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## Human Resources - Our Community's Greatest Asset

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of Delaware

Our Jewish community, while overwhelmed at times by the stresses and strains of "Jewish problems," be they local, national or international, has compiled an impressive record of creative responsiveness to many of these demanding contemporary issues. Federations have been on the cutting edge of these concerns and represent the closest thing there is to an organized Jewish community. Its overall direction and commitment to Jewish life and Jewish needs have made Federation during the past 50 years, one of the most important central organizational mechanisms we have to ensure the creative continuity and survival of so much of Jewish life.

The services provided by Federation and its network of communal agencies over these many years could not have been done without the able volunteer leadership committed to a deep, abiding conviction in the strengthening and perpetuation of Jewish life. The legendary, cooperative partnership between lay and professional leaders has indeed enabled us to translate our creed into deed.

A Jewish community, if it is to be both responsible and responsive to human needs, and forward



Morris Lapidos

looking in its approach, *must assure the continuity of this dynamic leadership.*

Leadership development, involvement, commitment, does not happen like "topsy." It is in this context that we must realistically face up to the critical issue of involving a much wider group of human resources within our community. *These human resources truly represent our greatest asset.* They represent men and women who could bring to our community an unlimited amount of skill, insight and expertise, if properly sensitized and motivated. Far too many of our people are on the periphery of the Jewish community. While many are affiliated, far too often they are not identified - identified in the sense of bringing to bear these skills for the betterment of the community.

We have been relatively successful in involving a number of young men and women in the 25-35 age group and many of them have assumed important leadership roles. At the same time, however, we must all reach out to the next age grouping, 35-50, to bring these talented people within the fold of active involvement and leadership. Many of these same people may have a certain ambivalence of feeling

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### News Flash!

The board of directors of the Jewish Federation of Delaware just approved the purchase of 17 acres of land adjacent to the Jewish Community Center for development. Look for further details in future issues of *The Jewish Voice*.

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further information.



## 5 Peace Principles Listed By Jordan

Jordan recently made public the text of its agreement with Palestine Liberation Organization that outlines a framework for a joint approach to peace in the Middle East.

The agreement was signed in Amman on Feb. 11, by King Hussein of Jordan and Yasir Arafat, the chairman of the P.L.O.

The text of the accord, distributed in English in the Jordanian capital, specifies five principles upon which their "bid for joint action" should be based. A key provision includes "total withdrawal" by Israel from the territories occupied in 1967 for comprehensive peace as established in United States and Security Council.

Jordan's Acting Information Minister, Taher Hikmat, said at a news conference in Amman that this meant the P.L.O. had accepted United Nations Resolution 242, which calls for recognition of Israel's sovereignty and borders in exchange for the return of occupied Arab lands.

The document calls for the "achievement of a peaceful and just settlement of the Middle East crisis" and "termination of Israeli occupation of the occupied Arab territories, including Jerusalem," based on five points.

In addition to its insistence on total Israeli withdrawal from occupied lands, it says a joint peace bid should affirm the "right to self-determination for the Palestinian people."

Palestinians, the accord continues, will exercise this right when Jordanians and Palestinians will be able to do so within the context of the formation of the proposed confederated Arab states of Jordan and Palestine."

The Palestinian group has long insisted on the eventual creation of an independent Palestinian state; Jordan, by contrast, favors the creation of an entity in association with Jordan, which the Reagan Administration has also endorsed.

Another principle for joint action calls for peace talks "under the auspices of an international conference in which the five permanent members of

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DOCUMENTS ON MENGELE

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Senators Alfonse D'Amato (R.-N.Y.) left, and Arlen Specter (R.-Pa.), hold a Capitol Hill press conference on Feb. 26 to make public 28 pages of previously unreleased CIA documents concerning Dr. Josef Mengele, who is being sought for atrocities he committed in the Auschwitz Nazi concentration camp during World War II. (RNS Photo)



# Issues '85: A Seminar Series

"Issues 85" - vital issues facing American Jews will be discussed at a series of three seminars co-chaired by Majory Stone Levine and Judy Mellen and jointly sponsored by the Delaware Branch of the American Jewish Committee, the Jewish Community Center and the Jewish Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

The national education director for the American Jewish Committee, Marilyn Braverman, will begin the series on March 13 when she speaks on "Christianizing America - a threat to religious pluralism." Braverman,

who has a B.S. in political science and a masters degree in public administration, staffed the American Jewish Committee's New York, Westchester, Long Island Church-State Task Force and has testified before Congress in opposition to tuition tax credits for non-public schools. She has written a citizen's guide to Equal Access and has developed AJC's Religious Pluralism Education Project. She will discuss the project's goal to form local coalitions throughout the country to monitor and avoid abuse of the Equal Access Act. In addition to problems, she will

speaking about challenges in responding to religious displays on public property, school prayer initiatives, and the appropriate spheres of religion and government. Braverman has said, "We need to recognize that Americans are a religious people and that our views on social issues develop from our deep sense of religious values. The problem arises with recent attempts to enlist the machinery of government in support of religion to make religious laws into civil laws and to create a situation in which religious minorities become dissenters from an institutionalized majority religion."

The second in the series, "Growing Arab Political Influence," is to be held on April 3 and will be led by Anna Gottlieb. She is a senior analyst for the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC)'s Research and Information Department and is responsible for the tracking and monitoring of all anti-Israel activities and the financing of all anti-Israel activities in the United States. She has worked as a legislative analyst with the Subcommittee for Criminal Justice, Senate Judiciary Committee under Senator Joe Biden, and completed her internship in the Criminal Division's Office of Special Investigations, the office charged with investigating and prosecuting Nazi war criminals in the United States.

Gottlieb, who holds a B.A. and an M.S. in public administration and international affairs, was a VISTA volunteer and a Peace Corps recruiter. She will address such questions as: What corporate money is being used by the Arab political power? What groups are involved and where does the money get contributed? What does this mean for us as American Jews?

Access is power and PACs buy access whether in Dover or Washington. In addition, PACs educate voters and expand grassroots-level participation in the political process. On May 1, Tom Pines, the political research assistant in AIPAC's Political Department will discuss "Pacs and Their



Marjory Stone Levine Judy Mellen

Power," the final topic in this series. Pines attended Tulane University's Junior Year Abroad Honors Program where he studied political theory and contemporary political philosophy at the University of London. He received his B.A. in political science with a concentration on international affairs. In August 1984 after graduating from Tulane University where he was the founder and chairman of the Tulane Israeli Action Committee and after completing an internship program at the Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars, he joined AIPAC. Since PACs have become political powers themselves, utilizing their money to further their goals, Pines, who was actively involved with the 1984 political campaign, will suggest ways on how to use PACs and join them.

The seminars will be held in a private home and registration is limited in order to take time for in-depth give and take discussions. Those interested in attending this series of three sessions should call Toby Weiner at the JCC office, 478-5660 or Evelyn Lobel at the JFD office, 478-6200.

## Richard Venezky To Speak At Dental Division Dinner

Richard L. Venezky will be featured speaker at the Jewish Federation Dental Division dinner Tuesday evening, March 12. This special dinner, chaired by Drs. George Zurkow and Barry Kayne, will be held at the home of George and Libby Zurkow.

Dr. Venezky, who has just returned from Israel, will speak about the Israeli economy, the present Israel-Lebanon situation and the resettlement of Ethiopian Jews made possi-

ble by "Operation Moses."

Venezky is professor of Educational Studies and computer sciences at the University of Delaware. He is also a consultant in educational technology in Tel Aviv, Israel.

Venezky received his bachelors degree in electrical engineering and master's degree at Cornell University. His PdD in linguistics is from Stanford University.



Richard Venezky



George Zurkow

### Community Commemoration of Yom Ha Shoah

Wednesday evening, April 17, 1985  
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## ISRAEL ISSUES

### Ze'ev Golin



### The Who And What Of The Law Of Return

RISHON LE-ZION- In Israel, the question of who is a Jew often overshadows issues virtually every other nation would consider more important. While we are still not out of the woods economically, and peace is a distant, danger - fraught dream, it seems frivolous to worry over whom to let into the country. Yet behind the battle over amending the "Law of Return" lie profound questions about the character of the Jewish people.

If one is to go by the books, the question is clear. Can a person not born of a Jewish mother and not converted to Judaism according to Orthodox law be automatically granted Israeli citizenship as a Jewish national? The Orthodox say no, the secularists say yes. The real issue dividing the two camps is not, in my opinion, "who is a Jew?" but "what is a Jew?"

Secularists in Israel often define Jewishness in terms of Israeli nationality. Anyone who chooses to uproot himself from his land of origin and identify himself with the land and people of Israel has the right to claim Jewish nationality. Many say that they are "more Israeli than Jewish," because they don't practice the religion. They fear that making "Israeli" and "Jew" synonymous terms gives the state the moral right to impose Orthodox Jewish law on its citizens.

The Orthodox will tell you that anyone born of a Jewish mother or converted according to *halacha* is Jewish. What is troubling is that many in practice consider only those who are observant as being worthy of being part of the Jewish nation. This is largely the reason Agudat Yisrael seeks to legislate Israel's Jews into holiness.

## Human Resources —

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for Judaism. Many did not have a strong Jewish education or strong Jewish environment but are nevertheless interested in their roots. So many of these people suddenly found their Judaism in the Six Day War of 1967 and again in 1973 during the Yom Kippur War. Non-Zionists became Zionists. There was indeed a reawakening and every Jew suddenly became "10 feet tall." But do we have to continually rely on Jewish *t'soris*, discrimination and outside pressures to make us continually aware of our Jewishness?

Jewish involvement can be a meaningful "quality" Jewish experience. The community needs your skills and expertise in so many facets of Jewish communal services, including budgeting, planning, endowment development, campaign, community relations, public relations, leadership seminars, management skills, legal skills, etc. The Jewish community gains through your involvement and

Such answers to the question, "What is a Jew?" are at best incomplete. Jews are bound to one another not just by religion or Israeli nationality, but by a history revolving around our sense of uniqueness. Thus are linked the Orthodox and secular, Ashkenazim and Sephardim, and the state of Israel with the diaspora.

Israel itself provides a meeting point for all of the factors and groups that comprise the Jewish people. In that sense, you cannot have a purely secular or religious state. While it is essential that the state protect and encourage the Jewish religion in its traditional form, it must allow the non-religious to pursue their own lifestyles.

However, as Israel displays tolerance, it must be firm about its Jewish identity. Strip Jewish nationality of its Jewishness and anyone can claim it. A self-styled Palestinian Arab would have the right to ask why he has less right to Israeli citizenship than some Eastern European interloper who denies his religion.

That is why Israel should set standards for accepting citizens. The *halachic* definition of "who is a Jew?" is the only alternative to a state of confusion that would threaten the state's identity. Hopefully, the Orthodox rabbinate will someday be persuaded to accept Reform, Conservative, and Reconstructionist conversions performed according to Orthodox law.

In the meantime, it should not be forgotten that Israel exists to provide a Jewish home for the Jewish people.

in turn you have the unique opportunity of achieving a very special satisfaction through your participation.

We need the doers more than ever - and by doing you can make a difference in strengthening the quality of Jewish life.

Let us fuse into our community this great wealth of talent that is out there.

The time is NOW - Your active identity will assure our tradition of a community that cares.



## ON THE OTHER HAND

### N. Even-Or



### For Yuli, With Love

We had climbed six flights of stairs for the third time, carrying heavy shoulder bags, and I winced at the thought of waking up yet another angry Muscovite to greet me bleary-eyed in his undershirt and reply with a "nyet" and a slam of the door to my request for the man we sought. But this time the sleepy face matched the picture I had memorized, and its owner broke into a welcoming smile when I pronounced his name. It was almost midnight in Moscow, July, 1976, and we had found Yuli at Sheremetevskaya 75A, Apartment 66.

Yuli is a radio electronics engineer; maybe I should say "was" rather than "is," because he lost his job shortly after he indicated his desire to emigrate to Israel. When we met with him in 1976 he had been refused permission to leave for the past five years. That was nine years ago.

We had gone to the Soviet Union to meet with a dozen refusenik families in four cities, to tape their stories, and to tell their stories in the United States. I just played Yuli's tapes again, as I have done so many times before, heard again the commitment and courage and passion in his voice, saw again the handsome bearded face and the tousled hair that I shall never forget. And my eyes are blurred with tears as I write this, because Yuli is still not free.

We spoke that night of how many Soviet Jews would like to leave if they could. He believed that almost every Jew, including those who are in no sense activists, thinks of the possibility of leaving. Not all have the strength to take the step, but everybody thinks of it.

We spoke of what he had been through since making application to go to Israel, in 1971. And he said this:

*They want to control everybody here, not to allow the possibility of any opposition of any kind.....This is a country with a very cruel tradition, and they can do anything they want. One time they drove me out of the KGB in an ambulance. The interrogation had continued for 14 hours without any break.....They just can do whatever they want! They want to show it to you. Just to demonstrate that they can do it —and they really can.*

Yuli was originally from Sverdlovsk. That's where he first submitted his application to leave. His friends there were Jewish activists who were later imprisoned because of their attempts to spread Jewish culture in the USSR. After lengthy interrogation, Yuli was slandered in the newspapers and labeled a traitor. In 1975 he was married in Moscow to Inna, a mathematician, who has never been able to work in her field because of her expressed desire to go to Israel. We asked Yuli about his choice of Israel rather than the United States. Wasn't he aware of the economic dif-

ficulties in Israel, the threat of war? And he said this:

*For me, if Israel were a stony country, without any industry, without any possibility of work, I would go there — I would go to any Israel! You see, I am very lucky, because I was born when Israel already existed. I had a choice! If Israel wouldn't exist, I would probably go all this way, to break my head, as so many people break their heads before, to try to create for Jews some refuge, some independent state. I was very lucky, you see. I am more than five years in refusal, but I am alive, and I can go further! I am very lucky. If Israel wouldn't exist, I couldn't go on; I couldn't tolerate this anymore.*

I hear these words and, as the tape moves on, I realize that Yuli is now almost 44 years old. When he was first denied "the permission," he was not yet 30. He has spent a third of his life trying to leave, and daily suffered the consequences, he and his family. His sons, Eliezer and Matvey, have been born "in refusal."

What does he do? How does he live? At present he works as a night watchman in a movie house. On several occasions he has been threatened with arrest for "parasitism." He has taught himself Hebrew — when we met him he was immersed in it. He now teaches it to about 30 students, along with technical seminars for unemployed refusenik engineers, despite grim warnings from the KGB to stop. His apartment has been raided, his books confiscated. He has been repeatedly picked up for "informative talks" and "administrative detention" because of his "improper behavior."

The tape rolls on, and I remember Yuli, and I am ashamed. What is my special merit and his special sin that the Nisson Asher ben Avraham, *olov ha-shalom*, for whom I am named, left Pren, Lithuania, 125 years ago to come to America, and Yuli's grandfather chose to stay in Sverdlovsk? I look at a letter from Yuli, ending with the Hebrew words, *Ha-shanah ha-ba'ah b'Y'rushalayim*, next year in Jerusalem! The date on the letter is March 21, 1977.

Soon, both Yuli and I will read the Haggadah and, at the end, these words, *Ha-shanah ha-ba'ah b'Y'rushalayim*. For me and those at the table with me they will be hollow words. Each one of us could be in *Yerushalayim* if we chose to be. For Yuli, saying them in the sure knowledge that the door may be smashed open any minute, these words will be a hope, a prayer, a dream. May He Who Spoke and the World Began, will it that Yuli's dream shall become reality, and that we who embraced in Moscow nine years ago with tears of farewell, will soon embrace in Jerusalem with tears of joy. And let us say, Amen.



## LETTERS to the Editor

To the Editor,

I was one of over a thousand people who participated in the Ingathering for Holocaust Survivors at the Tel Aviv Hilton on Jan. 27 marking 40 years after liberation. One of the most forceful messages that was transmitted in both word and deed is the fact that for many survivors, the nightmare of those horrible years continues to the present day. Thousands of survivors gathered with one primary goal, searching for hints and clues about the possible survival of loved ones. Many participants had pinned to their clothes their names and from what city they were from and requests for information regarding their relatives. It was acutely obvious on the people's faces as they glanced at each other, hoping that somehow fate would repay them for their patience by returning someone they had presumed perished.

It is because of this human tragedy that the Holocaust Education Center in Jerusalem recently established a computerized directory of Holocaust survivors, the first comprehensive collection of its kind in the world. Its purpose is to serve as a repository of all known survivors, and its success depends on our ability to bring its existence to the attention of as many people as possible. It will help survivors track down their missing loved ones, and will hopefully reunite families which have suffered from the curse of uncertainty.

We are therefore turning with a heartfelt plea to all of your readers: rabbis, community and lay leaders, organizations and individuals and all those who are either survivors themselves or know survivors, with a request that they contact us in Jerusalem so that we can send them the questionnaire form.

Sadly, we no longer have the luxury of time and patience, as the day is soon approaching when the generation of "survivors" will have passed on entirely. That is why it is so urgent that all possible respondents contact us as soon as possible.

Sincerely,  
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Director

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## Editorial

# Who's On First?

Now that some of the Ethiopian Jewry rescue details are starting to surface do you get the feeling that you're hearing a replay of that famous Abbott & Costello baseball dialogue? You know, the one that starts with "Who's on first" and ends with a resounding "Third base"!

And so it is with Israel. No matter what is said, world opinion and Arab chorus can be expected to cry Foul.

It all started as a simple humanitarian gesture. Ethiopians and surrounding Africans were dying by the hundreds of thousands. World sensitivities were shocked into action by photographs of starving women and children. Led by the chief world bread basket, the United States, countries from every corner volunteered to help. Even the Soviet Union offered to help distribute the food thereby giving their Moscow-leaning minions the impression that the food was coming solely from them.

So in enters Israel, a state which is itself plagued by ravages of inflation, balance of payment deficits and essential defense spending. But now Israel has been transformed into a land that flows with milk and honey, some even available to relieve hunger elsewhere.

So Israel volunteers food supplies and, brings the Falashas, those black natives who claim descent from the 10 lost tribes, out of Ethiopia.

What a scenario. Imagine the headlines. Underprivileged white citizens offer aid to black brethren. Not a single other country or ethnic group made a similar offer. You'd think that the hussanahs of praise would ring round the world. Uh-uh. This is Israel we're talking about. And then the chorus started.

•What right does Israel have in opening its borders to these people (and thereby prevent them from starving)?

•Shouldn't we boycott the airlines who participated in this illegal airlift?

•How come white Israelis are making such a big deal out of saving blacks? (Of course, when it was done originally in secret the comment was, "Why are the Israelis sneaking around and operating in a clandestine fashion?")

•Who said these Falashas are really Jews and entitled under their so-called Law of Return to be admitted to Palestine while Arabs must live outside the land that is rightfully theirs?

But this is Israel at work. If it were any other country or group they would expect a flying visit from Jesse Jackson commending these acts of interracial brotherhood. The Pope would have gotten on the air and lauded the actions in the 57 varieties of languages he reserves for such occasions. And the Nobel Peace Prize would be awarded to the coalition government for finally finding an issue that Likud and Labor can agree upon.

But this is Israel at work. And the only words they can expect to hear are Foul or Third Base.

## 5 Peace Principles —

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the Security Council will participate."

Hikmat stressed that this would include the Soviet Union, something to which both the United States and Israel have objected.

The accord also calls the P.L.O. the "sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people," but asserts that it will participate in any peace talks "within a joint delegation (joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation)."

One Western official said this ap-

peared to be a significant policy shift for the P.L.O., since efforts to revive peace talks collapsed in April 1983 over the issue. Mr. Arafat failed at the time to win the support of radicals within his bitterly divided group for letting King Hussein lead such a joint delegation.

Israel has consistently refused to negotiate with the P.L.O. and has rejected calls for the creation of an independent Paestinian state on the West Bank of the Jordan River. It has also insisted that Jerusalem remain the capital of Israel.

## Senate Holds Hearing On Mengele Case

WASHINGTON — A Senate subcommittee was repeatedly told Tuesday that continuing publicity is the best means of spurring U.S. and international action to apprehend Dr. Josef Mengele the notorious "angel of death" of Auschwitz.

Sen. Arlen Specter (R. Pa.), chairman of the Juvenile Justice Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said there is evidence that the U.S. Army had Mengele in its custody after World War II and the subcommittee wanted to know why he was not tried and why he has not been arrested since. Sen. Howard Metzenbaum (D. Ohio) was the only other subcommittee member who par-

ticipated in Tuesday's hearing.

Sen. Alfonse D'Amato (R. NY) said publicity of the Mengele case has already helped bring confirmation that Mengele was held by the U.S. Army in 1945 in the Idar-Oberstein prison camp in U.S.-occupied Germany.

D'Amato said there is "no doubt this monster Mengele is alive." He said Mengele, who entered Paraguay in 1951 and was naturalized as a citizen in 1959, may have fled to Canada in 1962 for a short time, after Israeli intelligence had tracked him down. He said that at that time, a Joseph Menke was in Canada and it is believed this may have been Mengele.



## Needs Of Jewish Elderly In Delaware Topic Of Concern



Rona Finkelstein

The Task Force on the Aging of the Jewish Federation of Delaware's Budget and Planning Committee has been analyzing the needs of the Jewish elderly. The Task Force, chaired by Rona Finkelstein, has met with all the Jewish agency professionals who work with the elderly to review the services presently being provided and to hear their suggestions.

It was stated that there are approximately 96,000 elderly in all of Delaware representing 16% of the total population. Twelve percent of these are over 80 years of age (11,500). The numbers of "over 80s" population (those who need services most) are growing at a faster rate than any other segment of the population.

In the Jewish community there are over 1,500 senior adults with approximately 200 of them over 80 years of age. In addition, there are at least another 200 families in the age range of 50-65 who have parents living in Delaware or other communities who may need the services of the Jewish community of Delaware as their parents become more frail.

More elderly are being released from hospitals with more need for health care in their own homes, relatives' homes or in medical rehabilitation or nursing homes. Though home health aid is less expensive than hospital or nursing home care, much of the cost of this household assistance (aides, nurses, homemakers, or live-in companion care) is not eligible for medicare reimbursement. Though the majority of the elderly have some family support (emotional, physical and financial, if needed), the caring family members are also growing increasingly older.

Faced with these facts, the Task Force is investigating the kinds of services that the Jewish community and general communities are and are not providing, what additional services are needed and how they may be developed both for the present and for the long-range.

Representatives of the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home, the Jewish Community Center, Jewish Family Service and the B'nai B'rith Apartments serve on the Task Force as well as other interested and concerned individuals.

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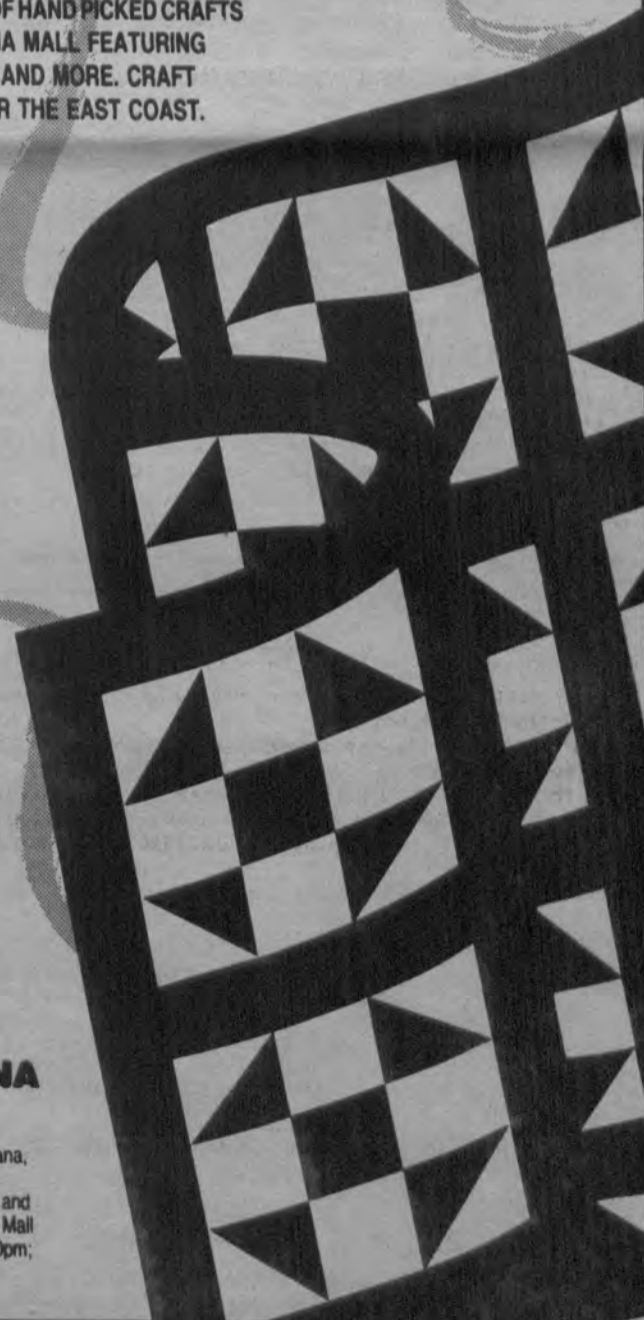
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# Brandywine Country Club Plans New Facility

Wheels have been set in motion to make Brandywine a premier country club. By selling 29 of its acres to Louis J. Capano and Sons, the club still retains most of the golf course; only five holes will be re-designed, keeping the yardage comparable to the present course.

The proceeds of the sale permit the building of a completely new 15,000 square foot facility that will encompass a dining room; kitchen; lounge; meeting rooms; health, exercise, sauna, steam and locker rooms. New tennis courts and a swimming pool will be located conveniently near the main building.

As plans are being finalized, the first step of the project is underway. Alice Dyke, an area caterer with an excellent reputation for imaginative cuisine, has been retained as general manager. Combining her talents with the new dining and meeting rooms, the club hopes to attract weddings, bar mitzvahs, private and business dinners or lunches.

Construction is tentatively scheduled to start in late spring and be completed by the



Those present recently at settlement of 29 acres of Brandywine Country Club property to Louis J. Capano. Seated (L-R): Paul R. Fine, Sylvan Taub, Louis A. Capano, Michael Popiti. Standing (L-R): Martin Sloan, Daniel Kraft, Norman Aerenson.

spring of '86. Details concerning architecture and decor will be released at a later date. The new entrance will be on Shipley Road.

"Brandywine Country Club has been an institution in our community since 1946," stated Sylvan Taub, president. "There was some discussion at one time to move out-of-state. Relocation would have left a void. That's

why we are so happy that this site will continue as a country club. I'm sure our neighbors, the homeowners, are equally pleased that they will still have a beautiful golf course in their midst," added Taub.

A membership committee, headed by Stanley Hart and Donna Cohen, is formulating a campaign to introduce prospective members to the new Brandywine Country Club.

# The New Jewish Identity In America

By Stuart E. Rosenberg

A new Jewish identity? And what of the older one, or of any fixed Jewish identity at all? Perhaps most American Jews have already lost much of their former distinctiveness, now that they have reached into their fourth and fifth generation on the soil of the new world.

The changes wrought by American life on the religious and cultural character of the Jewish community in the United States have produced a distinct and new kind of Jewish society. In this book, Dr. Stuart Rosenberg brings the insights of history, sociology, and psychology to a penetrating analysis of the American Jewish community from the colonial period to the present. Rosenberg discusses, among other points, the constant tension between ethnic-cultural awareness and religious faith ("Jewishness" versus "Judaism"); the rise of Jewish denominations; the changes in traditional Jewish institutions — the role of the rabbi, the modification of the synagogue from a place sole-

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ly for worship to a center of community religious and social life, and the growing popularity of the yeshivas. Throughout, he relates the dramatic changes of the last two decades and their impact on Jewish communal life.

Rosenberg is currently rabbi of Toronto's Beth Torah Congregation and a well-known and respected author and lecturer. He has been honored by the Jewish Theological Seminary for distinguished service to Judaism.

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# RA Clears Way For First Woman Rabbi

By AVIVA CANTOR

NEW YORK, (JTA) — The Rabbinical Assembly (RA) — the international organization of Conservative rabbis — has cleared the way for the acceptance of its first female member. She is Amy Eilberg, 30, who is scheduled to be the first woman to graduate from the Rabbinical School of the (Conservative) Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS) and be ordained in May.

The roadblock to the acceptance of Eilberg — and other Conservative women rabbis following in her footsteps — was cleared by the passage of an amendment to the RA's constitution, the RA announced at a news conference last Thursday.

According to the amendment, all graduates of the JTS will automatically become RA members upon ordination. The amendment passed by a vote of 636-267 conducted in a recent mail ballot of the RA membership.

Previously, graduates had to be voted into RA membership individually by 75 percent of the delegates to an RA convention — which remains the procedure for non-JTS rabbis who apply. The amendment was conceived to avert a possible floor fight on such a vote on Eilberg's acceptance into the RA membership, according to sources familiar with Conservative movement politics.

### Reasons For Concern

Behind the concern was the fact that at floor fights for two years in a row, RA conventions rejected the application of Rabbi Beverly Magidson, who was ordained as a Reform rabbi in 1979, while accepting into membership several male Reform rabbis.

At the 1983 convention, held in Dallas, the vote on Magidson's application was 210 in favor to 75 opposed — only

four votes short of the 75 percent required. At the 1984 convention, held in April in Kiamesha Lake New York, Magidson received 230 votes to 99 against — or 17 votes short.

The repeated rejection of Magidson's application and the seeming decline in support for her admission to the RA largely were attributed by knowledgeable sources to the feeling in the organization that the first woman it admits should be a JTS graduate. This would then pave the way for the acceptance of women rabbis who were not JTS graduates, such as Magidson, in the future.

What made possible the application of a woman ordained by JTS was the decision of its Faculty Senate to accept women as rabbinical students, reached by a 34-8 vote in October 1983 after over 10 years of heated and often bitter debate within the Conservative movement.

In keeping with the decision, 18 women were admitted as students in the JTS Rabbinical School's incoming (1984-85) class — comprising approximately 50 percent of the students. Several of the women students, who had taken courses at JTS during the past few years, will now receive credit and be ordained before the end of the usual six-year period of study.

### 'A Momentous, Historic Event'

Philadelphia-born Eilberg holds a Masters degree in Talmud from the JTS. She also holds a B.A. in Near Eastern and Judaic Studies from Brandeis University, and an MSW from Smith College. She is the daughter of former Rep. Joshua Eilberg and Gladys Eilberg, a social worker.

At Thursday's news conference, Eilberg called the

RA vote "a momentous, historic event" and "a great day for American Judaism and for American Jewish women." The Conservative movement, she said, "has declared in a resounding voice that it is dedicated to an ideal of a fully egalitarian community."

Referring, as well, to the JTS decision to admit women as rabbinical students, Eilberg said that for American Jewish women "the long vigil is over and the wait was fully justified." She added:

"As of today, Jewish women need never again feel that their gender is a barrier to their full participation in Jewish life. They need never again doubt the commitment of the Conservative movement to complete equality for women." But the process, she said, "is only beginning." She continued:

"Only now can we begin the long-term process of acknowledging the special contributions that women can make to Judaism, of exploring women's unique and hitherto ignored perspectives on Jewish tradition, and of incorporating those vital insights and contributions into the mainstream of Jewish life."

### Entering A New Era

Rabbi Alexander Shapiro, president of the RA, told the news conference that, with the decision, "the Conservative movement as a whole is now about to enter into an entirely new era in its development," with women as well as men able to "enrich Jewish life throughout the world."

The decision, he added, "represents a recognition that all of us, both men and women, are created in God's image and that the potential for spiritual greatness exists in all human beings."

Dr. Gerson Cohen, chancellor of the JTS — who had successfully pressed for the acceptance of women as rabbinical students there — expressed the hope that "all concerned with the health of Conservative Judaism will join together in a renewed spirit of co-operation and look toward the future."

### Opponents Speak Out

This was an obvious reference to a group of rabbis within the conservative movement who have long been opposed to women being ordained as rabbis. David Novak, a spokesrabbi for the Union for Traditional Conservative Judaism, called the RA decision "contrary to Jewish law" and warned that it would divide the movement.

Meanwhile, the National Council of Young Israel (NCYI), a modern Orthodox organization, condemned the

RA decision as an "abandonment" by the Conservative movement "of all respect for the Divine authority and authenticity of our religious heritage" and called it a "heresy."

NCYI president Harold

Jacobs called upon all Orthodox organizations to sever their ties with both Conservative and Reform organizations and end their participation in umbrella bodies such as the Synagogue Council of America.



**TO BECOME FIRST CONSERVATIVE WOMAN RABBI**  
NEW YORK CITY — Amy Eilberg, 30, of New York, poses with a sculpture entitled "Procession" in the garden of the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York after she was introduced at a news conference on Feb. 14 following her selection by Conservative Judaism to be that group's first woman rabbi. The Conservative Judaism movement first began admitting women rabbinical candidates to its seminary in New York last fall. The decision has created divisions with the Conservative group, and with the larger Jewish community as well. (RNS Photo)

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American Jewry was unaware of ORT's activities for 40 years because ORT's founders and leaders never asked for outside help.

After the communists came to power in Russia, ORT headquarters were moved to Berlin. From Berlin, operations were directed primarily in Poland, Romania and other East European countries.

The American ORT Federation in New York developed as the result of an ORT delegation sent to the U.S. from Berlin.

Today, most Jews in the U.S. know of ORT and its programs, the largest of which is now in Israel. The American ORT Federation is comprised

of the national ORT League, American Labor ORT, Business and Professional ORT and Women's American ORT. The last is one of the largest Jewish women's organizations in the U.S., with 160,000 members.

Since 1960, the U.S. has given considerable technical assistance through the American ORT Federation. The primary thrust of ORT's cooperation under contracts with the U.S. Agency for International Development is to foster self-reliance in underdeveloped countries through manpower training and upgrading capabilities in areas critical to rural economy — agriculture, road construction and energy. Last year, ORT signed a \$5 million cooperative agreement with the agency.

The American ORT Federation does not conduct any fund-raising campaign of its own. However, it accepts contributions from members. It also receives an annual allotment from the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, which works hand-in-hand with ORT in various countries.

Last year the JDC granted ORT \$4.7 million toward operation of ORT vocational and technical schools and training centers serving communities throughout the

Jewish world.

It has taken more than 100 years of hard work, knowledge, innovations, adjustments, proper implementation and much more to enable ORT to become the global network it is today. During that period, several million young and adult Jews graduated from ORT schools and training centers. They became economically secure as highly qualified workers in many fields.

Israel now occupies the first place in the ORT worldwide network. ORT operations in Israel began a few months after the proclamation of the state, with establishment of workshops in Jaffa for rehabilitation and training of demobilized and wounded soldiers. Since then the ORT program in Israel has expanded in many directions. More than 60 subjects are now being taught in the ORT network in about 50 locals.

About 80,000 students are enrolled there this year, and the teaching staff exceed 4,200 specialists. Subjects taught range from aeronautics, computers, robotics and data processing to diamond cutting, fashion design, hairdressing and home economics. Thousands graduate from the ORT school system every year.

They are now playing an important role in Israel's army, navy and air force as specialists in radio communications and radar and as technicians. Many graduates replace specialists in factories who have been mobilized to serve in the armed forces.

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ORT is also planning to build a residential school in the Negev, which will emphasize specialized technical skills needed in an advanced aircraft construction industry. And it is preparing Israel's first bachelor degree-level training program for teachers of technological education to offset the shortage of 600 teachers in the fields of electronics, mechanics and plastics. The program will be offered at the ORT School of Engineering at the Hebrew University.

France is next to Israel in ORT school enrollment. About 9,000 pupils are enrolled in 40 training programs in Paris and in other cities with substantial Jewish populations. ORT schools in Argentina have an enrollment of about 9,000 pupils in close to 40 training units. ORT also conducts training programs in Chile, Peru, Brazil and Mexico, among the other

countries in the world where ORT operates.

In the U.S., ORT conducts the Bramson ORT Technical Institute in New York which has hi-tech courses in computers, robotics and electronics and serves as a resource center for yeshivas and Jewish day schools. ORT also provides high-level computer and robotics training for students in the Jewish High School of South Florida. A new ORT Technical Institute — the third in the U.S. — is slated to open next year in Los Angeles to provide top-flight technological training in a Jewish atmosphere.

The 1985 worldwide ORT program will be conducted on a budget of approximately \$100 million, with two-thirds of this sum to be spent in Israel. About 78 percent of last year's budget was met within the communities in the countries in which ORT operates. American contributions to ORT included a \$4.7 million grant from JDC, some \$5 million from Women's American ORT and more than \$1.1 million from the American ORT Federation.

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## Pool Closing

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This time was chosen to coincide with the Passover Holiday closings.

Because the pool is being refurbished at this time it will not be necessary to close the Health and Fitness Facility the last two weeks in August.

Swimmers may use the Brandywine Y.M.C.A. pool during their scheduled lap swimming hours. Please present your JCC membership card for admittance.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause our members and hope you will understand that we are striving to keep our facilities in top level condition.

## Special Thanks To Special People

On Sunday, Feb. 10, 370 runners participated in the 2nd Annual Snowball Five Miler and the new One Mile Fun Run at the JCC.

The day was clear and sunny and although we were concerned about icy patches on the course there were no injuries. Following the races, participants were warmed by coffee, hot chocolate, baked goods, and congratulations in the auditorium. While awaiting the awards presentation, the runners were able to view themselves crossing the finish line on the Center's new video system.

The entire day was made possible by the outstanding generosity and support of the board of directors, the Health and Fitness Committee, the members and staff of the JCC. These wonderful and caring people donated prizes, baked goods and volunteered their time to make the Health and Fitness Department's Snowball Run a smashing success. To all those great people who willingly assisted, I salute you. It would not have been possible without you.

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## John Bradford Art Show

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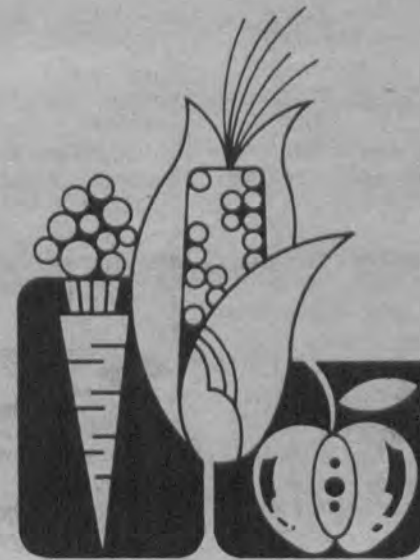
## And FROM 'MOZART TO SULZER'

March 27 at 7:30 p.m.

Also in celebration of Jewish Music Season, the JCC presents a lecture by Dr. Irving Cohen on Wednesday, March 27 at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Cohen, professor of musicology at West Chester University, will discuss how Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart found newer veins of musical expression in Vienna; since the 18th century, Mozart has been a yardstick by which to measure musical genius. Solomon Sulzer considered the founder of modern Jewish music, was as indefatigable as Mozart in searching out richer and newer veins of musical expression while working and studying in Vienna.

The March 27 lecture is free to Center members; \$3 for non-members. Please call the Center for reservations.

## Lenny's Funny Farm II



Monday, March 11, 7:30 p.m.

Participants in Lenny's Funny Farm I were very enthusiastic and can't wait for their harvest. Planning for the major planting season, which begins March 24 and 25 will be done on March 11.

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10 Sun.	JFD CBEM AKSE	Leadership Program 7:30 p.m. Brotherhd Program & Breakfast Men's Club Program & Breakfast 9 a.m.
11 Mon.	HAD/W	Gr. Mtgs. 12 noon & 7:30 p.m.
12 Tues.	CBEM HAD/BBW CBSH CBEM	Sisthd Gen. Mtg. 12 noon Bowling 9:15 a.m. Bd. Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Bd. Mtg. 8 p.m.
13 Wed.	BBW JCC NCJW	Bd. Mtg. 8 p.m. Seminar 7:30 p.m. Bd. Mtg. 9:15 a.m.
14 Thurs.	KUTZ AUX MONTEFIORE	Bd. Mtg. 10 a.m. Mtg. 8 p.m. at AKSE
16 Sat.	JCC CBEM	Adult Social 8 p.m. Couples Club 8 p.m.
17 Sun.	AKSE SBEM AKSE	Men's Club Dinner Brotherhd Program & Breakfast Men's Club Program & Breakfast 9 a.m.
18 Mon.	HAD/W	Bd. Mtg. 8 p.m.
19 Tues.	CBEM HAD/BBW	Sisthd Eve. Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Bowling 9:15 a.m.
20 Wed.	HAD/N	Gen. Mtg. 7:30 p.m.
21 Thurs.	JFD ORT	Bd. Mtg. 8 p.m. Gen. Mtg. "Pot Luck" p.m.
23 Sat.	HAD/N JCC	Bowling 7 p.m. Singles Dance
24 Sun.	BCC PIONEER WOM CBEM JCC	Bd. Mtg. 10 a.m. Annual Dance Brotherhd Program & Breakfast Jewish Music Month Program 4:30 p.m.
25 Mon.	HAD/W JCC	Bd. Gr. Mtgs. noon, 7:30 p.m. Board Workshop 7:30 p.m.

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# People In The News

## Joan Wachstein Honored As Community Builder



Joan Wachstein

Joan Wachstein was honored by the Delaware Region National Conference of Christians and Jews at their annual peoplehood luncheon held at the Radisson Hotel last month. She was one of five Delawareans receiving the special "community builder" award for outstanding humanitarian contributions to our community.

Although Wachstein, who works as a dental hygienist for her husband Mortimer, contributes her considerable energy and efforts to a sizable list of volunteer organizations, those who know her emphasize above all her warmth and caring.

At the peoplehood luncheon, Rabbi Peter Grumbacher of Congregation Beth Emeth described her as "uniquely giving and caring, thinking about the needs of others hours and days before the need even arises."

Concluding his remarks, Grumbacher stated, "In the Jewish tradition, we learn about the *lamed-vav* legend. This legend states that creation continues because of 36 righteous people who are to be found in every generation, who make up for the vast majority whose selfishness might destroy humanity. These *lamed-vav* do not know who they are... but

there is a reasonable chance that we are paying tribute to at least one of them this afternoon."

Locally, Joan Wachstein serves as secretary of both the Jewish Family Service and the Gratz Hebrew High School board of directors. In addition, she is treasurer of the Kutz Home Auxiliary, associate member of the Junior Board of the Wilmington Medical Center, and serves on the boards of the Jewish Federation of Delaware and Beth Emeth Sisterhood. She also participates in the Federation's Task Force on Aging, and prepares and serves meals for the Emmanuel Dining Room through Jewish Family Service.

A past Beth Emeth Sisterhood president, Wachstein is very involved with the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods (NFTS). She serves on numerous NFTS committees including the board of directors, chairs its Circle of Service and is part president of NFTS District #8. She also sits on the board of the Mid-Atlantic Council of the UAHC.



Jack Jacobs

## Jack Jacobs Elected NJCRAC Chairman

Jack B. Jacobs, a member and past officer of the board of directors of the Jewish Federation of Delaware and past chairman of its Jewish Community Relations Committee, has been elected to serve as a vice-chairman of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council (NJCRAC). The vice-chairmen chair the major commissions and committees of NJCRAC, assist the chairman in formulating policy and in being spokesmen for the agency when and as directed by the chairman.

A graduate of Harvard Law School and member of Phi Beta Kappa, Jacobs is a partner in the law firm of Young, Conaway, Stargatt and Taylor. He is a member of the American Bar Association and the Delaware State Bar Association, where he has served on the General Corporation Law Committee since 1973 and as Chairman of its Program Committee. He has served as vice-president of the Mental Health Association of Delaware, as vice-president of Congregation Beth Shalom and has served on the board of directors of the Kutz Home. In 1979, Jacobs was the recipient of the Federation's Braunstein Memorial Award.

Since 1982, Jacobs has been

a community representative on the executive committee of NJCRAC, whose 44 members represent the 11 national agencies and the local JCRCs. He was chosen to serve based upon four prior years of service as a member of NJCRAC's Commission on Israel and its Commission on Jewish Security and Individual Freedom. Jacobs was also a member of the Task Force on Domestic Concerns and co-chairman of the NJCRAC Joint Program Plan Committee.

NJCRAC is the national agency through which the community relations activities of 11 national Jewish agencies and 112 local Jewish community relations committees (including Delaware's) throughout the nation are coordinated. Jewish community relations activities are directed towards enhancement of conditions conducive to secure and creative Jewish living. The community relation agencies, through NJCRAC, identify and evaluate developments of concern to the Jewish community, plan how to deal effectively with those concerns, seek consensus on joint policies, and develop guidelines for appropriate action by communities throughout the nation.

## Richard Levine To Serve On National Leadership Development Committee



Richard Levine

Richard Levine has just been appointed to the National Committee of Leadership Development of the Council of Jewish Federations. The purpose of the committee is to help Federations strengthen their local leadership development programs.

Levine has been serving in key leadership positions since he came to Delaware more than a decade ago. A charter member of the Jewish Federation of Delaware's Leadership Development Program, he currently serves on the board of the Jewish Community Center, chairs the JCC Day Camp Acquisition Site Committee and serves on the Day Camp Committee.

He is a past president of Congregation Beth Shalom and has also served as synagogue director, treasurer and vice president. Since 1981 he has participated in two UJA missions to Israel.

A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Law School, Levine is a partner in the law firm of Young, Conaway, Stargatt and Taylor.

He has served, and continues to serve, as managing editor of *Delaware Lawyer*, a quarterly publication of Delaware Bar Foundation, and has lectured on the subject of real estate law.

He has been the assistant secretary of the Board of Bar Examiners of the State of Delaware, and currently serves on its board.

As a member of the National Committee on Leadership Development, Levine will help the committee determine how it can be of greatest service to local Federations and will serve as a bridge between national projects and leadership development activities in Delaware.

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## Montefiore Mutual Benefit Society Contributes To Local Religious Schools

The Montefiore Mutual Benefit Society recently emerged as a viable part of the Delaware Jewish Community.

The Montefiore Mutual Benefit Society, long known as a local burial society, has reasserted itself, as it was originally formed, as a benevolent caring organization.

At the multicongregational breakfast on Sunday, Feb. 10 at Congregation Beth Shalom, the society gave sizeable donations to the religious schools of the five Delaware synagogues as well as to Gratz Hebrew High School, Albert Einstein

Academy, the Jewish Community Center day camp, the United Way, and the Emmanuel Dining Room.

Jack Brodsky, president of the society, stated that the Montefiore Mutual Benefit Society has, during its 100 plus years in Wilmington, served the Jewish community and will continue to do so.

Alan Schoenberg gave a brief history of the local society, then Stuart Drowos, past president of the society, presented a testimonial to Alan honoring his father, Harold Schoenberg, in whose name the donations were made by the society.

## Directory Helps Students

Choosing the "right" college is one of the toughest and most important decisions a young person can make. So who - or what - can you turn to if you want not only the "right" college academically, but the "right" one "Jewishly" as well?

Increasingly, young people, their parents, and high school counselors are consulting *Jewish Life on Campus*, a directory that provides information about Jewish campus agencies, Jewish enrollment, Jewish studies, and Jewish dining facilities at some 400 colleges and universities in the United States, Canada, Australia, Great Britain, The Netherlands, Israel, South Africa and Venezuela.

Published annually by the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations, the directory has proven to be "a most helpful source of information to thousands of Jewish families," said Dr. Ruth Gruber Fredman, editor of the just-off-the-press 1985 edition.

The objectives of the directory, she added, is to enable a prospective student to learn what to expect at any of these colleges. In addition to total and Jewish enrollment figures, the directory lists the number of Judaic courses, how many Kosher meals and/or vegetarian alternatives each school may offer, and the name and address of a B'nai B'rith Hillel executive whom the student can contact for additional information.

Once again, Brandeis University and Brooklyn Col-

lege have the highest percentage of Jewish students. Brandeis increased from 62 percent to 64 percent; Brooklyn remained at 60 percent. Others in the top 10 (excluding rabbinical schools and Yeshiva College) are Queens College, SUNY-Binghamton and Clark University, all at 50 percent; Oberlin University, 43 percent; Emory University, 40 percent; Columbia/Barnard Colleges, 39 percent; New York University, 37 percent; and the University of Pennsylvania, 36 percent. The schools with the most Judaic

courses are Brandeis, with 60, and SUNY-Brooklyn, the University of Toronto and McGill University, each with 50.

Because the directory has been a sellout for the past three years, B'nai B'rith has increased its printing by 1,000 copies. Cost of a copy is \$7.95; for the first time, bulk orders are being accepted, with 10 to 49 copies at 25 percent discount and 50 or more at 40 percent discount. Send your order to the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations, 1640 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.



Students of H.S. II, seated left to right, Natalie Woloshin, Elyse Horn, Jonathan Deitch and Talia Vega. Standing left to right, Ethan Cooperson, Gregory Mand, Faun Riebman and Alisa Ainbinder.

# All the nachas fit to print.

### Births

Carrie and Jim Littman have a new daughter, Jada Simone, born Feb. 12. Jada has an older brother, Evan. Helen and Sam Wenzler are the grandparents.

### Engagements, Weddings

Barry Lubitz, son of Joan and Herb Lubitz is engaged to Shirley Pachter of Haverstown, Pa. They will be married Aug. 11.

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Hebrew 32, taught by Jana Parrish emphasized biblical Hebrew and its goal is to acquaint the students with essential vocabulary and grammatical forms most frequently used in biblical texts.

Jack Vinokur teaches Jewish Issues 32, a class in comparative religion. Its main objective is to show how Judaism differs from other religions. Cults and their tactics are also discussed.

The third year program at Gratz offers an exciting and diversified course of study for its 15 and 16-year-olds.





# Jewish Family Service of Delaware

Jewish Family Service is a constituent agency of the Jewish Federation of Delaware and a member agency of the United Way of Delaware.

**By Marguerite Baker  
Coordinator, Brandywine Social Club**

When computing the formula for a happy and well-adjusted life, certain factors immediately come to mind. Most people would mention the importance of family life, a satisfying career, community involvement, hobbies, health and physical fitness, and friendships.

For the last 12 years, Brandywine Social Club has been filling the gaps in the lives of minimally handicapped young adults. Twice weekly, on a year-round basis, the BSC provides recreational, educational and cultural activities for its members.

We must be doing something right because the figures speak for themselves. In 1973, the BSC started small with seven members, but today we have almost 100 members. The Club has seven married couples and almost 45 of the members are living independently in a house or apartment, alone or with a roommate/spouse.

Almost all the members are employed, either in private businesses or in sheltered workshops and some are still attending high school or taking college classes.

Our Club members have diverse handicaps including learning disabilities, epilepsy, diabetes, cerebral palsy, mental retardation or psychological/emotional problems but they all have one thing in common: they have the Brandywine Social Club.

At the Club, they find a new sense of identity, a feeling of acceptance, companionship, friendship and love. There are opportunities for leadership and besides the fun there are subtle lessons in responsibility, cooperation, compromise and independence.

In addition to these learning experiences, there are very real lessons in handling money, decision making, safety, and time management.

I think most parents of BSC members would agree that the Club has greatly improved the quality of life for their families as a whole. When their other children were go-



ing out, dating, going off to college or getting married, one child may have been left out. By providing this busy social schedule, we hope to turn the tables by giving the "special" young adult something exciting to look forward to — a ball game, a play, a museum tour, an amusement park, or a weekend trip!

Our Club has always held two weekend trips annually and these are the true highlights of the year. For a large number of our members, this is their only vacation and they live for it! The excitement of packing, choosing roommates, exploring new places and the sheer joy of 48 hours of freedom is a dream come true for the members.

Our professional staff organizes activities for the weekend, but we keep the time unstructured to allow for the members' freedom of choice.

Another highlight of the BSC experience is the opportunity to participate in Delaware Special Olympics. We're now active in six different sports, and besides keeping the members physically active and fit, they

really enjoy the challenge of the competition, the recognition and the team spirit.

We encourage our Club members to focus on their abilities rather than their disabilities. The BSC is living proof that the life of a handicapped person need not be described with words like "despair, loneliness, isolation, or pity", but instead with these words: "choices, challenges, dignity, companionship, and independence." If you know a minimally handicapped young adult who needs to expand his or her vocabulary and his or her horizons, please call 478-9411 and speak with Marge Baker.

Marguerite Baker has been coordinator of the BSC for seven years. Baker is married, resides in Newark and has a B.A. degree in sociology with a minor in Criminal Justice from the University of Delaware. Baker works in the Jewish Family Service office three days a week, attends BSC programs, supervises staff and coordinates all Club activities. Through her work with Brandywine Social Club, she tries to do what everyone on the staff of Jewish Family Service is striving to do: help families.

## Dear Rachel

Dear Rachel,

I would like to know why, in a town as big as Wilmington, with a Jewish community twice the size of the one I grew up in, I can't get help for my elderly mother. She is getting up in years, and can't see or hear too well, but mentally she is as sharp as ever. I have been to four different agencies to ask for someone to help her with the housework and all I get is the runaround. They want to push her into a nursing home because it is easier than giving her what she needs to live her remaining years with dignity. I am more than willing to pay for everything. Wilmington ought to be ashamed of itself!

Indignant Daughter

Dear Daughter,

One of the saddest things in life is to watch a beloved parent deteriorate. I know this is a very difficult time for you, and you want to give her the very best you possibly can.

It is very difficult to be ob-

jective about one's own mother. If four different agencies have given you the same answer - that your mother needs nursing home care - then perhaps it is time for you to rethink your mother's needs. Stop shopping around for the answer you want to hear, and you will find that help is indeed being offered to you. Many people with intact mental abilities enter nursing homes for help with their physical needs. If your mother is really struggling to meet her daily needs, it may be a great relief to her to get the care a home can offer. And don't forget to include your mother in the decision making; it will make it easier on both of you.

Rachel

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## Obituaries

### Bella K. Schutzman

Bella K. Schutzman, 74, of 311 W. 37th St., died of congestive heart failure Sunday, Feb. 24 in Wilmington Hospital.

Mrs. Schutzman was treasurer of the Wilmington chapter of Deborah for more than 20 years. She was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom, Hadassah and B'nai B'rith. She was also a member of the Kutz Home Auxiliary.

Her husband, Nathan, died in 1973. She is survived by a son, Arthur of Wilmington; a daughter, Florence S. Burdette of Wilmington; a brother, Dr. Jerome Kleiman of Philadelphia; and a sister, Anne K. Solomon of Wilmington.

Services were held Tuesday, Feb. 26 at Schoenberg Memorial Chapel, 519 Philadelphia Pike, Penny Hill.

Interment was in the Montefiore section of the Jewish Community Cemetery, Foulk Road.

In memoriam the family suggests contributions to Deborah, care of Betty Abrahams, 2309 Society Drive, Claymont 19703.

### Sadie D. Kanofsky

Sadie D. Kanofsky, 91, of the Kutz Home, 704 River Road, formerly of 319 Marshall St., Kennett Square, Pa., died of cancer Thursday, Feb. 28 in the Kutz Home.

She was a resident there for 12 years. Before that, she lived in Kennett Square for 50 years.

She was a homemaker, and a past member of Temple Beth Shalom.

Her husband, Joseph, died in 1960. Surviving are three sons, Alan of Claymont, Del., and Dr. Leonard Kanofsky and Dr. Eugene Kanofsky, both of Kennett Square; a brother Harvey Gluckman of Margate, N.J.; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services and burial were private.

In memoriam the family suggests contributions to the Kutz Home, Inc., 704 River Road, Wilmington, 19809.

## Computers Employed To Disseminate Bigotry

NEW YORK, (JTA) — Rightwing extremist groups have adopted modern computer technology to aid in spreading their radical forms of racial and religious bigotry, according to the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. The ADL reported that two such computer systems are currently operating in the United States with access obtained through home computers and a modem, or phone link up.

Justin Finger, director of the ADL's civil rights division, warned that the danger from computerized dissemination of hate material "lies not only in facilitating the spread of bigotry and anti-democratic propaganda, but in its potential impact on impressionable young people many of whom today are computer users."

Finger, however, added that "although purveyors of hate material are seeking to adapt to the computer age, we see little evidence to suggest a great leap forward in the spread of anti-Semitic and racist propaganda." Nonetheless, the use of computer technology by extremist groups, according to Finger, "is a development which merits continued monitoring."

### One of the Hate Groups Described

The ADL, in a six-page report, "Computerized Networks of Hate," contended that the more widely publicized of the two computer networks is operated by the Aryan Nations, an Idaho-based group that disseminates racist and anti-Semitic propaganda and which seeks to set up a "nationalist racist state."

Known as the "Aryan National Liberty Net," the computer network was established and is run by Louis Beam, a leader of the Aryan Nations and a grand dragon of the Texas state unit of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The ADL noted in its report that some members of the Aryan Nations splinter group have been implicated in a series of armed robberies

and shootouts with law enforcement officials.

### Another Hate Group Tragedy

The other computerized hate network, "Info International," is operated out of West Virginia by George Dietz, a farm broker who runs Liberty Bell Publications, one of the largest outlets for neo-Nazi literature in the U.S., according to the ADL. Dietz emigrated to the U.S. in 1957 from Germany, where he had earlier been a member of the Hitler Youth Organization, the ADL report said.

His "Info International" is similar in content to the Aryan Nations' network and also purveys anti-Semitism, including Holocaust revisionism that questions the reality of the Nazi massacre of Jews. The hate messages on both networks include anti-Israel and anti-Zionist propaganda.

The ADL report gave the following account of how the computer network is used: Access to the Aryan Nations Liberty Net is made by dialing specified phone numbers in Idaho, Texas or North Carolina. Once the connection is made, the caller follows a few simple commands to receive a variety of hate messages. Authorized users of the system are encouraged to deposit their own hate messages.

For example, the ADL reported, a network message left by Midwest Aryan Nations' leader Robert Miles — under his code name of "Fafnir" — predicts that the violent tactics of the Irish Republican Army "will be seen across this land" and goes on to state that the younger members of hate groups such as his "have no time for pamphlets, for speeches for gatherings. They know their role... They are the armed party."

### Hate Group Provides An 'Enemies' List

In addition to hate propaganda, the ADL said the Aryan Nations' network supplies under the heading of "enemies" a listing of the addresses and phone numbers of the ADL's national and regional offices. In the same

category are listed what the Aryan Nations refer to as "informers" for the "Zionist Occupational Government," its name for the U.S. government. Another group of "enemies" is labeled "race traitors" and is accessible, the network claims, only to callers with special clearance.

Also provided are the names and addresses of so-

called patriotic organizations including a variety of neo-Nazi, Klan and armed racist groups such as the Christian patriots Defense League and the Covenant, the Sword and the Arm of the Lord. The computer supplies dates and locations of their meetings, according to the ADL report, prepared by the fact finding department of its civil rights division.

## A Dissent On Splitting The Jewish People

By Emanuel Rackman  
Reprinted from *The Jewish Week of New York*.

The Bible itself gives the mandate to dissent when one feels that the majority is in error.

In most situations — in government, in courts, in legislatures, even in family circles — one must go along with the decision of the majority. If minorities will always insist on their way, then there will hardly ever be law or order. Yet the Bible tells us not to go along with the majority when it pursues evil. In such a situation, the dissenter has a great burden. He must decide whether it is the majority that is pursuing evil or is it he who is pursuing it.

In my life I have had that challenge too often to bear. And I am having it again.

While I see the need for a more liberal approach to the matter of conversion to Judaism, the chief rabbinate of Israel is yielding to the pressure of those who want a stricter view of the law. They seek a tightening of the cord lowering the number who will be accepted, an increase in

the number who will of necessity seek solutions in non-Orthodox circles and widening of the gap between Orthodox and non-Orthodox. The result will be that, like Christians, we will become divided into Jewish Catholics and Jewish Protestants.

Perhaps this is not an evil. Christianity has fared pretty well with the division. Jews may too. Yet it breaks my heart.

For thousands of years we were one people with one faith — despite many differences. But in this century — when hatred of us reached its peak — we ought not become divided and find ourselves less able to cope with the enemy because of our internal schisms.

Yet, while I am wont to plead with Orthodox Jewish leaders not to affect adversely what little Jewish unity there is, I am often called upon to consider the provocation

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## Minkin Opera Company To Present World Premiere

The Minkin Opera Company is celebrating its 11th season with a double bill, the world premiere of Sam Denison's "Rappaccini's Daughter" and a performance of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's "The Impresario."

The performances will be at 8 p.m. Friday, March 22 and Saturday, March 23 and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 24 in P.S. Du Pont Auditorium, 34th & Van Buren Streets, Wilmington, Delaware.

Denison, the curator of the Edwin A. Fleisher Collection of Orchestral Music at the Free Library of Philadelphia, is the composer of several operas, a ballet-musical and over a dozen instrumental works. "Rappaccini's Daughter" is from Nathaniel Hawthorne's horror tale of the same name.

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Competition are featured in "Rappaccini's Daughter." They are Shirley Willis Jaron of New York, formerly of Wilmington; James R. Longacre of Philadelphia; and Robert Wallace of Lansdowne, Pennsylvania. Steven J. Mosteller, Matthew Sternberg and Carey D. Kugler are the directors.

Formed in 1973 in Wilmington, the Minkin Opera Company is the only touring professional repertory company in the Mid-Atlantic region that specializes in light chamber opera sung in English.

The performances are made possible by grants from the Delaware State Arts Council, the National Endowment for the Arts and Mellon Bank (DE).

Tickets are \$14, \$10 and \$7 for all performances. Student, senior citizen and group rates are available. They may be purchased at the door or by calling (302) 798-0588.

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## Organizations in the News

### Centennial Shabbaton

The 500 families of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation will celebrate its centennial at a festive Shabbaton opening with lighting of the Sabbath candles at 5:45 p.m. Friday evening, March 22, singing *Shalom Aleichem*, *Kiddush* and *Netilat Yadayim*, washing of hands. All the families will sing *Z'mirot* and chant *Birkat Hamazon*.

The price for the Sabbath catered-home-cooked *Se-u-dah* is \$8 for adults and \$4.50 for children under 12.

After the Sabbath service, the worshipers will hear inspirational addresses about Jewish life in Adas Kodesch and Chesed Shel Emes Congregations 50 years and 60 years ago. The speakers are Louis Brown, who grew up in Adas Kodesch; Dr. Ralph Tomases, who was raised in Chesed Shel Emes; and Dr. Charles Levy, who received his early religious education in Adas Kodesch. These speakers will present reminiscences that will warm the cockles of your heart.

All former Adas Kodesch and Chesed Shel Emes "children" are invited to this warm, glowing Sabbath at the

A sign seen on a highway in Sunnyvale, Calif. reads: "God didn't call them the 10 suggestions."

"new" AKSE situated in Brandywine Hills.

Happy Anniversary.

### Jewish War Veterans

There will be a regular meeting of the Jewish War Veterans at the Presidential Apartments Social Hall, 2000 Society Drive, Claymont, on Monday, March 11, at 8:30 p.m.

Reports from the various committees and from the department commander on national happenings will be given.

Membership to the Jewish War Veterans is open to all veterans, male and female. Among the many benefits due veterans are assuring your voice in government, assisting veterans in obtaining veteran benefits, being part of the patriotic voice of American Jewry, supporting the state of Israel, and much more.

You can obtain an application for membership by calling Israel Weiner, 764-2120.

Following the meeting, refreshments will be served.

Veteran members attending, please wear your cap.

## Beth El Sisterhood

Temple Beth El's sisterhood will hold a fashion show March 13, 7:30 p.m. at Temple Beth El, 301 Possum Park Road, Newark. The fashions are from Barbizon. The \$6 donation includes the fashion show, door prizes and a raffle. Please call 738-3737 for additional information.

## Interfaith Program

On Tuesday, March 19, at 7:30 p.m., the Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Emeth will sponsor a forum discussion, entitled: "Facing the 21st Century — Is There a Future for Religious Freedom?" Representatives of area churches and synagogues will be in attendance and four members of the clergy of different faiths will speak. Audience participation is encouraged after the presentations.

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# A Dissent On Splitting The Jewish People—

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tion that comes from the non-Orthodox.

AT A RECENT MEETING attended by Orthodox, Conservative, Reconstructionist and Reform Jews at Bar-Ilan University, a Conservative rabbi expressed his anger that the Reform rabbinate in America was recognizing as Jews persons born of a Jewish father and a non-Jewish mother. I had not written much about this because the most meaningful protest had already come from Reform rabbis themselves. Why should I have entered the fray when the best essay on the question was that of Rabbi Jakob Petuchowski of the Hebrew Union College, which ordains most of the Reform rabbis?

Furthermore, I believe that the Reform rabbinate of Canada did not accept the decision; I know that the Reform rabbinate of Israel did not. My only concern was with the next step. How liberally would Orthodox rabbis behave toward such children if called upon to convert them? However, at the Bar-Ilan conference it was reported that even the champions of the revolutionary resolution held that being born to a Jewish father when the mother is not Jewish would entitle the child to be recognized as a Jew only from the point of view of faith but it would not entitle the child to belong to the Jewish people. In addition, every Reform rabbi would be at liberty to do as he pleased in the matter. The resolution is

binding on no one, not even those who helped pass it.

Need I say how uncomfortable traditional Jews feel in the face of such attitudes? Traditional Judaism never permitted any differentiation between the Jewish faith and Jewish peoplehood. The liberal Judaism of yesteryear which did distinguish between the two is hardly around today. In this respect almost all Jews have reached agreement — in Israel a non-Jew could be an Israeli and even call himself Jewish; but in the rest of the world we are members of the faith and members of the people at the same time, and we countenance no bifurcation.

Furthermore, how long will we be able to be one people when every rabbi will do as he wishes and there will be no agreement in any camp as to who is who and what is what in the matter of Jewish identity? Our people will have become extraordinarily split as Conservative, Reconstructionist and Reform rabbis divide on the issue, some awarding and some denying Jewish identity to the children of Jewish fathers when the mothers are not Jewish.

To hit the Jewish people this way is foul. To avoid confusion, say many Orthodox, we would do better to declare ourselves "Catholic" — with a guiding law — and let the remaining Jews proliferate into as many sects as Protestants have, with every rabbi sovereign in his own sphere.

Provocation comes from laymen as well as from rabbis and especially from the *Jerusalem Post*. Abba Eban expressed regret before the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish

Organizations in New York that he did not change a few hundred words in the script of the "Heritage" television series, which was to have inspired millions of Jews to seek out their roots and hundreds of millions of non-Jews to respect the role of Judaism in the history of civilization. With venomous satire a member of the *Post's* editorial staff not only ridiculed those who were offended by Eban's statements but gave the impression that he was not too happy about Eban's "diplomatic backtracking before the U.S. Jewish leadership."

It is difficult for me to write about the merit of the television series itself. I disqualify myself as a witness. When the sponsors first announced the series several years ago, I wrote a letter in which I expressed my disappointment that Bar-Ilan University — the university with the largest faculty in the world for research in and the teaching of Jewish history — was not represented. My letter was ineffective. Perhaps Orthodox participation was not wanted from the very beginning. I do not know.

Then I heard from "people in the business" that the first few episodes were "flat." I let some sponsors know about this criticism. Despite my non-involvement in the production, I wanted it to accomplish its objective. Many of us had been waiting a long time for television to render Judaism a service, and we did not want the chance of a lifetime to fail. I was reassured that the reports I had received were false. By then some of my best friends were contributing substantial sums to the enterprise. I had to make my peace with the fact that the series might offend Orthodox Jews, as it did and could have been expected to do. But I had hoped that at

least it would have *neshama* (soul) as did an earlier series on the history of human civilization.

SO EBAN HAS EXPRESSED regret and perhaps there will be some editing of the series which is not impossible. But my problem is with Yosef Goell of the *Jerusalem Post* who used the occasion to poke fun at the beliefs of millions of Jews of the past and present. At the same time he poked fun at several hundred million Christians who share those beliefs, and it was they too whom the series was intended to impress. Is he the kind of Jew with whom I want to feel "as one," and with whose children and grandchildren I want mine to socialize and perhaps even intermarry? It is outbursts like his that make Orthodox Jews feel that they might do better to avoid fellow Jews like him, be they few or many.

Many years ago I argued that we have a right to expect a measure of humility from those who are prominent in Jewish affairs — be they rabbis or laymen. All those whom I currently fault for provoking Orthodox Jews would have been less offensive if they had been blessed with that virtue.

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