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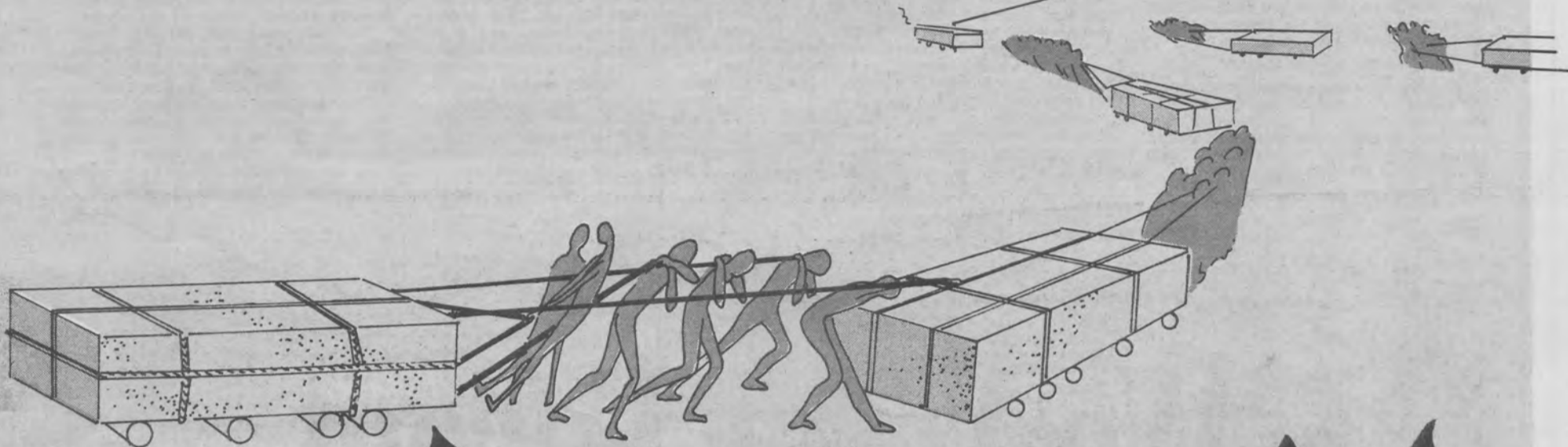
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## A Holocaust Rescuer Is Herself Rescued From Siege of Sarajevo

By JOHN KIFNER  
Special to The New York Times

SARAJEVO, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Feb. 7 — In the darkest days of World War II, Zejniba Hartega-Susic's Muslim family hid Jews from Nazis and their Croatian allies bent on putting them to death.

On Saturday morning, the 76-year-old woman boarded a bus convoy organized by an American Jewish agency evacuating about 300 people from the city's brutal 22-month siege.

"I am very, very sorry to leave Sarajevo," the old woman said, as her daughter Aida blinked back tears in the seat next to her. "All my family, all my life is here."

### Muslim Honored by Israel

Mrs. Hartega-Susic was the first Muslim to be hailed by the Israeli Government as a "righteous gentile," a title awarded those who tried to protect Jews from persecution. After her own father was killed in a death

### An American Jewish agency takes 300 refugees from Bosnia.

camp during the war, she continued to smuggle food to Jews in hiding.

Officials of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, which arranged the evacuation, made special efforts to be sure that Mrs. Hartega-Susic and her daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter were aboard.

"When we get to Israel, I shall gather together the children and the grandchildren and tell them of Sarajevo," she said. "I shall tell them good stories and bad stories."

Fittingly, in a city that prides itself on religious tolerance, only about a third of the people boarding the six buses that pulled up

Jewish. The rest were Muslims, or Serbs, who are Orthodox Christians, or Croats, who are Roman Catholic, or offspring of mixed marriages.

About 53 of the evacuees will go to Israel, officials said.

Sarajevo's Jewish community traces its roots to the expulsion of the Jews from Spain in 1492 during the Spanish Inquisition. Many arrived here carrying the keys to their homes in Spain in the belief that they would soon return there, and many of the keys have been handed down through many generations. When Sarajevo became part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire in 1878, Ashkenazi Jews from Eastern Europe joined the original Sephardim, although the two communities remained separate for many years.

There were 12,000 Jews in the city on the eve of World War II. Roughly 90 percent of them were killed during the Nazi occupation.

Before Saturday's evacuation, there were only about 680 Jews left in the city.

In order to insure safe passage for the convoy, tribute was paid to the various warlords over whose territory the buses would pass. These included diesel fuel, one of the most precious commodities here, and cases of champagne to various generals.

As Eli Ellezri, the chief organizer of the evacuation, bustled about with a precious folder of permission letters from Bosnian, Serbian and Croatian officials through whose territory the bus convoy would pass, a small crowd gathered amid the rubble to wave goodbye to friends, neighbors and relatives.

"They are young, they wanted to leave," said Bigana Ilic, a Serb, crying as she waved goodbye to her daughter and son-in-law, who has a Serb mother and a Muslim father.

"We don't know if we will ever see each other again," said her other daughter, Vesna Ilic-Solak. "But we are happy that at least the two of them will be safe now."

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# We Never Forget Our Friends

Just a few weeks ago, as the world agonized over Sarajevo, a bus convoy rescued some 300 innocent people from this war-torn city.

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BRIEFS

Rabin Asks Pope To Use Influence To Help Restart Talks

By RUTH E. GRUBER

VATICAN CITY (JTA) — When Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin met here last week with Pope John Paul II, he asked the pontiff to use the Vatican's influence with the Palestine Liberation Organization and the Arab states to get the Middle East peace process back on track.

Rabin's request during the March 17 Vatican visit marked a remarkable turnabout in relations between Jerusalem and the Holy See, who until recently had no formal relations. Israel has long been wary of the Vatican's pro-Palestinian leanings.

Rabin said he believed the Vatican "can have a moral influence on many countries and many people" and thus put pressure on the Arabs to resume the negotiations.

Rabin, en route back to Israel from Washington, met for half an hour with the Pope at the Vatican - a meeting Rabin had requested. It was the first such visit by an Israeli head of state since the Vatican and Israel signed an agreement Dec. 30 that paved the way to full diplomatic relations.

"Rabin informed the Holy Father about his talks in Washington and explained everything that was said there," Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro Valls said after the meeting.

Navarro, who characterized Rabin's meeting with the Pope as "very cordial," said "the firm conviction was expressed by both parties about the necessity of doing whatever possible to further the peace process in the Middle East."

Rebbe Now In 'Very Critical' Condition

By PAMELA DRUCKERMAN

NEW YORK (JTA) — The Lubavitcher rebbe is unconscious and in very critical condition, according to a statement issued by his spokesman.

Doctors for Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, leader of the Lubavitch Chasidic sect, say the condition of the 91-year-old rebbe has deteriorated as a result of the stroke he suffered on March 10.

Schneerson was admitted to Beth Israel Medical Center after suffering what doctors described as a "massive stroke" to the right side of his brain. There had been no word on the extent of damage caused by the stroke until the results of diagnostic tests performed Wednesday morning were released.

Schneerson — who has led the movement since 1950 — had been bedridden at Lubavitch headquarters in Crown Heights since a stroke two years ago left him almost completely debilitated.

He is reportedly receiving medication and is under continuous monitoring.

Schneerson is the seventh leader of the Lubavitch sect, and has no heirs.

Arab Hints At More Than One Gun Man In Testimony Before Hebron Commission

By DVORAH GETZLER

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Appearing for the first time before the state commission investigating the Hebron massacre, a dozen Arab witnesses indicated that there may have been more than one gunman.

They did not, however, report having seen two people firing.

Their appearance before the official state commission of inquiry marked the reversal of a decision by Palestinians to boycott the hearings.

Last week two Israeli soldiers testified that Goldstein may have had an accomplice.

In this week's testimony, several Arab witnesses reported shots coming from more than one direction. One witness mentioned grenades having been thrown.

The two Supreme Court justices on the panel conducted most of the questioning, probing discrepancies between the latest statements and other testimony taken immediately after the events by police and civil rights investigators.

The two judges suspected prior coordination of the witnesses' testimony.

The commission is chaired by Chief Justice Meir Shamgar and includes another Supreme Court judge, an Arab District Court judge, an academic and a former army chief of staff.

The presence of Tuesday's witnesses is seen as the direct outcome of an appeal to them by the Palestine Liberation Organization, anxious to cooperate in this matter.

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## EDITORIAL

## Words Instead of Wars

During Passover we remember the plight of our ancestors who were slaves in Egypt and celebrate the freedom of our people. The relationship of the Jewish people with Egypt has changed significantly from the time of Pharaoh to the time of post-Sadat Egypt.

Yesterday in Washington, B'nai B'rith had scheduled a round table discussion "Fifteen Years of Peace: The Lessons of the Israeli-Egyptian Treaty for the Current Peace Process" featuring a former Secretary to Menachem Begin and a former Egyptian Ambassador to the United States. The 35th Annual AIPAC Policy Conference this month featured addresses by the Israeli Ambassador to the United States Itamar Rabinovich and the Egyptian Ambassador to the United States El Sayed. Egyptian diplomats are meeting with Jewish organizations because of a common cause against extremists. However, some distinct differences continue between Egyptian policy and Israeli policy.

For the past fifteen years Israel has had its first and only peace treaty with an Arab state. For some years the peace with Egypt was a cold peace. Recent news reports show such warming trends as more contact between Egyptian academics and their Israeli counterparts, increased trade between Egypt and Israel, and a warmer editorial stance in the Egyptian press towards Israel.

Egypt has worked to move forward the peace process between Israel and the Palestinian people. Mubarek has hosted Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and PLO Chairman Yasir Arafat in Cairo to encourage process on the implementation of the September 13 Declaration of Principles. The example of Egypt provides a model that Syria might follow.

Skeptics point to the fact that Egypt pursues a pro-peace policy since it is heavily subsidized by the United States. Although Egypt encourages the PLO and Arab countries to be forthcoming in negotiations with Israel, Egyptian diplomats also advocate the Palestinian position to Israel. The Egyptian-Israeli relationship often seems to be one of tolerance rather than friendship.

In October 1973, over twenty years ago Egypt and other Arab parties were actively at war with Israel. The Egyptian army attacked Israel at the start of the Yom Kippur war. Today there are still terrorist acts directed against Israel by Arab groups within Lebanon, the Gaza Strip and the West Bank. Today Egypt talks with Israel. After the impasse over the Hebron massacre is resolved it seems likely that other Arab parties will return to the peace table. Even if as American Jews we do not agree with much of what Egypt has to say it is certainly preferable to the military conflict of recent history or the slavery of ancient days.

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"My number is A 3317, I am a Holocaust survivor"

-Branko Lustig, co-producer of the film 'Schindler's List' in a speech accepting an Oscar for best film

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"It is like giving a kosher certificate to pork ..."

-Rabbi Yeshoshua Scheinberger, head of an Israeli religious medical organization, criticizing the certification by Rabbi Moshe Blau of cigarettes, a harmful product, as kosher for Passover.

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"If we allow ourselves to be cowed by an American Jew film director-producer, then to me, this is the worst form of American imperialism."

-Manuel Morato, chief censor of the Philippine Movie and Television Review and Classification Board, objecting to a 30 second lovemaking scene in "Schindler's List."

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"Nobody kept it a secret. It was a badge of honor. Everybody talked about it."

-Betty Shabazz, widow of Malcolm X accusing Louis Farrakhan of being involved in her husband's murder.

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"We won. We're here. We had children, and they gave us grandchildren and I stand here and say to myself, it's 1994 and you're here, alive. Who would believe it?"

-Henrik Lichtenson, one of Schindler's Jews, at a screening of "Schindler's List" for fellow survivors.

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"She panicked retroactively."

-Ralph Nurenberger, staff director, Builders for Peace, who told his mother after the fact he had met with Arafat in Tunis.

## A Friend of Israel

To the Editor:

The recent violence in Israel must cause us all to wonder at how fragile the peace is. The violent response to the Hebron massacre, which the vast majority of Jews condemn, raises a question of peaceable intent. Perpetrators of Jewish aggression are few, although it is said opportunities are great, yet large numbers of Palestinians participate in frequent violence, and have done so for the entire history of Jewish existence. Those who want peace have been willing to overlook and excuse Palestinian provocations. Has the same been offered in return? The demand is made to remove settlers: primarily the militant settlers, but eventually all settlers. Have Palestinians ever offered to remove the most violent of their own? How ready have they been to condemn the violence against Jewish innocents? Are the Palestinians being treated as badly as they treated the Jews after Trans-Jordan invaded and annexed the West Bank? That history is soaked in Jewish blood (and those Jews weren't throwing stones and stabbing civilians). Israeli rule, while not perfect, is far better than any Arab alternative. Jerusalem was never as open as today, and is far freer than any Arab city. Would we expect the Palestinians who cheered the incoming SCUDs not to help push Israel into the sea? No other country has dealt so kindly with such an internal threat. Land for peace? Although Jordan logically should supply land to their Palestinian brothers, what land has ever been offered, or even the claims relinquished, by the Arabs? No peace can ever be stable while there are unequal expectations. Israel wants peace with everyone. Palestinian peace, ultimately, means no Jews.

Who owns the land anyway? Most of the original Arabs were nomadic, and Jewish presence was limited by horrible treatment and frequent expulsions. But when Jews returned and created economic opportunities, Arabs flooded in also. So many "displaced" Arabs in '48 didn't meet UNRWA guidelines that the provision for longevity was changed to include them. Who then is really indigenous? Is it thus Arab land? Where was the Palestinian identity before the '67 war? If one looks at the way all other world powers have acquired their land, Israel has just as much right to the disputed areas.

But for the Jew, there is a more fundamental reason to support Israel. Whose land is it? Lev. 25:23 reads, "...for the land is Mine; you are but strangers resident with Me." Deut. 4:20, "but you (Israel) the LORD took...to be His very own people." Num. 26:52,53, "The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 'Among these (Israel) shall the land be apportioned.' The land is G\_d's, and He has given it to Israel, His people. Although displaced for a season, the prophecies indicate that Israel would once again be in the land. For those of great faith, we are even assured Israel would again "feed" in Bashan and Gilead (Micah 7:14) — the Golan and the EAST Bank! Fear not — Israel will not be displaced. Aliya, support for Israel, and a zeal like the early Zionists, are needed now, more than ever.

Sincerely,  
David Hauke  
Newark

(Mr. Hauke is a non-Jewish supporter of Zionism)

## OPINION

# Risky Business

By DOUGLAS M. BLOOMFIELD

President Clinton found himself in a classic "damned if you do and damned if you don't" situation over a controversial clause in last week's UN Resolution condemning the Hebron massacre.

The preamble repeated boilerplate language from previous Security Council resolutions referring to Jerusalem as occupied territory. The usual howls of protest were subdued this time because of some important developments: the American administration made its opposition clear, it did not vote for that passage, and it coordinated its position with the Israeli government.

Nonetheless, the Administration came under heavy Congressional pressure to veto the resolution. But the American and Israeli governments were convinced passage was essential to putting the peace talks with the Palestinians back on track.

After the UN vote, leading Jewish organizations publicly attacked the resolution, some criticizing the administration for failing to veto it, although privately many if not most had acquiesced to Clinton's decision.

When the president of AIPAC, Steve Grossman, earlier in the week told his group's annual gathering that the organization would not lobby for a U.S. veto, he was booed. Some who supported his position criticized Grossman for being so blunt, suggesting he should have done what Prime Minister Rabin did two days later from the same platform — declaring UN

resolutions on Jerusalem irrelevant and stopping at that.

Sources report that despite Grossman's and the organization's official decision not to press for a veto, once efforts in the U.S. Senate to pass a resolution and sign a letter urging the veto began building steam, Aipac encouraged senators to sign on in order to produce impressive support for Israeli sovereignty over its capital. Rabin had to be pleased because it strengthens his position in future negotiations.

For Clinton it was risky to ignore so much pressure to veto, but a risk well worth taking. First of all, he is not vulnerable on that account from Republicans because their past two presidents supported far worse resolutions and policies. In addition, Clinton made it clear he opposed the clause and Secretary of State Christopher and Vice President Gore announced that had it been in the body instead of the preamble, the United States would have cast a veto.

Should Clinton run into too much flack from pro-Israel constituents, Rabin would be obliged to vouch for him in even stronger terms than he did in Washington last week when he called the president "a great friend of the State of Israel."

Rabin never asked Clinton to block the resolution. In fact, he gave the president a very clear green light because both men felt it was a key to getting the talks back on track. They agreed that the Jerusalem language in the preamble was meaningless and to be disregarded.

If the Israeli-PLO talks resume soon and produce results, as most of those closest to the negotiations, including key Palestinians, now believe, this dispute should be forgotten and Clinton and Rabin will deserve credit for advancing the peace process.

In the view of some Israeli officials, the Senate action was driven by American electoral politics and pressure from conservative American Jews and Israelis opposed to the peace process. At least one former Israeli diplomat who is a Likud partisan was in Washington early last week lobbying friends on Capitol Hill and elsewhere to oppose the Israel-PLO accord.

But the issue goes much deeper. Support for Jerusalem is a consensus issue among Jews of all political persuasions, as religion and as Zionism. And it is something the Jewish community has worked hard to ingrain in its non-Jewish friends, particularly in the Congress. So it is easy to oppose what appears to be an assault on Jewish control of Jerusalem.

But what is overlooked this time that Jerusalem was not the real issue but a diversion by those who wanted to block the resolution in order to block the peace process. The truth is Israel and the U.S. agreed that the provisions in that UN resolution regarding Jerusalem would be ignored.

"Language like that meant nothing to us in the past and means nothing to us now. The principle for us was the peace talks must proceed. If this meaningless resolution is the price to be paid, fine. That language was unacceptable, but not worth stopping the peace process," said an Israeli diplomat.

"There has been a fundamental change of Israeli foreign policy from Likud to Labor, a shift from legalistic to realistic," he added. "The prior government used legalisms to sabotage the peace process. This one wants the

from across the country. Many are on the margins of organized Jewish life in America, but are making important contributions to American Jewish culture. Their contributions may not be through our synagogues, community centers or Federations, but rather in the concert halls, theaters, galleries productions studios, campuses and book stores of America. Steven Spielberg with his extraordinary "Schindler's List" is only the most recent and dramatic example. As a Jewish community, our challenge is to embrace these energies, not further marginalize them, because they are a key to our renewal.

Circling the wagons is exactly the wrong response to the openness of America. Yet this is exactly the dominant response of much of the organized Jewish community. The messages that are being sent out — in public meetings and in the Jewish media — are often unnecessarily defeatist and depressing implying that we are caught in the vortex of inexorable decline.

We need not be so defensive. Jewishness will continue to provide meaning to those of us who are looking for roots, community and a vision of a better tomorrow. We should feel fortunate that there are vehicles for communicating this meaning beyond the inner institutions of the Jewish community. Jewishness has broken out and now permeates American society. This is the positive side of acculturation, and we should take advantage of it.

As the largest, wealthiest, best educated and most successful Jewish community in the 4,000-year history of the Jewish people, we have the potential to become a great Jewish civilization. While we cannot predict what this civilization will look like, we know that it will not look like Eastern Europe and it will not look like Israel. It will look like America.

This is an exciting time to be a Jew in America. Let's stop beating up on ourselves and get on with the business of building the American Jewish community of the 21st century.

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peace process to succeed and hopes the adoption of this resolution will lead to an early resumption of the talks. It knows the future of Jerusalem will be determined by Israelis, not by the UN. We have proven we are willing to fight and die for Jerusalem."

The PLO apparently agrees on the value of such resolutions, because no sooner did the latest one pass than a spokesman complained that all previous pro-Palestinian UN resolutions have been ignored by Israel and the rest of the world. He is right. Unfortunately, that has done nothing to deter the PLO from insisting on more and more anti-Israel resolutions. If the PLO and its pals had devoted the same energy to making peace over the years, there's no telling how much good could have been accomplished.

Both Clinton and Rabin understood Arafat needed the UN resolution as a fig leaf to return to the negotiations, and they were willing to oblige, but they also made it clear that the covering foliage was transparent.

The U.S. originally insisted on a firm commitment from Arafat to return to the table upon passage of the watered-down resolution, but that proved as difficult as nailing Jello to the wall. They decided to go ahead anyway based on an agreement by Syria, Lebanon and Jordan to return to the talks next month. Secretary Christopher said that should give Arafat "strong impetus."

Shortly after the UN vote, Arafat met Israeli negotiators in Tunis and early indications are the talks will resume shortly with a desire on both sides to move quickly to implement the Declaration of Principles. That will be the best answer to critics of Security Council Resolution 280.

(Douglas Bloomfield is a prominent national commentator who came to Dover, Delaware earlier this year for an event connected with the 1994 "Live Jewish" Community Campaign organized by The Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD))

## Building The Jewish Community of the 21st Century

By RICHARD A. SIEGEL

I am frequently struck by how often the current discussions of Jewish continuity taking place within our communities are framed by metaphors borrowed from the world of pathology: "The community is in critical condition;" "We have to find an antidote to intermarriage;" "We need to immunize our children with intense experiences in Israel or day schools."

At the National Foundation for Jewish Culture, we too have been reflecting on Jewish continuity and, specifically, on the role culture plays in the future of the Jewish people. Although we acknowledge the disturbing trends tracked in the National Jewish Population Survey, we also see significant signs of health and vitality which are too often overlooked. After all, even according to the findings of the demographic surveys, there is a remarkably high rate of positive identification and satisfaction with being Jewish within the American Jewish population.

Temperature-taking aside, however, the question we need to ask ourselves is: Does America at the end of the 20th Century provide the conditions for the renewal of Jewish identity? Many in the Jewish community think not; I disagree, because I believe that America is a remarkable host, not just for Jews, but for Jewishness.

Writing about the opening of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, Leonard Fein observed "that we have reached a stage where so significant an institution can be both an Ameri-

can museum and a Jewish museum, a museum for Americans and for Jews." Spectacular as it is, however, the Holocaust Museum is really but one of a myriad of examples, large and small, that demonstrate the evolution of Jewishness from the margins to the mainstream of America.

In another arena, the NFJC was recently awarded a major Challenge Grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities toward the establishment of a \$2 million fund for Jewish Studies. This is an historic grant, marking the first time that federal funds have been granted to establish a national endowment for Jewish scholarship. More significantly, it reflects the American acceptance of Jewish Studies within the disciplines of the Humanities, a status that would have been unthinkable even 25 years ago.

More broadly, if we were to add the cultural productivity of our internal Jewish institutions — our museums, libraries, theaters, publishing houses, community centers, synagogues and schools — to the prodigious quantity of Jewish cultural expressions in the mainstream of America — programs on radio and television, feature films, newspaper and magazine articles, books, plays on Broadway and off, museum exhibitions, university courses — the volume of our Jewish cultural GNP, as well as its quality, would certainly rival any time or place in Jewish history. This is hardly a community in decline.

In the course of our work at the NFJC, we meet with artists, scholars and cultural leaders

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**STOP THE PRESSES**  
Late Breaking News

By DAN WEINTRAUB

Editor of The Jewish Voice

**MIDEAST BREAKTHROUGH**

According to an NBC news report a Norwegian proposal may have broken a logjam in the peace talks in the aftermath of the massacre in Hebron. The plan calls for a joint Palestinian and Israeli police force under Israeli control in Hebron, Jericho and the Gaza Strip. There would be an international U.N. force of 500 in Hebron and 1500 in Jericho and the Gaza Strip.

In an interview with Ted Koppel on the ABC news program 'Nightline' this week, Yasir Arafat suggested that a *lightly armed* police force was sought to protect Palestinians in the territories who he said felt threatened.

**POLLARD CLEMENCY DENIED**

The Washington Post reported that President Clinton denied clemency to Jonathan Pollard, a convicted spy. Pollard pleaded guilty in 1987 to passing classified documents to Israel while he was a U.S. Naval Intelligence analyst.

Clinton reportedly said the "enormity" of his crime and the "considerable damage" it caused meant Pollard's sentence should not be reduced.

Although some regional Jewish groups had pressed for clemency the issue never took on urgency as an issue for the national Jewish community. Those who supported clemency did so on humanitarian grounds.

## OPINION

# Democracy Is The Answer To Troubled History

By **TERRY DANNEMANN**

Special to the Jewish Voice

The massacre in Hebron was a very shocking and tragic occurrence. It was a sad day for Israel, for the world, and especially for all Jews. We deplore this violent act and extend our heartfelt condolences to the families of the slain.

One can well understand the anger and the sorrow of the Arabs. Less understandable is their attempt to extend the blame from one obviously disturbed individual to all Israelis and to all settlers. Thousands of armed settlers have been living in the West Bank and Gaza and they have used arms for self defense only.

An individual going berserk is not unfortunately an unusual act and it has been happening everywhere including in the United States. It is most important for everyone to remember that this was an act of an individual, not

government directed and sanctioned terrorism.

To put this into perspective it is important to remember a little of very recent history. For almost 20 years, before the Six-Day war, Gaza and West Bank were in Arab hands. They used these territories to infiltrate into Israel and kill hundreds of innocent civilians. These acts were directed by Arafat, Hamas, Fatah and various Arab governments. Acts of murder and terrorism against Israelis, Jews in general, and fellow Arabs who wanted to live in peace with Israel, are too numerous to list. To mention just a few one must remember the bombing of an Istanbul synagogue where 22 people were killed, the abduction of children from a school, the bombing of a French-Jewish restaurant in Paris, the murder of an American citizen on a pleasure cruise, the bombing of Pan Am 103, and so on. In none of the above instances did the Arabs express sorrow or shock. As a

matter of fact each successful attack was cheered and celebrated.

It is therefore hoped that the Arabs will not use this tragedy to stop the peace process and make demands for more and more concessions. Israel is doing everything possible to stop terror and to implement the agreement reached in Oslo.

If Arafat and the Arabs are just as interested in peace and coexistence they can show this best by going forward with the accord and work towards creating a democracy in the territories which will be under their jurisdiction. This would create a lot of good will and confidence in Israel. After all democracies don't fight one another. Israel would welcome another democracy in the Middle East.

It is important for us not to overreact and pressure Israel into concessions which might be harmful to Israel's security interests. It is also important for Israel not to overreact. As Mr.

A.M. Rosenthal said so well in his New York Times editorial on March 1, 1994: "After the massacre the Arabs ask for more concessions as the price of negotiation. For the West or Russia to back the demands would be cynicism and cowardice." Further Mr. Rosenthal said: "But for Israel to agree would be an even greater error. Israel would then become party to a judgment of moral equivalence that would deny the worth of Israel as a democratic nation, set alone among the dictatorships of the Middle East."

"Israel has done more than its best to show how anxious they are to live in peace with all their neighbors. It is now definitely up to all the Arabs to show their good will."

(Terry Dannemann, a Dover based community leader, is a member of The Jewish Voice Editorial Committee and is active with the American Israel Political Affairs Committee)

## Must Israel Let Its Guard Down To Achieve Peace? (Part II)

(Part Two of 'Must Israel Let Its Guard Down To Achieve Peace')

By **Rabbi LEONARD B. GEWIRTZ**

Rabbi Emeritus at AKSE

An examination of the recent negotiations in the peace-process will bear out my thesis that Israel seeks peace, but a durable peace which can be defended against terrorist sneak attacks. From two dispatches in the N.Y. Times, one from Cairo, February 9th, and one from Jericho, February 10, 1994, it can be seen how carefully Israel must move to protect her national interests. It must be remembered that the N.Y. Times shares the ubiquitous prejudices against Israel that she is dragging her feet. The headline the week before (Feb. 2, 1994) read, "ISRAEL AGAIN DASHES HOPES OF EARLY DEAL" with the P.L.O., with the subtitle: "Roller-coaster talks on self-rule take another dip." Surely the "Times" in its daily reports cannot be accused of being pro-Israel. They claim they try to be objective in the presentation of the news.

The headline on the front page, dateline Cairo February 9, "ISRAEL-PLO DEAL SOLVES KEY ISSUES IN SELF-RULE PLAN" ... some details left out ... Peres and Arafat Initial an Accord After Weeks of Intensive Talks." "Said Peres, 'what we call security the

Palestinians call dignity, and what we call dignity they call security'."

From this dispatch alone we can see how involved and complicated the details are. "Mr. Arafat and Mr. Peres initialed one three-page document on principles, to be called *The Cairo Document*, and a separate eight-page agreement on details. The also initialed maps and shook hands to scattered applause at the Al-Ita-hidiya Presidential Palace"...

"Mr. Rabin told the Egyptian leader, Mubarak, there was still a lot to be done, according to an official from the Prime Minister's office."

On the following day, the dispatch from Jericho gave some details of the Cairo Document and what the separate eight pages contained. We see how deeply Israel is concerned about security in the days after the peace process is completed.

Since capturing the territories in the 1967 war, Israel has asserted her need for strict border searches, especially of the thousands of travelers crossing the Allenby Bridge each year. What the Israelis consider a security necessity, Palestinians regard as insensitive procedures that often leave them feeling humiliated.

Under the Cairo agreement travelers cross-

ing the border with Jordan or with Egypt will enter a terminal made-up of two wings — one serving Israelis and others journeying to Israel, and the other wing for Palestinian travelers heading to Gaza or the West Bank.

"Overall responsibility for the terminal rests with an Israeli director general. The 'Israeli Wing' will be solely in Israeli hands ... The 'Palestinian Wing' will be jointly manned ... to answer to the Israeli terminal director."

"Inspection procedures are made to guarantee Israel security with Jericho and Gaza residents, the Israeli are supposed to be 'invisible' monitoring movements electronically behind partitions. But they will be able to conduct hands-on inspections of other suspicious travelers, opening luggage and taking suspects into a side room for more detailed searches. Thus, Israel remains in charge of 'external security' during the planned five years of self-rule."

"The agreement calls for a review of security arrangements after each year."

Recognizing that Hamas or other terrorists are able to slip into Israel surreptitiously to commit their murderous acts, it is understandable why Israeli negotiators are so cautious in making conditions for a lasting and permanent peace.

Still to be settled are important details about the 15,000 Palestinian police force and its relationships with the Israel Army. Among the unanswered questions are: Can the Israel Army in hot pursuit of a Palestinian suspected of killing a settler, chase him into a Gaza refugee camp? Or must it turn the job over to the Palestinian police, even though many Israelis assume that the hunt would then stop.

Other important areas pertaining to civil jurisdiction remain unclear. Mr. Rabin said: "I hope a month will be enough. It could take a little more. Remember, in our eyes there are no sacred dates."

An Arab grocery store owner said: "When Rabin says one month, it means the Israelis don't want peace. Why delay and delay?"

"What we call security, the Palestinians call dignity."

Israel desires a *secure lasting peace*. Peace is not only in grand principles. It is carried out in careful details, granting both sides fairness and lasting security. Israel must protect its national interests and its right to survive as a nation among nations.

(This concludes part two of a two-part series titled 'Must Israel Let Its Guard Down To Achieve Peace?')

## The Empowerment Of Women As Religious Leaders For The 21st Century

By **Dr. ALFRED GOTTSCHALK**

President, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion

The Anglican Church's ordination of women in Great Britain last week represents an important step in women's rights. It recalls the historic moment 22 years ago when I had the privilege of ordaining Rabbi Sally F. Priesand as the first woman rabbi in America.

That moment marked a turning point in Jewish history. Despite a last minute attempt by a faculty delegation to sway the course of history, fearing that this ordination would be divisive and contrary to world Jewry, justice prevailed. An all male faculty signed Rabbi Priesand's *smicha* (certificate of ordination). It was just, timely and necessary.

As a College-Institute pioneer, Rabbi Priesand opened the way for the empowerment of women in Reform Judaism and the Jewish clergy. Our recognition of women's rights led eventually to the ordination of women in rabbinic programs of the Reconstructionist and Conservative seminaries. We support the enhancement of women's rights in Jewish liturgical life within the Orthodox branch of Judaism, as well.

This historic development in the modernization of American religious leadership fulfilled the vision of our founders — Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise and Rabbi Stephen S. Wise. When Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise opened his Hebrew Union College in 1875 in Cincinnati and welcomed its 16 freshmen, one of them was a young girl, Julia Ettlinger.

Rabbi Wise wrote in his newspaper, *The Israelite*, (October 29, 1875), "We would glory in the fact of having an earnest and learned female rabbi to encourage our daughters to take more interest in the preservation, propagation and elevation of Judaism."

When Rabbi Stephen S. Wise established the Jewish Institute of Religion, women were included in the student body. His response to the 1922 CCAR resolution to accept women into the Reform rabbinate was "we shall make provisions for them as soon as possible..."

It was our founders' hope that the rabbinic leadership of American Jewry would transmit the prophetic tradition of our faith through a progressive conception of Judaism reflective of, and responsive to, modernity. And it is a fundamental reality of our modern society that women are fully entitled to equal rights and

equal opportunity, and equal responsibility.

Some facts and figures, reflecting the dramatic changes during these intervening years, are heartening to those committed to religious leadership development for the 21st century.

-the College-Institute has ordained 204 Reform women rabbis to date, and women currently make up 47% of the students in the rabbinic program;

-women were admitted to our School of Sacred Music in 1971, the first woman cantor was invested in 1975, ninety-five women cantors have been invested to date, and the over half the students in our cantorial program today are women;

-women make up 1/3 of our graduate studies student body;

-over 2/3 of the students in our Education and Jewish Communal Service programs are women;

-the rabbinic, cantorial, education, communal service, and graduate study classes admitted this year are the largest in over a decade; the number of applicants to these programs has been increasing each year; and more and more extremely well qualified, motivated, and talented women are opting for religious leadership, Jewish education and communal service as a career choice.

Reform Judaism has witnessed yet another historic ordination — the ordination of Rabbi Naamah Kelman-Ezrahi as the first woman to become a rabbi in the State of Israel. In

defending her ordination, I wrote to the Chief Rabbinate of the State of Israel: "I am totally and irrevocably committed to the ordination of women as rabbis. Progressive Judaism has long championed the equality of men and women in religious life. Consequently, no opportunity of service to the Jewish People should be closed to women on the basis of gender alone."

Rabbi Kelman, among the 14 alumni of our Israel Rabbinic Program, 2 of whom are women, will contribute to the growth of religious pluralism and liberal values in the Jewish State. Our actions impelled the Masorati movement, the Conservative movement in Israel, to ordain its first woman rabbi last year.

Today, our alumnae serve congregations, large and small, throughout the world. Our alumnae reinforce Jewish identity for college youth as Hillel directors and rabbis on campuses across the country.

They inspire our communal and educational centers and agencies toward innovation and creativity in outreach to the unaffiliated and the interfaith family. They provide chaplaincy for the military, hospitals and homes for the aged. They help provide relief for the hungry, the homeless and the afflicted.

Women are an integral part of our institution's academic programs and are at the forefront of Reform clergy and Jewish professional leadership for the 21st century.

# NATIONAL • INTERNATIONAL

## United Nations Resolution Condemned On Jerusalem Reference

By MITCHELL DANOW

NEW YORK (JTA) — The mayor of Jerusalem, members of Congress and nearly every major American Jewish organization have weighed in with immediate criticism of U.N. Security Council Resolution 280.

Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert sent a letter to President Clinton expressing "shock and disappointment" that the U.S. government did not veto the U.N. resolution.

The letter, which was released on Sunday, stated, "This resolution, which is intended to entice the PLO back to the negotiation table, will in fact create serious obstacles in the peace process" by raising "false and unrealistic expectations on the part of the Palestinians regarding the future of Jerusalem."

"The people of Israel will refuse to support any move that raises doubts as to the status of Jerusalem as the united capital of the State of Israel."

"As mayor of Jerusalem, and on behalf of all Jerusalemites, I have to express to you my deep disappointment that you did not instruct (U.N.) Ambassador (Madeleine) Albright to prevent the adoption of this resolution," the letter said.

The resolution, which was passed last Friday — three weeks after the mass murder of at least 29 Palestinians at a Hebron mosque — criticized the killings, called for measures to guarantee that Palestinians be protected in the future and for the speedy implementation of the self-rule accord signed last September in Washington.

But the resolution's preamble contained language regarding Jerusalem that Jewish leaders found impossible to swallow.

Within hours of the resolution's passage, condemnation of the resolution's language was issued by leading Jewish organizations, including the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, B'nai B'rith, the Zionist Organization of America and the American Zionist Movement.

Referring to "territories occupied by Israel in June 1967, including Jerusalem," the preamble's avowal that Jerusalem was occupied territory flew in the face of a prime dictum of the Israeli and American Jewish leadership — that Jerusalem is the eternal and undivided capital of Israel.

In a compromise formula worked out before the resolution came to a vote, the United States was able to abstain on this and another paragraph of the preamble while being able to approve the resolution as a whole.

In addition to abstaining on the paragraph about the status of Jerusalem, the United States abstained on a second paragraph that said the Hebron attack "underlines the need to provide protection and security for the Palestinian people."

A paragraph in the main body of the resolution, which the United States supported, called for an international presence in the territories, "which was provided for in the declaration of principles" that formed the basis of the Palestinian self-rule accord.

Israeli officials have supported the

idea of an unarmed international presence in the territories, stressing that this was a point already negotiated in the declaration of principles, which was signed in Washington in September.

While the United States twice abstained during the voting, the 14 other members of the Security Council voted for every paragraph in the resolution.

During their negotiations leading up to the Security Council vote, American officials had operated on the belief that passage of the resolution was key to restarting the Israeli-PLO negotiations, which were halted by the PLO after the Hebron murders.

And indeed, the U.S. approach did bear fruit. Following the resolution's passage, U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher announced at a hastily called news conference that Syria, Jordan and Lebanon had agreed to return to Washington next month to resume negotiations with Israel.

U.S. officials also believed that the PLO would now resume negotiations.

The three Arab states, like the PLO, had broken off the talks following the Feb. 25 Hebron incident.

But in its strategy at the United Nations, the United States had adopted an ends-justifies-the-means approach toward the resolution — a tactic sharply attacked not only by the American Jewish leadership but also by members of Congress.

(Contributing to this report was JTA correspondent Michele Chabin in Jerusalem.)



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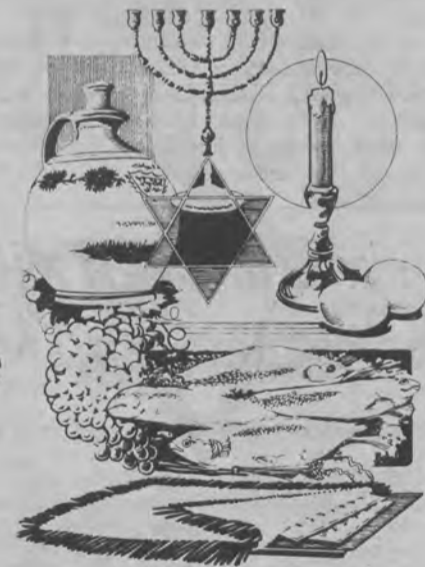
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## NATIONAL • INTERNATIONAL

## Orthodox American Jews Call For Support of Victims of Arab Violence

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF  
WASHINGTON (PNR) — In two powerfully displayed full-page advertisements in The New York Times March 18, Orthodox American Jews called upon Arabs to deplore Arab killing of Israelis as Jews deplore killing of Arabs and appealed for funds to help the families of Jewish victims of Arab violence.

With their full names surrounding

their message, 1,700 students from 22 Yeshiva high schools on the East Coast "vigorously" deplored the killing at Hebron Feb. 25 but expressed distress by the silence of Arab leaders when Jews are violence victims.

"As students in Orthodox Yeshiva High Schools, we pray for the peace and security of all who live in the Middle East and vigorously deplore the massacre in the Tomb of the

Patriarchs," the students said. "We identify with responsible religious leaders in Israel who, despite their divergent political views, unite in their expression of horror and condemnation of the killings."

"At the same time," their message added, "we are distressed by the silence of Arab leaders in the face of wanton violence against Jews. We call upon them to deplore Arab violence against Jews, just as we deplore Jewish violence against Arabs."

Giving their address as P.O.B. 563, Teaneck, N.J., 07666, their advertisement said "We, the 1,700 students whose names appear, hail from twenty-two Yeshiva High Schools on the East Coast. We paid for this message and coordinated our efforts through Students for Israel."

The other advertisement in Hebrew and English languages attributed to "World Committee for Israel" carried photos of 18 of the 33 Israelis murdered since the Israeli-PLO agreement of Sept. 13 under the headline "We Deplore All Violence."

"If we must mourn, let us also mourn for these; if we must cry, let us also cry for these," the advertisement said, "because no one else in the whole world will cry for them! Not Arafat, not the U.N., Not the presidents of countries. No one, but we, who suffer along with them."

The address given was 181-22 Union Turnpike, Suite 73, Fresh Meadows, N.Y., 11366.

Except for a handful of extremists, Jews in Israel and the territories of all

stripes of political and religious persuasion deplored the massacre at Hebron immediately and forcefully. The Government of Israel has offered compensation to the families of the victims in the massacre at Hebron.

In his address to the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee's 35th annual conference March 15, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said: "This

murder (Hebron) is foreign to Judaism and has shamed the Jewish people and Zionism. At the same time, we cannot forget the murderous bloody acts of terrorist fanatics who stood in prayer in the synagogues of Istanbul, Paris, Amsterdam and Rome. The same denunciation should have been expressed by the Arab parties; however, most remained silent."

## Pope To Host Concert To Commemorate Holocaust

On the evening of April 7, when Jews throughout the world begin the observance of Yom HaShoah memorializing the six million Jewish victims of the Nazis, Pope John Paul II will host a Papal concert in commemoration of the Holocaust.

The landmark event is an historic first for the Vatican.

Among the major sponsors of the concert, which will be televised worldwide, are the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC), the National Council of Catholic Bishops in the United States and the Tilles Center for the Performing Arts of Long Island University. The event has also been endorsed by the International Jewish Committee on Interreligious Consultations and the Vatican's commission for Religious Relations With the Jews, the British Council of Christians and Jews and other organizations and religious leaders here and abroad.

Among those attending with Pope

John Paul II will be Rabbi Elio Toaff, Chief Rabbi of Rome, and an invited international audience of Catholics and Jews, including Holocaust survivors, according to Rabbi Gary Bretton-Granatoor, director of the UAHC's Interreligious Committee.

"This concert will serve as a symbol of reconciliation between the Roman Catholic Church and world Jewry," he said. "It also represents dramatic Vatican acknowledgment and renunciation of the hideous crime of genocide directed against the Jewish people 50 years ago."

The artistic director and conductor for the concert is Gilbert Levine, conductor of the Krakow Philharmonic, who will lead Britain's Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and international soloists in a program that includes Leonard Bernstein's "Kaddish," Gustav Mahler's "Songs on the Death of Children" and Franz Schubert's "Psalm 92," sung in Hebrew.



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# Councilman Cecil Visits Israel

By JORDAN SOPINSKY  
*Jewish Voice Intern*

New Castle Councilman Richard C. Cecil spent February 5-14 in Israel, through the combined efforts of Project Interchange and The National Association of Counties, as well as The Embassy of Israel. Cecil was able to participate in a rigorously scheduled seminar which offered him the opportunity to exchange ideas with Israeli counterparts, debate current problems, and obtain a better understanding of the type of strategic and

security issues Israel faces in its pursuit of peace. Councilman Cecil rated his trip to Israel at the top of his list of experiences in attending both domestic and foreign seminars.

While in Israel Cecil met with new immigrants from Ethiopia and the former Soviet Union. He met with Palestinian and Israeli Arab leaders. He also had discussions with trade experts and business leaders. Other stops included tours to sites of religious and historical significance.

Cecil, who has represented New

Castle County's Second District for seventeen years, told The Jewish Voice, "I did have quite a trip." The Councilman remarked over the wonder of reading the Bible and seeing the places described therein. He hopes to return with his wife another time. Finally, Cecil wished to express to his friends in the Jewish community his hope that ties between Israel and the United States grow stronger.

(Dan Weintraub contributed to this article)

# Toumarkine Family Education Forum To Address Gender Issues

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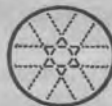
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-Dr. Linda Hughes, Ph D (University of Delaware)

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It is time to remember that the freedom we as a people gained through our exodus from Egypt came before Mount Sinai and our receiving of the Ten Commandments. Without it, the achievements of each of us and those of our people would not be possible, for we are the children of that freedom.

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# U of D Students Study In Israel

By CELIA GANS

Special To The Jewish Voice

Photographs spilled across the Hillel House Social Hall's tables from handsome albums, from well-worn photo shop envelopes and from elegant scrapbooks. Hundreds of treasured reminders of the whirlwind

between January 1 and January 31, 1994, being shared at the Sunday, March 12th reunion by most of the 28 University of Delaware sophomores, juniors and seniors who participated in the sixth Political Science-Sociology Winterim Course "The Social and Political Institutions

of Israel."

Each photograph was worth a thousand words: course co-leader Dr. Marian Palley (Political Science) asleep on the flight to Israel; a camel in Eilat with its head thrown back and mouth agape; hikers along the trails of the Red Canyon (Course co-leader Dr. Vivian Klaff (Sociology) seeming to hang in space over a chasm miles below); a scuba diving group at the Red Sea; cityscapes filled with Israel's diverse population; the Pillars of Fire, Yad Va'shem, the Judean desert, Metullah, a *nahal* on a border, a Project Renewal Community Center in Holon.

After two informal meetings on campus to review their itinerary, and a sleepless flight into Lod Airport, the students arrived with open minds and empty stomachs. Falafel from the outdoor cafes on Jerusalem's Ben Yehuda Street filled the stomachs. Lectures and classes filled the minds. Conducted by their U. of D. professors and by representatives from the Knesset, the Jewish Agency and Hadassah Hospital, the sessions

focused on Israel's health care system, its political life, its immigration resettlement programs and its agricultural policies. On bus tours to Israel's national monuments, guides taught students about Israel's past — from the Bible to the new Hebrew University campus on Mt. Scopus.

One week in the Jerusalem area followed by two weeks of touring the country from top to bottom, followed by another week in Jerusalem. Some-

how, they found time to maintain the required Daily Logs. And always they found time to take photographs.

After Sunday's reunion, students will complete and turn in the course's required paper. One student will describe her experiences to others through a New Castle County Nutritional Services program on Israeli Society and *Kashrut*. Other students



University of Delaware Students In Israel.

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asked for American or any other country's troops for help and that they only desire the right to defend themselves. There is an arms embargo in effect against Bosnia. It was first enacted against all of Yugoslavia, but after Yugoslavia broke up, it was never lifted. The Serbs possessed most of the weapons of the former Yugoslav army, and as a result the Bosnians cannot defend themselves.

"What is happening in Bosnia is an aggression from Serbia in order to create Greater Serbia," Musanovich explained. "It is not a civil war based on ethnic hatred." She felt that the Western powers have soothed their consciences by sending humanitarian aid but that the only intervention supplied was "on the side of the aggressor by depriving us of the right to self-defense."

## Bosnian Diplomat Speaks

By JORDAN SOPINSKY

Jewish Voice Intern

On Wednesday evening, March 16, Aima Musanovic, advisor to the Bosnian Embassy, spoke to students



Aima Musanovic

at the University of Delaware at an educational fundraiser called Bosniaid. The event was organized by Hillel and other student groups.

Musanovich was able to leave Sarajevo on a Red Cross envoy in November 1992 but she was moved to tears as she recalled awakening to the sound of flying shells in April 1992. "In the beginning," Musanovich said, "you cry after your friends and relatives. Then you cry after your favorite buildings, and after that you cry for your favorite tree which was cut down for heat."

After quoting the United Nations Charter 51, which gives independent nations the right to defend themselves against outside aggression, Musanovic said that they have never



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## Jewish Studies At The University of Delaware Expanding Through Chaiken Gift

By PRISCILLA W. SIEGEL

The Jewish Studies program at the University of Delaware, instituted in 1990, recently received an additional boost through a significant gift from Frank and Yetta Chaiken of Wilmington. This gift has made possible the creation of a physical center for the Jewish Studies program, a facility which will house the director, a half-time administrative staff person, a resource center, and a place where students can gather. Located on South College Avenue the Jewish Studies Center is in the planning stages, with a grand opening scheduled for the fall.

Professor Sara Horowitz, director of Jewish Studies at the University of Delaware, is excited about the new space and believes the Center "will serve as the impetus for the program to grow...It will certainly give the Jewish Studies program visibility on the campus."

Horowitz is pleased, too, that the University administration is supportive and committed to the Jewish Studies program, especially in light of the current tight economic climate. Dr. Mary Richards, Dean of the College of Arts and Science, is very positive about Delaware's support of the program. "We are pleased," she affirmed, "to have an opportunity to build in this area. It's important to educate students about cultures other than their own...We hope to make something special of the Chaiken gift — we envision a center where students will feel comfortable gathering and holding informal discussion groups. And we hope to expand the program so that we attract a greater clientele to the classes and see about expanding to one more faculty position. But we need to see if we have the demand. We will make a great effort to raise the visibility of the program."

Dean Richards hopes that the strengthened Jewish Studies program will not only have an impact on students, but on the community at large. Noting that Philip Roth will give a talk on the campus under the sponsorship of the Jewish Studies program (with additional Delaware Humanities Forum support), Richards said, "we encourage the community to attend the Roth lecture on April 20, and we will work with Sara to publicize the event."

Reflecting on the importance of a Jewish Studies program on the University campus, Professor Horowitz observed that "Jewish culture has a long and rich history of intellectual work in texts that should be taught in a university — texts that are central to the development of Western civilization. The Hebrew Bible, for example, underlies our notions of ethics and laws. Also, minority groups should find a reflection of their own cultures within the university setting. For non-Jewish students, many don't know much about Jewish culture, and this is a way to find out who Jews are — it's a way to develop mutual

tolerance and respect on campus."

Horowitz believes that an expanded program, which projects more courses and Jewish Studies internships, will attract students. Current course offerings tend to fill to capacity, with Jewish students comprising about one-half of the enrollments, and winter sessions in Israel always having waiting lists. By next fall, the registration catalog will be cross-listing Jewish Studies courses, and academic departments are being encouraged to develop additional courses in this area.

The Yetta and Frank Chaiken endowment, in addition to providing for a center, will also support a lecture series. In speaking of their gift, Frank Chaiken said, "We felt that it was important for our young Jewish people to know about their heritage, and the richness of their people. College is the last academic opportunity we have to expose students to their cultural heritage, and if we don't catch them now, they'll be lost."

When asked why they chose to support Delaware's program, Chaiken responded, "In this region, both Penn and Maryland have strong Jewish studies programs, and Delaware with its Jewish student population of over 10% needed a stronger program...and besides, Yetta is a Delaware alumnus!"

Anyone interested in learning more

about the Jewish Studies program at the University of Delaware, or is interested in contributing materials

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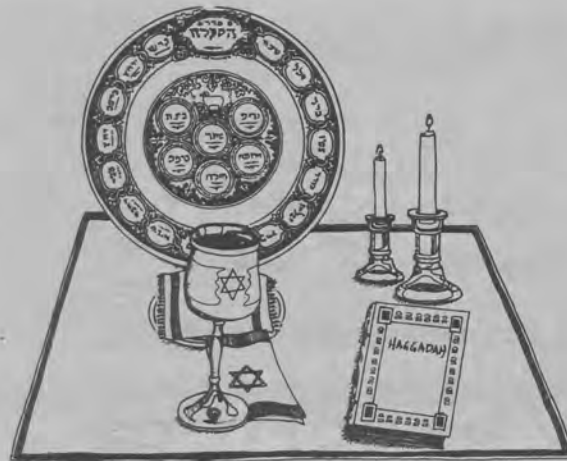
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Dr. Garfinkle will bring us the most current information on the Middle East Peace initiative and share his insights regarding the prospects for a real and lasting peace in the Middle East.

"Don't miss this opportunity," said a JCRC advertisement for the vent.

Dr. Adam Garfinkle is a resident scholar at the Foreign Policy Research Institute in Philadelphia and director of the Institute's Middle East Council. He has taught Middle East politics at the University of Pennsylvania and Haverford College and is the author of numerous books and essays on the Middle East, international politics and foreign policy. Previously he worked as an aide to Alexander Haig and Senator Henry Jackson and as a consultant for several U.S. government agencies.

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The agreement provides for the existing DTCC statewide communi-

cation network to support the connection of Delaware's major public and academic library information systems. Delawareans will have access to the network in their local library or by dialing into their local library system from school, home, and office computers. The DTCC statewide communication network will also provide libraries access to the Internet, one of the largest information networks in the world.

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Israeli Music Stars

**NOA and BROZA** Attracting U.S. fans

By CANTOR SCOTT BORSKY  
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For much of modern Israel's brief musical history, Israeli singers were rarely well-known outside of their country. This year, two Israeli musical superstars are seeking fame outside of the Holy Land. With high expectations of success, Achinoam Nini, popularly known as Noa, and David Broza have released debut American albums. Both albums deserve much attention not only because it's extraordinary that Israeli

performers are attempting to achieve American popularity, but because the albums happen to be wonderful.

It's difficult to classify Noa's self-titled album into a specific musical category, such as pop or rock. Her record company calls the recording "a lovely sophisticated pop/jazz/twist-of-exotic album." The recording is definitely all that — and more.

Noa, her debut international album, contains 11 emotionally powerful songs (8 English, 3 Hebrew). The lyrics are intelligently written;

the melodies and musical production are extraordinarily captivating. The centerpiece, however, is Noa's voice. Her vocals are simultaneously beautiful, evocative and vibrant. Like few other singers recording today, her voice penetrates your soul.

"I try to embrace people's hearts," says Noa, "I want to reach out and have them love this music as I do." For Noa, singing beautifully is not a matter of style but a matter of the inner spirit. "For a long time, it was out of style to sing beautifully," says the openly, straightforward Noa. "It was almost synonymous to lack of depth and creativity. Somehow, though, greats like Barbra Streisand and Ella Fitzgerald did it and survived unscathed. To me, that is the essence. I'm undoubtedly a fool for beauty."

Noa, 24, was born near Tel Aviv. She and her family moved to New York City when Noa was a year old. With dreams of being a child star she began recording at age 12. "I sounded like a Yemenite Orphan Annie," recalls Noa. She later attended the famed High School of Performing Arts, singing and dancing in musicals. She also trained at the Alvin Ailey and Martha Graham Dance Centers.

Though in America almost since birth, she still didn't feel at home



David Broza

here. "I was raised in America," says Noa, "but didn't feel American. In the home I was raised Yemenite with the food, the music, the books, the culture. I wasn't finding my place."

Therefore, while still a teenager, she took a trip to Israel. Soon after, she moved there and finished high school. Upon graduation, she was drafted into the Army and assigned to an entertainment unit, the North-

em Command Ensemble, a USO-like vocal group that toured the country's military bases.

Like many of Israel's popular singers, Noa used the Army's vocal groups as a springboard to fame. While touring, Noa was noticed by renowned Israeli guitarist Gil Do and together they would record two magnificent and highly successful albums, mak-

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**NOA and BROZA**

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ing Noa a major star in Israel. The second is a live album recorded in Israel on the last day of the Gulf War. Dor was so excited about Noa that he called jazz great Pat Methany, who

later produced Noa (her third album) for Geffen Records.

Breaking down musical walls is important to Noa. She proudly notes that another woman named Noa "was the first feminist in the Bible. Her father owned land and, when he died, she was dispossessed. She went to Moses and confronted him. 'Hey, what do you mean?' And he gave her land back. She challenged the system. I like that."

It's obvious that the same strength of character motivates this modern Noa.

Though not as out-spoken or exotic as the youthful Noa, David Broza is equally, if not more, talented and successful.

Born in Israel, raised in Spain and schooled in Britain, Broza, 38, has been an Israeli superstar since the late 1970's. Beginning with the hit song "Things Will Be Better," inspired by Anwar Sadat's momentous visit to Israel, and climaxing with the 1983 Hebrew album "The Woman By My Side" (the most successful album in the history of the Israeli music industry), Broza continues to fill huge stadiums from Northern Haifa to Southern Eilat.

Since 1984, however, he has made his home in America. With two young children (he has since had a third) and his wife, working as his manager, Broza moved to Northern New Jersey. One of the reasons he gives for the move was that he wanted to experience, first-hand, the American music scene that greatly influenced his own song writing and performing as he grew up in Spain and Israel. Broza returned to a life he thought he left behind; that of a struggling singer-songwriter. Throughout the United States, he is fortunate to fill small clubs. "The change is rather striking," says Broza comparing America to Israel.

Despite what others may conclude as a setback, Broza is not complaining. He keeps up a feverish touring schedule all over America and is

slowly, but surely, attracting supportive and adoring audiences.

What has accelerated Broza's success in America is his folk/rock album "Time of Trains." The reviews of this album have been overwhelmingly positive, and deservedly so.

Aside from the wonderful English lyrics (which Broza adapted from new and intelligently written American poetry) and provocative self-penned melodies, Broza's music is driven by fiery vocals and blazing guitar.

Alternately gently, throaty, highly expressive and dripping with emotion, Broza's voice is a versatile instrument. His wide-ranging vocals are filled with passion.

As for his musicianship, Broza doesn't so much play the guitar as he does surround it and force it to surrender. He picks at it, he plucks it, he thumps it. He gets rhythms and sounds out of it that few others can. It is a truly impressive talent.



Noa

The end result is a unique album that is emotionally moving, and it is this album that should capture for Broza a wide American following.

As far as Broza is concerned: if he can make it here, he can make it anywhere. And there is little doubt that he will "make it" in America.

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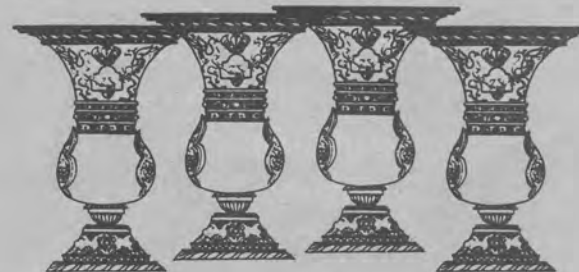
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The Italian writer Primo Levi fell to his death in his native city of Turin in 1987. He committed suicide. **PRIMO LEVI: THE MEMORY OF THE OFFENSE**, examines Levi's life before and after his internment in Auschwitz, the notorious Nazi death camp where he was imprisoned for a year, and explains how his experiences there turned a taciturn industrial chemist into an author often regarded as the greatest writer on the Holocaust.

**Wednesday, April 6, 8 p.m. WHY TV 12**  
**FOR THE LIVING**

**FOR THE LIVING**, airing Wednesday, April 6, at 8 p.m. on TV 12, documents the creation of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. The program takes viewers from concept and groundbreaking through opening ceremonies, including interviews with the people involved in creating this "living memorial" that has brought Holocaust history to an astounding 1.45 million visitors since it opened to the public in April 1993.

**Wednesday, April 6, 9 p.m. WHY TV 12**  
**THE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE AMERICA AND THE HOLOCAUST: DECEIT AND INDIFFERENCE**

In **AMERICA AND THE HOLOCAUST: DECEIT AND INDIFFERENCE**, airing Wednesday, April 6, at 9 p.m. on TV 12, **THE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE** presents a probing look at America's complex reaction to the Nazi campaign that annihilated six million European Jews during World War II. The story is framed by the moving tale of Kurt Klein, a German Jew who emigrated to America and struggled against a wall of bureaucracy at the State Department to free his parents.

The 90-minute film by Martin Ostrow weaves together interviews, official photos and documents, and archival film to explore the complex social and political factors that led the American government to turn its back on the plight of the Jews. Actor Hal Linden narrates.

**Saturday, April 9, 8:30 p.m. WHY TV 12**  
**MOVIE TERMINUS: THE LIFE AND TIMES OF KLAUS BARBIE**

**MOVIE TERMINUS: THE LIFE AND TIMES OF KLAUS BARBIE**, the Academy Award-winning documentary from Marcel Ophuls, spans 70 years and three continents to explore one of World War II's greatest mysteries. Klaus Barbie, a ruthless SS interrogator known as the "Butcher of Lyon," was implicated in 4,000 deaths and the deportation of 7,000 Jews from occupied France — and then he disappeared.

This four-and-one-half-hour film, culled from 120 hours of interviews, takes a chronological approach to trace the 40-year hunt for Barbie and his trial for war crimes. **MOVIE TERMINUS: THE LIFE AND TIMES OF KLAUS BARBIE** airs Saturday, April 9, at 8:30 p.m. on TV 12.

**Wednesday, March 30, 8 p.m. WHY TV 12**  
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**GREAT PERFORMANCES** recalls Vladimir Horowitz, the most celebrated pianist of the 20th century, in a stunning new portrait, **VLADIMIR HOROWITZ: A REMINISCENCE**, airing Wednesday, March 30, at 8 p.m. on TV 12. The program features new performance footage discovered by Mrs. Horowitz in the basement of the couple's townhouse, rare home movies and a candid commentary by his wife of 56 years.



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**Book Review:**  
**Jewish Cooking in America**

By DAN WEINTRAUB

Editor of the Jewish Voice

Joan Nathan's new book *Jewish Cooking In America* is a recipe book, a history book, a social commentary, and a story book. Over 300 kosher recipes would be a delicious enough reason to buy this book. But this comprehensive compendium is much more than a cook book, it is the story of the Jewish people in America.

Nathan explains the laws of kashrut in detail. She writes about Reform Judaism's Issac Mayer Wise's deemphasis of Jewish dietary practice. The "Treif Banquet" is recalled as a factor in the creation of Conservative Judaism.

Many American Jews profiled by Nathan would make a Hall of Fame of American food. The creators of Haagen Dasz Ice Cream, Fleishman Margarine, Breakstone Dairy Products, Lender's Bagels, and, can you believe this, Old Bay Seasonings were all American Jews.

More than 100 photographs and illustrations depict the delicatessens, dairy restaurants and dinner tables where American Jews have eaten. There are reproductions of old advertisements in Yiddish for brands such as Aunt Jemima pancakes, Maxwell House and Heinz.

Many recipes are borrowed from an array of Ashkenazic and Sephardic

traditions from around the world. The book chronicles everything from colonial era Jews frying fish in olive oil to today's Chicken with Sun-dried Tomatoes and Shiitake Mushrooms.

*Jewish Cooking In America* is where you will find Issac Bashevis Singer's Vegetarian Pate. Nathan writes about the kosherizing of the White House before the Camp David Peace Treaty dinner. Her book includes the story and recipe of Wolfgang Puck's Jewish Pizza.

Sample menus include Syrian Rosh Hashanah Dinner, Anarchist Vegetarian Meal, and Eastern European Friday Night Dinner. There is a chapter on Passover Tastes and Traditions so you could even pick up a copy of the book this week.

Joan Nathan is an author who contributes articles on ethnic food and holiday features for various publications. She previously worked for former Mayor Teddy Kollek in Jerusalem.



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**Words & Music:**  
**Garfunkel, Guys & Dolls**

By STEVE COHEN

It's a rare occasion when a well-known performer exceeds your expectations and sounds better than his usual standard. Even rarer is a case where he or she sounds better than ever before.

But that's exactly what we witnessed when Art Garfunkel appeared two Sundays ago at the Valley Forge Music Fair.

He sang with all the sweetness of the Simon & Garfunkel years, and with a power and passion that I've never heard from him.

He still has a full head of curly hair, and that boyish shyness which is his persona. With any other singer, audiences would get annoyed at Garfunkel's habit of tilting his head back during all his songs and staring blankly at a spot above the heads of everyone in the audience. But that posture fits his public character, and the crowd loved everything he did.

The sentimental Simon compositions like "Scarborough Fair" were lovely, of course. Up-tempo songs like "Cecelia" showed an energy level that was unexpected. And then he sang a couple of Simon songs not usually sung by him. They revealed a sensibility to lyrics that surprised most of us. Garfunkel also did a nice job with two quirky songs by Randy

Newman.

The best was still to come. The last time I heard him try "Bridge Over Troubled Water" he strained to make the high note in the last verse, and it was barely audible. This time he belted it out with fervor and with unusual carrying power. And he followed up with the most haunting sounds I've ever heard from Art or Paul on "The Sound of Silence."

It's a shame this concert wasn't taped.

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*Guys and Dolls* was first seen in this area in 1950, trying out at Philadelphia's Erlanger Theatre on its way to Broadway. The new production of *Guys and Dolls* just made its first appearance in the Delaware Valley at the Wilmington Theatre in the Hotel duPont.

This is a glorious revival, capturing all the fun and energy of the original which I saw as a teenager. Bouquets are due to the director and choreographer, and kudos to the costumer. The cast is full of brash New York types, matching the speech patterns of the show's creators, Frank Loesser (music and lyrics) and Abe Burrows (book.) I don't mean only that Loesser and Burrows wanted their characters to talk that way. It so happens that Loesser and Burrows, both bright and sophisticated, actually talked like hoodlums. Loesser even had the chance to play a New York mobster in a movie in 1951.

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*My Song Goes 'Round the World*

is the first and most famous motion picture made by the ill-fated cantorturned-movie singer, Josef Schmidt. It was filmed in Venice in 1933 with German dialogue and English captions, and has been lovingly restored and issued on videotape by Bel Canto Society.

The story is maudlin and seems improbable: an excellent tenor is not allowed to appear on stage because he is very short (less than five feet tall.) He is also unable to find a woman to love him because of his shortness. What makes the film memorable is the fact that this was Schmidt's true life story.

His voice won praise in the 1930's but he never had an operatic career. Schmidt was able to flee Germany but got only as far away as Switzerland where he was imprisoned (or "detained") as a man without a country. He died in that detention camp in 1944.

I was surprised to see that Schmidt was a very nice-looking man with a normally-proportioned body. He doesn't look the least bit dwarfish or freakish. It's hard to imagine why he couldn't have found fame in opera houses where short, stout tenors have been strutting for years.

Not only does *My Song Goes 'Round the World* show off Schmidt as good-looking, it also reveals a pleasant, modest personality and a bright voice with effortless delivery.

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**Spielberg Says 'Remember Holocaust' As He Accepts Awards For 'Schindler'**

By TOM TUGEND

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — Steven Spielberg made an emotional plea to not forget the Holocaust as he accepted one of the seven Academy Awards bestowed on his film, "Schindler's List."

There are 350,000 survivors alive, who can still bear witness to the Holocaust, said Spielberg, adding, "These are 350,000 experts who just want to be useful for the remainders of their lives. I implore all educators, do not let the Holocaust remain a footnote in history. Listen to the words, the echoes, the ghosts."

As expected, "Schindler's List," the powerful film about a German Nazi party member who saved 1,200 Jews during the Holocaust, dominated the 66th Academy Awards by taking the Oscars for best picture, director, adapted screenplay, art direction, cinematography, film editing and original musical score.

The triumph was sweet for the 46-year-old Spielberg, nominated as best director three times before without getting the nod.

In his two brief acceptance speeches, one as director, the other as co-producer of the best picture, Spielberg paid tribute to Poldek Pfefferberg (Leopold Page), one of the "Schindler Jews," who was instrumental in persuading Thomas

Keneally to write the book and Spielberg to make the movie. He also dedicated the film "to the 6 million who can't be watching among the 1 billion viewers tonight."

Even more dramatic were the acceptance remarks by the film's co-producer Branko Lustig. "My number is A 3317," he said. "I am a Holocaust survivor. It is a long way from Auschwitz to this stage. I saw many people die and their last words were, 'Be a witness to my murder. Tell the world how I died. Remember.'"

"I hope I have fulfilled my obligation to the 6 million Jews killed in the Shoah and to other Nazi victims," Lustig said.

As an odd sidelight to the global acclaim for "Schindler's List," it was revealed Monday that the government of Malaysia has banned the film, partially on the grounds that it is too sympathetic to the Jews and too beastly to the Nazis.

In a letter to the film's international distributor, the Malaysian film censor noted that "the story of the film reflects the privilege and the virtues of a certain race only."

After describing scenes showing Nazi brutalities against Jews, the censor objected that "it seems the illustration is a propaganda with the purpose of asking for sympathy, as well

as to tarnish the other (German) race."

A translated copy of the Malaysian letter was obtained by Neil Sandberg, director of the American Jewish Committee's Pacific Rim Institute, who protested in a letter to the

country's ambassador in Washington, Dato Abdul Majid Mohamed.

Sandberg asked for a reversal of the ban and said that the suggestion that "Schindler's List" is "a self-serving propaganda picture seeking to gain sympathy for the Jews is a moral outrage."

Regrets

☆ A typo in a headline on page 6 of the last issue mistakenly led to Kanefsky being spelled "Kagnefsky."  
☆ Beth Emeth's Sisterhood was inexplicably typed 'Beth el' in a headline on page 8.

☆ A photo caption of Rabbi Eliezer Sneiderman of Chabad House and Rabbi Stephen Booth of Hillel at U of D misidentified Rabbi Booth and misspelled Rabbi Sneiderman's first name. Rabbi Booth was pictured on the right.



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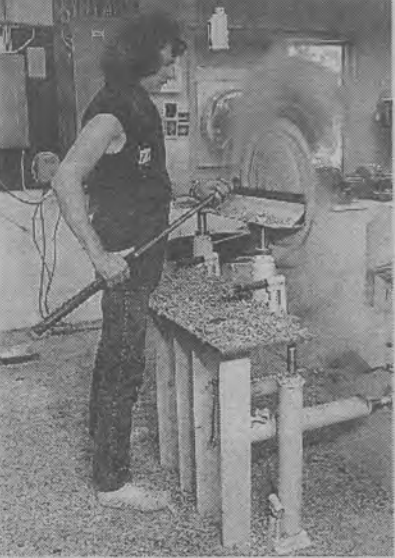
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Author Denounces Trivialization Of Devotion By Society

By Rabbi ROBERT L. WOLKOFF

The only thing below standard in Stephen L. Carter's *The Culture of Disbelief; How American Law and Politics Trivialize Religious Devotion* is the title. This important book is more about belief than disbelief, and less about how we trivialize religious devotion than about why we shouldn't.

Concerning belief, Carter brings evidence to show that an overwhelming majority of Americans are religious. 96% believe in God; 82% believe in miracles; 71% believe in life after death. Over 90% of our congressional representatives "say that they consult their religious beliefs before voting on important matters." While cynics might maintain that it hasn't helped, this only means that the decisions arrived at may be inappropriate. The process is the important thing.

So important, Carter maintains, that it has been enshrined in the First Amendment of the Constitution, having precedence over the crucial freedoms of press and speech. This was no accident. Even a renowned Deist like Jefferson could refer to religious freedom as "the most inalienable and sacred of all human rights."

We have an unfortunate tendency to view this freedom solely as a matter of individual choice — "You can believe what you want..." — with the historically unjustifiable corollary that such choices must not be allowed to enter the public sphere — "...just don't bother anybody else with it."

That, Carter convincingly demonstrates, is not what the Constitution is all about. The purpose of the First Amendment was precisely to allow for the creation of autonomous religious bodies that could act as a counterweight to the power of the state,

centers of resistance, so to speak, that would prevent the tyranny of majoritarian rule.

We have seen the positive effects of this autonomy in, among other things, the civil rights movement. Looking back on it, no one (you would want to spend any time with) would wish that "religions had minded their own business," that the moral concerns generated in churches and synagogues did not pervade the country's thinking, that the civil disobedience on buses and in restaurants had not taken place. No one would question the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s statement that "just law is a man-made code that squares with the moral law or the law of God" — giving priority, quite naturally, to the divine.

Today, by contrast, this is precisely what a large part of the thinking public maintains. Why the change? Carter answers with one word: abortion. In the struggle over that issue, we have allowed ourselves to malign, ridicule, and delegitimize the same principles that made the civil rights movement possible.

When John Cardinal O'Connor stated that Catholic politicians who supported abortion risked excommunication, his friend Ed Koch responded simply, "That's his job." But Koch was very much in the minority, and Cardinal O'Connor was raked over the coals.

If the year had been 1963, and his predecessor had said the same about Catholics who supported segregation, would the reaction have been the same? Hardly. It is his job, as it is the job of all religious organizations to stand for — to politically act on — what they believe in.

Believing deeply does not, of course, make a person or a group right. So, responds Carter, fight about the issue, not the right of the group

to act in accordance with its beliefs. To do so is to undercut the perhaps most crucial contribution American society has made to liberal democracy.

Unfortunately, that is precisely what is happening. "In contemporary American culture, the religions are more and more treated as just passing beliefs — almost as fads, older, stuffer, less liberal versions of so-called New Age — rather than as the fundamentals upon which the devout build their lives...And if religions are fundamental, well, too bad...if they're inconvenient, give them up! If you can't remarry because you have the wrong religious belief [a reference to the civil libertarian attack on a New York law requiring a get], well, hey, believe something else! If you can't take your exam because of a Holy Day [Yom Kippur], get a new Holy Day! If the government decides to destroy your sacred lands [Supreme Court allowed loggers to destroy a Native American sanctuary], just make some other lands sacred! If you must go to work on your [Jewish] sabbath, it's no big deal! It's just a day off! Pick a different one! If you can't have a blood transfusion because you think God forbids it [Jehovah's Witnesses], no problem! Get a new God! And though all of this trivializing rhetoric runs the subtle but unmistakable message: pray if you like, worship if you must, but whatever you do, do not on any account take your religion seriously."

But religion is by definition serious, a compulsion from a source higher than the believer. This does not square well with the "neutrality" doctrine used by the courts, in which religious doctrine is viewed as merely on a par with other views, a sort of spiritual hobby, no more or less significant than basketweaving. Thus, a court could deny the right of a Jew to rest on the sabbath, arguing that everyone wants "the right to select the day of the week in which to refrain from labor." "Sounds good," Carter pointed out, except that, as Michael W. McConnell has noted, "It would come as some surprise to a devout Jew to find that he has 'selected the day of the week in which to refrain from labor,' since the Jewish people have been under the impression for some 3,000 years that this choice was made by God."

It is not, says Carter, up to the court to agree that that is what God wants. It is enough to recognize that that is what the Jews believe that God wants, and to act accordingly — which, in a frightening number of cases, it does not.

While Carter has much to say about the manhandling that the religions have recently been subjected to, he has no kind words for the attempts of various religions to align themselves too closely with centers of power (vividly exemplified at the 1992 Republican Convention). This too is a betrayal of their historic role since, by being so close to power, they would lose the incentive, even the ability, to challenge it. But the danger, Carter rightfully explains, is not that a religious group could "take over", but rather that religion could become "the servant of secular politics."

This is just one of the various forms of trivialization of religious belief that Carter elucidates, a trivialization which denies us the rich heritage of the American religious traditions precisely at that time when we, confronted, with a crisis in values, need it most.

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### WEINTRAUB-KOENIG



Shawn Stacy Koenig, daughter of Ellen Golder of Delran, N.J., and the late Lawrence Koenig, and Ross Ian Weintraub, son of Marilyn and Paul Weintraub, son of Marilyn and Paul Weintraub of Elkins Park, were married June 6 at Tiferet Bet Israel. Rabbi David Ackerman and Cantor Uriel Naor officiated.

Carol Grossman served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Lee Marie Saad and Lexan Koenig, sister-in-law of the bride. Melissa Koenig, niece of the bride, was flower girl.

Daniel Weintraub, brother of the groom, acted as best man. Groomsmen were Alan Weintraub, brother of the groom, and Robert Koenig, brother of the bride.

The bride was escorted by her mother and Edward Greenberg, and the groom was escorted by his parents.

Completing the wedding party were Harold and Edythe Michael, grandparents of the bride.

After a honeymoon in St. Lucia, West Indies, the couple will reside in Lafayette Hill, Pennsylvania.

### WEINTRAUB-LIPSCHUTZ



Mrs. Polly Lipschutz and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Weintraub, all of Elkins Park, announce the marriage of their children, Beth Ann Lipschutz and Daniel Hill Weintraub. Beth is the daughter of the late Jack Lipschutz. The ceremony took place Aug. 8 at Curtis Arboretum in Wyncote. Rabbi Avraham Powers officiated.

Renee Haberfeld, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Mira Haberfeld, niece of the bride, was flower girl.

Ross Weintraub and Alan Weintraub, brothers of the groom, were best men. Harrison Lipschutz, nephew of the bride, was an attendant.

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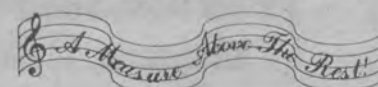


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# PANIM EL PANIM

## Annual Interfaith Holocaust Remembrance Day Observance

The annual interfaith observance of Holocaust Remembrance Day will take place on Friday, April 8, 1994, at noon in the City/County Council Chambers, 800 French St., Wilmington.

Margaret Crouch, Holocaust scholar, associate professor at Goldey-Beacom College, will bear witness. Other participants will include Reverend Elizabeth Doty of the Christian Council and Brother David Schlatter of the Franciscan Center. The Fifth and Sixth Grade Chorus from Tower Hill, under the direction of Jack Burnam, will sing several selections.

The ceremony will close outdoors at the Holocaust Memorial in Freedom Plaza with memorial prayers for the victims of the Holocaust led by Rabbi Herbert Yoskowitz and Cantor Norman Swerling of Congregation Beth Shalom and Cantor Daniel J. Leeman of Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth Congregation.

This program is sponsored by the Christian Council of Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore, the Interdenominational Ministerial Action Council, the Jewish Federation of Delaware, the National Conference of Christians and Jews, and the Rabbinical Association of Delaware.

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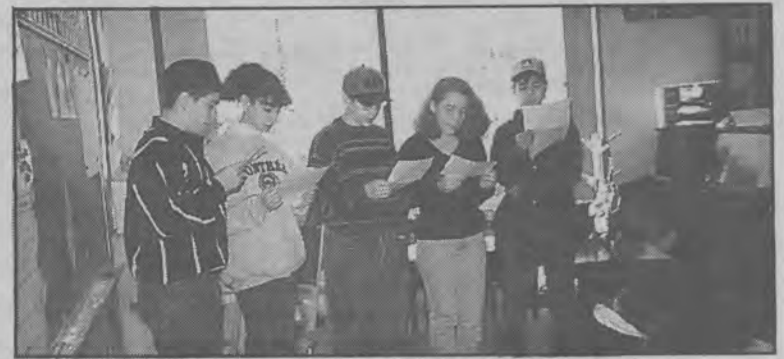
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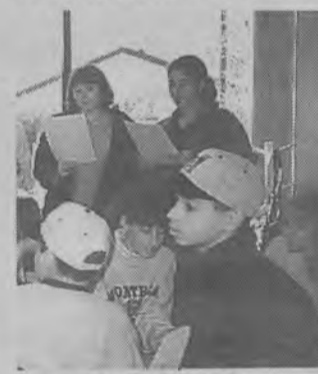
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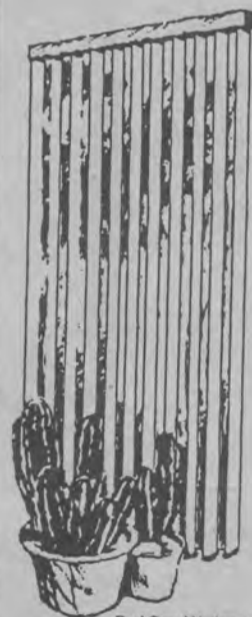
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## April Meeting Planned For Group Of Parents of Handicapped

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Some of these parents recently came together at Jewish Family Service to share their concerns about what will happen when they are no longer around to help their children. There was general agreement that siblings or other family members cannot be expected to take over the parent's role and responsibility.

The group discussed various services that would be helpful if they could be made available. Such things as legal issues; group living; apartment-sharing; and case management services were all presented and discussed by the group. Everyone agreed that it was helpful to get together and it was decided to meet again to continue and expand on the first meeting.

The group will meet again at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 13, at Jewish Family Service. Anyone interested in this area is welcome to attend the next meeting of the group. Please call the Jewish Family Service office (478-9411) to confirm your attendance, or if you have any questions.



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## Albert Einstein Gala Featured Mike Castle



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## Yom HaShoah Holocaust Commemoriam Scheduled

Yom HaShoah Holocaust Commemoration, Keynote Address by Helga Newmark, followed by small group discussions and a Ceremony of Remembrance, Thursday, April 7, 1994, 7:00 p.m., Adas Kodesch

Shel Emeth.

Ms. Newmark is a concentration camp survivor from Holland. She was a childhood friend of Margot and Anne Frank. Currently she is a third-year rabbinical student at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York.

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The annual Interfaith Holocaust Remembrance Day observance will take place on Friday, April 8, 1994 at noon in the City/County Building.

## Second Annual Women's Seder To Be Held

Jewish Family Service's Judaism and Feminism group will be holding the second annual women's seder on Thursday, March 31, 1994 at 6:15 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center. The women's seder, which will be celebrated after the two traditional sederim have been conducted, will utilize a hagaddah which was developed by the group last year. The hagaddah is based on the traditional hagaddah, which has been reinterpreted to extend the meaning of the Pesach story to include women's issues and concerns, as well as women who were significant in Jewish history. The seder is a particular time of remembering a moment of freedom in Judaism, im-

portant to our formation as a people. Statements in the traditional hagaddah generally do not include women, and one of the purposes of this seder is to look at the Pesach story and our history from a women's point of view.

The women's seder is open to women who are at least 12 years and one day old. The cost, which includes kosher traditional Pesach foods and copy of the hagaddah, is \$10.00. Seating is limited to 70 women. Registration, including \$10 payment, can be made at the J.C.C.

For further information, please contact Myrna Ryder at Jewish Family Service, 478-9411.

## New Arrivals Learn About Pesach

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All preparation and staffing was performed thanks to local volunteers. Special thanks to Shop-Rite of Brandywine Commons for donating all provisions and to Zaydie's Place for the food preparation.

People interested in assisting with further mitzvahs of this kind, please call Jewish Family Service, Resettlement Department at 478-3906.

## Locals May Still Fill Elderhostels

The first two Elderhostels that the Center is sponsoring have been filled, according to Nathan Barnett, coordinator of the program.

Local people however, still have the opportunity to register since the six places reserved for locals have not been filled. The dates are April 25 - May 1, and May 2 - May 8. The cost is \$150.00 for Center members and \$175.00 for non-members.

For more information call Nathan Barnett at 478-5660.

## Holocaust Center Seeks Eyewitnesses

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tration camps or may have had personal contact with survivors in the closing days of World War II in Europe.

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For more information please call Rabbi Marla Feldman (302-478-6200).

## Literary Org. To Train Tutors

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## One-Fourth Of Jewish Kids Receive Adequate Jewish Education

A new Brandeis University study reveals that only one-quarter of today's Jewish children receive the extensive Jewish education that is linked to high levels of Jewish participation among adults.

These findings are reported in "Teach Your Children When They Are Young: Contemporary Jewish Education in the United States," published by Brandeis University's Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies.

Jewish children today have wide choices about the subjects they study, the work they will do, the place they will live and the friends they will make. With all these choices, note the authors, Sylvia Barack Fishman of the Cohen Center and Brandeis' Department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies, and Alice Goldstein of the Population Studies and Training Center at Brown University, "the Jewish community has been less able to assume that its children will drift passively into Jewish identification."

This is the second installment of the Cohen Center's two-part report on Jewish education and it focuses on levels of formal and informal Jewish education among American Jewish children today, using data from

the 1990 National Jewish Population Survey. The report is co-published by the Jewish Education Service of North America.

According to the authors, "Jewish education is increasingly regarded as a key element in ensuring Jewish continuity... Adults who had received six or more years of formal Jewish schooling scored higher in every measurable index of Jewish identification; they were more likely to belong to synagogues and Jewish organizations, to donate money to Jewish causes, to marry Jews, to seek out a Jewish milieu, and to perform Jewish rituals in their homes."

## JBI Distributes Free Haggadot In Braille or Large Print

Large-print, Braille and audiocassette Haggadas for the blind and visually-impaired are available free from the Jewish Braille Institute of America. The first seder this year is Saturday night, March 26.

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# SYNAGOGUE LIFE

## 'Combatting the Religious Right' Is Topic Of Sisterhood Talk

The Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Emeth is hosting dynamic political action speaker Laia Katz for their Tuesday, April 19th meeting. Ms. Katz is the Social Action Chair for Women of Reform Judaism, in Washington, D.C. Her timely and important topic is "Combating the Religious Right."

The meeting, which begins at 6 p.m., includes a light supper, and will be held in the Temple Lounge, 300 West Lea Blvd., in Wilmington.

The community is welcome to attend. The cost is \$5.00, and reservations are being taken by Betty Chambers, 764-0168.

## Temple Beth El's Childhood Project

Temple Beth El's children's breakfast program on Sunday, April 10th will again feature Larry the Magician. "Last year he teased us and thrilled us with magic feats that brought Esther, Mordechai and Haman to life. Please join us for a wonderful morning of tricks and treats for children and adults alike," said Ann Herman.

Sunday, April 10 is a vacation day at Temple Beth El, so all can share in the fun and food. A breakfast to the taste of the younger set will be available. Breakfast starts at 9:30 a.m.

and the show begins about 10:30 a.m. "Everyone, young and old, is invited to join in the fun," said a synagogue representative.

The May 8th Temple Beth El's Men's Club program will feature Rabbi David Saperstein from the Religious Action committee of Reform Judaism, based in Washington, D.C. Rabbi Saperstein recently appeared on a TV panel discussion led by Jesse Jackson on the issue of Jewish-Black relationships.

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## Susan Herst of Temple Beth El Wins 'Volunteer of the Year' Award

"The Newark Day Nursery Association is dedicated to providing quality care for children of ethnically and economically diverse families, according to ability to pay, who live or work in the greater Newark Area," is the Newark Day Nursery's mission statement. The nursery, located at 921

between five and eight families from the nursery. The members collected clothes and Sue helped. The second year Sue took over and things took off.

When the program was a smaller, Sue would call around to different temple members and request par-

the children and bought turkeys for each of the 11 families with the cash donations.

Sue gets everybody involved. "This year I sent home a list of nonperishable foods with the Hebrew school children and every week each class would bring in a different item; it is a good learning experience for them," said Sue. The children who are preparing to become a Bar/Bat Mitzvah can also separate the clothing donations into sizes by family for one of the 13 Mitzvot they must complete.

Not only do Sue and the other members collect, sort and bag all the donations, they deliver them to the nursery. "In the past we had day pick ups, but that was awkward for the families. Sue arranged to have night pick up for the families," said Debbie.

It is not only during the holiday season that the Temple members help out. "Sue has definitely made my job a lot easier," said Debbie. Debbie calls on Herst when there is a special situation or an emergency. "One family only wanted Pampers, and nothing else," Sue said.

On Feb. 24 Sue was presented the nursery's annual board of director's meeting. The Temple was presented with an engraved plaque and Sue was presented with a personal plaque. The Newark Day Nursery has added Sue's name to the plaque that hangs in their building. Other recipients of the nursery's "Volunteer of the Year" award include Charles Eastman, one of the Newark Day Nursery's founders and Phyllis Roushey of the Town and Country Club.

When Sue talks about what she and the other members have done in the past seven years there are tears in her eyes, but there is a smile on her face. Sue said she often forgets what she and other the Temple Beth El volunteers do, but you can be sure there are many families out there that will never forget.

Sue moved to Delaware 13 years ago and lives in Arundel, with her husband, Jeffrey and her two children Jennifer and Stephen.



Susan Herst, Deborah Torbert and Ann Herman

Barksdale Rd. can't do it alone. Enter Susan Herst, this year's winner of the nursery's "Volunteer of the Year" award.

It began seven years ago. Sue and the members of Temple Beth El wanted to form a social action committee. Gene Danneman, a temple member, and member of the Newark Day Nursery's board of directors, suggested assisting with the nursery's "People Helping People" program.

The "People Helping People" program is a way to help the families at the nursery meet needs they would normally be unable to meet. Since the Newark Day Nursery provides care for many low income families, they use a sliding scale to determine tuition, but often it is not enough.

The first year the temple helped

ticular items. "I would call families in the temple whose children looked as if they had just grown out of the size we needed and ask if they had anything we could use." Now lists of items are published in the temple newsletter, the Shofar.

Every year after the drive is complete Sue and Deborah Torbert, program director at the nursery, complete an evaluation of the program and revise it a little more. "The first few years we asked what the families needs were and we met those specific needs," Sue said. Each year the program has grown and expanded.

Members of the temple who do not have clothes in the sizes needed or time to volunteer, donate money. "This year we had more cash donations than ever before," Sue said. Sue personally shopped for shoes for

## Brandeis Study To Follow Fleishman To Northern Exposures

Northern Exposure is a popular television program concerning Dr. Joel Fleishman's interaction with the populace of the fictional town of Cicely, Alaska. Joel is portrayed as one of very few Jews in Alaska.

Now, the Jewish community of Alaska will soon receive its first systematic study, to be conducted by Bernard Reisman, director of the Hornstein Program in Jewish Communal Service at Brandeis University.

Looking at the question of why Jews come to Alaska, Reisman, the Klutznick Professor of Contemporary Jewish Studies, will conduct de-

mographic research, meet with Alaskan Jews, and initiate some community organizing.

The study will explore what draws Jews to Alaska or pushes them away from their places of origin, how these Jews differ from those living in urban centers in the continental United States, what kinds of Jewish institutions exist in Alaska, and what the future prospects are for this community.

Alaska's Jewish community, as befits its location in the last frontier, was not included in the 1990 Na-

tional Jewish Population Survey. The data emerging from the Brandeis study will be made available to leaders of Alaska's Jewish communities as well as to their counterparts in the lower 48. Reisman seeks to help Jews living in the same geographic area define their shared interests and organize structures and programs to be responsive to those interests.

This study has been planned in cooperation with a state-wide advisory committee of Alaskan Jews, and in collaboration with the faculty of the Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies at Brandeis.

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## Seder Supplements Each Add A Different Significance To Your Seder

By JORDAN SOPINSKY  
*Jewish Voice Intern*

Although Passover is the holiday of freedom, celebrating the Israelite's exodus from Egypt, we cannot allow ourselves to forget that not everyone is free today. The American Zionist Movement has prepared a supplement to the Haggadah, entitled "Four More Sons, Four More Questions," for use during this Passover season. Zachary Baumel, Zvi Feldman, and Yehuda Katz, since 1982, and Ron Arad since 1986, cannot celebrate Passover with their families because they are prisoners of war. The AZM asks that you and you family ask four

more questions during your seder this year, questions about these four missing Israeli soldiers. Copies of the supplement can be obtained at The Jewish Federation of Delaware, 101 Garden of Eden Road.

The March/April issue of Tikkun magazine provides a Passover Haggadah Supplement that deals with timely issues such as the peace process between Israel and the Palestinian people, the ecological crisis, the attempts at building solidarity between the Jewish and African-American communities, Anti-Semitism, and remembering the Holocaust but remaining steadfast to the messianic

vision of a better world.

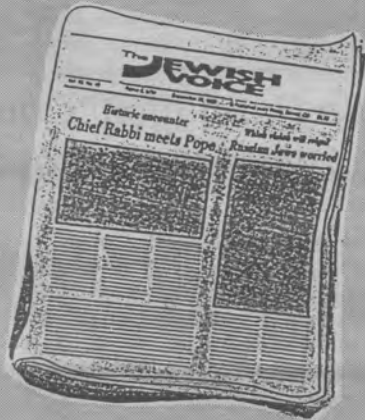
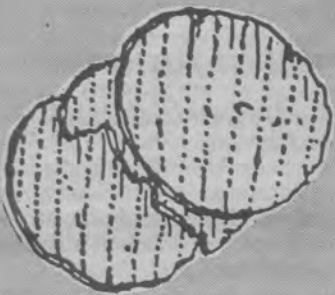
At Yachatz, the breaking of the middle matzah, The United Jewish Appeal Rabbinic Cabinet suggests that when one of the halves is hidden, we link ourselves symbolically with all the Jews who have faced oppression in the former Soviet Union. Not until the missing piece of matzah is found will the Seder be concluded. This will serve as a reminder of the unity binding the world's Jews.

Passover is a celebration of freedom. But not for everyone. This Passover, when we say, "Next year in Jerusalem," let's also say, "with all men free."

Reconstructionism Today, a publication of the Federation of Reconstructionist Congregation's and Havurot (FRCH), included a Haggadah insert for Bosnia-Herzegovina. The insert, written by a student at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical college, includes the pledge, "We commit ourselves tonight not to be silent in the face of genocide."



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# PASSOVER

## Continuing A Tradition Israelis Host Olim For Pesach

By MICHELE CHABIN  
JERUSALEM (JTA) — For many of the 75,000 new immigrants who arrived here in the past year, most of them from the former Soviet Union, this Passover will be the first they have ever celebrated.

To ease the transition, thousands of Israelis have invited new olim to their seder tables, a tradition begun in 1989 when large numbers of Jews began to emigrate from the Soviet Union.

The Jewish Agency, continuing its own tradition, will also run communal seders. The agency's seders will host about 12,000 olim living in absorption centers, youth aliyah villages and mobile home parks.

Earlier this month, the agency provided needy immigrant families with a special stipend that enabled them to purchase food and household products for the holiday.

In addition, dozens of volunteers traveled to the sites where the new

immigrants are housed to teach the immigrants about the holiday, and to distribute Haggadot in Russian and Amharic, the language of the Ethiopians.

Jews still living in the former Soviet Union, now free to observe their religion, will also attend seders, hosted by the Jewish Agency, American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and other Jewish organizations. Jews will sit down to read the Haggada and eat traditional Passover foods in 30 communities from Siberia to the Caucasus.

The largest of these communal seders will be held in Moscow, where 500 participants are expected.

## JDC Helps Passover Celebrations Around The World

Jewish children in the Czech and Slovak republics will learn "the four questions" from a new Czech/Hebrew Haggada being published in Prague, in time for this year's services. Rabbis will also be conducting seders in Prague and in Bratislava and Kosice in Slovakia.

Thirty tons of matzah will be shipped from Israel to 68 Jewish communities throughout Romania, and 24 Jewish communities will hold public seders throughout Transylvania, Romanian Moldavia and the Bucharest area.

Jewish communities in the FSU will conduct their seders with Passover kits that include a seder plate, kiddush cup, an audio cassette of holiday songs and 40 Haggadot.

Each of these activities are made possible by the work of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) a beneficiary of the JFD 1994 'Live Jewish' Community Campaign. They represent only a few of the Passover preparations undertaken by JDC in 1994.

As the overseas arm of the American Jewish community, JDC, with funding from the regular campaigns of the United Jewish Appeal, serves Jewish populations throughout the world by providing social welfare assistance and maintaining their religious and cultural needs.

Jewish communities in places as diverse as Hungary and Tunisia have come to expect their shipments of Passover supplies from JDC. But a matzah bakery in the Penza Synagogue in Russia is new this year. After the synagogue was given back to the Jewish community last December, JDC suggested restoring the bakery. JDC provided half of the funds for the venture and the Penza Jewish community provided the rest. Restoration work was completed in February, in time to bake two tons of matzot for Passover.

"Let All Who Are Hungry Come and Eat"

Public seders will be held in eight communities in Poland this year. In each of these eight communities, the Jewish Religious Community of Poland and the local TSKZ (Jewish Socio-cultural Association) will hold separate or combined seders.

The Jews in Latin America will also hold public seders. JDC will help the recently reorganized communities of Santiago de Cuba, Cienfuegos and Havana hold their own seders. Activities of the JDC are funded by



An old-world Passover Seder is depicted by Arthur Szyk. RNS PHOTO 1994.



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## The Rabbinical Council of America Condemns Passover Price-Gouging

The following statement was issued by the Rabbinical Council of America:

(1) Each year before *Pesach*, along with the rush of appropriate and important activities comes the large increase in prices for *Kosher Lepasach* foods over the cost of the same product during the rest of the year. These increases in no way reflect the actual added cost of pre-*Pesach* cleaning and/or additional supervision and, in some cases, appear on products that maintain their kosher for Passover status all year long. This practice potentially or actually violates many *halachik* and ethical standards.

1. The taking of excessive profits.
2. Taking advantage of others' misfortune (since only limited options exist).
3. *Geneivat Da'at* (in the claim that increased prices accurately reflect increased costs).
4. *Dina Demalhuta Dina*, as such practices may violate state and federal laws.
5. *Hillul Hashem* both among Jews in our community who are aware of the unethical practices involved and in the general community when such violations are caught and prosecuted.
6. Contributing to violation of Passover laws as the excessive prices drive borderline consumers away both for economic reasons and because these practices make *kashrus* and the entire religious enterprise appear to be unethical and unseemly.
7. Undermining the trustworthiness of purveyors who engage in such practices and of certifying Rabbis and *kashrus* agencies who tolerate them.

The RCA, through its Ethics Committee, calls on all kosher manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers to refrain from such practices. We similarly call on all who grant *hashgachah* to include compliance with *halachik*

norms in this area as part of their qualifications for certification; with removal of such certification as penalty for proven violations of this type. Local Rabbis and *Va'adim* should also use their influence, including pulpit announcements and removal from stores of all products and purveyors who violate these principles.

(2) *Pesach* also brings with it the promulgation of many stringency's that go far beyond the requirements of *halakha*. While personal practice may at times be enhanced by *Humrah*, placing such burdens on the community may well be counterproductive or even *halakhically* problematic for the following reasons.

1. Increasing the cost of *Pesach* thus providing additional economic disincentive to those of marginal commitment, while burdening the committed.
2. Fostering an atmosphere of cynicism that no standards are ever good enough.
3. Creating unnecessary division and *machloket* between those who keep a clearly *halachik* standard and those who keep a more "machmir" standard.
4. Allowing for the development of "humrah arrogance" wherein the keeping of a large number of stringency's becomes the source of boastful arrogant attitudes.
5. Denial of an ever more *halakhically* educated laity's appropriate understanding of *halachik* standards.

6. Bordering on, if not crossing into, the domain of the Biblical prohibition of *Bal Tosif*.

We call on all Rabbis and *Kashrus* certifiers to maintain basic *halachik* standards. Beyond that to balance the seriousness of the *Pesach* prohibitions and the desire to respond with additional restriction against the harmful effects caused by excessive stringency.

The statement was signed by Rabbi Moshe S. Gorelik, President, Rabbinical Council of America and Rabbi Bary Freundel, Chairman, Ethics Committee, Rabbinical Council of America.

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# Rabin Assures AIPAC That Negotiations Will Continue

By PRISCILLA W. SIEGEL

Special To The Jewish Voice

In the aftermath of the September 13 "handshake," the 35th Annual Policy Conference of AIPAC held March 13-15 in Washington, D.C. should have been upbeat and optimistic. After all, peace was just around the corner, dreams of turning swords into plowshares seemed to be realizable, and the conference theme "New Dimensions" implied that a new day was dawning for Israel.

But the Hebron massacre cast a decided shadow over the conference as the fate of the peace process emerged as a major anxiety among the 2000 conference participants. Scheduled speaker, Dennis Ross, United States ambassador to Israel, had to cancel because of his participation in negotiations with the PLO in Tunis. According to the following day's press, he returned to Washington empty-handed.

Prime Minister Rabin, who came to Washington to meet with President Clinton about the current crisis in Israel, addressed the closing luncheon of the AIPAC conference. Appearing careworn and subdued, he brought greetings to the audience from Jerusalem "the eternal capital of the State of Israel and the heart of the Jewish people."

Rabin reminisced sadly and bitterly about the life and death struggle for Jerusalem, "the bitter defeats" suf-

fered and the "glorious victories" won. Now a city of peace, declared Rabin, "let me assure you that, notwithstanding any U.N. resolution, Jerusalem will remain undivided under Israel's sovereignty."

Remembering the soldiers and civilians lost in battle for Israel's security and well-being, the prime minister emphasized that just as the memories of the fallen will be preserved, the soldiers missing-in-action will not be forsaken.

He spoke with pride of the values of Jewish morality and culture, and lamented the Hebron massacre as contrary to all that Jewish values represent. "The terrible act," said Rabin, "was that of someone deranged...and almost the entire Knesset, coalition and opposition alike, united in condemning the murder...At the same time, we cannot forget the murderous bloody acts of terrorist fanatics who shot Jewish worshippers who stood in prayer in the synagogues of Istanbul, Paris, Amsterdam and Rome. The same denunciation should have been expressed by the Arab parties; however, most remained silent."

The Prime Minister described his discomfort as he stood on the White House lawn on September 13 and that he had to remember that he was there, not as a private, but as a public person: "It was not easy for me. The

person with whom I stood, whose hand I shook, was the same person that ordered his people to...kill women and murder children...I stood on the lawn because I knew that I would owe to future generations the attempt to end wars and live in peace."

Rabin acknowledged that he knew then, and is still acutely aware, that the road to peace would be treacherous. Referring to terrorist attacks which, since September 13, took 33 Israeli lives, Rabin affirmed "We will fight terrorism on the one hand, and will continue the peace negotiations on the other."

The prime minister defended the recent Israeli government decision to outlaw extremist groups within the State of Israel and the territories as a means of safeguarding Israel's democratic principles. "We will not allow anyone...to determine or change the policy of the Government...through blackmail of the trigger or false messianic claims."

On the other hand, Rabin made clear that the Hebron tragedy would not alter government commitment to the security of the citizens of Israel,

including the Jewish residents in Judea, Samaria and the Gaza.

Equally firm, was Rabin's declaration that Israel would continue to pursue all avenues toward peace. He was optimistic that the Gaza-Jericho stage of the negotiations was nearing conclusion, and referred to signs of hope on the Syrian front. Israel, said Rabin, is willing to take risks for peace, but Israel's security would always be top priority.

In his concluding remarks, Rabin eloquently exhorted the audience to cherish and strengthen its Judaism. "Look to education, to the furtherance of Jewish values and the preservation of our unique identity. We are so few in the world and each one of you represents the hope of our people."

Anticipating Passover, Rabin reminded the audience that all over the world Jews would be sitting at the same festive table, "with the same maror and matzo and will say 'Ma Nishtana'. The story will go on in millions of houses and Jewish families — the story of freedom and redemption,"

# Gore Speaks Of A Secure Israel In AIPAC Address

By JORDAN SOPINSKY

Jewish Voice Intern

WASHINGTON, D.C. — "The President and I have not forgotten the meaning of Jerusalem," Vice-President Al Gore told the two thousand citizen activists in Attendance at Sunday's thirty-fifth annual American Israel Public Affairs Committee Policy Conference. Although slightly worried that the drafting of the United Nations resolutions might be a hindrance to the peace process, the Vice-President voiced his optimism for the eventual reality of the two dreams of peace: that Israel would be secure within her borders, and that Israel would be at peace with and among her neighbors.

He did not want the momentum that has been gaining since Rabin

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Prime Minister Rabin speaking to AIPAC Conventioneers.

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35th ANNUAL AIPAC CONFERENCE



Vice President Al Gore speaking at the AIPAC Convention.

Gore

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and Arafat shook hands on September 13 to be lost because of Dr. Baruch Goldstein's actions in Hebron. There was raucous clapping of hands and cheers throughout the crowd in the Sheraton's ballroom when the Vice-President reminded everyone that "Together we can prevail, together we must."

Citing the Carter and Bush administrations as examples of America's longstanding involvement in an at-

tempt at ending the Mid-East conflict, he stated that the Clinton administration is continuing it but "America is but one party in the drama." America can help to create the circumstances but the decision to end the bloodshed is ultimately in the hands of the two parties. Gore wants the Arab boycott of Israel to end and he also wants the progress with the Palestinians to be matched by Syria, Jordan, and Lebanon.

Gore has long been considered a strong advocate of Israel.

In North Carolina A Woman's Place Is In The House

By DAN WEINTRAUB

Editor of The Jewish Voice

WASHINGTON — What is a nice Jewish girl doing running for Congress in Senator Jesse Helm's home district? She is mounting a credible challenge against a field of candidates for an open seat in North Carolina's diverse 2nd Congressional District. The smart, young Jennifer Laszlo will tell you she is going to win her May primary and move forward to do some things right for the people of her district.

Ms. Laszlo is the first Jew to run for Congress from North Carolina. At the 35th Annual AIPAC convention in Washington, D.C. she wears her pro-Israel position on her sleeve. She describes herself as an AIPAC member for more than ten years, an active supporter of UJA, and a purchaser of Israel bonds. She is also a religious school teacher at Judea Reform Congregation in her home of Durham, North Carolina. Ms. Laszlo has been to Israel eight times. On Capitol Hill she handled legislation regarding U.S.-Israel relations for Gerry Sikorski, a pro-Israel Congressman.

Ms. Laszlo told The Jewish Voice that her religion and pro-Israel positions have been non-issues for voters in North Carolina. What she has been noticed for is being a competent woman in a field of undistinguishable white males in the

Democratic and Republican primary races. She has made inroads with African-American voters since she is the only candidate in the racially polarized District willing to be photographed shaking hands with a Black person.

The North Carolina native is part owner and Director of International Marketing for Ella Bache, a skin care manufacturing and distribution concern. Ms. Laszlo has experienced fund raising for Delaware Senator Joe Biden's 1988 presidential campaign. She previously raised funds for United Jewish Appeal and the U.S. Holocaust Museum. She has touted her business acumen and fund raising abilities because, "The vast majority of people who are considered players in the state of North Carolina don't think a woman can win because a woman can't raise money."

In the conventional wisdom of southern politics a fundraiser usually means a pork barbecue. Jennifer Laszlo's campaign does without that tradition since she answers to a higher authority.

According to The Cook Political Report North Carolina's "2nd district contains the city of Durham, home of Duke University, and is also one of the highest tobacco-producing districts in the country. As a result, its voters are consequently a

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diverse group of research scientists and tobacco farmers, academics and textile workers. "It is difficult for one candidate to appeal all the district's voters.

Conservative Democrats have long been the norm in that part of the country where 'Bubba' is a name for your opponent rather than your grandmother."

During a luncheon session at the AIPAC convention, Jennifer Laszlo sat at a table with Delaware's Ernst and Terry Dannemann, and other activists from around the country. Ms. Laszlo showed the skills of a seasoned campaigner in explaining her positions on issues which would impact her District's voters. The Emory University graduate is against tobacco companies but she is "pro-tobacco workers." (Her father is a former Duke University medical school professor who is now the No. 2 person in the American Cancer Society.) Laszlo asserts proposed federal tobacco taxes unfairly target one region of the country.

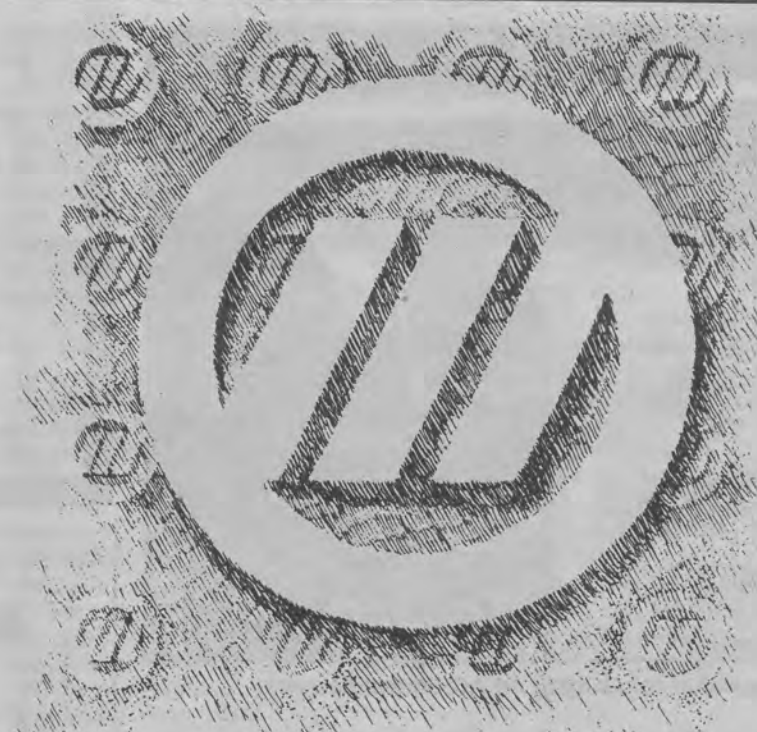
Although running as a Democrat, the socially conservative 29-year-old says that if elected she will "vote against President Clinton's position most of the time." Conservative Democrats have long been the norm in that part of the country where "Bubba" is a name for your opponent rather than your grandmother. On the issues she is anti-tax, tough on crime, anti-drug, pro-term limits and she believes that all Americans

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Entries for the Calendar of Events are due on the Copy Deadline, published in each edition of *The Jewish Voice*. Copy should be typed and double spaced. Please include day and date, time, place, brief description and contact person.

## MARCH 1994

### Wednesday 30

**JCC Senior Center's Annual Passover Restaurant**, 6:00 p.m. Make your life easier...Join you family and friends for a delicious Kosher for Passover meal prepared by Traditions (a division of CaterKart Cuisines). Fees are \$8.25/Seniors, \$14.75/Adults and \$6.75/children ages 3-12.

### Thursday 31

**JCC Senior Center's Passover Third Seder**, 11:00 a.m. Rabbi Peter Grumbacher from Temple Beth Emeth will officiate at our Third Seder. We will use the New Union Passover Haggadah. Everyone will have the opportunity to read a passage and participate in group readings. Traditional Passover foods will be served. Advanced reservations are required.

## APRIL 1994

### Tuesday 5

**Young Leadership Cabinet** meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the JCC. Program to be announced.

### Thursday 7

**Yom HaShoah**, Community Holocaust Commemoration, Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, 7 p.m.

### Friday 8

**Holocaust Day of Remembrance**, 12:00 noon, City/Council Chambers.

### Sunday 10

**AKSE Men's Club Breakfast** Second Annual Community-Wide Men's Club Concert featuring the contemporary Jewish sound of TAMID-4-ISRAEL. Concert at A.K.S.E. Social Hall at 7:30 p.m. Prepaid reservations only at A.K.S.E. office commencing February 1, 1994. Brunch at 9:30 a.m.

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### Tuesday 12

**National Museum Of American Jewish History**, 55 N. 5th St., Phila., "Schindler's List: A Conversation with a Survivor" 6 p.m. — Sol Urbach speaks about his experience as one of the 1,100 Jews saved by German businessman Oskar Schindler with KWTN news reporter Stephanie Stahl. This program is held in conjunction with Yom HaShoah, the annual Holocaust memorial observance. Call (215) 923-0763.

### Wednesday 13

**Janice Selekmán**, chairperson of the U of D Department of Nursing, will speak at the University of Delaware at 12:20 p.m. on "Yes Virginia, There Is Such a Thing as a Jewish Nurse: The Early History of Jewish Women in Nursing." Call (302) 831-8474.

### Thursday 14

**Dr. Adam Garfinkle**, resident scholar at the Foreign Policy Research Institute in Philadelphia and director of the Institute's Middle East Council will speak on the Middle East Peace Initiative. 7:00 p.m. at the JCC. This program is open to the entire community.

**Join YJAD for a Happy Hour Drop-In** at Tyler's on Route 202 from 6:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. There is a \$2 YJAD donation. For more information and directions, call Michael Bank at (302) 478-4216.

### Tuesday 19

**Jewish Great Books Discussion Group**, third Tuesday of every month at the J.C.C., 7:30-9:00 p.m. *Where Are We?*, L. Fein.

### Friday 22

**YJAD is attending services** at 8:00 p.m. at Beth Shalom Congregation on 18th & Baynard Sts. in Wilmington. Call Leslie Friedman at (302) 761-9106 for details.

### Sunday 24

**A.K.S.E. Men's Club Breakfast**. Dr. Marian L. Palley, Professor of Political Science and International Relations, University of Delaware. Topic: The New Israel? 9:30 a.m. **Join YJAD**, the Greater Philadelphia Young Jewish Singles at a 76ers basketball game in the afternoon at the Spectrum. Please RSVP by April 20 to either Beth Lubaroff at (215) 482-9943 or to Aaron Gobler at (215) 361-2355.

### Tuesday 26

**How a child's sex influences** parenting and teaching will be the focus of the Second Annual Sol Toumarkine Family Education Forum on Tuesday, April 26, 1994 at 7:30 p.m. at the J.C.C. Myrna Ryder, of the Jewish Family Service, will moderate a panel of experts.

## MAY 1994

### Sunday 1

**National Museum of American Jewish History**, 55 N. 5th St., Phila., "Guarding the Garden" 3 p.m. — A daring new musical interpretation of the creation story and how we've landed in this environmental mess. Join Adam, Eve and Lilith as they go on a colorful, comical, poetical journey from Eden to the Edge! A family show produced by New Legends. Advance ticket purchase recommended. Tickets: Adults \$5 (members \$3.50); Children 6 through 12, \$3 (members \$2). Call (215) 923-0763.

### Sunday 8

**Temple Beth El's Men's Club** program will feature Rabbi David Saperstein from the Religious Action Committee of Reform Judaism, based in Washington, D.C.

### Wednesday 11

**1994 Public Discussion Series Friends of Planned Parenthood**. 7:30 p.m. Dr. Harvey Fineberg, Dean, Harvard School of Public Health, "Reproductive Health Challenges for the New Health Care System". Co-Sponsors: Agenda for Delaware Women, University of Delaware Women's Studies Program, University of Delaware Office of Women's Affairs. Cost: Free to the public. For \$50.00 per person per dinner (\$15 for students) or \$100 for the Series (\$30 for students), attendees are invited to join the Friends of Planned Parenthood Public Discussion Group for dinner with one or more of the speakers. For more information call Planned Parenthood of Delaware at (302) 655-7296.

### Tuesday 19

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

### Sunday 22

**A.K.S.E. Men's Club Breakfast** and Speaker, Centennial Room, A.K.S.E., 9:30 a.m.

**National Museum of American Jewish History**, 55 N. 5th St., Phila., Jewish Cooking in America with Joan Nathan, 3 p.m. — The author will discuss her new book that presents a unique tapestry of the regional flavors brought by three centuries of immigrants from Europe, Africa and Latin America. Joan Nathan is also the author of *The Jewish Holiday Kitchen*. Free with Museum admission. Call (215) 923-0763.

### Monday 23

**National Museum of American Jewish History**, 55 N. 5th St., Phila., Senior Citizens Day at the Museum, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. In conjunction with the Citywide celebration of Older Americans Month, coordinated by the Philadelphia Corporation for Aging, the Museum will once again offer free admission plus a 10% discount in the Museum Shop to all senior citizens with proof of age. Call (215) 923-0763.

## JUNE

### Sunday 12

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

### Sunday 22

**A.K.S.E. Men's Club** sponsored bus trip to Veterans Stadium to see Philadelphia Phillies play Atlanta Braves. Tickets: contact A.K.S.E. office, 302-762-2705, to reserve your tickets now.

### Ongoing

**February through May, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.** Prints in Progress Seminars. The community-based children's art organization has adopted the theme of "Bridges & Boundaries: Two Peoples Face to Face" as one of the themes of its after-school programs. The programs serve students ages 6 to 18. Workshops explore the African-American and Jewish-American cultures by focusing on textile artists (including Miriam Shapiro and

Faith Ringold). Classes experiment with fabric printing techniques and complete a group textile project. Registration and info: 928-0206.

**On Wednesdays in April**, the YJAD will play coed volleyball inside the JCC Gymnasium. Games run from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and are non-competitive. Cost is \$2 (\$1 for JCC members). Contact Mike Schenk at (610) 558-3781.

**Sister In Art** — an exhibit featuring the paintings, etchings and fiber art of sisters Maura E. Golin and Ruth E. Berger — will be on display through April 2nd at Artworks, Fine Arts and Crafts Gallery, 121 East State Street, Kennett Square, PA. Hours: Wednesday to Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and by appointment. For information call 215/444-6544.



Award winner Craftsman Dennis Elliott, formerly a musician with the rock band Foriegner, brings "Turned Wood Sculptures" to Creations Fine Woodworking Gallery at Historic Garrett Snuff Mills, Rt. 82 & Yorklyn Rds., Yorklyn, DE. April 15-May 28. Call (302) 234-2350 for Gallery hours. Meet the artist April 16 from 1-5 p.m.

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## A North Carolina Woman Runs For Congress

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should have access to affordable health care.

Polling results from Bennett, Petts & Associates based in Washington indicate Laszlo could prevail in the wide open race if voters got to know her record. The firm prepared a memorandum based on a March survey of likely 400 Democratic voters. Findings show Laszlo leads the other candidates after voters hear both positive and negative information about all three Democrats in the May primary. Fifty-five percent (55%) of those surveyed agree that "since North Carolina's 2nd District has never had a woman Representative in Congress, it is time to elect a woman to the United States Congress."

Ms. Laszlo says that if she can raise enough money to get her message

across to voters she will win the race outright.

"My being female had nothing to do with my running for office," says the first woman ever to run in that congressional district. "I want the voters to vote for me because I'm the best candidate for the job. I want my legacy to be that I made the schools better, that I brought better jobs to the community, made our streets safer. I don't want people to say, 'Oh, she was the first woman' but that she did the best job that's ever been done for this district and for this country."

Contributions to her campaign may be sent to: JENNIFER LASZLO FOR CONGRESS, 4125 Chapel Hill Blvd. #7B, Durham, North Carolina 27707.

## UN Commission Condemns Anti-Semitism

By SUSAN BIRNBAUM  
NEW YORK (JTA) — For the first time in its 50-year history, the U.N. Human Rights Commission has passed a measure condemning anti-Semitism.

The resolution was adopted March 9 in Geneva, where the 53-member panel meets, following its submission by the Turkish government.

It was the first time since the United Nations was founded — and after most of Europe's Jews had been killed by the Nazis — that a U.N. body had singled out hatred of Jews as an evil.

The commission noted that "racism, racial discrimination, anti-Semitism, xenophobia and related intolerance, as well as acts of racial violence, persist and are even growing in magnitude, continually assuming new forms."

Advocacy for the measure was a cooperative venture of the Turkish and U.S. governments, with strong ongoing encouragement from Jewish groups.

The resolution specifically includes anti-Semitism "among other forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance"

and makes reference to it both in its preamble and in its operative paragraphs.

The resolution also condemns discrimination against Arabs, Muslims and blacks.

B'nai B'rith President Kent Schiner called the resolution "a blow to the neo-Nazis and the hatemongers of this world who try to spread their venomous hate."

The U.S. State Department called the measure's passage an important achievement, the "result of a long-concerted effort waged by the United States with the support of a number of other governments."

Germany was also a strong advocate for inserting the term anti-Semitism in the resolution, said Paul Marcus of B'nai B'rith Canada, who was present for the initial vote on the preamble.

Along with Turkey, other initial sponsors were Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Finland and the United States, Russia, Hungary, Poland and Romania quickly joined the group.

It's "remarkable that the U.N., which only recently rescinded the infamous 'Zionism equals racism' measure, is finally speaking out against anti-Semitism," Marcus said.

## MORE NEWS

### Jewish Democrats Value Education and Israel

By DEBORAH KALB

WASHINGTON (JTA) — A survey released this week by a Jewish Democratic group revealed that education, Israel, and health care were among the issues ranked as very important by Jewish Democrats.

Education topped the list, with 86 percent of respondents calling it "very important." Israel and health tied for second, with 81 percent ranking them "very important."

Only 26 percent of respondents ranked freeing Jonathan Pollard,

convicted of spying for Israel, as "very important."

The survey, conducted by the National Jewish Democratic Council, a group promoting grass-roots Jewish Democratic political activity, consisted of responses from 886 of the group's members.

Hyman Bookbinder, a long-time Jewish community leader who serves on the executive committee of the NIDC said that he could not "insist that this was a true sample of all Jews in America."

### Kissinger and King Among Honorees For 15th Annual Commonwealth Awards

WILMINGTON, Del. — Bank of Delaware unveiled the honorees for the fifteenth anniversary of the Commonwealth Awards for outstanding contribution in five fields of achievement:

• **Dr. Henry A. Kissinger**, statesman, for government

• **Captain Jacques-Yves Cousteau**, explorer, for public service

• **August Wilson**, playwright, for dramatic arts

• **Larry King**, of CNN's *Larry King Live*, for mass communications and

• **Dr. Leland H. Hartwell**, geneticist, for science and invention.

Each will receive \$25,000 from Bank of Delaware, trustee of the Awards, at a black tie ceremony April 23 at the Hotel duPont in Wilmington, Del.

Bank of Delaware Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, Calvert A. Morgan, Jr., said, "These distinguished honorees are global voices in their respective fields of endeavor. Their contributions and excellence have educated, informed and enlightened society. They inspire us all to achieve."

The Awards are sponsored by a trust established by the will of Ralph Hayes and have bestowed more than \$1,000,000.00 on nearly 100 honorees worldwide.

Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, 70, receives the 1994 Common Wealth Award for government for achievement spanning nearly 40 years of service to his country. One of the most brilliant U.S. Secretaries of State in history, the consummate statesman engineered the most significant turning point in U.S. foreign policy since the beginning of the Cold War by providing for a stable international order based on superpower equality. He forged a conceptual framework for such bold initiatives as détente with the Soviet Union, improved Chinese relations — one of the major diplomatic reversals in modern history — and the Strategic Arms Limitations Talks (SALT). Author of numerous books and articles, his most recent work is *Diplomacy*.

Captain Jacques-Yves Cousteau, 83, earns the 1994 Common Wealth Award for public service for more than a half-century of underwater exploration and, later, environmental concern.

August Wilson, 48, wins the 1994

Common Wealth Award for dramatic arts because he is the richest theatrical voice to emerge in the U.S. since Tennessee Williams and Arthur Miller. His plays have won two Pulitzer Prizes for Drama.

Larry King, 60, is awarded the 1994 Common Wealth Award for mass communications for superlative achievement in broadcasting. He hosts the only worldwide, live, call-in television talk show, *Larry King Live*, on CNN. His extensive interviews with presidential and vice-presidential candidates in 1992 helped reshape national campaigning. He also hosts his own daily radio talk show, *The Larry King Show*, heard on more than 400 stations of the Mutual Broadcasting System. He is one of the most respected and honored personalities in the cable television industry.

Dr. Leland H. Hartwell, 54, receives the 1994 Common Wealth Award for science and invention for a quarter-century of pioneering research in yeast genetics and cancer.



Henry Kissinger



Shari Lewis to perform at U of D's "Bob" Center, April 14.

### Art Chapter Meets In April

General Meeting  
Thursday, April 14, 1994  
7:30 p.m.

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### Wilmington B'nai B'rith's Co-Ed Chapter Induction

Both women and men who join Wilmington B'nai B'rith by mid April, will be honored at the first co-ed new member induction of the former all male Lodge. A brunch buffet will follow the 9:30 a.m., April 17 meeting at the Naamans Road HILTON.

Beth Buxbam, District 3 Regional Director for Southeast Pennsylvania and Delaware will speak on the benefits of building the future as a mixed group. Today's lifestyle places separation and stresses on family and social life which tend to reduce organizational participation. "This trend is alleviated when men and women work as a team; a future direction which is expected to benefit regrowth of community service," said a B'nai B'rith representative.

People can join the 47 recent members who are eligible for formal induction by Asher Rubin and Bert Braunstein. Call Judy and Len Seltzer, (302) 478-4885 or Art Samuelsohn, (302) 475-2430 for details, reservations and information on B'nai B'rith.

A reduced dues structure has been created for couples, members under 30 yrs. old and joint members of both B'nai B'rith Women and Wilmington Lodge.

### Moroccan Roll At Cassablanca

By IRV EPSTEIN

Special To The Jewish Voice  
New Castle, Delaware's Casablanca restaurant features exotic Moroccan cuisine including a *bastilla*, a round flaky filo dough filled with chicken, chopped eggs and almonds. The appetizer is topped with confectioners sugar and cinnamon.

Belly dancers, brass tables and tapestry pillows combine for a winning atmosphere diners are sure to enjoy. Riyad and Haitham Albaroki from the Moroccan city of Fez are proprietors of the establishment. Their philosophy is to make the customer feel like royalty.

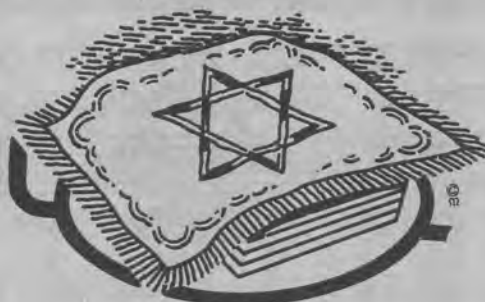
Favorite dishes include couscous, shish kebab and chicken with hot sauces. Casablanca features authentic regional spirits and desserts.

Casablanca is a 'must try' for those with a discriminating palate.

Casablanca is located at 4010 N. Dupont Hwy., New Castle, Del. (302) 652-5344.

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## Dunkley Fast Breaks From University of Delaware To Tel Aviv

By JOEL GLAZIER

Special To The Jewish Voice

TEL AVIV — 1993 University of Delaware graduate, Spencer Dunkley, 24, is helping lead Maccabi Tel Aviv to its secure first place standing in Israel's National Basketball League. The Newark High and Uni-



Born in England to Jamaican parents, schooled in Newark, De, Spencer Dunkley now sports the jersey of Maccabi Tel Aviv.

versity of Delaware standout gave up the chance to play with the NBA's Indiana Pacers, by whom he had been chosen in the draft, to sharpen his skills in the competitive Israeli league, where he has seen plenty of on the court action.

"I think of the Indiana Pacers daily, but I don't regret coming here," Dunkley said at the mid-season break, which has his Tel-Aviv team with an impressive 12-1 record. "I'm impressed by the magnitude of basketball in Israel — it's very professional and it pays well," Dunkley commented after scoring 21 points and thus helping his team soundly defeat Hapoel Herzliya in Israeli State Cup play, during the New Year's break in the regular season.

"I never dreamt that I would ever be in Israel playing ball, and on a trip to Jerusalem, it sort of gave me butterflies in my stomach to see places I had only read about. I mean, there was the Western Wall, which was impressive, even for me, a not real religious Christian." Dunkley shared that everyone he has met in Israel has been very friendly and even at the grocery in his neighborhood, he is greeted by chants of "alifut, alifut" (champion).

Dunkley considers his best moment so far, in his career here, to be a crucial block in a game against the Greek championship team, which Tel Aviv went on to beat. A certain irony accompanied this European Korac Cup game, in that it was played on the first night of Hanukkah, and like hundreds of years ago, the Greeks were defeated by the "Maccabi" team (of Tel Aviv basketball players). For Dunkley, the Hanukkah season here

held other meanings. "While in Newark, I sort of had an "adopted Jewish father" in Norm Gershman, who also provided me summer employment during my college years. Last year he had me over his home to celebrate Hanukkah and there I was wearing a kippah and lighting the candles. This year, our whole team lit the candles on those nights during Hanukkah when the games were played."

During Christmas week, Spencer was visited by his girlfriend, Denise Ashton, on semester break from her studies at Rutgers. That week, in Tel Aviv, he announced their engagement, and was swamped with Mazel Tovs from his teammates. Like many Israelis, Dunkley has family members in other countries. "My parents and two brothers are in England, where I was raised before coming to Newark, and I have a sister in Canada. I was glad that Coach Klein gave us off on Christmas morning from practice, so I could spend the holiday with my fiancée."

One of Dunkley's teammates, 20 year old Israeli Eyal Sayar, has found Spencer's transition from Delaware interesting. Sayar, from Rehobot, may very well end up at the University of Delaware next fall, where Basketball Coach Steinwedel has been in contact with him. Just as Spencer Dunkley may be the first "Delawarean" to play for Maccabi Tel Aviv, Eyal Sayar, may be the first Maccabian to play for the Blue Hens of Delaware. Watch these pages for more on this!

### A Non-Comprehensive Survey Of Jewish Involvement in Basketball

By BOB MOYER

Special To The Jewish Voice

Jews were involved in basketball long before Doron Sheffer, an Israeli, started as a forward for the University of Connecticut squad. There has been Jewish involvement in basketball at the club level, NCAA and even the NBA.

In 1918, Eddie Gottlieb coached the SPHAS which was an acronym for South Philadelphia Hebrew Association. In 1929 the SPHAS were rebuilt. Players for the SPHAS included Harry Litwack of Temple University, Red Wolfe of St. Johns, Lou Forman of Dickinson, and Moe Goldman of CCNY.

Dolph Schayes was a Jewish player for the Syracuse Nationals in 1949. His son Danny Schayes also played professionally. Red Holzman played for the Rochester Royals in 1949. Ralph Kaplowitz played for the Philadelphia Warriors in 1946-47.

Many Jews have served as NBA team or league officials. David Stern the current league President is Jewish. Red Auerbach, the general manager and former coach of the Boston Celtics, is Jewish. Harvey Pollack, who is Jewish, is a famous NBA statistician. Harold Katz, owner of the Philadelphia 76ers comes from a Jewish background.

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## The NFL's Two-Point Conversion Is It Good For The Jews?

By BARUCH LYN DAAHGERZ

Sports Correspondent

In the aftermath of the National Football League's (NFL's) approval of the option of a two-point conversion we sought reaction on the possible impact on the Jewish community in Delaware. Typical of the comments of many we spoke to was the following remark by Lelaine Nemser "I have no idea."

Rabbi Peter Grumbacher, spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Emeth, agreed to discuss this sensitive issue with the caveat "as long as I get my quarter back." He put the importance of the NFL's decision as "in the same category as Soviet Jewry." Grumbacher believes the two-point conversion can help "forge the continuity of Judaism." He discounted any impact here from the NFL's recent expansion since "The Wilmington Whippets were not selected as an expansion team." The significance of the whippet, a type of greyhound, to Delaware's Jews is

that "Greyhound buses pass here," commented the thoughtful spiritual leader.

Delaware's David Margules told The Jewish Voice, "I believe emphatically that the two-point conversion is good for the Jews." Margules, a member of the Board of the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD) explained, "Although Halacha discourages conversions, there is a precise and demanding process for obtaining one. It is hard to think of a more demanding process than dragging Lawrence Taylor 60 or 70 yards upfield to score a touchdown, only to have to cross the goal line again for the conversion." Margules did however express the concern that, "At the same time, we must be on guard against those who would attempt to convert through the use of an ineligible receiver. This, of course, raises the question of "Who is a full-back?"

David Sorkin, Director of the Jewish Community Center (JCC), de-

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Sayar, with arms folded, and Dunkley listen to Coach.

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# New Handbook On Internships In Israel

**By MIRIAM KESSLER**  
 NEW YORK (JTA)—A new handbook, "Volunteer and Internship Possibilities in Israel," was recently published by the Joint Authority for Jewish-Zionist Education.

The handbook is designed for students, young professionals and potential olim interested in exploring

employment opportunities in Israel. Included within the guide are general tips and information relating to working in Israel and profiles of over 160 organizations that utilize volunteers and interns.

Placement information can be found in the fields of social services,

education, Jewish-Arab relations, politics and health care.

"This handbook is best for people who want to make aliyah and students who are ready to be independent," said Roxanne Meadow of the university student department of the American Zionist Youth Foundation.

The handbook can be purchased for \$10 per copy from the University Student Department/AZYF, 110 E. 59th St., 3rd floor, New York, N.Y. 10022.

# Traditional Judaism Goes High Tech

Teaneck, NJ — The information highway now has a Jewish lane. The Union for Traditional Judaism announced that it had once again taken a leading role in the use of technology to advance the cause of Traditional Judaism.

The U.T.J. will now offer a free information service and a discussion forum on traditional Judaism, using electronic mail networks around the world. The Union is the first traditional Jewish organization to offer such a service. The Union will sponsor two "mail lists," as they are termed by computer enthusiasts. One will distribute the "Kosher Nexus," an entertaining digest of the latest information in the Kashrut industry. According to Nexus editor Rabbi Jeffrey Rappoport, "the Nexus is for those who already keep kosher, or those who are interested in doing so. It is not sponsored by any kashrut supervision organization and is therefore as objective as possible." This list will also distribute *Hagahelet*, the

newsletter of the U.T.J., which includes editorials on Jewish issues and discusses current outreach projects of the U.T.J.

The second mail list will be open forum which allows subscribers to discuss any issue relating to traditional Judaism and Halakhah (Jewish law).

According to Rabbi Ronald D. Price, Executive Vice President of the Union, "We expect broad participation in these computer bulletin boards. Jews of many different affiliations, as well as unaffiliated Jews

and curious non-Jews have already expressed interest. Anyone with a computer can sign on."

According to the U.T.J., its new leap into computer communications will bring information on Jewish law and tradition into thousands of homes across the world. The UTJ can now be reached through Prodigy or the Internet. For information on how to subscribe (free) to the mail lists, call the UTJ office at 1-800-843-8825

or send an e-mail letter to the list moderator, Alex Herrera at AHerrera@Klaven.Tci.Com. Complete directions will be sent back to you electronically.

The Union for Traditional Judaism was established in 1984 to promote open-minded observant Judaism throughout the Jewish community through innovative outreach programs. Today it includes a membership of over 300 rabbis and 8,000 lay families throughout North America and Israel.



# OBITUARIES

## HANNAH F. BANK

Hannah Ferber Bank, who turned 101 in July, died March 17 at The Kutz Home, Fox Point, her residence for about seven years.

"She never lost her humor and feistiness, and until the last few years always dressed to the nines," said her daughter, Rosalyn Balik Dektor.

Mrs. Bank, born in Lithuania, was a dressmaker in Paris before joining relatives in New York when she was in her early 20s. She later moved to Wilmington, where her brother, Leo Ferber, was a jeweler.

Her husband, William Bank, co-owned Isaacs & Bank Kosher Butchers at 205 W. Second St., Wilmington, for about 50 years, until he died in 1966.

Mrs. Bank was a homemaker in Wilmington for many years before moving to Mrs. Dektor's Rockwood Hills, Brandywine Hundred, home in the 1970s. She enjoyed cooking traditional Jewish dishes and sewing.

In addition to Mrs. Dektor, she is survived by two daughters, Janet London of Twin Oaks, Brandywine Hundred, and Cecilia Bell of Broomall Condominium, Wilmington; 10 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to The Kutz Home, Fox Point, or charity.

## ANN T. BAUM

Ann T. Baum, 81, of Thomas West House, 7417 society Drive, Claymont, died February 22 in Wilmington Hospital.

Mrs. Baum was a bookkeeper for her family's business "Just Jackets," a clothing maker in Newark, N.J., for 10 years, retiring in 1972.

She was a member of congregation Sons of Israel, Palisades Park, N.J., Hadassah and Deborah Heart and Lung Foundation.

Her husband, Sidney Baum, died in 1982. She is survived by three sons, Martin D. of Wilmington, Gerald of Dania, Fla., and Leonard of Ridgewood, N.J.; a sister, Ida Mendicino of Yonkers, N.Y.; and four grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to American Red Cross, Delaware Chapter.

## IRVIN I. BERLIN

Irvin I. Berlin, a family doctor in Wilmington for 50 years, died March 11 of heart disease at Christiana Hospital. He had had heart problems for several years, his wife said. His age was not disclosed.

Dr. Berlin, of 2716 Bodine Drive, Chalfonte, Brandywine Hundred, practiced at 1000 W. Seventh St., Wilmington. He was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom, Wilmington, Medical Society of Delaware, and American Medical Association.

An Army veteran of World War II, he served as a physician in Europe. He helped care for liberated inmates at Nazis concentration camps including Buchenwald.

Raised in Wilmington, he lived at 39th and Monroe streets for many years before moving to Chalfonte in 1971.

He is survived by his wife, Sylvia R.; two sons, Norman B. of Ambler, Pa. and Dr. Paul J. of Cherry Hill, N.J.; a daughter, Joyce B. Schwartz of Israel; two brothers, Albert and H. Larry, both of Wilmington; and five grandchildren.

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# OBITUARIES

**HELEN (LENI) HIRSCH**

Hirsch Helen (Leni) died at her home in Bethesda, Maryland of pancreatic cancer after a prolonged illness. She was 72.

Ms. Hirsch was a member of Congregation Beth El of Montgomery County, Maryland and a frequent guest at Congregation Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth in Wilmington.

She leaves her husband, Hans Hirsch, a son, Donald Hirsch, and three daughters, Marga Hirsch, Deborah Hirsch-Mayer, and Cantor

Naomi Hirsch. Marga Hirsch was a long time resident of Green Acres, Wilmington, before her move earlier this year to Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania.

She also leaves six grandchildren, Shira, Aviva, Joseph, and Benjamin Kamm, and Oren and Jonathan Hirsch.

Memorial contributions may be made either to Hadassah or to the Women's Tefillah Group Torah Repair Fund, in care of ASKE.

**BENJAMIN LAVINE**

Benjamin Lavine, 86, of Wilmington, died March 13 in St. Francis Hospital.

Mr. Lavine was a printer at Charles Printing co., Wilmington, for 30 years. He retired in 1972.

He was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom.

Mr. Lavine is survived by his wife, Belle Lavine; a son, David of Baltimore; a daughter, Adele Kaplan of Raleigh, N.C.; two sisters, Minerva Sandler of Toronto and Julia Flanzer

of Wilmington; and two grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Hadassah, in care of Ruth Goodman, 2806 Bodine Drive, Chalfonte, Wilmington, or Congregation Beth Shalom, Wilmington.

**JOSEPH POGACH**

Joseph Pogach, owner and operator of Wilmington Locksmith and Joe's Hardware in downtown Wilmington, died March 12 at home. He was 86.

He was believed to be the city's oldest practicing locksmith. His downtown store, below Market Street Mall, kept the flavor of its old-time family-business origin — cramped and stacked high with boxes of obscure necessities.

Mr. Pogach, of 516 Ruxton Drive, Georgian Terrace, took over his family's hardware business in 1946 after operating parts of the business — locksmithing and auto parts sales — after his father's death in 1924.

He moved the store — known for the big aluminum Yale key above the entrance — to 227 Market St. in 1978 from 116 Market St., where it had been for more than 60 years.

"People got so they'd say, 'If you want anything real old, Joe Pogach has it,'" he told The News Journal in 1979.

Mr. Pogach's father, Harry, a locksmith who had emigrated from Russia came to Wilmington to hawk keys on the streets and opened a hardware store in the city in the mid-1910s.

Mr. Pogach was a member of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, Wilmington; Machizekey Hadas Congregation, Brandywine Hundred; and Montefiore Mutual Benefit Society, Wilmington.

His first wife, Ann Pogach, died in 1964. He is survived by his wife, Henrietta Pogach; two sons, Harry A. of Lutherville, Md., and Ronald S. of Newark; a daughter, Bernice D. Heinel of Wilmington; two sisters, Kate Filler of Philadelphia and Betty S. Smith of Arden; and five grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the American Heart Association.

(This obituary is reprinted from the March 14 News Journal with permission of the News Journal's public editor.)

**MITCHELL JAY POLLACK**

Mitchell Jay Pollack, 40, of 2526 Wexford Drive, Channin, Brandywine Hundred, died March 11 of a brain hemorrhage at Christiana Hospital.

Mr. Pollack was an engineer at Public Service Electric & Gas Co., Hancock Bridge, N.H.

He was a member of Congregation Beth Emeth, Wilmington.

Mr. Pollack is survived by his wife, Myrna A. Pollack; a son, David at home; a daughter, Robyn Pollack at home; his father, William of Englishtown, N.J.; and a sister, Karen Sichel of East Brunswick, N.J.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to American Cancer Society.

**SAMUEL S. WOLOSHIN**

Samuel S. Woloshin, 75, former Wilmington poultry processor and retailer and used car dealer, died March 16 of complications from heart surgery at Florida Medical Center, Lauderhill. He had triple bypass surgery two weeks ago, his family said.

Mr. Woloshin, who moved to Lauderdale Lakes, Fla., in 1989 from Thomas West House, Brandywine Hundred, Del., owned and operated Allied Auto Sales, a used car lot at Northeast Boulevard and 27th Street, Wilmington, in the 1960s. He owned and operated Kirkwood Poultry, a chicken processing plant and market at Seventh and Kirkwood streets, Wilmington, in the 1950s.

He was a member of Nathan Balick Post 747, Jewish War Veterans; and Montefiore Mutual Benefit Society, both Wilmington.

An Army veteran of World War II, he served in the military police in Japan after its surrender.

Raised in New York, he joined his wife in Wilmington in 1946 and the couple lived at 623 W. 38th St. until moving to Pittsburgh, where Mr. Woloshin sold land, in 1969. They lived in Atlanta, where Mr. Woloshin also sold land, before moving to Thomas West House in 1979.

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn L. Woloshin; two sons, Melvyn A. of Wilmington and Michael A. of Medford, N.J.; a daughter, Lisette W. Kendan of Trumbull, Conn.; and six grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to The Kutz Home, Fox Point, Del.

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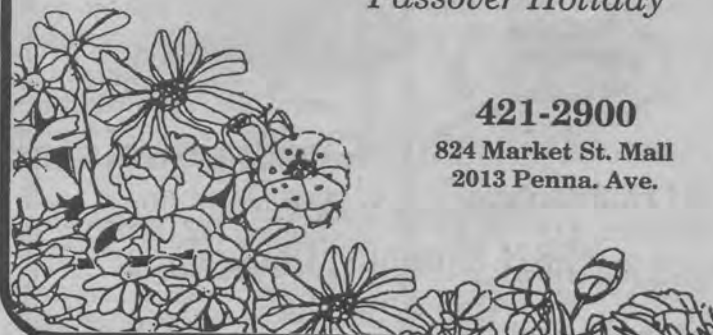
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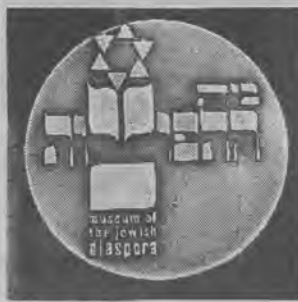
## Students In Israel

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are considering return visits to Israel as exchange students, summer counselors or tourists.

After the sharing of photos, pizza, salad and desert, the evening ended with (of course!) a 45-minute student produced, photographed and narrated videotape.

Professors Palley and Klaff hope to offer the course, whose credits can also be used by students minoring in Judaic Studies, again during Winterim 1996.



## Medal To Be Awarded To Steven Spielberg From The Museum of Jewish Diaspora



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## 'I Hate Hamlet' Party to Benefit AEA, Hadassah, and NCJW

Sunday, April 17, 1994 at 7:00 p.m. is the combined special performance theatre party and reception to benefit Albert Einstein Academy, The Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah, and National Council of Jewish Women.

The play "I Hate Hamlet," starring Matt Mulhern, Jon Cypher, Beverly Archer and Alan Ruck, is a raucous comedy about a TV sitcom star in New York hired to play Hamlet in Central Park.

When reservations are made, the purchaser will be able to designate any or all of the money to the organization of choice. The profits from the cost of the tickets will be divided equally among all three participating organizations.

Cost per ticket and reception will be \$20.00, \$25.00, \$50.00 and \$100.00.

For more information and to make reservations, contact Jack or Jean Blumenfeld at 478-3835 or Sharon Berry at 475-3004.

## Hadassah To Hold Progressive Dinner Yiddish

## Yiddish

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The Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah will hold a Progressive Dinner on Saturday evening, April 16, 1994.

The dinner will be held at 3 homes of Hadassah members in Chalfonte and will begin at 7:00 p.m. with salads and appetizers. At 8:00 p.m. the main course will be served in the second home as well as Havdallah. The dinner will consist of parve or dairy dishes prepared by chapter members. At 9:00 p.m. dessert will begin in the third home. There will be a \$10.00 fee per person for this evening.

Call Sharon Sternberg for information and reservations no later than April 8, 1994.

commercial usage as positive.

"It is a real denigration of the language," she said. "It is becoming a T.V. language, associated only with comedy or schmaltz."

How to make Yiddish accessible to non-Yiddish speakers is a question that faces all Yiddishists.

The biannual publication "Bridges: A Journal for Jewish Feminists and Our Friends," is devoted to publishing several works in Yiddish in each issue, in both the original and translation. None of the members of the collective who edit the journal speak Yiddish.

## Israel Bans Kach, Kahane Chai As Terrorist Groups

By DVORAH GETZLER

JERUSALEM (JTA)—Using regulations that previously had been used only against Palestinians, the Israeli government has banned the Kach and Kahane Chai political parties.

The Israeli Cabinet, which voted unanimously on the measure, outlawed the two groups, declaring them terrorist organizations.

In outlawing the two Jewish groups, the Cabinet employed a decades-old law that had been aimed at Palestinian terror groups.

Kach and Kahane Chai owe their ideology to the fiercely anti-Arab teachings of the late Rabbi Meir Kahane, who was assassinated in New York in 1990.

The Cabinet's decision was based on evidence, submitted by Israeli se-

curity services and police, that implicates the two groups in a series of unsolved murders of Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The government ban extends to all groups associated with the two organizations and to any that may spring up in response to the ban if the new groups share the same violent anti-Arab tendencies.

As part of the government measure, anyone supporting the two groups either verbally or with financial assistance will be subject to imprisonment.

Justice Minister David Libai said the government had taken the measures only after there had been very serious consideration of the implications of the action upon Israeli democracy.

While the opposition parties' reaction to the ban was generally muted, Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu thought a six-month ban should have been imposed initially.

## NFJC Has Sound Idea On Jewish Culture

NEW YORK—The National Foundation for Jewish Culture (NFJC) is conducting a national search for audiotapes whose subject matter relates to Jewish culture.

"Because of the popularity of portable and car cassette players, we believe that audio tapes are an ideal medium for sharing the vitality and diversity of Jewish culture. In recent years, there has been an explosion of programs being created in an audio format — from award-winning radio programs, to lectures by great figures in Jewish life, to the treasures found in Jewish archives," explained Richard Siegel, Director of the NFJC. "The study will determine how best to bring these unique cultural resources to large numbers of listeners throughout the country who would otherwise have no access to them."

The NFJC is especially interested in locating recordings of radio programs, lectures, readings, performances, music and storytelling, and is contacting Jewish studies programs, museums, radio producers, musicians, performers, and other potential sources of material, explained Project Director Nan Rubin, a public radio specialist.

For more information, contact Nan Rubin or Elijah Siegler, Audio Research Project, National Foundation for Jewish Culture, 330 Seventh Ave., 21st Floor, New York City, NY 10001, 212/629-0500; FAX 212/629-0508.

## Detroit Federation Cuts Overseas Aid

By LARRY YUDELSON

NEW YORK (JTA)—A federation considered one of this country's staunchest supporters of overseas causes plans to spend more of the funds it raises at home promoting Jewish education, sending less money to Israel and Jewish causes overseas.

The move by the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit worries advocates of overseas aid, who see an accelerating trend in which Israel received a declining percentage of federation money.

The move highlights a growing sense, both in America and Israel, that the needs of American Jews may have been neglected for too long. It comes at a time when Israeli officials, from Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin down to consular officers in the United States, say that American Jewish continuity is at least as much a part of the Diaspora-Israel partnership as is supporting disadvantaged Israelis.

And it comes at a time when the generation whose links to Jews overseas was forged by the Holocaust and the founding of the State of Israel is being replaced by a generation less viscerally connected to Jews overseas.

Detroit's planned decrease in overseas allocations still leave Detroit with one of the highest ratios of federation funds going overseas.

"We are not necessarily trying to keep Yiddish alive, but rather we appreciate it for the bridges it builds, bringing us closer to our past," said Claire Kinberg, managing editor.

"Making Yiddish accessible to people who are not Yiddish speakers is one of our aims," said Lansky of the book center.

"I'm under no illusion that Yiddish will once again become a spoken language among Jews," he said. "I'm not trying to revive the past, just to make it more accessible."

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## 'Nasty Girl' Among Films In Children's Series

Pacem in Terris is presenting an 11-part international film series, "THE CHILD'S PASSAGE: The Universal Journey through Innocence and Fear to Wisdom," on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. through May 10 in Memorial Hall, First and Central Presbyterian Church, 1101 Market Street, Wilmington.

The films from India, Ireland, Australia, Germany, the United States, Canada, France, and Italy allow viewers to investigate the psychology of childhood through the filter of a specific culture and historical time. Yet, the universality of this journey knows no borders, and viewers will identify with the agony and the ecstasy of coming of age.

John Robinson, film critic and a member of the English Faculty at Tower Hill School, will begin each evening by orienting the audience and introducing the film. Following the showing of the movie, he will lead a discussion and invite audience response. All films are free and open to the public.

The film series is sponsored by Pacem in Terris as part of its commitment to increasing mutual understanding across cultural lines. It is co-sponsored by First and Central Presbyterian Church and is funded in part by the Delaware Humanities Forum and the Alice Gilman Kwartin Memorial fund. Because of the length of some of the movies, the programs will begin promptly at 7 p.m.

For more information, please call Pacem in Terris at 656-2721.

March 29: **The Miracle**, directed and written by Neil Jordan, tells the story of a young, Irish musician who falls in love with a mysterious American actress, not realizing that she is his long-lost mother. Wynton Marsalis' haunting rendition of "Stardust" sets the mood for Neil Jordan's melancholy elegy to adolescent longings and impossible dreams. 96 minutes, 1991.

April 5: **Walkabout**, directed by Nicolas Roeg, depicts two European children abandoned in the Australian outback, who are found by a young aborigine boy. The three enjoy life in an unspoiled world, until civilization intrudes. 88 minutes, 1971.

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## Yiddish Language And Culture Maintaining A Vibrant Appeal

By ALEXANDRA J. WALL

NEW YORK (JTA) — A Yiddish summer language institute had to turn away applicants for lack of space. National Public Radio will broadcast Yiddish stories narrated by Hollywood actors such as Leonard Nimoy and Carol Kane.

And thanks to actor Mike Meyers' Barbra Streisand-worshipping character Linda Richmond on "Saturday Night Live," thousands can express themselves as feeling "farklempf" (choked-up).

It has long been predicted that the use of Yiddish would disappear with the last generation of immigrant Yiddish speakers. While specialists have been predicting the decline of Yiddish for some years, groups around the country are determined not to allow it to the brink of extinction.

Both the language and Yiddishist culture has a wide appeal — from university students to feminists to television sitcom characters.

"The number of Yiddish speakers in the world is actually rising," said Aaron Lansky, president of the National Yiddish Book Center, in Amherst, Mass. Lansky said that with the high birthrate of Chasidim, who use Yiddish as their everyday language, new generations are still being raised in the mother tongue, the "mammeloschen."

But the insular Chasidic community is not interested in modern Yiddish literature because of its secular themes.

"The first modern Yiddish story appeared in 1846," said Lansky, whose study of Jewish history sparked his interest in Yiddish as an undergraduate.

Lansky, along with the National Yiddish Book Center, which he founded, is responsible for rescuing more than 1 million Yiddish books from being destroyed.

"Until the Nazi era, 45,000 Yiddish titles appeared. And most addressed a theme that American Jews are still concerned with, mainly how does the Jew fit into the modern

world?" Lansky said in an interview.

Assimilation was the solution for many immigrants, Holocaust survivors among them, who wanted to begin their lives anew. And the desire to cast away anything associated with their past was part of that process.

Yiddish was one of the first casualties.

"Jews began to recoil from their world, which was destroyed," said Lansky. "But now that initial trauma has passed."

It was a desire to learn about the Jewish world before the Holocaust that guided writer and feminist activist Irena Klepfisz to Yiddish.

Klepfisz, a child survivor of the Holocaust, was raised in the Yiddish-speaking world of the Bund labor movement in Poland. She has taught Yiddish classes at various American universities as well as Jewish women's studies courses.

According to Klepfisz, although much scholarship focuses on the Holocaust, little of it delves into the Jewish world that existed before.

"I wanted to reconnect with my Yiddish background," said Klepfisz, who is a poet and author of "A Few Words In The Mother Tongue," a poetry anthology, and "Dreams of an Insomniac," a book of "Jewish feminist essays, speeches and diatribes."

"It was such a vibrant community, with so much happening, and I was interested in learning more about the women activists who played such a prominent role in the Bund and its organization," Klepfisz said.

Klepfisz is currently working in conjunction with the National Council of Jewish Women to organize a conference on women and Yiddish. The conference is scheduled for October.

The YIVO Institute for Jewish Research's Uriel Weinreich Program in Yiddish Language, Literature and Culture offers a six-week summer program at Columbia University, in which students immerse themselves in Yiddish through language classes,

lectures and film.

The majority of the participants are graduate students, but the program is open to non-students, said Jeffrey Salant, director of Yiddish Language Programs at YIVO.

An estimated 30 universities across the United States offer Yiddish courses.

Janet Hadda, professor of Yiddish at the University of California, Los Angeles, said that while the numbers of students studying the language has decreased in the past few years, enrollment has increased in her classes on Yiddish literature in translation.

"Students must be incredibly committed to learning the language," said Hadda. "One of the reasons that it is so difficult is that when learning Yiddish, it is impossible to completely immerse oneself in the language and culture, like students can with French or German, for instance."

Hadda added that the number of non-Jewish students enrolled in her Yiddish literature classes was also increasing.

"I think that the programs, like those coming from the National Yiddish Book Center, are helping to generate more interest, and the numbers of people interested in Yiddish will only continue to grow," she said.

David Roskies, professor of Yiddish literature at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, said five students were enrolled in the

seminary's doctoral program in Yiddish.

According to Roskies, those most interested in learning Yiddish are cantorial students and those who are studying modern Jewish studies, or other programs where Yiddish is a useful tool in gaining access literature and other primary sources.

Carol Stein of Eugene, Ore., said it was her daughter's study of Yiddish in college that inspired Stein to organize a Yiddish-speaking group through her synagogue. The group meets twice a month.

While facilitating the group comes easy for Stein, a middle-school teacher and librarian, she does not actually understand very much. Yet she is committed to keeping the language alive.

"It is amazing to me, how once you get involved in something like this, how many Yiddish speakers come out of the woodwork," said Stein.

"There are rich little veins of Yiddish in the most obscure places," she said. "There is even a Yiddish radio

program in Portland," Ore.

Group member Ellen Rifkin shares Stein's commitment. Rifkin, whose interest in Yiddish arose through the folk songs she plays on the accordion, said Yiddish immediately establishes a kind of intimacy and warmth among people, which is part of its appeal.

"We do a lot of singing in the group and have discussions about politics and current events. Or sometimes we read Yiddish poetry in the original and discuss it," said Rifkin.

Study groups such as the one in Eugene are prompting a curiosity in people who have no knowledge of Yiddish beyond the few requisite phrases learned from family members, or inevitably, from television.

"Yiddish has always been present in Hollywood, just because of the large numbers of Jews there," said Lansky. "But now they have lost some of their reserve; Jews are more self-affirming in their Jewishness."

But Klepfisz does not see such

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### Beth El Sisterhood Schedules April Meeting After March Events

At a monthly meeting of the Temple Beth El Sisterhood on March 9, the board invited Martha Frost, from Jewish Family Services, to give a talk on Sexual Harassment. Her lecture was followed by discussion about the impact sexual harassment. "Through our sharing, we realized why this hot topic is so controversial," said a member of Temple Beth El Sisterhood.

An upcoming meeting on April 13 will feature Myrna Ryder, Director of Family Life Education, from Jewish Family Services. She will talk about the phenomenon of the hurried child and confronting tough issues parents face in the 90s.

On Saturday, April 30, both Sisterhood and Men Club are co-sponsoring Monte Carlo Night. This gala event has been planned to raise money for both our organizations. All are invited for respectable gambling and food. A \$5.00 cover charge includes Beef & Beer and a chance to win a door prize. For more information on this, and other Temple Beth El events, call 366-8330.

### Two Point Conversion

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clined to comment on the NFL's decision. The JCC is the location for a great variety of athletic activity including swimming, basketball, and volleyball but not football. The community professional clarified, "We can't play football here because our insurance company won't pay."

Rabbi Moshe Goldblum of Beth Sholom Congregation of Dover, thinks the NFL's decision gives the wrong message that "conversion permits you to move to a higher score." The Dover leader argued that as "a good Jew you try your best to see that your team survives."

Does playing with a pigskin violate Jewish law? The "pig is in a peculiar location in reference to Jewish law. You have no right to benefit from it in any way," answered Rabbi Goldblum. Does this mean playing with the pigskin violates Jewish law?

A source who asked not to be identified told the Jewish Voice that footballs today are not made of pig skin.

### NFJC Receives Challenge Grant From NEH

NEW YORK, NY — The National Foundation for Jewish Culture (NFJC) has received a \$518,000 Challenge Grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, NFJC President Tom L. Freudenheim announced. This grant marks the first time that federal funds have been granted to establish a national endowment for Jewish scholarship. The money will be used to raise a \$2 million endowment in Jewish Studies to sustain and enhance the NFJC's Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship program.

The NFJC initiated its program of Doctoral Dissertation Fellowships in Jewish Studies in 1961, just one year after its founding. To date, it has awarded fellowships to more than 270 scholars, who comprise the core of Jewish Studies faculties at over 253 colleges and universities throughout America.

Matching the grant requires the NFJC to raise private funds at a ratio of 3 to 1 to federal funds.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for us in the American Jewish community. If the federal government is willing to invest in Jewish Studies on the American campus, then we must rise to the occasion," Freudenheim said. "The growth of Jewish scholarship into the next century depends on it."

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