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Lawmakers see Baghdad's actions as possible gain for Israelis, Saudis

By HOWARD ROSENBERG

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Iraq's invasion of Kuwait may bolster support for Israel on Capitol Hill, but lawmakers are unsure whether the Bush administration will become more favorably disposed toward Saudi Arabia at Israel's expense.

In interviews last week, members of Congress said the Iraqi aggression strengthens the rationale for selling sophisticated U.S. arms to Saudi Arabia — so long as the kingdom continues to allow the United States to help defend it.

U.S. Rep. Mel Levine, D-Calif., said he has been told that as a concession to Saudi Arabia for allowing U.S. forces to be stationed there, the administration has agreed to send Congress a request next year to sell top-of-the-line fighter planes to Saudi Arabia, presumably F-15s or F-16s.

Such planes, which have the capability of reaching Israel, are among the few items in the tens of billions of dollars in prior U.S. proposed sales to the kingdom that pro-Israel lawmakers have attempted to block.

Meanwhile, while not seeing any long-term diminution in administration pressure on Israel regarding the peace process, the lawmakers said there will be stronger support for maintaining the \$3 billion in annual U.S. aid to Israel, which is coming under various budget-cutting pressures.

One such signal was sent by Senate Minority Leader Robert Dole, R-Kan., who last week backed off somewhat from his proposal to cut foreign aid to the top U.S. recipients by 5 percent across the board.

Speaking to reporters in the U.S. Capitol, Dole said it "wouldn't be a time to reduce military aid to either Egypt or Israel."

"But foreign aid, like every other spending program on the economic side, has to be looked at," he added.

For Israel's image here, Iraq's invasion is "enormously helpful," said Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass. "This really drives home the essential reasonableness of Israel's posture," he said.

"Israel is in fact besieged by evil people" who "wish them great harm," Frank continued.

But he warned that while the Iraqi invasion puts Israel's refusal to accept U.S. proposals for direct negotiations with Palestinians "in a better context, it doesn't make Israel immune from criticism — and shouldn't."

Levine said Israel will benefit because many colleagues have told him they now see "Arab-upon-Arab aggression" as a major Middle East problem that has "nothing to do with Israel."

He predicted that the crisis would put to rest some of what he termed the "Israeli-oriented excuses" that blame the Jewish state for keeping peace from the region.

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., said the Iraqi move would also improve the U.S. image of Syria, which had been regarded by many as Israel's chief foe. The fact that Iraq and Syria are enemies "might enhance opportunities with Israel and Syria," he said.

Specter took the occasion to praise Syria for saying earlier this year that it would attend an international peace conference on the Middle East under U.S.-Soviet auspices.

Sen. Alfonse M. D'Amato, R-N.Y., however, said he objects to creating what he sees as a "good guys" image of Syria. Although he noted Syria's help earlier this year in arranging the release of some Western hostages in Lebanon, D'Amato warned against being lulled into thinking Syria has become a more moderate country.

"Any enemy of my enemy is not my friend," the senator said, disputing an old adage about alliances in the Middle East.

Levine took a stab at Jordan, which has refused to join the chorus of Arab criticism of the Iraqi invasion, saying the United States should no longer consider it a "moderate Arab country."

Jordan's policies have been "sadly wanting over the last several months" and its recent behavior is "not within the definition of moderate," Levine said.

Of particular concern to pro-Israel lawmakers would be any administration move toward

framing its Middle East policy as "Israel versus oil."

Placing greater emphasis on oil at Israel's expense, Levine said, would be "every bit as

intolerable as any movement toward Saudi Arabia will be."

He added, "Israel's unquestionable friend-
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Mary Travers' benefit for Operation Exodus, Sept. 8

Mary Travers, of the well-known Peter, Paul and Mary trio, will appear at the Grand Opera House in Wilmington on Saturday, September 8, in a concert to benefit the local Operation Exodus campaign. The event has been called "Celebration of Freedom."

Operation Exodus is the national campaign to rescue hundreds of thousands of Soviet Jews and help resettle them in Israel. The national goal is \$420 million; Delaware's fair-share portion of that is \$780,000. To date, 20 percent of the Delaware Jewish community has participated in the campaign which officially began in May.

Travers, whose folk music has entertained audiences for three decades, has long been an outspoken human rights activist. Among her commitments on behalf of human rights is an active role in the Washington-based Center for the Development of International Policy which sends members on fact-finding missions to countries where American foreign policy has impact. Travers has participated in several missions including a 1983 trip to the Soviet Union to learn firsthand about the problems facing Russian Jews.



Mary Travers

Following Travers' performance, there will be a reception at the Wilmington Amtrak station.

Tickets for the concert are still available. Ticket price categories are: Sponsor - \$200 per person; Patron - \$750 per person; and Benefactor - \$2,500 per person. To order tickets or for more information, call the Jewish Federation of Delaware at 478-6200.

U.S. arms buildup in Arab states bring concern

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF

Special to The Jewish Voice

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State James Baker's rescheduled meeting with Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy here September 6 through 7 is unlikely to center on Israeli-Palestinian talks on West Bank/Gaza elections as Baker had originally contemplated when he first sought the discussion last Spring as a primary element in his Middle East policy. The reason is Iraq's Saddam Hussein.

The Persian Gulf crisis has not only brought about Israel's virtual exclusion from the U.S.-engineered military and economic offensive against Iraq's conquest of Kuwait but has aroused concern among Israelis and their American friends on the future of the binational strategic relationship.

At the Bush Administration's request, Israel has sidelined its natural disposition to express concern over why the U.S. has not sought to use Israel's facilities including medical centers and storage sites for materiel as a secure base for operations in the Middle East.

Israel's top officials have not been consulted by President Bush, Baker or Secretary of Defense Richard Cheney. The closest approach since the Kuwait invasion has been a meeting by Baker with Ambassador Moshe Arad on August 14 at Arad's request.

Reasons for the distancing, as officials of both countries have indicated, is that visible cooperation would fuel Saddam Hussein's

charge of Zionist-Imperialism against the "Arab nation" and impede Arab governments' support for the U.S. initiative, particularly Saudi Arabia.

However, concern has arisen that while

Israel may be indeed cooperating by intelligence and the availability of its facilities, when and if needed its role as an ally may be permanently diminished since the Soviet threat

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Arens to Iraq: Don't enter Jordan

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel made official on August 7 what it had been saying ever since Iraq invaded Kuwait on August 2: If Iraqi troops enter Jordan, Israel will retaliate.

The line was drawn by Defense Minister Moshe Arens, in a carefully prepared statement he read during a special Knesset debate on the Persian Gulf crisis. Parliament was called out of summer recess for the discussion.

"I ought to stress that the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait does not constitute a strategic change from Israel's standpoint," Arens said. "But the moment we see that we face a change — for instance, the entry of the Iraqi army into Jordan — we will act," the defense minister added.

He stressed that "this was the policy of Israel's governments in the past and remains so now. Israel will continue to watch closely the actions of the Iraqi ruler, and will know how to defend her interests and her security."

The defensive doctrine he enunciated is considered likely to win approval from both the left and right within the political mainstream.

Arens' position corresponds precisely with the position advanced by Yossi Sarid of the opposition Citizens Rights Movement immediately after the invasion last Thursday.

Speaking for the opposition Labor Party, Moshe Shahal warned President Saddam Hussein of Iraq that he would bring disaster to his nation by aggression against Israel. "Israel is not Kuwait," the former energy minister observed.

Uzi Landau of Likud repeated what has been Israel's line before and since the Persian Gulf crisis — that its dispute with the Palestinians is not the main cause of tension and conflict in the region.

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Editorial

World reaction to Hussein shows 1990s-style unity

Times have changed. World reaction to Saddam Hussein's power hungry grab at Kuwait has been very different from what it might have been even a year ago. The first military conflict of the post-Cold War era, the August 2 Iraqi blitz was a test of the theory that the U.S. and the Soviet Union can do more good working together than separately.

Almost certainly, such an invasion would have created enormous friction between the superpowers only a year ago. The summer of 1990, however, saw Moscow and Washington acting in unanimity — condemning the raid and issuing an unprecedented joint statement demanding Saddam Hussein's retreat. That position was also endorsed by the United Nations Security Council and even by the majority of the Arab League.

This is 1990 and a responsible global community is speaking in a moderately unified voice about "our" interests.

Around the world, those in positions of power have apparently learned the lessons of history. Remembering so many precedents in which the unsuppressed demands of dictators were answered by weakness, the reaction to Hussein's threats have been forceful and intolerant.

Hitler promised the Western world that he had no territorial ambitions. Similarly, Iraq's Hussein recently assured Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak that he had no intention of invading Kuwait. And within weeks, Kuwait now belongs to Iraq. And the governments of the world remember,

and are not willing to take a chance that Iraq could become out of control.

Hussein has shown nothing but the utmost contempt for the norms of the civilized world and brutal disregard for world opinion. He is one of the most dangerous men in the Middle East and, in fact, the world.

He has the largest and best trained army in the Arab world. He controls 20 percent of the world's oil reserves. He has chemical warfare capability and has threatened to use it against Israel and the U.S. troops now stationed in the Middle East, a threat that should be taken seriously since Hussein has used the chemical weapons during the war with Iran and even against Iraq's own Kurdish citizens.

As for Israel, those who have argued that a solution to the Israeli-Palestinian problem would end all tension in the Middle East, must reconsider their positions. And critics of Israel's attack on Iraq's nuclear reactor in 1981 must certainly now be grateful for it.

President George Bush has made the right decision to send in American troops and try to prevent the "Butcher of Baghdad" from going any further. And it is gratifying to see so much world support behind him. We pray that this unifying stand around the globe remains strong and that Saddam Hussein will realize that he can no longer play by his own ruthless rules — and we pray that he will come to understand and accept that before lives are lost.



Letters to the Editor

Rabbi not promoting unity

In the July 20 edition of *The Jewish Voice* appears the column which Rabbi Leonard B. Gewirtz, has written and headlined: "Where is unity?"

I had to read twice his column to believe my eyes. The good Rabbi, whom I truly respect and sincerely admire, will never achieve his objectives, by his continuance of criticizing the Reform Jews and their philosophy.

Years ago, Rabbi Gewirtz wrote his book: "The Authentic Jew" which I bought from him and he was kind enough to autograph for me. In his book he also made unfavorable comments against the Reform movement.

I thought that the good Rabbi had somehow mellowed his thoughts against our fellow Jews, just because of their beliefs. I have the privilege of knowing personally many distinguished Reform Jews including the venerable Rabbi Herbert E. Drooz.

I sincerely believe that the Reform, Conservative or Orthodox Jews, are indeed, the very same in nature. Even the infamous Nazi barbarians did not differ when it came to annihilating our people.

However, no people, have an exclusive monopoly on saints among them and most certainly, I'm not one of those. The vast

In his column of July 20, Rabbi Gewirtz expresses great concern over the lack of unity of the Jewish people and appears to blame whatever lack of unity he perceives on the rise of Reform Judaism, all of this accompanied by some distortions of fact and quotes out of context. I believe several comments are in order by way of reply.

First, is there really a lack of unity? I don't think so. What I believe is that Rabbi Gewirtz is confusing differences in style of religious observance with disunity. I do not believe that the Jewish community feels disunited. There are obvious differences in ritual and level of observance between the branches of Judaism, but they are only surface differences. There are no real differences in basic values, level of commitment, support of synagogue, community and Israel, and love of the Jewish heritage.

majority of our people, regardless of their affiliation, are good Jews who will help the downtrodden, give charity and contribute to the existence of Israel.

Please, let me quote what the good Rabbi wrote: "Orthodox-Torah law cemented and united the Jewish people. What adds to the divisiveness, unfortunately, is Reform's self righteous ideological consistency."

I just completed my book, "Ashes of my People," which will be published soon. In my book, I dedicated some pages of the real "achdut" (unity) among our people. I am not defending the Reform Jews as they are quite capable to defend themselves. As for myself, I do not belong to any Jewish houses of worship. I deeply believe, that I have all the synagogues and all the temples in my Jewish heart. It is there, and only there, where the goodness and evil begin. It is there and only there, where the love and compassion and mercy and hate are being cultivated and no place else.

My Dear Rabbi Gewirtz, our very survival depends only on real unity, and nothing else will ever do. And let it begin with you and me.
Ziggy Gorson

For Rabbi Gewirtz to imply otherwise is offensive and insulting, and suggests that he doesn't really understand the modern American Jewish community very well.

Second, if there is one force fostering the so-called disunity that the Rabbi deplors, it is his own intolerant attacks on Reform Jews. I suggest that the Rabbi would promote the cause of unity a great deal better by celebrating the sameness of our beliefs instead of damning the differences.

Lastly, the masthead of *The Jewish Voice* declares that "No material will be accepted by the Jewish Voice which is considered against the best interests of the Jewish community." In publishing the Rabbi's article, I think the editors have rather seriously violated their own guidelines.

Martin F. Sloan

Editor's Note

The philosophy of *The Jewish Voice* is, indeed, to print only what is considered in the best interest of the Jewish community of Delaware. It is also committed to presenting as many viewpoints on a particular subject as space allows.

"The Rabbi Writes" column is written by the community's rabbis on a rotating schedule and the topic of the monthly column is left up to the individual rabbi. In publishing the July column, the Editorial Committee was aware that it could potentially offend some members of the Jewish community. Rather than censor the column, however, it was decided that the opinion, written under "The Rabbi Writes" logo and the auspices of the Rabbinical Association of Delaware, should be published as the valid opinion of one of its members.

Letters to the editor are encouraged at all times. All letters written in response to this opinion piece have been published in this issue.

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The Jewish Voice welcomes signed letters from its readers on subjects of interest to the Jewish Community. For verification purposes, include home address and phone number (day and evening). The more concise a letter is, the less likely it will need to be condensed. A name will be withheld upon request. Send letters typed double spaced, to *The Jewish Voice*, 101 Garden of Eden Rd., Wilmington, DE 19803.

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Op - Ed

The Jewish stake in the Souter nomination

By ALBERT D. CHERNIN

At stake in the nomination of Judge David Souter to succeed Justice William Brennan on the Supreme Court is the Bill of Rights.

It is within this context that a woman's right to reproductive choice should be seen. Within the context of the Bill of Rights, Justice Brennan's retirement should also trigger deep anxiety among American Jews about their ongoing status as first-class American citizens, fully accepted among the "we" of the American people.

Before World War II, that was hardly the case. At best, American Jews were a sometimes tolerated minority. That has changed over the last 50 years, with a series of milestone decisions handed down by the U.S. Supreme Court on the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights and the separation of church and state.

As a result, no longer are the public schools of America permitted to serve as a natural extension of Protestantism in America, as they did for nearly 150 years. Prior to these deci-

sions, public-school children received a message each day of their school life that this was a Christian country.

That message was signaled in daily Bible reading, prayer recitation, religious hymns, even religious instruction in public-school classrooms.

But gradually, decision by decision, the Supreme Court invoked the First Amendment to bar the majority from imposing such practices on the minority. The result is a different and more open and pluralistic America.

With one more vote, however, those historic decisions barring such practices could be swept away. The handwriting is already on the wall. Chief Justice William Rehnquist and Justice Anthony Kennedy have spelled out in minority opinions that they would have the Supreme Court challenge the principle of separation of church and state.

"The 'wall of separation' ... should be frankly and explicitly abandoned," Justice Rehnquist declared in a minority opinion in the *Jaffree*

case, in which the majority on the Supreme Court found state-sanctioned silent prayer in the public schools unconstitutional.

Professor Milton Konvitz, an eminent authority on the Bill of Rights, warns that with one fell swoop, the Rehnquist position would overturn scores of court precedents. It would uphold as constitutional prayers in the public schools, and permit state aid for religious instruction as well as secular instruction in religiously oriented schools.

Indeed, in the view of Mr. Konvitz, there would be no constitutional bar on the federal government or a state paying the salaries of all clergy.

Justices Byron White and Anthony Scalia, by their concurrence in such minority opinions, have shown that they are ready to move in the direction pointed to by Rehnquist and Kennedy. So there are the four votes. The issue is whether Judge David Souter will be that fifth vote.

With the consequences of succession to

Justice Brennan's seat as profound as a shift in party control of the Congress or the White House, it is not inappropriate for the Senate to search out Mr. Souter's views on the Bill of Rights and the role of the Supreme Court in interpreting the Constitution.

Without reference to specific cases now before the court, the Senate Judiciary Committee can seek out Mr. Souter's views on the Bill of Rights as a bulwark against majorities

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imposing their will on the rights of the individual in certain protected areas.

These areas are enunciated in the Constitution's first ten amendments, which include freedom of speech or freedom of religion. For the Jewish community, this has resulted in a freedom that is unique in Jewish history.

But there are some justices now sitting on the Supreme Court who argue that in a democracy, the will of the majority as expressed in the legislative bodies should reign supreme. After all, who can argue against majority rule? Apparently, this is what President Bush meant when he said he would pick a justice who would decide issues with a "strict constructionist" view of Constitution.

The Senate Judiciary Committee should also probe Mr. Souter's views on how he would apply the concept of strict constructionism to a world that the "founding fathers" could not imagine.

As Justice Brennan said in a speech several years ago, "The genius of the Constitution rests not in any static meaning it might have had in a world that is dead and gone, but in the adaptability of its great principles to cope with current problems and current needs."

(Albert D. Chernin, now executive vice chairman emeritus of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, has been directly involved in the efforts to promote and protect the Bill of Rights for nearly four decades.)

Jews could benefit in lessons in 'Jewish'

By RABBI ARTHUR GREEN

Do you remember when *Jewish* was a language?

"Say it in Jewish, Sam, so the kids won't understand."

"Oy, can she write a beautiful Jewish!"

With the decline of Yiddish from the role it played in our community a generation or two ago, this expression is hardly heard anymore. The truth is that *Jewish* is still a language, but one that requires more subtlety to be "spoken" or understood. The words we speak are now the same as those spoken by others; even the characteristic tone and expression of East European speech patterns are disappearing from our midst. And yet, still we continue to "speak Jewish."

We speak Jewish when we use our people's past as a way to understand the present, when we argue about politics in terms that evoke the old tales of slavery and sojourn, of wandering and oppression.

We speak Jewish when we celebrate (or when we mourn), letting the ancient patterns and words of our tradition interrupt our busy modernity and add a moment of contact with eternity to our lives.

We speak Jewish — even if it comes in the form of broken English or rusty Hebrew — when we reach out to family in Israel or to newfound friends from the Soviet Union, and

we discover a bond of closeness that transcends all the obvious things that we don't have in common.

We speak Jewish in the ways we raise our kids: in the values we try to give them, the memories we hope they'll share, the dream of a better world that we hope they'll create and in the pride we take in them when they act to do so.

The language that we share in common has a vocabulary, a syntax, and patterns of tone and emphasis all its own. There are religious expressions that may have universal echoes, but that come out different when spoken in "Jewish."

Our language is the product of many factors, created over our long history in mostly unself-conscious ways. Our ancient texts and sacred traditions have contributed a great deal to it, even for those who may not think of themselves as conventionally "religious." But so have our history and our mostly unwillful fate.

In determining what is a mitzvah these days, it seems to me that we Jews have to look as much at Jewish history as we do at biblical verses or passages from Talmud. Certain things become incumbent on us, or forbidden to us, because of our experiences as a people, which itself becomes a source of law.

Like any living language, ours continues to grow and change. We are not the same people

after 1945, for example, that we were before, nor do we speak quite the same language.

Names of concentration camps have entered our vocabulary. Previously innocent words make us shudder with horror and with anger.

Our speech has gained new taboos: We can no longer speak about the "final solution" to anything without tripping over the words. So, too, "relocation" or "just following orders" — these also evoke memories for us.

The same is true in a very different way of our Jewish language after 1967. The rediscovery of the *Kotel* and our traditions of sacred space are part of that. They give very concrete religious expression to a claim that all of us have had to take more seriously on other levels as well.

There is a geographical center to Jewish life, and it is in Eretz Yisrael. All of us who give our lives to building a more creative, committed and enriched Jewish life here in the Diaspora still have to grapple with that reality, something we did not all feel the need to do before.

The problem we all face together is that we speak this language poorly. It may be our native tongue, but it has become a second language for us, whether we live in Israel or in the Diaspora. The relentless pace of life with its everyday demands make this richer and more

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Deciding when it's right to die

By RABBI RONALD D. PRICE

A parent is dying. The doctor has made it clear that a feeding tube and/or respirator represent the only hope of survival. "What should we do?"

When questions like this come my way, I turn to Judaism law and tradition, and to rabbinic colleagues who spend their lives studying such issues. I give advice based on what I believe Judaism has to say on the matter, and hope that this is of comfort in the traumatic moment when one actually decides the fate of another person.

Last fall I received a call from my wife who was visiting her 39-year-old sister in the hospital. My sister-in-law was suffering from cancer and the doctor had given her no more than 48 hours to live, unless she was connected to a respirator. With the device she could live on, as her life slowly and painfully ended.

According to the doctor there was no hope of recovery, other than a miracle. The dreaded question was asked: "What should we do?"

I did not want to answer. I wanted no responsibility for this decision. I felt overwhelmed and wished that I had chosen a field other than the rabbinate. Who wants to live

with the results of such decisions?

Today, as I look back upon our family's decision not to attach the respirator, I have my own doubts. Even though the decision was made only after consulting with rabbinic medical ethics experts and was sound in terms of Jewish law and tradition, maybe a miracle would have happened. Did we miss that opportunity, or did we truly save her tremendous physical pain in a hopeless situation?

It makes me wonder. If I felt overwhelmed by the responsibility for this decision, and even today sometimes question my judgment, how much worse it must be for those who make such decisions without guidance! What must it mean for a man or woman to decide the fate of a loved one, and have the full weight of that decision rest only on their shoulders, forever?

The Supreme Court has rendered a decision on the "right to die." As an outgrowth of that decision, the question of artificial life support will become more dependent upon whether or not one has left specific instructions in advance of becoming incompetent. A "living will," which includes one's wishes and/or appoints a surrogate to make the decision, can now determine whether one lives or dies.

Of course the justices had the best interests of the American people in mind when they made this decision. But our courts are secular by design. Life and death are not secular matters. They are not medical matters alone. Life and death touch the deepest reaches of our spiritual being. Doctors and scientists can only give physical evidence for life or death; heartbeat, respiration, brain activity. Legislatures may enact laws as they see fit, but they can't tell one how to make the right decision. They do not give moral guidance. Neither the scientist, nor the judge, nor the politician will be there to help one live with a life and death decision after it has been made.

We need religious guidance when we deal with maintaining life or prolonging death. That decision is one that affects not only a body, but a soul. Indeed, it touches more than one soul. It forever affects both the soul of the dying, and that of the one who decides his or her fate.

If I am young and healthy, I may choose to sign a document which says "no life-support." Am I the same person when that day does come? A case was recently recorded of a

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More Letters

Kudos

I want to compliment you on your evolution from a local paper. The national and international articles you carry are of extreme interest to us living in a small Southern community. The new format is great. Thanks.

Nanette Page
Kinston, North Carolina

Visit Israel now

With the present tensions in the Middle East, there are those who may consider postponing their trips to Israel. But this is the time for American Jews to demonstrate their support by visiting Israel now either on a mission or a trip.

Soviet Jews have not cancelled their flights — and we must not cancel ours. We must be seen in Israel. We must show our solidarity as much now as we have in the past. We must not give way to intimidation.

The security of flights to Israel is the best in the world. The security in Israel is better than in most cities of the United States.

It is important that we stand up and be counted — in Israel.

For information about missions and trips to Israel, call the Jewish Federation of Delaware at 478-6200.

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Dvar Torah

The soldier afraid and disheartened

By RABBI SUE LEVI ELWELL

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The theme of this week's Torah portion is established in the third *pasuk* (sentence) of the portion: "Justice, justice shall you pursue." The repetition of the word *tzedek*, which can be translated as righteousness or justice or honesty, gives the statement the force of a command: "Justice you shall surely pursue!" But how? How can the Israelites create a just society?

The portion details some of the mechanisms for establishing religious, social, political and judicial norms for the emerging nation. Beginning in Deut. 20:3 the text examines soldiers' preparations for battle. First the priest calls to the assembled men: "Sh'ma Yisrael, Hear, O Israel! You are about to engage in battle with an enemy. Let your courage not falter..." The use of language that is customarily coupled with the liturgical proclamation of God's Oneness is startling. Jarred by this incongruous phrase, we frame questions about the implications and impact of armed conflict. Is there a place for war in a just society? And who should go to fight?

Four categories of exemption from military service are cited. The first three begin with a question: "Is there a man...?" A man who has built a house and not yet dedicated it, or a man who has planted a vineyard but has not yet harvested it, or a man who has arranged to be married by paying the bride-price, but has not yet stood under the huppah with his bride? All are allowed to return home before the campaign, lest they fall in battle and others enjoy the home, the harvest, or the wife for which the hapless soldier has labored. These three exemptions place shelter, sustenance and companionship before war, making a strong statement about the priorities of a just society. War is nothing other than a temporary, transitory condition, in contrast to the potential stability offered by one's home, one's garden or one's family. The work required of a property owner, or a vineyard keeper, or in a relationship, results in substantial rewards. The primary results of war are always death and devastation.

The fourth and final military exemption excuses from service one who is "afraid and disheartened", more, it seems, our of concern for the contagion of such a condition than out of compassion for the frightened soldier himself. Rashi discriminates between this exemption and the previous three by attributing the three to the priest and the fourth to the military spokesmen. Rashi suggests that the first three exemptions reflect a moral or religious perspective, the fourth a less elevated, more pragmatic purpose.

We live in times of great impermanence and perpetual uneasiness. In this last decade of the twentieth century, the soldier who is "afraid and disheartened" stands for each of us. His fear of dying may mirror our fear of living in a world that seems headed for destruction by nuclear accident, through human disregard for the environment, by the plague of AIDS, as a result of hopelessness of drug, alcohol and nicotine addiction. What would happen if soldiers across the world claimed that their fears were both paralyzing and communicable, and, following Deut. 20:8, they requested military exemptions? Would they, would we, then be able to create the just society towards which we have been laboring for so many years?

(Sue Levi Elwell is rabbi of the Irvine Jewish Community and also works with Jewish ex-felons in a residential recovery program in Los Angeles.)

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The Rabbi Writes

Hopes and aspirations -- a two-edged sword

By RABBI MOSHE
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All of us have been blessed with wonderful dreams, with visions as to what we wanted to realize in life. Most of us never fully work out our aspirations, and those of us who do, never find the full enjoyment that we projected for ourselves. One of the basic reasons for this lack of fulfillment is that each realization of an aspiration brings with it greater responsibilities and obligations.

If we labor hard and long to become an entrepreneur rather than an employee, we find that we must assume overwhelming obligations on behalf of employees and creditors. If we dream of becoming a professional, doctor, lawyer, academician, scientist or engineer, we have obligations to clients, patients, and to the standards and ideals of our profession. Many children express the desire to become a physician, lawyer, or engineer, but ask the men or women in these professions whether they are happy and so many will retort that if they had the opportunity to plan their lives anew, they would not enter the profession in which they are now involved.

One dream and aspiration which is common to most of us is that of finding the correct mate and of ultimately having children. And yet, when we accomplish these goals, we find

that there is little enjoyment and much aggravation. It is those responsibilities and obligations that overwhelm us and deprive us of fully enjoying our children. The trick is to start off as a grandparent when you enjoy all of the privileges of association but do not have to assume any responsibilities.

As parents, we fully shoulder all of the obligations to make certain that our children are fed, clothed, and educated. A much smaller proportion, however, accept the responsibility of providing our children with a positive and warm Jewish environment. This is one category of experience in which parents and children can fully share, where children enjoy taking over and parents are so eager to yield. Jewish life is one type of experience that cannot be transferred to Rabbi, teacher, or center worker. It must be sponsored and fulfilled by parents themselves. A brochure published by The Federations of Jewish Men's Clubs put it very aptly, "Jewish practice is an art form. And like all great art forms, it requires reflection, discipline — and practice — to bring it to life. Into your life."

All parents look forward to receiving much *nachas* from their children. It doesn't happen by accident. It takes planning, effort and true participation. The dream may add to your responsibilities but the reward in terms of satisfaction and fulfillment is infinite.

AJSS receives proclamation for Wilmington renovation

Wilmington Mayor Daniel S. Frawley proclaimed a tribute to the American Jewish Society for Service at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, August 15, at 217 Delamore Place.

The American Jewish Society for Service (AJSS), in conjunction with the Interfaith Housing Task Force, has been working on construction and renovation of low-income housing at 217 Delamore Place in

Wilmington. Thirteen teenaged campers and four counselors from around the United States have dedicated seven weeks of their summer to the volunteer work camp. (See Jewish Voice, July 20.)

Each summer, AJSS conducts two works projects. Now in its fortieth year, AJSS has completed 89 projects in 39 states.

Schagrin 'bequest' to Kutz

In presenting his check for \$25,000 to the Kutz Home, Harry Schagrin of Middletown said that he always enjoys seeing other people's happiness when they receive a gift. Therefore, he decided to make his bequest to the Milton & Hattie Kutz Home before he passes away. In accepting the gift to the Home's Endowment Fund, the Home's President, Jack B. Jacobs, expressed his hope, on behalf of the Home, that Schagrin enjoys good health for years to come, as well as enjoyment from making this gift at a time when it is so badly needed.

Schagrin's gift was made in memory of his late wife, Laura Fogel Schagrin, and his mother, Frances S.

Schagrin. His mother had been a founder of the Home's predecessor organization, the Bichor Cholem.

"We are grateful and appreciative of the generosity of Mr. Schagrin and his mother, and pleased that their family has demonstrated such dedication to the Home over the years," said Jacobs.

The Kutz Home's Endowment Fund is intended to assure the future development of the Home. The principal of the Endowment Fund is reserved for capital projects or the expansion of the Home while income from the Fund is used in meeting operating expenses. Gifts to the Endowment Fund are so designated by the donor.

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New director for U. of D. Hillel announced

By PAULA BERENGUT

Editor of The Jewish Voice

Hillel at the University of Delaware has announced the appointment of Ruth Kershner to serve as its Director/Counselor. Beginning on September 1 Kershner will replace Brant Rosen who held the position since the Fall of 1988.

Rosen resigned to take a position with the Jewish Campus Activity Board in Philadelphia as an outreach worker. This board, under the Philadelphia Federation's umbrella, coordinates the activities of Hillels and Jewish programming in general on several campuses. Rosen will be headquartered at Temple University, serving primarily daytime students at the school.

Kershner, 33, graduated in 1979 from the University of Maryland with a B.S. in Therapeutic Recreation. In 1983 she received a Master of Social Work degree from the University of Maryland and a Master of Jewish History from Baltimore Hebrew College.



Ruth Kershner

Kershner recently moved to Bear, Delaware, with her husband, who is employed by ICI Americas, and their ten-month-old son.

Most recently Kershner served as Director of College Services at the Jewish Community Center in Richmond, Virginia. In this position, she provided clinical counseling and coordination of cultural, educational and social activities for Jewish stu-

dents and faculty from the University of Virginia, the Medical College of Virginia and the Virginia Commonwealth University.

Prior to that, she served as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker at the Jewish Family Service in Richmond where her work included counseling of substance abuse and supervising graduate students.

Other positions in which Kershner had contact with youth include a year and a half as Children's Department Supervisor of the Klein Branch of the Philadelphia JCC and Director of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization in Houston, Texas.

From 1974 to the present Kershner has taught Hebrew school classes, including Values and Ethics, History, Literature and Bible, for several congregations.

Hillel Advisory Committee Chairman Vivian Klaff said Kershner is interested in programming and in getting more students involved in Hillel activities. He called her "the right person at the right time" for the student organization.

Kershner's goal is "to bring men and women together in a social atmosphere and teach them to become committed Jews in their adult communities." She said she will build on the social, cultural and educational foundation already in place.

"Because of my joint degree, I see the importance of educating college students Jewishly and I hope to do that in a non-threatening manner," Kershner said. "I hope to encourage the students to become politically involved...on a world-wide scope, not just a University of Delaware scope."

Kershner will also be working with Jewish Family Service, providing Jewish Family Life Education seminars.

YLC establishes vision & mission statement for 1990s

For the first time in the history of the Jewish Federation of Delaware Young Leadership program, a Vision and Mission statement has been created by the organization's leaders "to help guide the program through the 1990's and beyond," commented Mark Kuller, 1990-91 Young Leadership Cabinet (YLC) Chairperson. Kuller commented that "more and more often, we are developing Vision and Mission statements in our professional business setting as a valuable tool to assist us through our operations... it just seemed to be the natural avenue to pursue for the Young Leadership Cabinet."

The YLC, which was rejuvenated in the fall of 1989 under the leadership of Susan Paikin and Norman Pernick, "has grown quickly into a viable organization channeling young adults into leadership positions within the community," according to Seth Bloom, JFD Director of Community Development, who staffs the Young Leadership program. Bloom noted that "one very successful program sponsored last year by the YLC was the Local Mission Caravan which enabled 25 young adults to visit every local Jewish agency, experience first-hand their activities and discuss with the leadership the challenges and goals of each agency. As a direct result of this experience, more than half of the participants are now serving on these agencies' committees and boards."

Meeting throughout the summer, a special task force established the Vision and Mission statement for the YLC as well as the structure for the 1990-91 year. The "Cabinet" will consist of Kuller, overall YLC Chairperson; Sheryl Fried, overall Vice-Chairperson; committee chairpersons, vice-chairpersons and committee members of four separate committees. The committees include Community and Political Involvement led by Chairperson Suzanne Grant and Vice-chairperson Frances Rattner; Fund Raising chaired by Debra Kattler; General Programs which Susan Kreshool will chair; and a Leadership Development Committee led by Max Rosenberg,



Assuming the leadership of the 1990-1991 Young Leadership Cabinet are Mark Kuller, Chairperson, and Cheryl Fried, Vice-chairperson.

Chairperson, and Lori Barbanel, Vice-chairperson.

The YLC will begin the 1990-91 year with an opening event Tuesday, October 16, at the Jewish Community Center. To be included in the YLC invitation list or for more information about the JFD Young Leadership Cabinet, contact Seth Bloom, JFD Director of Community Development, 478-6200.

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Jewish Community Relations Committee

In a year blessed with an "outbreak of peace" and unprecedented national movements in Europe toward democracy, the time has come for Delawareans to exercise their rights and privileges in the democratic process.

On Monday, September 10, at 7:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, Hadassah and the Jewish Community Relations Committee will present a political forum featuring candidates for Senator, Congressman and State Attorney General. This year incumbent Senator Biden and opponent Jane Brady, U.S. Representative Thomas R. Carper or Dan Rappa (pending the results of the September 8 primary) and opponent Ralph O. Williams, and Attorney General Charles M. Oberly III and his opponent F.L. Peter Stone will share the platform.

The forum is sponsored by Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America and the Jewish Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

Robert Coonin, Chairman of JCRC comments on the political forum: "We have traditionally provided political candidates with a forum before election day to introduce themselves to the members of our community and make themselves available for questions about their positions on various issues. Such a program provides the Jewish community with two distinct services. First, it gives our constituents easy access to political candidates whom they might not otherwise get to meet. Second, it increases lines of communication between the Jewish community and elected officials by telling them that not only are we interested in them once they are in office, but that we are happy to provide them with a forum to speak during the election process. Any activity which strengthens relations between the members of this community and political leaders is worthwhile."

There is no admission fee and the community is invited to meet the candidates over refreshments following the forum.

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Two Delawareans who took the immigrants' route

By CELIA GANS

Special to The Jewish Voice

Joe Grossman grew up believing that he was a link in "The Golden Chain" — the unending world of the Jewish religion and the Jewish people. And during a recent trip to Europe, he and his wife Stella, who maintain homes in Wilmington and Jerusalem, met Russian immigrants travelling to Israel: the newest link in the Golden Chain, he says, and the most recent fulfillment of Joe's religious Zionist heritage.

Recent experiences with Israel's newest citizens — in Russia itself, where Stella and her daughter visited *refuseniks* in 1987, in transit via Budapest to Israel during the summer of 1990, and in Israel — have affected them profoundly, strengthening their ties to both the old and the new Israel.

Their old ties to Israel include many of Joe's relatives, who made *aliyah* to Israel during the 20's and 30's, and whose children and grandchildren continue to include the Grossmans in family celebrations. Their new ties include those 1987 *refusenik* families who finally immigrated to Israel, and the newest of the newcomers — those who almost literally step off an Aeroflot flight from Russia onto an El Al flight to Israel.

During Stell's 1987 visit — when she wasn't permitted by Russian authorities to visit her parents' home city of Vitebsk in old Beylo-Russia (The Pale of Settlements) — she met Jews who had suffered years of Soviet persecution and heard heart-breaking tales of economic, social and familial hardship. Of families literally destroyed by granting some — but not all — members exit visas. Of years of living in limbo, never knowing what might happen tomorrow. It is these people who became the population of Ladispoli, outside Rome — the pre-1990 "staging areas" for entry to the Western world.

Now, say the Grossmans, new groups of immigrants are emerging. One group, as evidenced by the people they met in Budapest, come prepared. They have time to assemble and ship household goods to Israel. They even have time to acquire Western currency and elegant clothing. Others, admit the Grossmans, are slipping through the cracks. They tell a wonderful story of a group who literally took a taxi from Russia to the Budapest airport office of El Al. How? No one knows — but they did!

These newest immigrants are the risk takers, according to the Grossmans, not intimidated by anything.



On the ground at Malev Airport in Budapest, Hungary, the runway is shared by an El Al flight is being readied for its trip to Tel Aviv and a Russian Aeroflot plane, emptied of its Israel-bound multi-generational Soviet Jewish families. (Photo: Stella Grossman)

They are people with realistic expectations that life in Israel won't be easy, but they are confident that they can succeed. Their greatest concerns are the climate and making a living. Thanks to the 150,000 Russians who came to Israel after Stalin's reign and have built lives and families in Israel, the immigrants become part of a vibrant, established community.

There are many heroes of this newest Exodus, say the Grossmans, including the current El Al station manager in Budapest. "His dedication to this assignment serves as an example to us," writes Stella. He doesn't believe he's doing anything out of the ordinary, they stress, he is simply doing his job — making it as safe and easy as possible for the new immigrants to reach Israel. Yet, says Joe, "he doesn't sleep well at night if he's concerned about Jews who may be 'in transit' and housed in Budapest overnight."

Here is Stella Grossman's description of their experiences in the Budapest airport: "...We were very excited that morning (of departure) and left for the airport early. We found the El Al counter easily and recognized the Soviet families with their many suitcases... After a short time we were all in the departure lounge, and we started to approach the Soviet Jews... We communicated with the older people in Yiddish, and in English and Hebrew with the younger ones.

"The first family we approached was young, with a daughter eight years old and a son 12 years old...

The wife spoke excellent English, as she was a language teacher. Her husband was a policeman, and she told us proudly was a graduate of the police academy and an officer in the police force... She stressed that they had a very comfortable life in the U.S.S.R. and were even able to ship a lift (container) to Israel with many of their belongings.

"We asked then why they had decided to uproot their lives and face the uncertainty of making a new life in Israel... [they explained that] the husband's mother and father were already living in Israel and urged them to come, telling them how wonderful the people were and how good their new life was.

"We spoke to an older couple from Vitebsk, my parents' old city. They told us that the city was almost completely destroyed during World War II, but had been rebuilt and was now beautiful." This couple acted as interpreters for the Grossmans in speaking with others who wanted to tell their stories, but spoke only Russian.

Stella continues: "A young couple was eager to speak with us. We noticed that the wife was pregnant, and we talked about their son being born in Israel. They frankly expressed the fact that they would have gone to America if it had been possible, but now they were glad to be going to Israel, to live a Jewish life. They were eager to be in a position to repay the Israeli people for their sacrifices in this great effort.

"A well-dressed man in his 70's


was proudly wearing his many Russian Army medals. He was amongst the first Russian troops to reach Berlin, he said. We thought he was alone, but he proudly introduced us to his children and grandchildren and showed us his *mezuzza* brought with him to put on his new doorpost in Israel.

"When we went out on the airfield to board the plane we encountered a remarkable sight. On the field were two Aeroflot planes that had brought many of these people from the U.S.S.R. only a few hours before!"

The plane on which they traveled, reports Stella, was one of El Al's newest. Shortly after take off, a video was screened, with narration in Russian, showing scenes from Israeli life, with Natan Sharansky and others welcoming the newcomers.


"When we arrived at Ben Gurion Airport, we watched the Soviet families being met by Russian-speaking Israelis, we heard the music, saw the flowers, and felt satisfied that our new friends were in good hands," reports Stella.

Joe Grossman feels that any effort he can make on behalf of these new immigrants is one way his generation — "those who ignored the needs of the Holocaust victims" — can redeem themselves. "To have lived long enough to see this tremendous migration to Israel is truly miraculous," says Grossman. "Helping these people is not only a humanitarian act, but a *mitzvah*."



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Government OKs request to import prefabricated homes

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The government has granted Housing Minister Ariel Sharon permission to import prefabricated homes to ease the housing crisis brought about by large-scale immigration.

While the decision, made at a special Cabinet session August 2, fell far short of the crash program urged by Sharon, it was a victory for the housing minister over Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i, who has warned that Sharon's plans could wreck the economy.

The Cabinet adopted a compromise proposal offered by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

The housing ministry was authorized to import 9,000 prefabricated and 5,000 mobile homes. In addition, 6,000 permits will be issued in the private sector to import housing.

Sharon told the Cabinet on July 22 that prefabricated housing could be expected to arrive in November or

December, *Ma'ariv* reported last week.

The entire program will cost an estimated \$500 million. Sharon's plan called for the purchase of 50,000 mobile homes and 40,000 prefabs over the next two years, at an estimated cost of \$3 billion.

The Cabinet also rejected Moda'i's plea to include the cost of the imports in the regular budget, so that it could be balanced by corresponding cuts in other areas. If not, the finance minister argued, an additional budget would be required, which would threaten economic stability and possibly reignite the inflationary spiral.

Although Shamir and a majority of the ministers thought otherwise, it remained unclear from where the additional half-billion dollars would come.

In Moda'i's view, employment takes precedence over housing, and national resources should be devoted

to creating jobs for immigrants arriving in large numbers. Sharon argued that the lack of adequate housing would lead to social unrest and could bring about an end to aliyah from the Soviet Union.

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Emigrants are muggers' targets

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Jews who are preparing to leave the Soviet Union have become targets of robbers and even killers because they hold large sums of cash, according to a report in *Ma'ariv*.

The paper reported that three Jews were brutally murdered July 27 in the northern Caucasus region, near the Turkish and Iranian border, and that since then a family in the region that was about to leave for Israel was beaten by thugs who planned to rob them.

Ma'ariv quotes Jews in the area as saying that attacks against families leaving for Israel have become rampant, since the Jews sell their belongings and keep comparatively large amounts of cash on them.

The robberies and murders appear to be largely the result of the abysmal economic situation in the Soviet Union, according to Soviet Jewry activists.

Lynn Singer, executive director of the Long Island Committee for Soviet Jews, quoted Leonid Stonov, a former refusenik in Moscow who has received permission to leave, as saying that the murders were not anti-Semitic acts but criminal.

Myrna Shinbaum, director of the Soviet Jewry Project of the Anti-

Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, said, "One just has to look very carefully into what the motives were." Shinbaum maintains ongoing contact with members of the Soviet Jewish Va'ad, the umbrella organization of Soviet Jews. There have been several incidents of murder of Jews recently, she said, "but they were not specifically anti-Semitic."

The fact has been debated on a regular basis. One questionable situation took place May 2 in Andizhan, in Uzbekistan, where Jews were killed and about 16 Jewish shops and

homes burned by a reportedly huge Uzbek mob, said to have been enraged when a planned soccer match did not take place.

A Jewish activist in Leningrad told the *Jewish Telegraphic Agency* that the killers had prepared a list of the addresses of Jews in Andizhan. However, Shinbaum said the targets were a number of ethnic groups, including Armenians and Russians.

That incident was of sufficient import that U.S. Secretary of State James Baker discussed it with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze.

Turnout low at rally for homeless

TEL AVIV (JTA) — A protest rally for people rendered homeless by soaring rents drew a disappointing turnout Saturday night in Tel Aviv's Malchei Yisrael Square. Police estimated the crowd at about 1,000, far from the many thousands anticipated by the rally's organizers.

Some had been camping out all week in makeshift tents in front of the Tel Aviv City Hall. They were joined by homeless Israelis who have erected tent camps around the country — both as places of refuge and as expressions of protest.

If lacking in numbers, the demonstrators nevertheless addressed one of the most serious and potentially divisive social issues confronting Israel.

Representatives of the homeless demanded immediate housing for couples forced from their apartments because landlords are demanding rent hikes of 50 percent or more. Landlords can get the higher rents from newly arrived Soviet immigrants, who receive generous subsidies from the government and Jewish Agency to cover their first year's housing costs.

Were you saved by Wallenberg?

NEW YORK (JTA) — The Raoul Wallenberg Project at Uppsala University in Uppsala, Sweden, wishes to interview people for an oral history archive.

Those who were directly or indirectly saved by Wallenberg, worked with him or the Swedish legation, obtained protective documents or were involved with underground or resistance organizations in Budapest during the war are being sought for the project.

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Ellis Island: 62 years of history on display

By PAULA BERENGUT

Editor of *The Jewish Voice*

The plane-loads of immigrants from the Soviet Union currently arriving nightly at Ben Gurion Airport give us only an idea of the immigration experience that took place during the peak years of the operation of Ellis Island.

According to National Park Service guide Mark Rekshynskyj, whose grandmother arrived in this country through Ellis Island, as many as 3,000 to 5,000 immigrants were processed daily at Ellis Island.

The Processing Station

The island, just one half mile north of the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor, operated as an immigrant station for third class passengers from 1892 until 1954 and processed millions of hopeful immigrants from whom are descended almost half of all Americans today.

For the millions of people who pulled up their roots and headed for a new life in America, dreams of coming to the "promised land" became reality as they walked off the steamships and on to Ellis Island.

The stories of name changing on Ellis Island are greatly exaggerated, according to Rekshynskyj. There is no documented evidence, he maintains, that name changes took place upon arrival in America. In fact, he says, the names were recorded by the steamship companies at the port of departure and were turned over to the authorities upon arrival.

The immigrants were brought to the main hall on Ellis Island where they waited for their names to be called for processing. The experience, Rekshynskyj says, took from three to five hours and included a physical evaluation and a series of questions.

Some 30 questions were posed within a very short time, the guide says, and caused a lot of stress for the newcomers. One of the questions always asked was whether the immigrant had a job in America. The best answer, Rekshynskyj noted, was that there was no job but that the immigrant possessed a skill. That way, he said, the immigration officials did not

feel that the immigrant would be taking a job away from an American.

Family members already settled in the United States were allowed to enter the island in order to locate relatives. Other sources of comfort may have been the non-denominational chapel and the dining room which served foods familiar to the immigrants. The National Council of Jewish Women was one of the first organizations to serve on Ellis Island in 1904.

The History

Known by several early names — Gull Island to the Native Americans, Dyre's or Bucking Island in the late seventeenth and early eighteenth centuries, and Gibbet or Anderson's Island in the pre-Revolutionary period — the original three-acre mud flat was owned by Samuel Ellis in the late eighteenth century. When Ellis sold the island to the state of New York in 1808, the name Ellis Island stuck. The name remained the same when, later in that same year, the property was sold to the federal government.

During the War of 1812 the island served as an arsenal. Then, in 1890, when the states turned over control of immigration to the federal government, the first immigration station was constructed on Ellis Island.

Nearly 700 immigrants passed through the new immigration station on the day it was opened: January 1, 1892. In the first year, nearly 450,000 immigrants landed there.

In 1897, a fire destroyed the building and the current facility was designed by architects Boring and Tilton. Built at a cost of \$1.5 million, the new immigrant station opened in 1900.

Over the years Ellis Island was enlarged with landfill and currently measures 27.5 acres. The facilities were also expanded to include a kitchen and laundry building, a dining room to accommodate 1,000, a baggage and dormitory building, hospitals and contagious wards.

The island's peak year was 1907 during which over one million immigrants were processed. The single busiest day, April 17, saw 12,000



The refurbished entrance to the Great Hall at Ellis Island. Through these doors passed millions of people with dreams of coming to the "promised land." (Photo: Paula Berengut)

immigrants pass through.

Mass immigration ended after the Immigration Act of 1924 and Ellis Island's chief function became the point of detention and deportation of aliens who had entered the United States illegally or had violated the terms of their admittance.

During World War II the island served multiple purposes: the Coast Guard was stationed there; suspected enemy aliens were detained there; and wounded servicemen were cared for in the hospitals.

Following the passage of the Internal Security Act of 1950, the number of detainees on Ellis Island grew briefly. But the Immigration and Naturalization Act of 1952 slowed activity further. After 62 years of service, Ellis Island was closed in November 1954 and was declared a surplus federal property.

The Park and Museum

President Lyndon B. Johnson added Ellis Island to the Statue of Liberty National Monument in 1965, placing it under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service. In 1982, President Ronald Reagan appointed Lee Iacocca to undertake a private sector effort to restore the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island.

The island, currently closed to the public, will reopen in September. When it opens, the focal point of the \$156 million restoration project will be the Ellis Island Immigrant Museum.

The museum will be housed in the island's Main Building. More than half of the exhibit space will be devoted to telling the story of the former immigration station and the island itself. The remainder will be dedicated to the story of immigration to America from the first arrivals to the present day.

"The exhibits in this museum put Ellis Island into the context of its time and the broader context of immigration to America over 400 years," according to Gary G. Roth, National Park Service project manager for the new museum. "They also portray and give voice to the immigrants themselves. Each story is unique, but together they speak to the commonalities of the immigration experience."

To design and produce the exhibits for the Ellis Island Immigration Museum, the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, evaluated 16 proposals and selected the Liberty/Ellis Island Collaborative, a consortium of three firms. Working under the supervision of the National

Park Service and totally funded by the Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation, Inc., the Collaborative has created four permanent exhibits.

The first, "Through America's Gate," is a 14-room exhibit area, restored to the 1918-24 period. It highlights the human drama by giving the visitor a step-by-step view of Ellis Island immigrant processing through photographs, artifacts and personal papers.

The second exhibit is called the "Ellis Island Galleries." This is a 3,000 square foot gallery of artifacts that former immigrants or their families made available. The artifacts are grouped in thematic displays: spiritual life, clothing and ornament, family life and images of home.

"Peak Immigration Years: 1880-1924," the third exhibit, tells the story of immigration during the busiest years on the island. The highlights of this exhibit include hundreds of artifacts, photographs, passports, steamship tickets and other travel-related pieces. Special elements of this exhibit will be videos of historic footage, listening posts with immi-

grant reminiscences, soundtracks of immigrant music and a computerized citizenship test.

The fourth permanent exhibit will be "The Peopling of America." The display will be housed in the old railroad ticket office and is meant to place the Ellis Island immigration era (1892 to 1924) into the context of 400 years of immigration history.

Two theaters, an immigration library and an oral history studio are also part of the museum. And The American Immigrant Wall of Honor includes the names of nearly 200,000 American immigrants who have been commemorated by their descendants. The wall, the longest wall of names in the world, overlooks both the Statue of Liberty and the Manhattan skyline.

"Our goal is to bring to life America's great immigrant heritage," says Stephen Briganti, president of The Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation. "We want to have visitors leave with the feeling that they know the people who came to this country and the emotions felt at Ellis Island."



The renovated Great Hall at Ellis Island where thousands of immigrants were processed daily at the height of immigration. All tile work and fixtures are original. (Photo: Paula Berengut)

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Israel, friends in Congress warned Bush to take Iraq more seriously

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON — Israelis and friends of Israel in Congress have been warning the Bush Administration for months to take a firm stand against Iraqi strongman Saddam Hussein's threats and his buildup of chemical weaponry and poison gas but their warnings went largely unheeded.

When Hussein declared he was prepared to burn half of Israel, Jerusalem quietly cautioned Washington that his threat should be treated seriously but the Administration was apparently so intent on embarrassing the Shamir Government into accepting its West Bank/Gaza talks policy that it paid little attention.

The Administration barely in time halted the sale of industrial furnaces to Iraq that could be used to make nuclear weapons materiel. Before approving the sale, the Commerce Department knew that the furnaces could be used for nuclear purposes as well as for making medical prostheses which the Iraqis said they wanted. Half of a U.S. billion-dollar credit for agricultural purchases has been given Iraq. The other half has been suspended.

Early last Spring Rep. Howard Berman (D-Calif) pointed out appropriate sanctions would slow if not

curtail Iraq's stockpiling of chemical and nuclear weapons and missiles, thus provoking a deadly arms race. His effort reached a climax when legislation he proposed for tough sanctions was adopted in a voice vote August 1 by the House Foreign Affairs Committee over the continuing objections of the Bush Administration. Less than twelve hours later, Iraqi troops invaded Kuwait.

Rep. Tom Lantos (D-Calif), who referred to Hussein as "the new Hitler of the Middle East" at the committee's discussion on the Berman legislation, said "the invasion of Kuwait is the logical consequence of State Department appeasement and the blind pursuit of profits by European and Japanese companies — and by some of our own businesses as well — as they scrambled, with their tongues hanging out, to lap up Iraqi petro-dollars." He said "this latest outrage" by Hussein can be turned around if it persuades the State Department, Japan and Europe to "impose tough multilateral sanctions that hurt."

Berman's legislation would cause the U.S. to end sales of all weapons to Iraq and refuse licenses for commercial transfers of technology and equipment including "dual use" items such as computers that could help

Iraq support international terrorism or enhance his military capability. His measure, Berman said, will deny Hussein the technology he is seeking to destroy Israel.

Commenting on Administration opposition to his bill, Berman said "the President tragically misunderstands the nature" of the Hussein regime "if he believes turning a blind eye will persuade Hussein to end his nuclear, chemical, missile buildup and improve his appalling human rights record. If the Administration will not act on Iraq, then Congress must."

Rep. Larry Smith (D-Fla) asked to amend Berman's proposal to include halting exports of equipment and technology to other countries that could re-export them to Iraq but, sensing a Bush veto of it as Rep. Mel Levine (D-Calif) said, Committee Chairman Dante Fascell (D-Fla) and Republican leader William Broomfield (R-Mich) asked Smith to withdraw it with the promise that its purpose would be included in the legislation as it proceeded through Congress. The next morning, when Bush assailed Iraq's invasion of Kuwait, he asked U.S. allies and the United Nations to take such action as he had taken — freezing control of Iraqi assets and the U.S. and blocking almost all imports from Iraq.

Kosher bill introduced by Solarz

WASHINGTON (JTA) — A bill to have the U.S. government protect kosher consumers against fraud has been introduced by Rep. Stephen Solarz (D-N.Y.).

Although some states have such laws, the bill introduced by Solarz August 3 is the first effort to do so with federal legislation. The federal law, however, would not supersede a state law that is more stringent.

Solarz, who represents a Brooklyn district with a large number of Orthodox Jews, credits Agudath Israel of America with showing him the need for the legislation as well as helping him to draft it. "As the representative of the largest kashrus-observing community in the nation, I have become acutely aware of the pitfalls faced by those who seek to uphold this timeless Jewish tradition," Solarz said.

"There is no excuse for unscrupu-

lous merchants to prey on kosher consumers," he said.

He added that kosher products have also become increasingly popular among the general public "because they are prepared under carefully supervised conditions, and are thought to be more healthful than other similar products."

There are more than 60 kosher certifications now in use, according to Abba Cohen, director of Agudath Israel's Washington office. "Most of these symbols appear without any specific reference on the product label or package as to the identity, background or qualifications of the certifying authority," Cohen said. "With more and more products bearing more and more symbols, the kosher field has become ripe for error, confusion and even fraud."

The bill, known as the Public Disclosure of Religious Dietary Certifi-

cation Act, would require manufacturers of products labeled as kosher and shipped across state lines to file certain information with the Food and Drug Administration.

This would include the name and address of the kosher certifying authority, a letter of authenticity from the authority and a facsimile of the product's symbol. If the certification is withdrawn, the manufacturer must notify the FDA within 15 days.

Consumers who have any questions about a product would then be able to check with the FDA.

None of the symbols used on kosher products are now subject to FDA enforcement, Solarz said. Since kosher products usually cost more, the lack of federal enforcement has "opened the door to numerous and unconscionable cases of fraud," Solarz said.

He stressed that under his legislation, the FDA would not make any religious determination on either the certifying authority or the product. "The legislation's main focus is to provide kosher consumers with the information they need to make their purchasing decisions," Solarz said.

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N.Y. rules Hebrew National kosher

NEW YORK (JTA) — Hebrew National's meat products are kosher, the State of New York has concluded in closing a yearlong probe of the Bronx-based firm.

Allegations of kosher-law violations against Hebrew National by Rabbi Robert Schwartz, a kosher supervisor at the firm's Indianapolis plant, were nothing more than a dispute between two rabbis, the state said.

"This is a case where one rabbi found a practice acceptable and another rabbi didn't," said a spokesman for the state's Department of Agriculture and Markets. "The kosher laws don't address such a situation. It is up to the rabbis to decide what is kosher."

Isidore "Skip" Pines, chairman and chief executive officer of Hebrew National, said the company "feels very good" about the decision and now wants to "put this behind us."

"These things are unfortunate because they take the focus off our main purpose — providing top-quality products with the best rabbinic supervision to our customers," said Pines.

The case was closed, said a state official, "because we could not substantiate any of the allegations. It became not a matter of facts, but of rabbinic interpretation."

Schwartz had charged that meat products were cooked on the Sabbath in September 1986 and that they were prepared without rabbinic supervision and shipped in boxes with insufficient or no drainage. He also claimed, among other things, that meat products were being improperly deveined and were delivered without the required kosher tags.

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Palestinians' support for Hussein could set back peacemaking for many years

By DAVID LANDAU

JERUSALEM (JTA)—Israel's political doves are bitterly disillusioned, thoroughly embarrassed and, in all probability, gravely weakened by the virtually unanimous support Palestinian leaders and masses alike have given Iraqi President Saddam Hussein in his confrontation with practically the entire civilized world.

The Labor Party, ambivalent for years over how to approach the Palestinian problem and split over whether to deal with the Palestine Liberation Organization, has maintained a stolid silence in the current crisis.

But some leaders of the smaller left-wing opposition factions have been less reticent. Their remarks display the characteristic frustration and fierce anger felt by those who realize they have been betrayed by their own apparent misjudgment no less than by those they misjudged.

Yossi Sarid of the Citizens Rights Movement, a tireless advocate of dialogue with

Palestinian leaders, including associates of the PLO, seemed to be washing his hands of them in articles over the weekend in Ha'aretz and Yediot Achronot.

"Sheyechapsu oti" (They can look for me), he wrote of Faisal Hussein, the prominent East Jerusalem Palestinian leader, PLO Chairman-Yasir Arafat and Abd-el Wahab Darousha, one of the handful of Arab Knesset members with whom Sarid's party made common cause on certain issues.

All had praised Saddam Hussein, much to Sarid's disgust. "The lack of common understanding is so deep that I do not think I shall be sharing a platform with them again in the near future," he wrote.

His CRM colleague, Dedi Zucker, was somewhat less categorical. Harboring a long-term "broigetz" would be childish, he observed, using the Yiddish word for grudge. He said he would advocate continuing the dialogue with the Palestinians.

But the consensus on the left of the political spectrum for the time being is that Israeli-Palestinian peacemaking and dialogue has been set back, possibly for years, by the Palestinian community's enthusiastic rallying for the Iraqi leader, both in Israel and in the administered territories.

Elazar Granot, the widely respected leader of Mapam, the United Workers Party of Israel, said, "The PLO has cast a giant question mark over the prospect of its ever representing the Palestinian people in the future." He said the PLO would either have to change its policy or the Palestinians would have to change their leadership.

Amnon Rubinstein, leader of the Center-Shinui Movement and a minister in the former Likud-Labor unity government, called the Palestinian position "replete with hypocrisy, lying and political idiocy," because "it drastically decreases the chances of a political dialogue beginning."

"It is evil, too, because they are supporting a brutal, unscrupulous tyrant," Rubinstein added.

He said he thought the PLO would at least be divided over Iraq, considering that the organization has invested so much energy convincing Western, Jewish and Israeli opinion of its moderation.

The former minister conceded that the peace movement has been gravely damaged, while the far right wing in Israel has been massively strengthened.

The last remaining hope of the dovish camp seems to be what its rivals on the right fear most: If the United States, with cooperation from several Arab states, succeeds in besting Hussein, Washington will press hard for a solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

But the leftists concede that the Palestinians under their present leaders are not a realistic peace partner for Israel.

Shamir: No need for hasty decision on distribution of gas masks

TELAVIV (JTA)—Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said Monday there was no need for a hasty decision on whether to begin distributing gas masks to the public. He promised the issue would be discussed by the Ministerial Defense Committee at its weekly meeting Wednesday.

The issue has become one of the most hotly debated topics in Israel because of the Persian Gulf crisis and Iraq's previously stated threat to destroy half of Israel with chemical weapons if Israel attacked Iraq.

Israeli officials have largely cautioned that a rush to distribute gas masks could induce panic in the general population and make Iraqi President Saddam Hussein believe that Israel was planning a pre-emptive attack against Iraq.

Shamir, for one, seems to be siding, for the time being at least, with Defense Minister Moshe Arens, who

believes there is no cause to advance the distribution of gas masks and anti-chemical-warfare kits. It is slated to start near the end of the year, beginning in the Tel Aviv area.

But Foreign Minister David Levy, just returned from a diplomatic mission to Europe, said through a spokesman Sunday that the government should begin giving out the masks and kits without delay.

According to Levy, any justification for delay has been overridden by events in the Persian Gulf, where Iraq is considered capable of launching a chemical attack.

The Israel Defense Force high command withheld comment. It has, in fact, kept out of the controversy, stressing that it will distribute gas masks only on orders from the political echelons.

IDF senior officers have declined to comment on Levy's advice. What-

ever their personal and professional opinions, they do not want to embroil themselves at this juncture in personal political rivalries.

The differences between Levy and Arens on the matter are believed to stem in part from their competition for leadership within the Likud party.

Chabad takes Chernobyl kids to Israel for medical care

By SUSAN BIRNBAUM

NEW YORK (JTA)—A group of 196 Jewish children from the Chernobyl area in the Soviet Union, who may be suffering from radiation sickness, landed at Ben-Gurion Airport on August 3 after a delay of 60 hours because of an error by Romanian airline officials.

The youngsters are the vanguard of 3,000 who are being brought to Israel by the Chabad Lubavitch movement on a humanitarian mission.

Chabad, aided by its affiliate organization, Lishkas Ezras Achim, worked six months on the project, called "Children of Chernobyl." The children, some of whom are known to be ailing as a result of the 1986 nuclear disaster, will be checked for medical problems at a special clinic at Kfar Chabad.

Currently unaccompanied by parents, they will live at Kfar Chabad, a religious township about 15 miles southeast of Tel Aviv.

Their arrival was delayed initially because of an error made by Tarom, the Romanian airline from which Chabad chartered two planes to pick up the children at Minsk in the Soviet Union.

All necessary authorizations had been obtained and they were ready to be flown to London, where a chartered El Al plane was waiting to take them to Israel. The Tarom officials requested landing rights from the Soviets for the purpose of emigration, rather than for humanitarian or medical reasons. Soviet authorities declined permission.

Once that snag was unraveled, the El Al jet was no longer available. A British Airways jet was substituted, but had to be sent to Kuwait to bring home British subjects after the Iraqi invasion.

The Tarom crew was willing to fly to Israel but was not allowed to fly the extra hours.

At that point, British press mag-

Shevardnadze, Levy scheduled to meet

JERUSALEM (JTA)—Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze has sent a personal message to Foreign Minister David Levy, saying he looked forward to meeting Levy at the annual U.N. General Assembly session in New York in September, and called for a comprehensive diplomatic dialogue.

Israeli sources said the message indicates that Shevardnadze intends to hold substantive discussions with Levy, not merely a courtesy encounter during the General Assembly.

providing his private plane, which brought fresh Tarom crews to London.

The Tarom planes flew to Israel with the children, who had waited with their families 60 hours at the Minsk airport, about 600 people all told. During that period, a 13-year-old girl became seriously ill and was advised to go to the hospital. She refused, fearing she might miss the flight to Israel, and was treated by a medical team brought in by Chabad.

Chabad also provided food, clothes and blankets at the airport.

The children, ages 6 to 15, are virtually all from secular Jewish homes in the Ukrainian cities of Gomel and Mozyr, within a 100-mile radius of Chernobyl. (Soviet medical treatment was reportedly limited to people living within a 30-mile radius of Chernobyl.) The children's parents were anxious to remove the children from the area, where soil and water was dangerously irradiated and the food too contaminated to safely eat.

Of the initial group of 196, five children are known to be suffering from leukemia. The medical condition of the others is unknown.

The ailing children will be treated by Dr. Ze'ev Washler, a former Soviet citizen who is director of the radiology department at Hadassah University Hospital in Jerusalem. Washler, sole survivor of group of children who were together during the Holocaust, has dedicated himself to helping Jewish children.

He set up the special clinic at Kfar Chabad. Psychological care will be part of the treatment regimen.

Ethiopian foreign minister says Jews can continue to emigrate

By HOWARD ROSENBERG

WASHINGTON (JTA)—Ethiopia will continue to allow Jews to emigrate to Israel whether or not it receives weapons from Israel, Ethiopian Foreign Minister Tesfaye Dinka said July 26.

"I categorically reject any kind of linkage" between the receipt of cluster bombs or other weapons from Israel and the emigration flow, Tesfaye said at a news conference at the National Press Club. The flow of Ethiopian Jews to Israel "never included the question of military supplies," he said.

Tesfaye attributed recent reports of a drop in Jewish emigration to joint efforts by Ethiopia and Israel to stop non-Jews from fleeing to Israel, "which might have been interpreted by others as an attempt to reduce" the Jewish flow to Israel, he said.

Since last fall, when Ethiopia resumed full diplomatic relations with Israel after a 16-year lapse, Ethiopia has been allowing its estimated 15,000 Jews to emigrate to Israel at a rate of 500 a month, but that rate

had slowed significantly in recent weeks.

The American Association for Ethiopian Jews reports a three-week lull in Jewish emigration that was revived this week, when eight families, or 35 people, were allowed to emigrate, said Robin Schwartz, the AAEJ spokeswoman.

Ethiopia is allowing the emigration to "facilitate the reunification of families," Tesfaye said. He said the separations occurred "without the knowledge of the government" in the mid 1980s, when Ethiopian Jews escaped to neighboring Sudan and then flew secretly to Israel.

Tesfaye has held meetings at the United Nations in New York and at the State Department here with Herman Cohen, assistant secretary of state for African Affairs, and Aaron Miller, a member of the department's policy planning staff.

He also met with members of Congress and was to meet late Thursday with Deputy Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger.

Tesfaye was here to discuss pos-

sible resolutions to the 25-year-old civil war in Ethiopia, which lately has seen rebel forces present the current government with its clearest threat to date.

He was also here to discuss the flow of food and other humanitarian relief to Ethiopia through the port of Massawa, which is under rebel control.

Tesfaye said that in the "many months" that he has held his post, Ethiopia has not imported cluster bombs "from any source," including Israel. But when asked later about a *Jewish Telegraphic Agency* report that former Israeli Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin recently disclosed that Israel sold cluster bombs to Ethiopia prior to 1979, Tesfaye did not categorically deny that report.

"I don't know what was happening in the 1970s," Tesfaye said.

The matter has been of particular concern lately during the escalation in the civil war. News reports have blamed cluster bombs dropped by government forces for inflicting massive casualties on the civilian population.



BACK TO SCHOOL

Fighting school phobia

By **ELLYCE FIELD**

Special to *The Jewish Voice*

It began within the first few days of school. The usually well adjusted and vivacious second grader began complaining of stomach aches. "They were especially bad when I drove carpool," her mother remembers. "Every morning my daughter said she couldn't go to school and each day she would come home and say she cried all day."

With the start of the school year, many children exhibit signs of school phobia, or school fear, a clinical term used by the mental health profession to indicate a form of separation anxiety. The symptoms can be imaginary illness like headaches or stomach aches, excessive crying, regression behavior like bed wetting, disrupted sleep patterns, clinging and/or the comments that break every parent's heart, "I hate school. Please don't make me go back there!"

Dr. Edward Klarman, an instructor in the department of psychiatry at Michigan State University Medical School, explains, "On the surface, the child says, 'I'm afraid of school.' Very often that translates into a fear of leaving the safety of the home, a fear of leaving mother — who has traditionally been the primary caretaker."

Klarman says a certain apprehension and anxiety at this time is normal as the child makes giant strides toward independence.

"A lot depends on the mother's ability to deal with her child's apprehensions and her own sense of loss and anxiety," Klarman says. "Some-

times a parent will project her own anxiety onto the child. In an unconscious way, she is resentful of her child growing up and becoming more independent. I've seen mothers so tied up in their anxiety that they are transmitting the message, 'If you go to school by yourself, you might get killed!'"

Other factors play into a child's school phobia. One mother was involved in a serious car accident when her two sons were pre-schoolers. She says, "Just when they were realizing we could be away from each

centered and play-oriented, not a watered down version of first grade. Kindergartens need to provide an ambiance where the child feels he is accepted at whatever level he is on," Tisdale says.

Other variables that contribute to school phobia include a learning disability, a fear of failure, and peer-related problems such as teasing on the playground or something upsetting happening on the school bus.

"A healthy parent deals positively with school phobia," says psychiatrist Klarman. "She will encourage

ence and autonomy should be dealt with professionally."

Tisdale recommends talking with the teacher as soon as school phobia is recognized. "A child's experience is made up of the dynamic relationship between parent, child and teacher. It's important for parents to start communication with their child's teacher as soon as possible."

This parent-child-teacher relationship is the reason one mother offers for the successful handling of her daughter's school phobia. "At first, I thought my daughter's anxiety was

her stay home for imaginary illnesses. And I kept close contact with her teacher. It worked."

(Ellyce Field is the Kids Stuff columnist for *The Detroit News* and the author of "Detroit Kids Catalogue," Wayne State Press, 1990, and "Kids And Cars: A Parents' Survival Guide to Family Travel," Melius Press, 1988.)

Entering Kindergarten

Here are several suggestions to help your child through the traumatic first days of kindergarten:

- Before school begins, visit the school and familiarize your child with the setting.
- Meet with your carpool or the bus driver, so your child feels comfortable with how he'll get to school.
- Speak encouragingly about how independent and adult he is becoming. Don't be afraid to talk about his fears or worries.
- Try to have a relaxing breakfast routine.
- Have clothing, book bag and lunch ready the night before to minimize the morning rush.
- Try not to plan a lot of after-school activities. Allow your child the luxury of coming home and "vegetating."
- Ask non-threatening open-ended questions about his work, such as "How was school today?" rather than "What did you do today?"
- If there are any signs of school phobia, discuss your concerns with your child's teacher.
- For severe, consistent symptoms, seek professional help.

“ **Apprehension about the start of school is normal. But children who find reasons not to attend need immediate attention.** ”

other and come together again at the end of the day, I went away one morning and didn't come back for a long time. When I did come back, I was in a body cast and my face was swollen. My older child needed a lot of reassurance when he started school."

Alicia Tisdale, who has taught kindergarten for 23 years and is obtaining her doctorate in psychology at the University of Michigan says the classroom atmosphere also has a lot to do with a child's level of school phobia.

"Kindergarten needs to be child-

the child with words like 'I can see you are worried about school. A lot of children feel that way. It's great that you're growing up and becoming independent. I know you can do it.'

"If the symptoms persist; if the child is desperately clinging to Mom in the second week of school, then parents need to recognize a problem and seek help," Klarman says. "The only thing worse than your child leaving is when he doesn't leave! We raise our children to be competent, independent adults. Anything that severely disrupts a child's independ-

the teacher's fault and considered asking for a classroom change. But I cooled off and instead of acting hostile, I went in and asked the teacher how I could help my daughter with her problem. From that moment on, the teacher was sensitized to my daughter's fears and became more tolerant, helpful and friendly.

"After talking to my daughter, I realized she felt like she had no friends in the class, so we began inviting classmates over," the mother continues. "I also remained as consistent as possible and insisted she go to school. I was sympathetic, but I wouldn't let

Proper eyewear important when using computer

By ALLAN TOCKER, O.D.

Special to The Jewish Voice

As computer terminals become more prevalent in the workplace, so are the vast numbers of eye- and vision-related complaints which result from their long-term usage. More than one-half of the individuals who utilize computers will experience some type of bothersome symptom such as eyestrain or blurred vision. Symptoms and discomfort may be

warning signs that something must be done to reduce the chance of temporary or even permanent visual problems. A basic understanding of common vision disorders may be the key to a less stressful, less painful and more productive work environment.

The most common problem attributable to computer terminal use is eyestrain, which results when the eye's focusing muscles become overtaxed and tired after long periods of



near-point stress. The computer operator's ability to focus becomes greatly reduced to the point where reading clearly becomes difficult. Print becomes blurred and may even run together. The focusing effort is unnatural, causing headaches, irritated eyes and slow refocusing when looking from the screen or copy to distant objects. Eyestrain may also lead to changes in lens prescriptions or a first time need for corrective lenses. Besides visually-related eye symptoms, general body fatigue with neck or back tension may allow a long day of near-point stress.

Glare and reflection from office windows or fluorescent lights create a different set of problems for the computer operator. Sensitivity to glare and bright lights often emerges after long term computer terminal use. Individuals complain that night time driving has become difficult due to blurred vision and glare from oncoming cars.

Eyeglasses worn while using the computer are an important consideration with regard to ease of viewing and comfort. Bifocals, a common vision correction for reading, are designed for clear vision while looking downward. Wearing bifocals while viewing a computer screen, which is generally at eye level, requires an uncomfortable adjustment in posture. It may also result in sore back and neck muscles.

Many contact lens wearers also experience some type of irritation during long hours of computer use. High levels of concentration may lead to a "wide-eyed syndrome," whereby the wearer may forget to blink at regular intervals. Improper blinking allows contacts to become dry, resulting in burning, stinging,

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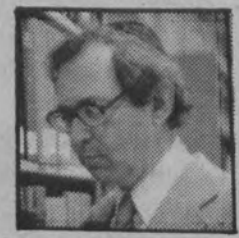
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Law student making a difference in community

Staff Report

Matt Denn saw a need and has spent the summer filling it.

The second year Yale Law student feels that it is unfair that some people can't afford to pay legal fees and, as a consequence, go without much needed service. So he decided to provide free legal services. Second, understanding how intimidating law offices might be, he decided that, rather than bringing the client into an intimidating law office, he would bring the law office to the client.

Denn, who spent his childhood in Delaware, decided that one way to accomplish his goal would be to link legal services and churches through the Interfaith Coalition for Justice during the summer of 1989. But the volunteer for the Legal Aid Society of Delaware wanted to involve the Jewish community as well.

Denn approached Robert B. Coonin, Chairman of the Jewish Community Relations Committee

earlier this spring with his idea. The concept involved establishing free legal clinics in churches in poor neighborhoods, staffed by law students. The students would be permitted to provide legal services and limited representation under a Delaware Supreme Court rule granting such authority to students enrolled in the clinic at and supervised by staff of the Widener University Law School.

Because JCRS could not directly fund the project, Coonin turned to the Kutz Foundation by assisting Professor Christine Harker, the Widener Law School Coordinator and Director of Delaware Volunteer Legal Services, in making the grant application. With the assistance of the Kutz Foundation, the clinic is currently operating out of Union

Baptist, Bethel A.M.E. and Greater Bethel churches in Wilmington, with additional clinic sites expected to open in churches in New Castle and Dover.

According to Coonin, such a program "serves as a small step toward providing much needed legal services to those who can least afford it, is consistent with the commitment of the Jewish community to address social needs which cut across all ethnic and religious lines, and build bridges of cooperation between the black and Jewish Communities."

In addition to the estimated 25 hours a week Denn has spent operating the clinic, he has had internships at Morris, Nichols, Arsh and Tunnell, at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher and Flom and at the Delaware attorney general's office.

Delaware teacher joins TOVS educators in Israel

For many teachers, July is a time to pursue further college courses or second jobs. For 52 American teachers, July was the time to volunteer their services in Israel as part of Teachers on Volunteer Service (TOVS). The American educators worked as English tutors with Israeli secondary students, who voluntarily attended summer school to improve their English.

This summer, the TOVS program, now in its seventeenth year, recruited the largest number of volunteers ever, according to Edna Gordon, TOVS coordinator and New York teacher. "Teachers from 12 states were represented in schools throughout Israel, all of whom volunteered to travel, work and assume all living expenses in Israel," Gordon remarked at the TOVS opening meeting in Jerusalem. Joel Glazier of Wilmington worked in Mevasseret Tzion, just

outside Jerusalem. Mevasseret is a hilltop town, whose facilities have recently been taxed heavily as it is an absorption center for many Ethiopian and newly arrived Russian immigrants (*olim*).

"One 14 year old I tutored, was so appreciative to have a native speaker (of English), so he could read and discuss the complexities of Sherlock Holmes mysteries with someone," Glazier remarked. "Younger kids attending an academic camp in the adjacent library, invited me in for their chocolate milk break each day, so they could extract English from me," Glazier said. "And in return they would teach me Hebrew."

As summer school ended, Gordon was already at work arranging for placements in 1991. Information about this program can be obtained from Gordon at the American Zionist Foundation in New York.

'Fun Day' sets record

Funds raised for Operation Exodus

Under the leadership of Chairman Al Morris, the 1990 Jewish Federation of Delaware Brandywine Country Club Fun Day golf and tennis tournament, held July 18, was the most successful in the 21-year history of this annual event, according to William M. Topkis, JFD President. This year's Fun Day, from which net proceeds will benefit Operation Exodus, the national United Jewish Appeal campaign designed to help rescue and resettle more than 200,000 Soviet Jews emigrating to Israel, raised close to \$12,000 which will be applied toward the Delaware community's \$708,000, fair-share commitment to the national \$420 million goal.

Since 1969, the annual Fun Day event has raised in excess of \$125,000 to support the humanitarian, educational, cultural and social services funded by the Jewish Federation of Delaware annual campaign. Although this tradition will continue for future Fun Day events, during the July 18 dinner, Morris explained that the decision to designate all Fun Day proceeds to Operation Exodus this year seemed to be natural since "practically every

American family at one time was an immigrant and therefore can relate so well to the tremendous needs which thousands of Soviet Jews are facing daily." Also speaking at the Fun Day dinner, Topkis thanked the Brandywine Country Club membership for their long-standing support of the needs of the community.

The JFD/Brandywine Country Club Fun Day has been one of a series of events held on behalf of Delaware's Operation Exodus campaign. This special campaign, which sponsored a dinner featuring Senator Joseph R. Biden in May, a community-wide rally with entertainer Theodore Bikel in June, is preparing for the September 8 "Celebration of Freedom" Concert featuring folk-singer Mary Travers. Following the concert, a gala reception will be held at the Wilmington Amtrak Station, a location chosen to reflect the history of immigrant experience as the community rejoices in the exodus to freedom for hundreds of thousands of Soviet Jews.

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Hadassah revamping its image for the 1990s

By ELENA NEUMAN
 NEW YORK (JTA) — Hadassah's new logo, a three-tiered, asymmetrical form with modern block letters, is certainly a radical change from the classically linear lettering that has adorned the organization's stationery for over 70 years.

The change was no accident. The new logo, unveiled at the organization's 76th annual convention here last month, is a symbolic of how the largest Jewish, as well as largest women's organization in the world is revamping its image for a new generation of women.

"We've been type-cast by the general Jewish community as a Jewish organization for older women," said Karen Venezky, of Newark, Delaware, national chairman of communications, who is facilitating Hadassah's change in image.

As communications chairman, Venezky, a graphic artist, hired a communications consultant to work on the logo design with her. The consultant designed the logo, newsletter format and all logo applications — a complete "identity package," according to Venezky.

"Our new image and logo say 'look at me.' We are not bogged down in tradition. We are trying to create a new vitality, a new future for Hadassah," Venezky.

Jill Hershbein from Miami, who attended the sessions, is one example of Hadassah's new generation. The 36-year-old mother who holds a part-time job joined Hadassah nine years ago, becoming active in the young leadership effort.

"Before I joined Hadassah, I thought it was very grandmotherly. Hadassah meant to me having a family and being part of the establishment. I felt I didn't fit the Hadassah picture," she said. "Now we're get-

ting past the image problem. We're a very professional organization that benefits young women as much as they benefit us."

Hadassah has initiated a three-part program in recent years to reach out to young, career-oriented women. The Career Women's Department, Young Leadership Program and



Karen Venezky

Vanguard, a singles network, have all been launched in the last seven years to enlist new young talent to the cause.

"We woke up one day and realized that young women didn't know a world without Israel, and weren't flocking to us because they didn't know what we're about," Venezky said.

Founded in 1912 by Henrietta Szold for "the promotion of Jewish institutions and enterprises in Palestine and the United States," Hadassah



is famous for its massive medical centers in Ein Kerem and Mount Scopus in Jerusalem, its aid to the disadvantaged and its education programs in Israel.

But the Jewish women's organization insists that it is just as dedicated to American Jewish issues and causes as it is to various Zionist interests.

"We are the women's Zionist organization of America. That means that we are women, Zionists and Americans, and one does not outweigh the other," said President Carmela Kalmanson.

But a change is occurring. The young women that Hadassah is trying to appeal to are just as concerned, if not more so, with the pressing American women's issues of today: day care, abortion, elder care, women's health issues and career networking.

Many of them have full-time jobs and families and have little time for volunteerism or activism on behalf of the Zionist cause.

"We're still a Zionist organization, but it's Zionism with a different twist," said Jan Picker, chairman of the Young Leadership program. "It's not the typically 'rah rah' Zionism that our grandmothers practiced. It's Zionism in action."

Venezky agreed that the Zionist "core" hasn't changed, but that the emphasis has. "Domestic issues have always been a major part of our mission," said Venezky, "but now they're being emphasized. Women have changed, and so are we."

Many of these changes were played out at last week's convention, where it was standing room only at the special sessions for career women, singles and young leadership workshops, where efforts to accommodate the busy schedules of young career women were discussed.

These groups have also been instrumental in setting up networking clubs for professional career women.

In Boston, for example, a group of nurses set up the Hadassah nurses' council to target Jewish nurses throughout the country. Lawyers and businesswomen's groups are also popping up in various cities.

"What's exciting is that young professional women are meeting each other, and networking under the umbrella of Hadassah. Both are

benefiting," said Picker.

But reshaping an organizational agenda is not always an easy task, and is bound to ruffle some feathers. Some of the older members of the organization reportedly have voiced their dissatisfaction with the new program.

"Some say that the young generation takes Israel for granted and doesn't understand how precarious Israel's existence is," said Hershbein. "There are always some that are resistant to change."

But she added that on the whole, women of all ages and generations are thrilled with the "new" Hadassah. "It's an organization that has room for all Jewish women," she said.

Estelle Minkowsky of White Plains, N.Y., a member of Hadassah since 1947 and a participant in last month's convention, agrees. "It's like a religion. We are all devoted to the cause," whether it be Zionism, American Jewish concerns, or a mixture of both.

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Arab retires from Knesset after 41 years

Near East Report

The longest serving member of the Israeli Knesset has resigned. Tewfik Toubi, an Israeli Arab, who represented the Democratic Front for Peace and Equality, Israel's Communist Party, has retired at the age of 68.

In addition to serving in the Knesset continuously since the first parliament in 1949, Toubi published the Arabic newspaper, *Al-Itihad*. The paper demands Israeli withdrawal from all territories captured in the Six-Day War, including East Jerusalem, negotiations with the PLO, and the establishment of an independent Palestinian state west of the Jordan River. In light of the recent execution of a British reporter in Iraq, such journalistic license is anomalous in the Middle East and is a clear indication of Israel's commitment to freedom of the press.

Also at odds with the prevailing

practice in the region is the political enfranchisement of minorities, such as the Israeli Arabs. In contrast to the Arab states where Jews are not allowed to vote, Israel's Arab commu-

nity enjoys full political rights. The six Arab members of the Knesset are free to express their views, despite the fact that 20 Arab states are officially in a state of war with Israel.

Kosher chazer?

Hog farmers in Israel, fearing they may soon be put out of business by an Orthodox-inspired bill banning the raising of pigs anywhere in the Jewish state, are considering importing and breeding babirusas, an Indonesian species of wild hog related to the pig family that chews its cud and has cloven hoofs.

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Beth Shalom to dedicate Chupah made by members

On Sunday, September 9, at 3 p.m., the Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Shalom will be dedicating a handstitched needlepoint Chupah. This ceremony will be the culmination of a year-long project which involved 26 needlepointers.

The Chupah, or marriage canopy, is an important part of a traditional, Jewish wedding ceremony, symbolizing the creation of a new home. The canopy is supported by four poles, under which the bride and groom stand during the wedding.

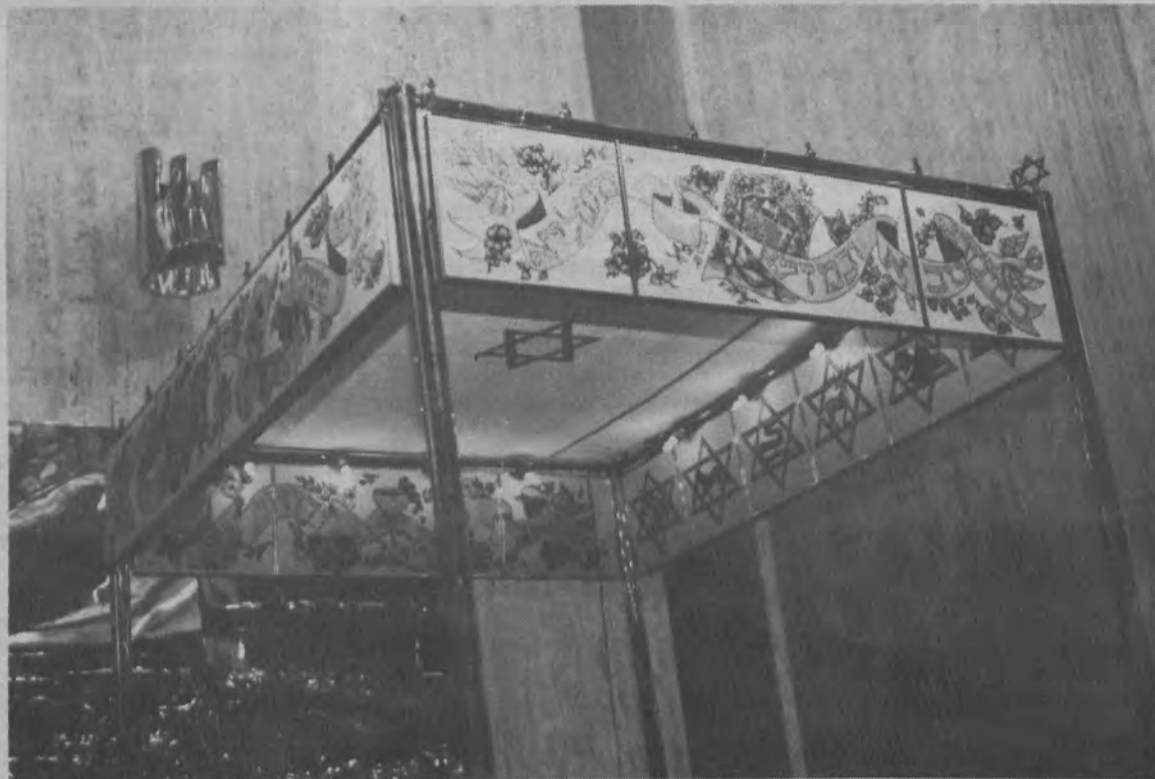
The idea for doing a needlepoint Chupah began to evolve after the completion of two needlepoint wallhangings that members had done and are displayed in the synagogue's Gibstein Auditorium.

Celina Riebman, past President of Beth Shalom, was approached by several members about doing a canopy in needlepoint. She and Devara Goodman contacted Philadelphia-area synagogues about their Chupah designs and went to see four of them.

They returned with photographs of the art work and discussed the different styles. Along with Arlene Davis, Beth Shalom's Religious School Director, they went through religious books looking for appropriate Jewish symbols and artistic techniques that could be used.

Prepared with their ideas, the Sisterhood commissioned Innovations Designs in Philadelphia to design and hand-paint 26 individual canvases which would eventually be sewn together and framed into six different panels to form the Chupah. The Jewish symbols — the Ketubah, Bible, Mezzuzah, Torah and Menorah — were the focus of the outside panel. Featured on the inside panels are the Twelve Tribes of Israel, each on a Star of David, and the Kiddush Cup. Both cotton floss and metallic threads were used to create this work of art.

Once the pieces were designed, members of the Congregation were able to select and purchase the indi-



vidual piece on which they wanted to work. Carolyn Fuhrman, Sisterhood President, took the responsibility of keeping track of progress and constantly replenishing yarn as workers needed additional supplies. This past spring all the pieces were completed.

The responsibility of framing the Chupah was given to Jim Kaffenberger, of Frames With Character on Marsh Road. The framing itself was a challenge because of the stitching differences in the twenty-six pieces and also the large size of each panel.

Kaffenberger framed each piece in its own fold frame and then joined them to form six panels.

The community is invited to attend the dedication ceremony, chaired by Lynne Sklar, on Sunday, September 9, at 3 p.m. at Beth Shalom, 18th Street and Baynard Boulevard. A wine and dessert reception will follow the service which will be conducted by Rabbi Herbert Yoskowitz and Cantor Norman Swerling.

The needlepointers involved in the Chupah project include Phyllis Ae-

renson, Laura Beitman, Joy Bloom, Jinx Blum, Doris Budner, Arlene Davis, Alisa Dadone, Josephine Fisher, Carolyn Fuhrman, Joseph Glick, Jane Goldberg, Jackie Harad, Ina Jacobs, Leslie Koralek, Elva Levine, Dina Lipschultz, Anna Metzker, Lorraine Miller, Claire Mitchell, Celina Riebman, Sylvia Rosenberg, Marcia Shepard, Lynn Sklar, Anita Sobel, Barbara Stargatt, and Pat Stutman.

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ADL, others criticize Spike Lee for stereotyping Jews

By ALLISON KAPLAN

NEW YORK — Filmmaker Spike Lee's portrayal of two Jewish jazz club owners in the new film "Mo' Better Blues" is being called anti-Semitic by both the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and some leading film critics.

In his previous three movies, including last year's "Do The Right Thing," Lee vividly explored the black experience and the effects of racial prejudice in America. In "Mo' Better Blues," his central character is a black trumpet player who tries unsuccessfully to wheedle a raise from the two Jewish owners of the jazz club where his band performs. The two-dimensional depiction of the two brothers, named Moe and Josh Flatbush, who appear in brief scenes throughout the movie, was sharply criticized by Abraham Foxman, national director of the ADL.

"Spike Lee's characterization of Moe and Josh Flatbush as greedy and unscrupulous club owners dredges up an age-old and highly dangerous form of anti-Semitic stereotyping," Foxman said. "ADL is disappointed that Spike Lee — whose success is largely due to his efforts to break down racial stereotypes and prejudice — has employed the same kind of tactics that he supposedly deplores."

Foxman told the *Jewish Telegraphic Agency* that he issued the statement in the same spirit that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Urban League have protested stereotypical portrayals of blacks.

"Here's a man who's creative," Foxman said of the black filmmaker, "yet he falls back on these stereotypes that are so simplistic and crude."

Pollard files for divorce

By ALLISON KAPLAN

NEW YORK (JTA) — Jonathan Pollard, serving a life term in prison for spying on behalf of Israel, has filed divorce papers against his wife, Anne, citing "irreconcilable differences" as the reason for ending the marriage.

Anne Pollard received the papers July 18 in her bed at New York's Mount Sinai Hospital, where she is receiving treatment for a digestive disorder. Her medical condition worsened during her 40-month stay in prison, where she was sentenced after pleading guilty to being an accessory after the fact to possession of classified documents. She was released from a Manhattan halfway house in March.

A statement released by an attorney for Jonathan Pollard states that he "very deeply regrets that his action must be taken and wishes his wife the very best, but also desires to make clear that she no longer speaks for him for any purpose."

The statement added that Pollard had planned divorce action earlier, but "postponed taking this action for several months due to his wife's ongoing testing for illness and unavailability to visit him at the prison."

Anne Pollard was "absolutely beside herself" over the divorce action, said her attorney, Mark Baker. A statement released on her behalf quoted her as saying, "I am deeply grieved by this action as I had hoped for children and a life together someday."

The divorce action follows months of growing animosity between the

two families since Anne Pollard's release. Each side has accused the other of trying to monopolize and control efforts to free Jonathan Pollard. "People who have their own agendas are exploiting the fact that Jonathan cannot meet with Anne without others present," Baker said.

The Pollards were married on Aug. 9, 1985. Three months later, on Nov. 21, Jonathan Pollard, then a U.S. naval intelligence analyst, was arrested outside the Israeli Embassy in Washington.

Israel to broadcast for olim

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The Israel Broadcasting Authority plans to establish a new radio network to help immigrants from the Soviet Union and Ethiopia integrate more quickly into Israeli life. It will broadcast in Russian and Amharic, the language of Ethiopia.

The IBA, a quasi-governmental agency, is acting on the recommendation of Minister of Education and Culture Zevulun Hammer. He proposed that it broadcast Hebrew lessons, lectures on Jewish festivals, values, traditions and Israel's geography for the benefit of the immigrants.

At present, radio programs for immigrants consist of news bulletins aired three times a day in five- to 15-minute segments. The new network could provide jobs for immigrant journalists, producers and other professionals, Hammer suggested.

are fringe characters who operate marginal show business enterprises with a shrewd eye to the main chance. The type is familiar to anyone in show business ... and not particularly Jewish. We're not talking Shylock here."

Though Lee has not responded to the criticism directly, he told *Variety* columnist Army Archerd that his own father played for jazz clubs that were owned by Jews and that he did not intend the Flatbush brothers as an indictment of all Jewish club owners. "But the facts are that black artists have always had to struggle to be paid what their white counterparts were paid," Lee said.

Lee also questioned in the interview whether the Jewish top executives at Universal Pictures, Lou Wasserman and Sidney Sheinberg, would have released the film if it struck them as obviously anti-Semitic.

The two executives were quoted in *Variety* as defending Lee's right to creative freedom, and a studio spokeswoman reiterated this point.

"We understand the concerns," she said, "but we are not in the business of censoring filmmakers. We didn't try on 'The Last Temptation of Christ' and we aren't now. We stand behind freedom of speech. Once you start censoring, where do you stop? Who makes these judgments? Any portrayal is the filmmaker's choice."

But film critic Michael Medved challenged Universal's defense of the movie, pointing out that no Jewish group had ever called for censorship.

The ADL statement, he noted, merely said that the group hoped "that this kind of insensitive and hurtful stereotyping does not repeat itself in Lee's next movie."

Medved, who co-hosts the television program "Sneak Previews" and is also active in the Los Angeles Jewish community, expressed regret that the controversy would give the film greater publicity, and said that Lee is likely "filled with joy and glee at the ADL statement and the conflict it's engendered."

"Spike can be a martyr now, because it looks as though the big bad Jewish establishment is coming down on this poor black filmmaker," Medved said.

Medved echoed film critic Denby in saying that it has become "fashion-

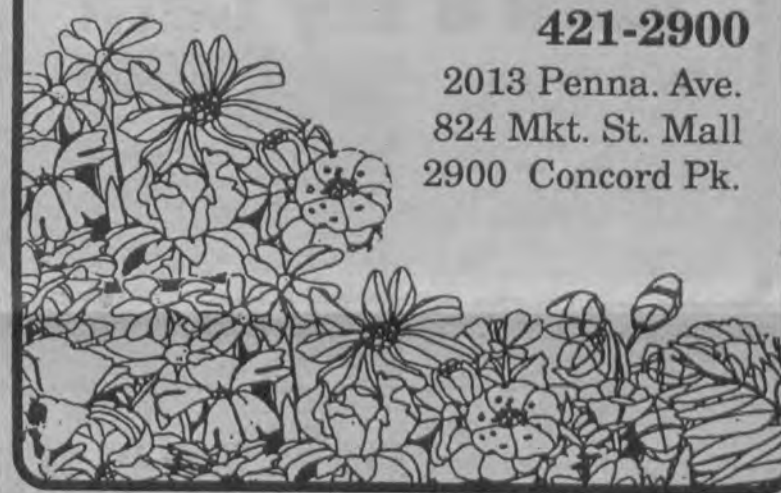
able among liberal black circles to verbally attack Jews."

The controversy over "Mo' Better Blues" is the second in as many months bearing on black-Jewish tensions in the entertainment industry. Last month, a speaker at a meeting of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People charged that black entertainers and producers had been held back due to the "century-old problem of Jewish racism in Hollywood."

Medved said that "it's ironic that people are making a point about closed doors to blacks at a time when they are so prominent, where that success has largely been orchestrated by Jewish agents, producers and directors."

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Announcements/Events

Naches

Blumberg

Nancy F. Blumberg, CPA, CFP, a director at the accounting firm of Simon, Master & Sidlow, P.A. has been elected chairperson of the Wilmington Tax Group. As the chairperson, she will be responsible for coordinating their monthly meetings.

Ehrich

Fred and Ceceil Ehrich of Wilmington, announce the birth of their granddaughter, Ellen Ehrich Kourakos, on July 24. Ellen is the daughter of Beth Ehrich and Bill Kourakos of Scarsdale, New York.

Appleton/Kreshtool

Rollins Chapel at Dartmouth College was the site of the wedding of Jennifer Appleton and Richard Kreshtool on July 1. Rabbi Helene Ferris of the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue, New York, N.Y., officiated. Jennifer is the daughter of Georganna Towne and Jon Appleton of White River Junction, Vermont. Richard is the son of Constance Kreshtool of Wilmington and the late Dr. Bernard Kreshtool. The couple will live in New York City.

Levin/Liebergall

Susan M. Levin, daughter of Charlotte S. Levin of Wilmington, and the late Dr. Jules S. Levin, was married Sunday, August 12, to Dr. David A. Liebergall, son of Dr. and Mrs. Gordon S. Liebergall of Suffern, N.Y. Rabbis David Wolpe and Leonard B. Gewirtz co-officiated at Temple Har Zion in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Liebergall, 24, and her husband, 26, both graduated from the University of Pennsylvania. She is a second-year student at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, from which the bridegroom received an M.D. He is an intern at the Greenwich Hospital.

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Rister/Markiewitz



Mrs. Robert Michael Markiewitz

Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Rister of Walterboro, South Carolina, and Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth H. Markiewitz of Wilmington, Delaware, announce the marriage of their children Kelly Denise Rister and Robert Michael Markiewitz.

Rabbi Peter Grumbacher performed the ceremony on July 14 at the Air Force Base Chapel in Charleston, South Carolina. The reception was held at the Officers' Club.

The bride is a graduate of the Calhoun Academy and received a B.S. in Physical Therapy from the Medical University of South Carolina. She works for the Santara Norfolk Hospital in Norfolk, Virginia.

The groom is a graduate of Tower Hill School and Gratz Hebrew High School. He received a B.S. in Business from Ithaca College in Ithaca, New York. He is a lieutenant, junior grade, in the U.S. Navy and is stationed in Norfolk, Virginia.

The couple reside in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Zaret



Mr. and Mrs. Louis S. Zaret

Fran (Meirovitz) and Lou Zaret will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, August 25. They were married in 1940 at Temple Beth Emeth by Rabbi Henry Tavel, of blessed memory, officiating. They have been members of Temple Beth Shalom since 1949.

The Zarets will be honored at Shabbat services on August 25 at Congregation Beth Shalom.

For the past nine years Lou has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Temple. He is a member of The Men's Club of the Temple, a member of Washington Lodge #1, A.F. & A.M., an officer of

the Delaware Consistory and a member of the Shriners Childrens Hospital Committee of Nur Temple Shrine.

Fran has been an active member of the Wilmington Chapter of Hadasah, past president of the Sabra Group and for a number of years has been Historian and member of the Chapter Board.

Their children are Stephen, who lives in Ft. Lee, N.J., and Marcia Gordon of E. Brunswick, N.J. They have four grandchildren, Scott and Stephanie Zaret and Ashley and Tara Gordon.

The Zarets reside at 8 Colony Boulevard in Wilmington.

Rosen

Howard H. Simon, managing director of the accounting firm of Simon, Master & Sidlow, P.A. has announced that Jordon N. Rosen, CPA, has been appointed as a director in the firm.

Rosen's speciality is in the area of tax and financial planning issues. His memberships include: Delaware Society of Certified Public Account-

ants, Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (member of the tax division). Rosen serves as treasurer for the Estate Planning Council of Delaware, member of Jewish Community Center's budget and finance committee, and board member of the Jewish Family Service of Delaware.

Solomon

On June 8 a dinner was held at Congregation Beth Shalom in Dover, to honor Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Solomon for their "many years of generous support to the synagogue, to Israel bonds, and to many other worthy Jewish causes." Scheduled with the dinner was a dedication of a new granite signpost for the synagogue presented by the Solomons. The symbol on the sign is the ancient depiction of the travelling ark and the citation from I Kings 8:13: "Bano Vaneetee bayt zivul lach. I have surely built thee a house of habitation, a place for thee to dwell in forever."

Rabbi Moshe V. Goldblum, in his services that evening, noted the I Kings passage by Solomon and commented on its aptness for us today. "These are the words used by King Solomon when he dedicated the First Temple to the Divine in the presence of all of the people. The king chose the holiday of Sukkot to make this dedication for this was the time when all of the people made pilgrimages to Jerusalem to worship the Divine in unity.

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Mersky

Widener University Associate Professor Ronald L. Mersky has been selected as recipient of the Edmund Friedman Young Engineer Award for Professional Achievement by the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE).

Mersky, of Wilmington, Del., will receive the award at a ceremony in San Francisco this November.

Selection for the award is based upon service to the advancement of engineering; evidence of technical competence, high character and integrity; leadership in the development of younger member attitudes toward the profession; contributions to public service outside of the candidate's professional career; and other evidence of merit which advances the society's objectives. No one may receive the award more than once.

Mersky joined Widener's School of Engineering faculty in 1984 as an assistant professor. He was promoted to associated professor of civil engineering in 1990. As a registered professional engineer in Pennsylvania, Mersky's activities have centered in his work with solid waste management and recycling. His publications have appeared in the *Journal of Resource Management and Technology, Waste Management and Research, Public Works, Resource Management and Optimization, and Resource Recycling*. He has also assisted local communities, businesses, and foreign governments in establishing solid waste management programs.

ORT holiday flower sale

The Brandywine Chapter of Women's American ORT, together with Breger Flowers of Wilmington, selling floral centerpieces to grace the home of Rosh Hashanah. Orders are being taken for round, oval and long arrangements in a variety of colors. Orders will be delivered to the designated addresses by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, September 19. For more information, call Sandy at 475-6302.

ORT board

The Brandywine Chapter of Women's American ORT has announced its list of incoming officers. Michelle Engelmann and Connie Sugarman will serve as co-presidents. Vice Presidents are Eileen Forman, Debby Jacobson, Judy Rosenberg, Ruth Rosenberg and Sylvia Wagon. Other officers include: Sandy McBride - Executive Advisor; Jill Lock - Treasurer; Estelle Greenberg - Financial Secretary; Marty Hill - Corresponding Secretary; and Anne Barnes and Jane Siegel - Recording Secretaries.

AKSE brunch

The Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Sisterhood will hold a "Welcome Brunch" in the synagogue's Social Hall on Sunday, September 16. This event, which is open to the entire community, is planned as an introduction for prospective Sisterhood members and the plans for the upcoming year will be outlined.

Reservations should be made by September 5 and may be made by calling Eileen Cohen 478-1815. Cost for the brunch is \$2.

Forget-Me-Not Ball scheduled

The Forget-Me-Not Ball, sponsored by the Auxiliary of the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home, will take place on Saturday evening, October 13. The event is to be held at the Gold Ballroom of the Hotel DuPont and will benefit the Kutz Home, an 82 bed long-term skilled care nursing facility.

The dinner dance will begin at 7 p.m. Dancing will be to the music of Harriet Fay and Her Orchestra. The cost of the Forget-Me-Not Ball is \$200 per couple for sponsors, \$250 per couple for patrons, \$300 per couple for benefactors and \$500 per couple for the gold circle. Anyone interested in receiving an invitation may contact Ronna Hochman at 764-1362.

Most of the proceeds from this year's Forget-Me-Not Ball will go directly to the Home to be used for operating expenses; the remainder will go to the Auxiliary's ongoing refurbishment program at the Home. Co-chairs of this year's event are Ethel Parsons and Jean Blumenfeld.

Signed services

Congregation Beth Emeth has announced that there will be a sign language interpreter at services on Saturday, September 8, at 11 a.m.

Announcements/Events

Danny Siegel to be Beth Shalom's scholar in residence, Sept. 14-16



Danny Siegel

The Board of Trustees of the Rabbi Jacob Kraft Educational Foundation cordially has announced the second annual program held in memory of Rabbi Jacob Kraft at Beth Shalom, 18th Street and Baynard Boulevard. The program this year will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 14, 15 and 16, and the scholar-in-residence will be Danny Siegel, nationally known author and lecturer. He has written numerous books, articles and poems, including "Gym Shoes and Irises," "Where Heaven and Earth Touch" and "And God Braided Eve's Hair."

The program is open to the entire community. The weekend will begin with a Family Shabbat dinner on Friday evening and Siegel will deliver the sermon, "What Do Paul Newman and Bruce Springsteen Know about Mitzvahs that We Don't Know - Real Live Mitzvah Heroes." On

Shabbat morning, Siegel will give the D'var Torah titled, "Jewish 'Jewish' Values for Ourselves and Our Families." A luncheon will follow services.

On Saturday evening, which is Selichot, a reception will be held at 9 p.m. followed by Siegel's lecture at 10 p.m., "116 Practical Mitzvah Suggestions." The Selichot service will follow at 11 p.m.

On Sunday morning at 10 a.m., a continental breakfast will be held at the J.C.C., followed by Siegel's final lecture, "Tzedakah Projects - Starting Right Now." All religious school children and their parents are invited to this program.

All of the lectures are free and open to the public. There are charges for the dinner, luncheon and breakfast. Call the Beth Shalom office, 654-4462, for more information and reservations.

Jewish War Veterans to meet

The three Delaware Posts of the Jewish War Veterans will meet jointly at 8 p.m., September 10, at the B'nai B'rith House, 8000 Society Drive, in Claymont. All veterans or others with an interest in veterans' affairs are urged to attend.

A special invitation is extended to Korean and Viet Nam veterans to attend this meeting, get acquainted with and participate in the activities of this oldest U.S. Veterans service organization.

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The newly-elected slate of officers

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Information and application forms may be obtained from Israel Weiner (764-2120) or Harry Lubin (475-6521).

Kutz Auxiliary elects officers

The Board of the Milton & Hattie Kutz Home Auxiliary recently elected Louise Sloane its president for 1990-91. Sloane, a native of Boston, has lived in Delaware for 23 years. She has served on the Board of the Auxiliary for several years. In addition to her responsibilities in the Auxiliary, Sloane continues to work at Winterthur where she has been a senior docent for 16 years.

At her installation, immediate past president Shelly Mand spoke of Sloane's involvement in Auxiliary activities and her "interest in and concern for the welfare of each resident of the Home." Sloane received a gift of "Forget-Me-Not" flower seeds accompanied by this statement: "May the Auxiliary, under your leadership, grow and flourish as we know these flowers will under your care."

Other officers elected include Vice-Presidents Gail Glazar and Ethel Parsons; Corresponding Secretary, Suzy Hefter; Recording Secretary, Ethel Engel; Financial Secretary,

Selma Sietz; and Treasurer, Harry Wolpert. Adele Ross was appointed Membership Chairperson.

Over the summer months Auxiliary members have been involved in working on plans for the annual Kutz

Home Gala, the "Forget-Me-Not Ball" and its program book as well as developing plans for the refurbishing of the day room in the Alzheimer's Wing. This work should be completed by early September.

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Former IDF head to speak

Joshua Sagui, a member of the Israeli Knesset and former Head of Intelligence for the Israeli Defense Forces will discuss recent developments in the Middle East Tuesday, August 21, at 8:30 p.m. at Keshet Israel Synagogue, 412 Lombard Street in Philadelphia. The program, sponsored by B'nai B'rith District 3, is open to the public and there is no charge to attend.

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'Introduction to Judaism' class to begin

Rabbis Peter H. Grumbacher, David Kaplan, Sarah Messinger, and Herbert Yoskowitz have announced that the "Introduction to Judaism" class for 1990-1991 will begin with an orientation session on Tuesday, September 25, promptly at 7:30 p.m. at Congregation Beth Shalom, 18th Street and Baynard Blvd. Enter at the main entrance of the synagogue.

This class which runs from October through April is designed for those persons interested in conversion to Judaism or those in a relationship with a Jewish person who are interested in learning more about all aspects of Judaism. It is requested that before the orientation begins those considering joining the class contact one of the rabbis because a sponsoring rabbi is required for graduation from the program.

Fees and schedule will be discussed at the orientation session and a book list will be made available. If you have any questions, contact Rabbi Grumbacher (764-2393), Rabbi Kaplan (366-8330), Rabbi Messinger (762-5858), or Rabbi Yoskowitz (654-4462) as soon as possible.

AKSE lecture series

Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation has announced the renewal of its free lecture series for the coming year. The first speaker in this year's series of programs will be Dr. Alan M. Manus, D.O., who will discuss the topic of "Brit Milah" at 8 p.m. on Thursday, September 6.

Manus is a physician based on nearby Turnersville, New Jersey, whose practice is limited to obstetrics and gynecology. A 1974 graduate of Kansas City College of Osteopathic Medicine, he has been in practice for the past 11 years.

In addition to his medical training, Manus was one of a group of 25

physicians selected by the Jewish Theological Seminary last fall for training and certification as a Mohel. This training consisted of an intensive course of study in the history, customs and law of Brit Milah.

Manus will talk about his training as well as what motivated him to become a Mohel. In addition, he will review the history of the importance of Brit Milah and the procedures involved, including a discussion of the roles played by the various participants in the ceremony as well as care for the baby. Written materials will also be made available.

The lecture is free and open to the public. A question and answer period will follow. The lecture will start at 8 p.m. on Thursday, September 6, and will be held in the Social Hall of Congregation Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, located at Torah Drive and Washington Street Extension.



Thank You

We would like to thank all of our friends, relatives and Rabbi P.H. Grumbacher for their prayers, contributions, cards and well wishes during Cal's recent heart surgery. Your kindnesses and thoughtfulness helped Cal and he is now on the way to full recovery.

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September YJAD calendar set

The Young Jewish Adults of Delaware (for singles 21-35) has planned several activities for September. Call the JCC at (302) 478-5660 to be included on the mailing list for their monthly newsletter.

On Wednesday, September 5, 12 and 26, the YJAD will play coed volleyball, in the Jewish Community Center gymnasium beginning at 6 p.m. Games are non-competitive and there is a \$1 fee for those who are not members of the JCC. For more information call Mike Schwartz at 798-8501.

On Thursday, September 13, the YJAD will dine and dance at the Air Transport Command in New Castle. Cocktails will begin at 6 p.m.; dinner and dancing will follow at 7 p.m. ATC is on Route 13, just south of the Wilmington Airport. Reservations are not required. Contact Annie Jamison at 888-2338 or Ron Grosz at 762-7411 for more information.

On Tuesday, September 25, at 7:15 p.m., the YJAD will hold its Chavurah discussion on "A Clean Slate — Starting Anew for the New Year" at the home of Michael Sig-

man, in Claymont. Chavurah is a gathering of 15 to 20 people for a friendly and stimulating discussion of current topics. For directions, call Mike at 798-7404.

On Sunday, September 30, the YJAD will have a brunch and take a Museum Tour. At noon, members will meet at Kid Shelleen's Restaurant (14th and Scott Sts., Wilmington) for brunch. A one-hour tour of the Delaware Art Museum (2301 Kentmere Pkwy.) will follow at 2 p.m. Reservations are required by September 28 and may be made by calling Mike Schwartz at 798-8501.

Nat'l Havurah Institute attracts Delawareans

The National Havurah Committee Summer Institute was held at Harcum Junior College in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, from August 6 through 12. Attendance is open to the entire community. According to Barry Seidel of Newark, there were approximately 270 adults and 30 children and teenagers participating in this year's Institute. Seidel was one of several members of the Delaware Jewish community who attended the Institute.

"It was a week of learning, davening — much of it in the Havurah style, kosher dairy food and making new friends. The Institute," according to Seidel, "makes special efforts in this regard."

Other activities, he noted, included renewing old friendships, an auction, a kehillah (community discussion and

debate) on the subject of matrilineal descent, klezmer music and a number of workshops.

Some of the courses given included: Using Steinsaltz' Talmud for year-long study; the Akedah in the Bible and Midrash; the mysticism of Maimonides; "Not-So-Nice Jewish Families;" Rabbi Nahman of Bratslav; how to study Midrash; Eliezer ben Hyrcanus; and the image of the Jew in the motion picture.

Workshops included: chanting Haftorah; crocheting kippot; problem-based education; and Judaism and Ecology.

Also part of the Institute are displays of Jewish books, handicrafts, music and learning materials.

For more information on the 1991 Institute, write to the National Havurah Committee, 441 West Carpenter Lane, Philadelphia, PA 19119.

The next deadline for material for The Voice is FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Beth Sholom hosts Soviet immigrants

On Sunday, July 29, a chartered bus left the Wilmington JCC carrying 31 Russian emigres to Dover where they assembled at Legislative Hall to begin a tour of Dover conducted by Dr. and Mrs. Howard Row and D. Jones. The legislature and legislative process were described and other key points of Dover, including Christ Church and The Green, were visited. Following the tour, the group was entertained at a picnic held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernst Danemann.

Many members of Congregation Beth Sholom participated in welcoming the Russians to lower Delaware. Besides the Danemanns, these include: Helen Berman, Judy Haiduk,

Lee and Meriam Moyer, Sue and Chazz Salkin, Anne and Lew Gordon, Dr. and Mrs. Keith Merlin, Ethel Barros, Mr. and Mrs. William Dubin, Miriam Mersky, Nancy Escobar, Blanka Falek, and Dr. and Mrs. Malvin

Gelof. Another contributor of the event was the Jewish Federation of Delaware, whose programming grant to lower Delaware was the means for providing the transportation and the professional tour.

Grumbachers planning Israel trip

Rabbi Peter and Suzy Grumbacher are planning another tour of Israel during the summer of 1991. Open to the entire community, the tentative dates for the tour are Sunday, August 4, through Sunday, August 18.

An organizational meeting is planned for October. The focus of the trip will be determined by the interests of the participants.

The approximate cost for the tour

is \$2000 which will include all land and air arrangements. Accommodations will include five-star or deluxe hotels and travel in air-conditioned buses. Children are welcome to participate.

For more information, call the Beth Emeth office at 764-2393 or the Grumbachers' home at 764-8050. Leave name, address and phone number.

Lawmakers

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ship contrasts so sharply with what we see throughout that region."

But D'Amato and Specter suggested that a scenario more likely than any U.S. policy change might be one in which Saudi Arabia and Israel draw closer together. In explaining such a scenario, D'Amato said both countries realize they "are open to attack" from Iraq.

"The Saudis recognize it as a long-term advantage to have an Israel that is strong to deal with the radicals, who have no love for them," D'Amato added.

Specter said he thinks that "with Iraq's action," there could "be a response by the rest of the Arab world to come closer to the United States and, perhaps inferentially, to Israel. But he added, "it's hard to predict what the Arab nations will do next."

On the arms front, Frank said the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait will have mixed implications for future U.S. sales to Arab countries.

It "probably strengthens the Saudis," he said. But he added that the incursion creates a new burden on smaller Arab states trying to defend the wisdom of U.S. sales.

"You better be careful, because weapons you sell to regime 'X' may end up next week in the hands of regime 'X minus,'" Frank said.

Levine refused to spell out under what condition he would support future sales to Saudi Arabia, short of having U.S. troops in the kingdom. He said the kingdom needs to agree on the need to "rely on combined forces," but Levine declined to call for a mutual defense treaty.

D'Amato predicted that Congress will support sales of a range of weapons systems to the Saudis, "given their land mass," which makes swift capture by Iraq unlikely.

He called on the United States to work toward a "mutual security" pact with Persian Gulf states or an agreement that stipulates that "the whole world will come to the defense of those countries."

Arms build up

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to U.S. interests in the Middle East no longer is seen as menacing and Israel's support is avoided in an inter-Arab problem.

U.S. military support also may be drastically reduced to Israel while it is being funneled to Arab countries in highly increased quantities and perhaps secretly. Egypt which had acquired before the Gulf crisis a thousand tanks declared surplus by the U.S. in Europe is now being supplied reportedly with a billion dollars in equipment above the assistance given under the foreign aid program. Vast quantities of armaments also are being hurried to Saudi Arabia which is being sold an additional \$4 billion in weaponry and services that Congress in June decided not to oppose.

The Pentagon has made known that it is within the law for it to provide arms to an ally in secret. Spokesman Louis Williams told

reporters August 16 that if a sale provides an assessment of an ally's tested capabilities we are permitted by law to withhold release of information of that sale to the public. The sale will be classified but Congress notification will still be made."

Thus, while U.S. weaponry is going to Israel's neighbors that appears certain to break down Israel's qualitative edge against a combined Arab armed assault, the Pentagon has confirmed that there is no acceleration of arms in the pipeline to Israeli.

The imperative that appeared so dominant in the Bush Administration's policy for acceleration of the Israeli-Palestinian situation in the "peace process" therefore, is regarded as hardly bearing the importance it had up to the beginning of August. However, it is noted, what may happen in the coming weeks is too uncertain for forecasting what the Baker-Levy agenda may be as summer nears its end.

Jewish groups praise Pravda for reporting anti-Semitism

By ALLISON KAPLAN
NEW YORK (JTA)—Soviet Jewry advocacy groups have welcomed an article published last month in *Pravda*, the Communist Party organ, which denounced growing anti-Semitism and warned of the danger it poses to the well-being of Soviet society.

The mass emigration of Soviet Jews demonstrates that "the fear of pogroms is acquiring the scale of panic," said the *Pravda* article by historian Sergei Rogov, according to a translation by the *Los Angeles Times*.

"I think it is a hopeful sign and an indication that the recent conversations between President Bush and President Gorbachev regarding anti-

Semitism are bearing fruit," Martin Wenick, executive director of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, said of the article.

The *Pravda* article "is evidence that anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union is as severe as we've been saying," said Pamela Cohen, national president of the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews. The article said anti-Semitism is not only a threat to Jews but is also destructive to Gorbachev's attempt at perestroika, the restructuring of Soviet society and the Soviet economy.

"This unprecedented anti-Semitism is of great concern, because we face an attempt to disrupt the process of social consolidation. A law-

based state must protect people of every nationality," the article said.

The publication of the article is being viewed as unprecedented public acknowledgement of the problem of anti-Semitism by the Communist Party leadership, which has been reluctant to address the "Jewish question."

"This may be Gorbachev's way of addressing the problem without directly making a statement," said Cohen of the Union of Councils.

Though it spoke out strongly against anti-Semitism, the *Pravda* article said that outlawing it outright would not be a democratic solution. The Soviet and American Jewish communities have been pushing for

the Soviet government to take action against extremist anti-Semitic groups.

A statement issued by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith praised the *Pravda* article, but called upon the Gorbachev government to "implement immediate follow-up action assuring Soviet Jews that their security is safeguarded."

Wenick of the National Conference also said he hoped "words would turn into actual deeds." He noted that the news agency Interfax had reported on the opening of the trial of a man who allegedly participated in an anti-Semitic raid on the Writers Union building in Moscow, in which racial slurs were shouted.

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Right to die

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woman who miraculously revived after life support had been removed by court order. Her sister had told the court that the woman had once said that she wanted no artificial life support. When asked what she would have done if consulted, the revived woman said "of course, I want to live!"

There seems to be a groundswell of support today for the "right to die." Unfortunately, enthusiasm for a quick solution to this exceedingly complicated problem has already begun to blur the difference between the "right to die" and the right to kill. Initiative 119 in Washington State provides not only for the withdrawal of feeding tubes and respirators, but also allows doctors to "end the life of a person who, in the opinion of two physicians, has less than six months to live." All a person need do at the time of diagnosis is put in writing that he or she wishes to die immediately. It is mind-numbing to discover that, according to New York Times/CBS News poll, more than 50 percent of

Americans agree with the recommendations of this law.

People don't want to become a burden to others; people don't want to have the burden of watching a loved one wither away; they don't want to face the pain and suffering of their own slow death. But where is the line between the "right to die" and what Jewish medical ethics expert Rabbi David Feldman has called "the responsibility to die?"

As a result of the Supreme Court decision in the Cruzan case, anyone not leaving a "living will" will likely be considered irresponsible. Anyone leaving a will which asks that all available means of life support be used, might be considered selfish. Will our society be far from making older people feel that it is their obligation to die at a certain point, even if in good health? Mrs. Adkins, who had just been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, which is not terminal, though it clearly diminishes the quality of life, took her own life using a suicide

machine while she was still vigorous. Will this tragic figure ultimately become a model?

While it would be possible in secular society for a suicide machine or a euthanasia bill like initiative 119 to become acceptable over time, it cannot happen in traditional Judaism. Traditional Judaism tells us unequivocally that euthanasia, including suicide, is forbidden. Human beings do not give life, it is not theirs to take away.

Yet the question remains: Are we required to use all means available to artificially prolong a life so diminished in quality that it is really just prolonging death?

Traditional Judaism provides pragmatic as well as spiritual guidance in these matters. It will consider for instance, the diminished quality of life of a person in a persistent vegetative state. It will consider the difference between a feeding tube and a respirator. In cases with no hope of survival, the former is still required while the latter may not be. Jewish law also makes a distinction between a decision to connect someone to a respirator, from that of turning it off after intubation. Except for the prohibition of euthanasia, these guidelines are not absolute and no decision should be made without discussing the specifics of the case with a rabbi versed in Jewish medical ethics.

No one should face such decisions alone. No one should have to bear total responsibility for the decision to turn life support on or off. Not the dying and not those who will live on. These are not issues for the courts alone. These are not merely matters of personal choice. These are religious questions of faith and spirit.

Religion and religious leaders must provide the sensitive spiritual as well as practical guidance that we all need when we deal with approaching death. Religious responsibility for life and death decisions must not be abrogated by the clergy lest life and death become cheapened matters of personal choice and the use of "suicide machines" become acceptable.

My sister-in-law was never connected to a respirator. She died 24 hours after that decision was made. None of us will ever be happy

about having made that decision. We are at peace with it, because it was made in the context of more than 3000 years of Jewish appreciation of the sacredness of life.

According to one study, 70 percent of those reading these words will be faced with a similar choice someday, either for themselves or for another. If that day comes, consult with a rabbi who is versed in Jewish medical ethics and law.

When thinking of your own future, consider providing a living will, like the one created by the Union for Traditional Judaism, which, while leaving the decision to a designated surrogate, also requires the decision to be made according to the standards of Jewish law and tradition. You will thereby relieve your family of at least part of this trauma.

For the sake of our humanity and your own soul, when the day comes, don't decide alone. Lean on your tradition. That is its purpose.

(Rabbi Ronald D. Price is Executive Vice President of the Union for Traditional Judaism and Dean of the Institute of Traditional Judaism.)

Editor's note: Those interested in receiving a copy of the UTJ Living Will should write to the Union for Traditional Judaism, 261 East Lincoln Avenue, Mount Vernon, NY 10552.

Speaking 'Jewish'

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reflective language recede to the background.

Most of us do not have the education required to "speak a good Jewish." We need to learn some Hebrew, some Bible, some tradition, some history, even some Yiddish. Perhaps more than all of these, we need to find a framework that will help us put it all together: a good Jewish liberal education, presented on a level that an intelligent layman could understand and appreciate. If Jewishness is a language, we need a literacy campaign!

We also need to say a word about why we are so committed to this language. We are not so foolish or naive to claim that it is the most beautiful language in the world. Nor do most of us think any more that it is the language given

us by God, at least not in an exclusive sense.

We rather love this language simply because it is ours: It is the way the Jewish people has talked to itself and to its God for longer than any of us can remember. Speaking it makes us more human as it makes us more ourselves.

Some of us do indeed see a divine element in all of that, but in a rather subtle and elusive way. Jewishness is the language our heart speaks best, and the more we know of it, the more our heart is allowed to speak.

"And everything in the world has a heart," as a certain famous rabbi used to say. But there I go speaking Jewish again.

(Rabbi Arthur Green is president of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Wyncote.)



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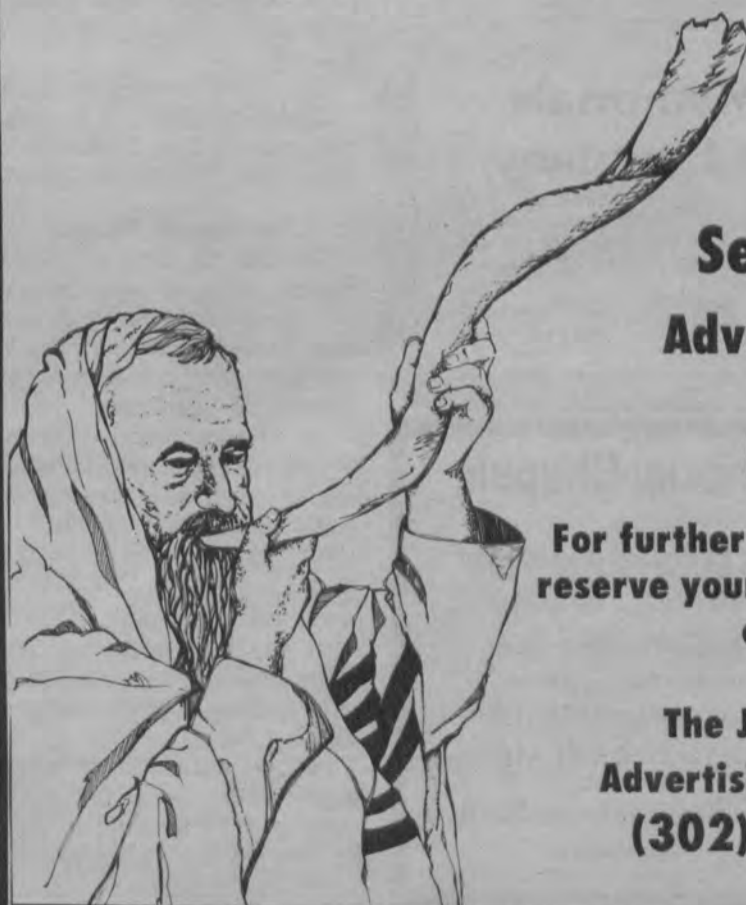
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Obituaries

Morris Levenberg

Morris Levenberg, deputy chief magistrate of New Castle County, died July 20 of cardiac complications in Christiana Hospital, where he was a patient. He was 76.

Mr. Levenberg, of 306 W. 37th St., Wilmington, was appointed magistrate in 1967 by Gov. Charles L. Terry Jr. Although he started as a printer and once owned the Wilmington Printing Co., he developed an interest in fighting crime.

Mr. Levenberg was appointed to four-year terms by governors Russell W. Peterson, Sherman W. Tribbitt, and twice by Pierre S. du Pont IV. He was appointed to his latest term early this year by Gov. Castle.

He was named chief magistrate by Chief Justice Daniel L. Herrmann in 1974 and was continued as a deputy chief magistrate by Norman Barron, who was chief magistrate until 1988. In 1988, he was selected by the National Judges Association as one of three outstanding non-lawyer judges in the nation. He was chairman of the national association's legislative committee.

He ran for state senator unsuccessfully in 1964 and 1966 as a Republican.

A Wilmington native, Mr. Levenberg participated for many years in local amateur theater and was active in Temple Beth Emeth Brotherhood and Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. He was a member of B'nai B'rith and taught Sunday school for many years at the temple. In 1940, he was an advisor to AZA, a young men's organization of B'nai B'rith. He was a member and former president of the Jewish Historical Society.

In the 1940s and 1950s he organized an all-black theatrical group, the Walnut Street YMCA players, his daughter said.

He was a graduate of Wilmington High School and received a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from the University of Delaware in 1981.

He is survived by his wife, Marion Samet Levenberg; a son, Benjamin Frank of Newark; a daughter, Fredda Samet Pennock of Kennett Square, Pa.; a sister, Jeanne Sackman of Margate, N.J.; and two grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Temple Beth Emeth, or American Heart Association, Wilmington.

Jeanette Podolsky

Jeanette Podolsky of 514 W. 38th Street, Wilmington, died on July 25.

Mrs. Podolsky was the widow of Max Podolsky. She is survived by a daughter, Rochelle (Shelley) Kristol of Scarsdale, N.Y.; a son, Arthur Podolsky of Wilmington; and four grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by the Schoenberg Memorial Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to either the Deborah Heart and Lung Foundation, c/o Edith Steinberg, 1403 Shallcross Ave., Wilmington, DE 19806, or the American Diabetes Association, 2713 Lancaster Ave., Wilmington, DE 19805.

Beatrice Sheiker

Beatrice Sheiker, 80, of 1800 N. Broom St., Electra Arms, Wilmington, died July 28 of respiratory failure in St. Francis Hospital.

Mrs. Sheiker was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom.

She is survived by her husband, Solon; a son, Bruce R. of Wilmington; a daughter, Phyllis Friedman of Sarasota, Fla.; a brother, Sam Hauser of Brooklyn, N.Y.; two sisters, Faye Sadowsky of Florida and Rose York of California; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to The Kutz Home, Wilmington.

Sara Groland

Sara "Sunny" Groland, 80, of 8411 Society Drive, Claymont, died July 30 of heart failure in Christiana Hospital, where she had been a patient since undergoing heart surgery.

Mrs. Groland was a bookkeeper at companies in New York and Florida until retiring in 1970.

She was a member of Congregation Beth Emeth; Temple Beth El in Spring Valley, N.Y.; Deborah Heart and Lung Foundation; Jewish Community Center Senior Center; and Parkinson's disease support group. She was a life president of Spring Valley Chapter of Hadassah, and a volunteer at the Kutz Home.

Her husband, Arthur, died in 1984. Surviving are a son, Gordon H. of Boulder, Colo.; a daughter, Riki Applebaum, of Wilmington; a sister, Anne Shiffman of Miami; and five grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by the Schoenberg Memorial Chapel.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Deborah Heart and Lung Foundation.

Rachael Besso

Rachael Besso, 56, of Wilmington, died August 5 of cancer at home.

Mrs. Besso had been an administrative assistant at Riverside Hospital. She was a member of Hadassah.

She is survived by two sons, Robert N. Sadoff of Newport News, Va., and Mitchell J. Sadoff of Baltimore; two daughters, Barbara L. Sadoff of Newark and Karen M. Sadoff of Wilmington; her father, Morris Besso of New York; and two sisters, Harriett Goldman of Suffern, N.Y., and Reba Appleson of Manhattan, N.Y.

Arrangements were made by the Schoenberg Memorial Chapel.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Hadassah, care of Judy Steibel, 6 Devon Court, Wilmington, 19810.

Norman H. Bragar

Norman H. Bragar, 67, of Summit, New Jersey, died August 5. Born in Long Branch, New Jersey, he lived in Newark and Springfield before moving to Summit 35 years ago.

Mr. Bragar attended Newark College of Engineering. He graduated from Cornell University, with a BS degree and received his MBA from Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken.

He was the founder and president of the Norman Bragar Company, Newark, a design engineering firm founded in 1952.

He was the holder of several engineering patents and was a member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers.

Mr. Bragar was a member of

The Instrument Society of America and served on the board of trustees of the Catholic Community Services of Union. He was a past president of Temple Sinai in Summit. Mr. Bragar also served in the Navy Submarine Corps during World War II.

He is survived by two daughters, Eleanor Weinglass of Wilmington and Joan Bragar of Brookline, MA; a son, Robert of Silver Spring, MD; and three grandchildren.

Walter S. Baer

Walter S. Baer, 86, of the Kutz Home, 704 River Road, died there Monday, August 13, of heart failure.

Mr. Baer formerly owned Baer's Shoe Store at 623 King Street, Wilmington. He retired in 1979. He took pride in the title of "mayor of King Street."

He was a member of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, member and former financial secretary of the Montefiore Mutual Benefit Society, and a member of B'nai B'rith Lodge #470 where he served in the office of Guardian of the Lodge for 40 years.

As financial secretary of Montefiore, his dedication to duty and attention to detail in financial management established the strong financial base the organization uses to this day to benefit the community. In recognition of his efforts, Montefiore is anticipating naming its annual grant program, the Walter S. Baer Memorial Fund.

Mr. Baer, seeing the need for senior citizen housing, was a prime mover in the establishment of the B'nai B'rith House in Claymont. He tenaciously pursued federal funds, toured the entire East Coast to review similar housing programs, and inspired fellow B'nai B'rith members to continue the dream until it was realized.

For over 35 years, as part of a B'nai B'rith program, he would visit the patients of the Veterans Administration Hospital in Elsmere and would provide them with many gifts such as personal grooming items.

It was recently disclosed that he would contribute generously, mostly anonymously, to the assistance of the needy.

Mr. Baer had no immediate survivors.

Arrangements were made by the Schoenberg Memorial Chapel.

Instead of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Wilmington, DE 19809.

Etta Whiteman

Etta Whiteman, 89, of Wilmington, died August 13.

Mrs. Whiteman was the widow of Samuel Whiteman. She is survived by her son, Alvin Whiteman of Newark; a sister, Anna Gertz of Philadelphia; and two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Arrangements were made by the Schoenberg Memorial Chapel.

Florence Golder

Florence Golder, 63, of 115 Compass Drive, Radnor Woods, Claymont, died August 20 of cancer at home.

Mrs. Golder, a bookkeeper at Scott Hardware in Branmar Plaza for 18 years, retired in 1985. She was a member of Congregation Beth Emeth.

She is survived by her husband, Donald D.; two sons, Bruce M. of Annapolis and Jeffrey S. of Lexington, S.C.; a daughter, Maureen LaPorte of Fairfax; her mother, Marie Frankel, and a sister, Dorothy Blatt, both of Wilmington; and six grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to The Kutz Home or Delaware Hospice Inc., Wilmington.

Maurice M. Goodman

Maurice M. Goodman, 82, of Captains Deck, 7807 Governor Printz Blvd., Claymont, and formerly of The Kutz Home, Wilmington, died August 21 after the car he was driving and a pickup truck collided on Governor Printz Boulevard, state police said.

He operated Majestic Food Market, 2001 Market St., for 33 years, retiring in 1981.

He was a member of the Montefiore Mutual Benefit Society and B'nai B'rith Lodge 470.

His wife, Pauline, died in November. He is survived by two sons, David of Chadds Ford, Pa., and Robert of Wildwood Crest, N.J.; two sisters, Ann Breslow and Lillian Stillman, both of Wilmington; and six grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to The Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Wilmington, 19809.

Dr. Walter Schlaifman

Dr. Walter Schlaifman, 79, of Rockford Park Condominiums, Wilmington, died August 21 of a heart attack at home.

Dr. Schlaifman practiced dentistry at 2625 Concord Ave. for 40 years, retiring in 1981.

He was a member of Brandywine Country Club, Delaware Dental Society, and American Dental Association. He was an Army veteran of World War II, serving in the Dental Corps.

He graduated from Temple School of Dentistry, Philadelphia.

His wife, Eleanor, died in 1989. He is survived by two daughters, Marilyn Klein of Cherry Hill, N.J., and Carol Ranalli of Fairfax; a brother, Dr. David Slade of Bala Cynwyd, Pa.; a sister, Beatrice Godmilow of Philadelphia; and three grandchildren.

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Kidsplace program planned to offer after-school variety

The Kidsplace after school child-care program of the Jewish Community Center is currently making plans for the 1990-1991 school year. Open to children in kindergarten through sixth grade, the program offers a variety of supervised activities including sports, arts and crafts, dramatics or homework. The Kidsplace program is open only to members of the JCC.

The program also offers a Jewish atmosphere in which the Jewish holidays are celebrated and a kosher snack is served daily.

Kidsplace operates from September through June, Monday through Friday. Transportation is also available from most area public and private schools to the program. (This service is provided based on sufficient registration.) Students from Albert Einstein Academy are escorted to the program by Kidsplace staff. Transportation to Hebrew schools is also provided. There is an added fee for these services.

Kidsplace features special programs when schools are out, school vacation camps, special event days and planned trips.

Children and parents can select the days which the service is needed by completing monthly calendars in advance. The fee for Kidsplace is \$6.50 per day and school out days are billed separately at \$18 per day. On days that school out programs are offered, childcare before 7:45

a.m.) and after (up to 5:45 p.m.) will be available. A yearly payment plan has also been designed for full-time Kidsplace children. This package includes 171 days of after school care, 28 school out days and/or vacation camp days, snow days and

four half day programs.

September calendars are available at the JCC Front Desk and must be returned with payment no later than September 1. For additional information on Kidsplace, contact Mindy Jane Alten at 478-5660.

Contributory member program established

The Board of Directors of the JCC has developed a "Precious Members...Precious Metals" Contributory Membership Program to help the Center meet the needs of the community, including its need for scholarships and the support of Judaic programs.

This program, chaired by JCC President, Richard David Levin, and immediate Past President, Martin I. Lubaroff, enables members of the JCC to upgrade their memberships to a contributory status. These tax-deductible contributions enable the JCC to continue serving as a valuable resource to the Jewish community and to provide financial assistance to families in need and to offer Judaic, cultural, and educational enrichment programs. "During the last few years, it has been increasingly difficult for the Center to maintain a balanced budget, primarily due to increasing expenses and the plateau of funding

our operational deficit from the Jewish Federation of Delaware, the United Way of Delaware and other sources," said Levin. "Many of our members, especially the "New Americans" immigrating into our community, single parent families and families in distress, are unable to pay the standard fees for various programs and other support services that the Center offers," he added.

Lubaroff urged participation in this campaign, calling it "a marvelous opportunity to show your support and to help perpetuate the very programs that make the JCC such a unique and multi-faceted force in the lives of its members." The categories in the contributory membership program are Platinum - \$1000, Gold - \$360 and Silver - \$180. Last year's Precious Metals...Precious Members" campaign was very successful with 30 JCC families participating and over \$11,000 raised to support Judaic programs and to assist families in need.

For more information about becoming a "Precious Member," contact David Sorkin, JCC Executive Director, at 478-5660. A special plaque bearing the names of all "Precious Members" is exhibited in the lobby of the JCC.

Chamishes to chair sock-hop



Jean and Steve Chamish have been named co-chairpersons of the "Second Annual Sock-Hop" which is scheduled for Saturday, November 3. Plans include the same disc jockey who supplied music for last year's

event, Jerry Blavat — "The Geater with the Heater."

Anyone interested in joining the Sock-Hop Committee should contact Ruth Ann Kauffman at the JCC at 478-5660.

Senior Center art show

Art works by members of the JCC Senior Center will be on display in the JCC Art Gallery from September 25 through October 3. Members of the Friday morning art class will display their works on Monday, September 24, and will host an opening reception for the public at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, September 25. Art class

instructor, Connie Wahl, will serve as curator of the show.

The public is invited to attend the opening of the show and the reception in the JCC Senior Lounge. For additional information, contact Ray Freshman, Senior Center Coordinator at 478-5660.

Intermarriage workshop

Interfaith marriages create unique situations for couples and their families...from wedding plans to holiday celebrations, from raising children to relating to parents, in-laws and other relatives. A four session workshop on intermarriage, co-sponsored by Jewish Family Service of Delaware and the Jewish Community Center, will try to help families

cope with the stresses these relationships can bring about and provide a connection with Jewish life as well as provide support for difficult situations.

The workshop sessions will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday evenings, November 12, 19, 26 and December 3 at the Jewish Community Center. Each session will be facilitated by Ruth Kershner, LCSW. Some topics will include "Getting to know you and your concerns"; "The religious and ethnic traditions"; "Memories and beliefs you bring to your relationship"; "Understanding and dealing with differences"; "Handling holidays and family celebrations"; "Children and the future", as well as many other topics of interest to intermarried couples and their families.

The cost of the four-session workshop is \$10 per person or \$20 per couple and the deadline for registration is November 9. Registration forms are available at the JCC front desk and at the office of Jewish Family Service. For additional information call Jewish Family Service at 478-9411.

Shofar-making workshop



From the days of Abraham, the shofar has been an instrument for gathering people together and now has become a sign of holiday celebration. A special workshop, co-sponsored by Chabad-Lubavitch of Delaware and the JCC, will feature a video presentation, the process of selecting appropriate horns and a "hands-on" demonstration of how to make a shofar.

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By **ARNOLD LIEBERMAN**

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One of the categories by which we define the major focus of our counseling services, is labeled "Parent-Child Relationships." Up until not too many years ago, this category represented relationship problems between parents and their children from birth through adolescence. Today, it has become a whole different story.

The majority of parent-child cases that we now deal with involve parents and their "adult children." We are seeing these cases in a wide variety of situations, but two scenarios are most common. The first is when adult children move back into the parents' home, and the second is when the possibility develops that the parent may need to move into the adult child's home.

What occurs in both cases is that the "normal" parent-adult child relationship becomes distorted. The "normal" relationship calls for independent parents and independent adult children to establish a mature adult-to-adult relationship. When either party, for whatever reason, becomes dependent on the other, relationship problems become very likely.

For some years now, adult children seem to be moving back into their parents' homes at an increased rate. These cases are almost always prompted by financial necessity, and often involve grandchildren also.

The problem involves the child moving back into his or her former role in the parents' home, as seen by the parents. This may conflict with the child's position that he or she is an adult, regardless of the roles or the living arrangements. An example is a parent's position that "since you are living in my house, I have the right to insist that you come home at a reasonable hour," and the child's reaction that "I'm 30 years old and have the right to stay out as late as I please."

When grandchildren are involved, there is often conflict over who carries the final maternal authority. This can cause serious problems between the mother and grandmother, and can be very confusing to the grandchild. It is not unusual to hear a grandmother complain that "my

judgement was good enough to raise you and now you suggest I don't know enough to know what's best for my grandchild."

The most complicated and potentially disruptive situation occurs when an elderly parent becomes significantly dependent upon an adult child. In at least some regard, the roles are reversed, since we assume that the dependent person in a parent-child relationship is the child. However, the dependent parents almost always have a difficult time accepting this role and feel compelled to assert themselves in any other way they can. This, plus a myriad of emotional factors on both sides that may go back as far as early childhood, make these situations potentially explosive.

The lack of understanding and frustration that may result from the above situation is typified in the following comment: "I'm killing myself to keep my mother alive and not only doesn't she appreciate what I'm doing, she's treating me like dirt."

Most of these situations can be helped. Through counseling, we are usually able to help people better understand what is happening, and how to cope with it. When the distortions that occur can be identified, it becomes much easier to develop solutions that meet everyone's needs. These are examples of conditions that can be devastating if untreated, but are also very treatable.

Why suffer needless stress, when

Jewish Family Service is available to help you to reduce or eliminate it? A call to 478-9411 could do wonders for your well-being.

Dear Rachel

More on the theme of part-time mothers being able to have it all. I decided to go on the "Mommy Track" at work when my son was born. It was important to me and to my husband that he get the best care available, and that meant me.

One of the things that stay-at-home mothers do is take their kids to playgroups for socialization, for the benefit of both mothers and kids. I participated in one this year, on the days when I was home. What began as a great idea has deteriorated into nastiness and in fighting. I listen to criticisms of working mothers and their "badly behaved" children all day. I've heard working women make snide comments about the empty minds of full-time mothers. Worst of all, I've begun to see discrimination against the children of each group by the other. So-and-so is not considered for the playgroup because her mother "wouldn't fit in." Her crime is working. Parents who used to be friends are now socializing — and their kids are socializing — with their "own kind." I hope you print this letter so people can see themselves and realize how ridiculous their behavior is.

Janus

Dear Janus,

"Mommy bashing mommy": what an ironic outcome of women's newfound freedom to choose a lifestyle. The choice to work or to stay at home with children involves so many frightening possibilities. Each woman wants reassurance that she has made the right decision, so she puts down her opposite number. As a part-time worker, you are in a wonderful position to help others see that insecurity is the issue. Use your credibility as a working mother to point out that stay-at-home mothers are not boring. Use your influence with the playgroup mothers to point out that working mothers have mothering needs, and that all mothers have more commonalities than differences.

The kids of both kinds of mothers love them. What better reassurance can any mother ask?

Rachel

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Left-wing Knesset members, Palestinians, meet but cannot agree on joint statement

JERUSALEM (JTA)—A group of 26 left-of-center Knesset members and local Palestinian political figures met here August 5 but were unable to agree on a joint statement outlining their position.

The meeting had some historic precedence nevertheless, since it took place at the Notre Dame Hotel, which straddles the line between East and West Jerusalem.

Arieh (Lova) Eliav, the veteran Labor Party member who headed the Knesset group, observed that "for years, we have been meeting in all kinds of symposia and conferences overseas. Now we finally meet in Jerusalem."

The Palestinians included individuals who identify with Al Fatah, the main wing of the Palestine Liberation Organization, the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine and the Palestinian Communist Party.

In addition to Eliav, who represented the dovish wing of the Labor Party, the group was composed of

Yair Tsaban, representing Mapam, Shulamit Aloni for the Citizens Rights Movement and Amnon Rubinstein for the Center-Shinui Movement.

But as one of the Palestinian participants, Ziyad Abu-Ziyad, noted, neither the Israelis nor Palestinians who attended the meeting could speak for anyone but themselves. The Israelis are all in the opposition and the Palestinians cannot commit the PLO.

They spent about 90 minutes discussing a joint statement drafted by Yossi Beilin, a Labor Knesset member, and Sari Nusseibeth, a prominent Palestinian from East Jerusalem.

Although the draft did not mention the PLO or refer to an independent Palestinian state, it did, as Beilin admitted, stretch the Labor Party platform to the limit.

Radwan Abu-Ayyash, chairman of the Palestinian Journalists Association, was unhappy with the wording. But it was the Israeli contingent that appeared most divided.

Rubinstein demanded that the Palestinians condemn Iraq's invasion of Kuwait on August 2. The Palestinians refused, pointing out that 300,000 Palestinians live in Kuwait and that the PLO leadership has expressed support for Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

The draft included four major points:

- The Israeli-Palestinian conflict is at the heart of the Middle East problem;

- The Palestinians are entitled to self-determination;

- Negotiations must take place between the Israel government and the legitimate, internationally recognized representative of the Palestinian people, within the framework of an international conference.

Neither side will decide who will represent the other party.

No one challenged Abu-Ziyad when he said, "The negotiations must take place between the Israeli government and the PLO."

HIAS paper on Soviet anti-Semitism

NEW YORK (JTA)—The Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, which once assisted Jews escaping from Czarist pogroms, has just published a paper analyzing why Jews are fleeing the Soviet Union today.

It is not fear of state-sponsored anti-Semitism but fear that the state is too weak to protect them from anti-Semitism at the grass roots,

according to a study prepared for HIAS by Zvi Gitelman called "Anti-Semitism in the Age of Perestroika."

Gitelman, a Sovietologist and professor of political science at the University of Michigan, notes that although Soviet Jews enjoy more cultural and religious freedom than at any time since 1948, they also perceive themselves to be more vulner-

able to anti-Semitism than at any time since Stalin launched his openly anti-Semitic campaigns over 40 years ago.

This time, ironically, they see anti-Semitism coming mainly from the grass roots and are afraid the government can't curb it even if it were committed to doing so.

The paradox of greater freedom of expression combined with greater fear is rooted in the very nature of Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev's reforms, Gitelman says in the study.

"While some inside the Soviet Union are exhilarated by the new freedom and opportunities they have found, others are deeply troubled by what they view as a tendency toward anarchy, a loss of collective purpose and social order," he said.

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