have heard or even used yourself are: chutzpah, maven, shlep, mensch, and many, many more.

Leo Rosten was born in Lodz, Poland on April 11, 1908, the son of Samuel and Ida Freundlich Rosten who emigrated to this country in 1911 and settled in Chicago. Rosten received his bachelor's degree from the University of Chicago in 1930 and his doctorate from the same institution in 1937. His postgraduate study was at the London School of Economics and Political Science. During the depression years, unable to follow his scholarly pursuits, he secured a position as a teacher of English-as-a-Second Language to immigrants. He was drawn to

the social sciences: "Sooner or later I would have been driven by the need to find out ... about how people act, why they do what they do ... how society is organized" he is quoted in an interview in 1981.

As defined in *Yinglish*, Leo Rosten was indeed a mensch:

1. someone of admirable character
2. someone who is upright, honorable, trustworthy.
3. someone deserving of great respect.
4. someone of surpassing decency or tact

As an example of the fourth definition, he offers: "He opened the door to the bathroom-and there completely naked, stood a beautiful woman! He gulped, cleared his throat, then backing out, said, 'Excuse me, sir'."

During WW II, Mr. Rosten served as Deputy Director of the Office of War Information and chief of the Office of War Information's Motion Pictures Division. In the late 1940s, he worked for the Rand Corporation. He also taught at Yale, Columbia and the New School for Social Research. In 1960, he was the Ford visiting Professor of Political Science at the University of California at Berkeley. He is survived by two daughters and six grandchildren.



OPINION

Demanding Religion Worth Keeping

By GARY ROSENBLATT

David Klinghoffer, the young literary editor of the National Review, offers a trenchant description of the Jewish community's obsession with Jewish continuity and survival. Reviewing a book in the Wall Street Journal, Klinghoffer, who is a *ba'al teshuva*, begins:

"Recently a rabbi published a book called 'Why Should Jews Survive?' The title captured a paradox. Many assimilated Jews worry about mass defections by other assimilated Jews from the liberal-minded Reform and Conservative movements. Both groups tend to regard Judaism not as a vehicle for divine revelation but as an ethnic identity associated with heavy food and liberal politics. Yet from their own perspective it is hard

to see why it should be regretted if, lured away by secularism and conversion to other faiths, all the Jews in this country disappeared tomorrow."

The book Klinghoffer is reviewing is called "The Empty Church: The Suicide of Liberal Christianity," by Thomas Reeves. The thesis of the book is that as the mainline Christian denominations have become increasingly liberal over the last century, their membership has declined. In following the lead of society, with its emphasis on multiculturalism and heterodoxy, liberal Christianity has sought to increase its numbers, but instead has seen them decline by up to 33 percent. Along the way, the words of the Bible are no longer viewed as sacred to many Christians, and therefore less binding.

The parallels here to Judaism are striking, as is the rise of fundamentalism in both religions in recent years, perhaps as a counter to this mainstream weakening of the Bible. Though the liberal branches of Judaism have grown numerically, they are most vulnerable to assimilation.

My point is not to champion Orthodox Judaism as the answer to all of American Jewry's problems, but to suggest that there are unavoidable lessons to be learned by anyone who sincerely seeks to reinvigorate American Judaism and is worried by the increasing tide of assimilation.

Any religion must provide meaning and inspiration if it is to survive and flourish, and to do so it must make demands of its adherents. This lesson was brought home to me several years ago when I attended a

national conference of mainstream Protestant and Jewish clergy exploring why they were having increasing difficulty attracting younger people to church or synagogue. They seemed so focused on broadening their reach that they had lost sight of their depth. Among the successful exceptions were ministers and rabbis who spoke of infusing their congregants with a deep sense of purpose, whether it was providing aid and shelter to the homeless or appealing to the inner needs of so many lonely seekers.

In truth, the choice is not between satisfying a personal or communal need. In feeding the poor or visiting the sick, one can feel a sense of higher purpose within. And though we are uncomfortable talking about mitzvot as obligations — not just good deeds — our religion is founded on the principle of fulfilling tasks that are required of us to better ourselves, improve the world and glorify God.

It has been noted that if Moses were alive today, he would be presenting us with The Ten Suggestions.

industry is all about, assessing risk."

Meanwhile, women's health-care advocates, including the Leadership Conference of National Jewish Women's Organizations — an umbrella for several major groups — are gearing up for a concerted push to pass the legislation this year.

So far, the measure has gained 77 co-sponsors in the House, while the Senate version has yet to attract supporters.

Proponents of the bill, meanwhile, stress that genetic discrimination is not only a women's health issue.

For we live in a culture where choice, not chosenness, is sacred. More American Jews value their freedom than their religion, and certainly they have the option to ignore the teachings of centuries of Jewish wisdom. And they do.

It's a shame that for many American Jews, there is virtually no difference between their liberal politics and their religious beliefs. It is true that the Torah teaches us to help the widow and orphan and lift up the downtrodden, but it also tells us, as Jews, how to live our lives as Jews. Such a parochial world view may not be politically correct in this society, but it is what sustained the Jewish people for thousands of years. Ours is a covenant of faith and commitment, not just of nostalgia and alternatives. We should be at least as willing to adjust our cultural views to our religion as we are to do the reverse.

A religion that makes few or no demands on us fails to stir the soul. Judaism has the depth and power to transform us, if only we open our hearts to its timeless message.

The Human Genome Project has already identified genes for cystic fibrosis, Huntington's disease, prostate cancer, multiple sclerosis and other diseases. People found to be carrying those genes, proponents say, are equally vulnerable to genetic discrimination.

"As scientists race to map the whole human genome, and as they find genetic 'markers' for many diseases, this issue stands to affect each and every one of us — men and women alike, regardless of ethnic heritage," Palkovitz said.

Gene

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the study of cancer-causing genes, Dr. Mary-Claire King, is launching a major study this month to further last year's findings. The four-year study will include 1,000 Jewish women in the New York area.

Ashkenazi women thus have a distinct and potentially heightened hereditary susceptibility to breast and ovarian cancers. Some studies indicate that those carrying the genes have a 90 percent chance of developing cancer.

Jewish women in general, however, are only slightly more at risk of developing breast cancer than the general population.

After last year's discovery, many Jewish women rushed to get tested, unaware of potential pitfalls.

"It quickly became clear that if women either got a genetic test or participated in a research study, there was no sure way to protect them against insurance or employment discrimination based on genetic information," said Judith Palkovitz, national vice president of Hadassah.

Those who test positive for the genes face the prospect of health insurers raising their rates or denying coverage, or employers refusing to hire or promote them.

All this has given rise to fear in the Jewish community that some Jewish women could become part of

an insurance underclass.

"I honestly believe that women dread getting breast cancer more than almost any other disease," Palkovitz said.

"Imagine then, the additional burden on women if there exists the possibility that they will be unable to obtain health insurance to actually treat the problem, solely because they sought more information."

Slaughter's bill would prohibit insurance providers from denying, canceling or varying the terms of coverage on the basis of genetic information.

It would also prohibit providers from requiring an individual to disclose genetic tests, or releasing genetic information without prior written consent.

A companion bill, sponsored by Sen. Olympia Snowe (R-Maine), has been introduced in the Senate.

The proposed measure follows health insurance legislation signed into law last year that made some initial strides in addressing the issue.

That bill, known as the Kennedy-Kassebaum health reform bill, includes genetic information under its definition of a pre-existing condition, and prohibits insurers from discriminating on that basis. But the reform measure, which goes into effect July 1, limits protections to those covered under group medical plans, provided that they meet certain criteria.

Twenty states have passed laws preventing health insurers from charging people more if they are found to have a genetic mutation. The state laws, however, only affect state-regulated insurance companies, which does not include large multistate employers that are regulated by the federal government.

The proposed legislation aims to make the protections universal.

Richard Coorsh, a spokesman for the Health Insurance Association of America, believes that fears of discrimination are overblown. Most Americans, he points out, are insured under group plans and would retain coverage regardless of any pre-existing genetic condition.

Those who must seek coverage as individuals, however, may be faced with higher premiums if they are found to have a cancer-causing gene, Coorsh said. Health insurers have little choice because "that's what the

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OPINION

The Conversion Factor

By **BONNIE FALCHUK**
Special to The Jewish Voice

A sea of faces looking toward me on the bimah. People clapping. The shehecheyanu sounding its lively bit of joy. That is what it felt like to be presented to the congregation a few days after converting.

The conversion itself - quiet. The heavy Torah scroll taken out for me, but held by the rabbi - there was a fear that in my advanced state of pregnancy, I could drop it. Tears. The V'ahavta, the Shema mumbled from memory.

Public and private. Open and hidden. These qualities mingle in all our acts, and so too in conversion. For me, the public walk to the bimah was part of a hidden journey of many years and quite a few miles, since many of the experiences that formed my decision

took place in Germany when I was living and studying there. I spoke the language, had reasonably blond hair, and was as yet unremarkable religion-wise, so people opened up to me about the "recent past," as the Nazi period is often called, in ways they might not have otherwise.

But much more than what anyone said, it was a sense of place that spoke to me, that urged me to take a side. When I lived in the Krupp city of Essen, I began to notice a few buildings with the tell-tale odd pockmarks that bullets and bombs leave in stucco and plaster. And the bunkers ... huge ugly buildings with signs warning to stay away (Achtung! Einsturzgefahr!) in case something collapsed. "Fat chance of that," a friend laughed. "They were built for the ages.

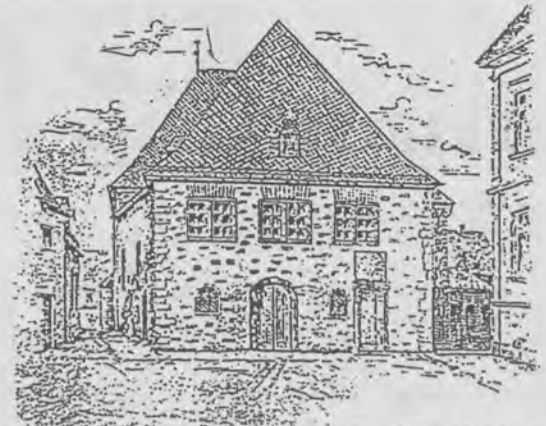
They're still here because no one's figured out how to demolish them."

In spite of the hand-lettered warnings, I could not stay away. It was starting to dawn on me that the war, the Holocaust had not happened somewhere else - it had happened here.

When my studies took me to the University of Mannheim, I ended up living in the city of Worms am Rhein, the little Jerusalem on the Rhein. An acquaintance mentioned a cheap place to live in the Jews' Alley - Judengasse 42. I thought she was kidding about the name until I saw the street.

This was the ghetto, these tall cramped houses solidly lining the alley, blocking out the sun at all hours of the day. The alley, in places only three yards wide, literally had its back to the wall - the old city wall. There was no room for a tree, nowhere to hide. In the gentle Wormser summer, Orthodox Jews crowded the alley below my window, their feet no doubt hurting from the rounded cobblestones (called cat-heads in German) under their shoes. They came to see the 950-year-old synagogue and mikvah barely a hundred yards from my door, and to wander in the famous old Jewish cemetery, said to be the second-oldest in Europe after Prague's.

And I read Anna Segher's novel *The Seventh Cross*. It chronicled the escape of seven men from the detention camp in Osthofen near Worms (in the novel, Seghers calls it Westhofen), mentioning the Judengasse and countless details of life at the time. Set when the Nazi era was in its infancy, it showed many of the towns-voik combing the countryside for the escaped men. In the city's newspaper archives, I found police reports from the mid-thirties bearing this out. "So-and-so was caught by his



Synagogue in Worms with mikvah on right.

indignant neighbors and given a beating he'll not soon forget" was the general, approving tone, for thieves, for sexual offenders, for Jews.

Some time after that, I found the neglected "new" Jewish cemetery in Hochheim, a part of Worms. Here was where the Jews of Worms were buried - not the sages of the Middle Ages, but normal citizens. And this was what I felt the tourists should see: the special section for Jewish veterans of World War I, men who thought their patriotic sacrifice would make Germany safe from anti-Semitism. And the markers without graves for those taken away (to Theresienstadt, to nowhere) and never seen again. Then after maybe 1940 or so - nothing. There were no more Jews to bury. If the gravestones spoke to me, the lack of them

spoke even louder. It was not so easy being in Germany any more. I met a publisher who introduced me to survivors, some of whom had written books, some of whom were working on manuscripts. It was a time of realignment and redirection for me.

After receiving my M.A. in German and English, I returned home to the States. There was no rush, but I knew by then that at some point I would convert. What I needed was a sense of Judaism as a map for living, not just remembering. That, and the support of my husband. When the time came, the walk to the bimah felt like a return home, too.

(Bonnie Falchuk, who lived and studied for over a decade in the former West Germany, now lives in Newark and proofreads for *The Jewish Voice*.)

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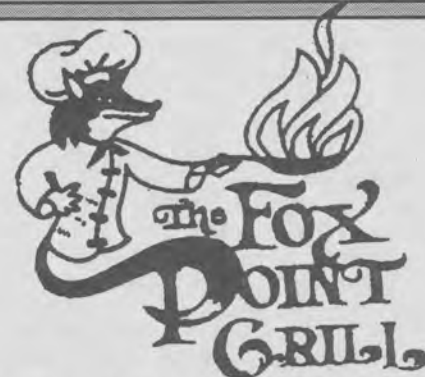
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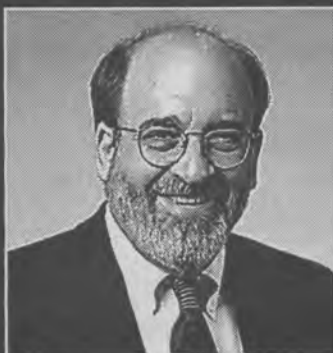
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Judith Ann Goldbaum to be Honored at "Gift of Love" Dinner

Judy Goldbaum, in recognition of her dedicated service and distinguished leadership on behalf of the Jewish Women International, will be honored by the Delaware Chapter on Wednesday, April 2, 1997. The dinner, which will begin at 6:45 p.m., will be held at the Radisson Hotel in Wilmington.

Judy has, for many years, made the time to volunteer with B'nai B'rith Women (now renamed Jewish Womens International). Judy has filled leadership roles ranging from local to national levels, and is currently serving a 5th term on the National Executive Board. Her present position involves working on long-range planning. Other groups benefiting from her efforts include Temple Beth Emeth Sisterhood, Hillel, National Council of Jewish

Women, and Festival of Shelters.

Judy is a devoted wife, mother, daughter, sister and a teacher. She currently teaches both public and religious schools. Her commitment to her family and community are a justified source of pride. We take genuine delight in honoring Judy as we celebrate 20 years of Love at the 20th anniversary "Gift of Love Dinner."

Our guest speaker will be Gail Rubenson, Executive Director of Jewish Womens International. J.W.I. helps support the Jewish Womens International Residential Treatment Center in Israel. Now in its 54th year, the center is internationally acclaimed for its long-term therapeutic approach and success in caring for severely emotionally disturbed children. Our mission, through our

"Gift of Love," is to help the children toward readjustment and reintegration into normal family and community life.

The dinner is open to the public. For more information please phone Sheila Weinberg, 475-4962, or Barbara Abrams, 798-8216.

JFS Represented on Aging Coalition

By JORDAN SOPINSKY
Editor of The Jewish Voice

The Delaware Interfaith Coalition on Aging has added several members to its board. Anne Camasse, University of Delaware Adult Day Center; Anna Cottom, "Sharing Our Services," Ezion Mt. Carmel AME Church; Juliet Hsiao, Chinese-American Community Center, Newark; Donna deBussy, Lutheran Community Services; Sr. Edith McGinley, St. Peter's Adult Center; Elaine Stout, Interfaith Resource Center; Irmna Williams, Wilmington Housing Authority, Electra Arms; Ruth Flexman, Academy of Lifelong

Karen Venezky to be Honored by Newark Hadassah

Karen Venezky, New Castle County Councilwoman, and longstanding active Hadassah member on the national and local levels will be honored by Newark Hadassah at its annual fund-raising dinner at the duPont Country Club, Rockland and Black Gate Road, Wilmington on April 13, 6:00 p.m.

In addition to her involvement with Hadassah, Ms. Venezky of Newark has contributed her services to a variety of community projects. She served on the board of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, the Delaware division of the Public Relations Committee of the American Cancer Society, and the marketing committees of the Newark Day Nursery, the Jewish Federation of Delaware, and the Grand Opera House.

Elected in 1992 to New Castle County Council, Venezky works hard toward improving the quality of life in the County. She chairs the Coun-



cil Library Committee, the New Castle County Small Business Commission and Tree Spree, a county-wide tree planting and education program.

Anyone interested in attending the dinner for Ms. Venezky should call Sydell Glassner, 738-9608.

Local Activist Lobbies for Seniors

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Thirty B'nai B'rith volunteers, staff and community leaders from around the country descended on Capitol Hill Monday, February 3, 1997 to discuss providing senior citizens with affordable, safe housing. In attendance from Wilmington, DE, was Asher Rubin, representing B'nai B'rith House of Claymont, DE.

The group discussed how to preserve the elderly housing stock that serves low-income seniors and the urgency of renewing Section 8 contracts which provide many senior facilities with operating subsidies.

"If the federal government does not renew these Section 8 contracts which subsidize their rents, many if not most of the tenants living in federally assisted housing will not be able to afford to live in our facilities any longer," said Asher Rubin.

The federal government has been providing subsidized housing for low-income senior citizens through several programs but in seeking ways to balance the federal budget, many

housing programs are in jeopardy.

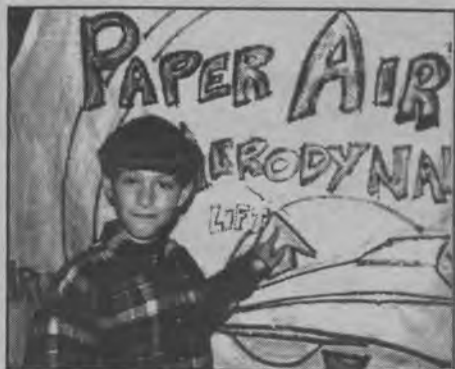
The average tenant moving into elderly housing is an older woman in her mid to late-seventies or eighties, living alone with an annual income of less than \$10,000. Twenty to 30 percent of older residents in federally assisted housing are frail and vulnerable to more costly institutional care.

B'nai B'rith operates 29 federally-funded apartment buildings for the elderly, with three more under development and is the largest national Jewish sponsor of senior housing for people of all races and religions. As the U.S. population ages, and the percentage of the population over the age of 65 grows exponentially, the demand for housing that meets the special needs of the elderly will grow significantly. As an example of the current demand for senior housing, over 500 people submitted an application for housing on opening day for a 50-unit addition to the B'nai B'rith Irving B. Matross Covenant House in Boston, Massachusetts.

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Albert Einstein Academy Holds Annual Science Fair

The Albert Einstein Academy held its annual Science Fair on Wednesday night, February 26, 1997. Individual projects were prepared and presented by each student in grades 3-6. Electrical circuitry, water quality, magnetism, and animal behavior are examples of some of the scientific areas explored.



Max Schendowich presents his project on aerodynamics.



Marissa Kursh describes the effectiveness of detergents.



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U.S. Jews
Disappointed
with Mubarak
in Contrast to
Hussein

By MATTHEW DORF

WASHINGTON, March 12 (JTA) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak has no plans to visit Israel anytime soon. That was the message Mubarak left with American Jewish officials during a one-hour meeting arranged by the American Jewish Committee in Washington.

Participants almost universally expressed "disappointment" in Mubarak's handling of the recent crisis in the peace process.

In 16 years as Egypt's president, Mubarak has visited Israel only once — for former Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's funeral. The diplomatic snub has remained an underlying source of tension in the relationship between American Jews and Egypt as well as between Israel and Egypt.

"President Mubarak made it very clear that he will not change his commitment to peace," said Jason Isaacson, director of the AJCommittee's office of international and governmental affairs.

"But we're disappointed in the actual steps he's prepared to publicly take."

When asked whether he would be as bold as Anwar Sadat and visit Israel, Mubarak took an apparent swipe at Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, saying that Sadat's Israeli counterpart, former Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin, was a man of "decision who could get his Cabinet to agree" on important issues, according to participants.

In contrast, King Hussein of Jordan came to Israel to pay personal condolence calls on every family who lost a loved one to gunfire from a Jordanian soldier. Hussein's visit reportedly moved many Israelis. He spent time with each family slowly going through photographs. The King likened the schoolgirl victims to his own children.

Mubarak defended Egypt's role in the peace process, but "on the other hand, he heard from the American Jewish community that Egypt could and should do more," said Jess Hordes, Washington director of the Anti-Defamation League, who also participated in the meeting.

U.S. officials and American Jewish organizations had criticized Mubarak for urging Palestinians to adopt a harder negotiating line in the recent Hebron talks. Now, the Jewish groups asked Mubarak to warm up to Israel and tone down the criticism of the Jewish state.

When asked about anti-Jewish and anti-Israel cartoons in the Egyptian press, Mubarak came ready to defend his country.

To coincide with Mubarak's visit, the ADL had released a report on anti-Semitism in the Egyptian media and ran a full-page ad about it in The New York Times.

In response, Mubarak's staff distributed a 17-page booklet of unflattering Israeli press accounts and editorial cartoons of the Egyptian premier.



Caesar Rodney, depicted here casting his vote for independence, was extremely fond of hamantaschen, especially large ones. The state of Delaware is embarking on a campaign to recognize the hamantaschen as the official State Pastry.

New Haven Federation
Head Tapped for
Senior Hillel Post

WEST HARTFORD, Conn., March 16 (JTA and the Connecticut Jewish Ledger)—

Jay Rubin, who has served as executive director of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven since 1991, is leaving to become executive vice president of Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life, in Washington. "Hillel has been a passion of mine for many years," Rubin said. "I've really enjoyed the opportunity to work in the area of collegeservices, both in terms of campuses here and on some national issues."

Rubin, a native of Brooklyn, N.Y., expects to assume his new duties in May. A former teacher and instructor at three colleges in Missouri and Texas, his imminent return to the campus environment excites Rubin.

According to the Hillel Annual Report for 1996, the United States has 101 active Hillels in 32 states serving 114 colleges and universities. There are 13 other Hillel programs in universities around the world.

Richard Joel, Hillel president, expressed pleasure at Rubin's decision to come to Hillel. "His background as a faculty member and a community builder is a key combination. We see him as a renaissance man for our 'Renaissance Agenda,'" Joel said.

French Banks Kept
Holocaust Victims' Funds

PARIS, March 18 (JTA) — French banks kept hundreds of millions of dollars deposited by Jewish Holocaust victims and then failed in their legal duty to hand over the funds to a special state agency, according to the French daily Le Monde. The newspaper, in a full-page story based on its own investigation, said experts had estimated the total worth of the funds at a minimum of \$135 million.

The revelations showed striking similarities to a dispute between Jewish groups and Swiss banks, which have come under fire in recent months for holding onto assets deposited by Jews during the war years. Le Monde said the French banks' failure to comply with the government order to turn over the funds was due to bureaucratic confusion rather than a deliberate effort to conceal the money.

CRIF, France's umbrella group for secular Jewish organizations, said in a statement that "French banks never tried to have the truth about these accounts known, nor tried to find the heirs, and didn't make the slightest gesture towards Jewish orphans whose parents were exterminated."

In 1941, France's German occupiers froze all Jewish bank accounts and, according to Le Monde, French banks after the war continued to destroy automatically all records of accounts that had not been active for the past 10 years. A 1966 law required banks to hand over the money and records of such accounts to the Caisse des Depots et Consignations, a special bank for state funds, but the law went almost entirely unheeded, Le Monde said. The law was reinforced in 1977, but there was little change in the banks' behavior, according to the report.

German Compensation
Omits Survivors in
Czech Republic

PRAGUE, March 16 (JTA) — The Czech Jewish community's enthusiasm about Germany's recent decision to give direct compensation to the victims of Nazism in Central and Eastern Europe has turned to bitter disappointment. Compensation from the approximately \$47 million German fund will be given to survivors only in countries that do not have bilateral agreements with Germany, according to Tomas Kraus, general director of the Federation of Jewish Communities. This would exclude Holocaust survivors in the Czech Republic, which signed a joint reconciliation accord with Germany in January.

Heiner Horsten, an official at the German Embassy in Prague, confirmed that the \$47 million fund "is not meant for victims of Nazism in the Czech Republic."

About 9,000 Czech citizens, including 2,000 Jews, could have received payments from the fund. The German government is expected to decide soon how the new fund will be administered and to begin compensating individuals next year.

The Czech Republic remains the only Central European country whose citizens have not received any direct compensation from Germany for wartime sufferings.

Israel Envoy
Chides Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, March 19 (JTA) — Argentine Jews commemorated the fifth anniversary of the March 17, 1992, bombing of the Israeli Embassy here with bitter criticism of the government for failing to capture those responsible for the attack. Some 1,500 people gathered across the street from the Argentine Supreme Court to criticize the government's inability to solve the car bombing, which left 29 dead and some 100 wounded.

Later in the day, at the exact time of the explosion, mournful ceremonies took place at the Jewish cemetery in La Tablada, just outside Buenos Aires.

Under a garden tent, government officials, Cabinet members, politicians from almost every party, diplomats and Jewish community officials observed a minute of silence for the explosion's victims.

Israel's ambassador to Argentina, Itzhak Aviran, was the sole speaker — and he did not mince words. Looking directly at the gathering of Argentine government officials, he said, "Any country has a duty to protect its guests. A diplomatic mission is a guest. Our mission, and I say this with pain, was not protected by Argentina."

Argentine officials have also been unable to solve the July 18, 1994, bombing of the Argentine Jewish Mutual Aid Association, also known as AMIA, which left 86 dead and more than 300 wounded. Jewish leaders here and abroad have cited incompetence, corruption and anti-Semitism among security and government officials as caused for Argentina's inability to solve either case.



Ruth Matar, one of the co-founders of The Women in Green movement, brought to the community by the Jewish Community Relations Committee, spoke at the JCC on March 13. Protesting violations of civil rights of Israelis held without charges for political activities as well as raising questions concerning Arafat's intentions in the peace process, Ruth used video footage of Arafat speaking to Palestinian audiences to underscore her points.

Council Meeting Avoids
Pesach Thanks to Weiner

Bob Weiner, councilman, New Castle County Council, proposed resolution 97-026, which was accepted by unanimous vote. The resolution changed the Council's meeting date from April 22 to the 23rd in order to avoid conflict with the second night of Pesach. The resolution was adopted on March 11, 1997.

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Lisa Meitner - Distinguished Jewish Woman Scientist

By E.E. JAFFE

Special to The Jewish Voice
Lise Meitner was born in Vienna in 1878 and studied atomic physics at the local university. Early in her career she moved to Berlin and from 1908 till 1911 she served as an assistant to Prof. Max Planck, the German physicist who laid the foundation for the development of the Quantum Theory for which he was awarded the Nobel prize in 1918. In 1917 she joined the Physics Department of the Kaiser Wilhelm Institute (now the Max Planck Institute) in Goettingen, and in 1926 she was the first woman to become a full professor at this institution.
In 1934 another woman scientist, Irene Curie and her husband Frederic Joliet discovered artificial radioactivity. They showed that particles ejected by naturally radioactive elements could be used to impinge or

bombard some nonradioactive elements, thus inducing them to become radioactive. Apparently, totally stable atomic nuclei could be rendered unstable if they were subjected to bombardment by alpha, positive subatomic particles.
Shortly thereafter Enrico Fermi, the Italian physicist working in Rome, bombarded uranium, the naturally occurring element with the largest nucleus, with neutrons, that is neutral subatomic particles. He assumed that the impinging particles were integrated by the uranium nucleus to become a still heavier element.
At about the same time L. Meitner, in collaboration with the distinguished physical chemist Otto Hahn at the Kaiser Wilhelm Institute, where she became the Head of the Physics Department, was also carrying out research on radioactive elements. Meitner won fame for her studies on

radioactive elements radium, thorium and actinium. Together with O. Hahn she discovered a new element called protactinium.
Their close collaboration which continued for 20 years came to a sudden halt in 1938 after the Anschluss (annexation) of Austria Hitler's Germany on March 13, 1938. Thus began the annihilation of Austrian Jewry. Of the 185,000 Jews who lived in Austria, 92% resided in Vienna. Among them were many close friends and relatives of L. Meitner. In July of the same year Meitner fled Germany and settled in Stockholm where she became a member of the staff of the Nobel Institute. Under pressure of terror, some 100,000 Jews left Austria by the time the war broke out. Of those remaining in Austria 50% were exterminated by the Nazis.
In December 1938, five months

after Meitner's arrival in Sweden, she received a letter from O. Hahn describing an unexpected result of the work he continued in collaboration with F. Strassmann. Meitner was a valuable coworker and Hahn shared the new information with her. Later the same month, Meitner's nephew Otto Frisch, also a physicist and a collaborator of the great Danish physicist Neils Bohr in Copenhagen, paid her a visit. On this occasion, among other things, they discussed O Hahn's letter, including his finding that upon bombardment of pure uranium with neutrons they identified the element barium upon completion of the experiment. In addition, they showed the release of much energy. After much puzzlement, not unlike the puzzle posed by Hahn's letter, they interpreted the finding as a result of the minuscule but energetic neutrons impinging on the large nuclei of uranium in which the repulsive forces within the nuclei overpowered the attractive forces causing them to split into parts, one of which was the identified barium. They likened it to the splitting of a properly disturbed drop of water.
When Frisch returned to Copenhagen a few days later he managed to speak to N. Bohr while he was boarding an ocean liner for New York. Bohr immediately understood the importance of nuclear fission, a term Frisch coined in analogy to cell division in biology. Bohr was on the way to a theoretical physics conference in Washington D.C. He carried with him the results of O. Hahn's experiments and the Meitner-Frisch interpretation. This information became generally available after Bohr submitted a letter to the editor of the Journal "Physical Review," in which he compared nuclear

fission with the partition of a liquid droplet theory.
Soon thereafter, nuclear fission was realized in a chain reaction by the Jewish scientist, Leo Szilard, at Columbia University. It came about by the emission of subatomic particles from impacted nuclei, which in turn caused fission of other nuclei in a chain reaction. N. Bohr, who later lectured at Princeton University, calculated that only the rare form of uranium with an atomic weight of 235, present in about 1% in natural uranium, can sustain a chain reaction. Thus, to start a significant chain reaction it was necessary to separate U-235 from the bulk of uranium.
This was accomplished, in part, thanks to the discovery of Teflon by the DuPont co. of Wilmington, DE. Teflon became an indispensable material for gaskets that would resist the viciously corrosive gas uranium hexafluoride, a material used to separate U-235 for atomic bombs. Fortunately all of this was done in the USA before it could be done in Germany. But the scientific and technological trail to the atomic bombs used in World War II started with the experiments of O. Hahn and Meitner's interpretation of them.
In 1944 O. Hahn was awarded the Nobel Prize for his discovery of atomic fission. It is considered unfortunate that L. Meitner did not share in the prize.
After the war Meitner visited the USA and received an appointment as a professor of physics at an American university in 1946. Her contribution to physics were acknowledged with a multitude of honors both before and after the war. Eventually she retired to Cambridge in England and died there at the ripe age of ninety.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Entries for the Calendar of Events are due on the Thursday deadline, published in *The Jewish Voice*. Please provide entries in the same format as seen on this page. The Jewish Voice fax number is 427-2438.

A.K.S.E. Men's Club Brunch - On Sunday, March 23, 1997, at 9:30 a.m., the A.K.S.E. Men's Club will feature John H. Braunlein to speak on the topic of "Rockwood Museum & Victorian Gardens—A Synagogue Neighbor & Community Treasure." Jack is the Director of Rockwood Museum and is responsible for all aspects of museum operation. He is an Adjunct Associate Professor at the University of Delaware and teaches museum studies to undergraduate and continuing education students. It is open to the public. Brunch is scheduled at 9:30 a.m. and the program is from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The cost is \$3.00 for an all-you-can-eat deluxe Sunday brunch. Reservations for nonmembers are suggested and can be made by contacting the A.K.S.E. office at (302) 762-2705.

ARZA National Assembly - The Association of Reform Zionists of America (ARZA) will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of Zionism and the 20th anniversary of ARZA at its National Assembly

"Israel, from Dream to Reality," in Washington, D.C., April 2-6, 1997.

Featured speakers during the assembly will include the Israeli Ambassador, Eliahu Ben-Elissar; President of the UAHC, Rabbi Eric Yoffie; and ARZA Executive Director, Rabbi Ammiel Hirsch.

For more information and registration, contact the ARZA office, (212) 249-0100.

Cafe Tamar - May 11 in the AKSE Social Hall. Program entitled "From Dream to Reality" will celebrate the 49th year of Israel's independence and 100 years of



Zionism. Program begins at 7:30 p.m., doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$4 for children under 12 and are available through the synagogue office, 762-2705. Refreshments will be served.

Child Coping Skills - Effective coping skills enable indi-

viduals to respond to stress in ways which are healthy and effective. We will discuss ways that you can help your children to recognize that there are choices available to them for the way that they respond in every situation.

This workshop will be held at Albrt Einstein Academy on Wednesday, March 26, 7:30 p.m. This program is sponsored by the Rabbinical Association of Delaware and presented by Jewish Family Service of Delaware. For more information or to register call JFS, 478-9411.

Divorced Men's Support Group - Newark. 7:30 Sunday night. 10 Casho Mill Rd. Call JFS, 478-9411 for reservations. Join a group of men as we discuss issues confronting divorced men.

Get Acquainted Party - A Get-Acquainted Party is being held on Sunday, April 6 for 1996-1997 new and potential members of Congregation Beth Emeth. It will be from 2 to 5 p.m. at the home of David and Claudia Tuttleman, 8 Red Oak Road. This is an opportunity to meet Rabbi Grumbacher, Rabbi Malinger and members of the congregation. Please RSVP to Adele Kessel at 478-0776 by March 27.

Happy Hour - Happy Hour Drop In. Meet monthly 3rd Thursday. Meet new people and see old friends. We will meet for Happy Hour then have dinner on Thursday, March 20th at 6 p.m. at Chi Chi's in Newark, Delaware on Churchman's Road.

Judaic Needlework - The Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Needlework will meet on Sunday afternoon March 30, 1997 at the Wilmington, DE studio of Steve Medwin. See a demonstration of a Mezuzah woven on a loom with the aid of a computer. For information and supplies, call 609/234-7697, 215/627-4698, 610/789-6461,

302/478-4104. To order a kit, the deadline is 3/23/97.

Minyans - Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth (traditional), Washington Boulevard and Torah Way, Wilmington, DE, 762-2705, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Sunday-8:00 a.m.

Chabad (Orthodox), 1306 Grinnell Road, Wilmington, DE, 478-4400, Sunday, 9:00 a.m., 208 Cheltenham Drive, Newark, DE, 455-1800, Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Congregation Beth Emeth (Reform), 300 West Lea Boulevard, Wilmington, DE 19802, 764-2393, Monday through Friday, 7:55 a.m.

Congregation Beth Shalom (Conservative), 1801 Baynard Boulevard, Wilmington, DE, 654-4462, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m., Sunday, 9:15 a.m.

Mitzvah Day - Mark your calendars now for Beth Emeth's first ever Mitzvah Day on Sunday, April 13, 1997. Planned as a day of reaching out to those in need in the Wilmington area, Mitzvah Day will feature a range of diverse community projects suitable for all ages. Family participation is encouraged. Modeled after highly successful community events in other congregations nationwide, Mitzvah Day is being arranged by Beth Emeth's Social Action Committee.

Volunteers are needed. Call Connie Kreshtool at 654-4663 or Bonnie and Bryan Silbermann at 239-9448 for more information.

Piano Concert - Adam Neiman, winner of the 1996 International Auditions, will perform at 8pm on April 5, 1997 at the 14th Annual Music Concert at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth. For more information, call 762-2705.

Relationship Line - "L'haber," sponsored by JFS, will help you meet someone and turn a date into a productive relationship. Call 478-9411.

Teen Gym Night - The Teen Services Department at the JCC is currently offering free Teen Gym Nights for 7th through 12th graders. The first Saturday of the month is reserved for all Junior High students to use the facilities from 8:00-10:30 p.m. and the second Saturday of the month is reserved for all Senior High students.

Teens can play half/full court basketball, soccer, hockey and volleyball. In addition, the teens can enjoy use of our state-of-the-art Fitness Center. The basic principles of exercise and fitness are taught on new strength training and aerobic conditioning machines. Teens have the opportunity to develop their overall fitness level. For more information about Teen Gym Nights, please call Etai Belinky, Community Teen Coordinator, at (302) 478-5660.

Torah Classes in Wilmington - Mondays: 8 p.m. - Talmud. Tuesday: 12:30 at 1 Rodney Square - Skaden Arps: Talmud. Wednesdays: Behind The Lines, The weekly Torah portion, 8:30 p.m. Call Rabbi Vogel at Chabad in Wilmington at 478-4400 for more information.

Torah Study in Newark - Mon.-7-8:30: Secrets of Existence; 8:30-9:30: Talmud

Tues.-7:00: Rambam's Mishnah Torah; 8:00: Intro to Jewish Mysticism. Individual classes available. Call Rabbi Sneiderman at Chabad, 455-1800.

Trip to National Museum of American Jewish History on May 4 - 11 a.m.: Bus leaves Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, 12 p.m.: Full course banquet luncheon at Singapore Kosher Chinese Vegetarian Restaurant, 1:30-3 p.m.: Bus will transport everyone to the Museum for a complete tour, including the current exhibition "Daughter of Zion," featuring Henrietta Szold (founder of

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MARVIN D. FORMAN

Marvin D. Forman, 67, of 2403 Granby Road, Chalfonte, Brandywine Hundred, died Saturday, March 15, of cancer in Christiana Hospital.

Mr. Forman had worked for Killoran & Van Brundt law firm and was a deputy general before going into private practice. He retired in 1989 after 35 years. He was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom,

Granite-Corinthian Lodge 34 AF&AM, Delaware Consistory and Montefiore Mutual Benefit Society. A member of the First State Amateur Radio Club, his call letters were N3LJG. He was a graduate of the University of Delaware and Temple University Law School.

Survivors include wife, Ruth L.; son, Michael H. of Newark; daughter, Judith E. Forman of Philadelphia; two grandchildren.

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Hadassah) and American Jewish Womanhood, 3 p.m.: Bus leaves for Wilmington, expected to arrive at Adas Kodesh around 4 p.m. All for \$18 (provided we fill the bus). Price includes round trip transportation, lunch, tax and tip. For more information and reservations, contact Sharon Sternberg, 478-4851. All reservations must be made no later than April 4th.

Yom Hashoah Observance -

The Rabbinic Association of Delaware Holocaust Memorial Observance will be held at Temple Beth El at 7:30 p.m. May 6, 1997. The format for the remembrance will take a different form this year. Rather than a service, most of the evening will consist of remembering particular individuals from the Shoah and their creative talents. In remembering the number Six Million, we often forget the individ-

uals who were affected by the Holocaust. The observance this year will include some of the legacy left to us by those who, in spite of the hardships imposed upon them by the Nazis, continued to leave a heritage for future generations. We will honor their memories focusing on their achievements and their lives. In the words of Henry R. Huttenbach, "Judaism is a celebration of life; even as one mourns the dead, the glory of life is reaffirmed." The evening will also include lighting memorial candles, El Mole Rachamim, and the Kaddish. The entire community is invited to attend.

Volleyball - Young Jewish Adults of Delaware (YJAD's) co-ed, noncompetitive volleyball league continues every Wednesday night from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at the JCC.

Volunteering for Seniors - CareVan of Ingleside Homes, Inc. will present training sessions for volunteers interested in helping this mobile outreach and referral service which links at-risk seniors with services they need. The sessions will be held from 4 to 6 p.m., on successive Thursdays, April 10th, 17th and 24th at Ingleside Assisted Living, 2210 Swiss Lane in Ardentown. To sign up, call the CareVan at (302) 475-4560.

Yom Hashoah Interfaith Holocaust Service - On Monday, May 5, from noon to one p.m. at the City County Building in Council Chambers, George Preston, a Holocaust survivor of the Auschwitz, Birkenau & Buchenwald camps, will address the topic of "The Industry of Death - Surviving the Holocaust" as part of the annual Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Day of Remembrance Interfaith Service sponsored by a variety of local religious and interfaith organizations and organized by the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. For more information call the Jewish Federation of Delaware at (302) 427-2100.

Adam Ruben Named Candidate in Presidential Scholars Program

Adam J. Ruben, son of Jeffrey and Regina Ruben, and a graduating senior at Concord High School, has been named one of approximately 2,600 candidates in the 1997 Presidential Scholars Program. The candidates were selected from more than 2.5 million students expected to graduate from U.S. high schools in 1997.

Now in its 34th year, the Presidential Scholars Program is one of the highest honors bestowed upon graduating high school seniors. Scholars are selected on the basis of superior academic and artistic achievements, leadership qualities, strong character, and involvement in community and school activities.

The 2,600 candidates were selected for their exceptional performance on either the SAT of the College Board or the ACT Assessment of the American College Testing Program. Further consideration is based on students' essays, self-assessments, descriptions of activities, school rec-

ommendations, and school transcripts. A distinguished panel of educators will review these submissions and select 500 semifinalists in late March.

Final selection of the Scholars will be made by the White House Commission on Presidential Scholars, a group of some 30 eminent citizens appointed by the President. They will select one young man and one young woman from each state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and U.S. students living abroad; up to 20 students from the creative and performing arts; and 15 students at-large. The United States Department of Education will announce Scholars in May.

Scholars will be invited to Washington, D.C., for several days in late June to receive the Presidential Scholars medallion at a recognition ceremony and to participate in activities with their elected representatives, educators, and others in public life.

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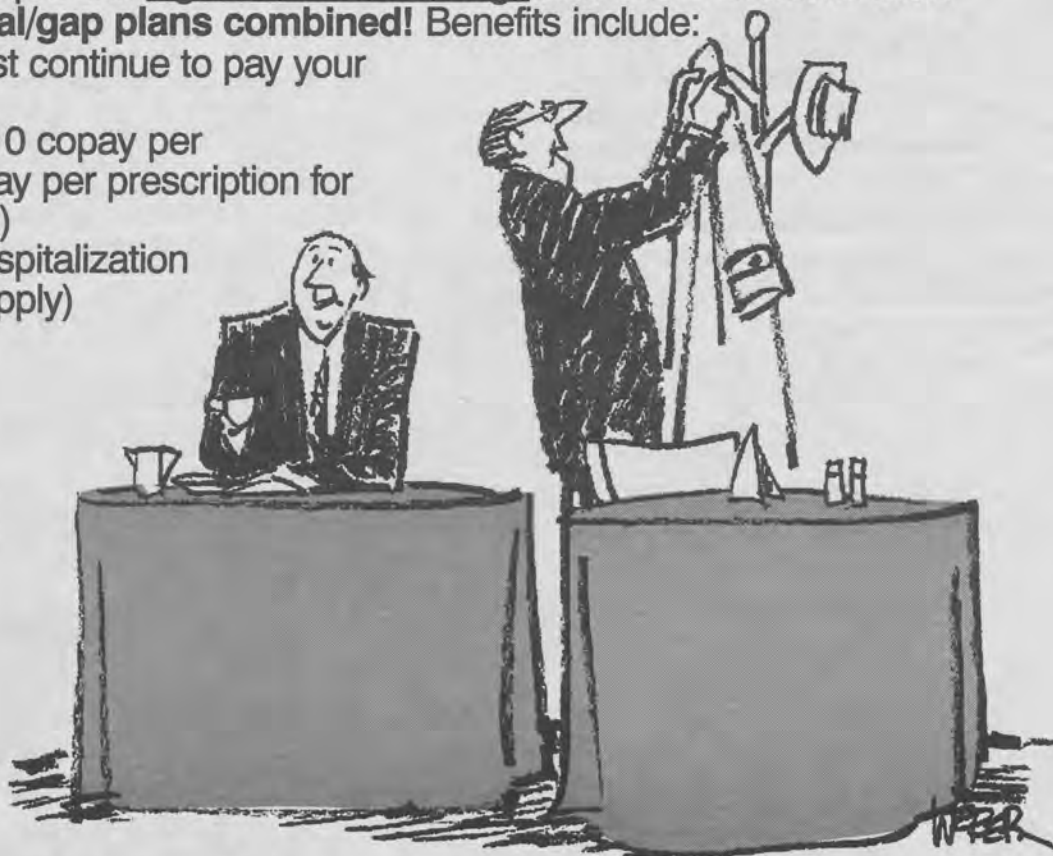
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Christiana Hilton
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Tuesday, March 25, 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 1, 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday, April 1, 3:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 15, 10:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

Newark

Holiday Inn
1203 Christiana Road
Monday, April 7, 10:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

Wilmington

Hercules Country Club
Route 48 & Hercules Road
Tuesday, March 25, 10:00 a.m.

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Howard Johnson Restaurant—Wilmington
Kirkwood Highway and Limestone Road
Wednesday, March 26, 9:30 a.m.

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