



UJA Mission Participants



Photo by Eileen Connor

Delaware's Phyllis Cobin enjoys a camel ride during a 'Bedouin Experience' at Ein Gedl in the desert, as part of UJA's mission to Israel. Rides and discussion of Bedouin life and culture were followed by dinner in a Bedouin tent complete with belly dancer!!

Religion and Politics mix in School Board Elections in Delaware and across the Nation

By PRISCILLA W. SIEGEL
Special to the Jewish Voice

In a recent letter to the *Jewish Voice* about the school board election in the Brandywine School District, Nathan Barnett, a resident of that district, raised issues with far reaching implications. At a poorly attended candidate's night meeting, all candidates, with one exception, either opposed the teaching of Darwin's theory of evolution or supported the teaching of creationism as a parallel theory. And, again with one exception, all were in favor of returning prayer to the schools.

Aside from the intellectual and civil libertarian questions raised by such positions, the Jewish community needs to be especially vigilant when school board members and candidates espouse these views. Is there a hidden

agenda? What, if any, special interest groups do these school board officials represent?

“ As a religious minority, Jews, for the most part, have welcomed the separation of Church and State as a protection against isolation and persecution. ”

Considering the activities of the Christian Coalition and Christian fundamentalist developments around the country, a disquieting picture begins to emerge. As described in the spring 1993 issue of *ACLU Delaware*, T.V. evangelist Pat Robertson founded the Christian Coalition in 1989 “to build a national,

Rabin Wins Weeklong Reprieve in Coalition Crisis

By DAVID LANDAU

JERUSALEM, May 10 (JTA) — Trying to settle a bitter feud between his two coalition partners, the secularist Meretz bloc and the Orthodox Shas party, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin won agreement Tuesday from the top minister of each party to temporarily “deposit” their respective portfolios in Rabin's hands for one week until a more permanent solution could be worked out.

The deal was struck just minutes before the Shas party chairman, Interior Minister Arye Deri, was to have resigned and pulled the party's six-seat Knesset delegation out of the Labor-led government.

Deri had announced his resignation Sunday, but gave Rabin 48 hours to remove Meretz leader Shulamit Aloni as education minister.

Under the deal worked out Tuesday, both Deri and Aloni will become ministers without portfolio until a compromise agreement is reached.

In the meantime, Rabin is trying to use the coalition crisis to his benefit, by taking the opportunity to see if he can add any other smaller parties to the government and thereby make the coalition less vulnerable to such crises in the future.

Just after securing the one-week breather,

Rabin proceeded to call in Avraham Shapira, leader of the fervently Orthodox United Torah Judaism Front, and asked him to begin negotiations with Labor with a view toward joining the coalition.

Similar efforts are expected to be made with the National Religious Party and with Rafael Eitan's Tsomet party. Labor is prepared to promise these two right-of-center parties that any territorial concessions in peace talks with the Arabs will be made only if sanctioned in advance by new elections or a national referendum.

Rabin could then presumably offer the education post to NRP's Zevulun Hammer or to Eitan. Both men have said they see themselves as suited for the job. Hammer held it for years under the Likud-led coalitions of the 1980s.

But political observers believe the best prospects of enlarging the coalition lie with United Torah, especially since Aloni, as a result of the past week's crisis, has apparently been reconciled in principle to forfeiting the sensitive Education Ministry.

United Torah has said in the past that it could not join the government if Aloni were education minister.

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Fifteen Deportees Return to Frenzied Rally

By GIL SEDAN

JERUSALEM, May 2 (JTA) — The mood among Palestinians in the administered territories has shifted from a general aura of despair to one of jubilation with the return of 15 men whom Israel had deported years ago but allowed back last week.

The scenes this past weekend were reminiscent of the days of early November 1991, when the Palestinian negotiating delegation returned from the first round of Middle East peace talks in Madrid. At the time, there was such optimism that Palestinians danced in the streets and covered Israeli soldiers with olive branches.

The Palestinian leaders who returned to the West Bank last Friday, some of them unknown to the present generation, were carried on shoulders and hailed as heroes.

Peaceful demonstrations took place in the streets of the West Bank, with no interference by Israeli security forces. And buoyant residents once again spoke of a “Palestinian state around the corner.”

The Israeli offer to allow back a total of 30 Palestinians deported between 1967 and 1987, coinciding with the resumption of the peace talks in Washington, has given a much-needed boost to those within the Palestinian camp supporting the peace talks and aligned with the



(West Bank) Wellwishers wave to 15 Palestinian deportees, exiled between 1967 and 1987 who were the first of 30 Israel agreed to allow to return as a goodwill gesture. (RNS Photo/Reuters).

mainstream circles of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

The boost comes just in time for the pro-peace and pro-PLO forces, after months in which the influence and popularity of the rejection Islamic Hamas group appeared to be rising, triggered by the December deportation of 415 Islamic activists from the territories.

A mass rally in the West Bank city of Ramallah in honor of the 15 returnees featured the broadcast of a live telephone call by PLO leader Yasir Arafat directly from Tunis, blessing the returnees and declaring: “I already see the Palestinian state.”

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political machine that would take over from the ground up and restore ‘Christian values’ in this country.” The organization now claims 250,000 members in all 50 states. Through education and networking, the Christian right

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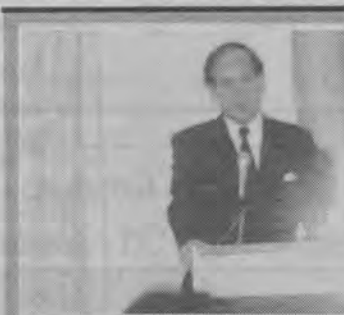
JFD urges leadership on Balkans

The following is the text of a letter sent on April 29, 1993 to President Clinton, Senator Biden, Senator Roth and Congressman Castle.

As we commemorate the Holocaust this month by resolving that “never again” will we stand by and allow genocide to go unopposed, the organized Jewish community of Delaware calls upon the American public to join us in imploring our government to assume its rightful moral responsibility and global leadership by taking the following decisive measures to end this barbarity in Bosnia Herzegovina. We call for:

- the Administration to immediately take all steps necessary and appropriate to stop the Serbian aggression.
- an increase in humanitarian aid to the population.

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Ronald Lauder at Kutz Donor Luncheon. See story on Page 8.

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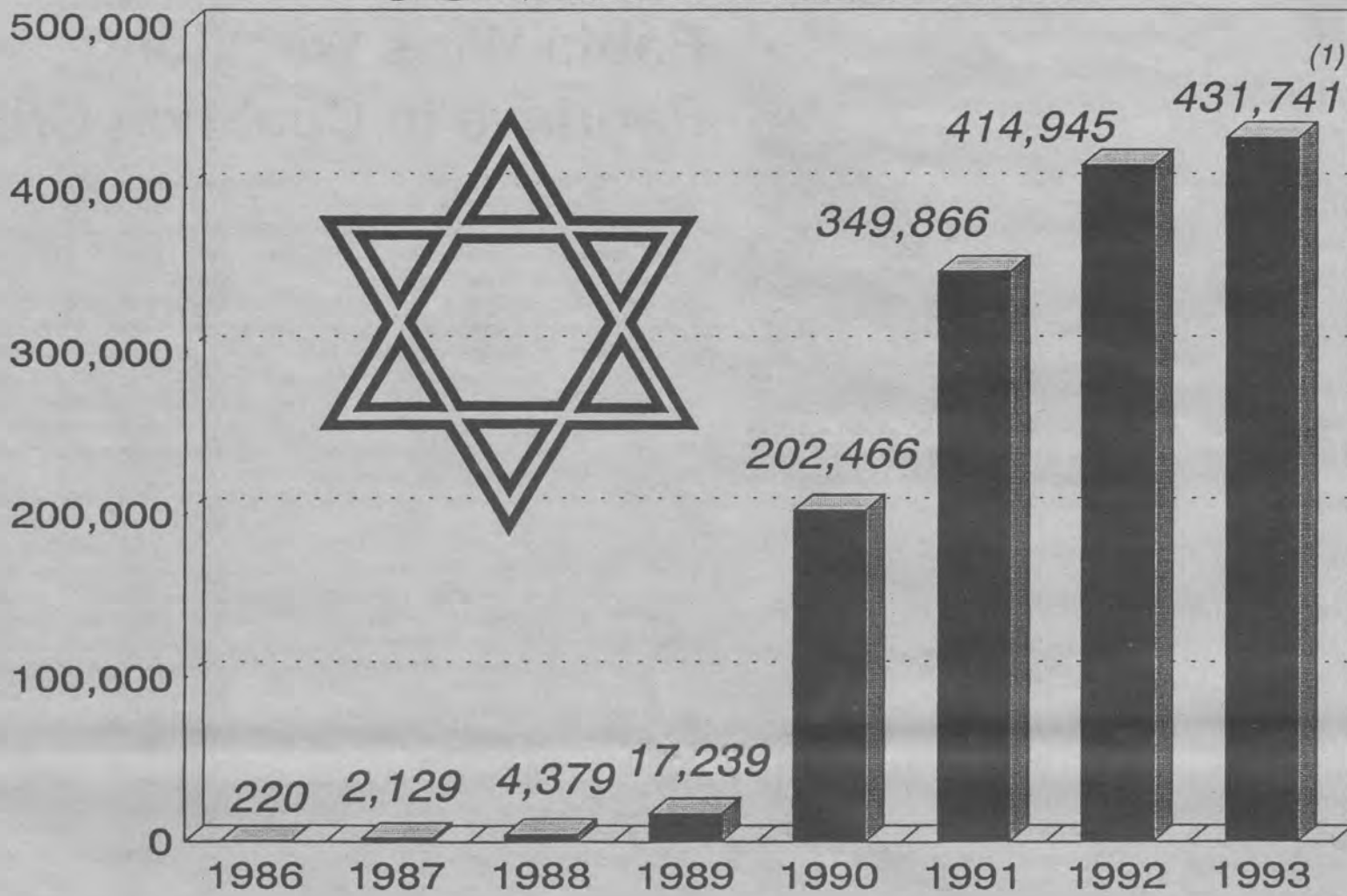
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BRIEFS

President-Elect Weizman Won't Drive on Shabbat

By GIL SEDAN

JERUSALEM, May 3 (JTA) — President-elect Ezer Weizman has made his first two promises of how he will act in his new post: He will honor Shabbat by not driving on Saturdays and he will not travel abroad during his first year of office.

Weizman, who is to be sworn in next week as Israel's seventh president, made those commitments this week as he hosted a delegation from the Knesset at his mansion in the seaside town of Caesarea.

Weizman's commitment not to drive on Shabbat drew warm praise from Orthodox members of Knesset.

Standing on the terrace of his villa overlooking the Mediterranean, Weizman said "Don't worry, I am not going to give any of this up. I'll be here every weekend."

"Every Thursday or Friday, we will leave Jerusalem to spend the weekend here," he added. "You won't believe how much I enjoy not going by car on Saturday."

B'NAI B'RITH Applauds German Defiance of Boycott

B'nai B'rith hailed enactment of new German laws penalizing any compliance with the Arab economic boycott of Israel. The German laws mandate harsh penalties for offenders. The new regulations were initiated by the office of Chancellor Helmut Kohl, and their enactment make Germany the only European nation to openly defy the boycott. The US has had similar laws since 1978.

International B'nai B'rith President Kent E. Schiner called the new laws "persuasive evidence of Germany's intent to exercise moral leadership" in international and economic relations. "The Arab trade boycott is a reprehensible blackmailing scheme, with oil as the prize," Mr. Schiner said. "We look to the day when all nations follow Germany's example and show similar courage and responsibility."

Reform Leader Embraces Religious Zionism

By BERTRAM KORN JR.

Miami Jewish Tribune

BOCA RATON, Fla., April 27 (JTA) — When Jews think about religious Zionism, the Reform movement is not usually the first group that comes to mind.

But at the seventh national convention of the Association of Reform Zionists of America held here this past weekend, a new kind of religious Zionism was unveiled.

Reform Zionists should give "a far greater religious significance to the Land of Israel, its sanctity, its holiness," said Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

In a speech to the convention, Schindler called for "pilgrimages to Israel as a religious obligation," and affirmed the Reform movement's support for aliyah, without embracing "the classical Zionist idea of the negation of the Diaspora."

Visits to Israel, Schindler said, should be seen "not as mere trips to an exciting land, or to a place endeared by memory and affection, not even to bolster the confidence of our fellow Jews in Israel."

"Rather, visiting Israel should be seen as a sacred journey, a quest to be spiritually invigorated," Schindler said.

Hamas Added to U.S. Terrorism List

By DEBORAH KALB

States News Service

WASHINGTON, May 2 (JTA) — Hamas, the Islamic fundamentalist group has now achieved the dubious distinction of having its own listing in the State Department's annual report on global terrorism.

The report says that "various elements of Hamas have used both political and violent means, including terrorism, to pursue the goal of establishing an Islamic Palestinian state in place of Israel."

Hamas, an acronym for the Islamic Resistance Movement, was involved in the killing of an Israeli border guard late last year, which was one of the events leading to Israel's decision in December to deport 415 Palestinians, most of whom were Hamas supporters.

Syria, one of Israel's negotiating partners in the Middle East peace talks, retained a place on the list of countries regarded by the United States as state sponsors of terrorism, along with Cuba, Iran, Iraq, Libya and North Korea.

"There is no evidence that Syrian officials have been directly involved in planning or executing terrorist attacks outside Lebanon since 1986," the report says, "but Syria continues to provide support and safe haven to a number of groups that engage in international terrorism."

The report says that Syria and Syrian-controlled areas of Lebanon are the site of training camps and bases for such terrorist groups as the Abu Nidal organization, Hezbollah and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command.

The report describes Iran as "the most dangerous state sponsor of terrorism in 1992, with over 20 acts in 1992 attributable to it or its surrogates."

It links Iran to the March 1992 bombing of the Israeli Embassy in Buenos Aires, which the report calls the "deadliest act of terrorism in 1992."

Hezbollah, an Islamic terrorist group described as "Iran's most important client," was responsible for the bombing, which killed 29 people and wounded 242.

Israel and the territories, the report says, suffered a "sharp increase in terrorism and violence" in late 1992.

NATIONAL • INTERNATIONAL

Jewish Groups Close Ranks in Support of Embattled ADL

By LARRY YUDELSON

NEW YORK, April 27 (JTA) — Jewish organizations have closed ranks behind the embattled Anti-Defamation League, which is under investigation by the San Francisco Police Department on suspicion of carrying out illegal information-gathering activities.

In separate statements, four major umbrella groups have expressed their confidence that the accusations leveled against ADL would prove groundless.

"ADL deserves our respect and confidence. We are certain that after all the legal processes are concluded, our trust in and respect for the ADL will be justified," read a statement issued Tuesday by Lester Pollack, chairman of the Conference of Presidents, and Malcolm Hoenlein, executive vice chairman.

The controversy surrounding ADL stems from accusations made by the San Francisco police that the organization illegally obtained information using a variety of means, including

wiretapping and the purchase of confidential police files.

No formal charges have been filed yet, although the police executed search warrants at ADL's Los Angeles and San Francisco offices earlier this month.

Police officials suspect ADL violated the law in the process of keeping tabs on thousands of individuals and organizations as part of a nationwide "spy network."

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CHRISTOPHER PRESIDES OVER PEACE TALKS ... WASHINGTON - Secretary of State Warren Christopher, center, presides over a session of the ninth round Mideast peace talks at the State Department. From left are Palestinians Dr. Haidar Abdel Shafi and Faisal Husseini, obscured; Jordanian Fayez Tarawneh; Ed Djerejian of State Department; Christopher; Tom Donilon of the State Department; and Israeli Eiyakim Rubinstein, Eitan Bentsur and Danny Rothchild. CREDIT: RNS PHOTO/Reuters (Reproduction rights not transferable) 4-93

Judge Allows Hasidim Suit Against New York's Dinkins

By STEWART AIN

New York Jewish Week

NEW YORK, May 4 (JTA) — A federal judge has refused to dismiss a suit against New York Mayor David Dinkins and former city Police Commissioner Lee Brown alleging that they conspired to allow blacks to

"vent their rage" against Jews during four days of rioting in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn in August 1991.

Declaring it would be premature to agree to the city's request to dismiss the civil suit because key city officials have yet to be questioned, Judge Reena Raggi said last week that the plaintiffs could begin taking depositions from Dinkins, Brown and others.

In asking for a dismissal of the complaint, the city submitted affidavits from senior police officials who insisted that no one tied their hands or prevented them from curbing the violence.

But the attorney for the plaintiffs,

Franklyn Snitow, pointed out in his papers that neither Dinkins nor Brown "submitted affidavits to deny or explain the charges against them."

Snitow represents Hasidic residents of Crown Heights who were victims of the racial violence and the estate of Yankel Rosenbaum, a 29-year-old Lubavitch scholar visiting from Australia who was stabbed to death during the first hours of the riot.

Although Lemrick Nelson Jr., 17, was acquitted last October of Rosenbaum's murder, the suit charges that Nelson did murder Rosenbaum while acting in concert with 15 to 20 other black youths who were shouting "Kill the Jews."

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Second of Departees Return

By CYNTHIA MANN

JERUSALEM, May 3 (JTA) — Crowds of jubilant Arabs in the administered territories welcomed home a second group of Palestinians deported from Israel years ago and allowed to return this week.

The celebrations for the 14 men returning Monday were much like those for the first 15 who arrived last Friday: Thousands of well-wishers, many waving Palestine Liberation Organization flags, chanted nationalist songs and danced with the returnees on their shoulders.

Israel has agreed to allow back a total of 30 Palestinians deported between 1967 and 1987 as a confidence-building measure with the Palestinians, who returned to the Middle East peace talks last week in Washington.

The last of the 30 men was expected to arrive in Israel on Tuesday.

Among those returning Monday was Rawhi al-Khatib, 85, who was mayor of East Jerusalem until Israel captured the Arab sector of the once-divided city from Jordan in the 1967 Six-Day War.

Israel deported Khatib in 1968, but he never relinquished his title and Palestinians still regard him as the legitimate mayor of Jerusalem.

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OPINION

Not as simple as Aleph Bet

The lack of opportunity for Jewish education in Delaware has become a frequent complaint by some in our community. Presently there is no formal Chug Ivri, or circle of Hebrew speakers. There is no ongoing *Ulpan*, or Hebrew immersion classes. While many potential scholars decry the lack of offerings it would be imprudent to overlook the variety of opportunities for Jewish learning which are now available in our small State.

The University of Delaware has a Department of Jewish Studies with courses in Hebrew language, Jewish History and Middle Eastern Affairs. These courses cannot meet all the needs of Delaware's Jews, nor should they. Each year the Adult Institute of Jewish Studies at the Jewish Community Center in Wilmington provides 8 weeks of classes with a potpourri of topics including Hebrew, Music, Talmud, Culture, and Torah. There are former Israelis who are available to tutor in Hebrew. Dover has a Talmud study circle. Delaware's Synagogues are all learning places, with Torah Study or discussion at each. Each of the synagogues has offered classes for adults in Hebrew and on Judaic subjects of interest. The Chairperson of the Department of Jewish Studies at the University of Delaware is Co-editor of a new Scholarly Journal called *Kedem*. This journal includes poetry, essays, history and liturgical texts. Still some in our community seek additional educational opportunities

for Delaware's Jewish adults.

A love of learning, and the preeminence of the Book, has been perhaps the single most defining characteristic of our people. It may be the best explanation for our successes in medicine, philosophy, literature, science and scholarship. The development of diverse intellectual opportunities here in Delaware may build a stronger community with a greater attachment to Judaism. Many commentators suggest that informal and formal Jewish education for teenagers is an effective means of promoting Jewish continuity.

Today in certain parts of the country women have more opportunities to study Talmud because of the influence of the recently departed Rabbi Soloveitchik. Today there are more children's Jewish day schools because of the influence of the recently departed Rabbi Hodakov. Today there is a reawakening of Jewish culture in Eastern Europe led by the efforts of The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), and also helped along by the efforts of others such as the Ronald Lauder Foundation.

The question is not "Isn't it about time for more educational opportunities here at home for Delaware's Jewish adults?" The question is "Isn't it about time for Delaware's Jewish adults to take better advantage of existing educational opportunities?"



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Credit owed to Young Leadership Council for Recent Event

We wish to correct some information stated in your article entitled "JCRC Struggles with Ignorance and Hate" [April 30 issue.] The April 20 program on Hate Groups mentioned in the article was not a JCRC program, nor was it developed by Lelaine Nemser. The program, entitled "Hate Groups: Is the Threat Real?", was developed and coordinated by members of the General Programs Committee of the Young Leadership Cabinet of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. Ms. Nemser is the

staff liaison to the Cabinet and, in that function, was extremely helpful in the organization and execution of the event. Michael Schwartz, a member of the committee, was moderator for the discussion.

Thank you for the opportunity to set the record straight.

Sincerely,
Aaron Gobler and Sharon Mittelman
Co-Chairs, General Programs Committee

Balkans

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- maximizing the isolation of Serbia in the world community through the imposition of more severe economic and diplomatic sanctions.

- the creation of a war crimes task force composed of professional investigative personnel and charged with collecting information that can qualify as evidence for subsequent war crimes proceedings.

We call for the immediate implementation

of all of these measures before the "ethnic cleansing" of the Bosnian population is completed as the world stands by.

As a nation whose highest principle incorporates a commitment to individual and human rights, it is incumbent upon us to do all that is humanly possible to stop the carnage, save lives, and promote peace in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Sincerely,
Steven A. Dombchik
President



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Your Opinion Counts....
Write A Letter To The Editor

American Jewry should support Egypt

By MICHAEL OREN

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The United States and Israel share an awareness of Egypt's importance to the peace process — and concern for its political future.

These were the common themes of Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak's recent meeting with President Clinton and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Clinton and Rabin appreciate Mubarak's potential role in convincing the Palestinians to accept the autonomy plan, and the Syrians to declare categorically in favor of peace.

But the United States and Israel also realize the dangers that Mubarak faces and the need to bolster his government. Such a strong consensus provides a firm basis for American Jewish support for Egypt, both political and economic.

The necessity of such support has now become critical. Egypt today stands in danger of collapse — with disastrous implications for the Middle East, Israel and the United States.

The Mubarak government has stood as a bulwark against radical forces both within Egypt and throughout the region. Behind these forces stands Iran. It funds the Moslem Brotherhood in Egypt as well as Hezbollah in Lebanon and Hamas in the territories.

Teheran also bankrolls the militant regime in Sudan, with its training bases for Moslem terrorists.

In fighting fundamentalism, Mubarak's principal weapon is peace with Israel. Only with peace can Syria be disengaged from its Iranian ally, and Arab energies directed against the mortal enemy in Teheran.

Only with peace can Arab leaders begin to redress the economic imbalances and political inequities upon which fundamentalism feeds.

But while the peace process creeps forward, the war against radicalism rapidly escalates. Thousands of Egyptian fundamentalists have been arrested and hundreds killed

in clashes with the Egyptian army; 10 have been executed.

Mubarak, however, may be fighting a losing battle. Shorn of natural resources, its population growing at a rate of a million people per year, Egypt is burdened with an international debt of \$40 billion.

To topple the government, militants are trying to hasten the country's financial collapse. Their target is tourism, Egypt's largest source of foreign currency. Attacks against foreigners have caused a 60 percent drop in the tourist industry; the U.S. State Department was compelled to issue an advisory against traveling to Egypt.

These hardships come at a time when Congress, seized by domestic issues, is considering a reduction in American aid to Egypt, which now totals \$2.6 billion per year.

The loss of vital income and services could irrevocably weaken the government. Egypt could well become the next Islamic republic.

The fall of Egypt to Islamic fundamentalism would be a disaster for the Middle East. Many moderate regimes, such as Jordan and even Saudi Arabia, would likely follow.

The implications for Israel are brutally clear: the end of the peace process and the return to a state of war with Egypt. The United States would also not be immune from danger. With fundamentalism on the march, the World Trade Center bombing could well be a harbinger of future attacks. To avert catastrophe, Egypt needs help — from America and from American Jews.

The American Jewish community, with its considerable political resources, should make a firm statement in support of Egypt. It should work to assure the current level of U.S. aid to Cairo, and to inform policy-makers of American Jewish concern for Egypt's stability.

American Jews can also help revive Egyptian tourism. By sending missions to both Israel and Egypt, by organizing trips to Jewish sites



in Cairo and Alexandria, American Jews can set an example of other would-be visitors.

There are risks, true, but no more than those incurred in any major American city. Finally, Jewish groups — synagogues, youth movements, community centers — should initiate a dialogue with Egyptian representatives in the United States. Such discussions have proved effective in identifying common interests and in mapping out areas for further cooperation.

Egypt's relations with Israel have been far from perfect. Progress is nevertheless being made in terms of scientific and cultural exchanges — and in communications between

leaders in Cairo and Jerusalem. Even Egyptian papers, infamous for their anti-Israel stance, are now calling for a united Arab-Israeli front against Iran.

The Egyptian-Israeli peace, which has withstood many pressures, remains the best bilateral agreement in the Middle East.

These facts alone would justify American Jewish support for Mubarak. The danger that his government could be overthrown, and with it the hope for peace in the region, makes that justification an imperative.

Michael Oren is Israel director of the American Jewish Committee.

The Shomrat Case: Is Rape Condoned in Israeli Society?

By NILI NIMROD

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The recent verdict in a highly publicized rape case in Israel, acquitting six young men of gang-raping a 14-year-old girl, has sent shock waves through Israel's women's community.

Within hours after the verdict was announced, women throughout Israel branded the decision unjust and marched through the streets demanding equity, urging Israel's judges to become more sensitive to issues involving violence against women.

The Shomrat rape case, so called because of the kibbutz where it took place, sends a strong signal to Israeli women that violence against women is tolerated in Israeli society.

The district court judge, after reviewing all the evidence in the case, called the youths' actions "bestial and nauseating," yet went on to acquit them anyway.

From the judge's perspective, the prosecutor could not prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the girl did not consent to having sex with the young men.

The case is currently on appeal. The next hearing is scheduled for May 11.

But with decisions like that rendered by the lower court, it is no wonder that only a fraction of the women who are raped in Israel ever press charges.

Statistics compiled from the seven rape crisis centers in 1992 show that more than 2,000 women called for assistance after being sexually assaulted, yet only a small fraction of these cases were ever taken to court.

After the Shomrat verdict was made public, the rape crisis centers reported a significant

drop in the number of women who wanted to press charges.

With a verdict like Shomrat, why bother?

The Association of Rape Crisis Centers, founded in 1990 with a seed grant from the New Israel Fund, is working to change societal attitudes toward rape and sexual violence through intensive educational efforts.

The association is focusing efforts on educating judges and court personnel about sexual assault and the psychological trauma of rape in order to improve their work with survivors, enforce existing rape shield laws and provide maximum sentences for sexual assailants.

The group is lobbying the Israeli courts to allow survivors to give testimony by closed circuit video instead of risking humiliation in a public courtroom.

Along with a coalition of women's organizations in Israel, the organization is working to pass legislation that would ensure that a survivor of a sex crime should be questioned out of court by a specially trained investigator. Although the legislation has been introduced into the Knesset, it faces serious obstacles to passage.

The association is also working to change socialized attitudes that accept male aggression as normal, and blame women for provoking attacks through suggestive behavior and appearance.

Many people deny that rape is a problem in Israel because they cling to the myth that "Jewish men don't rape."

But the statistics tell a different story. According to a 1988 Ministry of Education survey, one in every four Israeli adult women

experiences some kind of assault in her lifetime.

The rape crisis centers and battered women's shelters — which often shelter women who have been raped by a spouse or a partner — report that violence is on the rise — increasing by 25 percent from 1991 to 1992.

Experts in sexual assault point to a series of factors in Israeli society that exacerbate violence against women. Israel is a "macho" culture in which men learn that domination of women is appropriate behavior.

In recent years, increasingly demeaning images of women have appeared in advertising, television and films, reinforcing the idea that women are objects for the taking.

Some experts contend that the daily violence in Israel society makes it easier for men to rape and batter.

The Shomrat case has been a marker in Israeli society. It has mobilized people to action and spurred the press to take a long, hard look at attitudes in Israeli society that perpetuate violence against women.

Regardless of the final verdict, women and men in Israel are standing up to demand that stronger measures be taken to stop violence against women in Israeli society.

Nili Nimrod is coordinator of the Association of Rape Crisis Centers in Israel, a grantee of the New Israel Fund.



(Moldova) Sonya Nutova (left), a 20 year old Kishinev Jew, organized and helped conduct the first Israel Folk Dance Festival in Moldova for 55 Moldovan youngsters. Sonya was introduced to Israeli folk dancing at a similar seminar in Odessa last January. Both seminars were funded by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC). It is hoped that the participants will establish dance groups in their home communities. (Photo by Leonardo Aculov).

Crimes and Misdemeanors Thoughts on Woody Allen's immorality and the impact of his films on Anti-Semitism

By DOV SEIDEL

In the monthly Jewish review, *Midstream*, December, 1992, there is an article, "Woody Allen and the Jews," by Samuel H. Dresner, Visiting Professor at the Jewish Theological Seminary which makes some important observations about current American Jewish life. Dresner first reminds us of Allen's name at birth (Allen Konigsberg), then cites some examples from Allen's works, for example the incestuous insinuations in the book, *Side Effects*; the advice he receives from a "sage" in *Love and Death*, where he plays an older man enthralled with young girls: the secret of life can be found in a steady diet of "two blond 12-year old girls whenever possible." There are other examples. Dresner's claim is this: "For no one more than Allen has enabled so many to view the Jew, especially the religious Jew, in so corrupt a manner... The Jew has historically had the healthy ability to step back and joke

about himself. But he has done so out of love. Does one detect a scintilla of love for the Jewish people in Allen?"

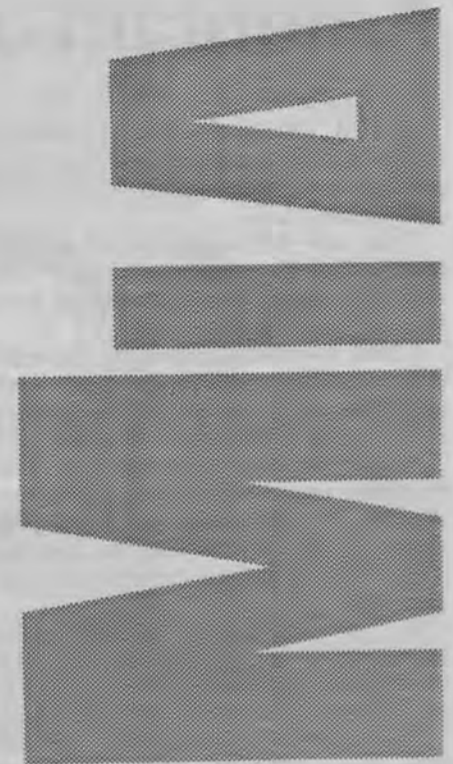
"The heart wants what it wants!" Allen's defense of his personal life is a recurrent message in his dramas. Cleverly packaged, Allen appeals to our savage nature. Once the corrupted heart is the sole arbiter, what objection can be raised to adultery or, more to the point, pedophilia or incest? How, in fact, deny any perverse sexual behavior? "By contrast, we have, from the Talmud, "God wants the heart."

Dresner reminds us that "Training in the demanding regimen of commandments, regular worship, and the lifelong study of Torah is the Jewish manner of turning "human beings" into "being human" (Heschel)"

In Dresner's view, the sly humor and appealing artistry of Allen's work have blinded the Jewish public to the underlying immorality of

his work. "But since when did art or wit transcend morality for the Jew? If *Mein Kampf* had been written in the style of Henry James, would it be a superior book? The people Israel have been taught to beware of using the measuring rods of art or science to judge a nation. Amos cursed the ivory palaces in Samaria because they represented an immoral society... There is the argument, usually made by producers or writers, that such art does not affect behavior, and, in fact mitigates the viewer's potentially outrageous impulses by harmlessly draining his desire in the process of watching the film. But if what we see and read does not affect behavior, why are millions of dollars regularly spent advertising on TV in the expectation that a mere 30 seconds will send the viewer off to purchase this or that particular item!"

Allen's view is "The heart wants what it wants!" What the heart wants, Dresner reminds us, is what it is taught to want.



Not so Stardust Memories: Woody Allen's portrayals of Jews

By NISSON FINKELSTEIN

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editor of *The Jewish Voice*

I've had it with Woody Allen and his cinema sick-ins. Whether purposeful or innocently consequential, his projection of Jews and things Jewish is unflattering at the least, and sometimes downright degrading.

There, I've said it. Now all you Woody Allen-loving readers (and that includes my whole family) will jump on me mercilessly. How dare I criticize this talented man? I'm too sensitive. Don't I understand what he's saying? Art must be free to express itself in its own words, in its own way. Woody Allen speaks of the life and people he knows — what do I want from him? Besides it's all very funny.

Well, I've seen virtually all of Mr. Allen's offerings, dragged along despite modest murmurings, by her to whom I cleave, and there is a pattern that disturbs me.

To begin with, Jews in Allen's films are never portrayed favorably. They may be comic or obnoxious, but never heroic. Unless you want to take Allen himself as the hero of his movies, sort of a sad sack, but good at heart, often with a lusty spirit under his Milquetoast exterior. His name is never typically Jewish, although he is obviously Jewish — the name has been changed. In his most recent picture, "Stardust Memories," it is Dusty Bates.

Along with the name change goes a pattern of seeking out non-Jewish girls, from Annie Hall to the French woman in "Stardust." There may be a brief attraction to a Jewish woman, like the girl in "Stardust" who took drugs and had a lesbian affair in Israel (how's that for an advertising plug for sending your kid to Israel for the summer?), but the girl of his dreams is

never Jewish.

Then there are the rabbi jokes, sometimes three or four of them, in every film. Until Woody Allen's movies, I never realized that rabbis were so funny, like the one eating pork and being whipped by the Aryan blonde girl in "All You Ever Wanted To Know." The very word, "rabbi," seems to be always good for a laugh or two in his scripts.

Jewish names are great fun too. Take the line about the Goldberg Variations being what Mr. and Mrs. Goldberg experimented with on their wedding night. Or the sequence dealing with the escape of Sidney Finkelstein's "hostility" — as you might guess, that really grabbed me.

In "Stardust Memories" there is a continual parade of unattractive (by U.S. standards) Jewish faces, behind each of which is an equally unattractive personality, pushing and crowding in. Most unattractive of all are Dusty Bates' sister and her family, almost caricatures in the Nazi tradition. All of it makes for a very effective and harmful propaganda in its impact on those who have had little direct contact with Jews and Judaism, and that is a very large group in our country. For all you Woody Allen fans, ask yourself how comfortable you would feel seeing some of those pictures in the company of several gentile friends.

In sum, Mr. Allen is doing free of charge what the Arab propagandists are paying multi-million dollar fees to top advertising and public relations firms to accomplish. He's actually getting money for it. It's so effective because some of the material is grossly explicit and some is almost subliminal.

And I'm more bothered by the impact of Allen's work on Jews than on non-Jews. It

makes them feel that being Jewish is alternately something to laugh at and something to be ashamed of. That hurts me.

After all this harsh criticism, what is it that I am seeking in the case of artists like Woody Allen? Is it censorship? No. It is self-restraint. It is sensitivity to the effect of what one does, particularly when that effect can be pernicious. It is awareness that the whole world is not a Manhattan cocktail party. It is *derech eretz* — good manners, deportment.

The ability to laugh at oneself can be the balancing rod that makes it possible to traverse the tight-rope of life. In our history as a people we Jews have often had recourse to humor as a survival tool in a dreary and alien world. But even a balancing rod can be destabilizing if pushed too far. We have a rich past, a vibrant present, and a continuing mission for the future. We are not a script writer's one-liner. Perhaps, after all, the great Hillel said it best: "If I am not for myself, who will be for me?"

The late Nisson Finkelstein wrote articles for *The Jewish Voice* between 1979 and 1989. Finkelstein was a scientist, scholar, and a leader of Delaware's Jewish Community.

Even Jews sometimes internalize the pervasive anti-Semitic attitudes of our culture and legitimate these attitudes in culturally hip circles. Jews often try to show that they are not "too" Jewish — by altering our noses, our hair, our bodies, our clothes, our manner of speaking — and we often put down others for being too intellectual or pushy or attention-seeking because we think these traits might identify us as fitting dominant negative stereotypes of Jews.

From Tikkun

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Why is it funnier that the Berkowitzes won first prize rather than the Randolphs, the O'Briens, or the D'Antonio's? The simple name, "the Berkowitzes," suggests a couple in their late thirties or early forties. Berkowitz is perhaps a dentist, a schoolteacher or a pharmacist. He is a serious fellow but — as the Jewish equivalent of a Rotarian or a Shriner — is not above going to a costume party and trying to have a little desperate fun once in a while. If the name "Berkowitz" suggested a jazz musician, a marijuana user, or anything the least bit hip, the name would not be so funny in this story, nor would the other straight-faced Jewish names in so many other Woody Allen sketches, monologues, and film.

Excerpt from
Funny People by Steve Allen



BRIEFS

Cabinet Coins Plan for Israel's Banks

By CYNTHIA MANN

JERUSALEM, May 3 (JTA) — Israel's Cabinet has approved sweeping reforms to make the country's banking industry more competitive and to curtail the power that Israel's four major banks wield over the economy.

According to the new regulations, which are expected to win approval by the Knesset, the banks would be forced to cut their share of holdings in non-banking companies to a maximum of 25 percent and, in some cases, to sell off subsidiary banks.

Israel's four major banks, which continue to be operated by their original owners, control 92 percent of Israel banking assets. They are Bank Hapoalim, Bank Leumi, Israel Discount Bank and United Mizrahi Bank.

But Economic Development Minister Shimon Shetreet said the reforms would still leave the banks in control of the capital markets.

Ethiopian Premier Visits Israel; Launching New Phase in Relations

By GIL SEDAN

JERUSALEM, May 9 (JTA) — Prime Yitzhak Rabin welcomed Ethiopian Prime Minister Timirat Laynie to Israel, at an official ceremony in the Rose Garden overlooking the Knesset.

Israel attaches particular importance to the visit, which is the first by a ranking Ethiopian official since the government of dictator Mengistu Haile Mariam was toppled by insurgent forces in May 1991.

As Foreign Minister Shimon Peres put it when he greeted his counterpart at the airport Saturday, Laynie is "the most significant Ethiopian visitor since the queen of Sheba."

Peres said the visit could help reconfigure the situation along the Red Sea coast, where Israel has good ties with both Egypt and the breakaway Ethiopian province of Eritrea.

The Ethiopian foreign minister was expected to announce this week that his country would allow the emigration of Falash Mora with immediate family members in Israel.

Other issues expected to come up during the visit are Ethiopian requests for Israeli assistance in the areas of agriculture and health care.

The visit is seen as a reflection of Ethiopia's desire to open a new page in relations with Israel.

Gay Synagogue Holds Separate Event

By LARRY YUDELSON

NEW YORK, May 9 (JTA) — New York's most divisive Salute to Israel parade ever took place Sunday with two opposing sides both able to celebrate victories, albeit separately.

Congregation Beth Simchat Torah, the gay and lesbian synagogue expelled from the annual parade late last week, managed to attract Mayor David Dinkins, New York Gov. Mario Cuomo and Israeli Consul General Colette Avital to an alternative Salute to Israel gathering it co-sponsored with the Reform movement.

And the 11th-hour expulsion of the congregation enabled thousands of students from Orthodox schools that had threatened to boycott the parade take advantage of the perfect May weather to march up Fifth Avenue.

"How you maintain unity under these conditions, where a blatant disregard for (a prohibition in) the Torah is paraded in public, before everybody, is a very difficult matter," Rabbi Israel Miller of Yeshiva University said.

At the parade, the views of Dennis Duban seemed typical: "I would have no objections if (Beth Simchat Torah) marched. What's most important is that all Jews stick together, even if you don't agree with what they stand for."

Gadhafi Makes Overtures To Jews

By LARRY YUDELSON

NEW YORK, April 29 (JTA) — Will Moammar Gadhafi's Libya host a historical reconciliation between Moslems, Jews and Christians?

In February Raffaello Fellah, president of the World Association of Jews from Libya and an Italian citizen traveled to Libya at Gadhafi's invitation. The Libyan ruler told Fellah of his intention to take a number of steps that would constitute a reconciliation with the 100,000 Jews whose families left Libya, as well as de facto, limited recognition of Israel.

These measures would include compensation for the property of former Libyan Jews, and full permission for them to visit Libya.

Fellah said that Gadhafi also promised that Israelis could attend a proposed interfaith conference, and that 200 Libyans would in turn be permitted to make a pilgrimage to the Moslem holy sites in Israel.

This apparent softening of Gadhafi's position toward Jews comes as the former firebrand is still subject to United Nations sanctions for his refusal to turn over to either the United States or Britain two Libyan citizens suspected of international terrorism.

The two Libyans are suspected of bombing Pan Am Flight 103, killing 270 people.

Fellah is secretary-general of Trialogue, the International Association for Friendship and Coexistence Among the Peoples of the Mediterranean Area, which would sponsor the conference.

Fellah said he was told by Gadhafi that Libya would allow the accused bombers to be tried in Canada, where the International Air Transport Association has its headquarters, or another "neutral" country.

Fellah said it was important to put Gadhafi "to a real test," to see if his new attitude to Israel and the West is in fact real.

ADL

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ADL, an organization founded to fight anti-Semitism and racism, maintains it has not broken any laws and that its compilation of information on racist and extremist groups is totally legitimate.

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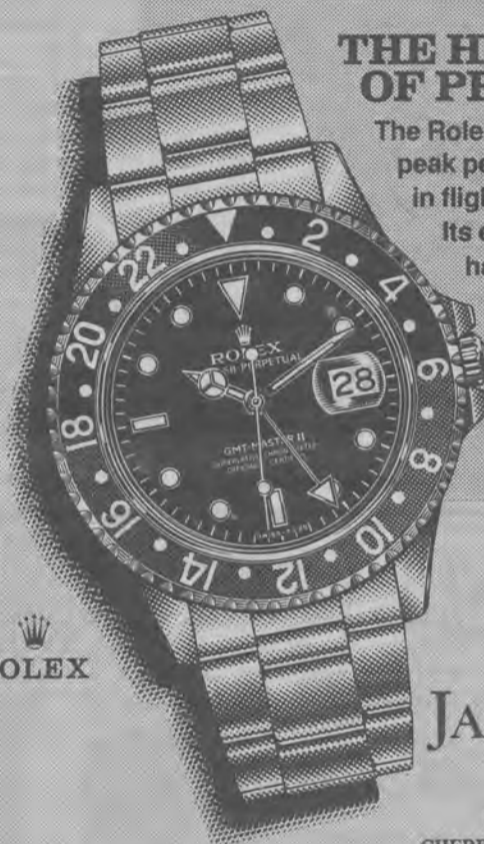
"For this work, the organized American Jewish community, and indeed all who support civil rights for all Americans, are in the debt of the ADL," NJCRCAC said in a statement Monday.



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Feminist Academic to speak at Dover

On a grant from the Delaware Humanities Forum, the Lower Delaware Chapter of Hadassah will host a public program on Sunday, May 23 at 2:00 in the afternoon at Congregation Beth Shalom in Dover. The program will feature Laura Levitt, a faculty member of the Temple University's Department of Religion specializing in Jewish Studies, Gender Analysis, and Feminist Theology. Her presentation is titled COMING HOME: RETHINKING JUDAISM FROM A FEMINIST'S PERSPECTIVE.

A graduate of Dover High School, Laura holds a BA in Religious Studies from Brown University, a Masters Degree in Modern Jewish Thought from Hebrew Union College. She is currently completing her dissertation as a PhD candidate at Emory University. She has also studied at The Jewish Theological Seminary in Jerusalem.

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Ronald Lauder addresses Kutz Donor Luncheon on Topic of Eastern Jewry

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Philanthropist, Businessman and Former Ambassador Ronald Lauder spoke to a packed house on May 5th at the elegant Dupont Country Club on the occasion of the Milton & Hattie Kutz Home Donor Luncheon. The Milton & Hattie Kutz Home residents, The Auxiliary of the Milton & Hattie Kutz Home, and others assembled, heard an emotional speech on the bright reawakening of Jewish Culture in the countries of Eastern Europe formerly darkened by the Iron Curtain. The youngest son of Estee Lauder spoke poignantly about Jews who, in order to conceal their religious identity, were raised as Poles while hiding from the Nazis. He described their tearful reaction upon hearing the lullabies they had first heard from their lost Jewish mothers some fifty years earlier. He talked of Hungarians' indifference, and mock ignorance, in response to his questions about the parking lot in the place where one of Europe's most beautiful synagogue's once stood in Vienna's Second District. The synagogue had been destroyed during Kristallnacht in November 1938.

Ronald Lauder spoke proudly of the work of the Jewish Schools and Camps his foundation supports in Eastern Europe. He recalled how the



Ronald Lauder, Miriam Edell and Jo Carol Lauder.

Szarvas summer camp, in Hungary, was started with help from the Lauder Foundation while that country was still under communist rule and religious schools were not permitted. The man who once described himself as a "3 times a year Jew," has also shown his commitment to our people as a member of the Commission on the U.S. Holocaust Museum.

Lauder has been a longtime contributor to the Milton & Hattie Kutz Home which is Delaware's only Jewish nursing home, providing a kosher diet and traditional religious observances. The two Grandmothers of Jo Carole, Ronald Lauder's wife, were both residents of the home. Lauder described his wife's Grandmothers as remarkable, righteous individuals. Jo Carole is a former Delaware resident.

Miriam Edell, Donor Chairperson, Ethel Parsons, Auxiliary President, and others coordinated the important and successful event. While introducing Ronald Lauder, Edell recalled how as Ambassador to Aus-

tria, Lauder repudiated Kurt Waldheim, the infamous Nazi-collaborator who is President of Austria. Prior to Mr. Lauder's address, Joan Wachstein was honored with a leaf on the Tree of Love in recognition of her many years of service to The Kutz Home and Auxiliary.



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Former Palestinian Outlaw Emerges as a Negotiator and Leader

By GIL SEDAN

JERUSALEM, April 26 (JTA) — For a moment, Faisal Hussein's usual poker face broke into a smile.

"The only difference between now and the past is that when I now enter the negotiations hall, the Israelis will not walk out," the Palestinian leader said.

Husseini was referring to Israel's quiet agreement to accept him as a participating member of the Palestinian delegation to the Middle East peace talks, despite the fact that he is a resident of eastern Jerusalem.

The previous Likud-led government would not talk to any residents of Jerusalem — at least not officially — for fear that it might be seen as a sign that Israeli sovereignty over all of Jerusalem was negotiable.

But Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin says accepting Hussein as a negotiator does not mean Israel's position has changed in the least.

And Hussein explained that although he will now be directly involved in the face-to-face negotiations with Israel, Haidar Abdel-Shafi will remain the titular head of the negotiating team.

"There is no real change," he told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in an interview. "I am still the head of the Palestinian delegation, and Dr. Haidar Abdel-Shafi is the head of the negotiating team."

Israel and the United States had previously referred to Hussein as "chief adviser" to the Palestinian delegation, although within the Palestinian camp, it was apparent that his position was in fact more important. Now Hussein's status is official.

Husseini, 53, the scion of an old and venerable Jerusalem family, has emerged as a key Palestinian leader on the eve of the ninth round

of talks, which were to open Tuesday in Washington.

Husseini has strengthened his position with the Israelis, the Americans and, although he will not admit it openly, with Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasir Arafat, whom he refers to as "president of Palestine."

Asked about Arafat's role in the peace process, Hussein responded, "We have a pyramid-shaped structure. Everyone knows who heads it."

In the past few years, Hussein has emerged from being a soldier in the political battlefield to commander of the front. Now, even Arafat must take into account the local leadership, headed by Hussein, when he decides on his political moves.

Husseini's headquarters are located in Orient House, a stylish mansion in eastern Jerusalem owned in the past by the Hussein family and now run as a well-guarded diplomatic mission.

The Americans have appreciated Hussein's pragmatism for quite some time. They have tried to convince the Israelis that if they want an alternative to Arafat and the PLO, they must allow an alternative leadership in the territories to develop.

But instead, the previous Likud government placed Hussein under administrative arrest three times and restricted his freedom of movement for five years. These measures ironically helped him emerge from a gray minor political operator into a major political figure.

Eventually, Hussein was accepted worldwide as a true representative of the local Palestinian population.

Recently Hussein was the subject of speculation that he would become head of a local

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Jerusalem's new Downtown features Canion Complex

By CAROL UNGAR

(WZPS) — Not far from Jerusalem's city center, in the southwest corner of the city, development is underway which will turn a once sleepy valley into a bustling, multi-faceted complex serving both tourists and locals.

In addition to well-established sports facilities, the area already has a biblical zoo, an archaeology museum, and a mall reputed to be the largest shopping and entertainment complex in the Middle East. A \$50 million technology park is under construction and new bus and train stations will facilitate access to the area.



Jerusalem's new \$25 million soccer stadium (left) and the Canion Jerusalem shopping mall (during construction), reputed to be the largest shopping and entertainment complex in the Middle East. The once pastoral Manhat Valley will never be the same. (WZPS photo by Sammy Avnisan)

Cabinet Briefed on Talks, Ready for Concessions

By GIL SEDAN

JERUSALEM, May 2 (JTA) — The Israeli Cabinet appears to be ready to make far-reaching concessions toward both the Syrians and the Palestinians.

Briefing the Cabinet on the peace talks in Washington, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said Sunday that he is ready to hand over authority to Palestinians in a number of areas, including education, health, finance, police and water.

But a majority of ministers rejected a proposal by Foreign Minister Shimon Peres to hold early elections in the territories for a Palestinian self-governing authority.

The opposing ministers pointed out that the Palestinians themselves have not requested elections, because they are aware of the diffi-

culties a referendum could cause, including internal power struggles and a delay in the peace process.

Environment Minister Yossi Sarid of the left-wing Meretz bloc suggested that Israel declare its readiness to negotiate with any organization, including the Palestine Liberation Organization, after a three-year period of autonomy, provided that the group prove itself to have acted constructively during that time period.

Police Minister Moshe Shahal spoke in support of Israel giving up the entire Golan Heights in exchange for full peace with the Syrians, including a guarantee of secure borders and full diplomatic relations.

In other business, the Cabinet further relaxed the general closure on the administered territo-

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Delaware Jews Return from UJA Northeast Region Hineni III Mission to Israel



Photo by Eileen Connor

"Ingathering of the Exiles"

Children in an absorption center in Ashkelon join Delawareans for a memento picture. The children were from South America, Yugoslavia and Ethiopia and were housed together to begin their new life in Israel. The children were enjoying a day off due to a teachers strike.



Photo by Eileen Connor

HURVAH

The Hurvah Synagogue in the Old City, Jerusalem. The only part of the synagogue to be rebuilt after 1967 was the arch. The Jewish quarter, rebuilt entirely in Jerusalem stone, is reflective of both its ancient roots and its modern, vibrant populace.

Look for more photos and coverage of this exciting Israel tour in the next issue of The Jewish Voice.

A Unique Endowment Opportunity

Several weeks ago the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum was dedicated with solemn ceremonies involving President Clinton, national and world-wide leaders, survivors and their families and thousands of others. What was most shocking were the protesters chanting that the Holocaust is a hoax throughout the program.

This action coupled with the surveys indicating that one-third of Americans do not believe the Holocaust occurred is indeed sobering.

What it means is that Holocaust education must be a priority in our Jewish community. There must be resources available for a strong and visible program which will not allow anyone to doubt that six million Jews were murdered by Nazi Germany and which will teach that prejudice and bigotry lead to genocide.

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Education program. Presently the program operates on a very small allocation from the annual Federation campaign. This is not enough in light of the disturbing trends already apparent.

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Camp JCC Filling Fast

Submitted by SUSAN PARCELS

"According to our statistics, it's the fastest [year] ever," said Michael Grossman, Camping Services Director of the JCC "We have close to 350 campers already signed up!" he added. Camp JCC is on the grounds of the Jewish Family Campus, in Wilmington.

According to Victor Buono, Maccabi Specialty Camp Director, Adventure Camp (July 12-24) and Biking Camp (August 9-20) are completely full. Both sessions of horseback riding camp have only a few spots remaining. Gymnastics, dance,

tennis and adventure camp still have openings. Susan Gentry, K'Ton Ton Camp Director, says that the three-day half-day program for three year olds is at its capacity. Other programs are filling and space is limited in both half-day and full-day programs.

"Teens seem to really enjoy our travel program," said Elyse Greer, Teen Travel Camp Director. "We have many returning campers and lots of new campers, too!" The trips to Boston, Toronto, Pittsburgh, Baltimore, Virginia and North Carolina, are quite popular. The camp visits

major amusement attractions, cultural sites and tourist attractions throughout the East Coast.

"The traditional Camps continue to be the heart of Camp JCC," says Grossman. "From the entering Kindergarten Unit, Olim, through Kochavim, Chaverim and Chalutzim, campers progressively move through camp while enjoying the best of the Family Campus and other facilities," he added.

For more information about Camp JCC and registration, contact Michael Grossman at 478-5660.

Photo by Ethel Parsons

Cut The Fat... Kosher Style

"Hold the Schmaltz" is the name of the Jewish Community Center's first low-fat, non-fat, healthy kosher cookbook scheduled for sale in time for Chanukah 1993.

Eileen Wallach, Recreational Services Director at the JCC is heading up the first-time project, which is being sponsored by CaterKart Cuisines, the official kosher caterer for the JCC.

Originally 200 recipes were sought from around the country, but now,

Wallach says, the collection is up to 250 and still growing.

Governor Tom Carper, former New Castle County President Phillip Cloutier and New York storyteller Peninnah Schram have submitted recipes. A request has even gone out to Arnold Schwarzenegger.

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Words & Music

By STEVE COHEN

Two old Broadway musicals are our focus this time. Cole Porter's *Anything Goes* was a joint project of the Delaware Symphony and the Delaware Theatre Company last weekend and Frank Loesser's *Guys and Dolls* was the object of a Federation trip to New York.

The music for *Anything Goes* was written in the summer of 1934 while the playboy Porter was cruising down the Rhine. The story, a long-distance collaboration among Wodehouse, Bolton, Lindsay and Crouse, was a mish mash. "We went into rehearsal with only two-thirds of a first act and there was no second act at all," admitted Howard Lindsay.

Still, the New York Times called it "a thundering good song-and-dance show." Sylvia Fine Kaye on PBS picked it as "the most representative musical of the 1930's." With Ethel Merman belting "I Get a Kick Out of You," "You're the Top," "Blow Gabriel Blow" and the title song, the music sounds wonderful. Merman and Frank Sinatra co-starred in a 1954 television revival that is a total pleasure each time I watch it.

The non-stellar cast of this concert version heard at the Grand Opera House was less successful. In the absence of Merman-calibre or Sinatra-type voices, the stars of the night were conductor Stephen Gunzenhauser and the players of the Delaware Symphony. They were crisp and litling in the tradition of Broadway pit bands. And Gunzenhauser revealed additional talent as a dancer and showman.

Cleveland Morris, artistic director of the Delaware Theatre Company, was a delight as the narrator. His script paid tribute to Porter's urbanity and cleverness, and also revealed the utter nonsense of the plot.

Anything Goes remains as a creaky period piece, notable for an impressive group of clever songs which have absolutely no connection with story or characterization.

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What a contrast is *Guys and Dolls*. This 1950 work of art has music and lyrics by Frank Loesser and script by Abe Burrows, based on short stories by Broadway columnist Damon Runyon. Every song reveals the character of each denizen of the Times Square locale.

It won the Best Musical Tony Award in 1950 when it was new, and it won the Best Revival Tony Award in 1992. This fast-moving, colorful production provides a great deal of pleasure and a chance for some reminiscing.

Guys and Dolls was the first show by Frank Loesser that I saw, and the first that Jo Sullivan saw. I was a kid in high school when I caught it during its pre-Broadway tryout in Philadelphia. She was a young singer in New York when she saw a Saturday matinee. It wasn't until 1955, when she auditioned for his *The Most Happy Fella*, that Jo met the composer. She won the lead in that show, and then she married Loesser.

Jo remembers that Loesser and Burrows were both very much like the characters in the show. Both were Jewish: Burrows from Brooklyn, Loesser from 117th Street in

Manhattan. Both talked like their characters, sharp-witted and funny.

Frank Loesser's parents were intellectuals. His brother became a classical pianist and the head of a music college in Ohio. Frank rebelled against all that. Bright and talented, he nevertheless tried to achieve the image of a Times Square tout. Jo remem-

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AT THE MOVIES

By MORRIE WARSHAWSKI

"How do we survive and live full lives — and how do we learn the miraculous lessons that enable us to do that?" asks Martha Coolidge, the director of the feature film version of Neil Simon's Pulitzer Prize-winning play *LOST IN YONKERS*.

The answer lies in Yonkers, New York in 1942 where Jay Kurnitz, 15, and his brother Arty, 13, are about to jump out of the frying pan of sheltered adolescence into the fire of bare-fisted adult responsibility. Fanning the fire of their education will be Grandma Kurnitz (Irene Worth), Aunt Bella (Mercedes Ruehl) and Uncle Louie (Richard Dreyfuss).

The dark center of this film and of the original play remains Grandma — a steely embittered matriarch of indomitable will and very little sympathy. Grandma's theory of life was forged in the furnace of Germany where she was once beaten up and where one leg was permanently mangled in an accident with a horse. Since her emigration to America she has lost a husband and two children, further closing off the chambers of her heart.

Ironically, Grandma owns a candy shop in Yonkers. Here is where the two young men must spend ten-months while their recently widowed father Eddie (Jack Laufer) hits the



road to pay off the tremendous medical bills incurred by his wife. Simon is an incredibly clever playwright who loves a mix of disparate and incongruous characters. He creates a father, Eddie, whose spirit was completely broken by Grandma.

On the other hand, Uncle Louie, the gangster, has taken Grandma's physical and emotional punishment

and turned it into a lesson-on how to be strong and independent in life. Louie shows up unannounced hiding out from his enemy Hollywood Harry, and decides to become a mentor to the two young men. His major lesson is in how to acquire the very key to full existence — something Louie

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Frankel Violin Scholarship Fund Winners Announced

The Estella Hillerson Frankel Scholarship Fund announces the winners of the Fund's 1993 auditions.

Jane Hoffman, of Wilmington, came in first place. Jane is 14 years old and is an 8th grade student at A.I. du Pont Middle School. She studies with Lee Snyder at the Settlement

Music School in Philadelphia.

Nicole Kuon and Priyanka Nath tied for second place.

Arun Rajanbabu, of Wilmington, received honorable mention.

The Fund was established in 1982, in honor of Estella Hillerson Frankel, and its goal is to promote and ad-

vance the study of violin by students in the public and private schools of New Castle County

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Klutznick Museum Opens Austrian Exhibit

WASHINGTON, DC—The B'nai B'rith Klutznick National Jewish Museum announces the opening of its new exhibit, *The Jews in the Hapsburg Armies From 1788-1914*. The Members' opening will be held from 6:40 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 3, 1993 in the Museum gallery, with the curator Erwin A. Schmidl in attendance.

Yonkers

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calls "moxie." And just what is "moxie"? You will have to see the movie to watch Dreyfuss in one of his better moments provide a visual definition of the term.

In Coolidge's film version the major portion of screen time gets apportioned to Aunt Bella, a woman in her thirties who is "a little slow." In the stage version both Irene Worth and Mercedes Ruehl received Tony Awards for their acting. The major difference in the film is that Ruehl has tweaked Bella's character from someone who was mentally handicapped and trapped in the mind of a 13-year old, to someone who now seems only to have a learning disability.

Coolidge lets Ruehl truly rule this film by letting her occupy most frames so that Bella's growth as an individual far outshines the changes that take place in her young nephews. The boys can only bear witness to Bella's struggle with Grandma and both cower and cheer her on from the sidelines.

Coolidge (RAMBLING ROSE, CRAZY IN LOVE) is a sure-handed director who decided to brighten up some of the darker shades of Simon's original play. Her cinematographer, Johnny Jensen (CRIMES OF PASSION), provides crisply focused and brightly lit scenes. When Jensen takes his camera on the initial tour of Grandma's candy store, it is a vision of heaven as seen through two young boys' eyes. I am sure the candy counter at the theater did a great business during this film.

Dreyfuss brings a suave, tongue-in-cheek demeanor to the role of Uncle Louie. What is missing is enough of a dangerous and rough edge to the character — an edge that in the play makes Louie someone you want to know and avoid all at the same time. The two young men do a wonderful job in their first feature film roles.

The finest moments in LOST IN YONKERS belong to the veteran film and stage actress Irene Worth (CHERRY ORCHARD, SWEET

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Holocaust author to speak at Beth Shalom

David S. Wyman, who wrote *The Abandonment of the Jews: America and the Holocaust 1941-45* (1984) which was named one of eleven "Best Books of 1985" by the New York Times Book Review, will be speaking at Congregation Beth Shalom, 18th Street and Baynard Boulevard, on Sunday May 23, at 7:00 p.m. This program is free and open to the public. It is funded by the Rabbi Jacob Kraft Educational Foundation. Dr. Wyman is a noted Holocaust scholar, historian and author. He is the grandson of two Protestant ministers.

The Abandonment of the Jews examines the period of time in the 1930's when the world looked the other way while thousands of Jews were being systematically exterminated. His book is well documented

and provides new information and insight.

Probed and explained is the Roosevelt administration's disinterest in the annihilation of the Jews, and the American Jewish community's ambivalent and timid attempts to lobby for rescue efforts. Dr. Wyman writes:

A situation where one group of human beings sets out to annihilate another group — and the rest of humanity stood by and allowed it — is a terrible commentary on what humankind had come to in the middle of the 20th century.

Professor Wyman has won numerous honors, prizes and awards for his indepth research into the Holocaust. *The Abandonment of the Jews* was on the New York Times best seller list. Dr. Wyman has appeared on national television.

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bers how he wore purple knitted neckties and black shirts. He was always smoking cigarettes.

Loesser said, "I became a songwriter because I had nothing better to do." After a decade of writing pop songs in New York and then in Hollywood, he created his first theater score for *Where's Charley?* in 1948. That show featured Ray Bolger and two big hits: "My Darling, My Darling" and "Once in Love with Amy."

Then came *Guys and Dolls*, *The Most Happy Fella*, *Greenwillow* and *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*. Jo says that Frank made a conscious effort to make every show completely different from what he had written previously. He died of lung cancer in 1969.

Just before, he was planning a musical version of Paddy Chayevsky's *Gideon*.

The current production of *Guys and Dolls* stars Tom Wopat as Sky Masterson. He sings with a strong, virile voice that fits the role even better than the charming Peter Gallagher whom he recently replaced.

Concessions

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ries, raising to 33,000 the number of Palestinians allowed to work in Israel proper.

But only half the number of permits are being used by Palestinians, who are under pressure in the territories not to return to work in Israel unless the closure is lifted totally.

To date, 15,000 workers have been given security clearance and been approved for entry.

The closure of the territories, imposed to curb Palestinian attacks against Israelis, has caused a severe labor shortage crisis in Israel, and virtually paralyzed the construction industry.

Other than Wopat, the rest of the present cast is the same as on the RCA recording. Faith Prince is absolutely marvelous as Adelaide. Someday you'll tell your grandchildren about how you saw Faith Prince in this part. Josie de Guzman is Sarah Brown and the funny Nathan Lane is Nathan Detroit. Young Edward Strauss conducts like a Broadway veteran.

There are two other recordings that should be heard by anyone who enjoys *Guys and Dolls*. "An Evening With Frank Loesser" on the DRG label features the composer singing his own songs. It's historic. Frank Loesser sings "Sue Me" better than anyone else ever did. These recordings were made privately during the rehearsal period, and differ slightly from the way in which the songs finally appeared onstage.

Also on DRG, "Loesser by Loesser" features Jo and daughter Emily Loesser singing 31 songs by Frank. The record gives us a chance to hear his show music, plus earlier hits such as "Two Sleepy People," "Baby It's Cold Outside," "Anywhere I Wander" and the touching "Spring Will Be a Little Late This Year."

Although the Cabinet continued to lift the ban by incremental degrees, it reaffirmed the decision not to return to the situation that existed before the closure, when some 120,000 Palestinians entered Israel proper daily.

The Cabinet decided that work permits be given only to heads of families with children, in the belief that these individuals would be less likely to be potential terrorists. Entry will probably be allowed only to those who are at least 25 years old.

The majority of ministers opposed that condition, said they preferred creating jobs inside the territories to paying unemployment benefits.

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Elijah and the Messiah

By Rabbi Leonard B. Gewirtz

The prophet Malachi was active about 460 B.C.E. and his central message was to awaken his people from an irreligious lethargy. "Remember ye the law of Moses My servant" (3:22). He sought to prepare his people for the coming of the Messiah:

"Behold, I will send you
"Elijah the prophet
"Before the coming
"of the great and terrible day of the Lord" (3:23).

In later generations this passage was interpreted that Elijah is the precursor of the Messiah. "He is the reconciler and peace-bringer, the herald of the days of the Messiah" (Dr. Joseph H. Hertz, *Pentateuch*, Soncino, p. 970).

In the Talmud there is a discussion on the duties of Elijah. Rabbi Simeon says "to adjudicate controversies; the Rabbis say only to make peace in the world, as Malachi said,

'He shall turn the heart of the fathers to children,'
'And the heart of the children to their fathers,'
(Malachi III:24), (Ediyot 8:7)."

A contemporary Israeli Bible scholar points out that the apocryphal work, *Ben Sira*, lists only Malachi with crediting Elijah with the message of unity and peace, (Y. Kauffman, *History of Israelite Religion* vol. 4 p. 376).

An early *Medrashic* source (*Pesikta Rabbati* ch. 15) presents Elijah as the herald of the Messiah:

"Three days before the arrival of the Messiah, Elijah will come and he will stand on the hills of Israel; he will cry and mourn for them; "How long will you wait passively in ruin and waste?" Then Elijah will say to them, there will be peace in the world."

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Jewish Feminism Flourishes in 1993

By RABBI JULIE K. GORDON

The Temple of Aaron rabbis, cantor, ritual committee and board of directors have agreed to include the matriarchs as well as patriarchs in the first paragraph of the Amida, which we say three times a day. It wasn't sufficient for us to continue to pray to "the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." We now also pray to "the God of Sarah, the God of Rebekah, the God of Rachel and the God of Leah."

Over 15 years ago Rabbi Bernard Raskas had the vision to introduce the names of our matriarchs into the Second Day of Rosh Hashana Service. Other Conservative congregations have followed. The Reform and Reconstructionist movements recently published new Siddurim with this enhancement. The addition of our matriarchs makes explicit our belief that God acts in each of our lives when we open ourselves to God's holy presence, just as God did to our ancestors long ago.

Let us turn to the Torah for guidance. In the first of the double Torah portions, Vayakhel-P'Kuday, the entire Jewish community is brought together to begin to construct the tabernacle of God. Men and women alike, were given an opportunity to show, by their generosity and active spiritual participation, that they deserved God's Divine mercy. The Torah very clearly includes the entire community of Israel: "Vayakhel Moshe Et Kol Adaht Bnai Yisrael."

Jewish feminism builds and expands on this idea — that the entire community of Israel is needed, welcome and essential to our people's

spiritual health. It advocates the legal, economic and social equality of men and women within the Jewish community. We are one of the first generations in our people's history where both men and women's voices, experiences and religious contributions are sought. We need every Jew to feel welcome to help sustain our community.

Also in our Torah portion Vayakhel: the mitzva of Shabbat is again mentioned here before the Torah details the construction of the tabernacle, the mishkan. Both the mishkan and Shabbat remind us of our covenant with God and each other. They both share a common function. They served as a meeting place during our people's years of wandering. Today men and women celebrate Shabbat together in our homes and within our communities in the synagogue. This holy day is God's gift to each and every one of us to refresh our bodies and reinvigorate our souls.

Yet, throughout most of our history, women have not been welcomed as equal participants with men in either the tabernacle or synagogue services. Religious Jewish feminists advocate women having the equal opportunity to participate with any man. I stand as a rabbi on the Temple of Aaron bima because of the vision of Jews committed to Jewish feminism and egalitarianism. We are men and women working together to repair the world based on God's principles of equality and justice for all.

This wonderful congregation under Rabbi Raskas' leadership many years ago began the process of wel-

coming women into synagogue ritual and leadership. Many may recall the first time a woman was called up to the Torah for an aliya or when the first women were counted in the minyan of 10 needed for communal prayer.

Yet more is needed here and throughout the Jewish world.

Religious feminists want to add women's perspectives to our tradition, which passed on in written form only the wisdom of men. How much richer our tradition, will be as we ask questions of this sort: How do we think Sarah felt when Abraham took Isaac up on the mountain to offer him as a sacrifice? We gain new insights when we ask these questions and write contemporary answers — new midrashim based on the contemporary insights of men and women.

Jewish feminists are working to create new rituals. In our congregation we have begun by offering parents of newborn children both a Brit Mila ceremony for their sons and a Brit Bat (conventant naming ceremony) for their daughters. We want to celebrate the birth of a daughter as joyously with our family and friends as the birth of a son.

Our community has responded very positively to this new religious celebration. Just as building the mishkan helped our people in biblical times feel a sense of holiness, so too we in our day search to feel a sense of holiness through new rituals such as Brit Bat conventant birth ceremonies and reinvigorating Brit Mila

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"In the second day, Elijah will come and stand on the hills of Israel and say: Goodness will come to the world."

"In the third day Elijah will come and say 'Salvation has come to the world'."

"At that moment G-d in all His Glory will appear to all mankind and

G-d will Redeem Israel."

In Talmudic literature Elijah is accepted as a precursor of the Messiah. It is well known that the Talmud is replete with *machloket*, differences of opinion: Beth Hillel vs. Beth Shamai, Rav vs. Shmuel; Abaye vs. Rava; Rav Yochanan vs. Resh Lokish; Ravina vs. Rav Ashi; etc. Many times the discussion leads to an impasse and the Talmud concludes with "TAYKU" - "Tishbi Yetaraitz Kushiya Ve'abayot." "The Tishbi, Elijah will solve questions and problems," (*Berachot* 81, 25b, 42 b, Sabbath 5a and another 50 places).

Elijah is the Tishbi-ite and when he will herald the Messiah, he will offer the answers to all unanswered questions in the Talmud.

The reason that Elijah will answer Torah questions is the reason that the fifth cup of wine at the *Pesach Seder* is called the cup of Elijah. Why?

The Mishnah requires that we should drink four cups of wine at the *Seder*, because of the fourfold promise of freedom: "I will free you," "I will deliver you," "I will redeem you," "I will take you." (Ex. 6:6-7).

A discussion in the Talmud presented a fifth verse, "I will bring you to the land" (Ex. 6:8), and therefore

some *Tana'im* suggested we need a fifth cup. They could not agree. They compromised: a cup is filled but not drunk. They said they will wait with this cup until the coming of Elijah, who heralds the coming of Messiah. TAYKU, Elijah will then give the answer.

Therefore the fifth cup is called, the Cup of Elijah.

The liturgical poem recited in the *Havdalah* ritual offers a resume of the Elijah-Messiah symbiosis.

"Elijah the prophet, Elijah the Tishbi-ite,

"Elijah the Giladite;
 "Soon he will come
 "With Messish, son of David."

The whole sacred Jewish literature, from the prophet, Malachi, through the Talmudic Geonic-Midrashic period, and Medieval period, viewed Elijah as the precursor of the Messiah.

It must be clear to all believers that the Messiah will not appear without the prior appearance of Elijah.

In the history of False-Messiahs, Elijah never appeared to announce the coming of the Messiah.

In our time, some people made claims of the arrival of the Messiah. We should be reminded that Elijah has not appeared and until he does, claims for the Messiah are unfounded.



SYNAGOGUE LIFE

NACHES

Feminism flourishes

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ceremonies. And this is only one example of new rituals women and men are adding to strengthen our tradition.

We also strive to help all Jews deepen their understanding of God and what God requires of each of us. Our prayerbook uses metaphors of God as King, Lord and Master. Yet these images perpetuate ideas that we may have first developed long ago: God is an old man with a long, white beard in heaven or God is powerful yet distant from our world.

Over the last few years we have expanded our images of God. Now

we refer to God as Adonai our Ruler, Creator, Merciful One and Holy One of Blessing. Jewish feminism is adding these new images to help us feel closer to God in our life and during services.

Our goal is that female insights and contributions will be part of our developing Jewish tradition for us and for future generations.

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Rabbi Julie K. Gordon is co-rabbi at Temple of Aaron, St. Paul, Minnesota. This article originally appeared in American Jewish World.

Rabbi Laurence P. Malinge comes to Delaware

Rabbi Sarah Messinger will be leaving Delaware's Congregation Beth Emeth in the beginning of the summer. Rabbi Jeff Eisenstat has accepted a pulpit in Plantation, Florida.

After a rather exhaustive search undertaken through the process established by the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion and the Central Conference of American Rabbis, Beth Emeth will welcome to their congregation Laurence Malinge who will be ordained in just a few weeks from the Cincinnati campus of HUC-JIR. His wife is Samantha Jabio Malinge.

Rabbi Malinge graduated from Southern Methodist University with a B.S. in Applied Mathematics, and attended Trinity University in San Antonio where he earned credits toward a Masters of Education in School Psychology. He then decided to enter the rabbinate. Beth Emeth's new assistant rabbi/director of education



Rabbi Laurence P. Malinge

served as student-rabbi in Richmond, Indiana, Fargo, North Dakota, and McGehee, Arkansas, and for three years was the youth director at Temple Shalom in Cincinnati.

While at HUC-JIR he was elected president of the senior class and was coordinator/contact person for the Shelter for Homeless Women and Children housed at the school.

Yonkers

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BIRD OF YOUTH, EYEWITNESS). To Coolidge's credit, she has helped Worth bring the stage role in-tact to the screen. Grandma is someone who elicits our rage and finally our sympathy by the end of the film. Grandma has managed to permeate every corner of her children's lives — for good or ill — and even when not on screen she dominates the film as well.

"To me the story is about a miracle," says Coolidge. "The miracle is that there are people in the world who have love to give and the cour-

Jordon Rosen elected to Council

Jordon Rosen, CPA, director of tax services at Simon, Master & Sidlow was recently elected to serve on the council of the Delaware Society of Certified Public Accountants. He will serve on the Council for a three year term. Previously Mr. Rosen served as chairman of the tax committee for this organization.

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age to go out and give it when it is not anywhere around them. That they find it even in the face of the denying atmosphere which Grandma has created is, to me, a metaphor for what life is all about."

MORRIE WARSHAWSKI writes frequently about culture and the arts for publications throughout the US from his home in St. Louis.

Jacob wins Music award

Andrew S. Jacobs, son of Jack and Marion Jacobs of Delaware, is one of eight international winners of the BMI Student Composer Competition for 1993. Andrew will receive a \$1000 grant for his orchestral composition, "Remembrance of Things Past," at an awards ceremony to be held in New York City in June. The BMI Composition Awards competition is open to student composers up to age 26 who are citizens of countries in the Western Hemisphere. Andrew, who is completing his junior year at Tower Hill School in Wilmington, and his second year as a composition student at Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia, will attend Harvard University as a freshman beginning this Fall.



LIPSCHUTZ-WEINTRAUB

Beth Lipschutz, daughter of Polly Lipschutz of Elkins Park and the late Jack Lipschutz, and Daniel Weintraub, son of Marilyn and Paul Weintraub of Elkins Park, announce their engagement.

Beth, a graduate of Temple University, is an art teacher in the Washington Township School District in Sewell, N.J.

Dan, a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College and the Villanova University School of Law, is the editor of the Jewish Voice in Wilmington, Del.

An August wedding is planned.

Dannemann named Trustee

Ernst Dannemann has been appointed by Governor Thomas R. Carper to the Board of Trustees of the University of Delaware. Dannemann, the President of Health Plan for Delaware, Inc., helped found Dannemann Fabrics, Inc. Although he sold his interest in Dannemann Fabrics, Inc., he has continued to contribute to Delaware's well-being with a variety of public service interests. He has also held positions in real estate, newspapers and health care.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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MAY

Sunday 16

Children's Center of the JCC - Abba and Me Program, 10 a.m. Dads and their four year olds will enjoy art, music, story time and gym games with Susan Stewart and Victor Buono. Cost is \$5 for JCC members and \$7.50 for non-members. Registration deadline is May 12. For more information call Jane Hormadaly at 478-5660.

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Recreational Services Department of the JCC - Wizards Soccer Clinic, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The Wilmington Wizards Soccer Team will be conducting a youth soccer clinic. Basic soccer skills will be taught. Each participant will receive a t-shirt and soccerball. Sponsored by TCI Cablevision, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Delaware, Kiwanis Club and the JCC. Free of charge. Registration limited to the first 100. Call Victor Buono at 478-5660 for more information.

Delaware Hebrew schools and Albert Einstein Academy will gather at the JCC at 1:30 p.m. for the Second Annual Israel Bowl. The event is co-sponsored by Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, Albert Einstein Academy, Congregation Beth Emeth, Temple Beth El, the Jewish Federation of Delaware and the Jewish Community Center. The event pits sixth grade student teams against each other in a competition based in knowledge of Israel. The event will also feature Israeli food, Israeli books for sale and Shlichim (representatives) to provide a variety of information on Israel. The community is encouraged to attend to support the school teams and to discover more about Israel. It is free and open to the public.

Join the Young Leadership Cabinet on a tour of Ellis Island. Bus departs 7:45 a.m. from the JCC, and returns to the JCC at 7:00 p.m. Price includes luxury bus ride, ferry ticket and bagel and OJ nosh. This event is being organized by the General Programs Committee and is targeted to young Jewish single and married adults. Please contact the Jewish Federation at (302) 478-6200 or Carol Einhorn at (215) 583-2241 for more information.

Monday 17

YJAD members are invited to dine at Zia's Pastaria, Wilmington's newest Italian restaurant, at Farrand Drive and Kirkwood Highway. Dinner begins at 6:30 pm. YJAD Donation: \$1.00. Please RSVP by May 15 to David Bernstein: (609) 678-8029.

The Jewish National Fund, Maryland/Delaware Region, will present James H. Gilliam, Jr., Executive Vice President and General Counsel for Beneficial Corporation, with its Tree of Life Award at a dinner on Monday, May 17, 1993 at Winterthur Museum and Gardens. Mr. Gilliam will receive this prestigious award for his community involvement, devotion to

Jewish Historical Society Regular Meeting

Tuesday, May 18, 1993, 7:30
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peace and the security of human life. Proceeds from the event have been designated toward homesite development for new Russian and Ethiopian immigrants to the State of Israel.

Tuesday 18

Jewish Community Center - Jewish Great Books Discussion Group, 7:30 p.m., free of charge. May 18 selection is "Leah" by Seymour Epstein. For more information call Rona Finkelstein at 478-7598.

Wednesday 19

Senior Center of the JCC - Candlelight Dinner and Musical Performance in honor of Yom Yerushalayim. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. and the musical performance will begin at 7 p.m. Holiday donation requested. Transportation will be available. For more information call Ray Freshman at 478-5660.

The YJAD will play coed Volleyball in the JCC gym beginning at 6:00 p.m. Games are non competitive. Admission is \$1 for JCC members, \$2 for non-members. Call Mike Schenk for more information: (215) 558-3781.

Sunday 23

Join Wilmington/Delaware Valley Jewish Singles (30's-40's-50's) for "Meeting People in the 90's" by Robert A. Isaacson and Andrea Miner-Isaacson, Psychologists, 11 AM. Continental Breakfast, 10 AM. Wilmington JCC, just off Rt. 202. \$15. RSVP by May 18. Judy 302-475-6538 or Charen 302-791-9116.

YJAD will enjoy a day Whitewater Rafting in Jim Thorpe, Pa. Members will car pool from the JCC at 8:00 am SHARP. Cost is \$48. Reservations are required by May 5. Call Brett Oblon at (215) 361-2355.

Wednesday 26

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JUNE 1993

Friday 18

Jewish Community Center - Wilmington/Delaware Valley Jewish Singles 30's, 40's and 50's. Cheer the Wilmington Blue Rocks to Victory! Pre-game drinks and snacks in stadium picnic area, 5:45 p.m. Game starts at 7:05 p.m. RSVP by June 4 with check for \$10 payable to H. Nadler. Send to WDJIS, c/o Pressman, 1008 Park Drive, Wilmington, DE 19803. For information, call 655-8240 or 478-7798.

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For further information about the Jewish Studies program, call or see Professor Jay Halio, Acting Director, 118 Memorial Hall, ext. 2361.

Sunday 20

Jewish Community Center - Trip to Holocaust Memorial Museum and B'nai B'rith Klutznick Museum in Washington, D.C. Pre-register by June 6. Cost for JCC members is \$24 adults and \$18 for children ages 12 and under. Cost for non-members is \$32 for adults and \$26 for children ages 12 and under. For more information call Amalia Snyderman at 478-5660.

Tuesday 22

Jewish Community Center - The Blended Family, 7:30 p.m. Remarriage after divorce can be full of challenges. When you add the issues of bringing together two new families with children, the challenges become even more dramatic. This session will address some of the issues confronted by a blended family. The participants will have an opportunity to explore different ideas that can help build positive relationships. Led by Myrna Ryder, Director of Family Life Education, Jewish Family Service. Pre-registration required at JCC Front Desk by June 17. For more information, call Sharon Richman at 478-5660.

Thursday 24

Jewish Community Center - First Annual Sports Classic at the DuPont Country Club. Golf, Tennis and Lawn Bowling Tournament. Advance registration required. For more information call the JCC at 478-5660.

JULY

Wednesday 21

Jewish Community Center - Family Matters, 7:30 p.m. Do you have

unresolved issues or conflicts with other family members? Do you and your siblings get along? Join us as we explore our participation as adults in our own families, and gain some tips to making the time spent together more pleasant. Led by Myrna Ryder, Director of Family Life Education, Jewish Family Service. Pre-registration required at JCC Front Desk by July 16. For more information, call Sharon Richman at 478-5660.

Ongoing

National Museum of American Jewish History, 55 N. 5th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 215-923-3811 exhibit: "The American Jewish Experience." About Jewish settlement in this country from 1654 to present.

Reservations for Guys & Dolls accepted for the Wednesday, April 28 performance of Frank Loesser's musical tribute to gamblers and their dolls at the Martin Beck Theatre in New York City. Bus leaves the Jewish Community Center of Wilmington at 7:30 a.m. Cultural Caravan fees are \$102 for JCC members, \$115 for non members. For more information and reservations call the JCC at 478-5660.

Yeshiva University Museum, 2520 Amsterdam Avenue, New York City exhibition through July 30 of paintings by Russian born artist Berta Kuznetsova. These vibrant Impressionist style paintings of faces reflect her transition from a closed society to an open one. Hours Tuesday through Thursday, 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday noon to 6 p.m. Admission \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for senior citizens and children ages 4-16. For more information call 212-960-5390.

Clinton meets with Lubavitchers

By DEBORAH KALB
States News Service

WASHINGTON, April 29 (JTA) — A group of eight Lubavitcher rabbis met and exchanged gifts with President Clinton at the White House this week, and the group's leader said the president was "all attentive and very gracious."

The meeting Thursday was in conjunction with "Education and Sharing Day USA," a government commemoration of the birthday of the Lubavitcher rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Schneerson, which was April 2.

Clinton gave the delegation a presidential proclamation and a congressional resolution in honor of Education Day. The rabbis, in turn, presented Clinton with a tzedakah box, a dollar bill and a yarmulka with his name on it in English and Hebrew.

The rebbe — who is now in poor health, having suffered an apparent relapse this week — has a tradition of handing out dollar bills to his followers.

Rabbi Abraham Shemtov, the delegation's leader, said Clinton put on the yarmulka and put the dollar bill in the tzedakah box. Then the president said, "Both of these will stay with me forever."

The meeting lasted 17 minutes, Shemtov said. "I was very impressed with the way he received the gift," the rabbi said of the president.



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Michigan Makes Major Mission to Israel



By CYNTHIA MANN
 JERUSALEM (JTA) — Nearly 1,300 members of the Detroit Jewish community were welcomed to Israel in late April by Foreign Minister Shimon Peres at a special commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising.

Peres pledged the Jewish people "will never become weak again."

He also said Israel seeks peaceful co-existence with its Arab neighbors and is "ready to divide" itself from the Palestinians in the territories.

The trip by members of the Detroit community, dubbed the Michigan Miracle Mission and sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit, represents the largest community-sponsored group tour of Israel ever.

It is also unique for a United Jewish Appeal-sponsored mission, said its organizers, because it has no fundraising component and instead is focused on strengthening Jewish identity.

"Thirteen hundred people from one community have never been put together like this before," said Joel Tauber, national chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, who is from Detroit. "It's a different concept."

"This is about building Jews, part of the whole continuity effort by the Jewish community," he said.

"Here, they come to Israel, find out about their Jewish heritage, get invigorated about their Jewishness, and bring back a deeper commitment" to their people.

Jews Say Not Yet Time to Exempt Russia From Jackson Vanik

By DEBORAH KALB
States News Service

WASHINGTON, April 29 (JTA) — Soviet Jewry advocacy groups are trying to convince the Clinton administration and Congress that now is not the time to exempt Russia from provisions of the 1974 Jackson-Vanik Amendment.

The administration is currently conducting an interagency policy review ordered after Russian President Boris Yeltsin asked President Clinton at their summit meeting in Vancouver earlier this month to remove Jackson-Vanik restrictions against his country permanently.

Groups championing the rights of Jews in the former Soviet Union say conditions in Russia are still problematic for some Jews seeking to emigrate and that there are still "refuseniks" forbidden to leave for various reasons.

These groups are also concerned about the continuing economic and political instability in Russia. They point out that Yeltsin's standing is threatened by a coalition of nationalists and former Communists, many of whom are anti-Semitic.

In recognition of that progress, the United States has granted the Russians one-year waivers of the Jackson-Vanik restrictions for the past few years, with the backing of most American Jewish organizations.

U.S. Packages \$14 Million for Territories Jobs

By GIL SEDAN

JERUSALEM, May 3 (JTA) — As Israeli negotiators sat down in Washington last week to resume peace talks with the Arabs, a group of five Jewish residents of the Golan Heights sat down in a park in Jerusalem and have not eaten since in protest of a policy they fear will end with their homes being taken away.

Living on water and juice only, the five, from religious settlements, oppose proposals that Israel hand back the Golan to Syria as part of a peace agreement.

One such resident demanded that national elections be held before any crucial decisions are made by the government.

Knesset member Avigdor Kahalani said, "If the people decide to leave the Golan, then we shall leave; but let the people decide."

"People will struggle for their home, for the place in which they have spent half of their lives," Ze'ev Gruenfeld of Neveh Ativ said. "It is the government's right to decide, and it is our right to try and stop such a decision," he said.

"Talk about armed resistance against the Israel Defense Force is crazy," the mayor of Katzrin, in the Golan, "but talk about withdrawing from the Golan is just as crazy."

According to some reports, settlers in the Golan are already hoarding arms to use to prevent a forced withdrawal. The reports may well be

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The rioting erupted after a car driven by a Hasidic man accidentally struck and killed a 7-year-old black child, Gavin Cato.

Nelson's acquittal, the suit maintains, occurred because police failed to conduct a thorough investigation and destroyed "wanted" posters offering a reward for information leading to the arrest of Rosenbaum's killers.

The suit also contends that the police on the scene "provided protection and escort to the black youths as they committed the violence, and prevented Jews from protecting themselves against the violence."

U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno assured state Attorney General Robert Abrams last month that she will personally review the Rosenbaum case to see if a federal probe of the murder begun in January can lead to the filing of civil rights charges.

Nelson's acquittal sparked demonstrations by Jews throughout the city

and heightened tensions between Hasidim and blacks in Crown Heights.

During the tense period, Ralph Nimmons, a 26-year-old African American, was beaten the night of Dec. 1 by a group of Hasidim in a courtyard behind Lubavitch headquarters.

Nimmons, a homeless man, claimed he was only taking a shortcut when he was jumped by the Hasidim. The Lubavitchers claimed he was caught burglarizing a yeshiva and beaten when he refused to wait for police.

Nimmons later identified Moshe Katzman, 24, of Crown Heights as one of his assailants, and Katzman was charged with assault. But those charges against Katzman were dropped Monday by Brooklyn Supreme Court Justice James Starkey after Nimmons refused repeated requests to cooperate with authorities.

Nimmons is himself awaiting trial after being arrested in February and charged with burglarizing an apartment building in Crown Heights.

Included among submission to the court in the civil suit against Dinkins

was an inch-thick stack of affidavits that Snitow said were from "respected members of the Hasidic Jewish community."

In the affidavits, the Hasidim described "how their homes, synagogues and children were attacked," "how the mayor of New York believed that the Jews received 'preferential treatment' in connection with the Cato incident; how his deputy mayors believed that blacks had a right to vent; and how the police remained silent and still as they vented."

U.S. Targets \$14 Million Package for Territories Jobs

By DEBORAH KALB
States News Service

WASHINGTON, May 5 (JTA) — The United States announced it will make up to \$14 million available for job creation programs and other projects in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The State Department said it was "encouraged by the resumption of the bilateral negotiations" and believes the aid package "will help promote progress in these talks."

The announcement is seen here as the latest attempt to provide the Palestinian negotiators with concrete dividends for returning to Washington, in order to strengthen them against rejectionists at home, such as the Islamic fundamentalist Hamas movement.

The Israeli-Palestinian talks appeared finally to be making progress this week, as the negotiators tackled some substantive issues including the interim agreement for Palestinian self-government, water and land rights, and humanitarian affairs.

The program is intended to promote job creation on projects including road construction, sewage treatment facilities and schools.

"Our goal," the statement said, "is to begin to alleviate current economic problems and to create infrastructure on which the long-term economic future of the territories can be built."

exaggerated, but they reflect growing uncertainty, confusion and anger among the Golan settlers as a potential withdrawal becomes more likely.

Labor Knesset member Haggai Merom suggested that the country's domestic intelligence agency, the Shin Bet, be sent to the Golan to "identify extremist elements among the settlers and press charges against them."

"The opposition will have to stage an offensive and tough struggle against the return of the Golan and the establishment of a Palestinian state," said Netanyahu, "but only within the law."

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Ruth S. Rankin
Ruth S. Rankin, 80, died Thursday, April 29, 1993, of respiratory failure at Leader Nursing Home, 700 Foulk Road, Brandywine Hundred, where she was a patient.
Mrs. Rankin was a homemaker. Her husband, Archie, died in 1981. She is survived by three sisters, Anne Levin, Ellen Perloff and Freda Shifman, all of Pittsburgh, Pa.
Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to American Lung Association.

GILDA LASKIN — On May 5, 1993, Gilda R. Laskin, mother of Debbie E. Laskin-Oppermann of New Castle, sister of Doris Klein, Bernice Shapiro both of Philadelphia and Harold Neerenberg of Boca Rotan, Fl. Also survived by one granddaughter. Due notice of funeral services at the Delaware Veteran Memorial Cemetery will be given by **SCHOENBERG MEMORIAL CHAPEL**.

Outlaw
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Palestinian police force that would operate even before the establishment of a Palestinian self-rule. The idea for the police force was mentioned by Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, who said he would

Corrections
* On page 11 of the April 30, 1993 issue of The Jewish Voice Seth Bloom's new position was identified as Executive Vice-President of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. This is in error as his new post is Associate Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Delaware.
* Marissa Holob's name was misspelled in the headline on page 6 of that same issue.
* Cyril Milunsky, M.D. was misspelled in the headline on page 11 of the same issue.

The Jewish Voice gratefully acknowledges the efforts of Bob Moyer, our proofreader.

Harry Roeberg
Harry Roeberg, 90, of Plantation, Fla., formerly of Wilmington, died Thursday, April 29, 1993, in Westside Regional Medical Center, Plantation, where he was a patient.
Mr. Roeberg had owned Arrow Cleaners, Kirkwood Highway, Wilmington. He lived in Wilmington from 1940 to 1969.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Mary; a son, David, and a daughter, Sonya Gross, both of Wilmington; a brother, Ted of Reading, Pa.; two sisters, Tillie Shenkman and Evelyn Alperowitz, both of Philadelphia; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.
Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to American Heart Association.

Charles Strauss
Charles Strauss, 79, of 1402 Athens Road, Green Acres, Brandywine Hundred, died Friday, May 7, of lung

cancer at home.
Mr. Strauss owned Red Star Wallpaper and Paint Store on Greenhill Avenue, Wilmington, formerly at 214 W. Fourth St.
He was a member of Machzikey Hadas Congregation, Claymont; Lodge 470 B'nai B'rith; Deborah Heart and Lung Foundation; and Harry Fineman Post Jewish War Veterans. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He enjoyed gardening.
He is survived by his wife, Sylvia; a son, Robert B. of Wilmington; two brothers, Louis and Nathan, both of Brandywine Hundred; and two sisters, Freida Solomon of Brandywine Hundred and Ethel S. Mintz-Hammer of Brandywine Hundred.
Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Deborah Heart and Lung Foundation, in care of Edith Steinberg, 1403 Shallcross Ave., Wilmington 19806, or to Delaware Hospice, 3515 Silverside Road, Wilmington 19810.

back Hussein to head such a force. Hussein rejected the notion, saying he sees no room for a police force that would operate under the control of the Israeli army.
Media reports show that the talks have moved from the realm of petty bargaining into real business.
Knesset member Benjamin Netanyahu, leader of the opposition Likud party, and former Likud leader Yitzhak Shamir warned this week against a Palestinian police force.
Netanyahu said the proposal is a deviation from the Camp David accords, with the intention of preparing public opinion for "an armed Palestinian state in the heart of Eretz Yisrael."
But regardless of developments in the Washington talks and Hussein's possible role in a Palestinian police force, a major change has already occurred.
The man who under the previous government was thrown in jail as an outlaw is now considered by Israeli policy-makers to be qualified to take charge of law and order.

US Pledges to Continue Support for Emigres

WASHINGTON, DC — Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna Shalala has assured Jewish Federation representatives from across North America that the Clinton Administration has given a high priority to the continuing resettlement in the United States of Jews from the former Soviet Union.
"Let there be no doubt in your mind of my own personal support and the support of the Administration for the Matching Grant Program," she told delegates to the Council of Jewish Federations Spring Quarterly in Washington. Through the Voluntary Agency Matching Grant Program, a partnership of the Federations and the Federal government, almost 200,000 refugees have been resettled since 1978 in the United States. She anticipated that more than 30,000 refugees will be resettled this year.

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Israeli-Designed Satellite Will be Launched by Russia

By HUGH ORGEL
TEL AVIV, April 21 (JTA) — An Israeli satellite designed and developed by students at the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology will be launched by the Russian space industry in the next two years, under a cooperative agreement signed this week in Haifa.
The Technion, in Haifa, has already started to design the satellite in cooperation with several Israeli companies, including Israel Aircraft Industries.
The Russians will build the rocket needed to launch the satellite and will launch it in Russia.
The project will mark the first time a foreign concern will launch an Is-

raeli satellite.
According to Technion officials, the micro-satellite, weighing 52 kilograms (114 pounds), will be one of only three student satellites in the world.
Labeled the Gurwin-1-Techsat, it is slated to include Technion-designed communications equipment and a video surveying camera.
An official of the Israel Space Agency, which is also involved in the project, said the satellite would also be used to carry out experiments, including ozone measurements in the atmosphere.
The video equipment is to be used to photograph the Earth on a special wavelength to enable the monitoring of climatic phenomena.



WASHINGTON — Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (right), greets Tibet's exiled Dalai Lama before introducing him to delegates at the biennial "Consultation on Conscience" of Reform Judaism. The Dalai Lama, who was the first official visitor to the recently-opened Holocaust Museum here, praised Israel and the Jewish people "for their ability to survive and retain their identity despite oppression."

School Boards

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has become politically sophisticated, targeting school boards, community planning boards, city councils, county supervisory boards, state legislatures and Republican Party committees in a grassroots approach to creating change in its image.

School boards are special targets. Robert Simonds, founder of another conservative Christian group known as Citizens for Excellence in Education (CEE) declared, "Every society ill that we've got today is spawned right in our classrooms. School boards...control everything that's taught in our classrooms..." Simonds and his organization are actively working toward getting conservative Christians elected to school boards "so they can put God back into the public schools."

In order to succeed, the principle of "fly below the radar," is applied. Candidates are instructed to keep a low profile — avoid public appearances, ignore issues questionnaires, and keep their agendas hidden from the media and the general public.

The tactics, in many cases, have paid off. As reported in the New York Times before the November elections, Christian fundamentalists in Washington State won the adoption of a Republican Party platform that would "ban all abortions, abolish the National Endowment for the Arts, institute Bible readings, the teaching of creationism and corporal punishment in schools, bar homosexuals from jobs in teaching and health care, return to the gold standard and reclaim the Panama Canal."

In Loudoun County, Virginia, a number of elected local offices in the board of supervisors, school boards, and the Republican party were lost to conservative Christians.

In Iowa, the Christian right has gained control of the Republican party by attending caucuses that no one else bothered to attend.

And in San Diego County, the religious right managed to elect 60 out of a slate of 88 candidates to a variety of local offices. "Their tactics," according to the New York Times, "included voter registration among church congregations, mailings and telephone banks focused on names drawn from church directories and the distribution of thousands of fliers in church parking lots to leave the impression that candidates were endorsed by the churches." Sam Popkin, a political scientist at the University of California in San Diego, was quoted in the New York Times story: "It's an amazing phenomenon in terms of how porous everything is, and how little it took to take over some of these positions."

Most recently, a New York City school board election is described in USA Today as a "holy war election." A low turnout for the election (about 7%) is anticipated which will work in favor of the alliance of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese and Robertson's Christian Coalition which is backing candidates supporting the Coalition's agenda (school prayer, etc.).

Bringing the story back home, ACLU Delaware reports that in Delaware the right is rising, with district and state committees being

taken over. And according to a recent Delaware NOW newsletter, "the right wing has chosen Delaware as a targeted state for 1993 and beyond. Under the direction of the Christian Coalition, Concerned Women of America, and the Traditional Values Coalition, a new group known as the Delaware Family Foundation has formed...in New Castle, Kent and Sussex counties and...raised \$50,000 since November."

The executive director of the Delaware Family Foundation, Duane Higgins, formerly with the Heritage Foundation, is a soft spoken individual who professes concern for the welfare of children, and the need to reverse the divorce statistics. The Family Foundation, he says, focuses on issues of sex education in the schools ("what should or should not be taught"), welfare policies, and family values. He claims that the Foundation does not support or promote specific candidates, and that it serves as a resource organization, as well as one which monitors legislation.

What is the special significance of this "stealth" campaign by the Christian right for the Jewish community?

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The specific issues backed by these fundamentalists are viewed in different ways by Jewish religious leaders. Regarding the teaching of creationism in the public schools, for example, Rabbi Grumbacher of Temple Beth Emeth in Wilmington is of the opinion that "while there are many values which the story of Creation has for all of us, the teaching belongs in synagogues and churches. Schools have to reflect our entering the 21st Century, and evolution has been part of the scientific community with implications for progress throughout this century."

Chabba Rabbi Chuni Vogel is more ambivalent about the church/state issue. He believes it is wrong to "take the concept of God out of the schools." And in teaching Darwinian theory, it should be taught "in such a way that it is not presented as an absolute truth." He further interprets the separation of church and state as meaning that the state does not endorse one religion over another.

One thing seems certain, however, and this is what should be of most concern to the Jewish minority. If the Christian right achieves its goals, we will become a nation in which fundamental Christian values will be the benchmark of acceptability.

Rabin

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It has been Aloni's controversial comments, seen in Orthodox circles as disparaging, that have triggered several coalition crises with Shas, including the present one.

Sparking this latest crisis was a comment by Aloni criticizing Rabin's recitation of the Shema Yisrael prayer at a commemoration of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising last month. Aloni, dismaying even many of her supporters, said Rabin's use of the prayer was fatalistic.

Shas' Council of Torah Sages, led by former Israeli Sephardic Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, demanded that Rabin make good on an earlier written pledge to remove Aloni from the education post if her controversial statements continued.

One compromise proposal to remove Aloni from overseeing the Education Ministry was rejected by Shas.

Under the proposal, Aloni would have retained control over the Israel Broadcasting Authority and Channel 2, the two state-run television networks.

But Yosef and the other Shas sages vetoed this — on the grounds that it still left Aloni with unacceptable powers over the country's culture and media.

Shas said it wants a Labor Party minister at the Education and Culture Ministry. It proposed compensating Aloni with another senior — but non-controversial — portfolio.

But Meretz, with twice as many Knesset seats as Shas, balked predictably at the order dictated by the smaller party.

Nevertheless, under intense pressure from the prime minister, the Meretz leadership agreed Tuesday evening to the one-week "timeout" — with the clear understanding that if no acceptable solution is found during that time, Rabin will allow Deri's resignation to go forward.

In such a case, Rabin would have to govern with a 56-seat plurality in the Knesset, supplemented with the tacit support of the five Knesset members from Arab parties. This would yield a combined parliamentary majority of 61 seats against the opposition's 59.

The thinness of that margin would plainly not be the premier's preferred political position, especially given the context of hard decisions that may soon be needed at the negotiating table in Washington.

Rabin, however, declared Tuesday night that he was anxious to demonstrate "to any potential coalition partner" that he is both determined and capable of continuing to govern even if Shas drops out.

At the end of the day, the premier stressed that "no government is possible other than a Labor-led government — given our 'blocking bloc' in the Knesset."

As if to drive home this point, Rabin held a cordial meeting at his office in the Knesset with the five Arab Knesset members, whose support would be needed for this "blocking bloc" to hold firm.

The days ahead, according to political observers, will witness a new round of intensive coalition negotiations, with Labor anxious to broaden the base of its government.

Labor's hope is that the Shas-

Meretz clash, by precipitating Aloni's removal from the Education Ministry, has opened the way for adding other parties to the coalition.



Former mayor of East Jerusalem Rawhi al-Khatib 79, returned from a 25-year exile in Jordan May 3 and said he still regards himself as the mayor of Jerusalem. CREDIT: RNS PHOTO/Reuters (Reproduction rights not transferable) 4-93

Departees

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The 15 Palestinians who crossed over the Allenby Bridge from Jordan into the West Bank are the first half of the group of 30 approved by Israel. The next 15 were expected to return shortly.

Thousands awaiting the deportees lost control and virtually stormed the bus.

The crowd climbed onto the bus waving the Palestinian flag and carried the returnees on their shoulders, chanting nationalist songs to the music of bands of Palestinian youths.

In Jericho, Ahmad Ahmad, deported 24 years ago, shouted as he was carried around by dancing youths: "This is the happiest day in my life;

only the day the Palestinian state is established will be happier."

At the A-Rawda restaurant in Jericho, with the announcer shouting over the public address system: "The celebration which begins today will be concluded with the establishment of the Palestinian state and its capital Jerusalem."

Shueibi said his return was a result of the intifada and the peace talks.

Shueibi called the return a de facto recognition of the PLO by Israel.

"They deported us because we were the first to declare that the PLO was the legitimate representative of the Palestinians," he said.

"They know that I am one of the PLO, and they allowed my return."



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