

Hebron Redeployment Talks Near Breakthrough

By NAOMI SEGAL

JERUSALEM, Oct. 22 (JTA) — For those reading the tea leaves, predicting the outcome of the Israeli-Palestinian negotiations on the Israeli redeployment in Hebron has become a hazardous affair. In one camp are the optimists, who say an agreement will be reached within a matter of days. To this the pessimists counter: We've heard that one several times before.

A resolution of the contentious issues surrounding Hebron has become a litmus test in Israeli-Palestinian relations and, for the moment, the essential stepping stone to advancing the peace process.

The optimists cite the abrupt reverse course charted by U.S. Middle East envoy Dennis Ross, who announced Monday night that he was returning to Washington, but then suddenly delayed his departure to continue mediating the talks. Ross was headed for Ben-Gurion Airport when he was called and asked to stay on because of the progress in talks on civil issues involved in Hebron redeployment. Ross made the abrupt turnaround after speaking by telephone with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, according to some reports.

Explaining his actions, Ross issued a statement Tuesday, saying that the two sides "were in the midst of the most promising discussions to date on the issue of civil affairs."

The pessimists, however, point to the separate talks on security matters in Hebron, focusing on how Palestinian negotiators walked

out of the talks Monday night, charging that the attitude of the Israeli negotiators was akin to "occupiers toward the occupied."

Netanyahu appeared to belong to the cup-is-half-full camp.

"The negotiations are very close to reaching a conclusion," he told reporters Tuesday, but then added, "though they are not completed just yet."

Netanyahu, who held consultations with the Israeli negotiating team prior to its return to the talks Tuesday, said he would be willing to meet with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat if it was deemed necessary.

"A meeting with Arafat is possible, and desired, when we reach the final phase of the negotiations," he said.

Adding more ammunition to those in the optimists' camp was U.S. Ambassador Martin Indyk, who said he was more hopeful than before that the sides could make headway.

"I think we saw some significant progress last night and early this morning," he told reporters Tuesday. "I am more hopeful today than yesterday that we will see an agreement signed."

But — in a remark quickly picked up by the pessimists — Indyk added that he could not say how long Ross could be expected to remain in the region.

The pessimists also cited comments Arafat made Tuesday to a group of visiting Israeli parliamentarians.

Arafat told them that he was not overly optimistic about the progress of the talks —

then hastened to add that he was not "desperate, either," said Saleh Tareef, chairman of the Knesset Interior Committee, whose members met in Bethlehem with Arafat.

Israeli officials said they hoped an agreement could be reached by the end of this week. But they expressed concern that the Palestinians would try to stretch out the talks until after the U.S. presidential elections, when they could hope for less ambiguous American support.

For the past week, Israeli officials, with their repeated comments of an imminent breakthrough in the talks, have placed themselves squarely among the optimists. In stark contrast stand the Palestinians, who have repeatedly been outright pessimistic in their assessments of the negotiations.

Despite these outward differences, which are perhaps mere shadow shows aimed at scoring international support for their positions — the two sides agreed Tuesday to continue their discussions in and around Jerusalem, rather than go to Eilat as originally planned, in order to remain closer to the chief policy-makers.

In at least one sign of progress, copies of a draft agreement on civil issues were presented to Netanyahu and Arafat. The draft contains more than 20 clauses, which address, among other things, building rights in the Arab and Jewish parts of the often volatile town.

Nonetheless, differences remained about security arrangements for the 450 Jewish residents of Hebron, which has a Palestinian popu-

lation of 100,000.

Among the key sticking points: Israel's demand to be able to launch a "hot pursuit" of Palestinian terrorists who attempt to slip into the self-rule portions of Hebron.

The latest developments came after more than two weeks of negotiations to implement the redeployment in Hebron, initially scheduled to take place in March but postponed by Peres.

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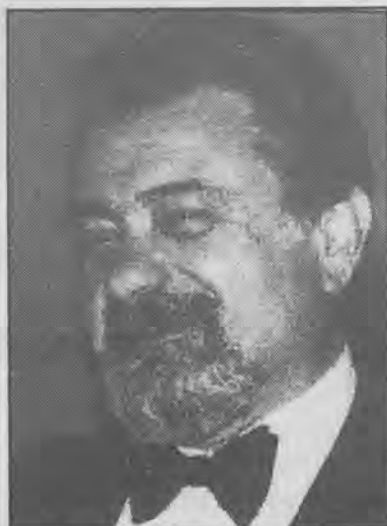
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Israeli Ambassador to Speak in Philadelphia

The Honorable Eliahu Ben-Elissar, recently appointed Israeli ambassador to the United States, will address the Greater Philadelphia Jewish community on Wednesday, October 30, at 6:30 p.m. at The Bellevue Hotel, Broad and Walnut Sts. The program will include a special guest performance by Israeli violinist Erez Ofer, concertmaster of The Philadelphia Orchestra.

"This will be the ambassador's first visit to a community outside Washington, D.C.," pointed out Tony Schneider, a leader with the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia who is chairing the event. "He will be bringing us the latest information on the Middle East peace negotiations and, of course, address the major issues facing Israel today."

Ambassador Ben-Elissar, who was Israel's first ambassador to Egypt in 1980-81, has a distinguished record in government service in Israel and abroad. A member of the Knesset from 1981-96, he has held various positions in the Likud Party and is currently a member of the Likud Political Bureau. He has served as director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, chaired the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee in the Knesset, and is a former member of the Board of Governors of the Jewish Agency.



Israeli Ambassador Eliahu Ben-Elissar

A delegate to the World Zionist Congress in 1972, 1987, and 1992. Ambassador Ben-Elissar was a member of Israel's delegations to the Madrid Peace Conference in 1991 and the U.N. General Assembly in 1992. An author and former media correspondent, he holds degrees from the University of Paris and the University of Geneva.

Ambassador Ben-Elissar's address is being

presented as a public service to the community at no charge. Co-sponsors are the Consulate General of Israel, Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Philadelphia and State of Israel Bonds.

Federations cooperating in the sponsorship of the program are the Jewish Federation of Delaware, Inc.; Jewish Federation of the Lehigh Valley; Jewish Federation of Southern New Jersey, and the United Jewish Federation of Princeton Mercer Bucks.

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and the Zionist Organization of America/Greater Philadelphia District.

Partial funding for the program came from Bank Hapoalim, First Republic Bank and Gil Travel. In order to accommodate everyone who would like to attend, reservations are requested by calling the Jewish Federation at (215) 893-5677.

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UAHC Begins Sending Weekly Reform Torah Commentaries

The first issue of *Torat Hayim*, a new weekly commentary and study guide on the week's Torah portion from a Reform perspective, can be viewed on The World Wide Web. It is being distributed by The Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

The publication - which is distributed free to all Reform synagogues and is available at no charge to any individual with an e-mail account - features the leading scholars and educators of the Reform movement. Mail and fax subscriptions are available at \$36 a year.

Designed to be used by individuals in their homes or by study groups in the synagogue, the weekly publication is one of the steps taken by the Reform movement to achieve the goal of placing Torah at the center of the lives of Reform Jews. The UAHC is urging congregations to copy the publication and distribute it to members.

"The study of Torah has always been the Jew's first duty and greatest joy, and Reform Jews are now engaged in a massive campaign to transmit Torah across the generations," said Rabbi Eric H. Yoffie, president of the UAHC. "We are

particularly proud of *Torat Hayim*, which draws on the talents of Reform Judaism's most creative Torah teachers. It is our most recent effort to use technology to promote Jewish literacy and life-long learning among each and every member of our movement."

Every Monday beginning October 7, the UAHC will distribute *Torat Hayim* by e-mail, fax and mail. All of the material is new, written for the Reform Torah Study project and coordinated by the UAHC's Department of Adult Jewish Growth.

The lesson is posted on the Union's home page on the World Wide Web, at <http://shamash.org/reform/uahc/torah/tindex.html>. E-mail subscription requests should be sent to: AJGrowth@UAHC.org.

Torat Hayim is also available by subscription via fax or mail for \$36 a year. Checks should be made payable to the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and mailed to: Department of Adult Jewish Growth, UAHC, 838 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10021.

National Infertility Awareness Week: What Everyone Should Know

By Dr. JERRY OSTER

National Infertility Awareness Week (NIAW) is October 20-27. The theme is Hidden No More: What Everyone Should Know About Infertility. One of the major aspects in helping couples through the journey of infertility is to become as well educated on the topic as possible. In addition it is important for the public to develop a better understanding of the physical and emotional difficulties that a couple experiences during this time.

Many couples have a hard time admitting that there may be an infertility problem. After each menstrual period, there is the hope that "maybe it will work this time." When these hopes are dashed month after month, a woman often then consults her regular OB/GYN.

Research has shown that depression, isolation, anxiety, and feelings of "not being in control" are often seen in people coping with infertility. However, landmark studies have also found that counseling can greatly reduce symptoms. These symptoms have the potential to negatively impact on the couple's relationship. Psychological counseling can be utilized to help in these areas as well as in areas of, for example, handling baby showers and pregnant friends, learning stress management skills, looking at options, when is enough

enough (with regard to pursuing infertility studies), issues concerning adoption, and decisions regarding being a child-free family.

The better educated the public becomes, the fewer emotionally awkward situations will be experienced, impacting on the infertile couple. In this day and age, it is interesting to note that admitting to being an infertile couple is still very much "in the closet." An increasing number of individuals are working towards changing this situation.

Infertility is a disease or condition of the reproductive system. It may have one or several causes and is diagnosed with a series of tests comprising an "infertility workup." Infertility affects about 4.9 million American couples, about 1 in 12 according to the National Center for Health Statistics.

Infertility is usually diagnosed after a couple has had one year of unprotected, properly timed intercourse; or if the woman has been unable to carry a pregnancy that results in a live birth.

Is infertility a "women's" problem? No — infertility is a medical problem. Approximately 35% - 40% of infertility is due to a female factor and 35% - 40% is due to a male factor. In the balance of the cases, infertility results from problems in both partners or where the cause of infertility

cannot be explained. If you were a woman trying to conceive and you were over 30 or had a history of pelvic inflammatory disease, painful periods, miscarriage or irregular cycles; or if your partner has a known low sperm count, consider consulting a physician about an infertility evaluation.

Many OB/GYNs and urologists are specially trained to treat the patient having difficulty becoming pregnant. Doctors who specialize in infertility are board certified in reproductive endocrinology. If your situation warrants an infertility specialist, you can get a referral from your present doctor or local hospital as well as from the national office of RESOLVE or the local chapter in Philadelphia.

RESOLVE was founded in 1974 as a national non-profit consumer organization. RESOLVE's mission is to provide timely, compassionate support and information to individuals who are experiencing infertility and to increase awareness of infertility issues through advocacy and public education. For more than 20 years RESOLVE has provided help to thousands of couples experiencing the infertility crisis.

(Dr. Oster is an Infertility Consultant at the Christiana Medical Center in Newark.)

Henry Winkler Featured At Chai Dinner on December 8



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BRIEFS



**Italian Court Orders
Retrial for Former
SS Capt. Priebke**

ROME, Oct. 16 (JTA) — The Italian Jewish community has praised the country's highest appeals court for ordering a retrial of former SS Capt. Erich Priebke for his role in the wartime Nazi massacre of 335 Romans. The Court of Cassation nullified the controversial verdict in August that freed Priebke.

It also overturned a summer ruling made by a lesser appeals court, which had rejected a request by the prosecution and relatives of the massacre victims to dismiss the Priebke trial's presiding judge because of his alleged bias in favor of Priebke.

On Aug. 1, a military court found Priebke guilty of having taken part in the 1944 massacre at the Ardeatine Caves south of Rome, but set him free because of mitigating circumstances and a statute of limitations.

Priebke has said in the past that he killed two of the victims. About 75 of the massacre victims were Jews.

The verdict touched off a storm of protest. Priebke was rearrested eight hours later and jailed again pending a German request for extradition and expected appeals.

Priebke's lawyer called the order for a retrial unjust.

Relatives of the victims who were in the courtroom burst into applause.

**Russia Allows
Jewish Agency To
Operate for Unlimited Time**

MOSCOW, Oct. 20 (JTA) — Russia's Justice Ministry has granted the Jewish Agency for Israel an official permit to operate throughout Russia for an unlimited time.

The permit, granted Oct. 17, brought to an end a six-month tense dispute between the agency and Russian authorities about the agency's ability to operate in Russia.

The successful resolution was "beyond our expectations," agency Chairman Avraham Burg said at a news conference here.

Approval was granted for the agency's operations in Russia after the Jewish Agency for Israel created in July a new organization, the Jewish Agency in Russia, with Russian nations among its founders.

With that move, the agency apparently changed the perception among some Russian officials that it was a foreign organization, which may have been why renewal of the agency's accreditation was originally withheld.

The agency, which is registered in 63 of Russia's 89 regions, will operate in 250 towns throughout the country.



Former Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres (left) praised JNF and world-renowned violinist Isaac Stern at a recent JNF dinner in Mr. Stern's honor. Mr. Stern received NJF's Tarbut Award from Israeli Consul General (New York) Colette Avital, who was joined by Bertram L. Podell, JNF New York regional president. Israeli Consul General (New York) Colette Avital noted how Mr. Stern, like King David, "placed his gifts at the service of his people," recalling that when Iraqi SCUDs fell on Tel Aviv, Isaac Stern was there giving a concert, before an audience in which both performer and listeners wore gas masks.

**Premier: Assimilation
is No. 1 Threat**

JERUSALEM, Oct. 16 (JTA) — Assimilation is the No. 1 threat facing Jews today, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said at the kickoff of "A Century of Zionism," marking 100 years since the first Zionist Congress in Basel, Switzerland.

The campaign of events is taking place under the banner "Zionism is about doing."

Speaking at a reception at the president's residence in Jerusalem, Netanyahu said Wednesday that 100 years ago, anti-Semitism was the No. 1 problem.

Jewish Agency Chairman Avraham Burg reiterated the prime minister's message, saying that assimilation is hurting the unification of the Jewish people.

**Reconstructionists to
Convene in Philadelphia**

Jewish Reconstructionists from across North America will gather in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for their 36th annual convention. Entitled "Creating Holy Sparks: A Celebration of the Creative Arts," the convention will be held November 7-10, 1996 at the Hotel Atop the Bellevue in Center City and at the nearby Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Wyncote.

This year the convention draws its inspiration from Jewish artists representing a broad range of creative media and is dedicated to the memory of musicologist Judith Kaplan Eisenstein. The convention will focus on the interaction of religion and the arts. "The origins of religion are found in music, dance, art, and handicrafts. Stories, poems, and music play an essential and vital role in Jewish life. Without the arts,

there could be no Jewish civilization," commented Rabbi Mordechai Liebling, JRF Executive Director.

Workshops will emphasize the application of creative arts to daily interactions. Additional workshops will feature an in-depth look at Jewish education and congregational growth. Analysis of the results of a recent survey of 5000 Reconstructionist households will be presented as part of the "Movement Building: Creating Community through Outreach" workshop track.

These areas of study are of particular importance to Jewish

Reconstructionists, who view Judaism as a civilization and see belonging to the Jewish people as a prelude to believing in Jewish values and practicing Jewish ritual in daily life. The Reconstructionist movement, founded by American rabbi Mordecai M. Kaplan in the early part of this century, has over ninety synagogues and havurot [fellowships] among its ranks.

For more information on the convention or the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation or to receive a press kit, please contact the JRF office at 215-887-1988.

**Stories of GIs
to be told**

Professor Deborah Dash Moore will tell the stories of the Jewish GIs who served during World War II on November 19 at 7:00 P.M. in room 204, Kirkbride Hall at the University of Delaware.

Dr. Moore is Professor of Religion and Director of the American Culture Program at Vassar College, and currently a Fellow at the University of Pennsylvania's Center for Judaic Studies. She is the author of five books, including "To the Golden Cities: Pursuing the American Dream Since Miami and L.A.," which was published in 1994. She is the winner of both the Viener Prize in American Jewish History and a National Jewish Book Award.

This event is free and open to the public. For further information, please contact the Center for Jewish Studies at the University of Delaware at (302) 831-3324.

**Genealogy
Speaker at
JHSD Meeting**

Have you ever wondered exactly where your great-grandmother Sarah was from or how your family's name was chosen? Then mark your calendars for November 10th at 7:30 p.m. The Jewish Historical Society of Delaware will feature a presentation by Mr. Leonard Markowitz, President of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Philadelphia. "Where and How To Begin In Jewish Genealogy" will be the focus of the 1996 Annual Meeting of the JHSD. Included at the program will be a question and answer period as well as refreshments. In addition, a Genealogical Resource Packet will be provided at no charge for all who attend the program. The evening promises to be one of learning and of sharing family histories. Be sure to join us at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Synagogue, Sunday, November 10th at 7:30 p.m. For more information call Julian Preisler at 655-0365 or Bea Hirshout at 762-2140.

Beth Emeth Celebrates 90 Years



Celebrating 90 years of Beth Emeth in the newly renovated assembly hall (l to r): Dayle Joseph; Michael Joseph, President of Congregation Beth Emeth; Suzy Grumbacher; Mr. & Mrs. Wolk; Rabbi Grumbacher; Sue & Malcom Cobin; Esther & Paul Timmeny. Photo by Larry Isakoff.



Members danced and welcomed the synagogue's 90th birthday.



Music, nosh and kibbitzing at the 90th birthday celebration at Congregation Beth Emeth.

EDITORIAL

Voting: Consulting the Community

"Al tifros min hatzibur." "Do not separate yourself from the community."

(Pirke Avot 2:5) Voting is a responsibility of community members. A right, yes. A privilege, definitely. But not a choice. Voting is, according to Jewish law, mandatory.

Recent voter registration studies have disclosed the fact that, contrary to popular opinion, Jews do not always vote. In fact, of the nearly four million eligible Jewish voters, one million are not even registered to vote.

Blame is placed on the apparent apathy of 18-25 year olds and the increased mobility of the Jewish population. Yet, in America, not

fulfilling this civic responsibility is widespread. America has the lowest percentage of any democracy in the world whose citizens are registered and actually vote. Furthermore, only half of America's eligible voters are registered.

It is our responsibility as Jews and Americans to pay an active role in our community and to choose its leaders. Rabbi Yitzchak taught that "A ruler is not to be appointed unless the community is first consulted." (Babylonian Talmud Berachot 55a) He explained that Bezael could be chosen to build the Tabernacle only with the community's approval. Our leaders can only be chosen to legislate and represent us with our approval. So go out and vote.

LURIE'S WORLD

We can't draw conclusions until we complete the whole puzzle!



Myer Mand, Kutz Home Resident Council President practices on the new computerized voting machine which was delivered to the Kutz Home so residents could try the new technology before Election Day.

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By TONI YOUNG

"How long has your family lived in India?" I naively asked Joyce. With a twinkle in her eye, the government minister answered "since the time of the destruction of the second temple." Her reference to our shared heritage immediately drew us together. The exchange was just one of many extraordinary moments I experienced during the first International Lion of Judah Conference held in Jerusalem October 13-17.

Fifty-five women from twenty-three emerging countries including Albania, Bosnia, Cuba, Estonia, Greece, India, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Romania, and Venezuela, to name just a few, attended the conference along with women from Israel, Canada and the United States, including Clara Hollander and myself from Delaware. Entitled "Beyond Boundaries," the conference explored the concept of Am Yisrael, the Jewish people. After listening to the stories of new friends for several days, I recognized that the physical, geographical, cultural and spiritual boundaries that separate us are artificial ones and that our common concerns, which include the survival of the Jewish people, the importance of Jewish edu-

Beyond Boundaries: Discovering Am Yisrael

cation, the centrality of Israel, and assistance to the needy, infirm and disadvantaged, are far stronger than what separates us.

Clelia, who is president of the 3200-member Jewish community in Athens, described her return to Judaism. Her ancestors had made their way from Spain to Thessalonika, Greece, where they lived for many centuries. During World War II, the Jews were deported and slaughtered by Hitler. Miraculously, her mother survived, but as a result of her experience, decided to have nothing to do with Judaism. When she was a child, Clelia's parents spoke in Ladino if they didn't want her to understand, but when Clelia asked about Judaism, her mother refused to talk about it. As she grew up, Clelia had a desire to know. She went to the synagogue and began to learn. Eventually she brought her parents back to religion.

Becca, from Sofia, Bulgaria also returned to Judaism as an adult. Jews lived in Sofia in the second century, before the Bulgarians themselves arrived. For many centuries, Jews held influential positions in the country, and Jewish life flourished. During World War II, the Greek Orthodox church provided help for some Jews, but many thousands were sent to concentration camps. From 1949, when many Bulgarian Jews left for Israel, until 1990, there was a "quiet assimilation." There was no rabbi, and the six thousand remaining Jews lived in isolation, forgotten by the world. Becca's family had been observant; however when she was a child, the family went to live in a socialist town where they were the only Jewish family, and they stopped practicing Judaism. Years

later, Becca became a book publisher and began to attend international book fairs. In Frankfurt, she found herself mysteriously drawn to the Israeli booths. At the suggestion of a friend, she came to Israel in March 1990 and experienced a sense of "deja vu and belonging." Suddenly, she was no longer alone. Upon returning to Bulgaria, she arranged for the publication of Herzl's *The Jewish State*. Today, Becca is vice president of Shalom, the central Jewish organization in Sofia, which provides assistance to some 1200 retirees, camp for 200 youngsters, and six years of Sunday School. Becca's two sons are currently living in Israel.

Victoria shared her experiences as a teacher at the Moscow Center for the Teaching of Jewish Culture. The Soviets eradicated all Jewish culture in the early 1920s. Teaching Hebrew became a criminal offense; hundreds of synagogues closed, and there was nothing for Jews to do but assimilate. As a child, when Victoria questioned her family about Judaism, she was told "such words don't exist. Forget them immediately." Since 1989 and the fall of Communism, hundreds of thousands of Jews, including Victoria's son, have made aliyah, but many want to stay in the FSU. The Center for Teaching of Jewish Culture is restoring Jewish life in the FSU by teaching people what it means to be Jewish. More than 300 center members teach at some fifty universities throughout the FSU, and courses in Jewish Studies are now accepted for university credits.

In the 1960s and 1970s after Fidel Castro

took control of Cuba, ninety five percent of the Jews left the country. Rebecca from Santiago de Cuba explained that the synagogue fell into disrepair, and the beautiful Sabbath and joyous holidays became just a memory. In 1993 Rebecca contacted the Joint Distribution Committee in Argentina for help in reviving Judaism in Santiago de Cuba. Her home became the center of Jewish life for two years until 1995, when with the help of the JDC, the Jews of Santiago got their synagogue back. Today Jewish life is alive in Santiago de Cuba.

Dragica is the secretary general of La Benevolencia, the Jewish community's central organization in Bosnia. Since 1565 when the Jewish community was established, the city of Sarajevo and the Jews have worked together closely. La Benevolencia, organized in 1892, provides humanitarian aid to all groups. Only one third of the volunteers are Jewish, and ninety percent are women. During the recent war, La Benevolencia brought 2300 residents of Sarajevo to safety, only 1000 of them were Jewish, and provided a daily soup kitchen for some three hundred people and first aid to 7500 patients.

During one conversation, Delia from Athens commented "it's so hard to be Jewish in Athens today because we are such a minority, and so many people choose intermarriage." As several of us discussed her statement, the experiences of the Americans and the Israelis, many of whom are not religiously observant, shed light on the causes and solutions of our universal dilemma.

As I listened to the stories, I became fully aware of the Renaissance of Jewish life blossoming throughout the world. In the closing years of the century, we are returning millions of Jews to the body of the Jewish people. Some 700,000 Jews from the FSU have settled in Israel, meaning that well over ten

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The Rabbi Writes:

The Expanding Universe Into The Infinite G-d

By Rabbi Emeritus
LEONARD B. GEWIRTZ
Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth

There is a debate between astrophysicists over the age of the universe. Dr. Wendy L. Freedman of the Carnegie Observations, and other astronomers, using the data supplied by the Hubble Space Telescope estimate that the age of the universe is between 8 billion and 12 billion years. Another group led by Dr. Allan R. Sandage, who discovered in 1929 that the universe is expanding uniformly in all direc-

tions, and is expanding at a slower rate than Dr. Freedman's estimate, argue that this is an older universe, between 15 billion to 20 billion years. They agree on the size-space of the universe, but differ on the time-age of the universe and how long it took to achieve this size.

I am not an astronomer and will not become involved in this debate. But as a Rabbi-Theologian, I ask: Into what is the universe expanding? Is there any space beyond the end of the universe?

The Rabbis in an ancient Midrash give an

answer to this question, "Why is the Holy One, Blessed Be He, also called *Makom*, place? Because G-d is the place of the Universe; and the universe is not the place of G-d." (Bereshit Rabbah 68:10) The Rabbis are saying: G-d is infinite, *Ain Sof*; and the Universe is finite. The finite resides in the infinite. Therefore the infinite G-d is also called *Ain Sof* "without end," and "without beginning." The finite Universe, even 8 to 15 billion years old, is expanding into the Infinite G-d.

In Jewish Liturgy, there are references to the Infinite G-d. In the *Adon Olam*, a daily prayer:



"He is the eternal Lord, who reigned before any being was created. He was, He is, and He shall be In glorious eternity. He is one, there is no other. He is without beginning and without end." From a *piyut* on the High Holidays: He is called "I am that I am" And all believe that He is, He was, and ever will be.

He is all-powerful and all-perfect and all believe that He is omnipotent. In Psalm 92: "How great are thy works O Lord! How profound are they designs. Man cannot know, Neither can man understand O Lord, Thou art supreme for ever more." In Psalm 104: "O Lord my G-d, Thou art very great "Thou art clothed with glory and majesty "Thou stretchest out the heavens like a curtain."

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Delaware's Jewish children enjoy the JCC Summer Camp program which benefits from the UJA/Federation Campaign.



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Holocaust Lecture

The Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Center announces that the Halina Wind Preston Memorial Lecture will be presented by Dr. Michael Berenbaum, Director of the United States Holocaust Research Institute of the US Holocaust Memorial Museum and the Hyman Goldman adjunct professor of Theology at Georgetown University.

Dr. Berenbaum will speak on "Holocaust and Contemporary American Consciousness: Why Remember the Past? Why Teach the Past?" The lecture will be given on Sunday, November 24, 1996, at 2:30 PM in Arshat Hall on the Wilmington campus of the University of Delaware, 2700 Pennsylvania Avenue.

Dr. Berenbaum served as Project

Director during the planning and building of the Museum. He is the author of ten books and scores of scholarly articles on the Holocaust.

Following the Lecture and as part of a concurrent Holocaust Education Workshop for Teachers there will be a showing of the Academy-award and Emmy-award winning documentary, "One Survivor Remembers," which Dr. Berenbaum co-produced with Home Box Office. he will comment upon the film and its significance.

The Lecture is sponsored by the Center for Jewish Studies at the University of Delaware and the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Center, a project of the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

"Enough Already"

The Jewish Community Center will be hosting the northeast United States premiere of an all-new thirty minute animated musical video based on a beloved Yiddish folktale. This is the kick-off event for the JCC's Jewish Book Month Celebration. It will be held on Sunday, November 10, beginning with a brunch at 11:30 a.m., followed by screenings of the video at 1:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

The video "Enough Already!" is based on the classic story of a poor farmer who lives in a house that's too small ... with a family that's too big. "This video is enjoyable for all ages," says Ella Zukoff, Adult Program Director. "It's a great way to bring grandparents and grandchildren together. The Yiddish theme also fits in very well with our Yiddish Festival events continuing throughout the fall months at the JCC."

"Enough Already!" features melodies inspired by traditional klezmer music and the voice talents of well-known singer and entertainer, Rabbi Joe Black, as "Schmooze", a happy man who is stunned to discover that his contented perspective isn't shared by all those living under his roof. Tom Lieberman, an independent writer and producer who was for 10 years a regular contributor to the award-winning weekly radio program "A Prairie Home Companion," performs the voice of the "Rebbe". Illustrator Martin Harris has designed wonderful original characters and

settings for this new telling of the beloved tale.

"Enough Already!" is the first in a line of musical videos for children adapted and produced by husband-and-wife team, Barry Davis, a former marketing manager for General Mills, and Gail Rosenblum, a writer and contributing editor to *Sesame Street Parents Magazine*.

While "Enough Already!" will be directed at the Jewish market initially, Rosenblum and Davis are hopeful that their first product will eventually enjoy mainstream appeal. "We're proud that our first piece draws on the wisdom and wit of our Jewish heritage," notes Rosenblum, "but this wonderful folktale, which offers a timeless and relevant lesson for all of us about being grateful for what we have, has a universal message." The selection of "Enough Already!" was an easy one. Davis adds, "I remember my own rabbi telling us this story when I was a kid".

"Enough Already!" will be released in select markets this fall. A national release is set for next year. The cost for the screening is \$1.00 per person. For more information, please call Ella Zukoff at (302) 478-5660.

Am Yisrael

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per cent of the Israeli population is from the FSU. In addition, thousands of Jews are living in diaspora communities that have been developed since 1990. "Today there are more teachers of Hebrew in the FSU and Budapest than in all the countries of the world including Israel," Seymour Epstein of the JDC noted. The Jewish revival includes an expansion of welfare agencies to assist the elderly, infirm and disadvantaged. Ironically, government persecution nearly eradicated Judaism in most countries while in the United States freedom to choose threatens our survival. Despite this profound difference, today we are all engaged in the rebirth of Jewish learning, and the revitalization of Jewish communities. We all probe the meaning of Jewish identity, and we can learn much from each other. Judaism teaches us to ask questions. How much richer the questions will be, how much more universal the answers, if we all dialogue together.

At the same time that we learn from our partners in the emerging countries, we can feel proud that funds from our annual Federation-UJA campaigns help to revitalize their communities. At the conference's closing luncheon, the first twenty Israeli lions of Judah were introduced. Those Israelis, who are able to contribute, will now join Jews of the diaspora as partners in fundraising for the Jewish people.

As American Jews we often forget that we are part of a Jewish people with Israel at our center. Our future is tied to Am Yisrael. Let us all make an attempt to reach out and expand our Jewish horizons.

(Toni Young is the immediate past President of The Jewish Federation of Delaware and is currently Chair of The Population Study Implementation Committee and has recently been appointed to the Board of Directors of The United Israel Appeal.)



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The celebration will feature a live comedy show with two of the hottest comic-impressionists from the Comedy Cabaret circuit. Marty Uhlman's performance will include

his impressions of Rodney Dangerfield, Peter Falk, John Wayne and Jack Nicholson. Holly Faris, the star of Ovations, the latest ersatz-Vegas revue at the Sheraton Valley Forge Hotel, impersonates Joan Rivers, Tina Turner, Barbara Streisand, Dolly Parton and Carol Channing.

Fitness type foods, a beer and wine bar, music and dancing will also be included. Door prizes will be awarded. The cost is \$45.00 per couple, \$25.00 per person or \$15.00 for students and seniors.

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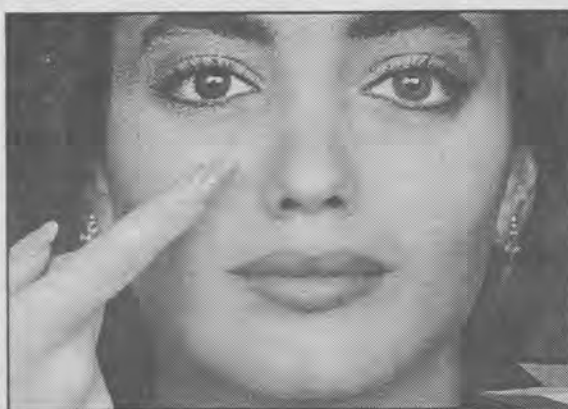
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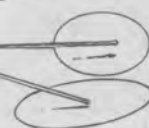


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Torah and Science

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The question would occur to many: How can one pray to infinity; how can one pray to glorious eternity? The distance between the person and the Infinite G-d is so vast, that G-d appears to be so remote, beyond human understanding.

The Talmud addresses this question with clarity and lucidity. The Talmud quotes the Book of Job, 19:26, "from the human self, do I behold G-d."

The Bible in the Book of Psalms provides us with a comparison between the human self and G-d, between the nature of G-d and the nature of the human soul.

In Psalm 103, verses 1, 2 and 22 and in Psalms 104 verses 1 and 35, the Psalmist repeats five times the phrase, "Bless the Lord, my soul."

The Psalmist sees this close relationship between G-d and the human soul. The Talmud draws five comparisons between the Infinite soul that is G-d, and the finite soul in man.

1) Just as the soul sustains the whole human being, so G-d, the soul of the Universe, sustains the Universe.

2) Just as the soul of the person is pure, so G-d is pure and compassionate.

3) Just as the human soul is hidden within consciousness, so G-d is hidden in the secret recesses of the Universe.

4) Just as the human soul fills the whole body, so G-d fills the whole Universe."

5) Just as the soul sees and is not

seen, so the Soul of the universe sees and is not seen."

The Talmud concludes, "Let the person who possesses these five qualities, come and praise Him who incorporates these same qualities" (*Berachot 10a*).

For the rabbis who are acquainted with dialectic thinking, contrasting ideas are not a contradiction. G-d is both infinite and personal.

In the opening chapters of Genesis, G-d has two names, *Elokim* and *Yahwh*. They represent two different attributes of G-d: justice and mercy. The world cannot function only on the basis of stern law, nor only on forgiving love. The world requires equal measures of justice and mercy.

Another example of dialectic thinking is found in our liturgy; G-d is called our Father and our King, *Avinu Malkenu*. G-d the Father manifests forgiveness and love. G-d the King manifests authority and stern justice.

This dialectic process of thinking is expressed in the vast culture of Judaism.

We have first the law, *Halakha*, in Judaism. "Thou shalt and Thou shalt not" as expressed in the 10 commandments. "Observe the Sabbath day to keep it holy." This is the *Halakha*, the Law.

Then we have *Aggadah*, the myths and history in the Bible and Judaism. The *Aggadah* presents the holy personalities, who teach by example: how they lived and their relationships with man and G-d; they are role models. The books of Genesis and Exodus tell us about Noah, the Patriarchs, Moses and Aaron. This is

the *Aggadah* in the Bible. And the Talmud is full of Law. But it tells us about the sainted personalities: Hillel, Akiba, Gamliel, Meier and Judah. This is the *Aggadah*.

This dialectic method of thinking enables the process of Jewish thought to harmonize *Torah* and science. *Torah* is normative in its essence; and science is descriptive in its method. The Torah tells us how to live and describes the purpose of life. And science describes the nature of the universe. Physics, astrophysics, biology and chemistry describe the various aspects of nature.

These separate areas of truth also invade upon each other's domain. Science will examine the normative sacred texts, and may suggest that these texts are not divine; may subject the texts to scientific criticism and question the normative authority of these texts, and their value system. So may the normative-sacred values question the results of scientific investigation and especially the scientific definition of the nature of man.

Trip to see Maus

The Jewish Community Center will be offering a bus trip to the museum to see the *Maus* exhibition on November 12. The bus will depart from the JCC parking lot at 1:15 p.m.

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Is man mere protoplasm, lacking a soul? What happens to society when man is a mere mammal?

This criss-cross investigation of each other's domain is healthy because we achieve a purification and clarification of the normative and descriptive definitions of reality.

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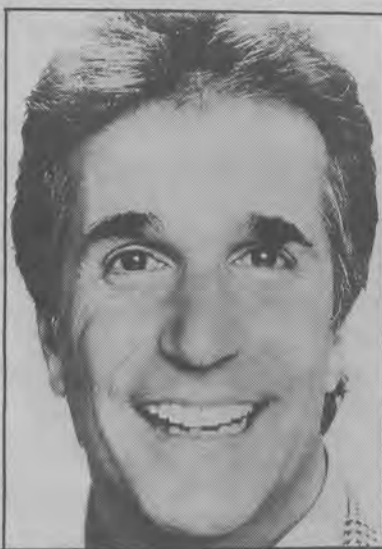
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While "The Fonz" continues to live in the past in reruns, Henry Winkler lives very much in the present, producing and directing feature films. In 1979, Henry's Fair Dinkum Productions created "Who Are The DeBolts and Where Did They Get 19 Kids?" a television documentary about a Dorothy and Robert DeBolt's family which included 13 adopted children, most of them physically and/or emotionally challenged. The documentary went on to win the prestigious Humanitas Prize.



Winkler later formed JZM Productions to create worthwhile projects geared for a young audience. Among the acclaimed JZM productions were "Happily Ever After" in 1985 and its sequel "Two Daddies to Love Me: in 1989. JZM Productions is named after his three children Jed, Zoe and Max.

Winkler directed "All the Kids Do It," a 1984 CBS Schoolbreak Special which dealt with teenage drunk driving. Winkler's "All The Kids Do It," won the daytime Emmy for Best Children's Program.

Henry and his producer/director partner John Rich brought the show "MacGYVER" to ABC television in the 1985-86 season. MacGYVER ran for seven seasons. Henry teamed with Ann Daniel to form Winkler/Daniel Productions which brought "A Family Again" to television starring Michael Tucker and Jill Eikenberry as parents of a family coping with the loss of their eldest daughter.

Winkler's name has also been seen on movie screens. Henry was the Executive Producer of motion picture features such as "The Sure Thing" which was directed by Rob Reiner and starred then-newcomers John Cusack and Daphne Zuniga. On screen, Winkler directed films like

MGM's "Memories of Me" with Billy Crystal, Alan King and JoBeth Williams.

As a film actor Henry's work on the underrated "Nightshift" created a terrific balance for a zany performance by then unknown Michael Keaton and a nice comedic turn by Shelly Long before she went on to Cheers.

Henry also keeps busy working on behalf of good causes. He is honorary chairman of United Friends of The Children, the support group for MacLaren children's Center, a facility for abused children in Los Angeles. Henry is a founding member of the Children's Action Network. He is the co-host of the Annual Cerebral Palsy Telethon. Henry is the first national honorary chairman of the Epilepsy Foundation of America. He is the national chairman of the annual Toys for Tots campaign. Henry is on the National Committee for Arts for the Handicapped. He is also associated with the Special Olympics and the Los Angeles Music Center's Very Special Arts Festival for children who are physically challenged and numerous teenage alcohol and drug abuse programs.

Henry's personal commitment to helping others has been described as reward enough. However his efforts have been recognized by a variety of prestigious organizations including B'nai B'rith ("Champion of Youth"), United Nations ("Peace Prize") and in 1988, Henry and his wife were presented with Women in

Film's Norma Zarky Humanitarian Award for their tireless efforts and devotion to the improvement of the human condition. Henry and Stacey are to be recipients of the Cedars-Sinai Medical Center Support Group Service's Helping Hand Award in recognition for all they have done for the children of Los Angeles.

While the character of "The Fonz" epitomized cool, Henry Winkler has a warm family life. Henry married the former Stacey Weitzman in 1978 and became instant father to Stacey's son, Jed. Their daughter, Zoe Emily, was born in 1980 and their son Max in 1983.

Winkler is coming to Delaware for the 1997 UJA/Federation Campaign Chai Dinner on Sunday, December 8, 1996 at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth. The event chairpersons are Dr. Barry and Mrs. Carole Bakst. The Chai Dinner is for donors contributing \$1,800 (household gift) or more to the 1997 UJA/Federation Campaign. Single persons contributing \$900 or more are also welcome. Adult children, ages 13-30, may attend for the covert which is \$54. Dietary laws will be observed. Cocktails begin at 6:00 and dinner is at 6:45. Those families contributing at least \$5,000 are invited to a special reception with Henry Winkler at 5 pm at the home of Ethel and Don Parsons.

For more information about Henry Winkler's appearance at the Chai Dinner or about the UJA/Federation Campaign call 302 427-2100.

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The Newark JCC Preschool

By **ANDREA ALLMAYER**
Jewish Federation of Delaware Intern

The Newark JCC Preschool at Temple Beth El is celebrating its fourth birthday this year. Established in 1992 with help from start-up funds from the Jewish Community of Delaware Endowment Fund, the preschool has an increased enrollment and a plethora of educational programs for two, three, and four year olds.

As a satellite site of the JCC Preschool in Wilmington, the Newark JCC Preschool runs a similar national accredited program. Lauren Rose, Program Coordinator and teacher at the Newark JCC Preschool, said, "Our goal is to pick the classroom up, put it in the (Wilmington) JCC, and find that you'd be following the same curriculum. It follows the criteria of a JCC program."

The preschool program has greatly expanded since its inception. In 1992, it consisted of one-day-a-week instruction, one teacher and assistant, a classroom, and six children. Today, it offers one-, two-, three-, and five-day-a-week options including a Kabbalat Shabbat program. There are two teachers and assistants, two classrooms, and 23 children. A gym teacher and Jewish enrichment specialist also work with the preschoolers on a regular basis. There is an extended-day option called "Lunch Bunches" which offers preschoolers lunch and enrichment in cooking and computers one day a week. Due to its expanded programs and increase in staff and facilities, the Newark JCC Preschool is becoming a popular choice. "We get phone calls now; people are interested in the program," Rose said. "It is an integrated approach to celebrating the holidays. We have Jewish enrichment; we learn Israeli dancing, Hebrew, and Jewish values."



Zachary Schwartz and Rebecca Hannaford, preschoolers at The Newark JCC Preschool at Temple Beth El, absorbed in a game.

The Jewish Community of Delaware Endowment Fund provides financial resources for innovative and exciting new programs in the Delaware Jewish community. If you are interested in making a contribution to the Fund or require additional information please call the Director of Endowment Marc Shandler at 427-2100, ext. 19.

JCRC Maintains Busy Schedule

By **DAN WEINTRAUB**
JCRC Director

As of this writing we are approaching the tragic anniversary of the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin, the late Israeli Prime Minister. The Jewish Community Relations Committee continues to closely monitor events in Israel and the Middle East. Representatives of the JCRC participated in a nationwide conference call update from Israeli Ambassador Colette Avital at the time of the first outbreak of the recent disturbances in the West Bank.

John Elzufon, the JCRC Chairman, joined Judy Wortman, The Executive Vice-President of JFD, to interpret recent events in Israel for Channel 2 cable news viewers. S. Mohammed Iqbal, Ph.D. of the Islamic Society of Delaware and Dan Weintraub of the Jewish Federation of Delaware spoke together on Channel 12 public television broadcast about the potential for a lessening of recent Israeli-Palestinian tensions.

Volunteers with the Jewish Community Relations Committee undertook a successful sustained effort to register Delaware voters. According to Arnold Harris, in excess of 700 voters were registered for the period about 6 or 7 months. This effort was largely led by Arnold Harris. He was joined in registering voters by Charlotte Harris, Barbara Reitzes, Barbara Keil, Dick Harwick, Judy Stiebel, Sheila Mensch, Dina

Lipschutz, and Adele Rudnitsky. Arnold Harris thanked Tom Cook, the Commissioner of Elections and his staff, noting that they were extremely cooperative which made it significantly easier to accomplish what they did. Registration took place at supermarkets, the Blue Rocks' Frawley Field baseball stadium, and several department stores.

Barbara Reitzes and Dan Weintraub recently attended meetings of the National Jewish Communal Relations advisory Council (NJCRAC) in New York which provided updates on a whole host of issues affecting Israel, welfare legislation, immigration law, race relations, the environment and other community issues.

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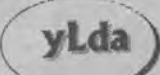
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OBITUARIES

Miriam Bluestone, Co-founder of Chug Ivri

Miriam Bluestone, 88, of 4302 Miller Road, Wilmington, died Thursday of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's disease) at her daughter's home in Center Bernstead, N.H.

Mrs. Bluestone taught in public and Hebrew schools in New York before moving to Delaware in 1945. She then taught at Beth Shalom Hebrew School, Wilmington. She and her husband, Harry, who died in 1977, co-founded the Chug Ivri, the first Hebrew-speaking circle in

the United States. She was a member of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, Wilmington, Hadassah and the University of Delaware's Academy of Lifelong Learning.

Survivors include daughters, Sarah B. Hirschfield of Mahwah, N.J., and Dr. Naomi Bluestone, with whom she was staying; brother, Leonard Susman of Brooklyn, N.Y.; sisters, Lilly Goldspring of Cambridge and Dorothy Hankins of Brooklyn; two grandchildren.

HOWARD COHEN

Howard Cohen, 64, of 2108 Valley Ave., Brandywood, Brandywine Hundred, owner of All That Food Restaurant and Modern Kosher Meat Market on Naamans Road for 40 years died on Monday, Oct. 21. He retired in July. For the past three months, he worked part time for Brooks Armored Cars.

While working Monday, he apparently fell from his delivery van on Todds Lane, Wilmington, and it ran over him, police said. He died in

Christiana Hospital, apparently of internal injuries.

He was a member of B'nai B'rith Lodge 480 and Congregation Beth Shalom.

Survivors include wife, Deborah K.; son, David of Austin, Texas; daughter, Rory Cohen; mother, Fay Cohen, sister, Trudy Lubitz, both of Long Island, N.Y. and stepsons Jeffrey and Daniel Green.

Contributions may be made to the Kraft Endowment Fund, in care of Congregation Beth Shalom.

IRVING KLEIN

Irving Klein, 88, of 2200 W. Fourth St., Wilmington, died of heart failure at home.

Mr. Klein was a manager at Kelly's and the Oyster House, both in Philadelphia, for 31 years before he retired in 1976.

Survivors: wife, Lillie; son, Arnold of Wilmington; brother, Marvin Kroner, and sister, Adele Drebin, both of Los Angeles; four grandchildren; a great-grandson.

FRANCES RUBEN

Frances Ruben, 94, of Forwood Manor, 1900 Marsh Road, Brandywine Hundred, died Tuesday, Oct. 8 at home. Mrs. Ruben was a member of Hadassah and of the Deborah Heart & Lung Association and was treasurer of the Rittenhouse Chapter, Women's American Organization for Rehabilitation and Training, Philadelphia. Her husband, Herman L., died in 1970.

Survivors: daughters, Rita R. Bernhardt of Welshire and Marilyn Ford of Scotch Plains, N.J.; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Contributions may be made to Hadassah or Deborah Heart & Lung Association.

EVELYN STEIN

Evelyn Stein, 83, sister of Jack Goldstein of Wilmington, died Monday, Oct. 7 in an extended care center in Nashville, Tenn. Mrs. Stein's husband, Albert, died in 1981.

Survivors include two children; sister; three grandchildren.

Contributions may be made to Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, Washington Boulevard and Torah Drive, Wilmington 19802.

DAVID L. WEINER

David L. Weiner, 84, of 1401 Pennsylvania Ave., Wilmington, died Tuesday, September 3, in St. Francis Hospital.

Mr. Weiner was a real estate manager for more than 40 years, and was the former co-owner of Triangle Plumbing Supplies, Wilmington. He was an Army veteran of World War II. He was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom, and donated an arts and crafts room to the Jewish Community Center and a room at The Kutz Home. His wife, Nettie, died in 1976.

Survivors include sister, Sylvia Weiner of Bloomington, Ind.; and his companion, Florence B. Bleiberg of Wilmington.

Contributions may be made to Congregation Beth Shalom.



Yitzchak Rabin (1922-1995)

NACHES

David Levitt Art Exhibit

Artist David Levitt, son of Irving and Phyllis Levitt, has artwork on display at the Wilmington Free Library in downtown Wilmington until the end of the month. The work is entitled "Spastic Jazz And Other Demure Nuances." Levitt, who grew up in Dover, currently teaches at the

University of Delaware English as a second language program in addition to his freelance work in art, sales, and music. He also operates a greeting card outfit called Inside-out Greetings and is a member of the Dover Art League.

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Saturday 9

Kutz Home Ball at the Brandywine County Club at 7 p.m. Minimum contribution to attend is \$250/couple. If it's your first gala, \$175/couple. Call Miriam Edell for more information at 477-1190.

Monday 10

Jewish Bookfair: November 10-December 1 in the JCC Lobby. Come and browse through various Jewish titles, including children's books, holiday books, cookbooks, adult books, and even a little music. For more information, contact Staci Levin at the JCC (302) 478-5660.

Saturday 16

An Evening with YLDA,

YoungLeadership Development Alliance hosts a buffet dinner at Harry's on Naamans Road with entertainment and a cash bar for adults from late twenties to early forties. Find out what YLDA is all about. Evening begins at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$18. To RSVP call the Jewish Federation of Delaware at (302)427-2100 before November 8.

Sunday 17

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

Sunday 24

Dr. Michael Berenbaum of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum will speak about "Holocaust and Contemporary American Consciousness: Why Remember The Past? Why Teach The Past?" at 2:30 p.m. at Arshat Hall at the University of Delaware's Wilmington Campus. Program includes showing of Academy-award winning documentary "One Survivor Remembers." This Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Memorial Lecture is free and open to the public. For more information call the Jewish Federation of Delaware at (302)427-2100.

JCRC

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nal concerns. The NJCRAC 1997 Plenum will be held in nearby Washington, DC, February 15-19, 1997. This Plenum should be widely attended by JCRC members since it will feature exceptional programs and world class speakers on a variety of public affairs concerns.

Recently, the JCRC met in Newark as part of an ongoing effort to be responsive to the particular concerns about that area of Delaware. The larger than anticipated size of the Newark area Jewish community was one finding of the 1995 Jewish Population Study of Delaware. The November meeting of the Jewish Community Relations Committee will focus on brainstorming about implications and implementation of the recently released 1995 Jewish Population Study of Delaware. Toni Young, who is leading the committee developing plans to follow-up on the Study, will attend this special meeting.

The JCRC is examining such issues as: the implications of changes in welfare legislation, questions about Delaware state law on possible use of genetic information to deny insurance (in the context of propensity for breast cancer among Ashkenazi women); inter-group relations; countering anti-Semitism and Church-State issues.

For more information about the Jewish Community Relations Committee of JFD call (302) 427-2100, Ext. 17.

Yiddish Fest Continues at JCC



Eleven year old Jesse Vrecznak, violinist, performed "Mein Yiddische Mama," "Wi Ahin Zohl Ich Gehen," and "When a Gypsy Makes His Violin Cry."



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