

Jewish Institutions Rocked By California Earthquake

By TOM TUGEND

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — The University of Judaism, several prominent synagogues and Jewish communal facilities suffered severe damage as the Jewish community, along with the rest of Los Angeles, tried to reorder its life after the devastating earthquake that struck early Monday morning.

The epicenter of the quake was in the San Fernando Valley, abutting Los Angeles in the northwest. Although the quake affected homes, buildings and freeways throughout the metropolitan area, the severest damage was in the Valley, home to 240,000 Jews.

"At this point it is still rather chaotic," Steven Windmueller, executive director of the Jewish Community Relations Committee said Tuesday.

While engineers were still assessing the structural damage of the region's buildings, severe damage was reported by the University of Judaism and the adjacent Stephen S. Wise Temple, which closed for the week.

Also hit were the Brandeis-Bardin Institute in the Simi Valley, which apparently lost its main and adjoining buildings, and Valley Beth Shalom, whose rabbi, Harold Schulweis, planned to give a sermon this Friday on "An Act of God?"

The 6-year old Bernard Milken Community Campus, housing the main Jewish agencies for the western San Fernando Valley, which was already being closed down temporarily to correct major construction deficiencies, suffered major water damage.

Water from burst pipes also damaged the Freda Mohr Center of the Jewish Family Ser-

vice, while the agency's western office was badly damaged.

Possible structural damage to the Jewish Community Building in West-Central Los Angeles was still being assessed. As in homes and offices throughout the area, floors were littered with papers, crockery, photographs and computers.

Most Jewish schools reportedly escaped with minor damage.

The Jewish Federation Council and its agencies reactivated the emergency program put in place during the devastating Los Angeles firestorms of early November, including an emergency hot line and provisions for providing food and shelter for the homeless.

Marlene Adler Marks of the Jewish Journal, who had barely escaped the fire and was shaken by the quake, recalled the biblical plagues and asked rhetorically, "What's next? Locusts?"

In New York, the Council of Jewish Federations announced that it was setting up an earthquake emergency fund and would consult with Jewish officials here on needed assistance.

Contributions can be sent to the CJF Earthquake Emergency Fund, 730 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10003.

B'nai B'rith International also announced that contributions could be sent to the B'nai B'rith Disaster Relief Fund at 1640 Rhode Island Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

The Union of American Hebrew Congregations has also established a disaster relief fund.

(Contributing to this report was JTA staff writer Larry Yudelson in New York.)

Abba Eban Seeks Solidarity In Peace

By DAN WEINTRAUB

Editor of The Jewish Voice

Ambassador Abba Eban, author, diplomat, statesman, scholar, who once walked with giants such as David Ben Gurion and Golda Meir, talked last week in the small state of Delaware. Addressing members of the philanthropic Chai Society of The Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD), as well as other local Jewish leaders, at the Hotel DuPont Ambassador Eban passionately proclaimed that there was



Photo by Harvey Duze

Ambassador Abba Eban

no turning back on the road to peace and that Israel needs our support now more than ever. Israel's first ambassador to the United Nations, and a distinguished member of various Israeli administrations over the years, lived up to his reputation as an exceptional speaker.

With insight and humor Eban articulated to those assembled at the Chai Society brunch his vision of the continuing drama of Israel yearning to live at peace with its neighbors. Eban openly admitted that his view of Israel's progress towards peace was not objective. In fact, he quoted Henry Kissinger as describing Abba Eban's definition of objectivity 'as the blind acceptance of all of Abba Eban's views.' He credits Kissinger with the insight that every nation pursues foreign policy objectives in its own self-interest then declares such moves to be motivated by altruism.

"It is because reciprocal self-interest has swept over the Middle East that we face the kind of prospectives and horizons of which I could not have spoken to you on my previous meetings here," Eban said regarding a rapidly changing world. Eban spoke of a new era of "odd couples and strange encounters" marked by meetings at "twin microphones" of unlikely pairings such as De Klerk and Mandela, Rabin and Arafat, Prime Ministers of the United Kingdom and of Ireland recognizing the legitimacy of the IRA, and the representatives of the Vatican and representatives of the Jewish State of Israel.

The Cambridge educated speaker noted



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Attendees at the Dinner of Commitment held January 8th in the Hotel duPont were Phyllis and Norman Aerson, Rhoda and Steven Dombchik, Alice and Bennett Epstein, Rabbi Marla Feldman, Clara and Bentley Hollander, Chairpersons, Francia and Larry Isakoff, Ellen and Garth Koniver, Karen Morris and Alan Levenson, Amy and Michael Leviton, Shelly and Marty Mand, Lelaine and Stuart Nemser, Barbara and Alan Schoenberg, Charlotte and Irving Shapiro, Ruth and Bernard Siegel, Arlene and Howard Simon, Pat Sloan, Rabbi Robert Toren, Ruth and Sheldon Weinstein, Judy and Rabbi David Wortman, Toni and Stuart Young.

Campaign Week 1994 presented eleven events which were designed to appeal to a broad cross section of our community. Hundreds of people attended Campaign Week events and thousands made a donation to JFD's 1994 COMMUNITY Campaign. Contributions at the close of Campaign Week have swelled to over \$885,000. The 1994 COMMUNITY Campaign is off to a great start with this giant step toward the Campaign goal of \$2 million dollars.

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with particular attention the recent diplomatic recognition agreement between the Vatican and Israel. Eban marveled that diplomatic recognition was established despite previous Catholic theology which had held that the Jewish people were "doomed to wander homeless throughout world for eternity for what they considered to be the ancient and unatoneable sin."

Ambassador Eban opined that today the resolution of conflict is more important than who talks to whom. On the subject of direct discourse with former adversaries Eban says "it is because of their previous enmity that it is worth talking to them at all."

"Never has Israel's strategic security been more deeply rooted in the strategic balance than today," according to Eban. Among the factors paving the way for Israel's present situation, Eban numbers the Persian Gulf war and the fall of the Soviet Union. In his view if Hitler had been stopped in the Rhineland in the 1930's the way Saddam Hussein was stopped in Kuwait in the 1990s we would "now be 45 million Jews alive in the world and we would not be mourning, as we shall forever mourn; that terrible loss and wastage of human

vision, vitality which goes by the name of Jewish martyrdom." The neutralization of the dictator of Iraq for many years to come is a most positive development for Israel, says Eban. Quoting a British historian's assessment of Saddam Hussein, Eban related, "If there was any vice from which he was exempt it is only because nature does not admit perfection even in evil."

Since Russia is no longer the spoiler, inciting the Arab world against reconciliation with Israel, nor pouring vast weaponry in the hands of potential aggressors the strategic balance of power for Israel has been vastly transformed, Eban said. This has had a great effect on the threat from Syria. Syrian President Hafez Al Assad is above all a realist according to Eban and without the support of the former Soviet Union, an Egyptian alliance or a fraternally motivated country in Iraq, he won't go to war with Israel. Assad believes it is therefore in Syria's best interest to ally with the United States and therefore deal with Israel. Eban says this is not a victory of virtue and conscience but just of self-interest.

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Immigrant Skates Into Olympics For Israel

NEW YORK (JTA) — Israel, a country not known for winter sports, will be represented for the first time in the Winter Olympics by an immigrant from the former Soviet Union.

Mikhail Shmerkin, a 23-year-old figure skater, will represent Israel next month in Lillehammer, Norway. He was previously a champion Soviet skater, finishing fifth in the Youth World Championship held in the United States in 1985.

Shmerkin, known as Misha, was born in Odessa, Ukraine, where he began skating at the age of 4. At 13, he went to a special boarding school for gifted athletes.

In 1989, Shmerkin was a skating champion of Ukraine in the senior division.

Despite his successes, Shmerkin's mother, Alexandra, thought her son was being neglected by sports authorities because he was Jewish.

For this reason as well as the lack of training opportunities for Misha's sister, Hannah, who is now 16 and an Israeli tennis champion, the family decided to make aliyah.

They arrived in Israel in 1991, brought to Israel as part of the United Jewish Appeal's ongoing Operation Exodus campaign, which has resettled nearly 500,000 Soviet Jewish refugees in Israel.

Shmerkin trains most of the year at Israel's Canada Centre close to the Lebanese border, and has also returned to Russia, to Siberia, for additional training for the Olympics.

Immigrants from the former Soviet Union with substantial athletic training have invigorated Israel's sports pantheon. Eleven olim from the former Soviet Union competed for Israel in the 1992 Barcelona summer games.

Yael Arad — not a Soviet immigrant — was the first Israeli to win an Olympic medal. She won a silver medal in judo at the Barcelona games.

Analysts See No Breakthrough In Syria's Hafez Assad's Public Remarks

By DEBORAH KALB
WASHINGTON (JTA) — Although Sunday's meeting between President Clinton and Syrian President Hafez Assad is being hailed by the U.S. administration as a positive move toward Middle East peace, others here are saying it is too soon to tell. "I don't think there's a lot to go on from what was said publicly the other day," said Richard Haass, a top Middle East adviser in the Bush administration who is now at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

At a news conference following Sunday's meeting in Geneva, Assad spoke of the possibility of "a new era of security and stability in which normal peaceable relations among all shall dawn on the region."

Assad's use of the word "normal" was trumpeted by Clinton administration officials and others as representing a step forward in the peace process.

After Assad's remarks, Clinton said that the Syrian leader sought "not just an end to war, but the establishment of real and comprehensive peace with Israel that will ensure normal, peaceful relations among good neighbors."

"The key out of Geneva was that Assad succeeded in having President Clinton act as his interpreter, of his interpretation of peace," said Robert Satloff, an analyst with the Washington Institute for Near East Policy.

Clinton also said at Sunday's news conference that he hoped the Assad statement would "provoke a positive

response in Israel."

"The fact that he called on Israel to respond to Assad's statement may contradict the non-interfering role the Americans have adopted," Satloff said.

Satloff pointed out that the success of the Israeli-Palestinian discussions in Norway leading to last September's landmark autonomy agreement was in part due to American restraint from active involvement.

For his part, Haass said that Assad's words were a possible "indication that Syria may be willing to entertain" a concept of peace reaching beyond non-belligerency.

But he said that if Syria really wanted to send clear signals regarding the peace process, it was more likely to do so "in private and in return for something."

"It's the quintessential brilliance of the Syrian president," Satloff said. "He succeeded in making American diplomacy stand on its head for using a single adjective."

For months now, negotiations between Israel and Syria have been stalemated over definitions of peace and withdrawal.

Israel wants Syria to define what type of peace it envisions between the two countries. The Israeli government wants normal relations with Syria, including tourism and trade, not just a state of non-belligerency.

The Syrians, meanwhile, want Israel to commit to total withdrawal from the Golan Heights.

Some say the Syrian leader's record

— including support for terrorism and drug trafficking — requires a cautious attitude about Assad's future plans.

The State Department itself said Tuesday that Syria's attempt to exclude Israeli journalists showed it had a "long way to go" before it achieved normal relations with Israel.

"While it is heartening to hear Assad say publicly he wants peace with Israel, until he lays out the details, whatever Assad has said today has to be listened to with skepticism," said Rep. Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.).

"For years we've heard Assad make promises to the world in order to get what he wants and then turn around and go off on his own," Schumer continued.

Israel is currently involved in difficult negotiations with the Palestinians to implement the declaration of principles on autonomy that both parties signed last September.

Haass said that Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's pattern in recent months has been to put one negotiating track, either the Syrians or the Palestinians, at the top of his agenda.

Israel and Syria, as well as Lebanon and Jordan, are expected to return to Washington on Jan. 24 for a new set of talks involving only the heads of the various delegations.

Most analysts said the Clinton-Assad meeting was unlikely to cause fundamental changes in the new round of talks.

Golan Referendum Shrewd Move For Rabin

By DAVID LANDAU
JERUSALEM (JTA) — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's bombshell announcement late Monday that he would hold a national referendum before agreeing to a withdrawal from the Golan Heights came as a surprise even to the members of his own Cabinet.

But political observers here are united in their praise for the move, which they describe as a deft and resourceful tactic likely to shore up Rabin's political strength and reinforce his narrowly based coalition government.

Some observers believe that the referendum will never take place, but that Rabin will prefer to hold general elections further into the present parliamentary term as a means of sidestepping a referendum, a step unprecedented in the Israeli system.

The announcement of a referendum in the meantime serves Rabin's interests in several ways.

It relieves him of political pressure and enables him to negotiate with the Syrians with greater freedom, since whatever is achieved in talks with Damascus can always be put to the people to decide.

Second, a referendum enhances Rabin's credibility with the Golan

settlers, as well as with the settlers in the West Bank.

Third, the move ensures the support of the fervently religious Shas party, which Rabin has been trying to woo back to his coalition. The Labor Party leader had pledged a referendum on the Golan when he made his coalition agreement with Shas in 1992.

The prime minister said he wanted to give Israeli citizens the opportunity to participate in the making of an important security decision if the price required for peace with Syria were to prove "higher than what the citizens had expected."

Clinton After Summit Says Ball In Israel's Court

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF
WASHINGTON (PNR) — President Clinton believes Hafez Assad is committed to peace with Israel and that it is now up to Israel to match the Syrian president's "clear" and "forthright" statements for achieving it.

Jerusalem, however, was cautious and skeptical about Clinton's upbeat appraisal of his first meeting with Assad that lasted almost five hours in Geneva. Observers indicated results would first be noted after bilateral talks are renewed by Israel and Syria in Washington beginning January 24 after a four-month interlude.

On his flight back to the White House ending his eight-day Euro-

pean visit, Clinton told reporters that for the first time ever Assad has stated "explicitly" that he "wanted an end to the hostilities with Israel" and that "peace to him meant normal peaceful relations which is a general term that encompasses trade, tourism and travel, and embassies."

"So that was very significant," Clinton added. "That sends a very clear signal now back to Israelis."

Clinton said the result of the Hafez meeting perhaps was "a bigger step" forward in the peace process than the signing of the Declaration of Principles by Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization and "we've pushed it forward."

Asked if he thought the peace process was pushed forward by the meeting, Clinton replied in his airplane interview: "Oh, yes. I think it's forward now. We've pushed it forward. It's clearly the biggest step forward since Sept. 13th. Maybe in some ways a bigger one because we all knew — we all knew on Sept. 13 that in the end the only way to hold this thing together was to get the rest of it done."

Clinton indicated that he wanted a swift reaction from Israel by sending two of his Middle East advisors immediately from Geneva to Jerusalem to brief officials there about the discussions.

BRIEFS

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Rights Group Blasts Palestinian Violence Against Palestinians

By CYNTHIA MANN

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Following years of criticizing abuses allegedly perpetrated by the Israel Defense Force in the territories, Israel's leading human rights organization turned its attention on abuses allegedly committed by Palestinians on their brethren during the past six years.

The rights group, B'Tselem, called for a halt to the torture and killings of Palestinians alleged to be collaborators by other Palestinians.

B'Tselem made the call in a 200-page report, which estimated that since the start of the intifada, or Palestinian uprising, in December 1987, Palestinians have killed between 750 and 950 of their own people accused of collaborating with Israeli authorities.

B'Tselem said most of the killings had been carried out by the militant Islamic Hamas movement. But it also blamed the Palestine Liberation Organization for doing little to prevent the killings.

B'Tselem's report also refuted long-held claims by Palestinian political organizations that the alleged informers and agents were killed only after being given fair trials.

More than half of the Palestinians killed on charges of collaboration had not worked with the Israeli authorities, the report said.

B'Tselem also charged that many Palestinians had been killed as a result of personal disputes or after being called "morals offenders" — for dealing in drugs, or on accusations of prostitution or homosexuality — and were later branded as collaborators.

Computer Links Highlight Recent ORT Conference

American ORT will hold its annual National Conference in Atlanta January 20-23, announced President Murray Koppelman. Some 400 American ORT delegates from throughout the country will attend the conference which is being held for the first time in Atlanta.

The conference will focus on the operations of ORT schools in the U.S., Israel and 48 other countries worldwide. "ORT schools today emphasize high tech training geared toward meeting the demands of the work place," according to conference co-chairmen Joe Cohen, past president of the Atlanta ORT Chapter and national campaign vice chairman and Roger Simon of Los Angeles, American ORT associate secretary.

The ORT Atlanta Showcase will also premier ORT-Net, an interactive computer conferencing program, designed by the World ORT Union in London, which will soon link students at ORT schools around the globe. "An ORT student in Atlanta will be able to work on joint projects with students at ORT schools in Tel Aviv, Paris, Bombay or anywhere else in the world," noted Koppelman. "Distance will no longer be an obstacle to students seeking ORT training."

A Tu B'Shvat Seder Text

NEW YORK — A Tu B'Shvat Seder: The Fruits of Our World created by Women's League for Conservative Judaism, reaches the Jewish community in time for Tu B'Shvat 1994. This 21-page script contains brachot, songs, and symbolic foods, plus Jewish legends, anecdotes, and a creative "how-to" art project. Closely patterning itself after the traditional Pesah seder, the Tu B'Shvat Seder focuses on current environmental issues. Originally arranged for presentation by one cantor and three narrators, the seder easily accommodates larger groups.

Emphasized is the importance of a strong social conscience based on Jewish values — the need to honor, protect and preserve our world both for ourselves and for the benefit of future generations.

"As committed Jews and partners in God's creation, we have an obligation to both celebrate and protect nature. Tu B'Shvat and the Tu B'Shvat Seder provide us with the perfect opportunity to do so," says Edya Arzt, Women's League Education Director.

A Tu B'Shvat Seder costs \$5.00 per copy (including postage and handling) and can be ordered through Women's League for Conservative Judaism. Please make checks payable to Women's League. Call (212) 628-1600.

More Settlement Near J'lem

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A plan to expand settlements in the vicinity of Jerusalem is being discussed by government ministries, according to a report by Yediot Achronot.

The plan would join the capital to two nearby regions of settlements: Gush Etzion to the south, and Ma'aleh Adumim to the East.

While Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin ended the policy of the predecessor Likud government of promoting massive settlement throughout the West Bank and Gaza Strip, he has consistently supported what he termed "security settlements."

Correction

Unfortunately in our last issue incorrect information was printed concerning Sarah Leven and Harold Arhst. Contrary to what was erroneously published, Sarah Leven and

Harold Arhst are alive and well and living in Wilmington. The Jewish Voice regrets any pain or misunderstanding caused by the unintentional inclusion of these errors.

After New York Bombs Defuse, Debate Reignites

By LARRY YUDELSON

NEW YORK (JTA) — Two bombs left outside the Manhattan buildings that house Americans for Peace Now and the New Israel Fund did not damage their targets. [Editor's note: see page 2 of the January 3 issue of The Jewish Voice.]

But they raise the specter of Jews fighting other Jews and ignited a debate: Have opponents of the accord between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization gone too far in their rhetoric?

"This is, for the first time, crossing a red line," Israel consul General Colette Avital said last week.

She criticized those who persist in verbally attacking the Israeli government as "traitors," saying such remarks are "not within civility."

Speaking the night before on CBS Television's "60 Minutes," Avital appeared to draw a closer connection between the bombs, the name-calling and the throwing of tomatoes and eggs at representatives of the Israeli government in America.

Former Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir fueled the fire earlier with his comments about the bombs, which were discovered early on the morning of Jan. 5.

Shamir told Israel Radio that the damage done to Israel by Peace Now exceeded that which would have been caused by the bombs, had they gone off.

He later retracted his remark, calling the bombs an insane act by insane people who did not know what they were doing and explaining that

his radio remarks had come out backward.

"What he meant to say is that he didn't see much activity by Peace Now, since their views are now those of the government, so the bombs did more damage" than did the organization, explained Malcolm Hoenlein, executive vice chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

Hoenlein had called Shamir after reports of the remarks, since the Conference of Presidents was prepared to condemn them.

"A statement like that is of great concern, anything that would appear to indicate in any way that this (the bombs) was not a serious attack, or not condemned by everybody," said Hoenlein.

At Peace Now, the retraction was greeted with skepticism.

"It's nice he was politically savvy enough to retract," said Letty Cottin Pogrebin, the organization's chair.

But, she said, "I still can't get away from the fact that he said it in the first place."

Henry Siegman, executive director of the American Jewish Congress, was harsher in his criticism of Shamir and Benjamin Netanyahu who said that the Likud did not see itself bound by the accord reached with the PLO. Siegman said, "One would have to conclude that the current leadership of Likud is thinking of alternatives to democratic government for the State of Israel."

Siegman dismissed the significance of the bombs themselves, saying he

believed they were planted "by some marginal individuals."

The bombs were found with rambling handwritten notes, attacking the Israeli government for being too liberal. They were signed Maccabee Squad and Shield of David — groups that recently claimed responsibility for killing two Palestinians in the West Bank, but were hitherto unknown.

Binyamin Zev Kahane, son of the late Rabbi Meir Kahane who was the central figure in violent Jewish extremism both in New York and Israel, denied responsibility for the two bombs, but he refused to condemn the act.

Groups that did condemn the attack fall all along the political spectrum. They include the Jewish Defense Organization, The Zionist Organization of America, the American Jewish Committee, the Anti-Defamation League, the Conference of Presidents, and the targeted organizations themselves.

The younger Kahane, who serves as international director of Kahane Chai, which succeeded his father's Jewish Defense League, blamed "Yitzhak Rabin and his treasonous government for the bombing, which may be the first shot in a bloody civil war which Rabin is causing by his abandonment of the security of the Jews in Israel and his violations of the Torah."

Both Siegman and Pogrebin say such rhetoric — and its apparent acceptance by mainstream organizations on the right — is the real problem.

"Supporters of the Likud and other rightist parties continue to up the ante on incendiary verbal attacks, using words like 'traitor' to delegitimize the Rabin government and its supporters," said Pogrebin. "If we allow slander and defamation to pass for political discourse, if we refuse to condemn outrageous ad hominem attacks on our fellow Jews, groups like the Maccabee Squad and the Shield of David are encouraged to take the inevitable next step on the road to chaos and Jewish self-destruction," she added.

Israel & U.S. Sign Joint Technology Agreement

By CYNTHIA MANN

JERUSALEM (JTA) — In a move timed to coincide with the visit here of the U.S. commerce secretary, Israel and the United States have signed an agreement establishing a joint science and technology commission that aims to create high-tech jobs in both countries.

Representing the United States at the signing ceremony Wednesday was U.S. Commerce Secretary Ron Brown, who was on a seven-day trade mission in the Middle East intended to encourage the peace process.

The technology commission is being seen here as an important reflection of economic cooperation between the two countries, as well as one of the fruits of the regional peace process.

The goals of the new body are to encourage joint high-technology industrial projects; to encourage scientific exchanges between universities and research institutions that would lead to joint commercial activities; to promote the development of new technologies; and to adapt military technology to civilian use.

Present at the signing ceremony along with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Brown were Israel's industry and trade minister, Micha Harish, as well as the members of the commission and its private-sector advisory board.

"In a more peaceful world," said Brown, "we can work together as allies and innovators to help one another become more prosperous,

more dynamic and more secure."

He stressed that the new endeavor "is not about aid" to Israel, but is about a partnership "between equals" that will "generate new products and new technologies" for both countries.

This was a key point for Mel Levine, the former congressman from California, who was in Jerusalem as a member of the commission's private-sector advisory board.

He said it is significant that they made the commission part of the Commerce Department. "This way it's part of America's domestic policy agenda rather than a foreign policy or foreign aid program."

The accord therefore can be viewed in the United States as "an opportunity to improve our economy" by tapping the "unique strengths" in Israel's economy for mutual benefit, he said.

Meanwhile, both Harish and Brown said that while the two governments will act as a catalyst, each contributing equally to the commission's budget, the lion's share of investments in the projects spawned by the commission will come from the private sector.

Joan Bernstein, a vice president of WMX Technology and Services Inc., a waste-management company based in Oak Park, Ill., was also in Jerusalem as a member of the private-sector advisory board.

She said Israel's "very high percentage of very highly skilled technical people," many of whom are re-

cent immigrants from the former Soviet Union, will find employment as a result of this joint effort.

An economically "stronger Israel will create stronger prospects for peace," she said. This, she said, "is in the United States' commercial interest."

At a news conference following the signing ceremony, Brown said he had spoken out against the Arab boycott, both in Amman, Jordan, said Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, saying it creates a "chilling effect" on U.S. investment, trade and commerce.

He said he repeatedly expressed his belief that, given recent developments in the peace process, the boycott is "an anachronism" that should be ended.

Brown was scheduled to meet privately with Palestinian business leaders before leaving for Cairo later this week.

EDITORIALS

Remember Our Past, Insure Our Future

The 1994 'Live Jewish' Community Campaign is already off to a promising start toward achieving the community wide goal of raising two million dollars to meet Jews' real needs here in Delaware, Israel, and 33 countries nationwide. People all across Delaware are responding to health concerns, social needs, educational priorities and the 'Live Jewish' theme. This outpouring of support also embraces the concept of 'Remember Our Past, Insure Our Future.'

The Jewish Voice plans to periodically profile members of our community who 'Live Jewish' or others who embody an aspect of 'Remember Our Past, Insure Our Future.' One such profile was planned of the late Esther MacDonald.

Esther MacDonald came to the office of The Jewish Voice just a few weeks before her death. The Latvian born Delaware resident had only recently returned from her last of many trips to Israel. She opened her passport books which were colored with stampings reflecting her travel to so many destinations

around the world. Of all the faraway places she and her late husband Raymond MacDonald saw, it was Israel to which she returned most frequently. She bubbled with enthusiasm over Israel and the Jewish people. Her bright eyes widened as she spoke of "the golden Jerusalem" and how "Jerusalem is like a flower."

A life-long Zionist, the diminutive MacDonald was a long time member of Na'amat Women, Hadassah and other organizations. She said she wished more Jews were moved to visit the Holy Land as many Christians do. After witnessing many of Israel's modern wonders she marveled at how "a remnant of peoples - leftovers - after weathering five wars" accomplished so much. She felt strongly that Jewish Delawareans should travel to Israel.

Truly, Esther MacDonald valued the 'Live Jewish' ideal. Her love of her Jewish past exemplified the aim to 'Remember Our Past.' In her encouragement of her fellow Delaware Jews to visit Israel she sought to 'Insure Our Future.' Her enthusiasm and humor will be missed.



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Assistant Rabbi Stephen Weiss,
writing in the *Atlanta Jewish Times*

"Yasser Arafat is the president of my people. Ezer Weizman is the president of my state. I don't see this as a problem."

Israeli-Arab physician Ahmed Tibi
quoted in *The Jerusalem Post*

"I think it's an endemic problem in Eastern European Jewish culture. For hundreds of years people were taught to keep their mouths shut, not to make trouble. As a strategy for survival it worked for hundreds of years and then it backfired in the worst possible way. Conversely, in Israel, we've seen what amazing things can be accomplished when people say, "I don't really give a damn what you think of me, this is what I'm going to do, this is mine and I'm going to defend it."... (A)s for my identity as a Jew, I feel no need to hide it."

Marshall Herskovitz,
Creator of *Thirtysomething*,
speaking to the *Miami Jewish Tribune*

LETTERS

Smoke Clears On Anniversary

To the Editor:

January 11, 1994 marks the 30th Anniversary of the first Surgeon General's Report on the Health consequences of Smoking. Since then, there has been little progress on tobacco control. Despite the known health risks of its product, the tobacco industry is permitted to continue producing, promoting and marketing tobacco with relatively little regulation, and yet an estimated 420,000 Americans die each year from tobacco use.

Smoking is the number one preventable cause of death in this country. Use of tobacco products can lead to cancer, chronic lung disease and heart disease. No other preventable risk factor for these major diseases have an entire industry working directly in opposition to the preventative health efforts of government and the medical and public health community. Every 20 minutes, the tobacco industry spends more money to promote nicotine addiction than we spend in a year to prevent it.

Change must come through public policy channels. The medical and public health community can continue to use its scarce resources to educate the public about the dangerous effects of tobacco use. However, in order to protect against the advertisement and sale of cigarettes to minors; in order to protect non-smokers from the effects of environmental

tobacco smoke; we must rely on policymakers to put an end to the 30 year influence of the tobacco lobby.

In Delaware, the lack of tobacco control is painfully apparent. Every year since 1984, the Coalition on Smoking OR Health (of which the American Lung Association® of Delaware is a member), has supported a bill that would restrict smoking in certain public places; and every year since 1984, that bill has been defeated in the Delaware General Assembly. Now with the release of a risk assessment on environmental tobacco smoke by the Environmental Protection Agency, many businesses — including Dover, Concord and Christiana Malls — have chosen to voluntarily implement their own smoking bans to protect the health of their employees and patrons. If such a bill were to pass, more and more public places would become smoke free.

Policymakers, both on the state and national levels, must have the courage to change. They cannot continue to be influenced by the tobacco lobby at the expense of the public's health. If you support no smoking in certain public places, please let your state senator and representative know.

Sincerely,
Lisa M. Hohenadel
Director of Communications
American Lung Association of Delaware

TV Violence Not So Simple Simon

Dear Senator Simon,

I saw "Schindler's List" last night, and I found the movie to be extremely disturbing and violent. As you may know, it is a movie about the Nazi holocaust. There were many murders in the movie, including summary and random executions and shootings in the head. There was also a scene in which numerous dead bodies were burned. (There were also some sex scenes.) After viewing the movie, I couldn't help thinking that eventually television networks would want to show it. That is when I thought of you. I know that you are a strong believer that violence on television is harmful to children (and possibly to adults) and that you favor some kind of ban on violence in television, whether you impose it or the networks do so "voluntarily." Is "Schindler's List" the kind of movie you would want to ban? Do you think

it is harmful for children to watch this movie? Who would be the people who would decide what is violent and what is not violent and how would they know? My own opinion is that children should be encouraged to watch the movie. I certainly hope they don't ban this movie in Germany.

If you haven't seen this movie, I encourage you to do so. It may make you change your views. I think it is actually possible that the brutal and gratuitous violence depicted in this movie may actually prevent a repeat of such violence in the future in real life.

I eagerly await your response.

Very truly yours,
Michael J. Wahl
Wilmington, DE
cc: Senators Joe Biden, Bill Roth, The Jewish Voice

OPINIONS

Reflections Of A Rabbi On Martin Luther King, Jr.

By Rabbi DAVID GEFFEN

NEW YORK (JTA) — We welcomed Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on the evening of March 25, 1968, with the singing of "We Shall Overcome" in Hebrew. He had come to the Concord Hotel in upstate New York to participate in the celebration marking Professor Abraham Joshua Heschel's 60th birthday, being given at the 68th annual convention of the Rabbinical Assembly.

Colleagues in the civil rights struggle, Heschel and King had marched hand in hand in Alabama, from Selma to Montgomery, in the summer of 1965. The two had challenged the clergy of America to enter the struggle for black civil rights.

"Martin Luther King," Heschel stressed in his own inimitable fashion, "is a sign that God has not forsaken the United States of America. His presence is the hope of America. His mission is sacred, his leadership of supreme importance to every one of us."

Heschel then called upon "every Jew to hearken to King's voice, to share his vision and follow in his way."

As Heschel called King forward, the audience rose as one to give this non-violent leader and Nobel Peace Prize laureate a standing ovation.

Almost immediately, King remarked on our song of greeting. His face shining, he said that hearing the black struggle theme song "We Shall Overcome" in Hebrew for the first time had been a "beautiful experience."

He did not deliver a speech that evening. Instead, he answered questions which we had submitted earlier.

A preacher in the Southern tradition, his words carried both passion and softness. When he urged us to "take a stand for that which is just," he used the words of the Prophet Amos,

"Let justice roll down like the waters and righteousness like a mighty stream."

King's career was one of striving for equality for blacks. But in a sense, it was a greater struggle for the just treatment of all human-kind.

Most of the questions that evening focused on the civil rights movement, but, at one point they turned to black-Jewish communal relations. King argued that anti-Semitism, in its historic sense, did not exist in the black community. But he did not rule out the fact that other forms of anti-Semitism might be present.

He was very forthright about what had to be done to rectify the situation when it arose. "I think our responsibility in the black community is to make it very clear that we must never confuse 'some' with 'all.' And certainly in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (King's group) we have consistently condemned anti-Semitism." Then he underlined a basic tenet of this philosophy, for which he stood out among black leaders.

"We have made it clear that we cannot be the victims of the notion that you deal with one evil in society by substituting another evil. We cannot substitute one tyranny for another."

"For the black man to be struggling for justice and then turn around and be anti-Semitic is not only a very irrational course by it is a very immoral course. And whenever we have seen anti-Semitism we have condemned it with all our might," he said.

Right after making this moving statement, King gave his last and most often quoted pronouncement about Israel:

"I think it is necessary to say that what is basic and what is needed in the Middle East is peace. Peace for Israel is one thing. Peace for the Arab side of the world is another thing."

"Peace for Israel means security, and we must stand with all of our might to protect its right to exist, its territorial integrity," said King.

He then waxed eloquent in his inimitable style.

"I see Israel, and never mind saying it, as one of the great outposts of democracy in the world, and a marvelous example of what can be done. How desert land almost can be transformed into an oasis of brotherhood and democracy. Peace for Israel means security and that security must be a reality," said King.

Ten days later, on April 4, 1968, he was dead, the victim of an assassin's bullet in Memphis, Tennessee. The voice of King had been silenced, but his spirit lived on, bringing change to America and serving as an example of the rest of the world.

Born in Atlanta in 1929, King was raised in his father's congregation, the Ebenezer Baptist Church. Earning a doctorate at Boston University, he became a pastor in Montgomery, Ala., in 1954.

There, he initiated his non-violent campaigns, boycotts and sit-down strikes aimed at rolling back the segregation laws then in existence there and in other parts of the South.

Returning to Atlanta in 1960 to be co-pastor with his father, he subsequently organized the freedom rides of the early 1960s.

On Aug. 28, 1963, leading the historic march on Washington, King delivered his famous "I Have A Dream" speech before the Washington Monument.

In 1964, at the age of 35, he became the youngest man ever to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. Four years later, at the height of his power, he was assassinated.

While King was leading the march on Washington, my wife Rita and I were students in Jerusalem.

The newspapers and radios were trying to accurately depict the meaning of that event. It was only a week later, however, while Rita and I were sitting in a cinema to see a movie that we

actually understood the universal impact on that march.

As we watched the march unfold on a newsreel preceding the feature film, a young Israeli behind us stopped the traditional Israeli cracking of sunflower seeds. He listened as King intoned the words "I have a dream."

"Zeh manhig — that's a leader," the young man said aloud to his girlfriend.

Annually, when the United States celebrates Martin Luther King Day, the State of Israel also recognizes King and the importance of his work. The process began in the 1970s when the King Memorial Forest was planted in Galilee.

Then, in 1986, the city of Jerusalem and the State of Israel chose two ways to mark his memory. In January of that year a street adjacent to Liberty Bell Park was named in King's honor, in the presence of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, U.S. Ambassador Thomas Pickering and Mayor Teddy Kollek.

Later that day, a reception was held in the Knesset's Chagall Hall at which speeches were made by Shamir, Pickering, Defense Minister Moshe Arens, Knesset member Abba Eban and former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger. When the Knesset session was opened, tribute was paid to King's memory by Knesset Speaker Shlomo Hillel and Education Minister Yitzhak Navon.

Moreover, the Israeli government issued a Hebrew-language booklet for students about King, which included his biography and selections from his speeches. The booklet was distributed to over a quarter of a million Israeli public school students.

Now and forever in the city of Jerusalem, a city of prophets and dreamers, Martin Luther King, Jr. Street will forever be a testimony to that great leader who stood for freedom, justice and an end to bigotry.

Rabbi David Geffen is religious leader of Temple Israel in Scranton, Pa., and author of "The American Heritage Haggadah."

Jewish Anti-Semitism

By Rabbi BERNARD S. RASKAS

Vladimir Zhirinovsky's sudden rise in Russian politics and the attention given to him by the world press is causing unease in Jewish circles and concern in international affairs. His widely quoted remarks seem to confirm he is an anti-Semite. However, more interesting is the wide spread suspicion that he is Jewish.

His wild remarks have the clear ring of anti-Semitism. His words are threatening: "The Jews have to understand that the Russians see them as contributing to the destruction of the state." His comments go to the absurd: "Jews who emigrate to Israel have villas, bank accounts and drink beer from cans."

This is a variation of the usual anti-Semitic bilge. However, there is the strong suspicion that his father is Jewish. He says, "My mother was a Russian, but my father was a lawyer." (Zhirinovsky, too, is a lawyer.) His middle name - Wolfovich - which indicates that his father's name was Wolf, is a common Jewish name.

Several years ago he was active in promoting Jewish cultural activities in Moscow. Michael Chelenov, chairman of the Vaad, Russian Jewry's largest umbrella organization, indicates that everyone thought he was Jewish. His activities in the Shalom Society indicated he was decidedly so, but suddenly he dropped out only to reappear as a haranguing populist demagogue with anti-Semitic undertones and overtones.

One can only wonder if this is not a classic case of self-hate, a not unknown phenomenon in Jewish history. Moritz Lazarus, the outstanding German Jewish philosopher, put it this way: "'Some Jews question, 'Why do they persecute us?' Sometimes the answer is 'because we have sinned?'"

Kurt Lewin, a more contemporary psychologist, has pointed out that studies carried out among minority groups — e.g., Blacks, Irish, French Canadians, Jews, etc. — indi-

cates that they tend to develop negative self-stereotypes. The negative features in this self-stereotype can be so strange that they assume the character of self-hatred.

Otto Weininger (1880-1903), a Jew who was a precocious philosophical genius, had himself baptized in 1902 on the day he received his doctorate, created a stir with his book entitled, *Sex and Character*. Weininger was one of the most unrestrained and venomous anti-Semitic authors of his time. He wrote:

"The most bitter anti-Semites are to be found among the Jews themselves, and their anti-Semitism bears witness to the fact that not even they themselves consider their kind lovable."

A few months later, at the age of twenty-three, he committed suicide.

Not even Moses Mendelssohn himself was immune to the non-Jewish inspired Jewish self-stereotype. This is evident from his statements about the unenlightened Polish Jews and the Yiddish they spoke, which he considered "a tongue of buffoons, very inadequate and corrupt" from which "a reader capable of elegant speech must recoil in disgust."

Many years later, Isaac Bashevis Singer received the Nobel Prize for writing in Yiddish.

Pablo Christiani was a Jew in the 13th Century who converted to Christianity. He was born in Montpellier, southern France, and after converting to Christianity, he joined the Dominican Order. In 1263 he represented the Christians in a public disputation with Nachmanides. In 1269, he persuaded Louis IX of France to force the Jews to wear a yellow badge and listen to his sermons. His sermons were so literally terrible that it was the most awful punishment the Jews had to endure.

This is but one example of what occurred in the Middle Ages. During the time of the Inquisition the pressure upon the Jews was so severe that there were a number of such instances.

The same held true in a similar situation, as we have seen, in the Holocaust. There were many Jews who simply could not withstand the psychological and physical beatings of the Nazis. Of course, we revere the Jewish martyrs, heroes and heroines, the faithful who represented the overwhelming number of Jews, but we must remember the Jews who were forced, tricked, and simply could not stand the psychological pressures and broke down.

In the 1960's the New Left attracted young Jews who played a dominate role. Bernard Lewis has studied this phenomenon among the Jews on the New Left, and noted that they were American children of survivors of European ghettos and concentration camps, yet identified themselves with left wing Marxism (Marx, himself, was a study in self-hate), Black anti-Semitism, and anti-Zionism.

In the 1980's, a neo-Nazi group composed mainly of misfits began to appear in Chicago. When it was revealed that the leader was of Jewish origin, he committed suicide.

Of course, most Jews have pride in their

A Tu B'Shevat Message

By MILTON S. SHAPIRO

President, Jewish National Fund

Over 200 million trees have been planted in Israel under the auspices of the Jewish National Fund. It is thus particularly fitting that my first message as president of JNF of America is a greeting for Tu B'Shevat, the Jewish new year of the trees.

Tu B'Shevat — the 15th of Shevat, which falls this year on January 27, 1994 — is the date which marks the "birthday" of trees. It notes a "fiscal" year — trees that bore fruit after Tu B'Shevat were taxed the following year. It also reminded farmers to abide by the

heritage, their identify with Israel, and express it in their daily lives, their identity, their affiliation, and their support of Jewish causes. However, it must be remembered there will always be those Jews who suffer from Jewish Judeophobia.

Ludwig Lewisohn portrayed in his novel, *The Island Within*, this phenomenon as a psychosis. The historian Salo Baron described self-hating Jews as "inverted Marranos;" Ernst M. Wolf termed it "escapism." It is generally seen as a manifestation of marginality, which denotes a state of belonging to two cultures without being able to identify with either.

How sad for Zhirinovsky and his kind! How they must suffer, because they are so conflicted and so intellectually deprived. For, as Muriel Rukeyser wrote, "To be born a Jew in the 20th Century is to be offered a gift."

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agrarian regulations in Jewish law mandating agricultural practices to maximize production while insuring the protection of the natural environment.

In modern times, Tu B'Shevat achieved significance as JNF revitalized the Jewish homeland. The planting of trees through JNF became an established way in which to mark significant occasions, and to establish one's roots in Israel.

Today, the planting of trees in Israel has taken on a new sense of urgency. Trees stabilize the land, keep water from eroding the soil and provide shade and shelter. One of the miracles of the modern state of Israel is that a land once barren is now prosperous and thriving. JNF has made the wilderness bloom.

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LOCAL

JCRC Urges Approval of NCCco Desegregation Plan

(The following statement was issued by the JCRC)

The Jewish Community Relations Committee (JCRC) of Delaware today endorsed the proposed settlement of the New Castle County desegregation litigation and urged prompt final approval.

The settlement is subject to the approval of the General Assembly and the Boards of Education of the Brandywine, Christina, Colonial and Red Clay Consolidated School Dis-

tricts. It already has been ratified by the State Board of Education and by the plaintiff, The Coalition to Save Our Children.

"The settlement is a great step forward," said JCRC co-chair Robert B. Coonin. "It returns the full range of local control permitted by the Constitution to our public schools, while at the same time providing important guarantees for minority students."

"While there may be details here

and there that someone can quibble with, the settlement as a whole is very much in the interests of all of the citizens of Delaware," Coonin continued. "On behalf of Delaware's Jewish community, we will be contacting the General Assembly and the various district boards to express our belief that the settlement merits their support and approval."

The JCRC is an affiliated organization of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. On a local level, and through its association with the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, the JCRC has long been involved with efforts to support the rights of religious, ethnic and racial minorities in a diverse society.

Geffen Due Back in Delaware For Jewish Demographics Talk

Professor Rela M. Geffen will deliver a lecture on Sunday evening, February 6, at Congregation Beth Shalom, entitled: "Is Demography Destiny? The Future of the American Jewish Community." This lecture is part of the Adult Education Committee's 1993-94 program, entitled "The 20th Century American Jewish Community, Looking Backward, Looking Forward." Professor Geffen will address several important issues: the impact of Jewish migration within America, the 1990 National Jewish Population Survey, the state of Jewish education, and the evolution of the American Jewish family.

Dr. Geffen is Professor of Sociology and Dean of Academic Affairs at Gratz College in Philadelphia. She is a Fellow of the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs and serves on the Advisory Committee of the National Jewish Family Center of the Ameri-

quest for peace is a risky tangential venture. "Nonsense" he says, the great danger would be to gamble on not moving forward in search of peace. "The status quo is no longer available," he reiterates to those who seek a return to the detention rooms, the arrests, the thousands of prisoners, suppression of flags, and refusal of discourse.

Eban states the Oslo accord is even more conservative than the Camp David accord. The Camp David accord would have given the Palestinians many more elements of Pal-

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Prof. Rela Geffen

can Jewish Committee. She is currently Vice-President of the Association for Jewish Studies, the major professional organization of professors of Jewish Studies in North America. Dr. Geffen's major research interests are in the fields of sociology of religion — especially the American Jewish Community and the sociology of the American Jewish Family.

Dr. Geffen was in Delaware on January 14 to speak at the Lion of Judah Luncheon. The luncheon was a scheduled event of the 1994 'Live Jewish' community campaign administered by The Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD).

Admission to this lecture is \$6 per person or \$20 for the entire season of four lectures. The lecture will take place at 7:15 p.m., Sunday, February 6, in the Gibstein Auditorium of Congregation Beth Shalom, 18th and Baynard Blvd., Wilmington. For additional information, please call the synagogue office at (302)-654-4462.

Preisler Hired

The Jewish Historical Society of Delaware (JHSD) is pleased to announce that Julian H. Preisler has been hired as part-time Archivist/Staff Person for the Society beginning February 1, 1994. Mr. Preisler served as the Society's volunteer Archivist from June 1990 to December 1992.

Mr. Preisler will also produce the Society's newsletter, create exhibits, as well as encourage membership growth and increased participation according to current JHSD President Helen Goldberg.

For more information call 764-8328.

UNCLE VANYA

Philadelphia Festival Theatre presents a new translation of UNCLE VANYA at the Annenberg Theater, Philadelphia, Sunday, January 30th. Cost is \$10. Bus leaves JCC at 12 noon.

Eban

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In a speech to the United Nations in 1957, Ambassador Eban declared that "embattled, blockaded, besieged, Israel alone among the nations faces the problem of its physical survival anew with every approaching night-fall and with every rising dawn." Today the Israeli flag is respected not in 40 countries but 100 and according to Eban there is presently trouble keeping up with building new embassies. Among the breakthroughs he notes the giants of the Third-World China, India. On the horizon Eban foresees relations with Indonesia and oil agreements with countries of the Persian Gulf. From among the most isolated of states Israel has become, Eban said, among the least isolated of states.

Eban also looks forward to an agreement with the representatives of the Palestinian movement. The ambassador admonished "Don't listen to all of the virulence of some of

the politicians at home or of their supporters here one of whom said he hopes that the peace process will fail." Eban says if the peace process fails Israel "no status quo is any longer available." In such an event no one would believe in peace and fundamentalists would take over on every side. Therefore he sees no alternative to the peace process. If conflict were allowed to prevail over compromise Eban would predict no possibility of rapprochement.

"I don't say that if the peace process succeeds there will be paradise, I do say that if the peace process fails there will be an inferno, there would be a living regional Hell!"

Eban sees the question for Israel is "are we ready to take yes for an answer?" In Israel's wall of aggression, Eban explains, there has always been a door open in case the Arab world would seize the hand which had been stretched out to it for so long. He used to say that his Palestinian neighbors never miss an opportunity of missing an opportunity. He now hopes Israel won't miss present opportunities.

Eban believes it is time for Jews to relinquish our victims role. He says as a result of tragic experience many Israelis prefer clouds without silver linings. "This" according to Eban "is a temptation we just reject."

Eban asks, "What should we ask Jews in the world, our kinsmen and what should we ask the friendly international community to do? We must ask this of our Jewish kinsmen, you who have given us solidarity when there was a prospect of war, do not deny us solidarity when there is a prospect of peace."

As many Israelis welcome freedom from the burden of Gaza, Eban says do not believe that big is always beautiful. Eban remarked that Israel lost thousands of Israeli lives in the Sinai and war was always inevitable prior to the Camp David accords. Now with a treaty zero Israelis are dead, there is no prospect of war and no burden to the south. Egypt, Eban says, is an ally in the cause of peace and exercising a saving role in defense of the peace process. Eban said he does not have to tell Delawareans that big is beautiful.

Eban says small countries have made tremendous contributions to civilization throughout history. He mentions the legacy of ancient Greece with its two hundred thousand citizens, ancient Jewish kingdoms, Shakespeare's England with three million people and the United States which at its formation numbered less than three million people.

Ambassador Eban rejects the rejectionists' insinuations that the

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LOCAL

Speaker From U.S. Holocaust Museum Due In Delaware

Mr. Bob Novick, a member of the US Holocaust Memorial Museum Speakers' Bureau, will present a talk and slide presentation about the purpose, background, and breadth of the Museum on Sunday, Feb. 13th at 7:30 in the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Social Hall.

Mr. Novick's visit to Wilmington has been arranged by the adult education committee of AKSE. Federally chartered and privately built, the US Holocaust Memorial Museum is the national institution dedicated to teaching the history and lessons of the Holocaust. Bob Novick is an experienced seminar leader and an

avid collector of Holocaust literature. He joined the Museum's Speakers' Bureau because of a desire to keep nearby communities informed about the Museum.

AKSE is sponsoring a bus trip to the museum on Sunday, May 1, 1994. As the highly acclaimed film, "Schindler's List," has once again placed the holocaust in the forefront of our minds. Mr. Novick's visit is considered timely.

Both Mr. Novick's presentation on Feb. 13th and the AKSE Bus trip on May 1st are open to the entire community.

Grumbacher Talk On His Mid-East Trip

Rabbi Peter Grumbacher will speak to the Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah about his recent trip to Egypt and Jordan at the Mid-Winter Brunch. The brunch will be held on Sunday, January 30, 1994 at 11:00 a.m. at the home of Charen Schnetter.

For reservations call Shirley Fischer Drowos at 762-0722. There is a \$5.00 fee for advance sales and \$6.00 payable at the door.

Technion Environmental Symposium Set In Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA — In response to growing world concern about the state of the environment, the Philadelphia chapter of the American Society for Technion (ATS) is sponsoring an environmental symposium on Thursday, February 3, 1994, at Drexel University, Creese Student Center-Grand Hall, 32nd and Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in cooperation with Drexel University and the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology. This seminar will explore new solutions to environmental issues.

Irwin Gross, Chairman of ICC Technologies and president-elect of the Philadelphia ATS chapter who will serve as moderator said, "We have assembled an outstanding international panel on the subject of the environment."

The keynoter will be Giora Meyuhas, Economic Minister to North America, and former CEO and President of Gadot Petrochemical Industries, LTD, Haifa, Israel.

Among the participating organizations we the Technology Council of Greater Philadelphia, the Consulate General of the State of Israel, the Environmental Studies Institute-Drexel University, and the Philadelphia-Israel Chamber of Commerce.

The Technion, Israel's oldest university and its only institution devoted to technological research and engineering education, is focusing considerable effort on finding advanced solutions to the environmental problems facing Israel and the world.

The 700+ company, Eastern Technology Council (ETC), combines the Technology Council of Greater Philadelphia and the Technology Council of Central Pennsylvania. Acting as a catalyst for technology entrepreneurship, ETC provides over 100 information/networking seminars per year. Other endeavors include the Technology Times newspaper and the \$61 Technology Leaders venture capital fund. Interested parties should call 610-975-9430.

Jewish Family Service Planning New Program

Jewish Family Service is contemplating a new service for families with disabled adult children. The service would assist families who are concerned about their children when they are no longer able to take care of them, and there are no close relatives locally. JFS would like to meet with these families. It is our hope to be able to set up a committee of interested parents in order to develop a program that will ease the minds of these families.

If you are interested in meeting with a representative of JFS and interested parents, call Arnold Lieberman, 478-9411.



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Lisa L. Lucas, The Prudential/AARP Insurance Representative from Ft. Washington, PA will present a program on the AARP Group Health Insurance Program on Monday, February 7 at 10:30 a.m. This will include a period for questions and answers. Members of the community and other organizations are invited to participate.

For more information on the AARP Insurance Seminar, contact Ray Freshman, Senior Center Coordinator at (302) 478-5600.



Special Screening of 'Schindler's List Fills Theater

By DAN WEINTRAUB
Special to The Jewish Voice

Virtue far outweighs the flaws in Oskar Schindler's conduct during World War II and the same can be said for the film which tells his tale. Steven Spielberg's dignified treatment of the greatest indignities resonated deeply with members of Delaware's Jewish community who filled the largest theater at the Painter's Crossing cinema for a special screening of 'Schindler's List' on the icy evening of January 12. A broad range of the community came for the event from teens, college students and twentysomethings, to baby boomers, fiftysomethings and up to seniors.

Evelyn Loebel and her husband joined her sister, brother-in-law and father for the film event. Loebel said seeing the film as part of the Jewish community was like going to see it as part of a "mishpucha, in the larger sense."

Rischa Fishman commented, "It is nice for Jewish people to see it together." Although she had considered seeing the film at an earlier showing, she decided "togetherness at an event like this is important."

Theater manager Jeffrey Furman welcomed patrons to the special screening sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD). He said he wouldn't say to enjoy the film but said to expect a profound experience. Furman said earlier that week a Holocaust denier confronted him and told him 'Schindler's List' should not be shown.

Rabbi Marla Feldman, Esq., JCRC Director and Halina Wind Holocaust Education staffer, put the evening into context with introductory remarks. She also read the poem which follows which was written by S. Dratwa of the Lodz Ghetto. Dratwa is presumed to have been a high school age boy. It is titled "A Jewish Grave."

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And the time comes to lay down arms
and rebuild the country
And Peace reigns upon the earth —*

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"the film is fabulous; the scenes are wonderful, but nothing is true. They are only tales from a grotesque land.

Feldman also quoted Rabbi Robert Toren who had participated in a Torah study on Saturday which was also part of a week long series of 1994 Live Jewish Community Campaign week events. Toren said one of the remarkable things about the movie is it was about an ordinary person who did extraordinary things. He saw this as a lesson of hope. Feldman said that ordinary people did horrible things and extraordinary things during the Holocaust.

A quiet which filled the theater as the film began was only interrupted by an intermission and by the drama, pathos and horror on the screen. Approximately three hours later the house lights came up.

Afterwards some seemed to have been unprepared for the film's impact. "I totally thought I was going to faint," said one woman who added, "but I am not Jewish." Others who may have seen documentaries of the Holocaust were although not shaken, deeply moved. "It was a really good thing for the Federation to have done," said Mark Pivar. "It brought everyone together."

The special screening of 'Schindler's List' was a scheduled event of the 1994 Live Jewish community campaign week administered by The Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD).

JCC Fitness Center Features Healthy Program Variety

By CELIA GANS

From Thanksgiving to New Year's Day we indulge. By January 2nd, we bulge. And join a health club. That's right, statistics confirm that the highest number of health and fitness club memberships are bought in January. Not just bought, but used. According to A.J. Lipstein, JCC Fitness Center Coordinator, "In January, 1993 the Center averaged over 1,400 member-visits per month."

1,400 member visits? Isn't that almost triple the projected number of visits-per-month projected for the newly refurbished center opened in November, 1992? What's going on here? In case you haven't noticed, the Fitness Center is thriving.

Its cardio-vascular and Vigor Sport strength-training equipment (retrofitted, with 6 new machined added since the fall of 1992) is state-of-the-art. Its six staff trainers and 11 independent personal trainers are all certified athletic trainers (or must become certified within 6 months of joint the Center) or physical therapists. The independent trainers, not

only bring in their own clients, but work one five-hour shift per week at the Center with any Center member. The trainers also bring expertise: Ron Johnson, trainer of the Wilmington Blue Rocks, gives baseball clinics in addition to his hours of floor time.

Classes, including regular, step and low-impact aerobics, country line dancing, and its special classes ("Stretch & Flex" Co-Ed Conditioning or "Abs with A.J.," for example), are open to members on a first-come-first-serve basis. "We recognize that fitness center members couldn't always make one or two specific classes every week," says Lipstein, "and we changed our class enrollment policy. Now, for an additional \$135 per year, a member can attend an unlimited number of classes with no pre-class sign-up."

The Fitness Center has also added special programs on health, which include lectures and health screenings. September was National Cholesterol Month, and the Center fea-

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Kutz Home Focuses On Activities



Square dancing at The Kutz Home.

Jackie Witt, Kutz Home Activities Director, coordinates special activities for maintaining and improving the mental and physical health of the residents of the Kutz Home.

Residents are often busy sanding, assembling, painting and knitting to get items ready for one of the Home's special events such as the Chanukah Bazaar.

In the main social room each morning a group reviews the daily newspa-

per to provide residents with a window on the world.

Bi-weekly Bingo games that generate excitement despite the relatively modest prizes for the winners.

There is a bowling game that can be handled by almost anyone, even those who use wheelchairs. A weekly sing-along is popular at the Home.

The daily flexibility exercise class serves as a supplement to the more individualized physical therapy program.

A recent monthly Family Night program resident Betty Halpern

played three piano selections to the delight of the audience. Charge Nurse, Pat Ball was "Bob Hope" for the night and kept the audience laughing with her numerous introductions of participants who sang or danced.

Lester Grandine, square dance caller, and two squares of his brightly costumed X-10 dancers performed.

Trips to Christiana Mall are highlighted by lunch in the food court.

Residents have attended a performance at the Delaware Theatre Company, participated in a Sukkot dedication ceremony and lunched with members of the JCC Senior Center. Ingleside Retirement Apartment residents joined Kutz residents to share in one of their presentations, a visit to the New Castle County's old-timers picnic, and toured the MBNA facilities.

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JCC Fitness

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tured lectures on nutrition, with the measurement of cholesterol levels. October was National Spinal Health Month, with a chiropractor conducting a workshop and screening. January, 1994 will feature Dr. Alan Tocker lecturing on eye care and conducting eye checks, including a screening for glaucoma. In February, National Heart Month, cardiologist Edward M. Goldenberg, M.D., will conduct a workshop and perform blood pressure screenings. Again, any member can sign up for one or all of these special events.

By April, admits Lipstein, "people return to outdoor activities," and Center visits taper to 950 to 1,000 per month. As for Lipstein himself, he's always in training. In addition to his Fitness Center work, he's captain of the Wilmington Rugby Club, whose record was 14-2 during the past season. "We lost to Washington, D.C. in the finals of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Tournament. That's impressive for a city the size of Wilmington." And, says A.J., if you're interested in trying out for next season — it begins in February. Better check your fitness level first, however: remember that January sign-up statistic? **SPECIAL NEEDS POPULATION PROGRAMS**

The Jewish Community Center does more than meet fitness and recreational needs of its members, according to Eileen Wallach, Program Director, it also reaches out to non-members with special needs. Five to 10 special needs youngsters 14 and over and adults use the Fitness Center; the JCC Summer Camp's Tikun unit mainstream its special needs youngsters with other campers whenever possible. In cooperation with the Wheelchair Tennis Program of Delaware, 20 young people and adults from Delaware and Pennsylvania participate in spring-summer-fall tennis program, including instruction, drills and tournaments, on the JCC's courts.

From March through June, 20-30 adults use the JCC's pool for Special Olympics events and practice. The JCC provides Multiple Sclerosis Society adult members 50 to 90 hours per week of free pool time.

For the first time, the February 6, 1994 Snow Ball Run will be "open to athletes with disabilities in any division, including the wheelchair division," says Wallach. This is sanc-

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at young Jewish children. Unfortunately, in spite of no doubt the best intentions, many of these records lack various elements essential for quality children's music, such as:

1) Entertainment value. Do the songs have lyrics that invite hand and body motions? Are the rhythms conducive to clapping, dancing, swaying and, my favorite, "tushy" bumping? Are the melodies easily singable by the average-voiced parent, teacher and, most importantly child?

2) Educational value. Do the lyrics teach the children something about themselves or their community? If taught in Hebrew school or Jewish camp do the words deal with some aspect of Judaism, even if the song only teaches a single Hebrew word?

3) Memorable. Do the children request to sing the song a week or a month after it is taught? Do they remember the lyrics and the lesson the words teach?

Recently, to my pleasant surprise, I have found a terrific singer, teacher and performer whose children's recordings possess all of the important qualities of wonderful music geared towards young Jewish children. The talent behind these songs is Robyn Helzner. Her music is definitely a diamond in a coal-filled world of Jewish children's cassettes.

Helzner understands that all learning needs to be active, rather than passive. Active learning takes place when the children respond to music by moving, seeing, listening and creating. As noted music educators William M. Anderson and Joy E.

Lawrence have written, "Through active involvement, students seem to assimilate and retain information more effectively and exhibit greater interest and motivation to learn." Nowhere is active learning more evident than on Helzner's two cassettes for children, "Clap Your Hands" and "I Live In The City."

Both tapes were recorded live within a classroom setting of pre-school Jewish children. Side one of both recordings contain a rich mixture of traditional and contemporary playtime songs. Helzner interprets these songs wonderfully, singing and playing his guitar with excitement-filled energy. While being "fun" songs, the compositions are meant to teach and aren't just silly. Side two of each tape is filled with old and new engaging Shabbat songs which are highly appropriate for young Jewish children.

What is so special about these recordings is that the young children in the classroom sing along with every song. With laughter and joy in their voices, their delight in this terrific music is evident. The youngsters follow the captivating and lively melodies of their splendid teacher. The children's enthusiastic participation is a tribute to Helzner's ability to mix great music with great teaching. It is the children's spirited involvement that makes other children sing along with the tape. "The appeal to children who listen to the tapes," says

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Helzner in a phone interview from her home in Washington, D.C., "is that they hear themselves and feel very comfortable singing along." Admittedly, the 4-year olds on the recordings are far from professional singers, they're simply little kids singing with their little imperfect voices. "This is exactly why," says Helzner, "children gravitate to the recordings. Children love to sing and they know that they don't have to be perfect." Knowing this, the children are able to sing for sheer fun and pleasure while, at the same time, they learn.

In addition to her passion for children's folksongs, Helzner also delights audiences with her spirited and moving renditions of Hebrew, Yiddish, Ladino, Russian and American Jewish folksongs. Her latest album, "A Fire Burns," features a beautifully sung mixture of lively and touching songs in Hebrew and Yiddish for all ages, with accompaniment by the Robyn Helzner Trio.

She has toured throughout the United States, Israel, Poland and Hong Kong. Recently, while touring the former Soviet Union, Helzner represented North American Jewry with performances in the concert halls of Moscow and Leningrad to celebrate the historic opening of Moscow's Jewish cultural center. After her experiences with Russian Jewry, Helzner decided to create programs especially for Soviet emigrants to acculturate them into the Jewish community in America.

Helzner's broad repertoire of songs is unified by her love for the Jewish culture. The warm and enthusiastic reception she receives from her audi-

ences of all ages and nationalities proves that Jewish music is the best way to be introduced to the Jewish culture. And Robyn Helzner is the best way to be introduced to Jewish music.

On January 28 and 29, Helzner will be in residence at Temple Beth El

in Newark, participating in Shabbat services and presenting several concerts and programs during the weekend. For information call 366-8330. Helzner's recordings may be pur-

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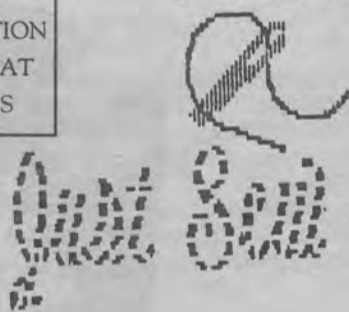
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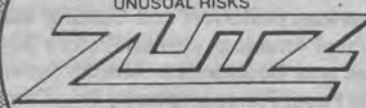
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Words & Music: Monologues, melodies

By STEVEN COHEN

Deb Filler's *Punch Me in the Stomach* is the third recent one-person show we've seen recently, and we can't help but compare it to Rob Becker's *Defending the Caveman* and Sherry Glaser's *Family Secrets*.

Punch Me in the Stomach is the most personal and most unusual of the three. Filler is a 39-year-old monologist from New Zealand, and she introduces us to the members of her Jewish family and portrays them with excellent mimicry. It helps that they all have such distinctive accents.

There are aunts, uncles and grandparents from New Zealand by way of Germany, and Australia by way of Poland, even from Mexico and Long Island. Most notable is her 65-year-old father who takes Deb on a tour of Auschwitz and Terezin, which he survived.

Her family's humor is uncommon. An uncle gets up at a party and says: "It's great to see you all here. The last time I saw so many Jews in a room, we were all naked!"

Did that joke send shivers up your spine, as it did mine? Only a Holocaust survivor would have the right to attempt such a gag.

Theatre Ariel deserves credit for bringing this unique event to the Delaware Valley. It has only two more events this season and both look interesting: *Kurt Weill From Berlin to Broadway* and *10 by 10: A*

Minyan of Women, ten short playlets about Jewish women.

With talk of Grammy Award and Academy Award nominations in the air, it's time for my personal pick of the Top Fifteen cd's and videotapes that I heard or saw in 1993. I am limiting my field to recordings by people whom we've discussed in these columns throughout the year.

Culture Swing (Tish Hinojosa; Rounder Records) Tish has a beautiful voice, and accompanies herself on guitar as she sings her own compositions. Her blending of Southwestern, Mexican, folk and country is unique and captivating.

Falsettos (Broadway cast; DRG) Tenderness of family ties and longing for love are two of the emotions that make this show memorable. Bill Finn's music and lyrics are preserved on this excellent two-cd set.

Oklahoma! (Original Broadway cast; MCA) Conductor Jay Blackston died just last week, and choreographed Agnes DeMille two months ago. Their work lives on in this restoration of the original 1943 album.

What is Love? (Andrea Marcovicci; DRG) You may know her as a movie and soap opera actress; she's also an excellent singer. There's lots of personality and emotion in this well-chosen collection of songs about love.

Ann Hampton Callaway (DRG) Many folks feel that Ann has the

most beautiful voice of any cabaret singer. It's purer and less gutsy than Andrea's. I love them both. This record includes Callaway compositions that have also been performed by other singers.

Dvorak Overtures (Stephen Gunzenhauser & the BBC Philharmonic; Naxos) A group of overtures that were meant to be heard as a group, but are rarely performed together, conducted by an internationally-respected Dvorak specialist who happens to be from our community.

Paganini: 24 Caprices (Ilya Kaler, violin; Naxos) Catch a rising star in the world of violinists, making a set of extremely difficult pieces sound easy.

Guys and Dolls (Broadway cast; RCA) As much as I love the original 1950 cast of this musical, the revival equals it in spirit and surpasses it in the singing of several cast members.

An Evening With Frank Loesser (DRG) The composer-lyricist of *Guys and Dolls*, *Most Happy Fella*, etc., sings his own songs. An historic document.

The World's Highest Tenor (Stefan Zucker; Bel Canto: LP only) Extraordinary, beautiful singing in a style that has almost disappeared. This recording demonstrates why opera became so popular in the 19th century.

Young People's Concerts (Leonard Bernstein; Sony video) The

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Verdi: Requiem (Bernstein & soloists; Kultur video) Bernstein chose this piece of music for his tearful farewell to the New York Philharmonic. Then he repeated it in London in 1970 under equally dramatic circumstances. If you could preserve only one Bernstein concert, this would be an excellent choice.

A Celebration in Vienna (Bernstein; Kultur video) Rehearsals, performances and commentary by Lenny on Beethoven's 200th birthday.

Forget Me Not (Beniamino Gigli; Bel Canto video) In South Philadelphia in the 1940's and 50's. Gigli films played almost every week at one or another neighborhood movie house. Some critics say that his voice was even more beautiful than Caruso's. This is his most popular film, lovingly restored, one of a series of re-mastered Italian musicals from Bel Canto.

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This photo appears in "Bridges and Boundaries," which was organized by the Jewish Museum in New York, in collaboration with the NAACP. Sunday January 23, hear Letty Cottin Pogrebin at AAHCM, 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

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Tu B'Shevat, A Fruitful Tremendous Day

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF
WASHINGTON (PNR) — Come the 15th day of Shevat (January 27 this year), diaspora Jewry will mark the ancient start of the "New Year of Trees" with Tu B'Shevat "seders" and in Israel an annual country-wide program of tree planting will take place.

Before the destruction of the Second Temple in the 70th year of the Common Era, Israeli law established Tu B'Shevat as marking the beginning of the separation of the tithes of fruit. The date, 15th of Shevat, was chosen, Encyclopedia Judaica notes, because most of the annual rain in Eretz Israel (the Land of Israel) falls before that day. Consequently, the fruits of those trees which blossom after the 15th of Shevat are considered to belong to another year for the leverage of tithes.

In Askkenazi communities in Europe in centuries past, it was customary on Tu B'Shevat to eat 15 different kinds of fruit. Special preference was given to fruits grown in Eretz Israel, the Encyclopedia states.

Sephardic Jews gave the New Year of Trees greater significance. In the 16th century, the Sephardic liturgy and customs were expanded. The day is called "The Feast of Fruits."

In the Israel Museum is a glazed Tu B'Shevat ceramic plate with fruits of

Eretz Israel and appropriate blessings that was made in Austria probably in the 19th century, the Encyclopedia noted.

Since establishment of agricultural settlements in Palestine in the last decades of the 19th century, the New Year of Trees symbolizes the redemption of land by the conquest of the desert.

In reborn Israel Tu B'Shevat is celebrated with children's songs in honor of the feast and with tree planting ceremonies by kindergarten children. The Jewish National Fund has reported that thousands this year will take part in the annual observance to plant trees in the 280 forests created by JNF that now have more than 200 million trees on some 200,000 acres. JNF increases the forests by 5,000 acres a year.

Rabbi Abba Cohen, Washington representative of Agudath Israel of America, said among the Ashkenazi in the Diaspora no special prayers or ritual mark the 15th day of Shevat. However, prayers of sadness or mourning are omitted because it is a happy day. In Israel many of the agricultural laws related to Tu B'Shevat are no longer in effect but Jewish religious law remains.

While Festival observances vary, Reform, Conservative and Orthodox congregations conduct "seders."

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Rabbi Avis Miller of Washington's Adas Israel, Conservative, said seders are held at its adult Bar Mitzvah classes and its school with eating of fruits and nuts and drinking of four cups of wine — the first totally white, the second white with a little red, the third, mostly red and some white, and the fourth totally red wine to show the land was becoming fruitful again.

Rabbi Joseph Weinberg of Washington Hebrew Congregation said Reform Jewry is "very enthusiastic and very committed to planting trees," and its ceremony includes the four cups of wine with different colors symbolizing the seasons.

At Keshet Israel, the 80-year-old Orthodox synagogue in Washington's fashionable Georgetown area, Rabbi Barry Freundel said the custom is to eat seven fruits typical of the Land of Israel at its seder.

and the programs aimed at improving the quality of life for Delawareans.

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Governor To Meet With Beth El's Mens' Club

Governor Tom Carper will be the guest speaker at the February 13th breakfast meeting of the Temple Beth El Men's Club at 9:30 a.m. His topic will be "Volunteerism, Stewardship

and Participating in One's Community." Governor Carper has established a program of appearing at religious congregations throughout the state in order to discuss initiatives

AKSE Hamantaschen Sale

The Sisterhood of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Hamantaschen Bake Sale is now underway.

The hamantaschen are available with any of the following fillings: poppy, prune, cherry, and/or apricot at \$5 per dozen.

Hamantaschen orders may be

placed with Annette Baruch at 478-6365 by Feb. 2nd. Please be sure to leave your name and phone number on her answering machine.

Orders may be picked up at the Synagogue on Sunday mornings: Jan. 30 through February 27th.

AKSE Marriage Workshops

The adult education committee of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, two-part series of workshops on betrothal and marriage, will take place January 23rd and January 30th from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Everyone in the community is invited to participate.

The first workshop will include study of traditional texts and customs presented by Rabbi Daniel Kohn of Beth Judah Temple in Wildwood, N.J.

The second workshop will be led by Rivkah Walton, a specialist in Jewish Ceremonial Art. Participants will make a ceramic mezuzah case. There is a \$12.50 fee for materials. Advance registration is requested to ensure the necessary materials. Call AKSE at 762-2705.

Feminist Film

The Canadian documentary film *A Vision in the Darkness*, chronicling the life of social activist Lea Roback will be shown as a special event of Jewish Film Festival 13 at the Charles and Elizabeth Gershman YM & YWHA Branch, JCC of Greater Philadelphia, Broad and Pine Sts., Sunday, Jan. 23, 2 p.m.

Directed by Sophie Bissonnette, *A Vision in the Darkness* portrays one of Quebec's most outstanding social activists, who is now 90 years old.

Throughout her life as a feminist, pacifist and unionist, this remarkable Jewish woman has been in the forefront of all the major struggles that have helped to shape present day Quebec.

Bissonnette will discuss her film following the screening.

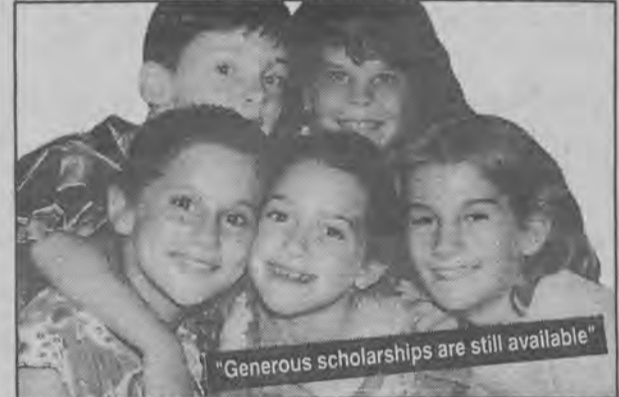
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The LEARN AT AKSE Adult Education Program presents "For a Sign Upon Thine Arm," session on the whys and wherefores of tefillin to be led by Rabbi Sanford Dresin. Jewish men ages 13 and older wear tefillin, sets of leather straps and boxes containing parchment scrolls with sacred text, as part of the daily morning service.

The session is open to women and men of the entire community at no charge and will take place on Saturday evening, February 5, 1994. The schedule for the session is as follows:

Mincha services - 5 p.m.
Havdalah - 6 p.m.
Refreshments - 6:05 p.m.
Class - 6:30 p.m.

Please call the AKSE office, 762-2705, to let us know that you are planning to attend.

AKSE Country Dance & Dinner Scheduled

The Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Sisterhood invites the entire community to a Country Dance Jamboree & Dinner in the Synagogue Social Hall on Saturday evening, Feb. 12th. AKSE's 9th annual square dance will feature familiar square dances as well as some new including country line dances.

Dinner starts at 7:15. Dancing and dessert begin at 8:15. The cost is \$12.50 per person or \$7.50 per person for dancing and dessert only.

Reserve with Andrea Finestrauss 764-0318 or Lisa Elliott 239-4100 by Feb. 7th. You may reserve a table for a group of 6-10 people.

Robyn Helzner To Celebrate Jewish Music At Temple Beth El

Folksinger Robyn Helzner will be Temple Beth El's guest performer on January 28th & 29th. On Friday evening at 8:00 p.m., she will assist with the liturgy for the Shabbat evening service and lead a sing-along during the service. "She is known to delight audiences with her spirited and moving renditions of Hebrew, Yiddish, Ladino, Russian, and American Jewish folksongs," said a Beth El spokesperson.

On Saturday morning during Shabbat services which begin at 10:00 a.m. she will present "a Jewish Folksinger in the USSR," a song and story presentation that highlights her experiences and encounters with Soviet Jews and refuseniks during her concert tours to the former Soviet Union.

After lunch at 1:00 p.m. she will

perform a concert, "Clap Your Hands," for families with young children, ages 4-8 years.

Robyn is a featured performer at the Smithsonian Institute and the Israeli Embassy and has toured in the U.S., Israel, and Poland. She represented North American Jewry with performances in the concert halls of Moscow and Leningrad to celebrate the historic opening of Moscow's Jewish Cultural Centers.

"Jewish music is incredibly rich, Helzner exclaims. "We have a wonderful culture. Let's enjoy it. Let's celebrate it."

This special weekend is sponsored by Temple Beth El and the Newark Committee of Jewish Federation and the community is invited. For more information, call the Temple office at 366-8330.

Red Cross Quake Relief

The American Red Cross has opened 17 shelters in California to provide earthquake victims and relief workers with emergency relief — food, clothing and shelter.

The Delaware Chapter will assist anyone needing, yet unable, to learn the welfare of family members in the earthquake affected areas. Disaster Welfare Inquiries may be initiated by calling the Delaware Chapter head-

quarters at 302-656-6620.

Also, those interested in helping victims of the earthquake in California may send money to the American Red Cross' National Disaster Relief Fund. Checks should be made out to the National Disaster Relief Fund and sent to: Delaware Chapter American Red Cross, 910 Gilpin Avenue, Wilmington 19806. Credit card contributions may be made by calling 800-842-2200.

New Girls Group To Meet

A new weekly program for girls ages 12-18 starts at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth on Sunday, January 30th at 9 a.m. The group, "Chaverot," will join their voices in prayer at morning services to be led by the girls. Davening will be followed by

breakfast and discussion. The "Chaverot" plan to develop and participate in a service project. A similar program for boys, "Minyonaires," has been very popular and successful for many years.

Regular participants in "Chaverot" will be eligible for course credit at Gratz Hebrew H.S. The girls will be able to get to Gratz each Sunday in time for their 11 a.m. class.

Wilm. Newswoman To Speak At AKSE

Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Sisterhood invites the community to its winter brunch-meeting on January 23rd from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The guest speaker will be Patty Hartman, anchorwoman on WILM

Radio. Ms. Hartman will address reporting and women in the court system.

The charge is \$5. Make reservations with Andrea Finestrauss, 764-0318, by Jan. 20.

ORT Night At The Races

A Night at the Races
Saturday, January 29, 1994,
8:00

Gate Time 8:30
Women's American ORT

Brandywine Chapter at Large is presenting *A Night at the Races* - an Off Track Betting Extravaganza. The night will include games and food. Tickets in advance are \$25.00 for member and \$30.00 for non-members - \$5.00 more at the door.

R.S.V.P.
Susan Millman - 479-5052
Cindy Weiner - 478-3174

ORT Meeting

General Meeting
Wednesday, February 9, 1994 -
7:30 p.m.

Speaking of Health & Fitness...According to a statement by Women's American ORT; "If you've enjoyed eating from Thanksgiving straight through to New Years, you won't want to miss ORT's February 9th meeting." The program, *Getting into Shape and Weight Control*, will be presented by A.J. Lipstein, Director of The Fitness Center at the Jewish Community Center.

RSVP: Pat Levitt - 477-1905

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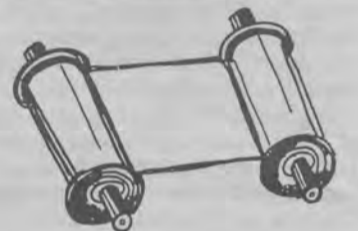


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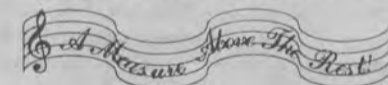


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Beth Shalom Sisterhood To Hold Healthy Eating Meeting

Beth Shalom Sisterhood will hold its next meeting, Wednesday evening, February 2 at 7:30 p.m. at the JCC. Marlene Kane, a dietitian/nutritionist affiliated with the Family Medicine of the Medical Center of Delaware will be the speaker. She will be speak-

ing on "Healthy Eating for the Nineties." Refreshments will be served. The program is open to the entire community at no charge.

Please note the book review originally scheduled for January 4 will be rescheduled.

English Tutors Needed

The Literacy Volunteers of America, Wilmington Library Affiliate is currently in need of volunteer tutors for their *Basic Reading* and *English as a Second Language* Programs. Adults are tutored on a one-

to-one basis, free of charge. If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming a volunteer tutor or needs help, please call the Literacy Volunteers office at 658-5624.

Grant Applications

The Anna E. Finger - Ruth F. Gordon Memorial Trust will accept requests for cash grants of up to \$1,000 for the promotion of the study of Judaism and Jewish culture. The Trust was established in 1968 by Louis J. Finger and Abraham J. Gordon in memory of Mr. Finger's mother and sister and Mr. Gordon's wife. The Trust will provide funding for programs or for the participation of individuals in programs relating to the study of Judaism or Jewish culture including, but not limited to, Hebrew language, Bible, Jewish literature, religious customs and ceremonies, theology and Holocaust studies.

The current Trustees of the Trust are Richard A. Levine, Robert Jacobs and Steven D. Goldberg. The Trust-

ees will consider financial need as a substantial, but not controlling, factor in evaluating grant requests. Likewise, the Trustees will afford a preference to programs or individuals affiliated with Congregation Beth Shalom. Recipients of individual grants or scholarships will be expected to share their experience as part of an event open to the community.

The Trustees anticipate making grants totaling \$1,500 for calendar year 1994 on or before March 31, 1994. Grant applications should be directed in writing prior to January 31, 1994 to Richard A. Levine, Secretary, Board of Advisers, Anna E. Finger and Ruth Gordon Memorial Trust, c/o Congregation Beth Shalom, Inc., 1801 Baynard Boulevard, Wilmington, Delaware 19802.

Gold-Markowitz

Ronald and Marion Gold of Livingston, New Jersey announce the engagement of their daughter, Elaine Gold to Jason L. Markowitz, son of Martin and Frances Markowitz of Wilmington, Delaware.

Miss Gold graduated from the University of Delaware with a degree in criminal justice. She is a case-worker for the Division of Family Services.

Mr. Markowitz graduated from the University of Delaware with a degree in communications. He is an agent with Horace Mann Insurance Co.

Levy Commended

Howard Levy, past Commander of the Department of Delaware JWV of USA has been presented with a commendation and service plaque from the State of Delaware for outstanding and meritorious service as a member of the Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs from 1986 to 1993. PDC Levy is currently chairman of our legislative committee. The JWV was created in 1896 by a group of 39 Civil War Veterans in order to bring attention to the Jews who served on both sides of the conflict.

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Sunday _____ 23

The annual YJAD Atlantic City trip! Call Dan Loewenstern at (610) 444-1829.

Monday _____ 24

A.A.R.P. Seminar "Voices", 10:30 a.m. at the JCC Senior Center. Myrna Ryder, Director of Family Life Education of JFS, will lead this special A.A.R.P. seminar entitled "Voices," a slide show about women talking to women about health issues. Informative hand-outs will be available.

Wednesday _____ 26

Line and Country Western Dancing, 10:30 a.m. at the JCC Senior Center. Mary from the Brad Morris Dance Group will instruct on these dances. You don't need a partner to participate. The fee for this class is \$1.50 which includes lunch at the Senior Center.

Friday _____ 28

Tu B'Shevat Seder 11:45 a.m. at the JCC Senior Center. Students from the Albert Einstein Academy will join us for a special luncheon in honor of Tu B'Shevat. Selections from a Tu B'Shevat haggadah and songs relating to the holiday will be read. Customary foods, such as dried fruits and nuts, will be served. Donations to the Jewish National Fund to plant trees in Israel will be accepted.

Saturday _____ 29

Women's American ORT of Brandywine presents *A Night at the Races*, an Off, Off Track Betting event with games and food, 8:00 p.m. Gate Time 8:30. Tickets in advance are \$25.00 for members and \$30.00 for non-members - \$5.00 more at the door. RSVP with Susan Millman, 479-5052 or Cindy Weiner, 478-3174.

Sunday _____ 30

A.K.S.E. Men's Club 9:30 a.m. Speakers are Edith Carlson, Executive Director, Northern Delaware Greenway Council. Topic: Preservation of our Natural and Cultural Resources.

The Jewish Community Center (JCC) is sponsoring a bus trip to an Israel program and camp fair in Laurel, Maryland on January 30, 1994. The program will last from noon to three p.m. The JCC is sponsoring this effort so that the offspring of interested Delaware residents can benefit from an Israel program. The Israel program and camp fair is sponsored by Moment and Washington Jewish Week. This notice is provided

by The Jewish Voice. For more information regarding the JCC Bus Trip to the Israel program and camp fair, please call Elise Greer at 478-5660. **AKSE Men's Club Breakfast**, Edith Carlson, Executive Director, Northern Delaware Greenway Council. Topic: Preservation of our Natural and Cultural Resources. Brunch at 9:30 a.m.

Monday _____ 31

The Young Leadership Cabinet will host a discussion with Eviatar Maor, the Consul General of Israel in Philadelphia. He will address the topic "The Israeli Peace Plan: Light at the End of the Tunnel?" and take questions from the audience. Open to the entire community. 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the JCC. Please RSVP: 478-6200.

FEBRUARY

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Mission to Washington, DC, Marjory Stone, Chair.

Wednesday _____ 9

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Tuesday _____ 15

Jewish Great Books Discussion Group, third Tuesday of every month at the J.C.C., 7:30-9:00 p.m. *If I Am Not For Myself*, R. Wisse.

AKSE Men's Club Breakfast Purim Carnival: "The carnival to end all carnivals" from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Featuring: skeeball, spin art, kosher cotton candy, 3 basketball courts, kosher pizzas, tuna subs, ice cream, games and much more. Tickets: Contact Gail Weinberg, A.K.S.E. school office, 302-762-2705. Brunch at 9:30 a.m.

MARCH 1994

Sunday _____ 6

AKSE Men's Club Breakfast Rabbi Marla J. Feldman, Delaware's new Jewish Community Relations Committee Director. Topic: Our Jewish and Civic Responsibilities—A Report on the National Jewish community Relations Advisory Council Plenum. Brunch at 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday _____ 15

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

Sunday _____ 20

AKSE Men's Club Breakfast Dr. Marlan L. Palley, Professor of Political Science & International Relations, University of Delaware. Topic: The

New Israel? Brunch at 9:30 a.m.

Ongoing

Thirty-nine original ketubbot, dating back to 1640, will be on display January 11 through March 15 at UJA-Federation headquarters, 130 East 59th Street in Manhattan. Exhibit hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission is free. For further information, please call (212) 836-1874.

Eban

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estonian statehood for example. He labels the Oslo accord the work of very cautious men. He suggests that no layman here could compare in security matters with an Israeli leader who has led great armies into battle time after time between 1948 and 1990. Therefore Eban says we should not have opinion writers compete with Yitzhak Rabin as a security expert.

"Leave it to us, after all if everything goes wrong it is Israeli life and Israeli blood that will be imperiled." Eban says that in making such sacrifices Israelis are entitled to decide what limits they will give to concessions in the search for peace. Eban indicates Israel's security and self-interest should be paramount rather than a belief that 'big is beautiful' from a territorial standpoint.

He returned the great adventure of the past 45 years, "the society which we have fashioned, the landscapes that we have quickened into life, the freedom that we have defended, the graves that we have dug and the tears that we have shed because of them, the passions that have been roused, the expressible hopes that have been kindled, all these a part of the legacy of these 45 years..."

In closing, Eban called upon "those who have sustained us" to "multiply your efforts, increase your solidarity, do not abandon us in the middle of the road, stand with us constant in purpose steadfast in resolve until the obstacles are surmounted and the task is done."

Eban's address to the Chai Society Brunch was a scheduled event of the 1994 Community "Live Jewish" campaign administered by the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD).

Consul General Due In Delaware

Eviatar Manor, the Consul General of Israel in Philadelphia, will be in Delaware on Monday, January 31, 1994 to speak on the subject: "The Middle East Peace Process: Light at the End of the Tunnel?" His discussion, open to the public, will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will be followed by a question and answer period. The program will take place at the Jewish Community Center, 101 Garden of Eden Road. The event is hosted by the Young Leadership Cabinet of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. Reservations are requested: 478-6200.

Mr. Manor was born in Tel Aviv, Israel in 1949. He studied Economics and International Relations at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and the College of Europe in Belgium. He has worked with Israel's Foreign Ministry since 1973 and held diplomatic posts in Stockholm and London. He began his tenure as Consul General of Israel in Philadelphia in October 1993. The Consulate's jurisdiction includes Delaware, Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey, Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia.

Hadassah Has Big Gifts Reception

On Sunday, January 23, 1994 at 3:00 p.m., The Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah will hold its Big Gifts Reception at the home of Judge Charles and Barbara S. Keil.

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For more information contact Luiza Cohen, chairman at 234-2796.

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Spielberg honored

LOS ANGELES — Movie director Steven Spielberg has been named a recipient of the 1993 *Honorable Menschen Award* presented by the Los Angeles based Jewish Identity Workshops organization for outstanding contributions to Jewish life.

Spielberg is being honored for his movie *Schindler's List*.

J.I.W. said that Steven Spielberg's movie, *Schindler's List* serves as a reminder of the importance of speaking out strongly against any form of bigotry, prejudice and destructive self-hatred.

Benjamin Netanyahu was also honored for the book *A Place Among the Nations*.

Fitness

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tioned, she notes, and will meet all requirements for course layout, safety, and staffing. Run sponsors to date include MBNA, the Cactus Bar & Grill, Katler & Katler (Howard and Steven Katler, podiatrists, and Deane Katler are all JCC members), Rehabilitation Consultants, Double S Companies (construction), Patterson-Schwartz Realtors, Grotto Pizza, and Entenmann's. The dollars raised by the event will be used to re-do special needs locker rooms at the JCC with a handicapped-accessible ramp, and install a wheelchair lift (or ramp) to the JCC's lower level.

AQUATICS PROGRAM

In the fall of 1992, it was the JCC's Fitness Center which benefit from new equipment, new staff, and a new outlook. Now, says JCC Program Director Eileen Wallach, it's time to focus on the Aquatics Program. Under the direction of Melody Medley, a competitive swimmer, teacher and coach for almost 20 years, and head of the 1993 JCC Summer Camp's Aquatics Program, the program is developing new ways to bring more people, more funds and innovative ideas into the JCC's pool.

Medley has taught individual and group swimming lessons since 1974, and has served as an assistant coach for a national Junior Olympic swim team and four future Olympic swimmers. She is the inventor of the Swim Gem, a patented PVC (poly vinyl chloride) pipe "pool island," which creates a safe, shallow, in-pool platform on which beginning swimmers can practice - or play.

In 1990, Medley conceived, wrote and produced two nationally distributed swim videos: "Swim, Play and Learn: A Parent's Guide to Teaching Swimming Skills" and "Teach Yourself How To Swim: A step-by-step Video Guide for Adults. In working with swimming instructors and coaches, Medley insists that "teaching swimming lessons should be as much fun for the teachers as it is the students."

"We're looking ahead," says Wallace, "with the American Red Cross phasing out its Water Safety and Lifesaving Programs, we want to be ready to fill the gap. We want to be leaders in developing successful aquatics programs for swimmers, for instructors, and for water safety and lifesaving certification programs."

Elderhostel At JCC

JCC is sponsoring a Elderhostel during the weeks of April 25 - May 1, 1994, and May 2 - May 8, 1994.

Local residents are invited to submit applications to the JCC to participate. The cost is \$150.00 for Jewish Community Center members, and \$200.00 for non-members. Included is lunch.

All applications must include a \$50.00 deposit. Local applicants are limited to six persons selected randomly. The programs are as follows: **ILLUSTRATED HISTORY OF JEWISH LITURGICAL MUSIC**

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How do modern readers interpret the Bible, that most ancient of Jew-

Solidarity Menorahs In Billings Showed Community Response To Hate

By **ANDREA JACOBS**

Intermountain Jewish News

[Editor's Note: This story was written in December 1993]

DENVER (JTA) — More than 50 years ago, the Danish people sewed yellow Stars of David on their coats, a collective act of compassion and support for Danish Jews struggling under Nazi tyranny.

Now come forward a half-century to December 1993 in Billings, Mont. The symbols have changed, from Jewish stars to paper menorahs, but a similar, no less compassionate act is taking place this very moment throughout the entire city.

Responding to repeated threats and vandalism directed at Jewish residents during Chanukah, the local newspaper, churches and other groups in Billings encouraged Christian residents there to display menorahs in their windows.

And that is exactly what most Christians in that town of 100,000 have done. And they will continue displaying menorahs even though Chanukah is over — because a season of hate is still in full swing there.

As a result of their Menorah displays, Christian residents of Billings are receiving anonymous phone threats such as "You're next, Jew-lover."

A glass billboard at Billings Central Catholic High School bearing the message, "Happy Chanukah to Our Jewish Friends," has been shattered by both bricks and bullets.

Windows at First United Methodist Church and Evangelical United Methodist Church, both proudly displaying menorahs, were smashed recently.

But nonetheless, the display of menorahs continues.

The Ku Klux Klan's Realm of Montana Quest, a small contingent of skinheads and other fringe groups, surfaced in Billings last January.

At that time, the group launched an all-out hate-literature campaign, targeting the city's small Jewish population and other minorities.

The community, led by Police Chief Wayne Inman, snapped to attention.

Rallies, workshops and related anti-hate activities slowed the deluge of Klan literature.

But in September, when the high holidays were approaching, 19 headstones were overturned in the Jewish section of the Billings cemetery, and Congregation Beth Aaron received a bomb threat a few hours before a children's holiday service.

And just a few weeks ago, someone hurled a brick through a window decorated with a menorah.

As a result, once again the community of Billings rallied against hate.

On Dec. 11, the Billings Gazette carried a full-page public service message sponsored by the newspaper. Flanking a large illustrated menorah encircled by bright yellow light was a message.

"On Dec. 2, 1993, someone twisted by hate threw a brick through the window of the home of one of our Jewish neighbors, a Jewish family

who chose to celebrate the holiday season by displaying a symbol of faith — a menorah — for all to see.

"We urge all citizens to share in this message by displaying this menorah from now until Christmas.

"Let all the world know that the irrational hatred of a few cannot destroy what all of us in Billings, and in America, have worked together so long to build," the ad read.

Horowitz's Journal Explores Jewish Spiritual Life

By **LARRY YUDELSON**

NEW YORK (JTA) — A new journal devoted to celebrating "the creativity of Jewish spiritual life" has focused its second issue on midrash, or creative understanding of Biblical texts, that were written by women.

[Editor's note: Prof. Sara R. Horowitz of The University of Delaware is co-editor of Kerem along with Gilah Langner.]

Included in the Winter 1994 issue of Kerem are an original midrash on Rebecca and Isaac by novelist Norma Rosen; a new twist on Sarah's response to the binding of Isaac; and reflections on the biblical figure of Ruth.

The 122-page issue also includes new English prayers, among them two Yizkor, or memorial, recitations. One is for victims of abuse, and the other is for parents mourning a still-born or infant death.

In another piece with particular interest for women, the Israeli poet Karen Alkalay-Gut explores the effect of the Gulf War on Israeli women and their relationships with their husbands and lovers.

Alkalay-Gut notes that war has always had a psychologically different meaning for women than for men in Israel, because of the enforced passivity of most women's roles. In the Gulf War, however, when Israelis were little more than passive onlookers, "everyone was in the position women had held for the past forty-five years."

Alkalay-Gut explores the reactions of both men and women through a mixture of poetry and prose reflections.

On the lighter side, writer William Novak interviews lecturer and humorist Moshe Waldocks.

The new issue of Kerem also features a full-length essay by Dale Lieberman, accompanied by black and white photographs, on the subject of the brit, or circumcision, ceremony.

Also included are more poems, short stories and essays.

Kerem, which means vineyard in Hebrew, is non-denominational and is independently published by the Jewish Study Center in Washington, D.C.

To order copies of the Winter 1994 issue (which costs \$8.50) or a two-issue subscription (15), write Kerem Subscriptions, 2555 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W. No. 504, Washington, D.C. 20037.



Myrna Ryder of JFS will speak on Jan. 21 at Beth Shalom.



Prof. Sara Horowitz

Riverside Completes New MRI Facility

WILMINGTON — Riverside Hospital & Extended Care Pavilion has recently completed its state-of-the-art Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) facility located at Riverside Hospital. The new facility consists of an on-site suite featuring a high field MRI magnet replacing the mobile MRI unit the hospital had utilized since 1990.

"MRI is one of the most advanced technologies developed for examining structures, tissues, and fluids within the human body," says Michael J. White, M.D., Director of the MRI facility at Riverside Hospital. The new MRI unit at Riverside, with a magnet field strength of 1.0 Tesla, has all the capabilities of performing MRI on any body part including the head, spine, and all extremities and joints. In addition, the new MRI unit is capable of performing MRA — Magnetic Resonance Angiography used to examine blood vessels.

For more information on the MRI facility at Riverside Hospital, call (302) 764-6120, Ext. 4500.

Vatican Objects To Rabbi As An Ambassador

By **RUTH E. GRUBER**

ROME (JTA) — The newly established diplomatic relations between Israel and the Vatican have been clouded by reports of Vatican objections to the possible appointment of a rabbi as Israeli ambassador to the Holy See.

But Israel sources have downplayed the matter, and there was no indication that the reports would sour the new relations or throw the exchange of ambassadors off track.

ish texts? Examine different contemporary readings of the Bible (traditional, progressive, feminist, secular, psychological and literary) then compare with early commentaries.

WOMEN AND THE BIBLE

Who were women of the Bible?

Was Eve subservient to Adam or equal? A temptress or loving companion? Examine depiction of Biblical women, how Jewish sources respond to the characterizations, and how contemporary readers understand these sources.

OBITUARIES

MARIYA GOKHMAN

Mariya Gokhman, a native of the former Soviet Union who moved to Claymont in 1991, died December 31 of heart failure in Wilmington Hospital.

Mrs. Gokhman, 84, of Claymont, emigrated from St. Petersburg, with the aid of Jewish Family Services. Raised in Belorussia, she had been a saleswoman for a state clothing store in St. Petersburg.

She was a member of Machzikey Hadas Congregation.

Her husband, Mark, died in the 1940s during the siege of Leningrad. She is survived by two daughters, Dora Sokolova and Tsitsliya Cheremnych, and a sister, Ida Glazamitskaya, all of Claymont; and two granddaughters.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Jewish Family Services, Wilmington or Machzikey Hadas Congregation, Claymont.

ESTHER SHERMAN McDONALD

Esther Sherman McDonald, 78, of 517 W. 39th St., Wilmington, died January 4 at St. Francis Hospital.

Mrs. McDonald came to the United States in 1939 to study. Born in Latvia, she was unable to return home during or after World War II.

After the war, Mrs. McDonald was a pharmacist in Europe. She visited Israel many times.

Mrs. McDonald was a life member of Na'amat Pioneer Women, Congregation Beth Emeth and its Sisterhood, Hadassah, Ostomy Cancer Society, Yemin Orde, and Jewish Federation of Delaware.

Her husband, Raymond, died in 1978. Her entire family died during the Holocaust.

Mrs. McDonald had requested that instead of flowers, contributions be made to charity.

FLORENCE STECKER

Florence Stecker, 74, of Newark Manor Nursing Home, formerly of North Graylyn Crest, Brandywine Hundred, died January 3 of pneumonia at Christiana Hospital.

Miss Stecker, a native of the Bronx, had been an executive secretary in New York City.

Miss Stecker had lived at the nursing home for nine months. Earlier, she lived with her sister and brother-in-law, Sylvia and Israel Katzman of North Graylyn Crest.

Her sister, Sylvia Katzman, died July 20. She is survived by her brother-in-law.

RABBI MALCOLM H. STERN

Rabbi Malcolm H. Stern, Fieldwork Counselor and Adjunct Professor of American Jewish History at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion died in New York on

Wednesday, January 5.

Long recognized as the dean of American Jewish genealogy, Rabbi Stern's definitive book, *Americans of Jewish Descent* (1960; revised as *First American Jewish Families: 600 Genealogies, 1654-1988* (1978, 1992), contains the family trees of every Jewish family established in North America by 1840 and was the source for Stephen Birmingham's best-selling novel *The Grandees*.

Rabbi Stern is survived by his wife, the former Louise Bergman, a professional copy writer.

Tu B'Shevat

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Trees evoke some of the most cherished values of the Jewish tradition. To cite just a few examples: the spiritual life of men and women is likened to the fig tree; the Torah is the "Tree of Life;" a righteous man is "like a tree planted by stream of water," and the olive tree represents our eternal quest for peace a symbol whose message we must embrace during these momentous times.

At Tu B'Shevat, the tree is seen as the symbol of G-d's benevolence, which allows us to experience new beginnings. While today we would do well to find in a holiday for trees real environmental lessons, we can also apply that lesson to our own selves. As we welcome the spring and its new growth, so do we also welcome the opportunity to find the spiritual nourishment to launch new beginnings.

I welcome with gratitude and pride the opportunity to contribute to the historic mission of the redemption of Israel's land. I welcome the challenge of having a hand in the nurturing of the land of Israel, to aid in fortifying its branches so that it may grow stronger and more vital. And I honor my predecessor, Ruth W. Popkin, who has inspired us all with her dedication and enthusiasm.

The officers and staff of JNF of America join me in wishing a happy and fruitful Tu B'Shevat to Jewish communities and friends of Israel throughout the country.



Israel marketFax Arrives

marketFax, Inc. announced the release of its flagship publication Israel marketFax to the general public. The faxazine, to be published every two weeks from Baltimore, MD, will be distributed by fax or mail to its subscribers. This will ensure the timeliness of the information it provides to the investor. Israel marketFax will concentrate on Israeli companies with shares trading on the stock exchanges in the US, some fifty (50) in all.

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Correction

✧ The caption identifying Rev. Msgr. Charles F. Rebman, whose photo appeared on the cover of the last issue, became separated from the paper at an unknown time between production and printing.

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