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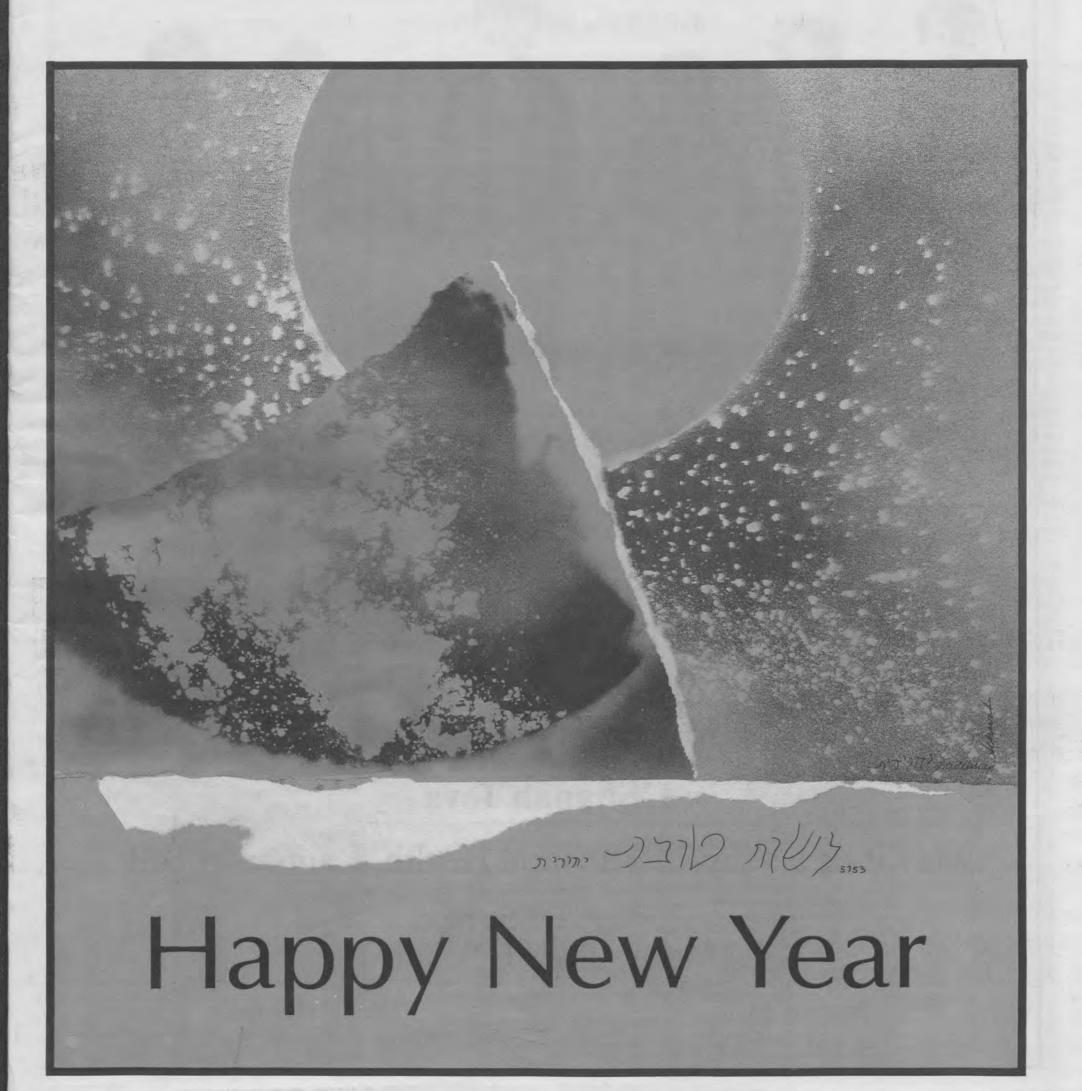
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Rosh Hashanah

combining the universal and the Jewish

By RABBI BERNARD S. RASKAS

For Jewish Telegraphic Agency
Rosh Hashanah, meaning "the beginning of
the year" is never designated by that name in
the Bible. It is simply called "a memorial of
trumpet blowing." Although the day and month
is mentioned, its purpose is rather vague.

Later the rabbis named it as the day of the creation of the world. From a universal point of view it is the first month, the first day of Creation and the genesis of humankind. The liturgy states it exactly, "hayom harat olom," "this day the world was called into being."

The uniqueness of Rosh Hashanah expresses the concept that our peoplehood is of a double nature. We are a part of humanity sharing its destiny and hopes. But, at the same time, we are a unique people separated from the rest of humanity.

This creative tension that is inherent in all forms of religion finds expression in this wonderful story. One warm spring day a young mother took her small son on a school picnic. The boy wandered away from the group, and after he had been missing for some time, his mother began an anxious search for him.

Suddenly, she heard a desperate voice crying, "Sarah! Sarah!" When she reached her boy and calmed him down, she asked why he had called her Sarah when he always called her Mother at home. The child wisely explained, "It was no use calling mother, mother — the place is full of mothers. I want my mother!"

The double nature of Jewish peoplehood in which there is recognition that Jews are a part of humanity, but also a people with a unique history and destiny, is something that we are forced to struggle with on Rosh Hashanah. Surely there are times when cooperation with all peoples is deeply religious, but at other times the need for survival requires one to take unpleasant but necessary actions for self-preservation.

The tension between the universal and the particular is not abstract, but very real on a daily basis. I recently read the story of two young Israeli soldiers who were on miluim (reserve duty). Their task was to patrol an area where Jews and Arabs lived in the same neighborhood in Jerusalem. It was a very tense area. One Israeli soldier chanced to see an

Arab woman rummaging through the garbage. He took pity on her and gave her his sandwich.

His soldier buddy then said to him, "I don't know whether I can go to war with you. You might shoot too late." The other soldier responded, "I don't know whether I can go to war with you. You might shoot too soon."

The shofar on Rosh Hashanah is a homing ruler; "zichronot," alluding to the memories that bind the Jewish people to God and to one another; and "shofrot," the proclamation of moral truths. Encapsulated here we find the central expression of the Jewish faith.

The shofar sound cannot be seen, tasted or



Mr. Samuel Mandelberg sounds Shofar at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth every morning during the month of Elul. (Photo by Rabbi Nathan Schorr).

signal. It is a primal blast cutting through extraneous noises reaching the depth of the individual soul. The traditional 100 soundings are divided into a series of 30 blasts to help mark off the three main portions of the liturgy, "malchiyot," affirming God as the universal

felt, but only heard. It pierces the inner being and sets the spiritual tone of the holy day. It has often been referred to as "a prayer without words." Its meaning is expressed on many levels of spirituality, and it strikes the chords of young and old alike.

It is important to note the unique nature of the way Rosh Hashanah is observed. The Jewish New Year is not a frivolous celebration. It is not a media event orchestrated on TV with a huge clock to help us count down to the new year. Crowds do not gather to sing, dance, drink and party. They come to pray, meditate and practice introspection. It is not "roll out the old and ring in the new," but remember the old and revere the new. It is not an occasion to trivialize time, but to sanctify time.

Toward the end of the last century, Paul Gaugin painted what many regard as his masterpiece, in which he inscribed the eternal questions of truth: "Where do we come from? What are we? Where are we going?

It is worth noting that on Rosh Hashanah the opening prayers include the following: "What are we? What is our attainment and our power? What can we say, our God and God of our ancestors?"

One answer can be found in the story of an elderly Jewish lady, a widow, a great-grand-mother, who sat in shul on Rosh Hashanah and talked with God. This particular lady had long been on intimate terms with God, seeking help and encouragement during times of sickness, health, poverty and prosperity. Being a good Jewish mother, she began to wonder what she could do for God. After all, her life was full and fulfilled and she had little by way of unfinished business. She had all she needed and could look exclusively to the needs of others.

"Nu, Tatenyu, Gottenyu," she said, "what should I wish for you, riches? You have no need for money or material things. Power? You are already Creator of the Universe, and Ruler of all Creation. So what can I wish for you — the one thing you don't always have and can't create. In the year ahead I wish you should have naches fun die kinder! — spiritual pleasure from all your children."

Perhaps this is the ultimate prayer for Rosh Hashanah.

Rabbi Bernard S. Raskas is rabbi emeritus of the Temple of Aaron in St. Paul and distinguished professor in religious studies at Macalester College.



About the cover

By JUDITH A. SCHWAB

My work is constructive, using acrylicas and found objects, mostly in wood and tiberglass. It is a spiritual dialogue in response to our constantly changing internal and external world.

The two-dimensional surface provides a way to explore ideas on paper as in this Rosh Hashanah cover for *The Jewish Voice*. My inspiration was from the biblical idea, the earth is the creator's, the world, and those that dwell therein.

In a need to reach out to other cultures, my work, "gestures of friendship and Peace Bridges" have twice crossed international boundaries to promote understanding where art provided the common language.

I often specialize in cross disciplinary collaborations as I did most recently with R. Carlos Nakai at Pinea College in Arizona.

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Judith Schwab is a well known Wilmington artist whose studio is at the Claymont Community Center.

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Rabin - Assad summit still speculation

By DAVID LANDAU

JERUSALEM (JTA) - Israel and the United States have both denied a spate of media reports that efforts are under way to organize an Israeli-Syrian summit meeting.

But key officials of both countries say that as the Middle East peace process advances, it may be desirable and even necessary to arrange a face-to-face meeting between Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Syrian President Hafez Assad.

The reports of a possible summit and the subsequent denials came as the Middle East peace talks continued at the State Department in Washington for the fourth and final week of their present round.

The Syrians and Israelis agreed that the talks had gotten back on track after turning sour last week, though neither party would say progress had been made.

Itamar Rabinovich, who heads the Israeli team negotiating with Syria, said he would not rule out meeting his objective of drafting a joint statement of principles by Thursday, when of the Israel negotiation team.

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the round is scheduled to end.

There has been no final decision on when the talks will reconvene.

Rumors that the United States and Egypt are trying to arrange a summit meeting between Rabin and Assad have surfaced in media reports ema-



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nating from Washington and various Arab capitals in recent days.

Speculation about such a meeting was heightened by news that Osama el-Baz, the top political adviser to Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, was due to arrive here soon for consultations on the state of the peace

Analysts here have suggested the Bush administration might be trying to arrange such a summit to give the president's re-election campaign a needed boost before the November elections. They say a historic meeting of Israel and Syria's top leaders, brokered by the United States, would powerfully improve Bush's standing, especially among Jewish voters.

Israeli Deputy Defense Minister Mordechai Gur said reports of an imminent Rabin-Assad summit were imaginary. But he said he hoped the day would come when the two leaders could meet together.

The U.S. ambassador to Israel, William Harrop, also threw cold water on the reports.

Addressing the United Jewish Appeal's annual President's Mission to Israel, Harrop faulted Syria for demanding an Israeli commitment to withdraw from the Golan Heights before setting out its own position on the nature of the peace.

Syria's demand is unrealistic, the U.S. envoy said. "It is absolutely impossible for any leader of a democracy like Israel," where the public has "legitimate security concerns," to announce: "We're going to withdraw altogether from the Golan Heights. Now let's find out what we're going to get for it.'



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Meanwhile, Rabin reiterated Monday that Israel will agree to territorial compromise only in exchange for a full peace treaty with Syria.

The prime minister spoke briefly at a special Knesset session as 1,500 demonstrators outside shouted slogans against withdrawal from the strategic plateau in the north.

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The session was called during the parliamentary recess at the request of the opposition parties, which told Rabin he lacked a mandate to make concessions on the Golan.

Indicating his belief that negotiat-

ing positions are not set in stone, Rabin said there was no reason "to get excited" over demands by Damascus for total withdrawal without full peace. He reiterated his conviction that "something" will be achieved in the negotiations within nine to 12

Rabin talked to his critics about "outdated political conceptions." He reminded them that the Israeli people had given his government a mandate for action on peace, "and that's what we shall do.'

He also reminded the Likud that it, too, adopted the position that Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 are the basis for the current peace process. The resolutions call for the exchange of land for peace.

JFD and Jewish Voice receive national awards

The Jewish Federation of Delaware has received a Gold Award for its 1992 Campaign Brochure and The Jewish Voice has received a Silver Award for its Passover 1992 issue from the Council of Jewish Federations. The awards will be presented at the annual CJF General Assembly to be held in New York City, November 10 - 15.

The 1992 Campaign brochure was coordinated by The Breakthrough Communications Group. Rand Snyderman was chairperson of the Campaign Marketing Committee. Rebecca Falkowski, Jewish Voice editor, designed the cover of the award winning issue.

Groundbreaking for **UofD Hillel Center**

By PRISCILLA W. SIEGEL

When Jacob erected and annointed a stone pillar as a symbol of God's presence revealed in a dream, Jacob said "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God and this is the kingdom of heaven.

At the groundbreaking ceremony on September 3 for the Abe and Pearl Kristol Hillel Center at the University of Delaware, Rabbi Stephen Booth, Hillel's director, used the Biblical story as a ceremonial touchstone: it is holy work whenever a Jewish house is built.

Drenching rain necessitated a symbolic groundbreaking and the other scheduled ceremonies took place in a university building near the 47 W. Delaware Avenue site. Professor Vivian Klaff, chair of the Hillel Advisory Board, addressed the audience of about 100 which included University of Delaware faculty, President David Roselle and other administrators, students, and the Delaware Jewish community.

Describing the new center as a facility which would serve the "religious, personal, and communal needs of the Jewish student community," Dr. Klaff further envisioned that Hillel would not be "looking exclusively inward, but would add to the multicultural atmosphere of the cam-

Dr. Klaff warmly thanked those members of Delaware's Jewish community who worked hard to make the long dreamed-of center a

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reality. Special appreciation went to

the Kristol family for the generous gift which made the building possible, and to Yetta and Sonny Chaiken for their energetic and creative leadership in the fund-raising drive.

Federation president, Steve Dombchik, brought good wishes from the Jewish community and an additional gift for the building fund from the Milton and Hattie Kutz Founda-

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Howard Kristol spoke briefly about his father, Abe's, family history. The Kristols emigrated from Poland to America in the early 1900's, settling eventually in Wilmington, where Abe was born. The family started a business on 2nd and Market Streets in Wilmington which became the suc-

cessful "Al's Sporting Goods."
"My father," said Howard "loved life and laughter, and he would be very pleased to be honored in this

Rabbi Booth, who officiated over the rest of the program, began with a joyful and triumphal Shofar blowing and the traditional blessing. He outlined his aspirations for Hillel's role on the University campus, emphasizing that Hillel "can have a powerful impact on future generations...and will provide an opportunity to learn what it means to be an adult Jew."

Likening the learning process to an awakening, Rabbi Booth closed his comments with another trumpeting of the Shofar. And since a Shofar blowing has to be a first in a University of Delaware classroom, this was indeed a groundbreaking event.

Jacob's holy work continues.

The Jewish Voice

Funding for refugees likely to be cut

By CYNTHIA MANN

WASHINGTON (JTA) gress is in the process of setting next year's funding level for refugee resettlement programs in this country,

and the outlook is grim.
Indeed, Jewish groups working on behalf of refugees from the former Soviet Union and other countries say that as the federal budget tightens and the social climate becomes increasingly hostile to foreigners, the future of the programs hangs in the

They say the fiscal pressures could shift the burden of resettling Jewish refugees to already-strapped local Jewish federations and, in the worst case, could result in a reduction in the number of refugees admitted to the United States.

That, they say, would violate the program's guiding principle that re-settlement should be based on humanitarian and not financial considerations.

Funding cuts could also trigger a major restructuring of the refugee resettlement program by eliminating the role of the states in providing Medicaid and federal cash assistance, which would be funnelled directly to voluntary agencies.

The Council of Jewish Federations (CJF) supports this plan, arguing that it would stretch fewer dollars

Both the Senate and House of Representatives have passed labor/

health and human services appropriations bills for fiscal 1993, with money in them for refugee resettlement that is below the current funding level of \$410 million.

That money resettled 131,000 refugees this fiscal year, of which 61,000 were from the former Soviet Union. Of these, roughly 52,000 were Jews. In the coming year, 122,000 refugees are tentatively slated to be admitted, of whom 40,000 are expected to be Jews.

A House and Senate conference committee is expected to begin crafting a compromise next week between the House bill, which calls for a \$322 million appropriation, and the \$405 million called for in the

While either appropriation level would force some cutbacks in resettlement programs, they are a big and welcome leap from the Bush administration budget submitted earlier this year, which refugee advocates fought fiercely.

The administration had appropriated \$227 million for resettlement, a 45 percent cut in the current funding, which is administered through the Department of Health and Human Service's (HHS) Office of Refugee Resettlement.

"A 45 percent cut is like killing the program," said Mark Talisman, director of the Washington Action Office of the Council of Jewish Fed-

"We waited 15 to 20 years for the

unfolding of events" in the former Soviet Union, he said. "And at the very moment we need the partnership" with the federal government, to close it up is obscene.

Tallsman says the \$405 million appropriation by the Senate would be palatable, even with its requirement that \$116 million not be dispersed until Sept. 30 of next year.

But he says the House appropriation of \$322 million would still leave a dysfunctional program under the current system.

One solution to a lower appropria-tion, proposed by the HHS refugee office and supported by CJF, is to revamp the system by eliminating the role the states now play in disbursing cash assistance and administering Medicaid.

The program currently calls for the State Department to provide financial support for the refugees for the first month, called reception and placement grants. Various voluntary agencies, which provide case management from the start, generally then help refugees get special cash assistance and Medicaid, which are administered by the states.

Jewish refugees are served through a special matching grant program created by the Office of Refugee Resettlement, in which \$1,000 is allocated for every refugee coming into this country through HIAS and resettled through the Council of Jewish Federations.

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Family leave measure hailed by Jewish groups

NEW YORK (JTA) — Jewish organizations have hailed congressional adoption of the Family and Medical Leave Act and urged President Bush to sign the measure into law.

Bush has threatened to veto the legislation, which requires employ-ers to give workers 12 weeks of unpaid leave for family and personal medical emergencies.

The bill was adopted September 10 by the House of Representatives by a vote of 241-161. The Senate had passed the bill in a voice vote last month.

Endorsing the measure as a means of supporting the family against the pressures of the workplace were the American Jewish Congress, B'nai B'rith Women and the National Council of Jewish Women.

The bill represents a compromise from earlier versions and provides greater flexibility for employers, AJCongress President Robert Lifton said in a letter to Bush.

"While I am aware of your concern with federally mandated benefits,' Lifton wrote the president, "I know that you would agree that the federal government has a responsibility to address serious societal problems.

The act covers businesses with 50 or more employees, which account for 5 percent of all companies and about 50 percent of the nation's workforce.

He said the annual cost to employers as a result of the legislation was estimated at \$330 million.

Recent studies have demonstrated that providing family and medical

leave "is much more cost-effective than hiring permanent replacements for workers who need leave," Lifton

A priority for parents in the workforce is job-protected leave, said Joan Bronk, president of the National Council of Jewish Women, who termed the new measure a "desperately needed" pro-family bill.

In interviews with 944 salaried women who had recently given birth, 90 percent rated paid days to care for a sick child the benefit they most wanted in the workplace, said Bronk, citing a 1986 study by the council's Center for the Child.

Data collected from 2,000 employers representing 4,000 groups of workers, or 4.5 million employees, found that two out of three groups of workers receive no jobprotected family leave.

Similar emphasis was placed on strengthening the family in a statement by Joan Kort, president of B'nai B'rith Women.

"BBW believes that employees should have the option of taking unpaid leave to bond with a new child or sit at the bedside of a sick family member without worrying about losing their job," said Kort.

Studies have shown that companies which offer leave benefits profit from the policy because their employees are more likely to be loyal and productive, she said.

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LOCAL

JCC Fitness member to run marathon

Bradford L. Glazier, an active member of the Wilmington Jewish Community Center's Fitness Center, will observe his 39th birthday on November 1 by running 26.2 miles in the New York City Marathon.

Glazier, a computer administrator with the State of Delaware Division of Health and Social Services, will be running his fourth marathon with a goal to do more than reach the finish line. He is seeking pledges of donations to the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center for each mile that he completes.

In his previous marathon efforts Glazier solicited friends to make donations to charity and raised over \$5,000 as a result of his efforts.

"Without a doubt, knowing that each mile I completed would result in more funds raised, helped me make it to the finish line," Glazier said in reference to his previous efforts.

Glazier, a runner and biathlete who participates in several local road races (including the JCC's annual Snowball Run) has suffered through two training related injuries this year. He has been put on the mend with the help of his wife Michelle, a trainer at the Wilmington Pain & Rehabilitation Center (as well as a part time personal trainer at the JCC's Fitness Center) and Dr. Raymond Feehery of New Castle Association in Podiatry.



Bradford L. Glazier

Although the injuries have drastically reduced his training efforts Glazier feels that his goal to "complete the marathon will be helped greatly by the encouragement and support

received from friends and family and the commitment to raise funds for cancer research."

Due to the nature of Glazier's training injuries he has spent a great deal of time strengthening, stretching and participating in a cross training program at the JCC Fitness Center.

The New York City Marathon, an annual event with over 25,000 entrants running through the five boroughs of New York City, is conducted by the New York Road Runners Club (NYRRC).

The founding director of the NYC Marathon, Fred Lebow who was diagnosed and successfully treated for brain cancer will, for the first time, participate in the five borough marathon this year.

Anyone wishing to make pledges on behalf of Glazier's participation in the New York City marathon should contact him at (302) 477-1118.

Furnished by Susan Parcels, public relations coordinator for the Jewish Community Center.

Five friends needed

Five new American families from the former Soviet Union have moved to Delaware this summer. They need "Family-to-Family" volunteers to help them with everyday living and adjustment questions. If you would like to help or would like information, call Lelaine Nemser, Jewish Federation of Delaware, 478-6200.

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Abe and Pearl Kristol Hillel Center Groundbreaking September 3



Steven Dombchik, president of Jewish Federation of Delaware and representing the Milton & Hattie Kutz Foundation, left, Cheryl Kamm, treasurer of Hillel, and Frank Chaiken, Building Campaign Chairman.



Dr. Viv Klaff Hillel Advisory Board Chair



Howard Kristol Son of Abe and Pearl Kristol

LOCAL

You can't go home.

Delaware Holocaust Survivor returns to place where she's born

By DOROTHY FINGER

Special to The Jewish Voice For over forty years, I yearned to return to the place where I was born and where the greatest crimes were committed against humanity, my people, my family, and me.

Last month, my husband Louis, my son Jonathan and I went on a Jewish genealogical trip to Poland and the Ukraine to retrace my roots. After four days in Warsaw and four days in Kiev, we came to Lwow and started the journey to my ancestral towns, retracing my origin: my happy youth and subsequent tortured days of the Holocaust.

First we drove through the village Kurowice where at the age of 13 I worked in the slave labor camp building the road on which we were now driving. There is not a trace left of the

27, 1943 I ran to escape the shoot- aunt, uncle and cousin were killed. ing and liquidation of the camp. Except for the few of us who escaped, all of the inmates of the camp were killed. I survived this horrible existence in the forest for one year, until small city, Rohatyn, where I once



We saw the forest where on July Dorothy Finger standing at the memorial in the city of Plumach where her

my liberation by the Russian army.

We continued driving through a

had family members who were killed. Next we drove through Przemyslany, where my mother and I lived in the ghetto for a brief time and where my mother, at the age of 41, was shot in the forest. These places were not recognizable to me.

We arrived at the sign for the town of Chodorov, which used to be Polish but is now the Ukraine. The center, or rynek, where most of the Jews lived was transformed into an almost unrecognizable dilapidated village. Some homes were torn down and others changed for the worse. Old peasants, poorly dressed, some with teeth missing others with silver teeth, came out to talk to us. We went to our house, and the young woman living there let us in.

In all of my life I have never seen such a cluttered, unkempt place. I felt numb. This was not my home, my town. Not only because those I knew and loved were not there, but also because the physical place which I remembered and often dreamt about

I started looking for certain places, but could not locate or recognize them. Several people told me that they remembered my parents, and the beautiful small department store they owned. I saw the building, but it is empty and not the same.

The residents told us that the Jews owned and lived in most of the homes around the rynec and owned stores.

None of them said they were sorry about what had happened and that the Jews were gone. One woman described the screams of the Jewish children who were shot in the forest when the ghetto was liquidated in March of 1943.

We do not belong in this part of the world anymore

She showed us where the seventeenth century wooden synagogue stood. The Nazis herded a large number of Jews into this synagogue and burned it down with everybody inside. Now there is open grass where the synagogue stood and a memorial to Bogdan Chmielnicki, a liberator of the Ukraine in a previous century, who at the same time initiated pogroms against the Jews. Where the Jewish cemetery was, there is now a

I spoke to a woman who, with her family, had hidden and saved several Jews. She was afraid to speak openly about it. She said: "You know how people are. If they find out about it they may not be very friendly.

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LOCAL

Organization The Auxiliary of the profile:

Milton & Hattie Kutz Home

By MIRIAM EDELL

Growing out of the Bichor Cholem Society (the first home for the Jewish elderly in Delaware), a group of women began to raise funds for a modern residence and nursing home, in the late 1950's,

Their dream was realized in 1960 when the Milton & Hattie Kutz Home opened. The women's new group, the Auxiliary of the Milton & Hattie Kutz Home was incorporated as a separate organization in 1961.

The auxiliary is entirely indepen-dent of the Home and the Home has no control over its funds. The president serves as an ex officio member of the Home's Board of Directors.

During the past 31 years, the Auxiliary's membership has grown to more than 800 members. It is now composed of both men and women. Five hundred Auxiliary members are Life Members. Many members volunteer at the Home, giving over 3,500 hours of service in 1991.

The Auxiliary's stated objective is to enhance the quality of life for the Home's residents. It raises funds each year — mainly through its annual Forget-Me-Not Ball and its Donor Luncheon — to provide "the extras" that the Home could not afford in its operating budget.

Most recently, the Auxiliary provided funding for a new staff position, assistant director of Nursing/ Quality Assurance Supervisor. Other allocations from the Auxiliary have been used to supplement services to residents of the Home, to improve the Home's environment, and to help defray the operating deficit of the Home.

This year's Forget-Me-Not Ball is called "24 Karat" because this is the 24th year the Auxiliary has had a gala in some form. The Gala will take place at Brandywine Country Club on October 17. Cocktails will be served at seven o'clock followed by an elegant sit-down dinner. Music will be provided by the Marc Shaw Orchestra.

The people who have given their valuable time to help make the 1992 Forget-Me-Not Ball a success are: Ronna Hochman, chairman; Ellen Levin and Louise Sloane, program book; Gail Glazar, publicity; Joy Honig and Cheryl Jacobs, children/grandchildren pages; Phyllis Cobin, 500 and up donations; Irene Aber, Menu; Joni Lipson, centerpieces; Pam Sherry, reservations; Shelly Mand and Joan Wachstein, seating arrangements; Bryna Rappaport, calligraphy; and Bobbie Tomases, telephone committee.

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Miami Federation appeals for help

More than 203,000 Jews live in Miami, 55,000 in the area hardest hit by Hurricane Andrew.

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Frail, elderly Jews on Miami Beach need the basic necessities of life. Young families have lost their homes and need shelter. Synagogues and Jewish Community Centers are severely damaged and need repair.

There is a lot that has been done and a lot that still needs to be done. The Jewish Federation of Delaware to Jewish Federation of Delaware, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington, DE 19803, earmarked for Miami Hurricane.

The following is a letter sent to Roberta Berman of Jewish Family Services from her two nieces, Alice requests that you send your donation and Wendy, who live in Miami.



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Letter to Relative:

First and most important, we are all fine and digging out. [This includes all two- and four-footed residents of the ark.] The house stands. The trees fell. Though it looks like something post-nuclear here, we're so much better off than the 163,000 homeless people in the country.

Thanks for your calls and good cheer. It was nice to hear a nonfrazzled voice for a change. Though we never lost the phone or gas for my manic cooking spree, we are now reconnected to the water company, power and light, etc. Suffice to say that 4-5 days of yard work in 90+ heat with no showers made all of us as ornery as we were foul-smelling. On the plus side, Wendy wished the state of emergency would last even longer because she claims we've never eaten so well.

My friend Michael runs food and beverage over at the sports arena. He is providing enough clean ice and fresh water to tide us through the crisis. We are still unable to drink the tap water as there are reports of hepatitus, typhoid and salmonella tc. We are learning a lot about the power of bleach and lysol.

Moments after the all-clear, renegade bands of free-lance carpenters and would-be tree trimmers flooded the area looking for work (at slightly more than exorbitant prices]. We've been approached by crews from North Carolina, Tennessee etc. having no knowledge or inclination to wield chain-saws, we're getting the jungle cut away from the house slowly but surely with the help of the most competitive highway robbers we could find...

The crisis-economy has driven up the price of simple staples to the point where the city is declaring war on the gougers. In addition to publishing telephone numbers of insurance companies and civil services, they have established a hot line to turn in gas stations demanding 1.79+ a gallon, convenience stores getting \$5.00 for a small bag of ice, roadside vendors selling generators and chain saws for 400% over full retail.

We are easily able to drive up to Broward County to bring in everything we need. The area just north of us was unharmed by the storm and has suffered none of our shortages or price hikes. We've both gone back to work (on a semi-regular schedule), and can easily get to the stores near our offices.

Miami Beach and the southern county are still subject to a 7 p.m. -7 a.m. curfew to discourage looting. We are "occupied" by the Army and National Guard and have had no trouble with crime. It is really odd to see barely-clad sunbathers in the same vista as Desert Storm "hummer" personnel carriers.

As I said before, we are really fortunate to be able to get back to normal so quickly. Many areas within blocks of the house have no power nor water. Thousands are living in homes without windows or parts of their roof. In 90+ heat and scattered rain showers, times are really tough on everyone.

Thanks again for your concern. 1992 will go down in our personal history books as a year of tremendous challenge, but we are even stronger than we ever imagined.

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Hospital Committee with the late Edward Metzker as chairman. This committee started Bingo games with cash prizes and refreshments once a month on Thursday nights.

In 1950, Committee Chairmanship was taken over by Paul Hurschman, who still remains in active charge of this group. He is

assisted by various volunteers from the three JWV Posts of Delaware.

In the extraordinary history of this JWV service unit, not a single monthly VA hospital party has ever been missed or postponed. In recognition for this service, JWV has received numerous honors and awards from the national and local VA.



The VA Hospital



Harry Lubin, commander, Post 525, left, Bernie Schaffer, Betty Lubin, junior vice commander, Paul Hurschman, trustee, and Garry Greenstein, senior

Holocaust education seminar

Delaware teachers will have the opportunity to learn how the lessons of the Holocaust can be integrated into their curricula at the Holocaust Education Seminar scheduled for Thursday, November 5.

The program is sponsored by the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Center and funded through the Delaware Humanities Forum.

Open to public, private and parochial school teachers the Seminar will be held at the A.I. DuPont High School from 3:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. Dr. Martin Sleeper will give the key-note address on "Relevancy and Value of Teaching the Holocaust.'

students and the subjects they teach.

In-service and PIP credit is available for this seminar. To register call

Attendees will be able to select the Delaware Teacher Center (800-workshops relating to the age of their 282-8770) for Course #4195. For more information call Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Center, 478-6200.

Did you know?

The Jewish Agency spent \$193 million on Operation Solomon, (the rescue and resettlement of Ethiopian Jews - part of Operation Exodus...The Commitment Continues.) An average of \$13,500 was spent on the absorption of each Ethiopian new immigrant to Israel. 2,500 of the Ethiopian immigrants who arrived are still residing at

Operation Exodus...The Commitment Continues

L'Shanah Tovah

The New Year is a critical time in Jewish life. It is a time when we look back over the events of the past year and examine our relationship with God and with our fellow people. It is also a time when we look forward to what the future may bring.

This New Year seems particularly momentous. While Eastern European political systems that tried for generations to eradicate Juddaism crumbled, organized racism and anti-Semitism grew in Western Europe. While Rev. Jesse Jackson "affirm[ed] Zionism by its soundest definition as a liberation movement whose object is to secure a state for its people," the campaigns of David Duke and Patrick Buchanan reaffirmed the politics of division. While Arabs and Israelis meet face-to-face in what may be a new spirit of compromise and realism, American Jewish life continues to erode through assimilation.

Your contribution to the 1992 Community Campaign makes a difference by helping to strengthen our community and by helping Jews in need in other parts of the world. If you have not already made a pledge, please consider doing so as soon as possible.

L'Shanah Tovah... may you and your loved ones be inscribed in the Book of Life for a year of peace, happiness and fulfillment.

> Leslie Goldenberg **David Margules** 1992 Campaign Co-chairpersons Jewish Federation of Delaware

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LOCAL

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Summer Institute was held this year

Approximately 390 people attended, including many children.
Participating from this area were:

Rona Finkelstein, Marga Hirsch, Mike and Ellen Lazarus, Karen, Jessica, and Anna Moss, Phyllis and Dov Seidel, and Charles Sklut.

It was a week of learning, davening (much of it in the Havurah style), kosher dairy food, making new friends (the Institute makes special efforts in this regard), renewing old friendships, workshops of various kinds, a performance by the actor Arthur Strimling, a kehillah (community discussion and debate), and Judaica displays (especially books).

Strimling's solo performance, "All That Our Eyes Have Witnessed,"

dramatized life stories recorded by anthropologist Barbara Meyerhoff, in her book "Number Our Days." These stories were collected among at Harcum Junior College, in Bryn
Mawr, Pa. from August 3-9.

elderly Jews in the Los Angeles area,
many of them survivors of the Holomany of them survivors of the Holocaust or recent immigrants from the Soviet Union.

> Among the courses given were: Storytelling and Spirituality, An Introduction to the Basic Texts of Judaism, The Conversos and Crypto-Jews of Spain, Zen and the Art of Moral Maintenance - A Jewish View Through Pirke Avot, Dealing With the Hard Parts of the Tradition. Examples of the Workshops: Learn to Read Torah, Learn to Chant Haftarah, Women in Judaism and Islam, and The 52% Dilemma; and Intermarriage.

> Anyone is welcome to attend the summer institute. To receive information on next year's Institute, call 215-843-1470.

Can't go home

Continued from 7

Before the war, there were two thousand, and during the war, three thousand Jews living in Chodorov. Only two families and several individual members of families survived. Hitler and the local anti-Semites achieves their goal. There are no Jews left in Chodorov and the other small towns and villages, and I hope they will never return. We do not belong in this part of the world where

Jewish culture once flourished and was completely destroyed.

I felt sad and pained. My dreams of

A political forum sponsored by Hadassah and the Jewish Community Relations Committee

of the Jewish Federation of Delaware was held with primary winners in Delaware together

for their first debate. The economy, vouchers for schools abortion rights and the federal

income tax seemed to be the most pressing topics. Candidates for Congress, governor and lieutenant governor attending the debate, from left to right, Peggy Schmitt, Governor Castle, S.B. Woo, Phil Cloutier, Ruth Ann Minner, B. Gary Scott, Rep. Thomas R. Carper,

Floyd McDowell, and Richard Cohen. The moderator at far right is Ceceil Ehrich.

Political Forum at JCC

forty-eight years were shattered. This was once the place of my happy childhood, gone forever. My entire being cried for those I remembered who were tortured and were there no

Yes, I survived, yet something in me died there, too, a long time ago and again on my return.



Grave for 3000 Jewish children who were shot in Berdicze. The Nazis made the parents dig the graves for them.

Kutz Home announces increase

The Auxiliary of the Kutz Home has announced an increase in the minimum contribution from \$3 to \$5. The monies contributed are used to improve the quality of life for the residents

The Auxiliary has two special funds;

the Mortimer Wachstein Memorial Fund, and the Kathi Rosen Nursing Fund. Donations to the Mortimer Wachstein Fund are used for residents activities, especially bingo, do-nations to the Kathi Rosen Fund are used for continuing nursing educa-

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Specter campaign letter strikes out

By JENNIFER BABSON

State News Service
WASHINGTON (JTA) — Is the "anti-Israel network" planning a "wellfinanced campaign" to remove Sen. Arlen Specter from office?

Some supporters of the Pennsylvania Republican think so.

According to a letter Specter's backers are sending out to Jewish voters and potential contributors, the senator is the target of "broadcast terrorists" who are out to "get" him.

The Republican senator, who is facing Democrat Lynn Yeakel in a tight race this November, recently appeared on a list of senators the National Association of Arab Americans said it would most like defeated.

The campaign letter, signed by veteran Jewish philanthropist Max Fisher and pro-Israel activist Robert Asher, invites readers to "send a contribution of \$250," pointing out that Specter's re-election campaign "may cost an astounding \$12 mil-

Enclosed with the appeal is a reprinted article on negative statements several members of Yeakel's Presbyterian church made about Israel in 1990

Taken from The Jewish Voice & Opinion of Englewood, N.J., the article lambastes Yeakel as "a liberal Democratic challenger, who is a leader of a church that has sponsored anti-Israel programs."

Yeakel, who serves on the board of directors at the Bryn Mawr church, has since repudiated the statements and said publicly that she favors maintaining Israel's security.

Specter aides insist the letter is meant to do nothing more than elaborate on the senator's supportive position on Israel.

But the letter does more than inform voters on the senator's pro-Israel positions, according to Yeakel spokesman Bob McCarson. "I think this is guilt by association," he said. "The whole thing has been taken out of context by Sen. Specter."
"It's kind of sad that when Jewish

politicians are often the subject of innuendo campaigns for being Jewish that a Jewish politician would basically say that Lynn Yeakel can't be trusted because she's not Jewish," McCarson added.

The vociferously worded campaign letter, coupled with Specter's wellknown record in support of Israel, may have eroded some Jewish support for Yeakel, according to some

A registered Democrat, Philadelphia resident Helen Zoren intends to cast her vote for Democrat Bill Clinton this fall. But when the time comes to pull the lever in Pennsylvania's U.S. Senate race, Zoren said she will be with Specter.

"I think he's one of the greatest supporters of Israel — I don't think that Yeakel is," she said. But Zoren said she also expects some Jewish women will shun Specter because of his treatment of witness Anita Hill last year in the Clarence Thomas Supreme Court confirmation hear-

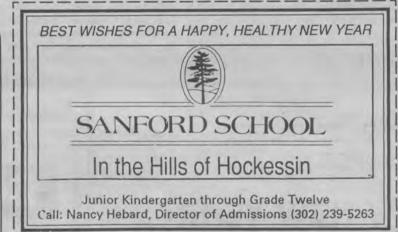
Prominent Philadelphia lawyer and Yeakel supporter Jerome Shestack said he is appalled at the specter campaign literature and finds little difference between the two candidates' positions on Israel.

Shestack said that the "anti-Israel" label Specter has stuck onto Yeakel may be difficult for her to peel off. "I think many people believe the charges that are made because they don't go into it sufficiently," he said, adding, "I think it's having an effect.

Briefs

Jewish communities selected for education project

NEW YORK (JTA) — Three Jewish communities — Atlanta, Baltimore, and - have been selected by the Council for Initiatives in Jewish education for an intensive three-to five-year experiment in improving Jewish education. The council's endeavor is to bring to each of the selected communities the best available resources and to help them locate funding for innovating programs. The goal is to produce a model for providing top-quality Jewish education that can be replicated in Jewish communities around the country. The co-sponsors are the Council of Jewish Federations, the Jewish Community Centers Association of North America and the Jewish Education Service of North America.



N.Y. Cuomo Visits Israel



During a recent trip to Israel, Governor Mario M. Cuomo of New York planted a tree in the Rabbi Israel Mowshowitz Woods, located in the Jewish National Fund's American Independence Park, near Jerusalem. The Governor was In Israel to promote commercial ties. Rabbi Mowshowitz served as his special assistant for community affairs from 1983 until his death last July.

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Israel cancels Taiwan sale

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Israel has announced it is canceling plans to sell 40 Kfir jet fighters to Taiwan, and the Chinese have promises they will only sell Middle Eastern countries defensive weaponry in limited quantities that would not endanger peace in the region. The announcements, while not linked, were made last week during the visit of the Chinese foreign minister, Qian Qichen, who spent three days in Israel.

Ethiopian Kessim reach accord

<code>JERUSALEM</code> (JTA) — Ethiopian religious leaders won a pledge for fuller recognition this week and agreed to end a two-week strike outside the Prime Minister's Office. The kessim agreed to a compromise proposal under which they will undergo a study program of up to a year, at the end of which they will be legally entitled to perform marriages and divorces. The course of study is to be drawn up by a committee representing the kessim, the Chief Rabbinate and the government.

Jews welcome French vote

PARIS (JTA) — The French people's narrow vote Sunday to approve a treaty on European unity has come as a big relief to the Jewish leadership here, which believes integration of the European nations spells greater security for Jews. "To us Jews, this vote means we are heading toward" a Europe "of democracy, of more tolerance, of greater mutual respect — a Europe in which we will be able to bring an end to ethnic and religious wars and advance human dignity," Jean Kahn, head of CRIF, the representative body of French requests by Israel for closer links with Jewry, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. The so-called Maastricht Treaty, which calls for closer economic, monetary and defense cooperation among the 12 nations of the European Community, was approved by a slim 50.95 percent of the French electorate in a national referendum Sunday.

Israel's cabinet adopt budget

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel's Cabinet approved a 1993 budget of 97.6 billion shekels (\$41 billion) earlier this month after restoring cuts to religious institutions under pressure from Interior Minister Arye Deri. The budget was approved after 11 hours of debate, with only Absorption Minister Yair Tsaban of the Meretz bloc voting against it. Environmental Protection Minister Ora Namir and Economic Planning Minister Shimon Shetreet, both of the Labor Party, abstained.

NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL

E.C. to launch talks to help Israel's status

By LARRY YUDELSON

UNITED NATIONS (JTA) - The European Community has agreed to launch a series of talks aimed at upgrading its relationship with Israel.

This promise was won by Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres on Monday, after a first-ever meeting between a high-ranking Israeli official and the 12 E.C. foreign minis-

It was the biggest breakthrough to emerge so far from the flurry of meetings that Peres has been holding with international diplomats in recent weeks.

The discussions regarding Israel's status with the Common Market would be the first such review since 1975, when the E.C. and Israel signed a free-trade agreement. Subsequent the E.C. have, until now, been re-

And while Peres did not receive a direct reply to his request that Israel be admitted to the Western European and Others bloc at the United Nations, there was a sense that the request would be seriously, and favorably, considered.

Admission to the bloc would, among other things, enable Israel to campaign for a seat in the U.N. Security Council.

Improved ties with the E.C. hold

out the promise of many benefits for Israel, diplomatically and economically. The improved prospects were exciting enough for Israeli officials this week to point publicly to this diplomatic advance as the first concrete dividend from Israel's new positions on the peace talks.

The talks with the E.C. are set to emment. begin almost immediately between lower-level officials, with Peres and his senior counterparts expected to join in within weeks.

While Israel does not expect to become a full member of the E.C., Peres said he told acting U.S. Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger that it aspired to a status similar to that given the six European Free Trade Association countries. Those countries, which have close economic ties with the E.C., will not be a party to the political and monetary agreements envisioned in the proposed

Israel has also expressed a willingness to allow the Europeans a greater role in the peace process.

European unity treaty.

Peres said he spoke with the Europeans, and with Eagleburger on Tues-day, about "breathing life" into the multilateral talks, in which the Europeans participate. He said he discussed the possibility of European funding for a proposed Middle East development bank.

Peres said his desire for a stronger European presence in the peace talks was well received by Eagleburger. This, said an Israeli official, was a departure from the previous American attitude of coolness toward the European presence, an attitude held as well by Israel's former Likud gov-

ANC march led by Jews becomes massacre

By SUZANNE BELLING

JOHANNESBURG (JTA) - The African National Congress march that turned into a massacre earlier this month in the black South African homeland Ciskei was led by two Jews.

Ronnie Kasrils and Raymond Suttner of the ANC, together with South African Communist Party Secretary-General Chris Hani, led the march of about 50,000 people, which was aimed at ousting Ciskei's military

ruler, Brig. Oupa Gqozo. Some 24 ANC protesters were killed and another 188 injured when Ciskei troops opened machine-gun fire at the demonstrators in the homeland's capital, Bisho.

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Campaign Highlights

Rep. Stephen Solarz (D-NY) was defeated last week in a six-way primary by Nydia Velazquez. The district had been redrawn to promote minority representation, in accordance with recent changes in the Voting Rights Act. Solarz's previous predominantly Jewish district became nearly 60 percent Hispanic by this year's redistricting.

year's redistricting.
Ironically, Solarz had decided against running against another Jewish incumbent, Rep. Ted Weiss of Manhattan who died Monday of heart failure. Weis's replacement as the Democratic nominee in the heavily liberal and Jewish 8th District of Manhattan and Brooklyn will be chosen by Democratic Party officials.

Also in New York, Jewish incumbents Gary Ackerman and Eliot Engel, both Democrats, handily defeated their challengers. Two Republican Jewish representatives, Benjamin Gillman and Bill Green, and one Jewish Democrat, Nita Lowey, did not face primary chal-

lengers.
New York Democratic state Attorney General Robert Abrams, who is Jewish, claimed victory over Geraldine Ferraro, the former congresswoman and vice presidential candidate. Ferraro, however, refused to concede defeat, hoping that uncounted absentee ballots would reverse the razor-thin Abrams lead. Abrams, or possibly Ferraro, will face off in the November general election against incumbent Republican Sen. Alfonse D'Amato.

Arkansas Governor Bill Clinton in a speech to B'nai B'rith's international convention in Washington last week clarified his stance on Saudi Arabia's request to purchase 72 advanced F-15 fighter aircraft from the United States. The Democratic presidential nominee assured supporters of Israel that he would only support such a sale if it would not tilt the region's military balance or erode

Israel's qualitative military edge. He pledged to safeguard Israel's security, give high priority to the Middle East peace talks, oppose a Palestinian state and provide strong leadership in the fight against racism and prejudice.

According to a story in The New York Times, September 22, Governor Clinton has tapped into a well of Republican financial and political support that other Democratic Presidential candidates have not been able to touch.



President Bush tries to patch it up at B'nai B'rith.

President George Bush also used the B'nai B'rith convention forum last week to pledge that any sale of aircraft to the Saudis would not threaten the U.S. commitment to maintain Israel's qualitative military edge in the region. In a recitation of his pro-Israel record of accomplishments, Hussein in the Persian Gulf War and his administration's success as a broker in the Middle East peace talks.

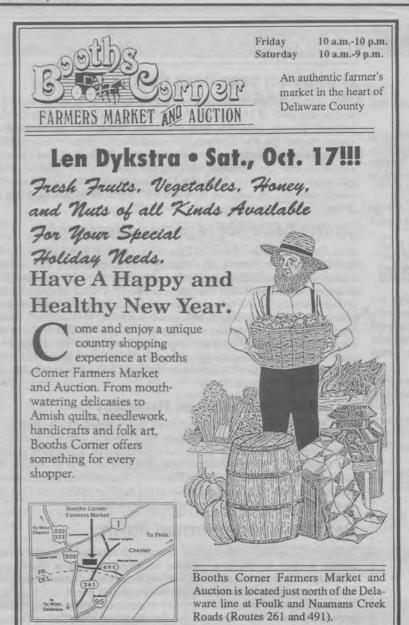
President Bush told the B'nai B'rith delegation that his remarks last September criticizing the organized Jewish lobbying efforts on behalf of the loan guarantees were misinterpreted and expressed "regret for any pain this may have caused."

Republican Sen. Robert Kasten and Democratic state Sen. Russell Feingold, both Jews, will face each other in Wisconsin's race for Senate in November. They each won landslide victories in last week's Senate primary election.

Over 400 CEO's representing major corporations, regional companies and entrepreneurs have endorsed Clinton. Irving S. Shapiro, former chairman and chief executive officer of E.I. duPont de Nemours and Company in Wilmington said in a release from Clinton's Wilmington headquarters, "The 1992 choice is between a President who has failed on domestic issues and who now looks toMr. Baker to tell him what his program is for the next four years, and a new generation of leadership offered by Governor Clinton, a man who has the necessary intellect and a vision of how to manage the problems that confront us."

Civil rights attorney Alan Dershowitz writing in the October issue of Moment Magazine endorses Clinton while calling George Bush the "most stridently anti-Israel American president in recent history."

Moment's October issue also includes a debate between Clinton and Bush in the cover story, "Why Jews Should Vote for Me." For a copy of the magazine call 202-387-8888.



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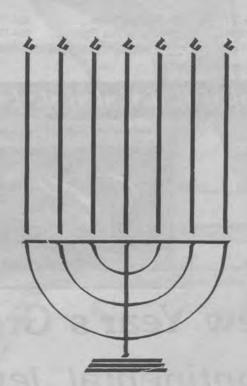
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Arad reportedly alive

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The Lebanese government has reason to believe that missing Israeli air force navigator Ron Arad is still alive, Israeli officials have been told.

Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres announced the news Monday at a briefing in New York with members of the Jewish press. And further details were provided here Tuesday by Uri Lubrani, co-chairman of the Israeli team conducting peace talks with Lebanon.

Lubrani, who served last year as Israel's chief hostage negotiator, told reporters that Israel had asked the Lebanese delegation to do whatever it could on a humanitarian basis to find out about the fate of Arad, whose airplane was shot down over Lebanon in 1986.

As a result, he said, the Israeli team had "received a reply that the Lebanese government has reason to believe that navigator Arad is alive."

He said the Lebanese delegation had assured the Israelis that it "will do whatever it can to pursue the matter to the best of its ability."

Asked by reporters if the Israelis had received any information about Arad's whereabouts, Lubrani said, "I

As a result, he said, the Israeli team don't think they have any knowledge of who is holding him."

When asked a similar question in New York on Monday, Foreign Minister Peres said that "the Syrians deny they are connected in any way with the fate of Ron Arad."

He later added: "I would see an Iranian finger in the story, but I don't have evidence to support it."

Mixed reviews for proposals

By CYNTHIA MANN

State News Service
WASHINGTON (JTA) — President Bush's decision to sell advanced
F-15 fighter aircraft to Saudi Arabia
has dismayed supporters of Israel,

who are concerned it will alter the military balance in the Middle East.

But their disappointment has been mitigated by the favorable terms of a loan guarantee package for Israel

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Hungarian president deeply moved

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Although no formal agreements will be signed at the end of the visit of Hungarian President Arpad Goncz to Israel, relations between the two countries have deepened, Goncz told reporters Monday. Goncz visited the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial in Jerusalem and then declared that the Holocaust should never recur. His tour of Yad Vashem was extended, with the president stopping time and again by exhibits, receiving explanations by Yitzhak Arad, the Yad Vashem director. "We are very, very deeply moved," he said, his eyes wet with tears, as he was standing at the Yizkor Hall. "This must never be repeated."

Arafat behavior reported discraceful

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasir Arafat has been behaving erratically, causing indecision among Palestinian delegates to the Middle East peace talks, according to the Israeli daily Ma'ariv. Members of the Palestinian delegation wishing to consult with him have been embarrassed by his stubborn responses and say he does not advise them on how to act in the negotiations with Israel, according to Palestinian sources in the territories quoted by the paper September 17. The sources have labeled recent meetings with Arafat as "disgraceful," saying he bursts into shouting fits at the delegation members, apologizes, then shouts again. His behavior has been the cause of a breakdown in the Middle East peace talks being held in Washington, sources report.

Israeli - Arabs to see Hussein

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A delegation of seven Israeli Arabs were to go to Jordan this week to convey greetings to King Hussein, who is recovering from kidney surgery he recently had in the United States. The visit is unusual, in that ordinarily, Israeli citizens are not permitted to travel to Jordan, a state with which it is technically at war. The seven who are making the current visit are Ibrahim Nimer Hussein, chairman of the Arab Local Councils Committee, four other mayors and two local religious leaders.

Saudi invitation turned down

NEW YORK (JTA) — For the first time, Saudi Arabia has invited American Jewish leaders to attend a national holiday reception at the kingdom's embassy in Washington, although many of those invited do not plan to attend. Invitations to attend a reception this Wednesday in honor of Saudi Arabia's National Day were extended to officials of a number of Jewish organizations, apparently those who met with the Saudi ambassador, Prince Bandar Ibn Sultan, last November. But Saudi Arabia's failure to go beyond goodwill gestures toward American Jews and announce substantive policy changes toward Israel has disappointed Jewish leaders. As a result, many of those invited have decided not to attend the reception in Washington, while others are undecided. Malcolm Hoenlein, executive director of the Conference of Presidents, said he did not plan to be at the reception. Asked about the outcome of last year's meeting, he said "there were many promises that remain unfulfilled. And we remain upset that they have not acted on the boycott of Israel and remain in a state of war with Israel."

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In Golan, outcome of negotiations dreaded

By MICHELE CHABIN MOSHAV YONATAN, Israel (JTA) — It is grape-harvesting season in the Golan Heights, and the members of Moshav Yonatan, lo-cated just 2 1/2 miles from the Syrian border, barely have time for a moment's rest.

Yet when they do finally step down from their giant grape-pickers, their minds turn to the peace talks in Washington, where teams of negotiators are discussing their future.

"Sure I'm concerned," said Moshav member Benny Lieberman. "I've made my home here. I earn my living by harvesting these grapes, which are turned into the best wine in the whole country. What will happen if the government decides to give up

Lieberman is not alone in his fears. Since August, when Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin agreed to discuss territorial compromise with Syria, many of the area's 12,000 Jewish residents have been dreading the out-

While the "Golan Question" may take years to resolve, those who live here are not taking any chances. Concerned that the government will return part or all of the Golan to Syria within the foreseeable future, the settlers have turned their concern into political action.

Following a series of local demonstrations during the past month, they took their cause to the government on Monday.

A protest rally, which took place in the rose-filled park opposite the Knesset, was the culmination of a three-day march by dozens of residents. Hundreds of other protesters hired buses for the 2 1/2-hour trip to Jerusalem.

Carrying placards that read "Today the Golan, tomorrow the Galil," and "Israel must retain sovereignty over the Heights," the protesters expressed the hope that they could influence their elected officials.

"We decided to come today because the Knesset is inside debating the Golan," said Udi Margalit, head of the Golan Settlement Committee. "We are confident that the Knesset members will realize that the Golan is not an obstacle to peace, but an obstacle to war."

He expressed bitterness over Rabin's decision to include the area in peace discussions. "Before the elections, Rabin came to the Golan and told us that the territory is needed for security reasons. More than 50 percent of us voted for him, and some are starting to regret it.'

The demonstrations, Margalit said, were just the beginning. We intend to take every means that this democracy allows to fight for our struggle. We must influence our (Knesset members), talk to the media, contact people

in the U.S. It isn't going to be easy, but we're prepared for a fight."

"The government can't just sign away our future," said Nachum Seltzer, a farmer from Moshav Avnei Eitan. At the rally with his wife and three children, who were skipping school for the day, Seltzer also expressed dismay over what he terms

the prime minister's "turnaround" on the Golan issue.

"In June, just a few days before the elections, we were celebrating the 25th anniversary of Israeli sovereignty over the Golan. Rabin came up and promised that he would help us to

improve housing, industry, jobs. Now he's talking about giving the Golan

"I don't think Rabin is a traitor," he added, "but I still don't understand what he's trying to accomplish. The Continued on 51

Syrian economy motivates peace

By GIL SEDAN

JERUSALEM (JTA) — President Hafez Assad of Syria may be motivated to make peace with Israel as a way of solving his country's chronic economic problem.

Not only will peace bring tremendous savings in the defense budget, but it will attract foreign investors and boost the economy, analysts say.

Like Anwar Sadat of Egypt 15 years ago, the desire to heal the economy may be one of the prime incentives underlying the sound of peace from Damascus.

With its 13.5 million inhabitants, Syria has an annual budget of \$8.3 billion, with an external debt of \$15 billion, mostly to Russia.

Almost a quarter of the national budget - \$2.2 billion - goes to

But the peace process has already allowed Syria to cut its defense budget by 11 per cent. And the decrease in tensions has led the Syrians to anticipate in immediate increase of 25 percent in tourism.

Three years ago, Syria was on the brink of bankruptcy. However, American economic rewards for Syrian support in the 1991 Persian Gulf crisis, and the discovery and development of oil fields, have set the Syrian economy on the road to recovery.

Syria now produces some 500,000 barrels a day, with an annual oil revenue of more than \$2 billion.

The debt to Russia - mostly for

the vast arms purchases there remains an onerous economic bur-

Foreign Minister Farouk al-Sharaa visited Moscow recently, and came back with a repayment bill aimed at attracting foreign investors.

Tourists and journalists have reported a marked improvement in Damascus over the past few months. Shops are plentifully stocked and offer such Western goods as Reebok running shoes and Levi's jeans, although, at an average wage of \$100 month, few Syrians can afford

Restaurants and coffee houses are full and even chronic power failures are said to have disappeared, say



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Inside Israel

Concern about the Golan

By NECHEMIA MEYERS

"If I had known that Rabin planned to give back the Golan to Syria, I certainly wouldn't have voted for him," my son-in-law Moshe told me last weekend.

I found this statement extraordinary because Moshe has always supported Labor; but I also understood why he made it. After all, he and his

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family live in the Galilee town of families should the Syrian flag wave Kiryat Shmoneh, and have good reason to fear Syrian guns on the nearby Golan Heights.

It is not that Moshe doesn't want peace. Having spent a full year fighting in Lebanon, where many of his comrades were killed, he desperately wants peace, both with Syria and with Israel's other Arab neighbors. But like many other residents of Kiryat Shmoneh to whom I spoke, he doesn't believe that peace with Syria is possible so long as Assad retains power in Damascus. Indeed, in Moshe's view, turning the Golan over to him will only whet his appetite, and thus increase the chances of war.

My son-in-law believes that "Hafez Assad is as bad as Saddam Hussein, but, unfortunately, much cleverer. He won't act impulsively. Instead, he'll wait patiently until the time is ripe, and then strike again.'

Also angry, are the Druze taxi drivers with whom I chatted in Kiryat Shmoneh. These men, themselves residents of the Golan, have prospered under Israeli rule and fear what might happen to them and their

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once more over their villages.

There are sharp divisions of opin-ion among the kibbutzniks in the area, but according to a poll taken a few days ago, a majority of them like Rabin himself — favor limited territorial concessions to Syria in return for a peace settlement. By the same token, however, they are adamantly opposed to a complete withdrawal from the Golan, no matter how many documents Assad is willing to sign.

Among those willing to compro-mise is Saadia of Kibbutz Kfar Blum, who has steadfastly supported the Labor Party since he came here from Minneapolis over 40 years ago. Rejecting accusations against Rabin, Saadia believes that so far the Prime Minister "has played his cards just

"What would happen," I asked him, "if Assad were to reject a compromise solution, if he were to demand every last inch of the Golan?"

Then there wouldn't be a settlement," Saadia declared.

Territorial concessions are also favored by Perla, a former Cuban now working as a nurse at Kibbutz Amir, Kfar Blum's next-door neighbor. But despite her moderate views, she still fears the possibility that "Syrian shells may again be falling on our

dining hall, and our children may be forced, once more, to spend every evening in underground shelters."

Perla and others would have fewer qualms about the negotiations with Syria if Assad were to behave as Sadat did 15 years ago. As will be remembered, the late Egyptian President's decision to fly to Israel and address the Knesset won over most Israelis, who responded with enthusiasm to his enthusiasm.

But Assad clearly has no intention of following in Sadat's footsteps. So Israelis in general, and residents of the Galilee in particular, are concerned about the consequences of a deal with Damascus.

Relations with Egypt -

The glass is half full

By CARL ALPERT

HAIFA - It has become popular in some circles constantly to denigrate the peace with Egypt, but this first historic step toward normalcy in the Middle East, taken more than thirteen years ago, must continue to be regarded as practical and valuable to both sides.

Contrary to general belief, what is termed the "cold peace" is in fact warm on many fronts. For one thing, it should not be overlooked that Israel purchases more than half its oil needs from Egypt at a favorable price. Egypt also buys fruits, vegetables, tools and industrial products from Israel to the extent of about \$15 million.

A little known aspect of the relations between the two countries is the cooperation in the fields of agriculture, science and medicine. Some 100,000 Egyptian peasants have in the past ten years received training from Israeli experts in new methods of irrigation, planting of crops and care of livestock. Drip irrigation equipment, purchased from Israel, is now

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to be found almost everywhere in Egypt — and the Egyptian farmers know where it comes from.

Though there are occasional incursions of terrorists across the Egyptian border, there is certainly none of the constant threat and menace which still exists in the north. The Egyptian government treats all violations of the border from its side as criminal offenses, and those apprehended are

prosecuted accordingly.

We must understand that Egypt has its own internal problems with extremists and Moslem fundamentalists, and its relations with Israel have made it even more vulnerable to these internal threats. A pogrom against Christian Copts by Moslem fanatics, and the more recent murder of a distinguished Egyptian writer who was critical of the fundamentalists, has created unease. There are constant reminders that the Jihad underground, which had assassinated Sadat in 1981, is still active.

Under these circumstances, and in view of the saber-rattling in other parts of the Arab world, Israelis must realize that the diplomatic relations between Cairo and Jerusalem serve to exacerbate Arab criticism of Egypt.

That is not to say that Egypt has not benefited from the peace, beyond the trade relations with Israel. For one thing, it was rewarded by Washington with cancellation of its debt to the U.S. to the tune of \$7 billion. The military relaxation on this front has also enabled it to divert national resources to economic development and recovery. Israel enjoys a similar and parallel benefit.

Close to 100,000 Israeli tourists visit Egypt annually, and except for those who vacation at the Red Sea beaches of the Sinai, report that they are warmly received by the Egyptians they meet. Tourism is an economic asset to that country.

From this end there is criticism of the fact that there is almost no tourist traffic in the reverse direction. Egyptian defensive reaction is that Egyptians in general are not a travelling people, and only 1% of the population ever go abroad. These, around 550,000, are for the most part businessmen, and there is little in Israel to attract them at this stage. Even those Egyptians who might be interested in coming are deterred by the cost, by the anti-Israel propaganda which

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Rosh Hashanah wishes from Israel

By SHEILA ZUCKER

World Zionist Press Service Nachman Shai, 45, Army Spokesman during the Gulf War, presently Director General of the Second Radio and Television Author-

I know it sounds very simple and familiar, but we have to achieve peace and security for the State of Israel as soon as possible. The Gulf War drove home to the public the need for a peace that will safeguard Israel's se-

For myself, I would like to see the second TV channel become more active. It's just unfortunate that it takes so long to get things moving. By next year we'll have a real alternative to the first channel.

Dorit Pries, 37, Emergency Room

My mother always hoped that her children wouldn't have to enlist or go to war. I have the same wish. I don't want to see any more mothers crying over the newly dug graves of their children. I want the news every evening to be boring and for us to be able to relax and enjoy the sun, the surf, the quiet and the peace in Israel. Chalm Topol, 57, Actor/Director/ Producer

I hope that my daughter will get married at Rosh Hashanah as planned, and that my grandchild will be born healthy. I'd like to thank God for the blessings he's given me this last year and pray I'll continue to receive his blessings. On a national level - what can I say? I hope we'll be clever and find some good people to represent us and find solutions for all

of Israel's problems. Morton Dolinsky, 62, former Director of the Government Press

Office.
What we all wish and pray for is a long-standing peace for our children and our grandchildren. Personally, living in the Old City of Jerusalem and having five children and seven grandchildren, all living in Israel, I

can't think of anybody who's life is more meaningful!

Yitzhak Siman Tov, 40, Neighborhood Grocer.

I'm hoping that our new government will be a huge success and be able to integrate the extremists, the moderates, the secular and the religious. I want our country to have a better public image so that more tourists will come and we can show

them the magnificent sights of Israel. For myself, I want my son to finish his army service safe and sound and I want the situation to be such that we shouldn't need an army.

Yuval Yzadi, 26, Hardware Store Employee.

I want Israel's policies to succeed and for the economic situation to be so good that the government can contribute to the citizens instead of the other way around.

For myself - I want my three week old daughter, Nofar, to grow and flourish and for my wife and I to continue to love each other as we do

Amir Cheshin, 48, Advisor to the Mayor of Jerusalem on Arab Af-

I hope, first of all, that the political parties will fulfill their promises regarding the people of Israel and especially the rights of the Arab minority. I hope that the Arab minority will finally come to the conclusion that Jerusalem is a united city and that they must be part of the decisionmaking process.

Reva Sharon, 40+, Poet/Photogra-

My wish for Rosh Hashanah is that Israel will flourish and live in peace, free from terrorism, so that it can develop its resources and culture. That the Arabs and the nations of the world will accept not only Israel's right to exist but stop revising our history to suit their purposes.

Anna Miriminski, 41, Electrical Engineer from Novosibirsk, Siberia, who immigrated to Israel two years ago and currently works in a school dining room.

First of all, I want peace with all of Israel's neighbors. Second, I hope that all the Jews waiting to leave Russia will be able to emigrate quickly and that they will all decide to come to live in Israel. Third, I feel very strongly that something must be done to end the violence of the Arabs against Israelis.

For myself, I very much want to be able to find a job in my profession.

am very satisfied and content in Israel. If I find work as an electrical engineer, my life in Israel will be Steve Edwards, 44, IBA News Anchor/Producer.

I'm happy with my work for now and

I'd like to see a more ordinary Israel; an Israel with less tension, less violence, less threats. A more relaxed Israel might not be as dramatic or as newsworthy but it could be a more pleasant place to live and work

For myself, a new challenge .. maybe a great documentary ... but most of all, time out with the family and for once, a real long vacation. Michael Dak, 45, TV Personality.

For Israel — peace and the immediate cessation of American aid so that we can declare our economic independence. But on the other hand, the continuation of American aid so

that we can afford this independence. For the Zionist movement — the halt of aliya so that we can absorb what we've got. But on the other hand, the continuation of aliya because that's what we're here for.

Yaron Cohen, 18, High School Graduate about to begin his Army

For Israel, like everyone else, I'm hoping for peace. For myself await my upcoming army service with excitement and apprehension. I'm happy to be done with high school and all the wretched examinations, but I'm afraid of the unknown. What will the army really be like? Which unit will I be assigned to? Can I keep up with the other guys in all the physical stuff? It will be the first time in my life that I'll be away from home. Of course on the brighter side look forward to meeting the gorgeous women soldiers.

Top Ten Names of the year

By CARL ALPERT

HAIFA — This is the season when we present our annual list of the ten top names in Israel news during the past year - new names, not repeating those who made the list in previous years. Not all were "heroes" in the usual sense, but each emerged into fame or notoriety, warranting headlines. In alphabetical order:

Yael Arad. 25-year-old Israeli sportswoman, after a record of successes in international events, brought Israel its first Olympic medal, a silver in judo, only narrowly missing first place. She was subject of national adulation. When Oren Smadja thereafter won a bronze medal for Israel in men's judo, the jubilation increased.

Hanan Ashrawi, spokeswoman of the PLO delegation to the peace talks, provided a far better image for the PLO than the gun-toting, scrag-gly bearded Arafat. Despite her pleasant appearance and apparent moderation, which made her the darling of the international media, she still adheres to the PLO Covenant, which calls for the destruction of Israel, refuses to condemn the intifada death squads, and calls for creation of a Palestinian state which will be judenrein.

Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, also known as Fuad, was one of those who master-minded the Labor victory in the elections. He was appointed Minister of Housing in the new government, and emerged as one of the leading spokesmen of Rabin's poli-

Amnon Dankner, newspaper columnist, gained universal contempt from his colleagues and from the public for his biography of the late Dahn Ben Amotz, prominent Bohemian personality, whose life of depravity and lecherousness he portrayed in painstaking detail. The book was termed treachery toward one who had been the author's friend.

Emil Habibi, prominent Israeli Arab writer, was awarded the Israel Prize for literature, an act which won

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widespread approbation, but also criticism from many who pointed out that Habibi had also accepted a PLO prize for literature from the hands of Yasser Arafat.

Avraham Halima, retired justice of the Supreme Court, served as Chairman of the Central Elections Committee, and made his authority felt as he enforced decisions regarding what he termed improper, unethical or unacceptable election propaganda methods. The elections went off smoothly.

Mikhail Gorbachev, invited to Israel to receive the Technion's prestigious Harvey Prize for his contributions to peace, proved a gracious guest, participated in press confer-ences, toured the country, and re-ceived awards at the hands of other universities as well

David Ovitz, held in an Egyptian prison for almost three months on a charge of spying for Israel, was released early in May, together with three Israeli Arabs held on similar charges. All vigorously denied the charges, as did the Israel government. Egyptian authorities dropped the allegations without comment and sent the prisoners back to Israel.

Penina Rosenbloom, once Israel's leading sex symbol, has blossomed out as a serious industrialist in the cosmetics business, and with skillful P.R. promotion has been gracing the news with ever increasing frequency. Her wedding was a major media

Margaret Tutwiler, spokesperson for the U.S. State Department. This year, more than ever before, hers has been the thankless task of se as a "front" for Secretary of State Baker in his periodic attacks on Israel, with the result that she was the one to bear the brunt of the repercussions. Her frequent TV appearances won her no friends in Israel.

For those with long memories, how many of the following names from last year's list can you still identify? Ehud Barak, Rami Dotan, Saddam Hussein, Yair Levy, Ronnie Liebowitz, Uri Lubrani, Binyamin (Bibi) Netanyahu, Victor Ostrowsky, Nachman Shai, Rechavam Ze'evi.



From left: Nahman Shai, Director General of the Second Radio and Television authority; Doris Pries, Emergency Room nurse. WZPS photo.



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Inside Israel

Israel's glut in doctors surgeon finds answer

By LAURA ROSEN

UJA Press Service

What do you do if you're a skilled immigrant doctor among thousands of people like you? You can wait and hope for a medical position, or, you can be like Vladamir Murzin. Murzin, 37, decided to use his surgeon's hands to help rehabilitate patients

with failing or traumatized bodies.

Murzin, who is married with two
children, arrived in Israel from Tashkent, a newly independent state of Uzbekistan. It didn't take him long to realize that a change in career might be the fastest way to regain his status as breadwinner. He says that his decision to give up his medical career was not easy. But when he found a Jewish Agency sponsored course in physiotherapy, he decided to opt for practicality and make the switch. The bearded, stock Murzin, says, "At least I'm using my medical knowledge and I'm still helping

He's also establishing a saner life for himself and his family. He says, "A normal person cannot possibly imagine what life is like in Uzbekistan. It's completely crazy and the eastern states of the former Soviet Union are simply upside down." Discussing the rampant corruption among govern-ment officials, Murzin says, "Nothing can be done without bribing departmental clerks.

But Murzin's move to Israel was motivated more by a Moslem "religious renaissance" than by the chaos of daily life. He says that the growing religious fervor among Moslems is accompanied by an increase in anti-Semitism as well as hostility toward Western trends. He says, "The situation is terrible and it can only worsen.

There are approximately 50,000 Jews still in Uzbekistan, including Murzin's mother and brother. He is expecting them to arrive in Israel within the year.

The hundreds of thousands of immigrants from the former Soviet Union, as well as those from Ethiopia, are being absorbed with the help of American Jews through the United Jewish Appeal Federation/Annual and Operation Exodus Campaigns. Absorption needs have run the gamut from housing to job retraining.

Many immigrants from the former

Soviet Union, like Murzin, have taken advantage of job retraining programs. For some this has meant new opportunities and for others it's meant a measure of professional sacrifice.



With the abundance of doctors in Israel, some like Vladamir Murzin, are opting to switch professions to get quick starts in their new country. Murzin now works as a physical therapist.

ily, chooses to view it as a challenge. Drawing an analogy between himself

right away. But since I am, the first doing for me and my family.

Murzin, whose priority is his fam-, chooses to view it as a challenge. and a sailor, he says, "I never ex-pected to be the captain of the ship Right now, that's what my job is

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The ten days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, the Days of Awe, or the Ten Days of Teshuvah, are the days when we look at the year that has passed and face up to our mistakes, errors in judgment, or wrongdoings.

From Malka Drucker's Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur: Sweet Beginnings comes the perspective that these words are more appropriate than the English word "sin" which suggests judgment.

The Hebrew word for sin means, rather than judgment, "missing the mark." Suppose you want something, but you go about getting it in the wrong way. You've missed the mark. But it's not the end of the world because, if you're able to use the mistake correctly, you'll be able to aim better the next time. If you miss the mark, you can correct it and learn. Mistakes in the Jewish tradition are seen as part of growing and learning.

As we each search within ourselves during these ten Days of Awe, we need to also search within our organizations, our congregations, within our Federation, within our agencies...

Where have we missed the mark this past year? How can we do it better this new year? Have we met our own community's needs?

As we redirect ourselves this 5753, may we rediscover our strengths and go forward knowing that as we "hit the mark," we strengthen our community as well as ourselves.

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Refugee funding

Funding for refugees, or the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) funding bill, is meeting many obstacles.

If funds are cut, as proposed, the implications are that refugee quotas are becoming financial considerations rather than humanitarian considerations. It also means that greater burdens will be placed on local agencies for resettlement, particularly Federations.

To contact your Senators and Representatives about this very important issue, you may call the Capitol Switchboard at 202-224-3121 and ask to be connected with your Senator's or Representative's office. If your member is not available to speak with you, ask to speak with the legislative aide responsible for appropriations for the domestic refugee resettlement program in the Department of Health and Human Services. You may also obtain a fax number from your member's office and fax a letter containing your message.

With just a few short days remaining in this congressional session, your immediate response is critical.



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Washington Watch:

What a difference a year makes

By DOUGLAS M. BLOOMFIELD

What a difference a year makes. That and a couple of elections.

It was just a year - actually 362 days between two meetings I attended along with a thousand or so other Jews from around the country in the ballroom of the Sheraton Washington Hotel.

On September 12, 1991, we assembled (see U.S. Constitution, first amendment) for briefings prior to going to Capitol Hill to lobby (Ibid.) our representatives and senators (Op. cit., Article I) in support of loan guarantees for

An angry President Bush (Op. cit., Article II) went on national television to denounce us and question our patriotism.

"We're up against very strong and effective, sometimes, groups that go up to the Hill. I heard today there were something like a thousand lobbyists on the Hill working the other said obodysts on the fall working the other side of the question. We've got one lonely little guy down here doing it," he told the nation.

He made it clear. The President of the United States was under assault by a thousand

Jews, and he appealed for help.

The White House was flooded with sympathetic calls from so many anti-Semites that it was embarrassed into a "damage control mode." Administration leakers let it be known that the voice may have been the voice of George Bush but the words were the words of a Jew! More precisely, a Jewish staffer on the National Security Council. That didn't help, so a letter was sent to some Jewish leaders, essentially telling them, "That may be what I said but it's not what I meant."

It came up 11 months later at an August 11 ress conterence in Kennebunkport with Prime Minister Rabin at his side. A reporter gave Bush a chance to recant before a national audience, but instead he chose to say, "I'm going to finesse that."

That did nothing to relieve concerns over his attitude toward Jews exercising their constitutional rights or the likelihood of another presidential attack on national television.

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The President's standing in the polls continued to deteriorate and the Jewish vote, as small as it is, loomed crucial in several key states. That may explain why Bush has lately been trying to mend his fences with the Jews.

On September 8, 1992, we were back in the ballroom of the Sheraton Washington. This time, however, George Bush was there, too, bearing an olive branch. Much had changed in the intervening 362 days. It's a tale of two

Bush discovered he needed a lot more than Desert Storm victory parades to propel him into a second term. His post-convention bump in the polls was fast disappearing, and he was once again far behind. The Jewish vote, once dismissed by Prime Minister Jim Baker (see Koch, et al.), now looked important. And, after all, George Bush had declared he would do anything to get reelected.

Meanwhile, the June 23 election in Israel went the way Bush wanted. In fact, his people even tried taking credit for Yitzhak Rabin's victory over Yitzhak Shamir, for whom Bush reportedly had a "visceral dislike." Rabin was quickly invited to Kennebunkport and taken before cameras to be told the long-denied loan guarantees could now be his.

We may never know if Bush would have been so amenable were his standing in the polls reversed with Clinton's.

There was, unfortunately, no agreement at Kennebunkport between Bush and Rabin on the terms and details of the guarantees. The administration indicated that it would score the arbitrary charge to the U.S. budget — the package at a rather high 7 to 8 per cent. That number, under pressure from Israel's friends in the Congress, may come down, but the president is also insisting on legislating the kind of leverage that could be used to force Israel to "pay" for the guarantees over and over during the next four years if Bush is re-elected.

Facing election realities and doling out goodies around the country from wheat subsidies to airplane sales, George Bush, who once bitterly threatened to veto any legislation containing loan guarantees for Israel now would have us believe he is their greatest advocate.

Addressing the B'nai B'rith International Convention at the Sheraton Washington last week was a new George Bush.

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Opinion

Would you buy health insurance from this man?

By JOSEPH COHEN

After laying low for half a year David Duke, my cross-town neighbor, has surfaced again. I really don't want to write about him because to me it's the equivalent of having to clean up Beowulf's (our huge Siberian Husky's) occasional "accident" in the kitchen. Writing about David Duke is to be mired in manure

However, if I don't give you the latest news, I'll be scooped by some nationally syndicated reporter, like James Besser or Debra Nussbaum Cohen. So here is the latest "poop" on D. Dukkke straight from J. Cohen, South Louisiana's super pooper scooper.

According to recent articles in the New Orleans Times-Picayune Duke has (1) appealed to his constituents for money even though he has run out of elections to run in; (2) he has announced that he is, with his former campaign manager, one Howie Farrell, opening an eatery named MacGillycuddy's Irish

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base, mainly white, suburban Metairie; and (3) he is going to sell health insurance.

In a four-page letter sent to his supporters, Duke pleaded that he is "deeply in debt" and asked for "personal gifts" of money. He pointed out that "a personal gift is not a campaign contribution, so any gift...is completely private, not public and not reportable to any

agency or entity whatsoever."
"You can," he added, "make a personal gift of up to \$10,000 without it being reportable to the IRS or paying any 'gift tax'." What is the money to be used for? To "continue the struggle" he says, "that is so necessary to preserve our heritage and rights.

It takes no great stretch of the imagination to grasp Duke's intentions. If enough "gifts" come in, he can keep on spewing out his message of hatred through the mailing house he operated —even when he was s state legislator — selling neo-Nazi and racist literature, and he can maintain his role as the head honcho, symbol, model, and adviser to the new breed of rightwing extremists who, like him, are having their faces lifted and buying designer suits to legitimate their images while they sink to even lower

To soak a few more bucks out of the economically depressed and disaffected people in his former legislative district, Duke is playing hard on their anti-government, anti-system, racial paranoia, citing continuing harassment by the Internal Revenue Service and the Federal Election Commission.

Additionally, state and municipal agencies have, the Times-Picayune reported "audited his gubernatorial finances." Hinting at something even more sinister than political harassment, but refusing to elaborate upon it, Duke told his constituents that "law enforcement officers had just visited him to tell of an assassination plot against him.'

Having lost his picture-window to the world when his bid for the Republican presidential nomination failed, and his term in the State House ended, Duke obviously needs a new headquarters to plot beer-hall putsches. MacGillycuddy's Restaurant and Pub, I am convinced, is intended not so much to serve up food and drink as to provide Duke with a "respectable" front, a headquarters and a new picture-window to dispense his ideological

It's not easy for just any new restaurant to make it in food-conscious New Orleans, even with outstanding chefs, and it means hard work and long hours, so it's ridiculous to believe that this once and always Ku-Kluxer is going to transform himself into a hard working business man.

In addition to being a "restauranteur," Duke announced that he is going to become an insurance agent. It is apparently true that Duke is taking the state examination to be licensed, and that he plans to go to work as one of sixty agents in Louisiana for the Physicians Mutual Insurance Co. based in Omaha. However, as soon as the announcement was made recently, alarmed local policy-holders contacted the head office threatening to cancel their policies.

According to an Associated Press release, the company is presently said to be reassessing its consideration of Duke, and it is strongly denying that he has been hired. My guess is that he is too big a risk to the company's health for it to take him on.

Instead of going into the restaurant or insurance business, perhaps Duke should consider

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Letters to the Editor

Letter to JCRC from Carper

To Robert Coonin, chairperson for the Jewish Community Relations Committee, Jewish Federation of Delaware, August 21. **DEAR BOB:**

Thank you for contacting me to express your support, as well as that of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, regarding the Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations bill. I appreciate your continued interest in the funding for refugee resettlement programs and would like to take this opportunity to update you on recent congressional action.

As you may know, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 5677, the Labor, HHS and Education Appropriations bill, with my support, on July 28th. The House funded the Office of Refugee Resettlement at \$322 million for refugee assistance. This amount, though less than the requested amount, reflects an increase over the President's request. The bill also replaces the state-administered cash and medical assistance program with a program of comprehensive services administered by the voluntary agencies. There was no effort to amend the funding of this program on the House floor. The Senate has yet to act on this

Again, Bob, thank you for your continued interest in this program. I will keep your views in mind when reviewing the final conference report on this measure.

Tom Carper Member of Congress

Your vote Your right Your responsibility

EDITOR:

The United States of America is a nation that prides itself on the fact that it has a government of the people, by the people, and for the people. It is impossible to overstate the importance of voting by American citizens in each and every election.

Each time citizens cast a ballot for a candi-

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date of their choice, they are expressing their belief in the American way of life. Each time citizens fail to vote because they are too comfortable, too apathetic, or too lazy, they are symbolically canceling everything for which this nation stands.

Why do some Americans, who are the first to cry out in indignant outrage when someone, or something, infringes upon the personal freedoms, refuse to find the time to vote which will, ultimately, guarantee the continuation of all their freedoms.

Voter apathy is hard to understand. It is up to the individual American to set the example. Don't count on the other person to get out the vote. He or she may be counting on you. Don't let someone else decide your future. If you are not registered, do so as soon as possible. Then vote. It is your right and it is your responsibility.

Robert A. McGowan Commander, VFW Post #3257 Wilmington

High Holiday appeal for Pollard

As Jews gather together in synagogues gress for Jonathan's freedom. Congregants around the world during the High Holy Days of 5753, my brother, Jonathan Pollard, will once again be alone in solitary confinement. It is time to bring an end to his senseless suffering.

There is now an emerging consensus within the American Jewish community demanding the long overdue termination of the gross miscarriage of justice in my brother's case. This consensus has been achieved largely through efforts of rabbis and their rabbinical groups and associations cutting across the entire spectrum of the American Jewish community. The latest major group to join in this call for justice is the B'nai B'rith International which, over the Labor Day weekend, urged

President Bush to commute Jonathan's sen-

The upcoming couple of months present a window of opportunity that has not existed before and may not be available again any time soon. Accepting this sense of urgency, I can think of no better time for mobilizing American Jews than at this time of the year during the High Holy Days. I therefore urge you to help spread a special message during this period to your rabbis and fellow congregants: urge them to mobilize during services this Rosh Hashana to help bring about Jonathan's freedom.

Letters or phone calls urging commutation of Jonathan's sentence to the seven years he has already served must be immediately sent to the following individuals:

President George Bush The White House Washington, D.C. 20500 (202) 456-1111 Governor Bill Clinton Clinton for President P.O. Box 615 Little Rock, Arkansas 72203 (501) 372-1992

U.S. Senators and Congressmen also need to hear from their constituents on this matter in order to mobilize a successful drive in Con-

can reach their Senators at the U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C., 20510 and their Representatives at the House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., 20515. The phone number for the Capital switchboard where all calls to any Senator or Representative can be made is (202) 224-3121. Send them information on

Please urge your rabbis to place an empty chair on the Bima of their Synagogues with sign that reads "Reserved as a symbol of compassion and commitment to justice for Jonathan Pollard." This will serve as a poi-gnant reminder to all who see it of Jonathan's plight and hopefully will result in the inclusion

of Jonathan in the prayers of Jews throughout the country this Rosh Hashana and Yom

Please write to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, The Prime Minister's Office, Jerusalem, Israel, to urge him to act on compassionate and humanitarian grounds to intercede with the President to have Jonathan's sentence com-

Best wishes to you and your loved ones for a happy and healthy New Year.

Carol Pollard New Haven, Connecticut

Outraged by Jesse

As a proud Jew I am outraged, as a civilian human being, I am appalled and indeed, horrified and totally disgusted with the leaders of the World Jewish Congress for their betrayal of everything we Jews hold sacred in our hearts by inviting to address the WJC which was held recently in Brussels, Belgium, no other than Jesse (Hymietown) Jackson.

Did we forget so soon the warm embrace and the "brotherly kisses" for Yasir Arafat by the Rev. Jesse Jackson and for Col. Moammar Gadhafi? Should we not remember the public support Jesse gave to Louis Farrakhan, Gus Savage, Professor Leonard Jeffries, Al Sharpton and a few other virulent anti-Semites?

Professional anti-Semitic demagogues can-not be ever conciliated. They and their followers must be confronted, fought, opposed and exposed without any fear whatsoever.

To give you just one small example of how much Jesse Jackson is despised, not only by the vast majority of American Jews, but also by non-Jews throughout this great country:

Jerry Brown committed political suicide by schlepping along Jesse as his chosen "Vice President" candidate of these United States of America. Jesse was a terrible liability to Jerry's campaign from the very beginning, and that's the only reason why the former governor of California was never accepted by the American people as a serious candidate

Because Jesse desperately wants to be a somebody and a would be kingmaker, he will try any scheme to achieve his dream.

I can assure you that he will never make it! Zigmund (Ziggy) Gorson

Opinion

Rabin's visit: Taken to the cleaners?

By MORRIS J. AMITAY

The conclusion being reached here in Washington by many of Israel's

Morris J. Amitay is a Washington attorney and lobbuist and former executive director of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee. was taken to the cleaners by Baker-Bush during his U.S. visit last month.

While this figure of speech might be considered extreme, unfortunately, the results of the visit bear this out. A comparison of what President Bush, desperate for votes in November, got from the Prime Minister, and what

friends is that Prime Minister Rabin Yitzhak Rabin received in return can only lead to the conclusion that Israel came out a poor second.

The first "gift" given to an Administration, demonstrably the most hostile ever to Israel and the American Jewish Community, was Rabin's criticism of AIPAC and his belittling of the role of American Jewry's efforts on behalf of the Jewish State. While the Prime Minister was 100% correct in admonishing AIPAC for its negotiating with the United States Government (i.e. "executive branch lobbying"), he was 100% wrong in denigrating not only AIPAC's vital work with the U.S. Congress — but Congress' role in foreign policy.

Rabin, who either learned too little during his ambassadorial tenure here from 1967-1972, or forgot too much (e.g. the "Letter of 76" on the eve of his first visit to Washington as Prime Minister in 1975) has managed to demoralize the organized Jewish community at a time when critical decisions effecting Israel's future are being made by U.S. policy-makers.

The second give-away to Baker Bush was his apparent wink and nod to the U.S. sale of 72 advanced F-15E fighter bombers to Saudi Arabia. Rabin might have correctly calculated that the sale could not be stopped by direct Congressional action. But by removing the threat of a contentious struggle, and by not having prepared a list of compensatory items Israel desired from the Administration, Rabin gained nothing from this but perhaps "goodwill". And — who has ever accused Jim Baker of acting on the basis of goodwill?

Rabin's tacit approval of the sale also undermined the position Governor Bill Clinton had enunciated setting a number of conditions for any sale. Not wanting to be (pardon the expression) "holier than the Pope"
—Clinton, once he became aware of

Israeli softness on the issue, came out in favor of the sale prior to the official Administration announcement. This sequence of events led the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations to issue a statement calling on both candidates equally to oppose the sale and led to unrestrained glee among "Jews for Bush" circles who claimed (with straight faces) that it was Clinton not Bush who was pushing for the sale. On the diplomatic front — Rabin's

contributions to Jim Baker's Nobel Peace Prize aspirations - were

Israel's extensive conciliatory gestures and concessions to the Palestinians, and its offer of a Golan land for peace formula for the Syrians. While in and of themselves these negotiating concessions might conceivably yield positive results - they have yet to elicit commensurate reciprocity from the Arab side. They have, however, given added luster to the Bush Administration's foreign policy "expertise" at a time when the President's other foreign policy moves are being questioned.

Having thus helped the Bush Administration politically while weakening the credibility of Israel's friends in the Congress and elsewhere, Rabin could still point to the most visible success of his visit — the loan guarantees. but a close look at the actual deal shows that with successes like these, Israel needs no failures.

To begin with, the figure mentioned as the set aside for default or the "scoring" was a ridiculously high 7%. It was attributed by the President to his own OMB chief, Dick Darman. The Administration's "magnani-mous" offer to pay one half of it could be seen as a political ploy to put the Democratic leadership in the Congress on the spot to find the necessary funds since the foreign aid levels for this fiscal year have already been approved. And for Israel - having to come up with 350 million dollars for the \$10 billion in loan guarantees over five years — it should not be an occasion for joy. With the status of Jerusalem undefined and wide discretion given to the Administration in authorizing the guarantees - the devil, indeed, might be in the details.

There is no doubt the Administration's hostility toward the Shamir government — and to Shamir personally — played a role in the Labor victory in Israel. But it is unimaginable that Rabin meant his visit here to be a "thank you" to President Bush. What it did demonstrate, however, is that sometimes a little presumed knowledge can be a most dangerous thing.

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HIGH HOLIDAYS 5753

Reflecting on community issues for the new year

NEW YORK (JTA) — Rosh problems, real and imaginary—and sor and I have learned that my stu- of Israel has to be on our minds. ashanah this year falls squarely in I emphasize imaginary. dents don't have living moral heroes. **Michael Lerner** Hashanah this year falls squarely in the middle of a hotly contested U.S. presidential race, a Middle East peace process that is steadily building positive momentum, a global recession that seems to be without end and a crisis of continuity in the American Jewish community that is only beginning to be addressed.

With so many issues to consider during this time of reflection, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency has asked a randomly selected group of prominent American Jews to respond to the following question: What are the issues on which Jews should focus in the coming Jewish year?

The nine respondents cover the fields of politics, art, religion, social sciences and the media. What they have in common is that they are well known and are strongly identified as Jews. JTA staff intern Lainie Blum-Cogan has compiled their responses, which appear in alphabetical order.

Arthur Hertzberg Scholar, rabbi and professor of history at New York University

Jewish learning is increasing in certain elite groups, but across the board it is decreasing, even in Israel...In its place are anti-anti-

The next problem that comes from it is the rate of assimilation and inter-

We have done enormously well infighting for Israel and against anti-Semitism. We have enormous resources and devotion.

However, the result has been that intermarriage in the Jewish community has gone from one in 12 in the 50s to over half today.

We've got to get off this kick and get on to Jewish education and content because worrying about tsuris is not going to solve the problem. The Jewish community is evaporating, which proves that the means we're using are not sufficient for preserving the inner core of the Jewish commu-

The American Jewish community has one problem: the inner emptiness and inner erosion of the Jewish community. All the others are borscht.

The solution? Go study. This should

be the priority. Susannah Heschel Jewish feminist scholar and professor of religion at Case Western Reserve

What comes to my mind immedi-Semitism and knee-jerk reactions to ately is moral courage. I am a profes-

They see politicians all around them who seem successful but are not moral leaders.

I guess I grew up in a different era, with people with moral courage around me who spoke out against injustice, who made such issues central in their lives.

Another thing that concerns me is the development of affection for one another within the Jewish community. We should be our own best friends. I worry about the hostility on

Third is environmental issues. The other day in class we were reading the verse in Amos that says: Let justice roll down like water and righteousness like a mighty stream. I worry that the metaphor itself will have no impact in another generation (when all the water is) dirty and poisoned. What are we going to do about that?

Edward Koch

Former mayor of New York
Jews should focus on the economy,

like everybody else. Anti-Semitism flourishes when people become disappointed with the government because of a bad economy.

As always, the security of the state

Editor of Tikkun, a bimonthly journal

 Kicking out the discredited leadership of the American Jewish community. These leaders of the Conference of Presidents (of Major American Jewish Organizations), the Council of Jewish Federations, and B'nai B'rith and AIPAC were in bed with the Shamir government and insisted that the only loyal Jew was the one who blindly supported Israeli occupation of the West Bank.

They succeeded in convincing hundreds of thousands of liberal American Jews that they had to choose between their liberalism and their involvement in Jewish affairs.

If the Jewish community is to attract young Jews back, its first step must be to throw these bums out...

2. Placing Torah values rather than philanthropy at the heart of the Jewish community. No one can expect to stop assimilation if the main emphasis of Jewish communal life is on fundraising or on self-defense. Put Torah at the center...

3. Supporting the peace process in Israel by explicitly endorsing the official policy of the Labor Party that calls for an exchange of land for

4. Restructuring Hebrew schools so that their primary emphasis is on teaching spiritual sensitivity, the pursuit of justice and love of neighbor. This can never work, however, unless parents and the community are equally involved in these tasks.

So, make Bar or Bat Mitzvah a ceremony dependent upon completion of some spiritual quest, some act of justice, or some way of manifesting love of neighbor - and make sure that the ceremony focuses on this rather than merely on the ac-complishment of memorizing words that the bar or bat mitzvah usually doesn't understand anyway...

5. Changing Jewish attitudes towards gays and homosexuals so that they can have a safe and respected place within the Jewish community.

6. Develop Jewish sensitivity to the environment. Start by trying to reinstitutionalize the basic concepts of the Sabbatical and Jubilee years (including the Torah injunctions for allowing the land to lie fallow and redistribution of wealth).

7. Teach non-Jews more of the deep truths of our tradition. The world needs to learn more from Torah - and so do the Jews. But do it

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KGB offices now house Jewish Cultural Activities... Odessa, Ukraine - In this former communist stronghold, Jews can now enter their synagogue without fear of being under the watchful eye of the secret police. And a building that once housed the local KGB is now headquarters for the Jewish Cultural Society. Here at the center, 15 children settle in for their weekly class in Jewish history. The day's lesson: what it was like to be in Israel at the time of King David. One boy who showed up without his skull cap was quickly given a spare. "This isn't a religious school," the teacher explained, "but we want to keep tradition. It's very important for our children to learn to be Jews." RNS PHOTO/Bill Bole 1992.



SEPTEMBER 1991

WASHINGTON — Saying he is just "one lonely guy" in the face of 1,000 pro-Israel lobbyists on Capitol Hill, President Bush warns Congress he will veto any attempt to provide Israel with \$10 billion in loan guarantees before the 120-day delay he has requested.

TEL AVIV - A Ramla magistrates court finds Abie Nathan guilty of meeting with Yasir Arafat and other members of the Palestine Liberation Organization, in violation of Israeli law.

TEL AVIV — The remains of Israeli Defense Force soldier Samir Assad, who was captured in southern Lebanon in 1983, arrive here as a multinational exchange of prisoners, hostages and bodies continues.

PARIS — Convicted war criminal Klaus Barbie, the Gestapo chief in Lyon during World War II, dies of cancer while serving a 30-year sentence in the city where his relentless cruelties earned him the epithet "butcher of Lyon."

LOS ANGELES — The Huntington Library in San Marino decides to provide widespread access to photos of Dead Sea Scroll manuscripts that have been tightly controlled by a small group of scholars for four decades.

OCTOBER 1991

PRAGUE - Chaim Herzog becomes the first Israeli president to visit

TEL AVIV — The Soviet Union formally resumes full diplomatic relations with Israel, giving the Jewish state its first diplomatic payoff for agreeing to attend a Middle East peace conference in Madrid.

NEW YORK - David Duke, a former neo-Nazi and grand wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, emerges as one of the two remaining contenders for Louisiana's governorship, but is later defeated in a runoff by Democrat Edwin

ZAGREB, Yugoslavia — The Jewish community in the war-ravaged Croatian town of Osijek appeals to Jews around the world to try to stop the

senseless war" in the breakaway Croatian republic.

MADRID — For the first time ever, Israel, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan and the Palestinians sit down together to discuss peace, launching a series of bilateral and multilateral negotiations

NOVEMBER 1991

NEW YORK — Jewish organizations decry the City University of New York's decision not to dismiss Professor Leonard Jeffries Jr. as chairman of the black studies department at City College.



New Year in Moscow 5752

NEW YORK - Media tycoon Robert Maxwell, 68, is found dead when his body is recovered in the Atlantic Ocean, off the Canary Islands, near Spain. He is given a state funeral in Israel.

NEW YORK — President Bush, seeking to make peace with the American Jewish community, apologizes for making statements in September that were perceived by the Jewish community as a direct attack on the pro-Israel

JÉRUSALEM - F.W. de Klerk becomes the first president of South Africa to visit Israel since 1975.

JERUSALEM — Israel rejects the Bush administration's sudden finding absolving Syria, Iran and Palestinian terrorist groups of responsibility for the December 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland.

VIENNA — Appealing to prejudice and xenophobia, Jorg Haider's rightist Freedom Party reaps an unexpected victory in municipal elections. As a result, Israel refuses to show up on the scheduled December 4 opening.

DECEMBER 1991

NEW YORK — Syria releases four Jews imprisoned for attempting to leave



Duke denounced in his candidacy

HIGH HOLIDA

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the country, in the first tangible success of diplomatic efforts on behalf of

JERUSALEM — The last three American hostages held in Lebanon, Joseph Cicippio, Alann Steen and Terry Anderson, are released, raising hopes that Israeli air force navigator Ron Arad may be freed as well.

WASHINGTON - Israelis and Palestinians began their first round of bilateral talks here six days late and immediately collide over the Palestinians' refusal to negotiate as part of a joint delegation with Jordan.

WASHINGTON - Patrick Buchanan, whose defense of Nazi war criminals and savage attacks on Israel have prompted charges of anti-Semitism, announces he will challenge President Bush for the 1992 Republican presidential nomination.

NEW YORK — By a resounding vote of 111-25, the U.N. General Assembly repeals its infamous 1975 resolution branding Zionism as racism.

TEL AVIV — The Israel Philharmonic shocks many by announcing it will perform works by Richard Wagner, the 19th century anti-Semitic composer whose music has been banned in Israel. But in the face of public outcry, it switches the performance from a full concert to an open rehearsal.

JANUARY 1992

JERUSALEM — Following the murder of a Jewish settler, Israel orders 12 Palestinians deported from the administered territories. The move delays the resumption of peace talks and prompts the United States to join other

countries in a sharply worded condemnation by the U.N. Security Council.

JERUSALEM — Life returns to normal after the worst snowstorm here

since recordkeeping began 130 years ago.

NEW YORK — A new study shows that the status of Jews in American society has improved slightly since the mid-1960s but is not as high as warranted by objective measures like income and education levels.

BONN — A public opinion poll published by the weekly Der Spiegel shows that a half-century after the Nazis embarked on the "Final Solution." 32 percent of Germans believe that Jews themselves are at least partly to blame

for being persecuted.

JERUSALEM — The Likud government loses its parliamentary majority when its two most right-wing coalition partners resign.

TEL AVIV — Israel and China establish full diplomatic relations during a visit to Beijing by Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy.

MOSCOW — For the first time, Israel participates in a multilateral conclave on Middle East regional issues that includes, among the 22 delegations, many

Arab countries that were once its foes. NEW YORK — El Sayvid Nosair is acquitted of killing Rabbi Meir Kahane but receives the maximum sentence allowable for weapons possession and

BONN - Embarrassed by new disclosures that German companies illegally supplied Iraq with arms and technology for the manufacture of nuclear weapons, the German parliament adopts a bill severely tightening export controls

FEBRUARY 1992

JERUSALEM — Aliyah from the republics of the former Soviet Union drops 35 percent, marking the lowest monthly total in two years. But even with the decrease, Russian-speaking Jews are still streaming into Israel at a rate of over 1,000 per week.

BUENOS AIRES — Argentine President Carlos Menem signs a decree opening previously secret files of Nazi war criminals who lived in Argentina. NEW YORK — The Anti-Defamation League reports that 1991 was a

record year for anti-Semitic incidents in the United States. Similar bad news is reported for Canada by the League for Human Rights.

JERUSALEM - Israeli-Egyptian relations are strained when Cairo announces it is holding an Israeli Jew and three Israeli Arabs on suspicion of

TEL AVIV — A mini-war erupts along Israel's northern border, escalating a cycle of violence that began with the savage murder by Arab fighters of three sleeping Israel Defense Force recruits at a poorly guarded army training

JERUSALEM — After a series of mixed signals, the Palestinian delegation announces it will go to Washington for the fourth round of bilateral peace talks

JERUSALEM — Yitzhak Rabin narrowly manages to unseat Labor Party Chairman Shimon Peres in the party's first-ever U.S. style primary.

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State James Baker advises Israel that it will have to choose between building more settlements in the administered territories and receiving U.S. guarantees for \$10 billion in loans.

JERUSALEM — A brief resurgence of violence along the Lebanese border and in the territories claims the lives of a 5-year-old girl, a new immigrant and

NEW YORK — Two pipe bombs, apparently planted to publicize the plight of Syrian Jews, explode here, causing minor property damage.

MARCH 1992

WASHINGTON — Israelis and Arabs end their fourth round of peace talks here as divided as they were when the bilateral negotiations began in Madrid

JERUSALEM - Foreign Minister David Levy receives a staggering political setback as the Likud Central Committee assembles the party's Knesset slate for the June 23 elections.

JERUSALEM — Four Israeli Arabs are arrested for the brutal murder of



October demonstrations in Israel

three Israel Defense Force recruits at a training co of Feb. 15.

NEW YORK — The Lubavitcher rebbe suffe suspend his exhausting schedule

JERUSALEM — Menachem Begin, Israel's fir

of a heart ailment at the age of 78.

TEL AVIV — The security chief at the Israeli is killed when his booby-trapped car explodes. Shi'ite fundamentalist Hezbollah.

WASHINGTON - Secretary of State Jam report that he dismissed American Jews with an that "they don't vote for us anyway.

JERUSALEM — Israel expresses its concern information that North Korea is providing Syria JERUSALEM — A powerful bomb explode



Katyusha rocket kills Israeli child

Buenos Aires, causing 30 deaths and more than WASHINGTON - Israel claims it is a victim U.S. officials to undermine its relations with Was alleging it unlawfully transferred U.S. weapons to The State Department later admits there is no ex Patriot missiles or technology to China.

JERUSALEM — The Knesset adopts Israel providing for the direct election of the prime man NEW YORK — The dispute over the Dead Set with the forthcoming publication of a new mic year-old documents.

NEW YORK — A federal appeals court reject of his life sentence for espionage, disappointing the former Navy analyst who sold secrets to Isr

TEL AVIV — Israeli peace activist Abie Nath after promising he will abstain from breaking the the Palestine Liberation Organization.

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tivist Abie Nathan is released from prison, m breaking the law that forbids contact with ation.

100 gravestones are vandalized with anti-

Semitic graffiti in a Jewish cemetery in southern Chile.

MADRID — King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia of Spain honor the Jews whose ancestors were expelled from their country 500 years ago at a synagogue ceremony attended by Israeli President Chaim Herzog and other dignitaries representing Jews worldwide.

APRIL 1992

NEW YORK — After former California Gov. Jerry Brown says Jesse Jackson would make a good running mate, Jews in the New York primary vote overwhelmingly for Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton, propelling him into front-runner status.

JERUSALEM — Having extracted significant concessions from Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, Foreign Minister David Levy withdraws his resignation and vows to "heal the wounds," enabling Likud to go into the June 23 elections as a united party.

MADRID — The Spanish government's Council of Ministers approves a historic accord that grants the 12,000-member Jewish community of Spain a status almost identical to that of the Roman Catholic Church, heretofore Spain's sole recognized religion.

NEW YORK — After months of working out the details, the Council of Jewish Federations gives Israeli banks the go-ahead to lend up to \$900 million to new immigrants, with 116 Jewish community federations effectively co-

UNITED NATIONS — The People's Republic of Angola becomes the 18th African country with full diplomatic ties with Israel.

PARIS — Citing insufficient evidence, the Paris Court of Appeals dismisses all charges against Nazi collaborator Paul Touvier, triggering demonstrations in Paris, Lyon and Toulouse.

NEW YORK — The last two Jews held in Syrian prisons, Eli and Selim Swed, are set free after serving five years. A week later, the Syrian government lifts travel restrictions on its 4,500-member Jewish community, allow Jews to travel abroad but not to emigrate.

JERUSALEM — Israel announces the reopening of Bir Zeit University, a center of fierce Palestinian nationalist activity, which was closed for security reasons shortly after the intifada began in December 1987.

WASHINGTON — David Duke's decision to drop out of the presidential race is welcomed by the Jewish community as a sign that the American people have rejected his message of anti-Semitism and bigotry.

WASHINGTON — The fifth round of Israeli-Palestinian peace talks ends

without noticeable progress but an improved atmosphere.

JERUSALEM — Russian Vice President Alexander Rutskoi makes a landmark visit to Israel.

JERUSALEM — Four Israelis, including three Arabs, are released from Egyptian prisons where they had been detained for three months on suspicion of espionage

LOS ANGELES - The Jewish community responds to three days of rioting here with clothing and food drives at synagogues at campus Hillels, personal contributions and over \$35,000 in funds directed through Mazon, a Jewish agency dedicated to fighting hunger

KIAMESHA LAKE, N.Y. — The rabbis of the Conservative movement vote to allow their colleagues to work at gay and lesbian congregations and to create a commission that will study human sexuality over the next two years and develop a Conservative perspective on the issue.

JERUSALEM — Two fatal stabbings of Israeli Jews by Palestinian youths from the Gaza Strip result in a 14-day ban on Arab workers entering from the

JUNE 1992

WASHINGTON — Days after it hosted an international arms control conference, the Bush administration notifies Congress that it plans to sell Saudi Arabia \$1.88 billion in arms and military support, confirming the assessment by some analysts that Washington is not serious about curbing arms sales to the region.

JERUSALEM — Former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev makes his first visit to Israel, during which he receives some \$55,000 in honors and awards from the country's universities.

JERUSALEM — The Labor Party scores a decisive victory over the Likud in national elections, giving Yitzhak Rabin a strong popular mandate to pursue peace abroad.

WASHINGTON — The Federal Election Commission drops a case against the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, which had been accused of violating FEC regulations concerning the distribution of information about

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court strikes down a municipal hate crimes ordinance in St. Paul, Minn., saying its broad language infringes on freedom of speech. Hate crimes laws are later struck down by state supreme courts in Wisconsin and Ohio.

NEW YORK — Jewish groups hail a U.S. Supreme Court ruling forbidding mention of God's name or recitation of biblical passages during public school graduation ceremonies.

PARIS — The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization co-sponsors with the Simon Wiesenthal Center an international conference on anti-Semitism.

JULY 1992

BRUSSELS — Calling Zionism a "liberation movement," Jesse Jackson

tells a World Jewish Congress conference on anti-Semitism here that blacks and Jews should work together to fight bigotry.

TEL AVIV — Labor Party leader Yitzhak Rabin signs coalition agreements with the Meretz and Shas parties, giving him a governing majority in Knesset. He assumes the prime ministership with pledges to begin peacemaking in earnest and to redirect resources away from the territories.

VIENNA — Thomas Klestil is sworn in as Austria's new president, ending a bitter six-year period in which his predecessor, Kurt Waldheim, was shunned by most of the world.

NEW YORK — The Democratic National Convention adopts a staunchly pro-Israel platform and manages to avoid the divisive debates of the past.

NEW YORK — The Jewish National Fund and the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish organizations resolve a 13-year dispute, agreeing to post a plaque bearing the words "Fourth International Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jews" at the site of a 3,000-tree woodland in Lahav, Israel, that members of the group originally planned to dedicate in 1979.

NEW YORK — General Electric Co. pleads guilty to four criminal charges and agrees to pay fines totaling \$69 million in connection with a fraud and bribery scandal involving sales of military jet engines to Israel.

NEW YORK — The New Jersey Supreme Court rules that government regulation of the kosher food industry violates the constitutional separation of church and state. The decision is expected to have ramifications in the 16



Hadassah marches for Pro-choice

other states in which the government monitors the preparation and sale of

JERUSALEM — Naamah Kelman becomes the first woman to be ordained a rabbi in Israel

ROME — Israel and the Vatican take a major step toward normalizing relations by announcing the formation of a "permanent working commission" aimed at establishing full diplomatic relations.

AUGUST 1992

JERUSALEM — Two Israeli athletes take home the country's first Olympic medals ever; Yael Arad wins the silver medal and Oren Smodga garners the bronze, both in judo competitions.

NEW YORK — In language rife with the imagery of the Holocaust, leaders of Jewish organizations call on the United States and the United Nations to put an end to the atrocities being perpetrated by Serbian nationalists against Moslem and Croatian residents of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

WASHINGTON — After a year-long battle, Israel wins President Bush's approval of guarantees for loans of up to \$10 billion, which the Jewish state plans to use to help absorb immigrants. The announcement comes at the end of a cordial summit Bush had with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin at the president's vacation home in Maine.

JERUSALEM — Israel's new government announces it will discontinue the practice of providing financial assistance to Jews seeking to purchase Arab property in East Jerusalem. And it demands that a settlers group repay more than \$2 million in loans it received from the Shamir government.

HOUSTON - American Jews are disturbed by some of the rhetoric coming out of the Republican National Convention, which gave Patrick

Buchanan a prime-time platform.

WASHINGTON — Middle East negotiators resume their peace talks at the State Department in an atmosphere that is more open, cordial and cooperative than at the previous five rounds. Israel agrees for the first time to discuss a pullback in the Golan Heights, and Syrians respond they are ready to discuss

NEW YORK — The 700,000 Jewish residents of South Florida mobilize to pick up the pieces left in the wake of Hurricane Andrew.

BONN — A resurgence of neo-Nazi violence against foreigners seeking asylum in Germany disturbs European Jewish leaders.



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Florida's hurricane victims grieve



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in a non-chauvinistic way - by acknowledging that the Jews and also learn important lessons from other traditions.

Cynthia Ozick

Author and essayist. Books in-clude "The Shawl" and "Metaphor & Memory.'

I think that Israel is our primary focus, and not so much Israel but the political context surrounding Israel. Namely, I think we should focus less on taking defensive postures and more on taking assertive postures and for the first time really ... inserting into the American body politic some facts that are consistently overlooked about Arab political culture.

One of the most outrageous events last year among American feminists took place when the National Organization for Women invited (Palestinian spokeswoman) Hanan Ashrawi to speak. She was bashing Israel, as usual.

Not one person at that convention, many of whom were Jews, asked her about the condition of women in Arab culture, ... the absence of feminism in Arab countries,

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the absence of democracy and human rights in Arab countries.

We should make this so central. The Arab countries - Syria, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Yemen — should not be allowed to dissolve into silence on these issues..

Letty Cottin Pogrebin

Founding editor of Ms. magazine and author and author most recently of "Deborah, Golda, and

I think the pressing issue for Jews internationally is to support the peace process with hearts, soul, and letters to (Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak) Rabin and American government representatives.

The loan guarantees are going to go through but I think we are going to have to be sensitive to coalition-building here in the United States so that those concerned with domestic needs can count on Jewish advocates on their side, because we are going to be counting on other constituencies for congressional support for loan guar-

Number three in the international scene is that we have to maintain the historic role of Jews as the conscience of the world when it comes to the struggle in Eastern Europe or hunger in Somalia or violence in South Africa. The Jewish voice must be raised to protest violations of human rights everywhere...

On the domestic scene, my first priority is to protect choice, and I think it should be a priority of the entire Jewish community and not just "the women's divisions" of Jewish organizations...

I would say the coalition-building imperative also belongs on domestic agenda because the decline of American cities and the disarray in public education (are) Jewish problems and affect all of us. We have to work with other groups to really assert the American dream that people should have a decent roof over the heads and a future for their children.

A.M. Rosenthal New York Times syndicated columnist and former executive editor of the Times

American Jews should be focusing on exactly the same issues that Ameri-

can non-Jews should be focusing on: the health of the United States, who is going to lead us, the role and position of the U.S. in the world, what we want in our country and what we want of ourselves in our country.

As far as Israel is concerned, I think that those Americans interested in Israel, Jewand non-Jew, should watch the peace negotiations with hope and attention, but also realizing that this is not the time for euphoria and the key question of Israel's security is

Lawrence Smith

Retiring Democratic congressman from Florida

The single most important issue is how the issues that the American Jewish community are interested in are going to be handled in Washington. The American Jewish community is consistently tuned into a set of important issues: human rights, freedom of choice, education issues, freedom of religion and social issues.

With the changes in Washington and the large turnover in Congress, I'm a little nervous about how some of those issues are going to be handled, Israel especially.

American Jews have got to be discerning when they go to vote. A lot of new candidates are running a race that's anti-foreign aid, anti-welfare, anti-social service. In general, anti-spending ... We need to know well the people we're voting for. Dr. Ruth Westheimer

Sex therapist and radio and television personality, who fled from the Nazis and fought in the Haganah

American Jews should focus on the economic situation in the United States. Also we should try to find money to eradicate the dreadful disease of AIDS. Since we Jews are so good at raising money, we should concentrate on that too, as well as on the homeless problem.

We should support Israel not only money wise but also morally.

Everybody in this coming year should make a resolution to do something for somebody who is less privileged than us - and to visit Israel!

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Next year consider a Shmitta-sitter

By HUGH ORGEL

TEL AVIV (JTA) - Once every seven years, residents of the ultra-Orthodox township of Bnei Brak throw away their house plants, not knowing how to deal with them during "shmitta," the biblical "fallow year," when use of produce or other products from the land of Israel is

But when Rosh Hashanah rolls around next year, ultra-Orthodox Jews will have an alternative, according to the Israeli daily Ma'ariv.

A solution to the problem was found by Arye Levkovitz, chairman of Judaism Park, which is located on the grounds of the Orthodox Ma'ayanei Yeshuah Hospital in Bnei

Levkovitz is offering to take in the plants, which will be cared for by a computer system programmed to water them daily, with amounts calculated according to temperature and

The plants will be grown hydroponically, so that the vegetation does not touch the soil and can therefore be regarded as "furniture." Fertilizers made into self-timing pellets will be added to the hydroponic mixture and delivered throughout the year.

Boarding rates for the plant babysitting service have not yet been announced.

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HIGH HOLIDAYS 5753 Hazardous life for the etrog

by SHARON KANON

(WZPS) Growing the perfect etrog, used in the celebration of Sukkot, is no small achievement. This year, its a race against the clock in Israel to harvest the fragile "golden apple" in time for the holiday. While the winter rains were a boon for the waterthirsty orchards, the frisky, or belownormal cold weather was a bane. Says Avraham Ludmir of the Tel Aviv Etrog Center, "At least 50% of our trees were destroyed by the cold." At best, there was a delay in blossoming and ripening of the fruit.

fully pruned so that they remain low without a "pitom", or nipple, is ko-and spreading, making it easier to sher. These stringent restrictions and spreading, making it easier to pick the fruit.

Growing the etrog is no small achievement

The tree itself is the least sturdy of g and ripening of the fruit. the citrus family. Unlike its cousin the One of the four species required to orange, etrog trees are delicate. "The

mean that at least 50% of the yield is thrown away before reaching the

To avoid any hazards in handling on the way to the market, etrogs are wrapped in pink netting at the orchards. Before they are classified they are placed in flax-lined boxes and stored for five days during which time any problems usually surface. The Ministry of Agriculture releases no etrog until it has passed the fiveday test. A label certifying that the fruit is "free from the Mediterranean



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An observant Jew checks an etrog for blemishes in the Orthodox Mea Shearim quarter's "seven species" market in Jerusalem. WZPS photo.

fulfill the mitzva of the Feast of the Tabernacles, many botanists consider the etrog the "pri etz hadar," the fruit of the tree of beauty, to be the highest order of plant development. It is exceptional because its fruit, its leaves, and its bark are both attractive and fragrant. And yet, the overly tart lemon-looking fruit is rarely eaten today, although sometimes made into a jam. In ancient times, it was used for various medical purposes - as a tonic, for stomach ailments, and to sweeten breath. Thus one basis for its name "citrus medica"

Paradox seems to be part of the etrog mystique. Long, needle-like thorns are hidden in the leaves of the tree which, one would assume, protect it. They don't. On a recent visit to an orchard, I watched while a ker carefully fled up the branches of a tree so that not even a leaf, let alone the insidious thorns, could touch the fruit. Supporting frames were built to hold up the branches which get very heavy and call fall from the weight of the growing fruit. Although grafted trees are generally stronger, their fruit is considered ritually defec-

Like other citrus trees, the etrog needs to be watered intensively. This year, cultivators are using extra water and fertilizer to compensate for the late blossoming. Tending is an exacting job. The trees must be care-

10 years while that of an orange tree is 34 years," says Yossi Zlochevsky who tends the orchard his father planted more than 40 years ago. "An etrog tree only has two or three good fruit-bearing years," adds Ludmir. 'The first three years, the fruit can't be used because of 'orla' (the halachic prohibition of using the fruit of trees for the first three years of its life). The last years are not very productive."

From the time the tree begins to blossom in the spring, the fight is on

Paradox seems to be part of the etrog mystery

against its predators. One of the first is the flower-eating moth. A hormone mixture is placed in metal pail near the trees to repel the moths. An etrog is even more susceptible to pests, fungi, and viruses. Expensive insecticides are used to counter them and black cloth is draped over the trees to protect the pale fruit from sunstroke."

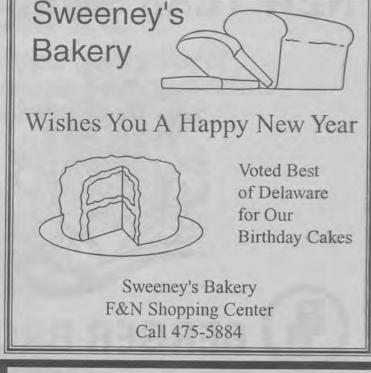
Unlike oranges that can be tossed in a bin when harvested, every etrog needs individual attention. The Mishna (legal codification containing the core of the oral law) is very

average life span of an etrog tree is particular about the etrog's beauty even if it is only skin-deep: "it is unacceptable if its skin is defective, its nipple has fallen off, if it is partly peeled or split, or pierced, or in any way incomplete." (Sukka 3,6). An etrog is unfit if it is smaller than an egg or dried up. An etrog that grows Fruit Fly and the Citrus Flower Moth and other pests" is pasted on every etrog box for export.

There are three grades of etrog. Grade A is so carefully scrutinized that customers who come equipped with a magnifying glass are unlikely to find the smallest blemish. Even a cosmetic blemish can lower the price of an etrog by 10%.

What characteristics should you look for in an etrog? If you're not looking for a "badatz" (the authority of the ultra-orthodox) approved etrog or the large etrog favored by the Yemenites, keep the following criteria of beauty in mind. An etrog should weight no less than 120 grams (about four ounces), should not be too round or too wrinkled, light green or light yellow in color, symmetrical, conical or tower-like in shape, bumpy texture - and of course adhering to the ritual specification - no punctures,

And when you select your fruit of the "goodly beauteous" tree this year, think of the hazardous journey it sustained to reach you.





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Peanuts are not Egoz

By RABBI STEVEN GREENBERG

The tradition of avoiding nuts during the Days of Awe should not be extended to include the peanut. Despite their English name, peanuts are actually beans, the seed of a legume. Jewish food traditions for the Days of Awe support both the eating of legumes and seeds.

To see that there is not reason not to eat peanuts, examine the source

Laws of the New Year 583:2 -

Rema: There are those who take special care not to eat nuts (egozim), because egoz is equivalent to het

most commonly quoted in support of (transgression) in gematria (mystithe tradition; the Shulchan Aruch cal alphanumeric equations). As cal alphanumeric equations). As well, they increase mucous and phlegm which can interfere with

> Egoz is usually taken to mean walnut. The Ben Shoshan dictionary says egoz can also mean any nut, i.e. the fruit of a tree that has a hard shell and whose meat is rich with oil and is edible. Most authorities seem to think that egoz only applies to a specific nut or nuts because there are other nuts — luzim, usually translated as hazelnuts — which they say are in-

cluded in the rule, even though they are not egozim, because they do cause mucus and phlegm. Nevertheless, peanuts cannot be mistaken for nuts as they are neither a tree fruit nor cause mucus and phlegm.

Rabbi Greenberg was ordained by Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological seminary of Yeshiva University. He is a Senior Teaching Fellow at CLAL and has served as Scholarin-Residence for the UJA Officers Retreat and the Hadassah Annual

NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS





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Ground pea recipes for Rosh Hashanah

hicle for honey, the sweetener traditionally used to welcome the New Year. Using these recipes the Rosh Hashanah blessing, "May it be your will to renew us for a year that is good and sweet," would be appropriate at almost any course!

Everybody loves a crunchy, sweet treat! Make two batches; parents will enjoy the spicy version with before dinner drinks, and kids will call for the milder style as a perfect, nutritious snack.

ZIPPY HONEY-ROASTED **GROUND PEAS**

12oz. (1 jar) shelled, unsalted, dry roasted peanuts

1/3 cup honey

1 1/2 tbsp. peanut oil 1/4 tsp. EACH chili powder and grated orange peel (for adults) OR cinnamon and nutmeg (for children) pinch salt

Combine all ingredients in a 1 quart microwave-safe bowl and cook on high for 2 minutes. Stir. Cook for an

Ground peas are the perfect ve- additional 2-3 minutes. Pour mixture onto greased baking sheet to cool. Serve as an hors d'oeuvre.

> This "restaurant-style" dipping sauce makes simple chicken nug-gets into a New Year's treat. CHINESE DIPPING SAUCE 1/2 cup peanut butter 2 tbsp. sesame oil

1/8 cup honey

4 tbsp. soy sauce 1/2 tsp. EACH ground ginger, an-ise, garlic powder (not salt), and crushed red pepper Blend all ingredients together until

smooth. Chefs prize peanut oil for its

neutral flavor. The delicate tastes

of this side dish would be lost in any other oil. SYMBOLIC SALAD

6 miniature pumpkins (inedible gar-

can (12 oz.) chick peas 1/2 cup grated carrots 1 tsp. fenugreek seeds

1/4 cup pomegranate seeds 1/8 cup peanut oil 3/8 cup orange juice

Cut tops off of pumpkins and hollow out. Set tops and bowls aside. Mix chick peas, carrots and seeds

together. Whip together peanut oil and orange juice until emulsified.

Toss chick pea mixture in dressing and fill pumpkin bowls to overflowing. Replace tops and serve.

Dress up a lekach, the traditional honey cake served at Rosh Hashanah, by slicing the layer in half horizontally and filling with

this tasty confection: PEANUT BUTTER CAKE FILLING 3/4 cup peanut butter

1/4 cup honey 1/4 cup softened butter or marga-

1 tsp. brandy or rum (vanilla, if preferred)

3/4 tsp. ground ginger Cream all ingredients together. The mixture will be glossy and runny. Chill one half hour in refrigerator to spreading consistency before filling one cooled cake.

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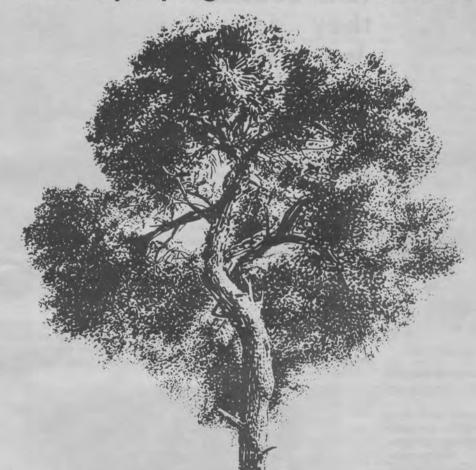
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New Year's cards: not just a greeting

By KAREN DAVIS

WEST PALM BEACH (JTA) -Looking back at my childhood, it seems as if Jewish holidays always had as much to do with symbolic preparations outside the synagogue as with actual religious services inside: helping to clean the house before Passover, rolling out the dough for kreplach with my aunt and watching the men build the tiny sukkah in season should begin with the now familiar greeting "L'shana tova tikatevu vetechatemu," "May you be inscribed and sealed for a good year."

While the tradition of exchanging holiday greetings is a longstanding one, the use of commercially printed cards dates back to the late 19th century, when they began to reflect the status and changing conditions of Jews in different countries.

With rare exception, the people depicted in these cards were all welldressed, fashionable members of the Western European upper middleclass, whether they were a prosperous family being served a meal in a sukkah, or an elegantly dressed wedding party. Most cards of this type were sold before the start of World

Eastern European Jewish immigrants

to the United States. The cards were printed in Germany and distributed in the United States by such firms as the Williamsburg Publishing Company of the Lower East Side. In these immigrant greeting cards,

the finery of bourgeois Jewish mer-chants is replaced by working class clothing: brimmed working class caps, woolen shawls, aprons and headscarves. Life moves out of the shtetl and into the American city: a tashlich ceremony takes place in view

teacher while his mother and sister, who probably weren't given much education, wait anxiously out of sight in the next room for the results of the examination. But a later card will have a mixed family scene, showing girls involved with books and learn-

As Jewish immigrants adapted to America, Yiddish began to appear on cards. "I wish you renewed strength with great love that no one will destroy your dreams," says one modernly dressed young man as he



Collapsed fold-out card with English and Hebrew greeting was designed for Victorian tastes.

the concrete yard behind the shul.

For my mother, Rosh Hashanah meant having the foresight to order and address engraved New Year cards. A school teacher who returned to work around Labor Day, she had to plan ahead, especially if the holidays fell early.

During the weeks preceding Rosh Hashanah, our formal living room would change and become cheerfully cluttered with cards from relatives and friends. A multitude of different sizes and colors, the cards would be stuck horizontally in the slats of Venetian blinds, propped up in front of the mahogany breakfront and wedged into the small glass panes of the French doors that opened up into the hallway. Sometimes my friends would compare the number of cards we each received to see whose family was the largest or knew the most people.

Exchanging New Year cards has been a Jewish tradition for centuries. During the Middle Ages, the Prague rabbi known as the Maharal ruled that all letters written during this

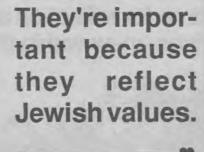
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"Because many early cards show rituals taking place within the family blessing the candles or binding the tefillin, for instance — they're impor-tant because they reflect Jewish values and show how we once lived," says Anette Labowitz, a coordinator of the Jewish Educational Resource Center in Davie, Fla.

Some of the earliest cards from the late 19th century are elaborate, foldout, three-dimensional cards printed in Germany, which had highly sophisticated technology for lithographic reproductions. These cards were also frequently embossed or trimmed with gilt and feature fancy cut-out paperwork.

Generally, they fell into two broad categories: scenes related to the High Holy Days and Succot (such as men blowing the shofar, or holding a lulav and etrog) and cards of wedding scenes. New Year greetings would be printed on the bottom of the card, visible only when the card was folded

Why wedding scenes? One reason may be that the first letters of the Hebrew phrase "I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine" spell the word Elul, the month which precedes Rosh Hashanah.



Around the 1890s and the early 1900s, picture postcards, which had become popular in Europe, England and the United States, also began to be published with Jewish New Year greetings.

Some depict scenes of Palestine. Others are generic cards imprinted with Rosh Hashanah greetings. The cards produced by Raphael Tuck and his sons, British Orthodox Jews, featured sentimental Victorian designs bursting with doves, flowers, ribbons and richly colored baskets of fruit over which Hebrew script and a simple "New Year's Greetings" were

But other postcards began to feature drawings and photographs of



"Gold News! Good times are coming" proclaims this aeronautic young couple sending air mail greetings on this Williamsburg Art Company card made in America.

of the Williamsburg Bridge. More significant than the changes in fashion or geography, however, are the differences in social situations. Early cards might show an Orthodox boy being tested by his

telephones Rosh Hashanah greetings to his sweetheart.

But with assimilation, Jewish New Year cards sometimes began to be 1930s, some cards were made with puffy, satin cushions in the center of a Star of David design.

"Often these small pillows would put to more nefarious purposes. Beginning in the second decade of his century and continuing into the be stuffed with drugs and sent to Jewish prisoners in jail," says Ben Shiffrin of New York, a longtime collector of Jewish postcards.

Another reflection of Jewish life visible in the cards is the participation of Jewish soldiers in World War II. V-Mail Service cards, created by the government and distributed to servicemen, were modified to carry New Year greetings and often bore the motto: "Serving Jews in the Armed

Some of the most poignant cards are post-Holocaust greetings printed privately by families and individuals who survived World War II. Typically, they consisted of a photoe and were sent in an effort to contact other surviving relatives and friends. "We're alive and here; where are you?" is the message one can read between the lines.

Today, more than 12 million Jewish New Year cards are produced and sold in the United States alone, according to the Greeting Card Association. They come in a variety of designs and typefaces, some even simulating antique cards. More than just a greeting, the cards weave a web of relationships drawing far-flung families and friends closer together.



With New York's Williamsburg Bridge in the background, new immigrants cast their sins into the East River in this turn-of-the-century fold

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A hen, a rooster — Kapparah

By LISA SAMIN

(WZPS) The evening before Yom Kippur, Marie, a new immigrant from Moscow, took a walk around one of Jerusalem's religious neighborhoods to watch preparations for the sacred Day of Atonement.

Unfamiliar with many Jewish customs, Marie was lost for words. Men and women were swinging live chickens around their heads, chanting something incomprehensible. In-

credulous, she turned the next cor- Ashkenazi Jews often use money in ner, only to see men and women swinging bags of money around their heads. "What kind of country have I come to?" she wondered aloud.

The ceremony was the sacrificial kapparah (atonement) ceremony (which predates the Shulchan Aruch the basis for normative halachic Judaism) which is performed on the eve of Yom Kippur, mostly by the Sephardi and Hassidic communities. place of a chicken.

After reciting a passage from Psalms and from the Book of Job, a fowl (a rooster for a man, a hen for a woman) is taken and swung around the head three times. Simultaneously, with their right hand on the fowl's head, they recite three times: "This be my substitute, my vicarious offering, my atonement. This animal shall meet death, but I shall find a long and pleasant life of peace.

The fowl is then slaughtered and given to the poor or to charity, as is the money used in the Ashkenazi ceremony. A more modern-day practice is to give the animal's monetary value to charity and to eat the chicken for the "Seudah Hamafseket" - the last meal before the fast.

Rabbi Hanania Berzon, an Orthodox rabbi who came to Jerusalem in 1969 from New York, says "The concept of sacrifice is a very powerful one. In essence you are saying that although I have sinned, God has

Nahmanides, Solomon ben Adret and Joseph Caro, all strongly contested the observance.

The Spanish and Portuguese communities of Holland and later in America, did not observe kapparot at all, while Sephardi and Hassidic communities with more mystic, kabbalistic leanings, did. In fact, kabbalists such as Isaiah Horowitz and Isaac Luria were great believers in the kapparot ceremony and found mystic illusions in its performance.

One practice consisted of planting beans or peas in palm-leaf baskets, two or three weeks before Rosh Hashanah. On the eve of the festival, children would swing the baskets of ripened plants around their heads three times saying, "This be in lieu of me, this be my substitute and my exchange," and then throw the plants

The Judeo-Spanish community has a special kapparah service for the construction of a synagogue and another for the dedication of a new home. Participants wave a live rooster over their heads and recite the Yom Kippur blessing. The blood of the slaughtered animal is then poured into the foundations and the animal is given to charity. Thus the new building is founded on charity and

blessing.
The Moroccan community stops at serving cooked rooster and couscous upon entering a new home. The word kapparah in Yiddish indicated a sacrificed creature. With the modernization of the Hebrew language, the work remains popular in Israel, especially among the older

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Sephardi generation.

Says Berzon, "When property is destroyed in an accident but a person is spared, the word 'kapparah' is used. This means you were forgiven and something else was sacrificed

In other instances, someone could be expressing his wish to assume the suffering or unhappiness of another, or, simply, giving his blessing.

For Marie, the custom was strange and mysterious. For those practicing it, it is a symbolic cleansing of one's sins, a way to approach the judgment day with renewed strength and determination to be a better individual.



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Sephardic cooking tops cookbook list

NEW YORK (JTA) - What folllows are reviews of five cookbooks that are out in time for the New Year.

"Sephardic Cooking," by Copeland Marks, Donald I. Fine, Inc. New York. 1992. 541 pages. \$24.95 (cloth).

In commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the Sephardic diaspora, numerous books have been published Among them is "Sephardic

Cooking," a tasty tome that provides the reader with food for thought as well as the table

The large volume includes over 600 recipes from diverse Jewish cultures that span the globe and the palate, including those of Morocco, ibva, Kurdistan, Ethiopia, Yemen, India and Afghanistan.

Strictly speaking, not all these communities originated in Spain and few of them spoke or speak Spanish.

The term "Sephardic" has come to embrace all manner of non-Ashkenazic Jew, from the Mizrach the East - to the Indian subcon-

Because of this happy misnomer, which continues to be used, the reader and chef will be treated to a wide array of Middle Eastern specialties in this compendium of traditional Jew-

A brief history of each community at the beginning of each chapter affords a wonderful glimpse into the lifestyles and customs of the diverse Jewish communities. There is a glossary of terms at the beginning of the book and several interesting photographs throughout.

Unfortunately, the book lacks illustrations for some of its more difficult preparations, like meat ravioli or boulemas.

Gilda Angel is the author of "Sephardic Holiday Cooking" (Decalogue Books) and Is a noted food writer and lecturer. These reviews were made available through the Jewish Book Council, a nonprofit agency promoting the writing, publishing and reading of books of Jewish interest.

There are a number of recipes for Passover and some interesting stews to be prepared for the Sabbath. The recipes are organized according to geographic areas and specific communities.

It would have been helpful had there been instructions for organizing this vast opus into usable menus, as was done for the Tunisian recipes.

Some interesting foods offered include Iraqi sweet and sour beet soup, Greek stuffed peppers, Turkish beef and white bean stew, Kurdistani pickled cabbage and chili, Persian veal and apricot stew and Georgian duck in walnut sauce.

The Jewish communities of India are discussed extensively. Included are recipes for Calcutta chicken and almonds in lemon sauce, Bombay coconut curry soup and Cochin vegetable curry.

From North Africa, we learn about Tunisian couscous, Libyan tongue in lemon sauce with artichokes and Moroccan fish and sweets represented by Uzbeki stuffed pumpkin, Afghani lamb kebab, Yemeni scrambled eggs with fenugreek and Ethiopian green pea stew.

A great deal of research went into the preparation of this volume. It allows the reader and cook to travel on a culinary odyssey to communities which are disappearing from their original countries and reappearing in

"The International Kosher Cookbook," Edited by Batia Plotch and Patricia Cobe, Fawcett Colombine, Ballantine Books. New York. 1992. 418 pages. \$22.50 (cloth).

The 92nd Street Y Kosher Cooking School has published a cookbook with recipes from its most popular cooking classes.

Fifteen chefs from a variety of backgrounds have contributed their expertise to this volume. There are ethnic menus as well as traditional Ashkenazic and Sephardic cooking for the Jewish holidays.

The kosher cook can prepare com-

plete meals from the cuisines of Italy, The book is peppered with interest-China, Mexico, Vietnam, France (including Alsace, Provence and Paris), the Caribbean, Japan, India and Thailand.

In addition, there are traditional Jewish foods from Hungary, Iraq, Morocco, Poland, Russia, Syria, Tunisia and Turkey.

There is a section on the basic laws of kashrut. The teachers who taught courses at the school adapted many of the recipes so that they would be strictly kosher.

Some of the marvelous recipes found in "The International Kosher Cookbook" include salmon with olive butter on papillote, rolled sushi, vegetable fritters, fish in saffron sauce, cracked wheat with chickpeas, fish roe dip and stuffed grape leaves.

Also: baklava, chili steak with mint, chicken paprika, egg-drop soup, roasted peppers with anchovies and olives, rice and black beans, almond flan, mushroom barley soup, double chocolate truffles, carrot, apple and sweet potato tsimmes, vegetable pie, cherry soup and Sephardic artichokes. The variety is dazzling.

"Come For Cholent," by Kay Kantor Pomerantz, Bloch Publishing House. New York. 1991. 87 pages. \$7.95 (paper).

Cholent is a slow-cooking stew that is started on Friday afternoon before sundown and eaten for lunch on the Sabbath. The basic ingredients include meat, beans, potatoes and barley

'Come For Cholent" is devoted to the preparation of many permutations of this quintessential Jewish

Author Pomerantz explains that the derivation of the word cholent may come from the French words 'chaud lent" (hot and slow). Sephardic Sabbath stew may be called "Hamim" from the Hebrew word ham (hot).

ing anecdotes, witticisms and helpful

Included among the 60 recipes in this small book are traditional Ashkenazic and Sephardic cholents as well as vegetarian varieties with tofu, curry or lentils.

Some of the more exotic variations include sweet and sour tongue cholent, fruited cholent, cholent with pastrami, stuffed pumpkin cholent and Mexican chocolate cholent.

There are also directions for accompaniments like kishke, kugel or knaidel to be cooked in the cholent. Though highly specialized, this volume is useful for all those who wish to enhance their Sabbath.

"New Jewish Cuisine," by Francine Prince, Perigee Books, The Putnam Publishing Group, New York. 1992. 223 pages. \$9.95 (paper).

A healthful approach to preparing traditional and nouvelle kosher foods is the thrust of Francine Prince's "New Jewish Cuisine." Although this is not a diet cookbook, the author has tried to cut down on saturated fats and egg yolks.

It would have been helpful to have calorie counts and nutritional information for each recipe to compare the original to the author's version.

There is a section on the laws of kashrut as well as a guide to the Jewish holidays, with a predominantly Eastern European slant.

The recipes are clearly written, and the usage of spices and herbs add a nice touch to this collection.

Some of the more unusual recipes include baked chicken with sun-dried tomatoes, lamb with dates, halibut with vegetable marmalade, chicken and kasha strudel, vegetable loaf with leek, spinach and carrot pie, and honey-frosted poppy seed cakes.



An Ultra-Orthodox rabbi uses a small jeweler's magnifying glass to Inspect the tip of a palm branch in preparation for Sukkot. The first day of the Festival of Tabernacles this year is October 12. RNS Photo/Reuters.





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Honey for the holidays

By ETHEL G. HOFMAN

Rosh Hashanah is late this year. There's time to get back in your work groove and to get the kids back to school before planning dinner.

One thing's sure, a jar of honey is a necessity since the practice of dipping apples in honey is the most popular food custom connected with Rosh Hashanah. Honey represents the wish that the coming year will be filled with all things sweet and good.

The thick gold liquid comes in a variety of flavors. The most common honey floral source is clover. Others are orange blossom, buckwheat and sage. The color and flavor depend on the nectar source.

Honey is the only natural sweetener that needs no additional refining or processing in order to be used in eating or cooking. Store at room temperature, never in the refrigerator.

To carry the "sweetness" throughout the High Holy Days, here are some simple recipes to incorporate into your menus along with cooking tips to adapt your favorites.

When substituting honey for granulated sugar in recipes:

* substitute honey for up to onehalf of the sugar.

Ethel Hofman is a certified home economist, syndicated columnist, cookbook editor and the food editor of The Baltimore Jewish Times.

*reduce amount of liquid in recipe by 1/4 cup for each cup honey used in baked goods.

* Add 1/4 to 3/4 teaspoon baking soda for each cup of honey used in baked goods.

* reduce oven temperature by 25F to prevent over-browning

* for easy removal, spray measuring cup with vegetable cooking spray before adding honey.

* honey absorbs and retains moisture readily so baked items will stay fresher longer.

SWEET AND HOT MARINATED MUSHROOMS

1/4 cup honey 1/4 cup apple juice

1/3 cup wine vinegar

1 tablespoon sesame oil 1 tablespoon soy sauce

1 tablespoon frozen orange juice concentrate

1 teaspoon prepared, chopped garlic

1 green onion, finely snipped with scissors

1 teaspoon grated fresh ginger root 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper 1 pound fresh small button mush-

rooms, washed and wiped Garnish: parsley and orange wedges (optional)

Combine all ingredients except mushrooms and garnish in a medium saucepan. Stir over low heat until mixture is blended. No need to boil. Place mushrooms in heat-proof serving bowl and pour mixture over. Cover and refrigerate 2 hours, stirring occasionally or overnight. Garnish before serving. Serves 6 as appetizer.

petizer. HONEYED CHICKEN IN SAGE AND CIDER

1 broiler chicken (3 1/2 pounds) cut in pieces

2 tablespoons vegetable oil 2 Granny Smith or other tart apples, unpeeled, cored and sliced

1 tablespoon fresh sage, chopped or 1 teaspoon dried

salt and pepper 1/3 cup cider

2 tablespoons honey

In large skillet, brown chicken pieces on all sides in hot oil. Turn skin side up and arrange apple slices over. Sprinkle with sage, salt and pepper. In cup, combine cider and honey and pour over chicken. Cover and simmer 30 to 40 minutes until chicken is cooked. To test; pierce with a sharp knife in thickest part. Juices should run clear. Serves 4 to 6.

GLAZED RED ONIONS 3 large red onions, (about 2 1/2 pounds)

1/4 cup water 1/3 cup honey

1/4 cup water
3 tablespoons margarine, melted
1 teaspoon ground coriander

1 teaspoon paprika
1/2 teaspoon salt

1/8 teaspoon dried red pepper flakes

Note: Do not use cayenne paprika

which is extremely hot.

Preheat over to 350F. Peel onions and cut in half crosswise. Place cut side down in baking dish just large enough to hold onions in one layer. Sprinkle with water and cover tightly with foil. Bake in preheated oven for 40 minutes. Combine remaining ingredients and spoon half mixture over onions. Return to oven and bake, uncovered, 15 minutes. Baste with remaining honey mixture and continue baking 10 minutes longer or until tender. Serves 6.

RUSSIAN HONEY CAKE 3 tablespoons butter or margarine, softened

1 cup honey

2 eggs, separated 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour 3/4 teaspoon baking powder

3/4 teaspoon baking soda

1 teaspoon cardamom 1 teaspoon cinnamon

1/8 teaspoon salt
1 cup currants or raisins
1/2 cup chopped walnuts

Preheat oven to 300F. Spray 8 1/2 by 1/2 by 3-inch loaf pan (approx.) with non-stick vegetable spray. Set aside.

In large bowl, cream butter. Gradually beat in honey until smooth and creamy. Add egg yolks, one at a time with 1 tablespoon of the flour to prevent curdling. Combine remaining flour with baking powder, baking

soda, spices, salt. Add to honey mixture, about 1/3 cup at a time, mixing well after each addition. Gently stir currants and nuts into batter. Whisk egg whites until stiff and fold in batter. Pour into prepared loaf pan and bake in preheated 300F oven for about 1 1/2 hours or until toothpick comes out clean when inserted in center. Let stand at room temperature 10 minutes before turning out onto cake rack. Makes 12 slices.

OLD-FASHIONED SWEET OAT PIE 1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened

3/4 cup honey

2 eggs

3/4 cup quick cooking oats 3/4 cup shredded coconut

3/4 cup brown sugar, packed 1/2 cup dried apricots, coarsely chopped

1/2 cup pecans, coarsely chopped 1 teaspoon grated lemon rind

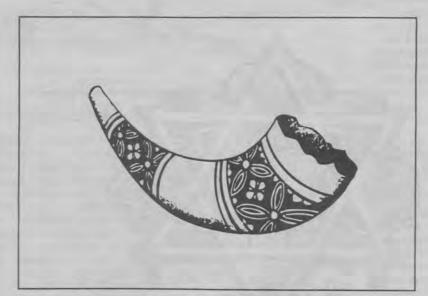
19-inch pie shell

In medium bowl, whip butter and honey until light. Beat in eggs. Stir in oats, coconut, brown sugar, apricots, pecans, and lemon rind. Pour into pie shell and bake in preheated 350F oven for 40 minutes or until filling is nicely browned and knife blade inserted in center comes out clean. Cool and serve at room temperature. Serves 8.

Note: For a dairy meal, top a slice with a dollop of whipped cream or frozen yogurt.

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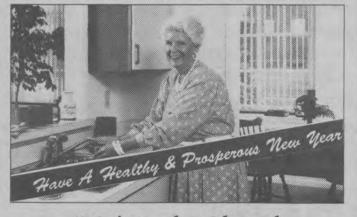
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Arts and Entertainment

Husbands and Wives

As viewed by a man and a woman who also happen to be husband and wife

His Perspectives

By STEVE COHEN

Forget for the moment the revelations and accusations about Woody Allen, Mia Farrow and Soon-Yi. "Husbands and Wives" is a major achievement by a brilliant writer/ director/actor.

This latest Allen film is a serious, original look at relationships and, particularly, marriages. Deep and troubling, it also has humor and the promise of reconciliation.

"Husbands and Wives" shows us two troubled marriages and the extramarital relationships of a group of believable, well-acted characters.

Allen, Farrow, Sydney Pollack, Judy Davis, Juliette Lewis, Liam Neeson, Lysette Anthony and Blythe Danner contribute superb ensemble acting. and undoubtedly also contributed their own life experiences to the evolving

The opening scene upsets viewers with its swivelling, panning camera work, which reflects the tempestuous, confusing relationships on screen. As the dizzying camera move-ment upsets the audience, it achieves what must have been Allen's goal: to disturb us and involve us. One hears about the breakup of a long-term marriage and sees the strains in the

other marriage, and one must question the future of his or her own.

The Pollack and Davis characters say "we're fine, we're okay," but their actions show the desperation and anger within each of them. Director Allen pushes a couple of their scenes to extreme emotional frenzy, so the audience has to laugh. Otherwise we would have had to cry. Though a bit excessive, the behavior and the language are so well grounded in reality that everything rings true.

Those of us who have been single in recent years recognize the scenes. We have dated women who are quietly controlling like the Farrow character, and bright but hostile castrators like the Davis character. I didn't like her character; in fact, I hated her in one scene. Maybe that's because I

The Allen character provides the contrast of gentle ambivalence and the relief of self-deprecating humor. He is the most passive of the players, reacting to the men and women around him. Many of his lines are hilarious; other lines prompt nervous laughter from viewers who see allu-

sions to Woody's real life. So now, back to the subject of the Allen/Farrow breakup. Every time we recognize a real-life parallel in the script we are forced to realize that this story is fiction of the best kind. These are situations that really can occur; in Allen's life, in our lives.

With "Husbands and Wives" Allen reaches new heights of artistry by touching deep underground springs of anguish. He solidifies his professional reputation.

As a director, Allen is in the select company of Scorsese, Coppola and Spielberg.

As a writer, and actor, he is unsurpassed in capturing the angst of intellectual, cultured society.

As a man? I don't know the man.



view we welcome Steve Cohen as a new regular contributor to The Jewish Voice's arts and entertainment

Cohen's first topic of critique is Woody Allen's "Husbands and Wives" which, it should be noted, is drawing contrasting reactions depending on the gender of the viewer. has been reported that some women booed when Allen's name appeared on screen at previews.

Therefore, we have Included Cohen's wife's critique, which she says is only fair, to maintain appropriate perspective on the whole Woody-Mia affair.

Jewish Voice readers already know Rhonda Feldman Cohen for her work as a recent consultant to the community Operation Exodus campaign and now as a consultant to the Jewish Federation of Delaware 1993 campaign.

Steve Cohen is an experienced journalist and broadcaster. Grow-

EDITOR'S NOTE: With this re- ing up in the Philadelphia area, his first work was a high school sports reporter for the Evening Bulletin. He worked as a disc jockey and, later, as production assistant at WFIL-TV during the Dick Clark Bandstand days.

His professional career evolved from radio and TV director to advertising executive to cultural broadcaster. His programs for WHYY were picked up by National Public Radio and broadcast nationally and he became a regular on

"All Things Considered." Cohen won the Major Armstrong Award, named after the inventor of FM radio, as the producer of classical and music documentaries.

Although working outside the field in recent years, Cohen has maintained his contacts with writers, musicians and other performers, and now that he has relocated In our coverage area, we look forward to his contributions to our arts and entertainment section.

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Her Perspectives

By RHONDA FELDMAN COHEN

couldn't help it, I was disturbed. If Mia Farrow knew during the filming of "Husbands and Wives" what she knows now, maybe she would have put a padlock on her eastside Manhattan apartment and yanked her daughter Soon-Yi out of school. What we see in this film is Painful reality mixed with Allen's negative view of women over the age of 21. Apart from his 20-year-old student Rain, all the other women are shown as either castrating, pasessive or dumb

One of the secrets of Woody Allen's success is that he gives us a peek at intimate issues that are not normally discussed in movies. In defense of Allen, many of the film's conversations are similar to those that do take place behind closed doors in a mar-

But I, as well as other members of the audience, couldn't help making verbal comments, particularly near the beginning of the film, when Mia asks Woody if he is attracted to any of his students. Not only is Rain another one of Allen's young obses-

sions, she is one of so many of Allen's girlfriends and wives who are not

Woody's character is ostensibly Jewish. In one scene, his friend tells him he is not his rabbi. But at no other time is there any Jewish behavior. There's never a comment about Jewish holidays, or shabbos, or shul, or even about Israel. And why has he never dated a Jewish woman? After all, the scene is Manhattan. There are plenty of Jewish professional, single women in Manhattan.

he cinematography is str What seems like a home movie becomes a roller-coaster ride that you can't get off. When you hand anyone a video camera, it takes only a minute or so for him or her to learn how to steady the camera. Get a tripod, Woody!

Judy Davis' character, Sally, is funny and likeable. I certainly could relate to her dating experiences as well as her reactions toward the breakup of her relationship. When her husband (Sydney Pollack) decides to have his aerobics instructor become his live-in lover after three weeks, we, like Sally, are furious. I was so happy when he finally woke up to the fact that his young, blond bimbo girlfriend was not what he wanted in a relationship.

The character who bothered me most was Rain, the young student played by Juliette Lewis. Her gestures were reminiscent of Julia Roberts with nervous twitches, and her hands flying all over the place. I found her unlikable, unattractive and unbelievable.

When I left the theatre, there was a part of me that was angry that I had spent money that would go into that man's pocket. But I, like other curious peeping-Toms, had to see it so I could observe the parallels between real life and fiction.

Like Pee Wee Herman, Woody got caught with his pants down. I understand that Pee Wee is back to being called Paul Reubens. Maybe Woody should return to his Allen Koenigsberg roots and learn about Jewish values.

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School Ties

The novel that became a major motion picture.

By MORRIE WARSHAWSKI A Film Review

David Greene (Brendan Fraser, ENCINO MAN) has everything going for him. A poor boy from Scranton, he's just been invited to spend his Senior year at St. Matthews, an exclusive boy's prep school in New England, which should prove the launching pad to his dream of attending Harvard. David is intelligent, classically handsome and a first rate quarterback for the football team.

There is just one small thing that complicates David's life - he also happens to be Jewish. SCHOOL TIES, the new feature film by Robert Mandel (F/X, INDEPENDENCE DAY), takes place in the 1950's and explores a time and atmosphere rife with blatant anti-Semitism.

The opening scenes show David having to fight off a rude, low-life biker who calls him a "sheenie." David's father (Ed Lauter, THE ROCKETEER and MY BLUE HEAVEN), sees him off at the bus

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station with the advice to "fit in" at school. David's new football coach also cautions him to "Play your cards close to your vest. Don't tell people any more than they need to know."

In case viewers have not yet seen any other prep school movies, Mandel gives a quick introduction to all the standard elements of this genre: a headmaster (Peter Donat, TUCKER) who places honor above everything else, a barbarously tough and pompous French teacher (Zeljko Ivanek, MASS APPEAL) who drives one young student, McGivern (Andrew Lowery, BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER) to a nervous breakdown, a beautiful and rich blonde shikse with a perfectly triangular face (Amy Locane, MELROSE PLACE), and a group of variously prejudiced, spoiled brats from rich families.

David may think, momentarily, that he has left behind the crude prejudices of steeltown Scranton, but that illusion disappears quickly when he hears one of his classmates brag about "Jewing down" the price of a hi-fi system. That night before showering, David takes his Mogen David necklace and hides it away in a band aid box.

How long can David continue this lie and still maintain self respect? Will David be forced to tell the truth, or will the truth come out some other way? Once everyone knows David is Jewish will they still like him? Will the

cute blonde still want to make out with him when her girlfriends are all asking "What's it like to kiss a Jew? Does his nose get in the way?" Why doesn't anyone ever notice that our hero is circumcised or that he has a Jewish sounding name?

What Mandel gets right as a director is the setting. The film was shot at a prep school in Massachusetts and, through the keen eye of production designer Jeannine Claudia Oppewall (RADIO DAYS, THE MUSIC BOX), has all the feel of the Fifties. The sentiments are right too. Hollywood has had a horrible track record of tackling anti-Semitism with only a handful of good films to its credit in this arena (GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT, CROSSFIRE, I ACCUSE, etc.).

Mandel ekes some fine performances out of the younger members of the cast. Matt Damon (RISING SON) has a plum role as Dillon, David's key foil in the drama. The little we see of Andrew Lowery before his breakdown, and Amy Locane, helps add some life to the film.

What Mandel gets wrong is a lack of focus. The screenplay by Darryl Ponicsan (NUTS, THE LAST DETAIL) and Dick Wolf (MASQUERADE) has enough loose ends to drive a tailor crazy. Characters and plot lines are picked up and dropped without any apparent cohesion.

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The days of awe and understanding

And explaining them to children

By RITA BERMAN FRISCHER

Special to The Jewish Voice Explaining the Days of Awe to children is at once the most difficult and the most easy of tasks.

Difficult, because deeper levels of

spiritual understanding must await a more mature approach; easy, be-cause even very young children understand that we should be sorry when we do wrong things, that we should ask for forgiveness, understanding and strength not to repeat our mistakes and that we should try to be generous, kind and, most of all, fair. This is Teshuvah, Tefillah and Tzedakah (repentance, prayer and justice) at a child's most elemental

As we celebrate Rosh Hashanah, we embark on not only a new year but also, for most of us, a multitude of projects and post-summer activities.

Rita Berman Frischer, formerly of Wilmington, is a director of library services at Sinai Temple, Los Angeles, California. She is active in the National Association of Jewish Librarians, has taught children's literature for Hebrew Union College, Los Angeles, and has served as a judge for the Jewish Book Council National Jewish Book Award for children's literature. In the midst of holiday rush and books include history, customs, meansubsequent frantic fall responsibilities, v) not make a resolution. Resolve to keep a little quiet time available each day, or each week, for reading aloud to a child. To start you off, here are some recommended titles for this important season.

For younger children, Joel Laurie Grishaver's excellent paperback, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur (Torah Aurah, 1987, ages 5-8) is school oriented but is equally good for parents to share. Incorporating selections from the machzor, it concentrates on significance and concepts and includes a helpful parents'

and teachers' guide.
Other useful books are My Very Own Rosh Hashanah and My Very Own Yom Kippur by Judye S. Groner and Madeline Wikler (Kar-Ben Copies, ages 4-8) and Rosh Hashanah: A Family Service and Yom Kippur: A Family Service by Judith Z. Abrams, illustrated by Katherine J.

Kahn (Kar-Ben Copies, ages 3-7).
Sound the Shofar: the story and meaning of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur by Miriam Chaikin (Clarion, 1986) and Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur: Sweet Beginnings by Malka Drucker (Holiday House, 1981) are both cyclinet wides to 1981) are both excellent guides to the holidays for readers 10 up. These

ing and program material for meaningful observance.

Even very young children understand that we should be sorry when we do wrong things.

Good children's stories on High Holy Day themes are not easy to write. Eric A. Kimmel, author of many amusing and entertaining Jewish theme works for young readers, has succeeded this year in giving us an outstanding new work, Days of Awe: Stories for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur (Viking, 1991, ages 8-12).

The Atonement of Mindy Wise by Marilyn Kaye (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich Gulliver Book, 1991, ages 10-14) will introduce the inbetweener in your family to familiar

situations and moral dilemmas.

As the story begins, young Mindy is found in shul alone, having amazed her secularized family with a fervent need to seek peace of mind by spending the day in fasting and prayer. A new girl in town and in her eighth grade class, Mindy has been obsessed with fitting into the "right" crowd, to the point where she has broken rules, betrayed other friendships, and abandoned her own convictions. Her daylong examination of her behavior and decision to take the first hard steps toward atonement make this a thoughtful as well as entertaining read for those 10-14.

Barbara Cohen has written two

books you will enjoy. The first is fittingly titled First Fast (Union of American Hebrew Cong., 1987, ages 8-12). It is the story of a wager between two boys, Harry and Bernard, hinging on whether Harry is old enough to play with the big boys on the block. Fast all day, says Ber-nard, and you can play with us. Harry agrees to try. Eventually both boys learn a new appreciation of integrity and understanding of repentance and prayer. A teachers' guide is available for using this book with grades 4 to 6, but it stands on its own as enjoyable

An outstanding book, for which

Cohen won the National Book Award for Jewish Children's Literature, is Yussel's Prayer (Lothrop, 1981, ages 6-10).

A different version of this old tale is Daniel and the Silver Flute by Gerald Ruthen (United Synagogue Commission on Jewish Education, 1986, ages 6-10).

Another Cohen work, Even Higher, (Lothrop, 1987, ages 6-10) is based on a Peretz story and tells of the skeptical Litvak who followed the rabbi of Nemirov to see if he really goes to heaven each year on Rosh Hashanah as it is rumored. He learns that with kindness and humility one can go even higher.

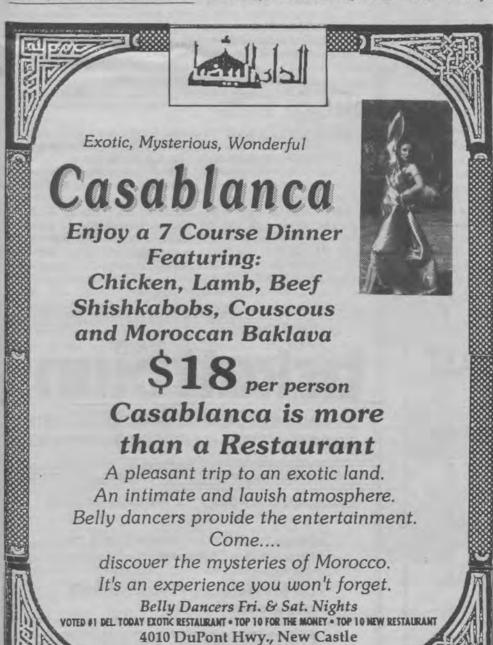
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pocket or purse sized and just the thing to take to shul to induce attention while introducing davening. Look for My Little Machzor edited by Mazal Mishat-Pnini (Adama, 1986, ages 3-8).

If you want something longer for children 4 to 8 and up, Rabbi Abraham Klausner has put together a beautiful brief collection of readings for the Holy Days, incorporating Bible stories, allegories, and themes of prayer and forgiveness. A Child's Prayer Book for the Holidays of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur (Emanu-El Publications, 1974) is fancifully illustrated in full color from paintings by Shraga Wei) and Nachum Gutman and designed by KV Design International Ltd. in Tel Aviv.

The Central Conference of American Rabbis has also come out with a new prayerbook for young children which should make Yom Kippur ser-vices more accessible and meaningful. Gates of Awe: Holy Day Prayers for Young Children (CCAR, 1991, ages 6-10) is not only beautifully illustrated in full watercolor by Neil Waldman, but author Robert Orkand has succeeded in putting all the basic prayers, including the Torah service and reading, into simple language and comprehensible images without losing the depth of feeling.

Finally, the true spirit of the Holy Days has been captured by Sonia Levitin in A Sound to Remember (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1979, ages 7-10). In Levitin's story, slow, stammering Jacov is chosen shofar blower by the rabbi despite everyone's amazement and concern.

Sure enough, on Rosh Hashanah Jacov blows it, but only in the slang sense of the word. Instead of a rousing blast, feeble gurgles and silence. All in the congregation are sure the rabbi will see the folly of his choice and give someone else shofar honor on Yom Kippur. What the rabbi does instead imparts a beautiful message about sound, silence and our relationship with each other and with

Jewish art calendar



A full color reproduction of a gouache on paper titled "The Beginnings of Faith," by noted Biblical artist Camille Ware Kress of Dallas, one of America's foremost Biblical artists, adorns the new High Holy Day greeting card and cover of the jewish art calendar just issued by the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, the women of Reform

School Ties

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Football could have been more prominent in the movie and provided muchneeded visual relief. As it is, Mandel gives us only two scenes out on the field. When Mandel features music from the era he hits the mark, but the original score by Maurice Jarre (DR. ZHIVAGO, WITNESS) is obtrusive,

inane and inappropriate.

Ultimately for SCHOOL TIES to

work, David Greene must dominate the very heart and center of the film - the outsider in the eye of the cyclone. But in Mandel's hands Fraser's acting style is curiously aloof mitigating against any deep audience involvement. Everyone in SCHOOL TIES complains about not getting to know the "real David Greene." In the best of films this would not be a complaint voiced also by the audi-

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When Moishe Winikur passed the Statue of Liberty on his way to New York Harbor on December 29, 1912, it was the end of his journey which began in Liverpool, England when he boarded the "S.S. Celtic" ten days earlier on December 19.

Details of Moishe's voyage to New York can be found on the ship manifest which identifies Moishe Winikur as passenger number 18, list number 7 of the December 29, 1912 arrival of the SS Celtic, one of many ships of the White Star Line which carried thousands of immigrants to the new world.

The two-page manifest has 35 column categories, all containing information about my grandfather, known to his children as Morris Weiner which became his new name in America. From the ship manifest, I learned that my grandfather traveled to America alone, at the age of 27, leaving a wife, Lena, in Sudilkov where he was born.

The data found in ship records represents more than just cold hard facts of the immigrant process. For instance, although I knew my grandfather had been previously married before he married my grandmother, the reference to his first

By MIRIAM WEINER

Moishe is identified as a Hebrew, born in Russia and traveling to Boston where he will join his brother-in-law, Moishe Katzaher. His physical description is 54", good health, brown hair, and gray eyes. He paid for his own passage and carried the sum of \$25 at the time of his entry to America. According to the manifest, he was able to read and write

The manifest's full name is "List Or Manifest of Alien Passengers for the United States Immigration Officer at Port of Arrival" and has space for the listing of 26 passengers.

Tracing Moishe's movements from his shtetl of birth in Sudilkov, now a small village in Ukraine located about half way between Kiev and Lvov, is a complicated procedure primarily because so much documentation was lost or destroyed. According to the Public Record Office in England, passenger lists for ships sailing out of the United Kingdom exist from the year 1890 and research of the lists did show Moishe's arrival into the United Kingdom to be through the Port of Grimsby.

Efforts to trace Moishe's movements from Sudilkov to Grimsby which might have revealed some interesting details and perhaps an adventure or two have so far met with a resounding "dead end" because to date, no records of incoming ship arrivals to the United Kingdom can be located for this period.

Passenger lists can be found in the National Archives in Washington, D.C. for U.S. ports including Baltimore, Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Providence, Galveston, Los Angeles, New Orleans, San Francisco and Seattle along with Canadian ports of arrival.

The U.S. passenger lists are arranged chronologically by date of arrival and provide more details for 20th century arrivals than for the 19th century. The passenger lists are available on microfilm with each microfilm containing several volumes. Each volume contains lists for several days of arrivals.

If you are uncertain as to the exact date of arrival, you can consult microfilmed indexes beginning in 1820 through 1948. However, there is a gap during a crucial period of heavy immigration from 1847-1897 for which there is no index and if your ancestor arrived during that period and you do not know exactly when, it is likely you may never find the ship manifest.

A good reference for ship data is American Passenger Arrival Records: A Guide to the Records of Immigrants Arriving at American Ports by Sail and Steam, by Michael Tepper (Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., Baltimore, 1988). For specific listings of ships by name, arrival date and port, see Morton Allan Directory of European Passenger Steamship Arrivals (Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., Baltimore, 1988)

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wife "Lena" on the ship manifest was the one and only time I found her name in any documents and confirmed that she was still living in Sudilkov in 1912.

A frequent obstacle is the name changes between departure from the "old country" and arrival in America. For example, in order to obtain the ship manifest for Moishe Winikur, it was necessary to first request the application for naturalization (from court records in St. Louis where he was naturalized and also available through the Immigration and Naturalization Service in Washington D.C.) which showed his new name of "Morris Weiner" but also provided his original name.

From 1850-1934, many emigrants from Central and Eastern Europe left through the Port of Hamburg, Germany.

In addition to the U.S. arrival lists, complete departure lists from Hamburg also exist including age, occupation and place of origin for each passenger.

Fortunately, these lists are indexed and available through the Mormon Family History Library in Salt Lake City or locally through the Mormon Family History Centers. Some 19th century Hamburg lists can also be found at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.

It is not uncommon to be sitting at a microfilm reader scanning passenger lists and hear frequent exclamations of "I found him!" from a nearby fellow researcher. In the genealogy experience, nothing quite matches the first time you find your ancestor's name on a ship manifest — a visual confirmation of your linkage to that far away place you cannot spell or find on a map.





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Dr. Gittlen will be speaking on Friday, October 2 at Shabbat services beginning at 8 p.m., and on

Saturday, October 3 at 9 a.m. Dr. Gittlen has been leading the archaeological dig at Revadim in Israel for many years, uncovering layers of precious information that reflects the ancient Philistine civilization near the Mediterranean. Those

Herbert Yoskowitz of Congregation Beth Shalom had the privilege of visiting the site and receiving a personal explanation of the tel by Dr.

In addition to his teaching, research, lecturing, and writing on this and other archaeological and biblical issues, Dr. Gittlen has spent the past five years as Annual Meeting Program Chairman of the American Schools of Oriental Research, the foremost American society devoted to the archaeology of the ancient Near East. He has just completed his twentieth year on the faculty of the

Baltimore Hebrew University.
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awesome and familiar statements in our High Holy Day liturgy. It is a refrain which most Jews love to sing. There are hundreds of musical settings for this prayer and many, if not most, use a 'catchy' melody.

However, when we look at the rest of the words to which this statement is a constant refrain, it would appear that the melody hardly fits the mood of the prayer. Even worse, might we not be tempting fate, whistling as we pass a grave-yard, as it were? "Mi yichye umi yamut? Who shall live and who shall die?"

The answer to the above conundrum comes easy to the committed and believing Jew." God is merciful and forgiving" and "whatever God decrees for us must be accepted joyfully."

fully."

Well, I am a committed and believing Jew but when I sing that up-beat refrain you can be sure that it is with an underlying obligation of pleading and, yes, fear. This year more so than ever.

It is not so much a fear for myself, although the older I get the more realistic I become regarding my own mortality; this year I am deeply concerned with the future of the Jewish People. The preachers of doom have always been with us but today they are using sophisticated scientific surveys which no thinking person can afford to disregard.

The August issue of Moment magazine, never a haven for sensationalist journalism, lays it out quite clearly under the cover caption, "Abandoning Judaism...and What To Do About It." The accelerating rate of intermarriage; the numbers of children of

Intro to Judaism class

Once again, the Introduction to Judaism classes for potential Jewsby-Choice will be conducted by rabbis of our community.

Rabbi David Kaplan of Temple Beth El, Newark, Rabbi Herbert Yoskowitz of Congregation Beth Shalom, Wilmington, and Rabbis Peter Grumbacher and Sarah Messinger of Congregation Beth Emeth, Wilmington, will join in on an orientation session with prospective class members on Tuesday, October 20 at 8 p.m.

The meeting will be held at Congregation Beth Shalom on Baynard Boulevard and 18th Street. Those attending are asked to enter through the main entrance as close to 8 p.m. as possible.

This class runs through May and is designed for those persons interested in conversion to Judaism or those in relationship with a Jewish person who are interested in learning more about all aspects of Judaism. It is requested that before the orientation begins, those considering joining the class contact one of the rabbis because a sponsoring rabbi is required for graduation from the program.

Fees and schedule will be discussed at the orientation session and a book list will be made available. For further information or questions, contact Rabbi Kaplan (366-8330), Rabbi Yoskowitz (654-4462), or Rabbis Grumbacher or Messinger at 764-2393 as soon as possible.

mixed families being reared in a non-Jewish religion; some 210,000 born Jews changing their religion; 1.1 million identifying themselves as Jews by birth only not by religion; 60 to 70% of the total American Jewish community unaffiliated! "Mi Yichye Umi Yamut?"

The statistics are quoted from the article by Rabbi Joshua Haberman entitled (chillingly), "The New Exodus Out Of Judaism." A responding article, "Strategies for Taking Judaism Public" by Egon Mayer presents a well defined suggested campaign to meet the challenges, but it is directed

primarily at the general American Jewish Leadership. It is hardly a campaign that can be waged by individual Wilmington Jews or even by individual congregations or organizations. That being said however it does not relieve us of the responsibility to DO SOMETHING.

Might I humbly (and perhaps naively) suggest that we continue to look into the Machsor for a list of possible answers. Following the outline of what might be in store for us in the coming year there is a statement which comes on a crescendo of hope, "UT'SHUVA, UT'FILLAH,

UTZ'DAKAH MAAVIRINET ROAH HAGEZEYRAH! BUT REPEN-TANCE, PRAYER AND RIGH-TEOUSNESS AVERT THE EVIL DECREE!"

I suggest that we might reinterperate the words. Sing them to a slightly different melody.

T'SHUVAH—Not just to be sorry for the sins we may have committed but to RETURN TO THE VALUES WHICH HAVE SET JEWS APART AND PERMITTED US TO SURVIVE SO CREATIVELY OVER THE CENTURIES. Many of these values Continued on 45

Local High Holiday Schedule

Еврейская Федерация Делавера

MEMOPAHZYM

11 Сентября 1992 г.

Дорогие друзья !

Мы надеемся, что все вы хорошо провели лето, а вновь приехавшие, адаптируются к жизни в Америке.

Сентябрь приносит «новогоднее» настроение в нашу жизнь. Это начало учебного года и это наши великие религиозные праздники Рош Хашана (Новый Год) и Йом Кипур (День Поминовения). Нам бы хотелось, чтобы вы праздновали этот Новый Год, как это делают евреи во всем мире, посещением службы Великого Праздника.

Специальные слижбы на русском языке спланированы для вас в congregation Beth Shalom; пожалуйста, воспользуйтесь этой возможностью. Службы будут проводиться в 9:00 28го Сентября (Рош Хашана) и в 9:00 7го Октября (Йом Кипур). Продолжительность службы около одного часа и потом вы сможете присоединиться к церемонии игры на Шофаре. ТОЛЬКО ЭТИ ДВЕ СЛЫЖБЫ БУДУТ ПРОВОДИТСЯ НА РУССКОМ ЯЗЫКЕ. Пожалуйста, постарайтесь принять участие в праздновании. У вас также будет возможность углубить ваши знание и понимание еврейских традиций.

Кроме того, все синагоги Делавера с радушием ждут вас на побой службе в любое время. Для посещения службы возьмите только вложенный билет. Службы будут проводиться на английском языке и иврите. Пожалуйста, помните, что в Америке допускается отсутствовать на работе и в школе во время религиозного праздника, но вы должны предварительно согласовать это с вашим работодателем.

Следующая информация включает даты проведения всех праздников, адреса синагог, время и дни служб. Мы прилагаем календарь для справок. Он был напечатан для школ, но мы думаем, что он будет вам полезен.

Праздничние дни:

Суккот

Рош Хашана - начинается вечером 27го сентября продолжается 28го и 29го сентября

Йом Кипур - Кол Нидре - 6го октября

- начинается вечером 11го октября первые два дня 12го и 13го октября

Шемини Атзерет - 19го Октября

Шимхат Тора - 20го Октября

The Rabbi Writes

Our election day

By RABBI HERBERT A. YOSKOWITZ

As Rosh Hashanah approaches, so, too, does the presidential election. With two national conventions behind us, we can reminisce about the frequency with which God's name was invoked for political purposes. To harness God to a political purpose is to forger that "any partisan use of God's name tends to breed intolerance and to divide." (The New York Times Editorial, September 1,

On Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur — the Yamim Noraim please do not expect the rabbis of Delaware to critique which party -Republican or Democratic — was less blasphemous in the use of God's name during the conventions. Nor should you expect us to give you any indication how we will vote on election day. Nor do I expect that we will share with you our political views. Rather I expect that we will share with you those responsibilities we Jews need to fulfill. There is a similarity between our Holy Days and Election Day. On the latter, we will judge the merits of candidates for national,

Rabbi Herbert A. Yoskowitz is the chairman of the Rabbinical Association of Delaware and rabbi of Congregation Beth Shalom, Wilmington. state, city and local offices, while on the former, we will judge ourselves and be judged.

According to the Bible, Jews have been elected to office — "The Lord YOUR God has elected you to be a special people onto HIMSELF (Deuteronomy 7:6). As Americans, we believe that God has elected our country for a special historical role. Freedom with justice and liberty for all" is part of our pledge of allegiance and a conviction of our destiny. By our deeds as a nation and as individuals, we decide whether we are worthy of our election for the special purposes which God assigns to us.

The Yamim Noraim, a time of judgment, provide the opportunity for us to search our souls to evaluate whether we are worthy candidates for God's special life's tasks for us. Do we believe in the platforms contained in American classical texts as in the Torah and the Talmud? Do we know that for which we stand?

Stephen Holmes writes in The New Republic that "the inhabitants of Western-style liberal democracies are lost men, emptied of ambition, satisfied with mediocrity, bereft of high ideals, unwilling to make sacrifices." This is a terrible indictment! It reflects a danger to our future as Americans and as Jews. Where is our purpose now that the Cold War is over? What values have we substituted for the posture of opposition to some measure for several score of

O God, help us to stand for some-thing lest we fall for everything (prayer in the U.S. Senate)

Where are some of our finest young men and women going when they have no platform on which to stand, no ideals to which they commit their

It appears that we are suffering from a crisis of purposelessness. To the extent that we American Jews slack off our own Jewish values, we add to the valueless malaise that troubles this country. We Jews need to subscribe to Jewish values. Needed is an informed Judaism. Without it, we are part of the larger problem which is expressed in intellectual and behavioral laziness and in going along with every consumer and cultural

For each of us, learning about our platform and living it are essential. Learn the platform with the study of Jewish texts in Synagogue and in other Jewish community institutions. Take part in contributing to the leadership of the community, not for power or personal gain but for the means of serving your fellow man. Participate in religious services. If services are helpful to you, allow them to jar your religious sensitivity. A Rabbi is more complimented when hearing "the services today may have

Communism that sustained us in made me a better human being," rather than, "I enjoyed the service. These are worthy parts of the Yamim Yoraim platform for which you can cast your vote.

Our High Holidays call upon us to have the courage to make the right choices in life. Each deed and each involvement are ballots and votes for either good or evil.

Be proud of our Jewish heritage and incorporate its principles into our daily living. The cause of Jewish life must be precious to us and must be served with deep commitment regardless of the sacrifices that we may be called upon to make.

May the Holidays remind us that every deed counts in the election of life and that every day is election day.

On behalf of the Rabbinical Association of Delaware, I send you and yours wishes for a New Year filled with good health, high ideals, good deeds, and peace for the United States of America, Israel, and all the peoples

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are shared by the general community but we must rethink some of those that we have learned from today's 'pop" culture and honestly evaluate

them on a Jewish scale.

T'FILLAH — A prayer over wine, bread and candles is fine but true T'fillah is a process of self-examina-tion. It is also STUDY. We must make our worship services an exciting journey toward a MEETING WITH GOD, both for the congregation as a whole and for each individual human

being who joins in that journey. TZ'DAKAH — There is no Hebrew word for the English "charity." We do not give because we feel like it or because we approve of a particu-

lar cause. TZ'DAKAH MEANS RIGHTEOUSNESS. We must all be as active as we possibly can in the running of our community and the providing of services which are essential to humanity.

If just these three concepts were truly assimilated into our individual and communal lives during the coming year we will not just be teaching our young but SHOWING THEM THAT JUDAISM IS WORTH-WHILE, a religion, a culture, a civilization that glorifies God and epitomizes "mentchlichkeit."

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YOM KIPPUR Kutz Home Auxiliary Executive Board Meeting 10:00 a.m. JCC Children's Center Sukkot AEA Family Sukkah Party 11 10:00 a.m. SUKKOT Hadassah/Newark Chapter Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. Beth Emeth Board Meeting

9:30 a.m. NCJW Executive Committee Meeting 10:30 a.m. NCJW Board Meeting JCC Dynamic Adults 5:00 p.m. JFD - YLC Opening Meeting 7:30 p.m. Beth El Sisterhood General Meeting 12:00 noon Beth Shalom Lunch 'n Learn JCC Youth & Family Department Committee 7:30 p.m. Meeting

JCC Family Sukkot Shabbat Dinner Kutz Home Auxiliary Forget-Me-Not Ball 7:00 p.m. JCC Children's Center Simchat Torah Celebration 9:30 a.m. Beth El Men's Club Meeting 10:00 a.m. Hadassah/Wilmington Chapter Sukkah Hop 11:00 a.m. Beth Shalom Bio-Ethics Group Brunch JCC Kids Biathelon/Club 56 19 SHMENI ATZERET

SIMCHAT TORAH 20 7:30 p.m. JCC Jewish Great Books 21 JCC Adult Institute of Jewish Studies #1 8:00 p.m. JCC Cultural Caravan Trip JCC Senior Center Candlelight Dinner 12:00 noon Beth Shalom Lunch 'n Learn 7:30 p.m. JFD Executive Committee Meeting **ORT** General Meeting 7:30 p.m. JCC Health Screening at Fitness Center

8:00 p.m. 24 AKSE Safam Community Concert Temple Beth El Sisterhood Square Dance 9:00 a.m. AKSE Men's Club Breakfast Beth Emeth Sisterhood General Meeting 9:30 a.m. Beth Shalom Adult Education 7:00 p.m. JCC Teen Connection 7:30 p.m. AKSE Va-ad HaKashruth Meeting 7:30 p.m. Hadassah/Wilmington Chapter Executive Board Meeting

JCC Children's Center Parents' Night 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. JCC Executive Committee Meeting JFD Inter-Agency Staff Development Program 12:00 noon Beth Emeth Executive Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. JCC Budget & Finance Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. NCJW Public Affairs Cocktail Party 11:00 a.m. NCJW Public Affairs Lunch

AEA Executive Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m. JCC Adult Institute of Jewish Studies #2 Temple Beth El Sisterhood Board Meeting 10:00 a.m. JCC Seniors Trip 12:00 noon Beth Shalom Lunch 'n Learn

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NCJW Luncheon set for October 28

Sharing the Caring: Options for the Nineties and Beyond is the title for the Wilmington Section, National Council of Jewish Women, Public Affairs luncheon at the DuPont Country Club on October 28.

Michael A. Creedon, D.S.W., whose particular concern is Eldercare, will discuss Implications of Aging: For the Workplace, for the Family, and for Institutions. He has published widely on health, retirement, older workers, family and work, and on corporate and public policies.

Currently he is Visiting Professor University College, Cork, Ireland, and Research Board of Ireland.



of Social Work and Gerontology at consultant to the National Health

Dr. Creedon is a part-time member of the faculty in the School of Continuing Studies, the Johns Hopkins University; staff consultant on Eldercare for the Office on Family Policy, U.S. Department of Defense, and consultant on aging for the United Way of America, Carlow International, and other bodies.

Dr. Creedon is also president of the Creedon Group, Consultants on Aging Issues.

The luncheon is open to the public. The cost is \$25. For reservations call (302) 478-3835

Dr. Creedon will be the guest of Irene and Sid Feldman during his stay

BBYO sponsors trip to Israel

The B'nai B'rith Youth Organization (BBYO) has announced the establishment of a program enabling Jewish youth and adults the opportunity to celebrate their Bar-Bat Mitzvah with family and friends at the ancient synagogue in Masada, Israel. The 15-day program, to take place December 21, 1992 through January 4, 1993, will include a unique combination of touring, hands-on exploration, and education.

Each Bar-Bat Mitzvah youth will be offered this opportunity free of charge when accompanied by a full paying adult, compliments of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization and Israel Identity Tours, Inc. As well, the Bar-Bat Mitzvah will receive free membership in BBYO Teen Connection, a youth group for Jewish teens in seventh and eighth grades.

Special highlights of the program include hands-on participation in an archaeological dig, home hospitality with Israeli BBYO members and their families, exploring the excavations of Beit Shean, visiting the new Citadel of David Museum, and Shabbat at the Western Wall. The tour incorporates visits to a myriad of historic and modern day sites, with stays in Jerusalem, Eilat, Tiberias, Tel Aviv, and at the shores of the Dead Sea.

The individuals celebrating Bar-Bat Mitzvah will be joined by their families as they take part in a special Shabbat service in the ancient synagogue at Masada. In addition, the State of Israel will present each Bar-Bat Mitzvah with a certificate in a ceremony at the Knesset Rose Gar-

"We envision a Bar or Bat Mitzvah to be an experience that stays with you for a lifetime," explains BBYO Director Sam Fisher. "What better way to commemorate this Jewish tradition marking the passage from childhood to adulthood than in Eretz Yisrael?" Fisher emphasizes, nevertheless, that the opportunity for Bar-Bat Mitzvah on this program is available to both youth and adults.

The family trip package includes

round-trip airfare, hotel accommodations, an extensive itinerary, breakfast and dinner daily, touring by luxury motorcoach, licensed Israeli tour guides and drivers, entrance fees, porterage, hotel taxes, airport transfers, and V.I.P. receptions.

For an application and more information about this unique tour, write: Family Adventure to Israel, c/o BBYO, 1640 Rhode Island Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20036. Telephone inquiries may be addressed to BBYO Associate International Director Arnie Sohinki at (202) 857-

Yiddish Film in Philadelphia

The Adult Education Committee of Congregation Beth Shalom, Wilmington, is sponsoring a bus trip to the Philadelphia Jewish Film Festival for the presentation Sunday, December 13, of "Uncle Moses."
This classic Yiddish film starring

Maurice Schwartz has been restored with English subtitles.

A "dutch-treat" supper is planned

following the film at the Maccabean Middle East Restaurant in Philadel-

Bus departure from Beth Shalom is 1:15 p.m. with return departure from Philadelphia at 7 p.m. Cost of the combined film and bus ticket is \$10. Reservations are requested by October 12 by calling 302-426-0206 or 302-764-4360.

DEADLINE

The next issue of The Jewish Voice will be published FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16. The deadline for stories and photos is noon, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9. Material should be sent or brought to The Jewish Voice office at the Jewish Federation of Delaware, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington, DE 19803. (302) 478-6200 or faxed, (302) 478-5374. All articles must be typed, double spaced.

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Wednesday

JCC Senior Center, Wilmington, Academy of Lifelong Learning program: Winfred Weldy with video on "Highlights from the World of Opera." Open free of charge to entire community. 101 Garden of Eden Road.

National Council of Jewish Women, Wilmington section, meeting at Chaddsford Winery, Route 1, Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania, 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker: Dr. David L. Paskin, chairman of Department of Surgery, Pennsylvania Hospital, about breast disease with an overview of diagnosis and treatment op-

tions. Open to the public. Cost is \$4. Reservations by calling Jean L. Blumenfeld at 302-478-3835 or Mary S. DeVries at 215-388-6135.

Friday

Young Jewish Adults of Delaware (for singles in their twenties and thirties) Synagogue Drop-in at Congregation Beth Shalom, 18th and Baynard Boulevard, Wilmington. Services at 8 p.m., out for food and drink afterwards. For more information call Roz Sherman, 302-762-

Sunday

B'nai B'rith, Greater Philadelphia Council, program with Senator Arlen Specter, candidate for U.S. Senate from Pennsylvania, 12:45 p.m., Congregation Shaare Shamayim, Welsh and Verree Roads, Cherry Hill, New Jersey. For more information contact Dr. Stanley M. Feldman, 609-338-1707 or 215-947-2511.

Gratz College Holocaust program: Edgar Stern, author of "The Peppermint Train: Journey to a German-Jewish Childhood," 2 p.m. at Gratz Old York Road and Melrose Avenue, Melrose Park, Pennsylvania. Free admission. For more information call Carolyn Petersen, 215-

Young Jewish Adults of Dela-

ware (for singles in their twenties and thirties) coed Afternoon Softball, Jewish Community Family Campus, 2-4 p.m. \$1 for JCC members, \$2 for non members. For more information call Scott Loetman, 302-798-

Newark Hadassah Craft Fair, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Aetna Fire Hall, across from Newark Post Office. Free admission. Food available. For vendor information call 302-329-2270.

Wilmington Hadassah Major Gifts and Cancer Research luncheon, home of Dr. and Mrs. Diznoff, 12:30 p.m. Guest speaker: Dr. Irving M. Berkowitz, director of Cancer Center at the Medical Center of Delaware on breast cancer, its prevention, treatment and controversies. For reservations call Barbara Yalisove at 302-656-7828.

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Monday

Division of Public Health to administer flu and pneumonia immunizations to individuals 60 years of age or older and younger individuals with chronic illness, Jewish Community Center Senior Center, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington. Suggested \$5 donation. For reservations call 302-478-5660.

Wednesday

Gratz College lecture on "Arab Anti-Semitism: Sources and Implications" with Dr. David Rabeeya, professor of Hebrew Language and Literature at Gratz, noon on campus, Old York Road and Melrose Avenue, Melrose, Pennsylvania. Admission with kosher lunch, \$11. For more information call Carolyn Petersen, 215-635-7300.

Gratz and the National Museum of American Jewish History "Food for Thought" series features Dr. Nahum Waldman, professor of Bible and Hebrew Literature speaking on "What is Wisdom?" Biblical views on What God Does/Does Not Want Us To Know," 6 p.m. at the museum, 55 N. 5th Street, Philadelphia. Admission, including box lunch, \$12. For more information call Carolyn Petersen, 215-635-7300

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Sunday

Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship of Newark, 420 Willa Road, Newark, for men and women of all backgrounds. Taught by Jeanne Ayesha Lauenborg, director of Delaware Valley Sacred Dance Circle. \$10 charge. For more information call Mary Sasowsky, 302-368-2287.

Monday

Young Jewish Adults of Delaware (for singles in their twenties and thirties) Simchat Torah celebration and dinner, 7 p.m. at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, Washington Street Extension, Wilmington. Dinner at Imperial Inn Chinese Restaurant, Wilmington. For reservations call Keri Helfand, 302-475-3547 by Dances of Universal Peace at October 18. YJAD donation, \$1.

Naches

Brodsky - Salomon

Rebecca Rae Brodsky and Michael William David Salomon were married on Saturday, September 12 at the Three Little Bakers Country Club in Wilmington.

Becky is the daughter of Jack and Mary Brodsky of Fairfax, Virginia, the late Wilma Brodsky of Wilmington and the granddaughter of Eleanor Slovin of Wilmington. Michael is the son of Cedric and Mary Salomon of Buckingham, England.
The bride is a graduate of Concord

High School and Marymount University in Arlington, Virginia. The groom is a graduate of City University in England. Following a honeymoon in Florida, the couple will live in England.

Rubin

Ronald and Susan Rubin, of Chappaqua, New York, announce the birth of a daughter, Rachel Charlie, on September 16.

Rachel is the granddaughter of Alan and Helen Rubin of Wilmington.

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Obituaries

Sylvia Rose T. Fabian

Sylvia Rose T. Fabian, 78, formerly of Dover, died September 2 of heart failure in The Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Wilmington.

Mrs. Fabian was a Hebrew teacher at Temple Beth Shalom, Dover, in the 1950s, where her husband, Tibor Fabian, was a rabbi. Rabbi Fabian died in 1981.

She is survived by a niece, Sybil Zeftel of Wilmington, who cared for her; and other nieces and nephews.

Emma Davis Fine

Emma Davis Fine, 78, formerly of Wilmington, died September 4, at Covenant House, Jewish Home for the Aged, Dayton, Ohio.

Mrs. Fine owned and operated a grocery store in Wilmington retiring in 1972 after 20 years.

She was a member of B'nai B'rith and Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Syna-gogue, both in Wilmington.

Her husband, Ephraim, died in 1975. Surviving are a son, Melvin H. of Dayton; a daughter, Ronelle Zerowin of Fair Lawn, New Jersey; three sisters, Helen Johnston of Florida, Jean Grier and Mildred Kaplan, both of Boca Raton, Florida; seven grandchildren and a greatgrandchild.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to American Heart Association of Delaware Inc., Wilmington.

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Dear Rachel

their needs.

Dear Rachel

In spite of the fact that we live a couple of thousand miles apart, we are

pretty close to my in-laws. We talk to them every week. This year they took

advantage of the drop in the price of airline tickets, and came to visit for a

Much as I care for them, this has been difficult for all of us. Since they don't

When we get home from work and camp, restless Grandma and Grandpa

are ready to be taken places. The kids have had to give up playdates because

we had to take my in-laws somewhere. They usually nap in the afternoon, and

expect us to keep them company until they go to bed at 11:00. Between the time and the close quarters, my husband and I don't get a minute to be alone

It can't be all that easy for them either. They have started to yell at the kids

I don't want to mess up our good relationship, but things are getting sort

The rules that work for shlom bayit when company comes for a

weekend are useless for a longer stay. A guest who is there for a month should be treated like adult family. Members of a family need time for

companionship, time alone, something to do, and a clear set of rules to

their own age, or with similar interests? One of the joys of travel is meeting

ship, so hang in there. The relationship you model now may be the basis

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for how your kids treat you when you come to visit in twenty years.

What are your in-laws doing during the day? Have they met anybody

when they fight. My husband does a disappearing act into the bedroom to

watch the game (any game) when it gets loud or tense. In short, everyone is

of frayed around the edges. We have two weeks to go. Help!

have a car, everyone's schedule has had to be rearranged to accommodate

Ann Opstbaum

Ann Opstbaum, 60, of Plymouth Meeting, Pa.; died September 8 of a heart attack at home.

Mrs. Opstbaum, who worked in the accounting department at Allen Forwarding Co., Philadelphia, for 17 years, retired in 1987.

She was an active volunteer at the National Museum of American Jewish History, Philadelphia, and a member of Temple Shalom, Philadelphia.

Her husband, Ralph, died in 1984. She is survived by two daughters, Ellisa Opstbaum Habbart of Brandywine Park Condominiums, Wilmington, and Nadine Opstbaum of Laffayette Hill, Pa.; and a brother, Leon Herman of Longmeadow,

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Rabbi's Discretionary Fund, Congregation Beth Emeth, 300 Lea Blvd., Wilmington.

Miriam Mersky

Miriam Mersky, 68, of Dover, died September 9 of cancer at Kent Gen-

Mrs. Mersky was a homemaker and was a member of Congregation Beth Sholom, Dover Garden Club, and Dover Newcomers Club. She was a life member of Hadassah.

She is survived by her husband, Dr. Harold A. Mersky; two sons, Dr. Martin R. Mersky of Newtown, Penn-sylvania, and Seth M. Mersky of Glen

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Rock, New Jersey; two daughters, Marcie L. Mersky of Guatemala City, Guatemala, and Dr. Bonnie M. Miller of Nashville, Tennessee; three sisters, Helen Donsky of Cherry Hill, Isabel Rudolph of Cherry Hill, and Charlotte Tenenbaum of Philadel-

Instead of flowers the family suggests contributions to the American Cancer Society.

phia; and seven grandchildren.

Arthur Deutsch

Arthur Deutsch, 61, of Wilmington died September 10, in St. Francis Hospital, where he was a patient. The medical examiner will determine his cause of death.

Mr. Deutsch was a stockman at John Wanamaker department store for 21 years, first at Augustine Cutoff in Wilmington and later at Christiana Mall.

He is survived by his mother, Elizabeth Sollander of Wilmington; and a sister, Harriet Stein of Buffalo Grove,

Marvin Leitstein

Marvin Leitstein, 65, of Philadelphia, died September 13 of leukemia at Jefferson Park Hospital, Philadelphia, where he was a patient.

Mr. Leitstein owned Richard-Donald Furs Inc., Market Street, Wilmington, for 44 years.

He is survived by his wife, Clara; a daughter, Linda Bleiman of Wynnewood, Pa.; a son, Mark of Wilmington; a sister, Anne Bass of Philadelphia; and two granddaugh-

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the Leukemia

Bertha G. Taylor

Bertha G. Taylor, 82, of Rockford Tower Condominiums, Wilmington, died September 13 of heart failure in St. Francis Hospital, Wilmington.

Mrs. Taylor, who was raised in Wilmington, had been a concert pianist in the 1930s and taught piano for many years. She also had been a social worker in Philadelphia.

Most recently, she was a volunteer patient advocate at the Medical Center of Delaware and an active participant at the University of Delaware's Academy of Lifelong Learning Cen-

She was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom.

Her husband, Dr. Harry, died in 1981. She is survived by two daughters, Judy Glaser of Columbia, Maryland, and Ruth Handler of Fairthorne, Greenville; five grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

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interesting people. Any friends they make would be a built-in social circle for their next visit. If you or your husband can carpool or use a bus, they can have the use of a car to sightsee or shop. Perhaps a car rental would Work hard at sticking to your children's routine. Grandma and Grandpa should be an added treat, not a cause of deprivation or a disturbance. Try to gauge your in-laws level of tolerance for kid's noise, and don't feel guilty about removing the children from the scene when Finally, make sure your husband takes the lead in any discussion with his parents. He can be open about everyone's need for some privacy, without creating a permanent rift. Perhaps your in-laws would babysit once or twice a week so you could go out as a couple. Ask your in-laws

Washington Watch

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He condemned intolerance as though there had been no convention at Houston. (Three days after the B'nai B'rith speech, Bush spoke to Pat Robertson's Christian Coalition at the televangelist's Founders Inn, which, according to the Associated Press, "has a Christians-only hiring policy.") He took credit for freeing oppressed Jews but said nothing about blocking their absorption into Israel. He portrayed Desert Storm as a war fought to defend Israel. He spoke of friendship and support for srael as though the first three and a half years of his administration never happened.

Then came the real Chutzpah.

"I am happy to tell you that I am sending to the Congress legislation requesting up to \$10 billion in loan guarantees to aid Israel's government in welcoming its immigrants," he announced. Ok, Shamir is gone, Rabin is in. The settlements freeze is not nearly what Bush had been demanding but far more than Shamir had been willing to do. Enough to give Bush the cover he needs to reverse his position.

Bush and Baker had been guilty of disinformation during the past year's debate, leaving the impression that these guarantees would be very costly for the American taxpayer. We all remember Baker before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations stretching out the phrase "ten billion dollars" as he misrepresented the requested sum as

grant aid. A tough election can change one's Perspective. Now Bush advises, Don't let any member of Congress tell you we can't afford to do this. We

can, and we must." Then came the whopper, or the

"And today, I ask you: Take that message to Capitol Hill," declared George Bush.

Is this the same man who only 362 days earlier denounced Jewish citizen lobbyists and held them up for Public scorn? The same man who, through his minions, threatened to

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make a speech to the nation attacking friends of Israel on and off Capitol Hill if they attempted to legislate those guarantees over his objections? Now he's telling us it's okay to go to Capitol Hill en masse to lobby for the guarantees?

What about that "lonely little guy" attack on our loyalty?

"In the past, some remarks of mine were, I felt, misinterpreted," he told the B'nai B'rith audience. "I have gone on the record expressing my regret for any pain this may have caused. Again I want to make it clear,

I support, I endorse, and I deeply believe in the God-given right of every American to promote what they believe

You could have fooled me, and at least a thousand other Jewish-American citizens who went to Capitol Hill year ago to exercise our constitutional rights.

But I welcome the president's conversion. I am pleased that he now believes lobbying "is your right as an individual [and] your duty as an Ameri-

What bothers me is that I don't know if he will still believe that if we disagree with him on some future issue if he is reelected.

David Duke

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teaming up with Jimmy Swaggart to open a massage parlor. It is locally reported that Swaggart's evangelical empire has all but expired, and that his once booming bible college is likely to close because of a drastic decline in enrollment. That leaves the large building in Baton Rouge that housed the bible college empty. Since the building is available, and since the two of them are basically in the same business of pandering, they should be highly successful running a

It needs to be remembered that Duke has co-authored a sex manual. He could preach what he has practiced, and Swaggart could practice what Duke has preached. It's a natural. Together, they could recoupe their lost empires running the best little whorehouse in Louisiana.

Whatever Duke does, he's still a menace, and we dare not forget it.

So much for this David Duke update. I've gotten so engrossed in writing it, I forgot to let the dog out. I better see what's happening in the

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Refugee Funding

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Of the \$410 appropriation in fis-cal 1992, \$39 million was for the matching grant program.

In this program, the states provide Medicaid as well as cash assistance when the grant expires if the refugees have not found jobs.

But the Office of Refugee Resettlement has developed a new plan, which was adopted by the House and reserved as an option by the Senate. It calls for having the federations and

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other voluntary agencies assume this

state function.

Insiders say the congressional conference committee is likely to agree on some sum between the House and the Senate refugee appropriations. But they caution that with a veto threat by President Bush looming over the massive appropriations bill, trimming it will be an agonizing process the lawmakers may not be able to conduct by the time they

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adjourn next week.

That would force the refugee account to operate on the basis of a continuing resolution, which usually means it would be funded at the current level or the level of the House appropriation, whichever is lower.

The conference committee will also decide whether to adopt the reform plan aimed at eliminating the states'

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some of the local press continues to print, and, many hint, by the local bureaucratic obstacles which make it difficult for them to get permission to

Mubarak still hopes to gain recognition as leader of the Arab world, hence his efforts to play the role of peace-maker in the Middle East, and even his occasional public criticism of Israeli policies in Lebanon.

To sum up, even a cold peace is far preferable to a hot hostility, and Israel should have some cause for satisfaction that our relations with the nation of 55 million people to our south are formally correct, and perhaps more than that.

Rabin's visit

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Rabin, who fancies himself an expert on the American political and foreign policy scene, based on his own experience with the Nixon, Ford and Carter administrations, obviously feels he knows how to play the game. But many of the rules and almost all of the players have changed during the past twenty years. Rabin must quickly adapt to the new realities of where the Bush Administration's perceives its interests lie in the Middle East, and needs to comprehend the crucial role of the American Jewish community and the Congress in influencing policy. Unless he does, when the time comes to call out the troops in the future, they might not be there in sufficient numbers. As a military man, Rabin should appreciate the importance of having ready reserves and strong allies. If movement toward a genuine

peace has indeed advanced so far then Rabin should share the reasons for this optimism with Israel's wellwishers in the United States. There is fear that his optimism may be motivated by a belief in his ability to convince the Baker-Bush due to be on Israel's side when negotiations really get serious. If he is operating on this assumption, then perhaps the new Prime Minister should take a closer look at what his visit actually accomplished, and who came out ahead of whom.

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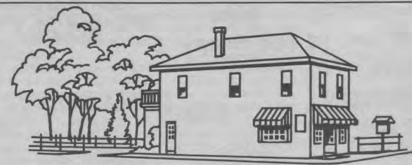
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Racial harmony abounds at Crown Heights clinic

On a commercial stretch in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, sits an inconspicuous building that is busily defying every ugly stereotype about its once strife-torn neighborhood. What's inside, in fact, is beautiful.

A year after the ethnically mixed neighborhood erupted into days of racial rioting, the clean, efficient out-patient clinic of Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center on Empire Boulevard is alive six days a week with the chatter and cries of babies of every race and nationality. Funded in part by UJA-Federation, the Kingsbrook clinic provides high-quality medical care to a neighborhood that includes Chasidim and Jewish immigrants from the former Soviet Union, Caribbean blacks, Hispanics, Asians, and others who qualify for its services under Medicaid.

The clinic opened in 1985 at the request of the Lubavitcher Chasidim their world headquarters is a few blocks away, at 770 Eastern Parkway - to improve the quality of outpatient services available to area residents, especially pregnant

Though the Chasidim requested the clinic, there was never any thought of restricting the clientele, and over the seven years since it opened, more and more of their neighbors have been taking advantage of its care. The clinic now attracts patients from as far as Manhattan and Nassau County, and since 1989, the caseload has gone from 1,200 patients to 13,000 a year.

One sunny Friday, Margaret Tho-mas and her 8-day-old daughter, Andrea, visited Dr. Vladimir Lipkansky, a Soviet-born pediatrician, for a follow-up about a problem the baby had been having. The doctor examined her to confirm the good news from the lab: the baby had been bleeding, but it was of the nor-

mal type some baby girls have harmlessly after birth. Both Dr. Lipkansky and Mrs. Thomas smile and sigh with relief, while Andrea, seemingly content, watches the doctor go about his work.

In another room, Dr. Victor Bethune, an ophthalmologist born in Jamaica, examined Ida Leykind, who came to the United States from Ukraine two years ago. The doctor looked through the black steel machinery and graduated lenses at Mrs. Leykind's left retina, while translator Angela Kutsovsky, standing by, rendered the doctor's questions in Russian for the patient.

Afterward, Mrs. Leykind praised Dr. Bethune, saying in a mix of languages that the care is about the best she's ever received, either in the former Soviet Union or in the United States since she immigrated two years

"Here, I can speak with the doctors—a little Russian, a little English, and I get what I need," said the elderly patient. "I like the doctors

here very much." Aldith Williams, an administrator at the clinic, said that patients are surprised to find care as good as many private clinics. For the growing numbers of recent immigrants visiting the clinic, she said, "they think they're in heaven." Some of their medical problems are especially severe, owing to the desperate state of Soviet medical care before they left.

'The doctors know them, and they know their problems," she said. "They are not rushed through, as patients often are at other facilities for Medic-

Phyllis Lynn, a certified nurse-midwife born in Trelawny, Jamaica, estimates she has delivered more than 2,500 babies over her 24-year career. Since she started working at Kingsbrook in 1988, about a fourth

of "her" deliveries have been to Chasidic women, who have passed word of Mrs. Lynn's professional skills widely through Crown Heights.

"People get the wrong idea about them, but it's only because they don't really know them," Mrs. Lynn said. "When one of the black patients comes in for an exam, often a Jewish woman will offer to watch her child in the waiting room. The black women are always surprised, but the truth is, race doesn't mean a thing to them. Mrs. Lynn said she has developed close friendships with her patients of all backgrounds, and the many bris ceremonies she has attended have given her ample tastes both of Jewish religious life, and of what are now two of her favorite foods, bagels and

That is not to say there is not the occasional problem of intercultural misunderstanding. Joan Farrington, chief administrator of the clinic, once attempted to close a meeting with a local rabbi in her customary manner with a handshake. As she extended her hand, the rabbi smiled, shook his head, and declined.

'She thought he meant he wanted a hug," remembers Aldith Williams, who also attended the meeting. Thus Mrs. Farrington learned that Chasidic men try to avoid all physical contact with women other than their close

While Mrs. Williams remembers the story, the United Nations parade continued outside: A Russian doctor examined a Haitian baby, with a Jamaican nurse looking on. A Chasidic obstetrician examined an expectant Philippine mother. And in the waiting room, a bright-eyed boy in a skullcap shared his toy truck with a three-year-old playmate, born and bred on Bedford Avenue.

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Mixed reviews

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Jewish organizational leaders say they are deeply concerned about the proposed \$9 billion sale to the Saudis. But it is unlikely they will mount a major fight against it, given Bush's assurances that he will protect Israel's qualitative military edge and Israel's declaration that it will not oppose the

In Jerusalem, the Israeli govern-

was displeased with the deal, arguing it would escalate the arms race in the region and benefit a country in a state of belligerency with Israel.

Advocates of Israel here said they eagerly awaited the details of the U.S. commitment to offset the sale's impact on Israel, noting close consultations last week between the Pentagon and Israeli officials, reportedly on upgrading military cooperation between the two countries.

Meanwhile, they hailed the loan guarantee package and, with it, the ment did issue a statement saying it close of a particularly bitter chapter

in the relations between the Jewish community and the administration, which had squared off over the terms of the deal.

Both the loan guarantee initiative and the F-15 sale are expected to clear Congress, though three members of the House of Representatives said that they planned to introduce legislation to oppose the arm sale.

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future, Seltzer is also hopeful. "I'm Golan was annexed away back in convinced that most Israelis feel that 1980, so this is a 180-degree turn- the area is vital to the country's secuound. You have to remember that rity interests. They will support us. I think we have a good chance to keep the Golan. If I didn't believe that, I

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