

## Polish Diplomat Speaks at JCC

By JORDAN SOPINSKY  
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On July 22 Mariusz Handzlik, First Secretary of the Polish Embassy, met with a group of Delaware Jews gathered by the Jewish Community Relations Committee (JCRC) of Delaware. Serving as a liaison among the Polish embassy, the current U.S. administration at the Pentagon, and the State Department, Mr. Handzlik is responsible for Polish-American Jewish relations as well as the Embassy's public relations.

The recently inaugurated President of the Republic of Poland, Aleksander Kwasniewski, and his government, have been attempting to address concerns for Polish-Jewish relations such as a proposed shopping mall at Auschwitz, education in Poland about the Holocaust, retribution to Jewish victims, and other issues. Most recently, President Kwasniewski addressed the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, at which time he emphasized his desire for close ties between Poland and the Jew-

ish community.

During the First Secretary's meeting, held at the JCC, Dorothy Finger, a Polish-born Delawarean, inquired about Poland's treatment of the Holocaust in its schools. Elucidating President Kwasniewski's plans, Mr. Handzlik described how Poland's schools are now working toward educating its young of the Holocaust. New textbooks are being printed and teachers now complete special training programs, he said.

Poland is not alone in its history of lack of education of this tragedy. Judy Wortman, Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, commented that it was not until high school in Philadelphia that her introduction to the topic begun. It was an auspicious one at that. Her teacher quickly glossed over the subject in a manner which was obviously unsympathetic to the Jews' plight. The teacher was later dismissed.

The proposal of a shopping mall at Auschwitz was cause for many Jews worldwide to condemn the planners' total lack of

regard for what occurred on those grounds. Construction of the shopping mall has since ceased. Mr. Handzlik informed the group, convened by the JCRC, that he had visited the camp on several occasions and that clearer signs in different languages for visitors were now up. "We need to keep this place sacred and do anything necessary to protect it," said Handzlik.

Commenting on property stolen from Jews during the war, Handzlik said, "It is an injustice to people who had property and lost it." He indicated that communal property is being given back but private property is difficult to return. He added that it is "an issue which will be discussed in the coming years."

Handzlik was honest about recent signs of anti-Semitism in Poland. Reports about vandalism in cemeteries and graffiti were true, he said. Handzlik indicated that he believed these were isolated incidents and not signs of a growing trend.

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First Secretary of The Polish Embassy, Mariusz Handzlik.

## Jewish Refugees Incredulous Over Loss of Welfare Benefits

By CYNTHIA MANN

NEW YORK (JTA) — Miriam Davidovich, 76, came to the United States in 1973 from Ukraine and suffers from diabetes, high blood pressure, and a heart condition.

She has no family here except for a son sick with lymphoma, and she survives by the grace of government benefits, including Supplemental Security Income, Medicaid, food stamps, and subsidized housing.

Davidovich never became a citizen "because I never thought about it," she said last week from the Jewish Association Services for the Aged Shorefront Senior Center in the Brighton Beach section of Brooklyn, N.Y.

She goes there nearly every day to eat "a good, kosher lunch" for 75 cents, courtesy of a subsidy from the New York City Department for the Aged.

But unless she becomes a citizen, some, if not all of her benefits and those of countless others like her, will end within a year of enactment of the welfare reform bill that the president has pledged to sign.

"This is the only talk of Brighton Beach," Rolya Stepankaya, 71, said of the legislation's impact.

She came from Odessa 17 years ago, relies on the same package of benefits as Davidovich, does not speak any English, and says she was never "ready" to apply for citizenship.

"People are worried, but they don't believe in the worst," she said in an interview through a translator. "They don't believe the United States will throw them in the ocean just because they're not citizens."

The welfare overhaul has left the Jewish social service and religious establishments reeling.

The new latitude it gives to the states and the scarcity of data on Jewish poverty and

welfare dependence nationwide make it difficult for them to measure the exact impact of the new legislation.

But they are protesting that it is harsh and unjust and that it will impose on them a crushing financial responsibility if they try to make up the losses.

Diana Aviv, director of the Council of Jewish Federations in Washington, said, "The jury's out on how bad the burden will be. A lot depends on what the states decide to do."

But the cutoff to elderly immigrants of SSI alone is certain to cost the Jewish community "many millions," she said. SSI is federal cash assistance to the elderly and disabled.

The measure mandates that welfare recipients work after two years and imposes five-year lifetime limits, with some exceptions in cases of hardship.

These provisions will hit poor families and children hard, including Jewish families now dependent on state-run general assistance.

But the cuts in benefits for legal immigrants and for refugees who are classified as immigrants after five years in this country will have the biggest impact on the Jewish world.

Even President Clinton singled out this section of the legislation as harsh and punitive. "It has nothing to do with welfare reform," he said. "It's a budget-saving measure."

Beba Bereshkovsky is a social worker at the Brighton Beach senior center who came from Riga, Latvia, 20 years ago and naturalized five years later, as soon as she qualified.

She was incredulous at the latest news, despite what she described as the saturation coverage it is getting in the Russian press.

"You let people in at an older age and you give them benefits," she said. "You can't take this away. They came legally. They have a green card and they have a right to get ben-

efits."

The Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society helped to bring in 350,000 Jewish refugees from the former Soviet Union in the past 20 years, with the biggest concentrations resettling in New York City, Los Angeles, Chicago, Baltimore, Boston, Detroit, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Denver, Atlanta, and San Diego.

Refugees, categorized as such because they have demonstrated a well-founded fear of persecution because of race, religion, nationality, and social or political ties, will be affected by the new law five years after their arrival. That is when their special, protected status expires.

That status enables them to receive eight months of government refugee assistance after their arrival and then to apply for a range of other benefits.

Under the new law, if the refugees do not opt for citizenship or fail to obtain it after five years, they will be barred from SSI and food stamps and other programs from which states may choose to bar legal immigrants.

HIAS professionals estimated that thousands of Jews could lose eligibility for these benefits.

In another provision being anticipated as a huge blow, the new bill also will give states the authority to deny immigrants Medicaid. There are some exceptions, including immigrants who have worked for 10 years.

Joel Karp, Senior Vice President of Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago, said the impact would be "devastating."

If only two people of the 240 in the local Jewish nursing home lose these benefits because they have not naturalized, Karp said, "that creates a \$100,000 problem" for the community.

No national data have been compiled on the population that came in as refugees, but communities report that the elderly make up

between 15 and 30 percent and that only a small minority of them have opted for citizenship. Many of them are put off because of the language barrier.

While little information is available on the number of refugees who depend on government aid, a 1994 survey of 12 communities, conducted for the UJA-Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York, indicate a high level of reliance by newcomers on public assistance.

New restrictions on future legal immigrants who are not refugees, meanwhile, are expected to increasingly affect the Jewish community.

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## NATIONAL • INTERNATIONAL

## U.S. Gay Olim Find Tel Aviv More Accepting

By LESLEY PEARL

*Jewish Bulletin of Northern California*

TEL AVIV (JTA) — In America, Robert Lebow was enemy No. 1 of the ultra-conservative right. In Israel, he is not.

"Folks here face a different threat," says Lebow, an openly gay resident of Tel Aviv. Israelis live with the specter of "bombs on buses and buildings blowing up."

"Everyone here knows someone who has been injured or maimed," he said. "You think they're going to worry about two men kissing?"

When Lebow moved to Tel Aviv six months ago, it was for personal rather than political reasons.

Nonetheless, when he arrived he could not help but notice Tel Aviv's sexually progressive atmosphere, especially when compared with that of the United States — specifically

Detroit, where he lived for about 40 years.

On a warm recent evening, Lebow keeps company with gay men sipping lemonade and espresso at Cafe Nord on Tel Aviv's Ben Yehuda Street.

The cafe's patrons — dressed in tight T-shirts, denim shorts and work boots — bear a striking similarity to many gay men in San Francisco's Castro district.

However, Tel Aviv's gays maintain a comparatively quiet presence. This is not for fear of discrimination or oppression, though the Middle East is undeniably macho, but rather because there is nothing to fear.

"There are few gay activists here. We don't need them," Lebow said.

For Tel Aviv residents, being gay "just is," he said, adding, "I think that's why people aren't aggressively 'out' like I was in Detroit."

Compared with the United States, Israel's laws regarding gays are progressive.

In 1988, the Israeli Supreme Court decriminalized sodomy. In 1992, it passed an equal opportunity law forbidding discrimination against workers based on sexual orientation.

A gay El Al Airlines steward emerged victorious from the same court in 1993 after a decision that rendered gay partners eligible for employee benefits. Such benefits were previously reserved for spouses only.

The Society for the Protection of Personal Rights for Gay Men, Lesbians, and Bisexuals in Israel spearheaded these battles. The organization, established in 1975, hosts support groups, political forums, and a prayer group called Congregation Ga'avat Israel.

Meanwhile, gays and lesbians in Israel continue to serve their three-year mandatory military service alongside their heterosexual compatriots. Sexual orientation is not a valid excuse for dodging army service.

In addition, the Tel Aviv-Jaffa municipality acknowledges gay and lesbian domestic partnership agreements drawn up by local lawyers. This legal document affords couples the benefits of a religious marriage under laws of the Jewish state.

All told, Tel Aviv's gay scene appears remarkably "closeted" by San Francisco standards. Absent are Western-style flamboyance and the radical activities of groups such as Queer Nation.

Still, "that does not mean a healthy gay society is nonexistent," Lebow says.

He points to newsstands displaying an Israeli magazine simply titled "GAY," and he notes that thousands of gays and lesbians from around the

world converge here each year for an annual gay film festival.

"You can see gay couples being affectionate and openly gay on beaches, on the streets, in coffeehouses. Not everyone — some," Lebow says.

They are at Cafe Nord and at Abbis — a smoky pub pulsing with 1970s music and American films. They are at the Playroom — a loud, high-priced disco catering to the under-20 crowd — and a number of other locations.

In the evenings, men also gather at Gan Ha'atzmaut, Independence Park, meeting beneath its trees. While heterosexuals who live nearby say they are aware of the park's nighttime scene, they deny that Israel has many gays. Nevertheless, men congregate nightly in the park — adjacent to the line of high-rise hotels along the Mediterranean coast.

And unlike American parks, Gan Ha'atzmaut is safe after dark. A man dressed in linen trousers and eelskin loafers and wearing expensive jewelry laughs when asked whether he is afraid here at night.

"Of what? Getting robbed? This is not Central Park. This is our park," he says. "This is a gay park. We take care of our own."

Like Lebow and others, this man does not fear that Israel's attitude toward gays will change under the leadership of Likud Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his religious coalition partners.

The right wing "is a little scary," Lebow says, adding, "But nothing here really frightens me too much."

"I don't think there's enough of a religious stronghold to change things in a pejorative manner. People are worried about education, housing, immigrants, territories. Not us."

Besides, Lebow adds, "the religious party has always been vital to Israeli politics. It's always been a presence and a force."

Even so, Lebow admits that Tel Aviv is the only place where gays in Israel can have an active social life, as the city is both Western and liberal.

"This is the 'golden ghetto,'" Lebow says. "Haute couture — Karan, Kristoff. Cafes on sidewalks," he says. Tel Aviv vibrates "30 hours a day, 10 days a week."

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## NATIONAL • INTERNATIONAL

## UJA, CJF "Merger" Now "Partnership"

NEW YORK (JTA) — A new proposal has surfaced to join the United Jewish Appeal with the Council of Jewish Federations through a common board and executive committee, while maintaining separate staffs and chief executives. The draft "partnership" plan is expected to garner more support than a more far-reaching and controversial plan to merge the CJF and UJA with the United Israel Appeal. That plan essentially was shelved after opposition reached a peak at the May CJF quarterly meetings in Washington.

## Netanyahu-Hussein Meeting Focuses on Syria

By NAOMI SEGAL

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and King Hussein of Jordan met face to face in Amman, but much of their attention turned to Damascus.

"We are prepared to engage in peace negotiations with Syria on all matters," Netanyahu told reporters after meeting with Hussein in his first official visit to the Hashemite kingdom since his election as prime minister.

During a joint news conference Monday with Hussein, the prime minister said he had conveyed a proposal to the Syrians for restarting the talks, which were suspended March 4 when Syria failed to condemn a series of Hamas suicide bombings in Israel.

Israel and Syria had been sounding each other out on the prospects for restarting negotiations even before Netanyahu visited the Jordanian capital.

Hussein served as intermediary for the two sides when he met Saturday with Syrian President Hafez Assad for five hours to discuss ways to renew the negotiations.

## Bomb Scare Delays Israel-Bound Plane

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A Polish airplane on its way to Tel Aviv was diverted Sunday to Cyprus after a bomb scare. The plane from Warsaw was searched, but nothing suspicious was found, Cypriot police said. A spokesman for LOT Polish Airlines said the whole thing was a hoax. The flight resumed its route later Sunday, but with only three Israelis on board. The other 47 Israeli passengers aboard the plane opted to wait in Cyprus for two smaller Israeli planes to shuttle them on the last leg home. Most of them were members of the Israeli soccer team Hapoel Taibe.

## Holocaust Denier Loses Another Bid to Enter Australia

SYDNEY, Australia (JTA) — British Holocaust denier David Irving has lost another bid to enter Australia.

The country's highest appeals court last week rejected his attempt to have earlier decisions — one made by a judge, the other by a past immigration minister — reversed.

In arguing against those decisions, Irving said it was not relevant to his application that he had been deported from Canada, convicted in West Germany of defaming the memory of the dead, refused entry to Italy and South Africa and jailed in England for contempt of court.

The court, in turning down Irving's application, noted that it was not its function to determine whether Irving was of good character, but simply that it needed to be satisfied that there were reasonable grounds for the government's refusal of his visa application.

Irving, the author of several books that deny that the Holocaust took place, has also spoken at rallies and meetings of Holocaust deniers and other extreme right-wing groups in Europe and the Americas.

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## Priebke Verdict Causes Outcry

By RUTH E. GRUBER

ROME (JTA) — Jewish leaders here and abroad have joined an international chorus of criticism after a Rome military court freed former SS Capt. Erich Priebke while at the same time declaring him guilty of taking part in Italy's worst World War II atrocity.

The Aug. 1 ruling, which embarrassed the Italian nation, sent local officials scrambling to find legal solutions to ensure that the 83-year-old Priebke was punished for crimes he admitted committing.

Italy's justice minister ordered Priebke rearrested just eight hours after he was freed. The order came



Former Nazi SS captain Erich Priebke stands with his lawyer Velio Di Rezze in a Rome military court August 1.



A relative of victims of Italy's worst World War II massacre cries after former SS captain Erich Priebke was declared free.

after Germany submitted a request for Priebke's extradition.

And prosecutors vowed to appeal the verdict — or to find another way to get the case retried.

"A great opportunity was lost which could have been a definitive condemnation of a regime that turned Europe upside down 50 years ago," said Tullia Zevi, President of the Union of Italian Jewish Communities.

"We expected the court to express with its verdict a strong message that could have transmitted to young

people the general evils and dangers that stem from authoritarianism, violence, extreme nationalism and racism."

The Los Angeles-based Simon Wiesenthal Center, which had been instrumental in tracking Priebke down in Argentina in 1994, issued a blistering condemnation of the court's decision.

"Aug. 1, 1996, will go down as a day of infamy in Italian history. This is another black mark in the Italian justice system and a slap in the face of his victims and their grieving fami-

## Israel To Lift Curbs On Settlement Activity

By NAOMI SEGAL

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The government of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has decided to allow for the expansion of Jewish settlements.

At its weekly Cabinet meeting last Friday, the government cleared the way for the expansion of Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza, effectively reversing building restrictions imposed by the Labor-led government four years ago.

But in an apparent effort to stave off criticism on the delicate settlement issue, the Cabinet did not approve any specific building projects and said all settlement construction plans would require special advance government approval.

The Cabinet decision appeared aimed at satisfying settlers while not angering the United States and Israel's Arab neighbors, which consider settlements an obstacle to advancing the peace process.

"We have not adopted any new kind of policies or initiative. We have given ourselves room to maneuver," Netanyahu was quoted as saying at the Cabinet meeting.

Settler leader Pinchas Wallerstein said the cabinet move indicated that Netanyahu would be more sympathetic to settlers than the previous Labor-led government.

The Netanyahu government consulted with the United States, Jordan and Egypt before reaching its decision regarding settlement growth, according to the Israeli daily Ha'aretz.

The Cabinet decision came before Netanyahu's foreign policy adviser, Dore Gold, met last Friday in Washington with Secretary of State Warren Christopher to discuss the settlement issue.

A State Department spokesman later said that the United States was seeking clarification of the Cabinet decision.

lies," the statement said.

Other American Jewish organizations issued similarly harsh statements.

After a dramatic three-month trial, the court found Priebke guilty of participating in the March 24, 1944, massacre of 335 men and boys, some 75 of them Jews, at the Ardeatine Caves south of Rome.

The massacre was personally ordered by Hitler in reprisal for a partisan bomb that killed 33 German soldiers.

But, admitting extenuating circumstances, the court cleared Priebke of the specific war-crimes charges of premeditation and cruelty, thus reducing the gravity of the crime.

This enabled it to fall under a 30-year statute of limitations, which had already expired.

Priebke, who had admitted to killing two of the Ardeatine Caves victims, was declared a free man.

Friends and relatives of the victims, who heard the verdict read out while crowded into a corridor outside the courtroom, exploded into tears, curses and shouts of "Assassins!" and "Shame! Shame!"

Scores of protesters, many of them militant young Jews wearing kippot, chanted prayers, clashed with police and tried to storm the courthouse.

At least five policemen were injured and four cars on the street were damaged during clashes that lasted hours.

Priebke was prevented from leaving the courthouse for eight hours until Justice Minister Giovanni Maria Flick ordered him rearrested and had him escorted under guard to a police van that took him to the civilian Regina Coeli prison in downtown Rome.

"This verdict makes me ashamed to be Italian," said Giovanni Gigliozzi, leader of an association of victims' relatives.

Said a woman who was the daughter of one of the victims: "They have killed them a second time."

Italy's political leaders — from the far left to the far right — were virtually unanimous in expressing dismay and embarrassment about the verdict.

The government issued a statement expressing "extreme bitterness."

Parliament stood for a minute of silence; President Oscar Luigi Scalfaro met with families of the victims and declared that crimes remained crimes no matter how many years had passed.

# Dela-Where?

Nestled between Philadelphia and Baltimore, this tax-free shopping haven often finds itself the butt of jokes. "Oh, I think I drove through there once" is the reply many Delawareans have heard while speaking with folks from other areas. The fact is, Delaware has a lot to offer. It also has a lot to offer which is Jewish.

This issue of *The Jewish Voice* contains the "Guide to Jewish Life in Delaware," a source for what's Jewish in Delaware, published by the Jewish Federation of Delaware, the central planning and fundraising organization for Delaware Jews.

Inside, one will find information about Delaware Jewish institutions. The UJA Federation campaign raises resources for constituent agencies in Delaware, around the country, in Israel and fifty-two countries around the world.

Local Federation Jewish constituent agencies include Jewish Family Service, Albert Einstein Academy, Gratz, Hillel, The Milton and Hattie Kutz Home, and the Jewish Community Center and its child care center. Learn where Delaware's synagogues are located. The "Guide to Jewish Life in Delaware" indicates where to find kosher food and whom to contact for information regarding Israel or the United States.

With this guide the Jewish Federation of Delaware welcomes those who are new to Delaware and hopes this guide provides a handy updated reference for those who have been around awhile. Seasoned Jewish Delawareans can keep "The Guide to Jewish life in Delaware" at their fingertips for easy reference for organization contacts, phone numbers, and addresses.



A young boy enjoys the swimming pool at the Jewish Community Center.

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## Voice Box

"I understand his conceptions and I have great hope that the peace process will continue."

- Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, after a private two-hour meeting with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu.

"Maybe this will embarrass (IOC President Juan Antonio) Samaranch into saying something at the closing ceremony."

- Philadelphia-area resident Jody Howard, wife of Alan Howard, a member of an Israeli youth delegation to the Munich Games in 1972, whose mentor, Moshe "Muni" Weinberg, was among the first of eleven people killed by a Black September terrorist group. (This was published in an August 1 Jewish Exponent piece by Faye Bittker.)



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An Israeli policeman uses his club to push back ultra-orthodox Jews during a demonstration August 3 on Bar Ilan Street. The Orthodox have attempted to block traffic and have the road closed during Shabbos. Hundreds of police prevented the road from being blocked pending a high court decision on the future of the disputed thoroughfare. It is the fifth Saturday in a row that religious Jews have demonstrated for the closure of the road.

## OPINION

# Jerusalem Revisited



By **CONNIE KRESHTOOL**

*Jewish Voice Editorial Committee Chair*

I made my tenth visit to the city of Jerusalem in early July and found the city to be bustling and prosperous. While security may have been beefed up since my previous visit two years ago I saw no signs of it. There were no more armed soldiers on the streets than in my previous visits. Perhaps there was more security but in Israel it is sometimes difficult to determine who are the security agents. I did see young men on the streets carrying Uzi-type weapons but they were identified to me as "settlers."

However what was missing from the streets and elsewhere were the crowds of tourists. I

regret that many people canceled or postponed their travel plans. We now know that terrorist attacks are not limited to the streets of Jerusalem or Tel Aviv.

I was in Jerusalem to attend a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Association of Reform Zionists of America (ARZA) and to participate in a special Jerusalem 3000 Seminar.

I found the leaders of the Progressive movement dispirited after the success of the religious parties in the recent election. They fear that the progress that has been made in granting non-Orthodox Judaism equal rights in Israel through decisions of the Supreme Court may be declared null and void by action of the Knesset which could give the Chief Rabbi (Orthodox) complete control over all rabbinic functions. One political scientist commented that the Orthodox see the non-Orthodox as Public Enemy No. 1.

Rabbi Uri Regev is Director of Progressive Movement's Israel Religious Action Center. He says the Center was founded as a vision of religious pluralism and social justice which are missing in Israel. Because Regev says Israelis see Judaism as coercive, corrupt, and irrelevant, he sees it as a major problem in winning them back to their Jewish heritage. The fact that few Israeli students major in Jew-

ish studies at Hebrew University gives credence to this view.

Rabbi Regev said the population of Israel has increased 60% in twenty-four years but the number of marriages has remained the same, 26,000 per year. Of these 5000 are married outside of Israel. He claims that many Israeli couples are not being married at all because of difficulty in establishing that they are Jews, difficulties in getting divorce, etc. He believes that the majority of secular Israelis are secular by default. "The great challenge is to transform their silence into a loud voice."

So if most of the people do not want to have anything to do with Orthodoxy how come the religious parties did so well in the recent elections? One political analyst credited their very good campaigning, their network of religious, educational and social services which build constituencies and the growing strength of fundamentalism which is moving from religion into politics.

Orthodox synagogues and schools are funded by the Israel government. They are also funded by many non-Orthodox Jews living in the Diaspora who are unaware of the intense political activity of the Orthodox in Israel against Reform and Conservative Judaism.

There are many Jews living in the United States who contend that all of this is Israel's business...that the Israelis should decide what

they want and don't want and when American Jews make *alivah* they can try to make changes. However I believe that Israel is more than *Medina Yisroel* — the State of Israel — but it is also *Eretz Yisroel* — the Land of Israel — and that it exists for *Klal Yisroel*, the entire Jewish people. As such all Jews have a stake in the character and soul of Israeli society.

What can American Jews do? Some years back when the Knesset was considering the "who is a Jew" issue which had been raised by the religious parties American non-Orthodox Jewry came together and warned Israeli leadership that the action contemplated would cause a serious rift between the Jews in Israel and in the Diaspora. That legislative effort was defeated. During my stay in Jerusalem a member of the Knesset from one of the religious parties proposed changing the Law of Return to prevent non-Jews from entering the country.

The American Reform and Conservative communities need to raise their voices once again to oppose any changes that threaten the current status of the non-Orthodox in Israel and to work for their full acceptance. Perhaps it is time that we demand of UJA that the funds we send to Israel help support non-Orthodox institutions.

## Selichot - In The Still Of The Night

By Rabbi **BERNARD S. RASKAS**

On the Saturday night before Rosh Hashanah at the stroke of midnight, it is the custom to gather in the synagogue for special *Selichot* services. These are prayers of supplication that move the congregation, inspired by the dramatic mood of midnight, to think soberly about their spiritual natures and the purpose of living.

A beautiful legend in the Talmud says: "A harp was always suspended above the bed of King David. As soon as the hour of midnight struck, a north wind came and blew upon it and it played itself beautiful melodies. Upon being awakened, King David would begin to pray and study the Torah" (*Berachot* 3b).

As the hour of midnight comes, and as the winds of chance play upon us and the lovely liturgical music is chanted, we are stirred to rise in prayer and to reflect upon our sacred teachings. The symbolism is most fitting, for the whole world can be seen as an orchestra and each of us an instrument in it.

Another tradition of revelation at midnight is found in masqued balls staged by European

aristocracy during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Everyone came masqueraded as someone else. At the stroke of midnight, all unmasked. Some who were disguised as kings turned out to be commoners, while others who appeared as peasants were seen as princes. At midnight the face of each was revealed.

There are times when every man and woman alive asks in his or her heart of hearts what his or her life signifies. While during the course of the year we may evade the truth, yet there are still moments when we cannot avoid it. "There comes a midnight hour," says a Swedish theologian, "when everyone must unmask." From this type of soul-searching no one is exempt. During these instances, we must face the truth about ourselves, for no person wears a mask in the presence of God.

A Jew once hurried past his rabbi on *Selichot*. The rabbi asked him, "Why are you hurrying?"

"Well," he said, "I must look in the *Mahzor* and put my prayers in order."

The moral of this story is that the hardest

people to reach with the love of God are the good people, the self-righteous people. We are often so complacent about ourselves that we cannot imagine any flaws in our character.

The purpose of reading a prayer book is to evaluate ourselves in light of its contents, rather than using it as an escape from our lives. We must be willing to concentrate on our own selves if religion is to have value in straightening out our lives. This self-scrutiny takes a lifetime, and it is never ending.

Prayer, self-examination, thoughtfully considering one's existence is a very complicated process and must be approached slowly and carefully. On *Selichot* we are first alerted for this very important spiritual exercise.

There is an interesting parallel to be found in the North American defense system. In 1957, three radar fields were put into operation near the Arctic Circle and the system was called DEW line. The term is spelled capital D, capital E, capital W, and stands for Distant Early Warning. The purpose of this system was to alert the United States to any hostile object or force headed in its direction. It would then

give us additional time in which to mobilize our defenses to our best advantage.

In a similar manner, *Selichot* comes as a Distant Early Warning to alert us to hostile acts, angry words or thoughtless deeds that may potentially hurt us. They can be neutralized through understanding, through forgiveness, through honest confrontation, and through prayer. Prayer is more than just words; it is feelings, it is meditation, it is listening, it is memories, it is study, it is identifying with tradition — it is a total experience.

The late Rabbi Louis Feinberg put it well when he said, "The *Selichot* prayers strike so universal a note that most of them remain significant as devotional literature, regardless of the flight of time and the change of circumstances."

(Rabbi Bernard S. Raskas is Rabbi Emeritus of the Temple of Aaron, St. Paul, Minnesota, and Distinguished Visiting Professor of Religious Studies at Macalester College. He is author of the trilogy, "Heart of Wisdom.")

## Can Dole Woo Jewish Voters?

By **MATTHEW DORF**

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Can Bob Dole win the race for the White House without increasing his support among American Jews?

Definitely not, according to an official with the Republican's presidential campaign.

"Bob Dole cannot win in November unless he makes significant inroads into President Clinton's Jewish support at the polls," said the official, who asked not to be named.

On the eve of the Republican convention in San Diego, Dole's prospects in the Jewish community remain far from certain. But the Republican candidate for president is ready to go head-to-head with Clinton for the Jewish vote.

No one expects that the majority of American Jews, a traditionally solid base of Democratic support, will switch allegiance come Election Day.

But Jewish Republicans are looking for a comeback from the last presidential election, when Clinton garnered about 80 percent of the Jewish vote.

They believe that if the race tightens — as they hope it will — Jewish support for Dole could provide the necessary margin of victory in several swing states.

But the rise or fall of Dole's candidacy, say campaign officials, hinges on the GOP's performance next week in San Diego, the site of the Republicans' week-long nominating convention.

Party officials have carefully orchestrated four days of sessions to aid Dole's quest to win support from independents, party moderates and swing voters — all groups that include many American Jews and that are crucial to his election hopes.

The plan is to avoid the "trap" of the Republicans' 1992 Houston convention, which began the unraveling of moderate support for President Bush, said Matt Brooks, executive director of the National Jewish Coalition, a Republican Jewish group.

Four years ago, Patrick Buchanan and the right wing of the party appeared to dominate the GOP's message. Amid calls for a "religious war," an attack on feminism and enthusiastic support for a constitutional ban on abortions, many moderates, including Jewish voters, deserted the party.

This year, "the convention will shun Pat Buchanan and celebrate diversity in the party," said Brooks, whose group will spearhead Jewish events at the convention, including special briefings and receptions.

In addition, the Republican platform is debating reaching out to abortion rights advocates by including some expression of tolerance for those who do not believe that the government should forbid abortions in all cases, including rape and incest.

For Republican and undecided Jewish votes, this strategy could prove crucial.

Buchanan had a "devastating effect on Jewish voters in 1992," said A. Mark Neuman, a Dole supporter and former Reagan White House official.

The way Dole has handled Buchanan this year "is a big plus for Dole's appeal to the Jewish community," he said, referring to Dole's decision to exclude the former presidential hopeful from the convention stage.

After the convention, Dole is expected to woo Jewish voters directly through his "Jewish Americans for Dole Coalition."

At least one-third of the members of Dole's finance committee are American Jews active in Republican politics. Headed by veteran Jewish communal leader Max Fisher of Detroit, the committee has already raised millions for Dole's election, according to a campaign official involved in fund raising.

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## Training Wheels

Training Wheels (Al Galgalim in Hebrew), now going into its third year in Delaware, is one of the newest Hadassah programs designed specifically for families with young children aged 2-5. It is a way for parent and child to enjoy Jewish cel-

ebrations and holidays. The program strives to serve as a guide for Jewish enrichment and to help to establish a sense of Jewish continuity and structure within families.

Ruth Goodman, facilitator for Hadassah's Northern Seaboard Re-

gion, is excited about the program's possibilities in educating young parents and children who live in the 'fast lane' of today's life styles. It is hoped that the impact of this program on interfaith couples has far reaching effects for instilling Jewish values and transmitting our heritage from generation to generation.

For the coming 1996-97 season, Training Wheels is planning to add another group in Newark, Delaware headed by Lisa Driban (239-5246) and a continuing group in North Wilmington facilitated by Wendy Goldberg (764-3762). The North Wilmington group meets at the JCC once a month on Sundays from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Participants attended from as far as Elkton, MD.

"Many people have asked me," says Goodman, "How does Training Wheels differ from other nursery school programs? My answer begins with a paraphrase from a Biblical quotation: a child's first classroom is at its parent's knee. Jewish continuity depends on the support given in the home. Training Wheels is a pro-

gram for parent and child who play and sing together about Shabbat and Jewish celebrations. Together parent and child create projects at each session relating to the holiday being studied. The child must be accompanied at each session by a parent (or grandparent). To enrich Jewish family life, the program calls for an investment of parent quality time rather than an outlay of money.

"Jewish parents tell me they are learning things about their heritage that they never knew before," says Goodman.

The program also provides time for parents to share ideas and discuss child development issues and/or topics of concern to them.

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## Political Forum Sept. 9

A September 9 forum is planned for major-party candidates for U.S. Senate, U.S. House, and the Governorship at the Jewish Community Center, 101 Garden of Eden Road, north of Wilmington. The forum begins at 7:30 p.m. and will include questions from the audience. Voter registration will also be available at the event, which is sponsored by Hadassah and the Jewish Community Relations Committee (JCRC) of the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

For more information about the candidates forum call 427-2100.

## Adult Institute of Jewish Studies

This fall will mark the sixth year of the Adult Institute of Jewish Studies in Delaware. The classes will be offered evenings at the Jewish Community Center from October 16th through November 20th, 1996. Five weeks will be classes and the sixth week will be something new! The sixth week will feature an evening with the Rabbis; an open and frank discussion of issues concerning Delaware Jewry, America, and Israel. Classes are offered in two sessions; 7:30 and 8:45 p.m. Adult students can take two classes but should note that some offerings are only being given once per evening.

Sponsors for the Adult Institute are Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, Albert Einstein Academy, Chabad-Lubavitch of Delaware, Congregation Beth Emeth, Congregation Beth Shalom, Gratz Hebrew High School, Jewish Family Service, Temple Beth El, Hillel at the University of Delaware, Jewish Federation of Delaware and the Jewish Community Center.

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The Honorable Gregory M. Sleet, United States Attorney for the District of Delaware, will be the featured speaker at a public affairs dinner, sponsored by Wilmington Section, National Council of Jewish Women, Tuesday, Oct. 8, 1996 at 6:00 p.m. at the DuPont Country Club.

He will discuss the causes and effects of juvenile crime and its impact on the community. Also of interest will be his comments on programs which are currently available, effects of recent legislation and volunteer

opportunities.

Sleet is a graduate of Rutgers University School of Law, where he was an Earl Warren Legal Scholar. He was appointed to Attorney General Janet Reno's select advisory committee, to provide her with advice and council regarding national issues. In 1994, Sleet was appointed to Governor Carper's Juvenile Justice Advisory Group.

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The newly elected officers for the 1996-97 Jewish Communal Professionals Association (JCPA) of the Delaware Valley are (sitting from left to right) Seth Bloom (Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia) and Myrna Ryder, Co-Presidents. (standing from left to right) Pia Eisenberg (JFGP) Treasurer; Vice Presidents: Shira Kosoy Moses (JCRC, Phila.) Outreach; Beth Goldenberg (JFGP) Membership; and Michelle Aronoff (GERSHMAN JCC) Programming. Not pictured: Miriam Shpeen Feist (Jewish Federation of Southern New Jersey) Communications.

The Jewish Communal Professionals Association (JCPA) of the Delaware Valley, representing professionals in the Jewish communal field in Philadelphia, Delaware and Southern New Jersey was founded in 1977. Its goals are to provide opportunities for professionals to explore new trends and issues that affect the Jewish communal field, and to provide Jewish education and professional enrichment. Its programs confront the issues affecting the entire Jewish community and enhances understanding of the functions and roles of Jewish agencies and organizations in the tri-state area.

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completion to help one express what should be explored, not hidden. This service is for anyone who has experienced recent change. Change often brings a certain amount of pain, whether from events such as sickness or death or even a happy life cycle event which can also be sad because of the loss of that stage of life. The community is invited to this special service. Contact Rabbi David Kaplan at 366-8330 if you want more information.

## Elat Chayim Weekend

On the weekend of November 22, 1996, Temple Beth El is planning Shabbat at Elat Chayim, a retreat center near Woodstock, NY in the Catskills. The retreat is open to people of all ages, parents, grandparents, children, and singles.

On August 25th and 27th at 7:30 p.m. during synagogue registration,

there will be a video presentation and short meetings about the retreat weekend where we will provide details about Elat Chayim, its accommodations, activities, and purpose.

The prices are \$150.00 per person, two people to a room, private bath — includes all food, program-

ming and activities. Fees for children are much less and depend on age.

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# SHALOM!



Leslie Newman

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, Inc., welcome to Delaware! Our community, while diverse, is unified by the belief that ensuring vibrant Jewish life is paramount. We are most fortunate to have an active Jewish Community

Center that offers a wide range of programs to meet the needs of tots to seniors, including a family campus for picnics, swimming and day camp. The special religious and social needs of our college students are met at Hillel, located in a new facility at the University of Delaware. Education is addressed through the Jewish Day School, Albert Einstein Academy, and a Hebrew High School, Gratz, which meets in the evenings and on Sunday. Jewish Family Service provides counseling, meets the unique needs of the elderly and their caregivers, and helps with resettlement and acculturation of immigrants new to our community. Finally, our elderly who require nursing home placement are served at the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home which is presently undergoing a ma-

ior renovation.

The role of the Jewish Federation of Delaware is to raise funds for these organizations as well as the needs of Jews in Israel and around the world, coordinate and plan for our community's short-term and long-term needs, and act as a spokesperson to the community at large. All of these functions are done in coordination with not only the agencies who receive our funds, but the synagogues and service organizations. It is the diversity of our community that makes us strong and gives us our rich character.

I encourage you to make use of our resources, participate in our programs, and become involved in our organizations. By doing so you will contribute to our diversity and help to build a stronger Jewish community. Please call the Federation office if we can answer any questions.

Leslie Newman  
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Debbie Friedman played in Delaware as part of the UJA Federation Campaign.

The Jewish Federation of Delaware brings Jewish people together into a community coalition to strengthen the State of Israel, the global Jewish family and local organizations in order to further the survival of the Jewish people. Guided by Jewish teachings and heritage, its goals are to raise funds to meet agreed-upon goals, allocate and manage the community's resources, provide planning and coordination services to the community, and to develop Jewish leadership.

Volunteer committees enable the JFD to fulfill its goals. The following "snapshots" are designed to introduce you to the functions and the committees of the JFD.

#### THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The final decision making body of JFD activities. The Board members are volunteers with 36 members elected, 15 past presidents and about 12 representatives of Delaware agencies and synagogues.

#### UJA/FEDERATION CAMPAIGN

Each year the JFD runs an annual campaign to support overseas, national and local needs. The current campaign, which is estimated to end at \$1.5 million, is the most successful annual campaign in our community's history. We are still far from our goal of two million dollars, which represents real needs. Contributions from the 1995/96 Campaign will be allocated by the Federation in early September.

When necessary the JFD also runs special campaigns like the Operation Exodus campaign in 1990-92 and the Continuing Exodus campaign. Delaware was one of the first communities to meet its assigned obligation to the Exodus campaigns.

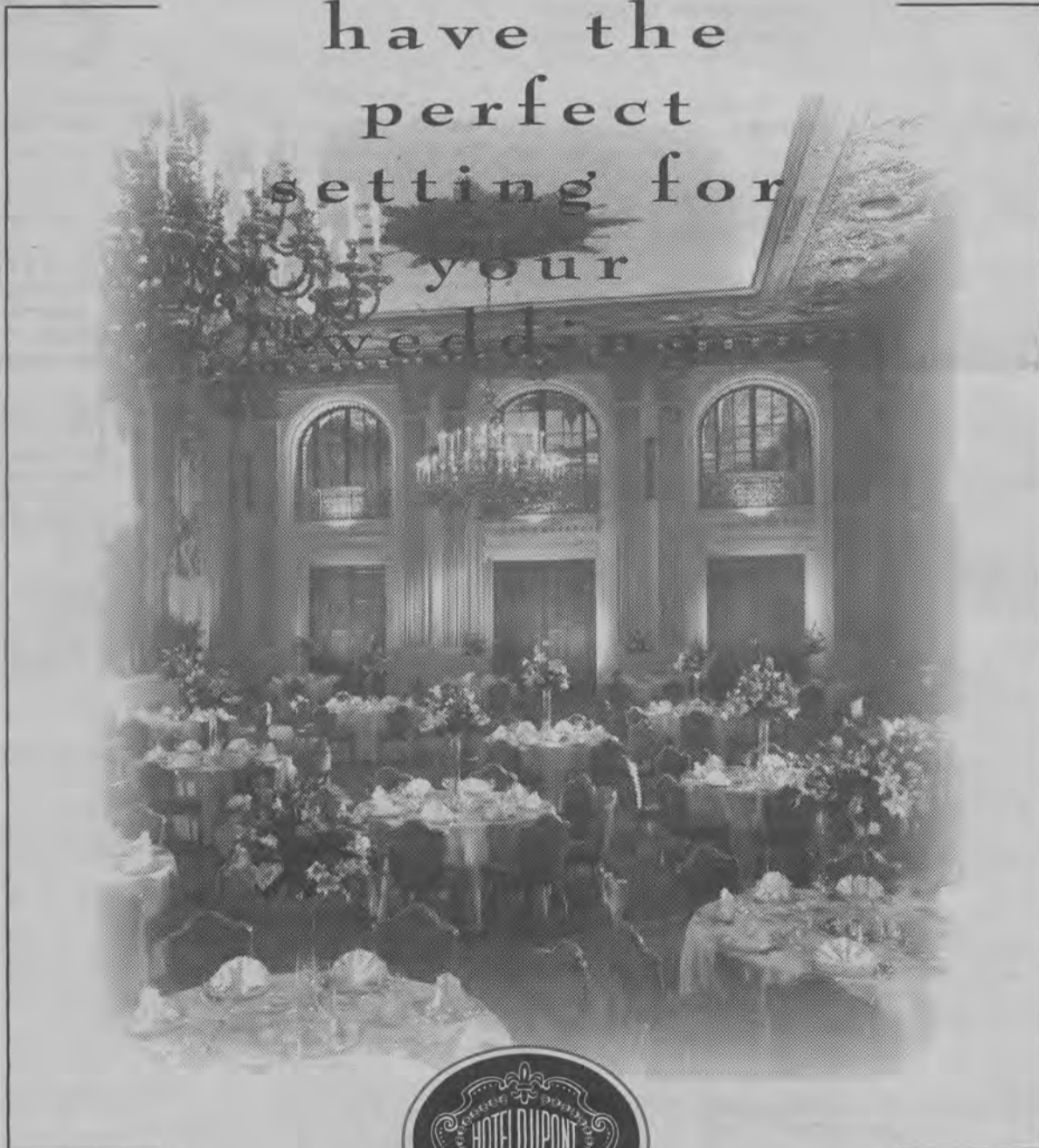
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From left: Clara Hollander, 1996 Campaign Chair, Shimon Peres, Judy Wortman - Executive Director of JFD, Ellen Koniver - Missions Chair, Toni Young - Past President of JFD, Stuart Young at a briefing of the leadership of The Jewish Federation of Delaware and Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey.

## Federation

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Jewish Federation of Delaware, the JCRC works with government leaders, the media, and different religious and cultural groups in the community as an advocate for Israel and to promote policies in keeping with Jewish values. The JCRC combats anti-Semitism and all forms of bigotry and advocates for civil rights for all members of the community.

### LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Coordinates Board development through orientation for new Board members and continuing educational programs to develop leadership skills of members of all Jewish boards.

### FINANCE

Assists in preparing the annual JFD budget and monitors monthly financial activity and long-range financial planning.

### ENDOWMENT

Develops, expands, and manages the JFD community endowment pro-

gram (planned giving).

### MISSIONS

Promotes, recruits, and oversees the selection of participants in subsidized missions to Israel.

### AUDIT

Oversees how the money allocated to JFD is spent.

### CAPITAL MAINTENANCE

Oversees the "state of our buildings."

### CASH COLLECTIONS

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### HOLOCAUST EDUCATION

Promotes Holocaust education in the community through the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Center.

### NEWCOMERS

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### NOMINATIONS

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### JEWISH VOICE EDITORIAL

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### JEWISH VOICE BUSINESS

Oversees the fiscal management and operations of *The Jewish Voice*.

### YOUNG LEADERSHIP CABINET

Builds new leadership and encourages involvement in the Jewish community for those 40 and under.



The UJA Federation Campaign, of which JFD is a part, raises resources for constituent agencies in Delaware, around the country, in Israel, and fifty-two countries around the world.

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- Nutritious balanced kosher lunches served Monday through Friday
- Outreach services
- Family life discussions
- Current event seminars
- Candlelight dinner programs

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The Jewish Community Center (JCC), is a non-profit membership organization which provides the Delaware Jewish community with diverse and extensive services. The Center provides its members and the entire community with a central place in which individuals, families, groups, or organizations can best express their interests and have their social, educational, cultural, fitness, and recreational needs met.

The Center offers educational programs, (including a nationally accredited pre-school and day-care pro-

gram), holiday celebrations, cultural and arts programming. In addition members can enjoy a state-of-the-art Fitness Center as well as an indoor swimming pool, gymnasium and racquetball facilities. Outdoors, a thirty acre Family Campus, adjacent to the JCC building, offers a wide array of services outlined below.

The Jewish Community Center is partly funded by the Jewish Federation of Delaware, and the United Way of Delaware, and is affiliated with JCCA (Jewish Community Centers Association of America). In addition, the Jewish Community Center offers its facilities to an ever-enlarging number of Jewish organizations who use its building for their programs and services.

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- Wellness educational series  
- Trips  
- Birthday parties  
- Card games

- Monthly newsletter of activities (Prime Times)

- Transportation to and from JCC offered Monday through Friday

**Adult Services**

**Programs and Services:**

- Jewish education programs  
- Jewish Book Month Celebration  
- Jewish cultural arts programs and specials

- Adult Institute of Jewish Studies  
- Jewish Great Books Discussion Group

- Day trips to theaters and museums

- Jewish holiday and cultural arts programs

- Art gallery exhibitions  
- A variety of classes and adult club groups

- Special groups

**Teen Services**

**Programs and Services:**

- B'nai B'rith Youth Organizations  
- Teen and CIT camping programs  
- SAT college prep program  
- Social and recreational programs  
- Teen Shabbatons  
- College Caravans  
- Mitzvah Corps

**Youth and Family Services**

**Programs and Services:**

- After-school childcare and enrichment activities

- Transportation from area schools to the JCC and Hebrew Schools

- "School's out days" (School vacation and snow day programs)

- Family holiday and cultural programs  
- Clubs and groups and enrichment classes

- Birthday party celebrations  
- Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts  
- After school childcare for children with special needs

**The Children's Center**

**Programs and Services:**

- Nationally accredited pre-school programs

- New state-of-the-art pre-school library

- Nationally accredited full-service day care programs

- Infant care program  
- Toddler's play

- Kindergarten enrichment  
- Lunch bunch and swim programs

- Music and ballet classes  
- Parenting education seminars

- Family education center

**Summer Day Camp**

**Program and Services:**

- Day camp theme weeks  
- Early morning and late afternoon extended hours

- Transportation to and from camp on a daily basis

- Cookouts, theme days and overnights

- Traveling teen camp  
- Sports (soccer, hockey, basketball, baseball, racquetball, tennis, archery)

- Arts 'n crafts  
- A variety of Specialty Camps

- Recreational and instructional swim programs

- Multi-media arts activities (theater, creative dramatics)

# Jewish Family Service

101 Garden of Eden Road  
Wilmington, Delaware 19803  
Phone 478-9411 Fax 479-9883  
President - Lawrence Drexler  
Executive Director - Dory Zatuschni, LCSW

Jewish Family Service, established in 1889, has expanded its services to include the preservation and strengthening of individuals and families within the Jewish community and the community at large. It is a non-profit, social-service agency reaching the needs of adults in transition and/or stress, children and their parents, the elderly and emigres. With a professional staff of three licensed clinical social workers, a family life educator, and three master's-level practitioners, the concerns of the community are addressed.

The agency is open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and on Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Evening hours are on Wednesday until 9:00 p.m. All appointments must be scheduled in advance by calling the office. Fees are charged on a sliding scale, and

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**Special Services**

- Stroke support group  
- Programs for special needs populations

- Camp group for special needs children

- Immunization program for older adults

- Health education seminars, lectures and classes

some counseling services are covered by health insurance. Although the agency has a Jewish orientation, services are available to anyone in need of help. Strict rules of confidentiality are maintained.

Individual and Family Counseling is provided to those wanting counseling. Issues most frequently discussed include those pertaining to marital difficulties, parent/child relationships, mental and/or physical health, and adjustment to changes in life situations.

Services to the Aged programs is a comprehensive program for individuals over 60 and their families. Services include case management, counseling, information and referral, and linkage to community resources. Complementing the program are workshops and support groups dealing with empowerment and self-determination issues. Educational forums help participants explore subjects ranging from memory enhancement to advocacy.

The Family Life Education Program provides individuals, couples and families with an opportunity to participate in group discussions concerning a variety of topics in order to better cope with phases of normal development and situational stress throughout the life cycle. These programs also promote the growth of Jewish identity and the Jewish family and community. Program topics include but are not limited to: parenting issues; conflict resolution; women's issues; stress management; bereavement; holiday workshops; and dieting workshops. Every other

Tuesday, the Judaism and Feminism group meets, and every other Thursday, a women's group meets to discuss the Torah.

Information and Referral Services provide individuals with the appropriate direction in dealing with a specific issue. Problems are identified, locations of services and providers are found, and availability is addressed.

Emigre Services provides assistance to Russian families resettling into the Jewish Community. These services include accessing housing, employment and education, and financial aid and other social services.

Communal Services provide individuals and families with limited material and financial aid and holiday assistance. Also included is assistance to Jewish transients.

Through the support of Jewish Federation of Delaware, workshops and support groups for intermarried couples have been held for the past two years. This year, complementing the groups, seminars are being offered to the entire community interested in interfaith issues. On Wednesday, October 16, 1996, from 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. and continuing every Wednesday evening through November 13, 1996, Lena Romanoff, consultant to Jewish Family Service of Delaware, and author of *Your People, My People*, will be addressing interfaith concerns in her presentation, "Confronting the Present, Looking to the Future."

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As the Albert Einstein Academy marks its 25th Anniversary, it re-

mains faithful to its mission of providing a challenging educational program in a warm Jewish environment that will encourage each child to reach his or her fullest potential. Even with its expanding enrollment, the school maintains a low student/teacher ratio staffed by a dedicated team of faculty and administrators. At the same time, the school is committed to moving forward, with programs designed to prepare students with the skills they will need to respond to a changing world. Toward that end, the school's expanded facilities include new classroom space, a new library and science laboratory, and upgraded computer equipment, all of which will enhance enrichment classes in the sciences and creative arts.

The Albert Einstein Academy is a non-denominational institution that

welcomes students from various religious backgrounds. Space is still available in some classes for the 1996 academic year. For further information, contact Rabbi Ellen Bernhardt, Head of School, at (302) 478-5026.



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Inside *The Jewish Voice* you will read local opinion columns on page five on a whole host of topics. Our *Synagogue Life* pages explore religious issues as well as spotlighting local congregations. *Panim El Panim*, literally "face to face," is our section which focuses on the people, the institutions, and the events which are made possible in part because of the UJA-Federation Campaign. *Arts, Entertainment, Books* includes previews and criticism.

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## 5757 Publication Schedule

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Sept. 12	High Holidays	Sept. 5
Sept. 27	For Kids	Sept. 17
Oct. 11	Fall Fashions	Oct. 3
Oct. 25	Election Preview	Oct. 17
Nov. 15	Restaurant Guide	Nov. 7
Nov. 29	Chanukah	Nov. 21
Dec. 13	Travel Advisory	Dec. 5
Dec. 27	Party Planning Guide	Dec. 19
Jan. 10	Camp Planning	Jan. 2
Jan. 24	Restaurant Guide	Jan. 16
Feb. 7	Health and Fitness	Jan. 30
Feb. 21	Winter Weddings	Feb. 13
March 7	Camp	Feb. 27
March 13	Restaurant Guide	March 13
March 21	Spring Fashions	March 27
April 4	Pesach	April 10
April 18	Mother's Day	April 24
May 2	Graduation Preview	May 15
May 23	June Bridal/Father's Day	June 5
June 13	Restaurant Guide	June 19
July 18	Business/Professional Directory	July 10
August 15	Guide to Jewish Life	August 7
Sept. 12	Fall Fashions	Sept. 4
Sept. 26	High Holidays	Sept. 18

## Taking Action In Delaware

Names and addresses of the United States senators and the representative from Delaware are listed below. For more information on state and other officials or for information or consultation on specific issues, contact Dan Weintraub, Esq., director of the Jewish Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, (302) 427-

2100.

### United States Senator

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William V. Roth, Jr. (R)  
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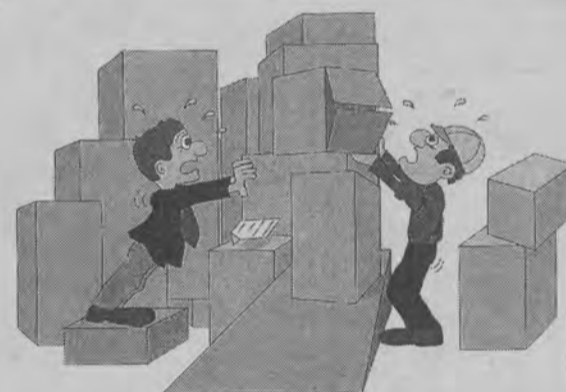
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# JCC Child Care

**The Children's Center**  
 Director: Susan Kimm Gentry  
 Ass't. Dir.: Lynn Soloman  
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**Toddler Programs**  
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**Full-Day Child Care**  
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**Three- and Four-Year Olds**

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**Parent Resource Center**

- Parenting courses
- Family education programs
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**Children's Services**

Director: Susan Kimm Gentry  
 Program Coordinator: Rachel Levy  
 Children's Services Committee  
**Kidsplace**  
 (Kindergarten-6th Grade)

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School's Out Days provide programs for area (Brandywine, AEA and Pilot) school vacations and conference days. Some days include field trips, others will include special programs at the JCC. When available, swimming will be included. On snow days, the JCC plans to provide school-age care. Listen to your local radio station for more information.

Kids Time, after school program at Pleasantville Elementary School for grades K-5.

\* Family holiday and cultural programs offered celebrate Jewish holidays and seasonal fun throughout the year. For additional information, please call Susan Kimm Gentry at 478-5660.

**Youth Groups**  
**B'nai B'rith Youth Organization**

BBYO is housed at the Jewish Community Center. BBG (girls) and AZA (boys) serves teens in 9th through 12th grades. This program provides area teens with a chance to develop leadership skills through participation in a variety of social, athletic, cultural, educational, religious activities and community service.

For more information about the following groups call Etai Belinky at 478-5660.

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# Over 100 Years of Active Jewish Life in Delaware

Although there were Jews in Delaware from the seventeenth century days of Dutch settlement, Judaism did not flourish in early Delaware, and by 1840, it appears to have been nonexistent. Not until 1879, when the Moses Montefiore Mutual Aid Society was organized, did Delaware have a permanent Jewish institution. Therefore, Delaware became the last of the original thirteen states to have an organized Jewish community and worship services for the High Holidays. In 1879, Wilmington had a Jewish population of some 25 families, most engaged in retail businesses. A small number of Jewish retailers lived in Dover, Smyrna and Milford.

Between 1880 and 1910, the Jewish population of Wilmington grew tremendously as East European immigrants found their way here. In just 30 years, the Jewish population of Wilmington expanded to more than 400 families.

The influx of struggling immigrants, primarily merchants and peddlers, spurred the formation of many

service organizations. Between 1899 and 1902, three of today's primary institutions were founded to offer assistance to the new arrivals. The Hebrew Charity Association, today's Jewish Family Service, was founded in 1899; The Young Men's Hebrew Association, today's JCC, in 1901; and the Bichor Cholem, today's Kutz Home, in 1902.

The immigrants also established several synagogues to meet their different religious expectations. Three of the early synagogues survived: Adas Kodesch, founded in 1885; Chesed Shel Emeth, founded in 1901, merged with Adas Kodesch in 1957; and Beth Emeth, founded in 1906.

Although Wilmington had the largest concentration of Jews in the state, Jews continued to live in Kent and Sussex Counties. By the early twentieth century, Dover, Lewes, Smyrna, Felton, Laurel, Georgetown, Millsboro, and Seaford had some Jewish retailers, peddlers, cannery, distillers, and hotel keepers. The first Jewish farmers arrived in Viola in

1897 and 1900. With support from the Jewish Agriculture Society, 25 Jewish families settled on Delaware farms between 1912 and 1929. Jewish immigrants also entered farm-related businesses — livestock, poultry, and farm supplies.

No Jewish organization existed downstate until 1915, when the short-lived Jewish Farmers Association was established. Religious services were held informally, in individual homes, until 1939, when the Jewish Congregation of Lower Delaware, today's Congregation Beth Shalom, was incorporated.

During the first three decades of the twentieth century, the Jewish community of Wilmington grew rapidly, and by 1929, the population reached 3,935.

But the community became increasingly fragmented. A fourth synagogue, Congregation Beth Shalom, was established in 1922. By 1929, there were more than 20 Jewish organizations, often working at cross purposes. Attempts to unite the community were unsuccessful until

1935 when the Jewish Federation was established as a representative body of Wilmington's Jewry. In the following decades, the Federation's role was expanded statewide.

A few Jews attended the University of Delaware before the turn of the century, but Jews do not appear to have settled in Newark until early in this century. Today's Temple Beth El was formed in 1954, for the Newark Jewish community.

Through this century, the majority of Jews continued to live in Wilmington. Between 1929 and 1945, the Wilmington Jewish community increased 60 percent, to 6,156 people. Only an estimated 80 Jewish families lived in Lower Delaware in 1945. By 1974, the Jewish population of Delaware was 9,000, with 96 percent in Northern Delaware. The current estimated Jewish population is 9300; however, our population study, which will be completed this fall, will give us a more accurate number.

In this brief introduction, it is not possible to name all the people who have distinguished themselves in the 100 years of active Jewish life in Delaware. Suffice it to say that Jews have held high positions and made significant contributions in numerous fields, including law, business, government, medicine, farming, and journalism.

The Jewish Historical Society of Delaware continues to collect and preserve information and records relating to the history of the Jewish community and Delaware Jews. The archives of the Society are located at 505 Market Street Mall in Wilmington, and are open to all who wish to learn about the rich Jewish heritage in the "First State." For further information, please call 655-0365 or 764-8328.

*(This introduction is based on material at the Jewish Historical Society of Delaware and an as yet unpublished work by Charles Salkin and Toni Young.)*

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Often people ask what the Jewish Historical Society of Delaware is about. We offer the following re-

sponse: The Jewish Historical Society of Delaware (JHSD) was founded in 1975 for the purpose of collecting, preserving, and sharing with the community those materials that tell the story of the Delaware Jewish Community. The Society's collections encompass information on the history, activities, and the people who have lived in or affected Jewish life in our state.

Among the growing collections (over 330 linear feet of material to date), you will find a variety of materials relating to all of Delaware's synagogues and temples, various Jewish organizations, clubs, and chapters, Jewish-owned businesses, families, and individuals. The different collections include a variety of items such as records, documents, publications, photographs, letters, memorabilia,

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The JHSD, however, is more than old papers, books, and collectibles. The organization serves as a resource center for information on preservation and conservation of documents and photographs. It is a location where individuals and families can place a variety of items that tell the story of their families and their lives.

Just how is the work of the Society done? JHSD's priority function is to process, preserve, and make available to the public the items in our collections. This multi-faceted function is the most time-consuming and costly of our activities. When materials are processed, they are reviewed, organized, re-housed, and cataloged. Items are placed in special archival folders and storage boxes which help to inhibit further deterioration. This process not only ensures the integrity and preservation of all donations, but also provides security to donors knowing that their contributions are safely and properly housed for use by future generations.

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JHSD are open to individuals and organizations interested in research, genealogy, or just the love of learning about Delaware's Jewish past. The JHSD produces public displays and exhibits, publishes a regular newsletter, holds an informative annual meeting each spring or fall, and provides information and resources to interested persons.

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University of Delaware maintains a strong focus on the over 1700 Jewish undergraduates. There are numerous activities when the University is in session, providing a mix of social, cultural, religious, and education programs. These include Shabbat dinners and Kabbalat Shabbat services, bagel and lox brunches, and a wide range of social events. For more information, call the Hillel office at (302) 453-0479.

# Jewish Holiday Calendar

Jewish holidays begin sundown on the preceding evening and conclude at sundown on the dates noted. For example, Rosh Hashanah in 1994 began Monday, September 5 at sundown and concluded on Wednesday, September 7 at sundown. The weekly Jewish Sabbath begins at sunset on Fridays and concludes at sunset on Saturdays.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact the Jewish Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware (302) 427-2100

Holiday	1996-1997 (5757)	1997-1998 (5758)
*Rosh Hashanah	September 14 - 15	October 2 - 3
*Yom Kippur	September 23	October 10
*Sukkot — first days	September 28 - 29	October 16 - 17
*Shemini Atzeret (conclusion of Sukkot)	October 5	October 23
Simchat Torah	October 6	October 24
Hanukah	December 6 - 13	December 24 - 31
Purim	March 23	March 12
*Pesach — first days	April 22 - 23	April 11 - 12
*Pesach — last two days	April 28 - 29	April 17 - 18
*Shavuot	June 11 - 12	May 31 - June 1

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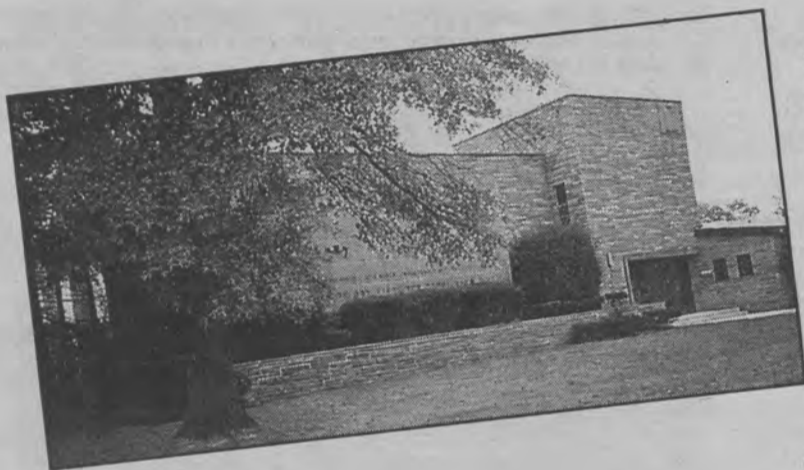


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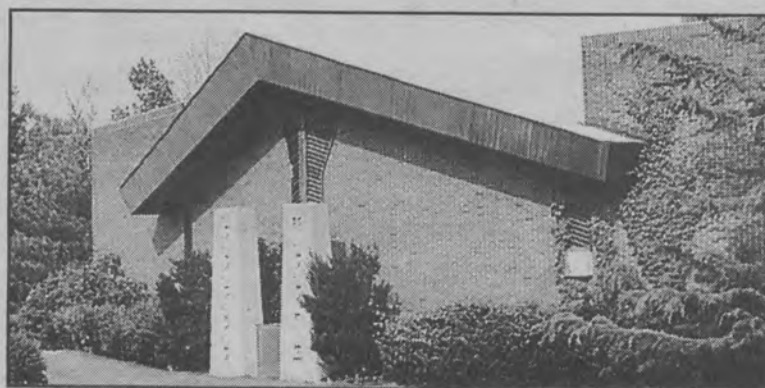


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The local Va'ad was organized in 1948 by Rabbi Leonard B. Gewirtz, soon after being hired as spiritual leader of Adas Kodesch Congregation. Many changes have occurred over the last 47 years — in the composition and institutions of the Jewish community, the availability of kosher products, and the expectations of kosher consumers — all of which have affected the work of the Va'ad. What has remained constant is its mission to facilitate local availability of food products and services meeting high Orthodox standards of kashruth.

The Va'ad currently certifies three bakeries, four caterers, and three institutional kitchens (see the accompanying list of supervised establishments). A logo (VHK within a curved W) has been adopted to promote recognition within the community. It appears on posted certificates in certified establishments and may also appear on packaged products which are under Va'ad supervision. Kosher consumers are urged to rely on these written certifications rather than on any oral representations. In bakeries, the posted certificates contain additional information about supervised products and their pareve/dairy status.

Current officers include Rabbi Sanford Dresin (*Rav Hamachshir*), Mollie Epstein (lay Chairperson), Jack Goldstein (Principal *Mashgiach*), and Bernard Panitz (Treasurer). Others who serve regularly as mashgichot include Esther Kopolovic and Sandye Turnauer. The Va'ad Board, which meets bi-monthly, consists of interested individuals from both Traditional and Conservative congregations in town. Members of the Va'ad serve on a volunteer basis. Those who serve as Mashgichim, making unannounced inspections of supervised establish-

ments and providing continuous supervision of catered events, are paid nominal fees by the businesses for their services.

As an independent community organization, the Va'ad seeks broad representation and involvement by interested members of the community and welcomes suggestions of how it can better serve the community. The limiting resource for the Va'ad is people; its services could be further expanded if more kashruth observant individuals would be willing to serve as *Mashgichim*.

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Mr. Jacob Levin, President of B'nai B'rith Lodge 470, says that "Lodge 470 has made supporting campus Jewish life its highest priority. We have invested very substantially in Hillel throughout the years and intend to help out even more now. Rabbi Rosenblum and Hillel's Board of Directors deserve a lot of credit for doing a good job in getting more students involved. We expect to see a nice crowd at their bash."

## AKSE Open House

An open house for new and prospective members of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth will be held on Sunday, August 18th from 4 to 6 p.m. at the home of Vivian Goldberg, Membership VP, 2527 Justin Lane. All members of AKSE who joined during the last year, as well as anyone interested in learning more about AKSE, are cordially invited to join.

The clergy and officers of the congregation will be present to provide information and to answer questions about the synagogue.

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## Senior Trip To Newport and Mystic

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## Polish Diplomat

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Mr. Handzlik displayed an overall desire in improving and strengthening Polish-Jewish relations. His visit, which led to a frank and informative discussion, was made possible in large part by the efforts of People To People International. "The First

Secretary's visit to meet with Jews in Delaware is one of a number of recent positive gestures by the Kwasniewski government," said Dan Weintraub, JCRC Director for the Jewish Federation of Delaware. "Although there is still a ways to go before reconciliation, this Polish government is a clear improvement over its predecessor."



From left: First Secretary Mariusz Handzlik, Dorothy Finger, Terry Danneman, and JCRC Director Dan Weintraub.

## Leadership Program Seeks Applicants

Beginning in September, 25 middle management and senior executives from Jewish agencies, organizations and synagogues, will have the opportunity to participate in the Tri-State Jewish Professional Leadership Program, a unique continuing education experience supported, for the third consecutive year, by the Wexner Foundation.

For the first time, management level personnel of Jewish schools are also being accepted into the program. Following an opening session, eight monthly two-day sessions are planned along with a closing Shabbaton and an evaluation session in June.

The program also matches its participants with experienced senior professionals for further individualized learning and problem solving.

Dr. Ernest Kahn, director of the program, says, "The focus of the program is to teach modern management skills, together with Jewish knowledge and values to middle-level managers, and to strive toward their meaningful integration.

"We are dealing with professionals whose Jewish background and education cover a wide range, from minimal to extensive. We want the administrators of our agencies to not only have excellent administrative skills, but also represent the values of Judaism. We want to train integrated managers who possess high professional competence and deep Jewish commitment and have it reflect in their work," Kahn notes.

Topics covered in this past year's program included: "Developing Resources for the Jewish Community: Financial and Human," "Middle Managers as Change Agents," "Making Jewish Agencies Jewish" and "Ethical Issues in Jewish Communal Service."

A grant for this program was awarded by the Wexner Foundation after submission of a proposal by the Jewish Communal Professional Association of the Delaware Valley, the Association of Jewish Executives of Greater Philadelphia, and the Jewish Federations of Delaware, Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey.

The 1996-97 cycle marks the third year of the program and the final year of the Wexner Foundation grant. However, the participating agencies are committed to maintaining interdisciplinary continuing education programs beyond the term of the grant.

A maximum of 25 participants on a first-come, first-serve basis will be accepted.

For applications, write or fax: Tri-State Leadership Development Program, c/o Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, 7th floor, 226 S. 16th St., Phila., PA. 19102; or call 215-893-5813; FAX: 215-893-9728.

For more information about the program, call Kahn at 215-893-5650; Joel Kaber at 609-665-6100, ext. 220; or Myrna Ryder at 302-478-9411.

## Dole

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Jewish issues inside the campaign could also benefit from the sensitive ear of Wayne Berman, who will head the vice presidential nominee's campaign.

A former Bush administration official, Berman, a businessman from Rochester, N.Y., is active with the pro-Israel political action committee, AIPAC.

Republicans say Dole needs to almost double the Jewish support that George Bush received in 1992 to win states crucial to his election strategy.

"We will win or lose the election in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Ohio, Michigan, and Illinois," said a Dole campaign official. "All levels of the campaign are aware these states have significant Jewish populations."

For Dole's backers, New Jersey highlights the importance the Jewish vote can play.

Clinton won electorally rich in New Jersey in 1992 with a margin widely attributed to the Jewish support he received at the ballot box. If Dole can close the gap in the polls, the choice of Jewish voters — Jews make up 5.5 percent of the

state's total population, according to the American Jewish Year Book — could provide the margin of victory to either candidate.

Although Jewish support for the Democratic presidential candidate reached near record numbers in 1992, Jews identifying themselves as Republicans continue to increase.

"When the National Jewish Coalition was founded, we could fit all the Jewish Republicans in a telephone booth," said Sam Fox, national co-chairman of Dole's finance committee and an honorary chairman of the NJC. "Now we need at least a small conference hall."

Still, campaign officials acknowledge they have a tough road ahead.

"We have no delusions. Clinton is well-liked in the Jewish community," a Dole campaign official said, echoing the sentiments of many Jewish Republicans.

So among Jews, who continue to participate in the political process in large numbers, the race will come down to the issues of the day, Jewish Republicans predict.

Mirroring the Republican Party faithful, Dole's Jewish supporters

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# Suit Against Christian Coalition Reminds Jewish Groups Of Limits

By DANIEL KURTZMAN

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The Federal Election Commission's lawsuit against the Christian Coalition represents the kind of legal jam Jewish political advocacy groups have been careful to avoid.

The FEC is accusing the nation's largest group of religious conservatives of violating federal election law by promoting various Republican candidates in each national election since 1990.

The civil suit filed here in U.S. District Court charged that the Christian Coalition's non-partisan posture was bogus and that it illegally promoted the election of Republican candidates through voter guides and efforts to identify GOP voters and get them to the polls.

Some tax-exempt Jewish groups also distribute materials during election years to help inform voters about candidates and issues.

But in accordance with federal law for tax-exempt organizations, Jewish officials say they are scrupulously non-partisan.

"We are very careful not to do anything that might be construed as endorsing a candidate for political office," said Richard Foltin, legislative director and counsel for the

American Jewish Committee.

Still, there has been a temptation, some in the Jewish community note, to speak out about specific candidates, particularly during a presidential election year.

"It's not always easy to resist that temptation, particularly when your ideological opponents appear to be doing so with impunity," said Marc Stern, director of the legal department of the American Jewish Congress.

Now that the FEC appears to be cracking down on the Christian Coalition, Jewish officials say the lawsuit confirms what has always been clear: Tax-exempt groups are precluded from taking sides in electoral politics.

They are not, however, precluded from creating an informed electorate, and to that end, a number of Jewish groups engage in political education activities.

The National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council carefully lays out the rules for such activity in a political education guide it publishes. The guide states that "any activity that has the hint of partisanship must be avoided."

The NJCRAC guide, for example, encourages communities to hold educational forums with candidates, but

stresses the necessity of inviting all declared contestants to participate.

In another example of Jewish voter education efforts, the AJCongress distributes questionnaires in various regions of the country outlining candidates' positions. The issues are deliberately selected to reflect an array of concerns and the questionnaires offer no judgments.

The Christian Coalition's voter guides, in contrast, "don't really leave much doubt about how people should vote," Stern said.

This year, the Christian Coalition plans to distribute 45 million voter guides to 100,000 churches across the country — a project it has undertaken in past electoral campaigns.

In its suit, the FEC cited a 1994 mailing packet the Christian Coalition sent out titled, "Reclaim America," which included a scorecard rating congressional candidates.

The suit says: "The cover letter, signed by Pat Robertson, asserted that the enclosed scorecard would be an important tool for affecting the outcome of the upcoming elections. It stated: 'This scorecard will give America's Christian voters the facts they will need to distinguish between

good and misguided congressmen'."

The Christian Coalition has denied any wrongdoing.

Ralph Reed, the group's executive director, said in a statement, "We are absolutely and totally confident that we will be fully vindicated and the courts will affirm that people of faith have every right to be involved as citizens and voters."

The Supreme Court may end up deciding that question.

For their part, Jewish groups are well acquainted with the limitations on political involvement.

The AJCommittee and the Anti-Defamation League were both named in an FEC complaint during the early 1990s concerning a publication they distributed about the presidential candidacy of Lyndon LaRouche.

The FEC said the publication indicated a position on LaRouche's candidacy, but it later dropped the complaint.

The American Israel Public Affairs Committee was also involved in an FEC lawsuit in 1989. The suit charged that the pro-Israel lobby coordinated congressional campaign contributions made by various pro-Israel political action committees.

The FEC later cleared AIPAC of any charges.

Mindful of the tax code's clear prohibition against partisan activity, Jewish groups have had to exercise great restraint in steering clear of partisan politicking.

Jewish officials, for example, have found themselves constrained from commenting publicly about the candidacy of David Duke, a former Ku Klux Klan member who espouses anti-Semitic views. During election seasons, Jewish groups have been limited to speaking out against a candidate's anti-Semitism, but not about the qualifications of a specific candidate.

"There's a frustration level," said Karen Senter, NJCRAC's co-director for domestic concerns. "There have been situations where we have been concerned about political activity and have had discussions where we have had to remind people that, like it or not, we simply cannot do this, it's not legal."

For those in the Jewish community who have pointed to the Christian Coalition's partisan activities and asked why the Jewish community is not doing the same thing, Stern said the FEC lawsuit "is a pretty good answer to that question."

## Internet Aids Genealogists Searching For Jewish Roots

By BILL GLADSTONE

TORONTO (JTA) — JewishGen, an Internet site providing genealogical information, has attracted multitudes of users and expanded exponentially since it was established more than two years ago, said its president, Susan King of Houston.

Sitting at computers in their own homes and offices, users of the service can gain access to a cornucopia of resources for Jewish family tree research.

They can search an array of information files and databases, such as the Jewish Genealogical Family Finder, an index of surnames and ancestral towns being researched by more than 2,500 people worldwide.

Users can also join discussion groups on special interests or get short letters and documents translated for free with the aid of a pool of translators with knowledge of 16 languages.

"We're getting about 3,300 to 3,500 hits per day, and there are probably double that number of people who are reading us on the news group format," King says.

"In the last six months, we've been visited by users from more than 50 countries."

Registered as a non-profit corporation, JewishGen is free to users and accepts donations through its "Jewish Generosity" program.

Accessible from any Internet providers, its award-winning Web site is located at the electronic address <<http://www.jewishgen.org/>>.

Also accessible via JewishGen is

REIPP — the Russian-Era Indexing of Poland Project.

A massive volunteer effort, this computerized index contains citations for about 100,000 Polish-Jew-

ish births, marriages and deaths, most from about 1868 to 1900.

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## Maus Exhibit At National Museum Of Jewish History

"Art Spiegelman: The Road to *Maus*," will be exhibited at the National Museum of American Jewish History in Philadelphia from August 1 through December 31, 1996. The comprehensive exhibition documents Spiegelman's Pulitzer-Prize winning comic-strip saga of the Holocaust *Maus*.

The exhibition traces the genesis of *Maus* from the original three-page comic and other early works to its final incarnation, and the specific design processes behind each page.

Spiegelman's central metaphor — in which Jews are drawn as mice and Germans as cats — provides a remarkably effective means for rendering the unimaginable horrors of the Holocaust.

Recognizing the originality of the work, the 1992 Pulitzer Prize Board created a special category to honor Spiegelman and the story's two vol-

umes, "*Maus, A Survivor's Tale I: My Father Bleeds History*" and "*Maus, A Survivor's Tale II: And Here My Troubles Begin*." The award was a triumph for the artist, who was previously followed mainly in avant-garde circles in America.

The Jewish Community Center will be offering bus trips to the museum to see the *Maus* exhibition. The trips will be held on August 20, August 27 and November 12. The bus will depart from the JCC parking lot at 1:30 p.m.

Ruth Goodman, local author, lecturer and docent for the museum, will serve as our tour guide. The cost is \$10.00 for JCC members and \$12.00 for non-members. Advance registration is required at the JCC Front Desk. For more information, please call Mona Allen or Ella Zukoff at (302) 478-5660.

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Popular psychotherapist, author and radio host Dr. Laura Schlessinger discusses the importance of discipline, honor and obligation to attain happiness and spiritual growth in this special. DR. LAURA SCHLESSINGER ON CHARACTER, COURAGE AND CONSCIENCE. With best-selling book *How Could You Do That?: The Abdication of Character, Courage, and Conscience*, she delivers her message that the 3 Cs — Character, Courage, and Conscience — are the key to leading a fully happy and responsible life. Tune in on Sunday, August 18 at 1:30 p.m. on TV 12 to see her illustrate universal examples of difficult life decisions and engage in a lively exchange with the studio audience who will pose questions from their own experiences.

### Senior trip

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special trip for our 'prime timers'.

Seniors will spend three days and two nights in Newport, Rhode Island and Mystic, Connecticut. Tours of the mansions in Newport, Touro Synagogue and Mystic Seaport will be some of the trip highlights.

We'll depart from Wilmington on Tuesday, October 1 in the morning and will return on Thursday, October 3 in the evening. The cost is \$275.00 per person for JCC members and \$295.00 per person for non-members. The price includes round-trip transportation, two breakfasts, two dinners, hotel accommodations and all gratuities and baggage handling fees.

For more information or to register for this exciting trip, please call Michelle at (302) 478-5660.



President Clinton is applauded Aug. 5 after signing a bill to punish foreign companies that invest in oil and gas projects in Iran or Libya, two nations that Washington considers sponsors of international terrorism. Behind Clinton are (L-R): Patricia Stretham, whose son was beaten to death by Iranian hijackers; David Roeder, who was held hostage at the U.S. Embassy in Iran in 1980; and Michael Metrinko, also held hostage at the embassy in 1980.

## Post-Traumatic Stress Didn't Excuse Terrorist

By SHERYL SILVERMAN  
*Washington Jewish Week*

Is it possible to hijack a plane, kill two passengers at close range, shoot three more and be acquitted on grounds of insanity?

Not to federal prosecutor Scott Glick. The veteran Department of Justice attorney said he never doubted that the jury in U.S. district court here would convict Palestinian radical Omar Mohammed Ali Rezaq for hijacking a plane in 1985.

Despite Rezaq's claim that he was suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and therefore was insane at the time of the crime, the jury found him guilty on July 19.

Along with other terrorists from Fatah Revolutionary Council (Abu Nidal), Rezaq hijacked an Egypt Air passenger plane in Athens, forcing it to land in Malta. Separating Israelis and Americans from the rest of the passengers, Rezaq kicked a young Israeli woman, then shot her in the head at point-blank range. An American was killed the same way.

Three more passengers were also shot but managed to survive (Rezaq's ammunition reportedly was faulty) after they were thrown onto the runway. In the Egyptian rescue effort that followed, dozens of other passengers were killed.

Imprisoned in Malta for seven years, Rezaq was released in a general amnesty but later arrested by the FBI and brought here to be tried.

After emotionally gripping testimony of the three who had survived Rezaq's murder attempts, the focus of the trial shifted to the insanity defense. Clinical psychologists gave conflicting opinions as to Rezaq's mental state at the time the crime was committed.

Not widely diagnosed until this decade, PTSD involves exposure to

a traumatic event, such as combat, or a major accident, rape or other near-death catastrophe. Those who have the syndrome, popularly associated with Vietnam War veterans, suffer from nightmares flashbacks in which they relive the experience, anxiety, depression and other symptoms.

Rezaq claimed that his experience of violence and terror as a Palestinian refugee growing up in Lebanon sufficiently altered his mental state to lead him to hijack a plane and kill Israelis and Americans.

"PTSD was a bogus defense," said prosecutor Glick. "Rezaq had a plain, rational motive for the crime: hatred."

Glick said Rezaq showed no remorse on the stand. "He testified in the same cool, calm and collected manner in which he executed the passengers," Glick said.

After testing Rezaq and interviewing his family in Jordan, a Washington clinical psychologist, Dr. Nuha Abudabbeh, testified for the defense that Rezaq was in a disturbed, depressed state of mind well before he took up the mission.

"He is definitely mentally ill; there is no question about it," said Abudabbeh, who believed Rezaq to be remorseful as well.

Dr. John P. Wilson, a Cleveland clinical psychologist, also testified that having witnessed atrocities in his youth, Rezaq developed PTSD and was suffering from it from 1982 on. To Wilson, Rezaq sounded like the Vietnam veterans with whom he has worked with over the years.

"When the lead hijacker was shot during the mission, it reactivated Rezaq's own trauma," Wilson said. "He went into automatic pilot once under attack and simply reacted automatically and instinctively."

Rezaq was told by his leader that there would be only plastic bullets, Wilson said. "Part of his shock was that the bullets were live, not plastic," he said.

In asking for fuel for the hijacked airliner, Wilson said, Rezaq only looked like he was rational. On the inside he was "disoriented, confused, aroused and desperate," Wilson said. Toward the end, he put his head over the seat and became "terribly out of control," he said.

"If Rezaq had not had PTSD, if he wasn't ill, he would have gone back to Jordan. People don't have as much freedom as they think they do. He didn't have any options at this point in time," Wilson said.

According to Wilson, today Rezaq feels he was "used," and that given the opportunity to do it again, he would "absolutely not."

But Dr. Terrence Keane, from the National Center for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder in Boston, testified that Rezaq was not suffering from PTSD or severe mental disease at the time of the crime. If he were experiencing a flashback, it would have been impossible for him to engage in complex activities, Keane said.

Rezaq's behavior was not erratic or disorganized, Keane pointed out, noting that Rezaq was singularly effective negotiating with the control tower.

"There was no evidence of hallucinations on the tapes. He was very much aware of where he was and what he was trying to accomplish. There was no irrational speech," said Keane.

"PTSD does not necessarily lead to violence," Keane said. "Certainly millions across the world suffer from PTSD; none but one claim it as defense for airplane hijacking."

At least no one before Rezaq.

## What's on TV?

### 1996 REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION

Public television and NBC News once again join forces to provide comprehensive coverage of the Republican National Convention, airing August 12-15 at 8 p.m. on TV 12. THE NEWSHOUR WITH JIM LEHRER and the NBC News team with Tom Brokaw continue a partnership begun in 1992 by providing extensive reporting on the latest developments at the speakers podium along with analysis of all aspects of this nationally important event.

The joint broadcast will break into two separate news crews at approximately 10 p.m., allowing each news group to provide coverage to their own networks for the remainder of the convention. NEWSHOUR correspondents include Chief Correspondent Elizabeth Farnsworth, National Correspondent Charlayne Hunter-Gault and Chief Washington Correspondent Margaret Warner. NBC correspondents include Senior Political Analyst and "Meet the Press" moderator Tim Russert and Chief White House Correspondent Brian Williams.

### SID CAESAR AND HIS WRITERS

When Sid Caesar and his team of comedy writers got together back in the 1950s, the result was *Your Show of Shows* and *Caesar's Hour*, two of the most popular comedy shows in television history. So it was inevitable that, when the Writers Guild of America brought the masters together again for a reunion show at the Writer's Guild Theater in early 1996, one-liners and zingers would fly as if 40 years had never passed.

Carl Reiner, Mel Brooks, Larry Gelbart, Neil and Danny Simon, Mel Tolkin, Sheldon Keller, Aaron Ruben and Gary Belkin — these comedic geniuses recall the old days in a show peppered with madcap humor and ad-lib sketches. Let SID CAESAR AND HIS WRITERS, hosted by co-

## ARTS • ENTERTAINMENT • BOOKS

## A Fiddler In The House

By STEVE COHEN

When I was first asked to write a regular column for the *Jewish Voice* a few years ago, the editor-in-chief said she'd like to read my personal recollections of musicians that other writers only report about. She instructed me to write about the past as much as the present, and to share my experiences with readers.

Seeing Itzhak Perlman again is certainly a cue to follow that advice. The famous violinist came to the Mann Music Center last week for a one-night klezmer extravaganza and, seeing him, I couldn't help but remember when we first met.

It was 1964, Perlman had just won

the Levintritt Award for young violinists and had appeared on the Ed Sullivan Show. I had already heard about the 19-year-old Perlman from my friend Alice Pearce, who was co-chair of the American Israel Cultural Committee, which gave financial assistance to Perlman during his studies at Julliard.

As a committee chairman at Congregation Adath Jeshurun, near Philadelphia, it was my job to recommend a headliner for the synagogue's fund-raising concert. Though hardly anyone else knew much about him, Perlman's credentials looked good and his price was cheap. We paid only \$1200 to book him for the night. Then we looked for ways by which we could increase Perlman's name recognition in the Delaware Valley.

He made his first Philadelphia appearance as a soloist with the Philadelphia Orchestra a month before our event. Three of us from the congregation showed up backstage to present Perlman with a plaque calling him the top new performer of

the year, and we arranged to have a photographer take pictures of Perlman, the plaque and us. We got the pictures into the *Jewish Exposition* and a few other papers and managed to almost fill our auditorium. But it wasn't a sell-out.

What a change has taken place. Now he's the highest-paid instrumental performer in the classical world, and his concerts sell out. In 1964, he hadn't yet made a recording; now he's the best-selling violinist of all time.

He has tone, agility and personality. And another of his greatest qualities is his quest for new musical worlds to explore. His recent EMI compact disc called *The American Album* features uncommon pieces written by Leonard Bernstein, Samuel Barber (from nearby West Chester), and Lukas Foss. LB's *Serenade after Plato's Symposium* is far from the crowd pleaser that you might expect from the composer of *West Side Story*. So it's to Perlman's credit that he invests his energies in difficult, unusual music.

His most recent passion is for klezmer music. He didn't exactly grow up in Israel with this genre. His Polish-born parents didn't play this type of music. But they did speak Yiddish (Itzhak learned it from them) and occasionally they'd hear some klezmer tunes on the radio. So Perlman was hesitant to try klezmer himself.

In 1995 he made an effort to learn everything he could about it, and he surrounded himself with some of the best klezmer talent in America. Andy Statman, the great clarinetist and mandolin player; Hankus Netsky from the Delaware Valley, director of the Klezmer Conservatory Band; Michael Alpert, violinist and lead singer with Brave Old World, and others.

They taped a television special in Poland and New York that aired on PBS, and then they made a CD for Angel-EMI called *In the Fiddler's House*. Alpert wrote four pages of informative notes for the album. So great was the success of the disc that they took their show on the road — first at Radio City Music Hall and then at the Mann Center.

It was a great concert, featuring Brave Old World, the Klezmatiks, Andy Statman's Klezmer Orchestra and the Klezmer Conservatory Band,

with Itzhak sitting in with all of them. He also supplied a few vocals in a strong bass voice.

The spirit was casual and informal, so it feels right to use his first name. And since I've just done that, it reminds me of how Perlman and his mentor, Isaac Stern, used to address each other. The American used his Hebrew name, and the young Israeli chose the American form of his own name — Perlman called Stern "Itzhak" and Stern called Perlman "Isaac."

From rhythmic *horas* to soulful *niguns*, the collaborations worked. The highlight for me was "Sholom Aleichem" played by Perlman, Stratman on mandolin and Alan Bern on piano. The audience sang quietly along.

There was a bomb scare before the start of the concert, a few days after the Olympic bombing. It was delayed more than half an hour while police kept the audience outside.

The National Museum of American Jewish History, located on Independence Mall in Philadelphia, has just opened a comprehensive exhibition of the work of comic book artist Art Spiegelman, and especially his work on the two volumes of that macabre masterpiece, *Maus*.

Spiegelman heard stories about Auschwitz from his father, a survivor and transformed them into an illustrated legend about trapped mice. Their German prison guards, of course, are drawn as cats. It's a haunting and effective way to retell the Holocaust experience.

The exhibition shows photographs of Auschwitz that Spiegelman used as models, and then all the steps that he took to bring the books to completion. It runs to December 31.

## New York Theater Trips

The Jewish Community Center's Cultural Caravan will once again be heading for New York City on Wednesday, October 30. You can choose to see one of two Tony Award Winners, "The King and I" or "A Funny Thing Happened on The Way to the Forum."

"The King and I," the revival of Rodgers & Hammerstein's 1951 musical, starring Donna Murphy and Lou Diamond Phillips. This musical received a 1996 Tony Award, 1996 Drama Desk Award, and a 1996 Outer Critics Circle Award.

"A Funny Thing Happened on The Way to the Forum," the 1962 musical comedy with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, stars Nathan Lane, Tony Award Winner for Best Actor in a Musical.

The bus will depart from the JCC at 8:00 a.m. and will return at approximately 8:00 p.m. The cost is \$95.00 for JCC members and \$105.00 for non-members. Costs include round-trip transportation and a show admission ticket. On the way home, the bus will stop at Zabar's.

Limited seating is available for both shows. Registration is now being accepted at the JCC Front Desk. For more information, please call Amalia Snyderman or Ella Zukoff at (302) 478-5660.

## Yiddish Festival at JCC

*Du Farshtayst Yiddish?* Even if you don't understand Yiddish, everyone is bound to enjoy the Yiddish Festival being held throughout the fall at the Jewish Community Center.

The kick-off event, a Mamaloshen Brunch, will be held on Sunday, September 8. The brunch will begin at 11:00 a.m. and will be followed by an array of stories, songs, and shtetls, featuring you as the entertainers. Brush off your old song sheets, call your cousin, and start practicing your delivery of the "punchline." You'll have the opportunity to be in the spotlight!

If you are interested in becoming involved in the program planning of the Yiddish Festival or want to be a "performer" at the Mamaloshen Brunch, please call Mona Allen at (302) 478-5660.

## Abercassis Art Exhibit Continues

Due to an overwhelming response from the Delaware Jewish community, the Raphael Abecassis Exhibition will be on display throughout the summer at the Jewish Community Center's Art Gallery.

The exhibition includes originals, serigraphs, lithographs, prints and posters, as well as Judaica. Abecassis is a master of combining unusual combinations of color. Using his knowledge of composition and richness of color, he reveals a universal spiritualism. His works are uplifting and meaningful, as well as charming and decorative. Some of his subject matter include *The Creation*, *Jonah*, and *Song of Songs*. Many collectors have described his paintings as "alive."

The JCC Art Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information, please call Mona Allen or Ella Zukoff at (302) 478-5660.

## JHSD Archives Keep Growing

By JULIAN H. PREISLER  
Archivist

Over the past 18 months the Jewish Historical Society of Delaware (JHSD) archive has experienced a tremendous rate of growth. This growth can be seen not only in the amount of new material that is being received, but also in the increased number of research requests and other inquiries. The health and viability of any historical society is inextricably tied to the amount and frequency of incoming materials. In other words, the JHSD archives should always be receiving records, papers, photographs, etc.

A number of recent accessions from the Jewish Federation of Delaware, Hadassah-Wilmington Chapter, and Gratz College-Wilmington Branch stand out with regard to their historical value, size, and community visibility. The Federation, in preparation for their move from Talleyville to downtown Wilmington, transferred an extremely large and valuable collection of records, photographs, and memorabilia to the Jewish Historical Society. This particular accession or collection of new materials totaled approximately 20 linear feet, which in lay-persons terms is a lot of documents and papers. Contained in the accession were extensive records dating from the earliest years of the Federation during the 1930's right up to the present-day. Some of the most interesting and valuable records include Board meeting minutes from the 1930's to the 1980's, event programs, as well as correspondence, and photographs. Assorted materials from the Jewish Community Center, Milton & Hattie Kutz Home, Kutz Foundation, and *Jewish Voice* were also included with this records transfer.

The Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah also transferred to the

JHSD archives records relating to their local chapter. Dating from the 1930's through to the present-day, these records include scrapbooks, newsletters, extensive memorabilia as well as items from the regional and national organization of Hadassah. This particular accession greatly increases the amount of Hadassah records that are available to researchers. Local Hadassah chapter records now make up the largest Collection in our archives that represents a local Jewish women's organization.

Another important donation concerns records from the Wilmington Branch of Gratz College. Because of this donation, the JHSD now has a much larger collection of materials documenting Jewish education at Gratz from its founding in Wilmington in 1965 to the present day. The records include graduation journals, and commencement exercises, class schedules, meeting minutes, correspondence and other related materials. This expanded collection illuminates Gratz as an important facet of the Delaware Jewish Community. It adds much to the archives in terms of documenting and understanding styles and trends in Jewish education in Delaware.

A number of new topics for collection have also been added to the JHSD archives. They include: Delaware Chabad Lubavitch; Frank & Yetta Chaiken Center for Jewish Studies; National Conference of Christians & Jews - Delaware Region; Jewish Community Cemetery Association; Schoenberg Memorial Chapel; Delaware Interreligious Committee; and Delaware Jewish Businesses.

Not to be left out are the many donations received from individuals and families in our Delaware Jewish

Community and beyond. Among the larger accessions are the Keil Family papers and business memorabilia, Blatman Family records, Podolsky Family genealogy and records, and Shtofman Family memorabilia. Many other individuals have generously donated photographs and other family items in addition to items from local synagogues and organizations that will be added to our archives. Our "Biographical Files" Collection has now grown to represent over 365 individuals. Do we have a file for you or your family at the Jewish Historical Society? Why not send us materials related to your careers, your involvement in the community, and your family. The more our archives grows, the better we can document and represent the history and activities of the entire Delaware Jewish community. Our growth depends on YOU. During 1995, the archives received a total of 34 accessions!! So far during 1996, we have received 34 accessions. In just six months we have reached the total for all of last year!! With continued community support, we are sure to make 1996 a record year for accessions. Why not share your experiences and your family's experiences with the Jewish Historical Society of Delaware and its archives. To donate materials, please call 655-7161 or 655-0365. Materials can also be dropped off at the archives at 505 Market Street Mall in downtown Wilmington. For membership information please call 762-4335.

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# NACHES

## Hoffman Birth

Alan and Heidi (nee Binder) of Baltimore, MD. are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Andrew Ross, on June 18. The baby's Hebrew name is Shimshon Reuven, in living memory of his maternal great-grandparents, Albert and Risa Lichtman of

Wilmington, DE. Andrew is the brother of Brandon Cary. Grandparents are Eleanor and Morris Binder and Gayle and Dick Newman and Minnie and Stanley Hoffman. Great-grandmother is Lillian Binder of Wilmington, DE.

## Meyer Anniversary

On Wednesday, August 7, 1996, Ellen and Robert Meyer, parents of Allison, Matthew, and Jeremy, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary.

## Lipschultz Bat Mitzvah

Mr. William A. Lipschultz, Ms. Madelyn J. Lipschultz and Mrs. Jan S.L. Kolchinsky announce the Bat Mitzvah of their Wife and Mother, Molly G. Lipschultz at the Hadassah National Convention, Monday, July 15, 1996 in Miami Beach, Florida.



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### ALAN M. FINK

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Mr. Fink was a banking consultant for Davis, Barney & Jones for 15 years.

Survivors include wife, Dorothy H.; sons, B. Jeffrey of Tustin, Jonathan H. of Charlottesville, Va., and David B. of Carmel; daughter, Melissa C. Fink of Lake Forest; mother, Pearl S. Fink of Wilmington; brother, Dr. Fred S. of Forest Hills Park, Brandywine Hundred, Del.; sister, Anne F. Jacobs of Wilmington; two grandchildren.

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to 1949. He was an Army veteran of World War II.

### IRVING SADOWSKY

Irving Sadowsky, 86, of 590 Aiken Ave., Perryville, Md., died Aug. 1 of heart failure in Harford Memorial Hospital, Havre de Grace.

Mr. Sadowsky owned a variety store in Perryville from 1939 until he sold it in 1969. Earlier, he taught at a school in Rockville from 1932

Survivors include wife, Dorothy E.; sisters, Ann S. Berkman of Middletown, Del., and Esther S. Pilnick of Hockessin, Del.

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## AUGUST

**Sunday \_\_\_\_\_ 11**

**ORT Picnic** at Bellevue State Park, 5 p.m. Bring your own dinner; desserts will be provided. Bluegrass band at 7 p.m. All families welcome. Only fee is park admission. For further information call Julie Block at (610) 388-0791.

## Refugees

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An increasing number of Jews are expected to enter the country from the former Soviet Union as immigrants rather than refugees as their family members here have naturalized and are able to sponsor them.

Under the new law, legal immigrants coming into the country after the measure's enactment will be barred from most benefits for the first five years. Afterward, they will be subject to newly stringent eligibility requirements.

For their part, even if refugees apply for citizenship at the earliest opportunity, bureaucratic backlogs mean invariable gaps from several months to a year and a half, say the professionals at HIAS, which is responsible for bringing 21,500

## Dole

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diverge on the issues they believe will capture the electorate, including the Jewish vote.

For Fox, it's the economy. "When it's all boiled down, the economy is what the voters are going to look at," Fox said. "And hands down, more and more people, being Jewish or otherwise, will vote for Dole."

"Lower taxes are important regardless of ethnic background," he said, referring to Dole's economic plan released this week that calls for an across-the-board 15 percent tax cut and includes many other tax-saving incentives.

Others believe that Dole can attract Jewish support through his support for increased defense spending.

"If Dole wins, the United States will build a missile defense system. And one of the primary beneficiaries will be Israel," said Douglas Feith, chairman of Dole's Middle East policy group.

"This is of such overriding importance it would be reason enough for one concerned about Israel's security to support Dole," said Feith, who served as a deputy assistant secretary of defense in the Reagan administration.

Dole plans to tout the importance of the U.S.-Israel relationship in his

**Friday \_\_\_\_\_ 16**

**Encore Bookstore**, Talleyville Shopping Center, Silverside Road, 10-12 p.m., Ruth Fisher Goodman, author of "Pen Pals."

## SEPTEMBER

**Monday \_\_\_\_\_ 9**

**Political Forum** for major party candidates for U.S. Senate, U.S. House and the Governorship at the JCC, 101 Garden of Eden Rd., 7:15 p.m. Sponsored by Hadassah and the JCRC. Voter registration will be available. Call 427-2100 for more information.

## Ongoing

**An exposition of Oral Torah**, Mondays, 7 p.m. Rambam; Brochos: A beginners intro to Talmud study. Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Mishnah; Ex-

plore the fabric of creation, Thursday, 7:00 p.m. Mysticism. In addition to classes we will be offering "Torah to go." Call to arrange a class at your convenience either on an ongoing basis or a one-shot deal, at Chabad in Newark, 455-1800.

**Women's Torah Study Group** will meet, 7:30-9:00 p.m., in the upstairs library of Congregation Beth Emeth. This Group meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday night (except some holidays).

**Women's Torah Study Group** will meet from noon to 1:30, at Myrna Ryder's office at the Jewish Family Service, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington. This group meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday lunch-time (except some holidays). Women of the community are welcome. Both groups are studying Devarim/Deuteronomy. For more information, call Eliza Gouverneur at 322-4103.

**Young Jewish Adults of Dela-**

Jewish refugees this year from the former Soviet Union.

The backlog finds HIAS in the midst of an intensive campaign to prepare immigrants for citizenship — and the campaign is striking a chord. The organization received more than 1,000 calls in the first three hours when a new audiotape on naturalization recently was made available, said Marina Belotserkovsky, assistant director of Russian communications at HIAS.

But some people are too frail or disabled to go through the citizenship process or too old to learn the English and civics that are required.

Belotserkovsky's own grandmother came here four years ago and at 85, is slated to lose her benefits in another year because, without English, she is not equipped to take the citizenship test.

Some exceptions to the citizenship

requirement are expected in hardship cases, while current laws permit exams in Russian for immigrants older than 60 who have been here for more than 15 years or those older than 55, here formore than 20 years.

"This is better than nothing," said Belotserkovsky. "But it doesn't apply to the majority of those who came during the last few years when the level of immigration was high, especially for our elderly."



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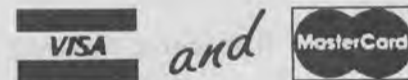
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- Vision care, hearing aid allowance, preventive dental care, and more

**Make plans to attend an informational meeting in your community. For more information, call 1-800-282-5366. And don't forget to tell a friend.**



Don't miss out! Make plans to attend one of the following U.S. Healthcare Medicare meetings to be held this month:

#### **Newark**

**Christiana Hilton**  
100 Continental Drive  
Refreshments Served  
Wed., August 14, 11:30 a.m.

#### **New Castle**

**Arner's Restaurant**  
215 North Dupont Highway  
Tues., August 6, 10:00 a.m.  
Tues., August 13, 10:00 a.m.  
Tues., August 20, 10:00 a.m.

#### **New Castle**

**Lynnhaven Inn**  
154 North Dupont Highway  
Refreshments Served  
Wed., August 14, 10:00 a.m.

#### **Wilmington**

**Hercules Country Club**  
Route 48 & Hercules Road  
Refreshments Served  
Thurs., August 8, 10:00 a.m.

#### **Wilmington**

**Howard Johnson Restaurant—Wilmington**  
Kirkwood Highway & Limestone Road  
Refreshments Served  
Thurs., August 1, 9:30 a.m.  
Wed., August 7, 9:30 a.m.  
Wed., August 21, 9:30 a.m.

#### **Wilmington**

**Perkins Restaurant—Wilmington**  
1900 Maryland Avenue  
Refreshments Served  
Mon., August 5, 9:30 a.m.  
Mon., August 19, 9:30 a.m.

#### **Wilmington**

**Riverside Hospital Medical Arts Complex—Conference Center**  
700 Lea Boulevard  
Mon., August 5, 2:30 p.m.  
Wed., August 14, 2:30 p.m.  
Wed., August 21, 2:30 p.m.

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U.S. Healthcare 1994 Medicare Plan Member Survey: 21,543 surveys sent, 13,997 surveys returned. \* \$0 is the monthly plan premium for the U.S. Healthcare Medicare 10 Plan option in Delaware, the Maryland service area and the District of Columbia. Current U.S. Healthcare members see your member handbook for specific exclusions, limitations and copayments. A federally qualified HMO with a Medicare contract. © 1996 U.S. Healthcare, Inc.