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Excited preschool children get a sneak preview of "their" playground. Suzanne Fakas, assistant is at far left; Laura Greenlee, teacher is at right.

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## Hundreds of Volunteers Build J.C.C. Playground



Volunteer Francia Isakoff sits on top of Mount Sinai.

By **KAREN MOSS**  
*Special To The Jewish Voice*

**This playground is an important investment...It's like planting a tree for future generations.**

On the warm and sunny Sunday morning following Labor Day, Anita Sobel stood on a line forming outside the side entrance to Delaware's Jewish Community Center on Garden of Eden Road in Talleyville. As the line moved forward, she wondered what her assignment would be. Later on that day, hundreds of other individuals would cue up in the same line, but it was not yet 9 a.m., so she quickly advanced to the front of the line. Her husband, Ed, was already at work in the sliding board area when Anita received her assignment: the tire swings. After briefly surveying the complicated blueprints taped to the con-

crete wall of the JCC, she, too, went in search of her designated task.

The Sobels were part of a tremendous community effort to build a Judaic-theme playground spanning more than two acres and specifically geared toward preschoolers, for the JCC's Children's Center. The ambitious undertaking, 15 months in the making, came to fruition earlier this month when over 400 volunteers gathered at the site for an intensive four-day building marathon, September 9-10

and September 12-13.

This is no ordinary playground. A tour of the grounds is akin to a stroll through Jewish history. Nestled into the toddler area, directly to the right of the JCC's side entrance, are the Star of David Sandbox, Queen Esther's Palace and the Shushan Train. Just a stone's throw away are Baby Lion of Judah and the Macabee Course. Adjacent to the Fitness Center parking lot one encounters King David's Slingshot

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## PEACE AT HAND

## Rabin and Arafat Shake Hands As Israel and PLO Sign Accord

By DEBORAH KALB

WASHINGTON (JTA)—In a sight that would have been inconceivable just weeks ago, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat shook hands at a White House ceremony commemorating the landmark peace agreement the two sides reached.

President Clinton presided over the historic ceremony on the White House lawn, as Israeli and PLO representatives, long bitter enemies, signed an agreement that would grant limited self-rule to Palestinians, first in the Gaza Strip and West Bank town of Jericho.

Several thousand dignitaries, including American Jewish and Arab leaders, crowded onto the White House lawn amid extra-tight security to witness an event that many com-

pared to the fall of the Berlin Wall or the collapse of the Soviet Union.

In addition to signing the Gaza-Jericho agreement, Israel and the PLO have agreed formally to recognize one another.

Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Mahmoud Abbas, a member of the PLO executive committee, signed the self-rule agreement, as Rabin, Arafat, Clinton, Secretary of State Warren Christopher and Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev looked on.

The signing took place on the same brown wooden table on which the previous landmark Arab-Israeli agreement, the Camp David accord between Israel and Egypt, was signed during the Carter administration.

The crowd, seated for most of the ceremony under bright blue skies, applauded and often stood up as

each of the seven leaders delivered his remarks.

Rabin's comments, which evoked the years of war and terrorism the Israelis have undergone, were somber yet cautiously hopeful.

"We who have fought against you, the Palestinians, we say to you today, in a loud and clear voice: Enough of blood and tears — enough!" the prime minister said to loud applause.

The fact that Rabin had led Israeli forces in the 1967 war made his comments especially noteworthy.

Many of the speakers referred to the difficult tasks ahead, involving such sensitive and critical issues as the future of Jerusalem, a city claimed by both Israelis and Palestinians.

In his remarks, Rabin referred to the city as "the ancient and eternal capital of the Jewish people," a comment that sent a ripple through the

crowd.

The prime minister concluded his remarks with "Oseh Shalom," a Jewish prayer for peace.

His longtime enemy, Arafat, also spoke of the potential for peace in the Middle East.

"We will need more courage and determination to continue the course of building coexistence and peace between us. This is possible, and it will happen with mutual determination," said the PLO leader, sporting his trademark kaffiyeh.

During the ceremony, Arafat extended his hand to Rabin, who responded with a strong handshake, as the crowd applauded and rose to its feet.

In the audience were former Presidents Jimmy Carter and George Bush, Cabinet officials, members of Congress, diplomats and other dignitaries, many of whom were excitedly shaking hands and patting one another on the back before the ceremony began.

The lawn was ringed with TV camera platforms and lights, as the major networks broadcast the historic event live.

During his remarks, which began the ceremony, Clinton spoke of peace for future generations of Israelis and Palestinians.

"For too long, the young of the Middle East have been caught in a web of hatred not of their own making. For too long, they have been taught from the chronicles of war. Now we can give them the chance to know the season of peace," the president said.

Present in the audience, clad in green T-shirts, were several dozen Arab and Israeli youngsters from the Seeds of Peace program, designed to bring the two groups together.

Clinton spoke of the U.S. commitment to the Middle East peace process, which also involves Israeli negotiations with Syria, Lebanon and Jordan.

"I pledge the active support of the United States of America to the difficult work that lies ahead," the president said. "The United States is committed to ensuring that the people who are affected by this agreement will be made more secure by it, and to leading the world in marshaling the resources necessary to implement the difficult details."

Peres, in his remarks, said that "we will convert the bitter triangle of Jordanians, Palestinians and the Israelis into a triangle of political triumph and economic prosperity."

And Abbas said that "peaceful

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## Israel and Jordan Sign Accord Specifying Components of Treaty

By DEBORAH KALB

WASHINGTON (JTA) — In the wake of the historic Israeli-Palestinian accord signed at the White House, Israel and Jordan have taken a major step toward peace by signing an agreement specifying the components of a future treaty.

The signing of the agreement September 14 at the State Department was less high-profile than Monday's Israeli-Palestinian ceremony featuring President Clinton, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat.

But the move is nevertheless significant, because it is the first indication that progress can be made on tracks other than the Israeli-Palestinian one in the bilateral negotiations Israel is conducting here with Jordan, Syria, Lebanon and the Palestinians.

The Israeli-Jordanian agreement is a framework for the two countries to negotiate such issues as security arrangements, arms control, territo-

rial disputes, the refugee problem, water rights and economic cooperation.

Israel and Jordan have long been on the verge of initialing this agreement. The Israeli-Palestinian accord signed on self-rule in the administered territories apparently gave the final push needed to push this agreement through.

The document was initialed by Elyakim Rubinstein, chairman of the Israeli negotiating team with the Jordanians, and Fayez Tarawneh, the Jordanian ambassador to the United States. Secretary of State Warren Christopher presided over the ceremony.

"This really is an extraordinary week for the Middle East peace process," Christopher remarked during the ceremony.

"Yesterday I expressed the hope that we could see progress toward a comprehensive peace settlement between Israel and all of her Arab neighbors. Today we take a very important step toward that very com-

prehensive peace with the initialing of the Israeli-Jordanian substantive agenda," he said.

Rubinstein, who also serves as Israel's cabinet secretary, spoke of the promise of peace in the region.

"The Israeli-Jordanian relationship will continue to constitute a major cornerstone in the great enterprise of peace," he said. "We should vigorously work credibly and reliably to make the dream culminating in a treaty of peace come true."

Tarawneh of Jordan expressed his hopes for the agreement.

"We hope this first step will be translated through the substantive and lengthy negotiations that will follow into an agreement based on comprehensive peace that will positively transform the lives of all people in the area," he said.

Also present at the ceremony were Viktor Posuvaluk from the Russian Foreign Ministry, Eytan Bentsur from the Israeli delegation to the peace talks and Jordanian official Marwan Muasher.

## Polls Show Israelis Support Accord

NEW YORK (JTA) — A solid majority of Israelis support the agreement for Palestinian self-rule and the Israeli-Palestine Liberation Organization mutual recognition pact, according to a survey sponsored by the American Jewish Committee.

The poll, conducted by the Jerusalem-based Guttman Institute for Applied Social Research, indicated that 62 percent of the respondents were in favor of the agreement — which calls for Palestinian self-rule in Gaza and Jericho as a first step toward extending Arab authority throughout the territories — while 38 percent voiced their opposition.

The survey also showed that an overwhelming 81 percent of Israelis support the plan as it applies to Gaza, while only 59 percent supported the provisions of the accord pertaining to Jericho, and only 50

percent backed the plan as it applies to other areas of the West Bank.

The survey, conducted Sept. 7-8, based its results on phone interviews with a national sample of 526 adult Israeli Jews. It has a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percent. It was conducted for the AJCommittee by the Jerusalem-based Guttman Institute for Applied Social Research.

The survey also showed that 71 percent of Israelis support the mutual recognition pact that was reached with the PLO last week. Twenty-nine percent of the Israelis polled opposed the pact.

At the same time, 59 percent of the respondents opposed the establishment of a Palestinian state, while 40 percent favored such a potential development.

"The poll clearly indicates a strong majority of Israelis are in favor of the

Rabin approach to the peace process," said David Harris, executive vice president of the AJCommittee. "At the same time, a significant minority expressed grave doubts.

"It would not be surprising if this mirrored American Jewish reaction as well," said Harris, who said that a similar poll concerning the American Jewish response to the peace accord is now being conducted and that the results should be ready in two weeks.

The poll of Israeli opinion showed that 56 percent of the respondents believed that the self-rule agreement signed Monday in Washington increases the chances for peace with the Arabs; 33 percent felt the accord increases the chances for war.

More negatively, 74 percent believed the agreement would lead to an increase of terrorist activities

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## Delaware's Stuart Young Witnesses Historic Signing

By DAN WEINTRAUB

Editor Of The Jewish Voice

Delaware's Stuart Young was at the right place at the right time. He joined Congressman Mike Castle at the last minute as an impromptu guest of the former Governor at the South Lawn of the White House for the signing of the historic Israeli-PLO Gaza-Jericho First agreement on limited self rule in the territories September 13, 1993. "I felt very fortunate to be there," Young told *The Jewish Voice* this week.

Mr. Stuart Young, who is the husband of Toni Young, The President of The Jewish Federation of Delaware, described the collective feeling about the ceremony on the south lawn as "a lot of excitement in the air and also a sense of something somber. There was a concern of is this going to really happen. There was a sense of disbelief."

Young marvelled that before the Texan found his place in the front of the crowds with the Cabinet and other dignitaries, former Secretary of State Jim Baker arrived through the same gate Young had just walked through. Stuart Young saw Senator Bill Bradley and nearby Senator John Glenn. The former astronaut must have sensed the out-of-this-world quality of the ceremony since the Ohio Senator snapped away with his camera and telescopic lens.

Former Presidential Candidate Jesse Jackson and Former U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young, no relation, could be seen talking to others in attendance. Neither of the two African American leaders who had previously met years ago with PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat were smiling according to Young. *Editor's note: Although in press reports Jackson claims the accord vindicates his early meetings with Arafat some*

analysts suggest that was a very different Arafat and a very different PLO.

Stuart Young said tension persisted on that sunny day in Washington until the time President Bill Clinton "put his hands behind Arafat and (Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak) Rabin for them to make the famous handshake. That was the only time all day I heard cheers although there was applause throughout the ceremony," said Young.

Young described Rabin as somber and serious through most of the South Lawn ceremony. "He kept his hands clasped in front of him nearly the entire ceremony. He didn't smile till the end. He was all business. It seemed he was thinking about all the painful years, the lives lost, the enduring burden of living in fear of terror," Young sympathized.

In contrast "Arafat clapped at all occasions, he had a grin on his face and looked like a school boy attending a play — he was so elated. It was as if Arafat was thinking 'Look at me with all these dignitaries, I'm a statesman, I'm in the U.S., I have reached this point.' It did not seem that Arafat was thinking about situations like the unfortunate 1972 Munich Olympic Games where young Israeli athletes were massacred," noted Young. "I hope his smile reflects his commitment that he is serious about his promises to bring peace to the Middle East," Young said hopefully.

Young credit Clinton for his masterful orchestration and control of the historic signing. Clinton created a sense of unity by gathering Rabin, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, Arafat and PLO Deputy Abbas together as each participant spoke. Young described Clinton as "a mae-

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EDITORIAL

Cautious Optimism Is Built Into The Plan

Most American Jews are solidly behind the Israeli-Palestinian peace process represented by Gaza-Jericho First plan, mutual recognition by Israel and the PLO and a preliminary Israeli-Jordanian agreement.

First of all Rabin and Peres have extraordinary military leadership experience and first hand knowledge of Israel's security concerns. More importantly they each have a yiddishe kup (which literally means Jewish head but as an idiom is used to denote a sharp mind).

Secondly, regional economists have begun to predict a staggering abundance of economic

opportunity as a new era of peace matures. As Arab countries and their sympathizers around the world normalize relations with Israel a peace time economy should flourish throughout the region.

To make this peace work we must do our part to help build a new era of peace. Israel needs our support during their hour of opportunity. We can help by visiting Israel, increasing contributions to The Community Campaign, working to maintain United States' support for Israel and supporting those Arab interests committed to a lasting stable peace with Israel.

Let's not allow caution to down the walls of peace being built in Jericho and Gaza. Let's take steps to ensure our optimism is vindicated in an era of Middle East peace.

Tax Smokes, Not Wine, For Clinton Healthcare Plan

The Clinton health care plan unveiled in his Wednesday night speech to the nation is likely to be modified before passage. Its laudable goal of providing access to health care for all Americans can not be accomplished without adequate plans to pay for it.

Taxes on cigarettes and hard liquor will help raise revenue. If higher prices from sin taxes decrease smoking and drinking then a resulting healthier citizenry's health care will cost less.

While it is justifiable to have the Marlboro Man and Old Grandad Whiskey help pay for a better health care system; it shouldn't come at the expense of Kedem, Manishevitz, Weinstock or Baron Herzog. Wine is of course an important part of Jewish rituals as well as, for example, Catholic rituals. Call or write Senator Roth, Senator Biden and Congressman Castle to resist efforts to tax wine to help pay for the President's health care plan.

Playground Pulls Together Community

The hundreds of volunteers who came together to work on the J.C.C. Playground evidence a building community momentum.

All involved deserve a pat on the back for this inspirational coordination of vision, logistics, enthusiasm and hard work. Way to go!

LETTERS

The following letters were selected from several written to the Jewish Voice from Albert Einstein students. See page 7 for related story.

Rachel Blumenthal Peace

I am happy that there is a peace treaty because I hate to see Israel being picked on. I mean

stine and another country were friend then maybe that country would see that they should make a peace treaty with Israel too. I wish Syria, Jordan, and Lebanon had a treaty too, then there would be no wars includ-

enemies which I hope never happens. But for now I hope peace stay in Israel.

Dear Jewish Voice,

My reaction from what I saw from the peace treaty is happiness because Israel and Palestine are getting along. I hope it worked. Peace is what Israel always wanted. Peace makes me feel happy inside. To Israel, peace means no more wars and no terrorism, surprise bombs. Most important is they're friends and no longer enemies. My real true wish is this treaty will work for everybody, no more killing. You should be thankful for freedom. The treaty signed right before Rosh Hashana gives us a very important lesson to think about during the holiday.



Joelyn Nicol - 4th Grade

Peace by Elana Kaplan

I was very excited when I heard that Israel and the P.L.O. signed a Peace Treaty. It is an opportunity for Israel to live peacefully without being worried about being attacked. This Peace Treaty will bring more peace, happiness, agreement and fewer arguments. This Peace Treaty will lead to signing more Peace Treaties with other countries in the Middle East. Israel will teach the Palestinians how to have a good economy and how to educate their children. I give a lot of thanks to our Secretary of State, Russia, Norway, and to all the people who devoted their time to make the signing of the Peace Treaty possible.



It is good to know that the Palest. Inten. and the Israell. are making peace. I think that they deserve peace. I mean it is stupid to kill people just for land. It is also safer for them because they don't need to worry about bullets zooming over them.

Oron Krathy 4th Grade

BY REACTION TO THE SIGNING OF THE PEACE TREATY I feel good about the peace treaty because peace is a wonderful thing! I am very glad that the Israelis and the Palestinians have peace. I am also very glad that Norway has kindness to help the Israelis and the Palestinians work out their problems. I love peace!

The JEWISH VOICE advertisement containing contact information for Daniel H. Weintraub, Irv Epstein, Judy Wortman, Bob Moyer, Steve Cohen, Celia Gans, Priscilla Siegel, and the Editorial Committee.

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## The Danger to Delaware's Jewish Community in Dupont's Decline

By CELIA GANS

Special To The Jewish Voice

The recently announced DuPont job cuts have brought to an end a 30-year Golden Era for Delaware's Jewish Community.

In the 1960's, DuPont began to employ, for the first time in its corporate history, a significant number of young Jewish professionals - chemists, engineers, accountants, lawyers (the most famous being ex-DuPont President Irving Shapiro). Jews who came to Delaware from many of the nation's top universities, colleges, and post-doctoral programs, from the nation's - in fact, the world's -

largest and most sophisticated urban areas.

What did these newcomers find in 1960's Delaware? Challenge. How did they meet this challenge? With their skills, talents, experiences and energy.

And their numbers increased: DuPont added Jewish professional and non-professional employees through the mid-1980's.

Here's some of what 30 years of DuPonters have contributed: *Jewish Federation of Delaware*: Annual Campaign General Chairmen, Divisional Chairmen, Phone-A-Thon volunteers, general volunteers. *Jewish Community Center*: Fund Raising volunteers, Special Programs

volunteers, Special Events volunteers. *Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, Beth Emeth, Beth Shalom, Temple Beth Emeth*: Congregational officers, Board of Directors members, volunteers. *Kutz Home, Inc.*: Board of Directors officers, members, volunteers. *Albert Einstein Academy*: Board of Directors officers, members, volunteers.

I would assert, however, that the incoming DuPonters' most valuable contribution to Jewish community life has been their wives: well educated, articulate, energetic and experienced religious school teachers, administrators, social workers and psychologists, who have often served as repositories of the community's conscience.

The wives' list of Jewish community contributions and accomplishments include being Board of Directors officers, members and volunteers for all major Jewish service and fund raising organizations (including Women's ORT and Hadassah), synagogues and synagogue Sisterhoods; Directors of Education for and teachers in local religious schools, including synagogues, Albert Einstein, and Gratz Hebrew High School.

Other beneficiaries of DuPont families' efforts include B'nai B'rith, the Jewish War Veterans of Foreign Wars, new programs and services for the Jewish community's physically and mentally challenged, the Holocaust Memorial and Holocaust Remembrance Day committee, and the

resettlement programs for Soviet Jewry.

We, the Delaware Jewish community, salute these DuPont families who have helped build our community. And, we ask, who will replace you? The two-income families in the "billable hours" professions of medicine, law and accounting? New employees from the banking and finance? University of Delaware professional staff? Transitory DuPont high-tech personnel for whom Delaware is just a career ladder step?

According to current DuPont worksite gallows humor, the way to tell an optimist from a pessimist is to see who brings lunch. In view of DuPont's 1993-94 restructuring, it's time to ask important questions about Jewish community resources and Jewish community needs, or we may all find ourselves "Out to Lunch."

## It Is A Mitzvah To Abstain From Shellfish, Even While Continuing To Eat Cheeseburgers

By DENNIS PRAGER

Is it a mitzvah to abstain from shellfish, even while continuing to eat cheeseburgers.

In a previous MOMENT column, (June 1992), I argued that the greatest need in Jewish life is non-Orthodox religiosity; and I wrote that the content of non-Orthodox religiosity is first "a commitment to basic Jewish observance — with the emphasis not so much on how one observes but on whether one observes."

But in order for non-Orthodox Jews to take observance seriously there are some obstacles they must overcome.

One obstacle is the fear of becoming — or even appearing — Orthodox. Many Jews equate observance with Orthodoxy, and for some, Orthodoxy is fraught with negative images.

The way to overcome this obstacle is to recognize you don't have to be Orthodox to observe Jewish laws. You only need to want to take Judaism seriously.

I know from personal experience how widespread the equation of observance with Orthodoxy is. Most Jews, upon learning that I do not broadcast on Shabbat, or that I refrain from non-kosher foods, immediately assume that I am Orthodox.

Unfortunately, this is not a baseless assumption. Too many Conservative and Reform Jews define themselves in negative terms — "We are not Orthodox." Ask them if they

observe any *kashrut* or honor the Shabbat, or build a *sukkah*, or regularly attend synagogue or study Torah, and chances are that they will respond, "I don't have to; I'm not Orthodox."

But non-Orthodox Jews who claim to take Judaism seriously do have to observe Jewish laws; they just do not have to observe Orthodox Jewish law.

How, then, does one observe Jewish law outside of Orthodoxy? Through study and common sense.

The most important common sense guideline is: Never think in terms of all-or-nothing. Religious Jews never hold an all-or-nothing attitude with respect to Judaism's law of ethics, so why hold it with respect to the laws between the Jew and God? Do we say that Jews who give eight percent of their income to *tzedakah* rather than the 10 percent that the Torah requires, do not give *tzedakah*? Of course not.

Yet, when it comes to observance of the laws between the Jew and God, the attitude shifts to all-or-nothing. A *shomer* (observer of) Shabbat is defined as one who does not violate a single one of the 39 Shabbat prohibitions. Violate just one, and you are labeled a *mechalel* (violation of) Shabbat — even though a Jew who gives only eight percent of income is never labeled a *mechalel tzedakah*.

One of the terrible consequences of this attitude is that a small number

of Jews observe every detail of Jewish law while the vast majority of Jews completely ignore Jewish law.

It is time to value partial observance of the laws between the Jew and God just as much as we value partial observance of the laws between people. Every *mitzvah* fulfilled is a *mitzvah*. A Jew who only refrains from eating pork products and shellfish does not keep kosher fully but does keep kosher. This Jew is as worthy of the label "keeps kosher" as the Jew who gives five percent of his or her income to *tzedakah* is worthy of the label "charitable."

A partial *mitzvah* is also a *mitzvah*. It is a *mitzvah* to observe Shabbat all Friday evening, even if Saturday is ignored. It is a *mitzvah* to abstain from shellfish, even while continuing to eat cheeseburgers.

The effect of doing but one *mitzvah* is life-transforming. A Jew who observes no *kashrut* and then abstains from eating just one previously enjoyed food for the sake of doing something Jewish has made a monumental leap.

Another example: Through ideally a Jew will not drive on Shabbat, if he or she does, Shabbat is not necessarily violated; one of its laws, creating sparks from spark plugs, has been violated.

It is destructive to Judaism to label driving a desecration of the Shabbat. After all, if Jews have already desecrated the Shabbat by driving, why should they bother observing any of

the other Shabbat laws?

In keeping with common sense, one who drives on the Shabbat should:

- Minimize it. There is a great difference between driving for 15 minutes and driving for two hours. The difference is one hour and 45 minutes more of fuller observance.

- Drive to Shabbat-related activities. There is a great difference between driving to synagogue or to a Shabbat meal and driving to a shopping mall or a ball game. The first violates a Shabbat prohibition, the second violates Shabbat.

- Observe Shabbat in the car. There is no reason to ignore Shabbat in the car by listening to the car radio. Driving to a Shabbat-related event without the radio or stereo on violates a Shabbat prohibition, but not necessarily the spirit of Shabbat.

To illustrate the importance of the spirit of Shabbat, one need only realize that watching television all of Shabbat is halachically permitted, if, for example, it was turned on before Shabbat. Now, which act more desecrates the Shabbat — the halachically permitted one of watching hours of television, or the halachically forbidden act of driving to a synagogue?

One of the beautiful consequences of the common sense attitude to Jewish law is that it equally challenges Jews of all levels of observance.

First, it challenges the non-observant Jew. Even a Jew who takes Judaism seriously can no longer say, "I don't keep kosher." To such a Jew, we respond, "Given the Jewish ideal of vegetarianism, are you not even prepared to drop a single non-kosher food from your diet?" "And given that the Shabbat is in the Ten Commandments, are you not even prepared to observe Shabbat for a few hours?"

A second consequence is that it

invites far more Jews to consider themselves observant. The Jew who observes *kashrut* only at home, the Jew who eats non-kosher hamburgers but not pork products or shellfish (i.e., Torah-prohibited foods), the Jew who only occasionally eats non-kosher, is a Jew who does not keep kosher fully, but can now be counted among the observant.

A third positive consequence concerns the observant Jewish community. With the adoption of this common sense attitude, observant Jews will have to acknowledge that just as some violations of the laws of ethics do not necessarily mean that a Jew is not religious or observant, so, too, some violations of the laws between humanity and God do not necessarily mean that one is not religious or observant. Occasional violations of *kashrut* or Shabbat no more invalidate a Jew's claim to religiosity than occasional gossip or petty theft such as copying software invalidate the claims to religiosity of a Jew who observes full *kashrut* and Shabbat.

It is ironic and sad that both observant and non-observant Jews have an interest in perpetuating the all-or-nothing attitude to Jewish observance. The fully observant can then declare themselves to be the only Jews who observe Jewish law, and the non-observant can declare themselves off the hook — why bother keeping kosher at all if only fully Orthodox *kashrut* (which includes kosher laundry detergent) counts?

God gave us common sense. We ought to use it — even when relating to God.

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## Message From President Bill Clinton for Yom Kippur 1993

My heartfelt greetings to all who are observing Yom Kippur this year.

While virtually all religions maintain some means by which an individual can seek forgiveness for sins, Judaism distinguishes itself through the celebration of Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. This holy day gives people a chance to make amends for their transgressions and to enter the next year with a clean conscience and a clear purpose.

The Bible teaches us that true repentance comes only from a change of heart that affects our relationships with our families and friends. Yom Kippur is a chance to seek pardon from those whom we have wronged and to ask divine guidance for self-improvement.

Yom Kippur is also significant because it gives people a chance to honor the memories of loved ones no longer living, but still remem-

bered. Above all, Yom Kippur recognizes the need to repair personal relationships — relationships with friends and family, with God, and with those who live on in our memories.

This day, with its ritual of the fast, reminds all of us to reflect on the many ways we can improve ourselves and our relationships with others. My thoughts are with you as you observe this most solemn day.

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## Playground

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and a figure-eight tricycle course known as the Haifa Highway. Clustered together near the tennis courts are Mount Sinai, Noah's Ark and the Dreidel Sandbox. Also incorporated into the playground are a music wall, amphitheater and areas for outdoor art, water play and gardening.

According to Playground Committee co-chairs Amy Leviton and Ellen Hexter, four to five companies were interviewed in May and June of 1992, and Learning Structures, Inc. (LSI) was selected to build the playground envisioned by Children's Center director, Jane Hormadaly, Leviton, Hexter and their committee. LSI, based in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, has designed dozens of playgrounds, including unique Judaic-theme playgrounds for the Cleveland and Baltimore Jewish Community Centers.

The next step involved a playground planning day, held February 4, 1993. Christopher Clews, founder and president of LSI, met with Children's Center staff and administrators as well as parents and interested community members. Most importantly, Clews met with the children to directly involve them in the design process. The children created drawings of their ideas and made suggestions which were incorporated into the final design. After two revisions, the plans were finalized, and the arduous task of recruiting materials, tools, equipment and hundreds of volunteers began in earnest. A core committee, headed by Leviton and Hexter and composed of Robin Rosenfeld, volunteer coordinator; Wendi Weingartner, childcare coordinator; Richard Stat, materials coordinator; Mark Delmerico, tools and equipment coordinator; and Eileen Wallach, food coordinator, fanned out into the community in search of support. This core committee procured all supplies and materials, including 480 cubic yards of mulch, either at cost or as donations. By the time building began, they had garnered financial support from over 70 businesses and individuals, and had enlisted the volunteer assistance of more than 400 people. Major funding came from two families: Leviton and her husband, Michael and Alan and Ellen Levin and family.

"The response from the community as a whole was gratifying; people really came across," said Leviton. In

addition to representatives from all Jewish agencies and synagogues, Children's Center preschool and day care parents, and other concerned Jewish community members, the greater community also turned up in record numbers. Members of the Delaware Army National Guard were joined by over 100 United Way volunteers from the DuPont Company and Wilmington Trust.

A tremendous sense of pride permeated the playground project. "As I was working, I looked around," noted Wendy Shlossman, "and what I saw brought tears to my eyes. I thought, 'This has been a dream of so many people for so long and now it's really happening... Bravo, Jewish volunteers; bravo Jewish community!'"

The excitement truly was contagious. Shlossman's husband, Phil arrived at 7:45 a.m. on Sunday, intending to work for a few hours. Instead, he worked until 7 p.m., then called his partner to tell him he'd be coming in late the next morning. Monday morning he was back at the JCC wielding hammer and screwdriver. And his story is not unique.

Rhonda Schulman, who recruited her entire playgroup to assist with playground construction, spent most of Thursday working on a triangle of tires. When the project was 75 percent finished, Hormadaly pulled her away. Fourteenth-month-old Jonathan's plaintive cries could no

longer be ignored. Shulman left to minister to her son, but returned Monday to spread mulch, assist with childcare and view the completed triangle.

"It's during the last 25 percent that the project really comes together, and I missed that part," said Shulman a bit wistfully. "I felt like Moses, putting in so much but not being allowed to enter the promised land."

Shulman and her husband, Neil Lattin, have young children who will use the new playground. So do the Shlossmans. But Nelly and Alfred Marzouk's daughters will probably never play there. One daughter is in the fourth grade, the other two are in high school. Nonetheless, Nelly spent five hours working on the sites of Noah's Ark. "I care about kids," she said, "and this playground is an important investment. It's like planting a tree for future generations."

Many volunteers couldn't even point to their project. Supervising children, coordinating food service, leveling the ground surface and spreading mulch are hardly glamorous, rewarding jobs. But *esprit de corps* abounded nonetheless. A group of United Way volunteers painstakingly raking the ground to loosen and remove all rocks and stones cheerfully dubbed themselves "the Rock Patrol."

"So many volunteers put in so much work," said Leviton. "We didn't realize how wonderful it would be to have the community come together as a cohesive group," added Committee co-chair, Ellen Hexter. David Sorkin, JCC Executive Director, fully expected this very positive "side effect." He had watched the same thing happen in 1979 when he guided the building of a community playground at a JCC in New Orleans.

"In our fast-paced, technological, fax-oriented world, we don't often have the opportunity to spend the time getting to know each other while working together for a common goal," said Sorkin. "Building this playground has been another major step in developing community."

The playground seems to have generated a good deal of excitement and pride. According to Sorkin, people came back to the site on Tuesday and Wednesday with relatives and cameras in tow. The preschool and day care children monitored progress daily and thanked

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Co-chairpersons, Ellen Hexter and Amy Leviton; Volunteer Coordinator, Robin Rosenfeld; Child Care Coordinator, Wendi Weingartner take a rare break.



## DuPont Announces Cutbacks

By CELIA GANS

Special To The Jewish Voice

On Monday, September 13, 1993, the E.I. duPont de Nemours Company announced a plan to eliminate 4,500 jobs in the United States by mid-1994, with 3,000 targeted for cuts by November 30th of this year; 1,000 jobs will be cut from its base of 19,000 Delaware employees.

By the end of 1994, DuPont will have cut nearly 15,000 jobs in three years, including the 4,500 cuts announced September 13th, the 1,300 job cuts announced May, 1993; and a 1991-92 \$1 billion cost-cutting effort eliminated 9,000 jobs, about 2,400 in Delaware. In 1980, one Delaware worker out of nine was employed by DuPont; after last week's cuts, DuPont will employ less than 5% of Delaware's total 350,000-member work force.

Unlike earlier downsizing programs, this one is not voluntary, and

will not include early retirement incentives. The program will, however, include a separation package: one month's pay for every two years of company service, with a maximum of one year's top salary. Medical and dental benefits, as well as life insurance continues for one year.

(NOTE: The current DuPont-Connecticut General Medical Care Assistance Program becomes the DuPont-Aetna Managed Health Care Program on January 1, 1994 for Delaware Valley employees.)

Career Connections, a computer bulletin board of job openings within the company, and outplacement assistance through DuPont's Career Transition Program is available to departing employees.

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## Noted Historian Coming For Kraft Weekend

By RONA G. FINKELSTEIN

Congregation Beth Shalom Adult Education Committee

Howard M. Sachar, Professor of History at George Washington University, will serve as scholar-in-residence for the Rabbi Jacob Kraft



Memorial Weekend October 15 and 16 at Congregation Beth Shalom.

In his two lectures, Dr. Sachar will focus on the past and present of American Jewry. On Friday evening at 8:15 he will speak on "The Struggle for Political Acceptance: A History of the Use of Political Power by the American Jewish Community." On Saturday at 6 p.m. he will discuss "Where American Jewry Differs; How the American Diaspora Differs from All Other Diasporas." Friday's presentation follows an early Erev Shabbat service at 7:30 p.m. The Saturday lecture is preceded by a Mincha service at 4:30 p.m. and dairy supper (reservations required) at 5:00 p.m.

A renowned scholar in the fields of Modern European, Jewish, and

Middle Eastern history, Dr. Sachar has contributed to many scholarly journals and has written eleven books: *The Course Of Modern Jewish History*, *Aliyah*, *From The Ends Of The Earth*, *The Emergence Of The Middle East*, *Europe Leaves The Middle East*, *A History Of Israel From The Rise Of Zionism To Our Time*, *The Man On The Camel*, *Egypt And Israel*, *Diaspora*, *A History Of Israel Since The Yom Kippur War*, and, most recently, *A History Of The Jews In America*.

Professor Sachar received the Ph.D. degree from Harvard University and holds the Charles E. Smith Chair in History at George Washington University. He has lived in the Middle East for six years, two of them on fellowship, the rest as founder-director of Brandeis University's Jacob Hiatt Institute in Jerusalem. He serves as a consultant and lecturer for many government bodies,

and has been a visiting professor at the Hebrew University and the Tel Aviv University.

## Crossword Puzzled?

Please substitute the following clues for completing *The Jewish Voice* Crossword Puzzle which appeared in our September 10 Rosh Hashanah issue on page 50:

51. **Across** The Center of Islamic Fundamentalism

82. **Across** Pinstriped Diplomat \_\_\_\_\_ Christopher

8. **Down** Israeli Foreign Minister himon \_\_\_\_\_

23. **Down** Played to the \_\_\_\_\_

37. **Down** A Delaware place for Kosher food (if you leave out the letter "Y")

The answer to the corrected puzzle will be in our next issue. If you would like a blank puzzle stop by The Jewish Federation of Delaware office.

## Einstein Students Watch History Unfold On Television

By DAN WEINTRAUB

Editor Of The Jewish Voice

On school playgrounds students learn to shake hands and make-up after a fight; what better lesson is there than the example of adult leaders of warring peoples doing the same? For Rabbi Ellen Bernhardt's students at the Albert Einstein Academy the historic lessons of the Gaza-Jericho First Israeli-PLO peace accord signing September 13, 1993 in Washington were well worth learning.

At the suggestion of Judy Wortman, Executive Vice-President of The Jewish Federation of Delaware a place was found so that the speeches, the signing and (possibly) the handshake could be seen on television. Room 212 at the Holiday Inn on Concord Pike and Garden of Eden Road easily accommodated the Albert Einstein students and teachers, several JFD staff members and a crew from Channel 6 in Philadelphia. As a great diplomatic effort was celebrated at the White House, a small diplomatic gesture was made to change the television station to ABC as not to offend the ABC affiliate's news crew, despite the perception by some of a Peter Jennings' bias against Israel.

Rows of young students facing a television set sat Native American style with their legs crossed. Rabbi Ellen Bernhardt explained the Arab-Israeli conflict to the students that "Up until now they have been at war. They have decided they are going to live in peace. Arabs will rule in the places where they live and Israelis will rule where they live."

Albert Einstein students correctly identified the Prime Minister of Israel as Rabin, when a teacher asked, but they did not know the name of Arafat whose profile had been diminished by years of misplaced alliances and a new breed of terrorists.

A lesson in peace for children was also on the mind of President Bill Clinton as he suggested dedicating the day to the Israeli and Arab children from the 'Seeds of Peace' project who were present on the White House lawn. "Children of Abraham, Isaac and Ishmael, we bid them Shalom, Salaam, Peace," said Clinton.

Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres expressed a hope to "Put aside the arms race and invest in education."



Judy Wortman and Ellen Barnhardt lead Einstein students in song.

Tears welled up in the eyes of some adults in Room 212 given the incredible words and gestures on the screen. Only one student turned to his teacher to say "I'm bored, how long do we have to watch this?" Most other students seemed to appreciate the magnitude of the televised events; even bursting into applause as Rabin and Arafat shook hands. Excited in the presence of someone who works for a television station people, one of the younger students asked the camerawoman from Channel 6 if she filmed "Looney Tunes" cartoons. Later a more serious student gave her thoughts on camera regarding the importance of the day's events to a practiced Action News reporter.

In closing, Wortman and Bernhardt led the children in hopeful song to welcome a new era of peace. The events at the Holiday Inn led one observer to question "who said the resolution will not be televised?" Some of the students wrote down their impressions of the historic Israeli-PLO accord. Several of these letters are reprinted on page \_\_\_ of this issue.



A channel 6 reporters interviews a student on a historic day.



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FEATURE

Children of Conscience



Seated: (Left to right), Noah Wortman, Ari Wasserman. Standing: (Left to right), Mira Wasserman, Shoshana Wortman.

By CELIA GANS

"From generation to generation and from this time forth and forevermore..." we say in our prayers. But what in these waning years of the 20th century, will be "forever more:" the world's geographic, economic, social and political realities boundaries redrawn every night on the evening news. Or it is our Jewish values which will be "forevermore," values taught by example, values handed down from parents to their children.

The Wasserman-Wortman family is moving, as the 100-plus cartons of books stacked in the living room attest, from suburban Philadelphia

(Mt. Airy) to barely suburban Wilmington (Westhaven). And this mid-August evening is one of the last on which all four of the family's children will be "in residence" before their departures for schools and colleges from Connecticut to Long Island. One after another, from eldest to youngest, each sat on the living room couch in the sea of cartons and talked about being a volunteer, their common bond with the institutions and values of Judaism.

From an Akiba Hebrew Academy Service Project in child care (which led to a paid summer job), to an Entitlement Clinic on Manhattan's Upper West Side, to the Aged training program on Israel's Jordan/Jerusalem border, Mira Wasserman, 22, says "Volunteering is my obligation. It is a tax to be paid to the community in which I live."

When you are a child, Mira explains, your primary obligation is to your parents; when you become an adult, your primary obligation is to your spouse and family. But as a teenager and young adult, you need to explore your own obligation to your community and the world. "When I went to college, I missed being part of a community with different ages and different experiences, so I became involved with **Impact**, a student group which trained us in advocacy and social work, and then placed us where we were most needed."

Just seeing homelessness in her Barnard College neighborhood, says Mira, reinforced her commitment to the Entitlement Clinic in which she has worked for three of her four college years. As a counselor, Mira helps clients — predominantly single men from teenagers to senior citizens — use city, state and federal funds to find employment and housing, and cope health-related problems such as HIV/AIDS. The work is demanding, she admits, but rewarding, and will not cease because of her May, 1993 graduation with a B.A. in American Studies. In the fall, Mira returns to her clinic as an employee, while completing the Jewish Theological Seminary portion of her double program with a B.A. in Hebrew Literature. She is considering rabbinical school.

During her junior year in Israel, Mira volunteered in the workshop/store of Lifeline for the Aged, a program founded in 1964 for Sephardic immigrants (now serving Russian immigrants) which trains older people and the younger handicapped to do craft and art work, such as book binding. She also tutored Ethiopian youngsters, and worked in Project Renewal in the Lod-Ramallah area.

In today's economic climate, being a volunteer is a privilege, a challenge and an opportunity, says Mira. "With many people struggling financially, I was lucky to be able to divide my time between my studies and part-volunteer, part-paid employment. Volunteering gave me an opportunity to participate above the entry job level, and to become of our family's commitment to making the world better."

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FEATURE

Children

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For one member of the family, this commitment is not only to all humankind, but to all of the animal kingdom. Ari Wasserman, 19, a rising sophomore and biology major at State University of New York-Stoneybrook, is focused on helping the animals of the world. After two summers as a volunteer at the Mt. Airy Animal Hospital, Ari (then age 16) tried a summer job at California Smoothie. That lasted two weeks.

In 1991, as a senior from a conventional Long Island high school, he visited the Academy of Natural Sciences at 19th and Ben Franklin Parkway, where he met staff member Riva Brown, wife of ecologist and Wilmington native David Brown. From this visit evolved his 1993 summer volunteer job at the *Outside-In* children's nature portion of the academy. Included in these exhibits on life in the woods, streams and forests of the area are live animals in their recreated habitats. Ari helps care for the animals, displays and talks about them with visitors, and answers their questions.

Part of *Outside-In* job, says Ari, is to help educate people about their fears and phobias involving animals, often based on old wives' tales, not facts. That's why, he says, "I don't like those 'pet stones,' they don't teach people anything about real pets. You need to learn about an animal before you get one. It's unfair and cruel to punish and mistreat an animal because you don't know anything about its normal behavior."

Ari is a Hillel participant at SUNY-Stoneybrook and a member of the Pre-Veterinarian Club, whose members volunteer with the local Humane Society, study the relationships between animals and people as it relates to the health and well being of both, and learn through presentations from practicing vets about the business aspects their chosen profession. He plans to attend the Cornell University School of Veterinary Medicine.

It is the care of the human body which interests Noah Wortman, 18, who plans to become a doctor. The editor of his high school's literary magazine (and its co-business editor and financial underwriting fundraiser), a four year member of his school's singles and doubles tennis team, he attended both a private college pre-

U.D. Teen Connection At Beth El

Teen Connection is for all Jewish 7th and 8th graders who want to enjoy social, athletic, and cultural activities with their peers. The program is part of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization (BBYO). The programs are planned specifically for this age group and supervised by Jen Prybutok and Joan Ellis. There will be a Parents' meeting on Sunday, October 3 at 10:45 a.m. at the Temple followed by a Pizza party and program for the teens. Call 366-8330.

paratory school and **Makom**, a community Hebrew high school in New Haven, Connecticut. From kindergarten through Grade 8, he attended a Solomon Schechter day school.

Noah spent his high school summers as a volunteer at the National Museum of Jewish History in Independence Hall, the Philadelphia Convention and Visitors Bureau (gathering information for a Guide to Jewish Philadelphia), and two summers as both a volunteer and paid employee at the JCRC. Following his May 1993 high school graduation, he volunteered at the Israeli Consulate in downtown Philadelphia for 6 weeks.

Then, he says, he began to be concerned about money for college. For the remainder of the summer, he worked as a waiter at a *glatt kosher* restaurant where he met "people from all walks of life, including the Thomas Jefferson University and Hospital staff. It was truly a different experience from any of my previous jobs."

In September, Noah entered the joint Columbia-Jewish Theological Seminary program in New York City, where he will be a Columbia pre-med student and a JTS philosophy major. An observant Jew, he will live in the program's dormitory.

Although Shoshana Wortman, 14, had baby sitting and tutoring experience, this was the summer of her first real volunteer job — as a Counsel in Training at the Wilmington JCC campsite. In June, says Shonana, "we had orientation and training; how to deal with kids problems, how to deal with problem situations and emergency procedures."

"In July, we worked with the kids. I was a group helper with the 8 and 9 year olds, helping with activities, games, sports, and art projects. I didn't realize I was using skills I learned, but I was," Shoshana comments. "It was gratifying that the JCC kids like you, and are excited when you're around," she says, "I hope to be a JCC Junior Counselor in 1994."

Like her brother Noah, Shoshana will attend **Makom** Hebrew High School in Connecticut in addition to her high school classes and has signed up for the school's community service program. In junior high, she took two years of French and can "even speak a little," and wrote and illustrated a short story as a library project. Though she has had no formal art training, she draws cartoons as a hobby and for gifts. Her favorite subjects are (not because of Ari's influence, she insists) animals.

Mira and Ari Wasserman are the children of Howard Wasserman, Jewish Education Planner Director for UJA Federation New York and Judy Wortman, Vice President of The Jewish Federation of Delaware, Wilmington UJF director.

Noah and Ari are the children of Gwenn Cohen, Administrator of the Jewish Community Center Day Care Program "Yeladim" in New Haven, Connecticut. David Wortman, Director of the Jewish Community Relations Council, Philadelphia.

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## Jewish Family Service Counsels The Unemployed

By **ARNOLD LIEBERMAN**

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Jewish Family Service of DE

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Jewish Family Service also has available professional staff to form and lead support groups, if people want this kind of help. Call Jewish Family Service, 478-9411, to obtain information or to make an appointment.

## Adult Institute for Jewish Studies to Begin

By **DOV SEIDEL**

October 13 is the date of the opening class of the Adult Institute for Jewish Studies. The classes are held at the Jewish Community Center. This is the third year that the institute has been held. Classes are held at both 7:30 and 8:45 p.m. Information on the courses being held and on the details of registration are contained in the advertisement

for the institute, located elsewhere in this issue of The Jewish Voice.

At the center of the community effort has been Arnold Harris, who drew on his experience in Baltimore where, in 1971, he organized ten synagogues and presented a similar institute in which approximately 300 attended. The Baltimore program now has about 2500 participants.

Rabbi Nathan Shore was one who particularly encouraged him to begin a Delaware program. Some felt that the attendance at the first Delaware Institute would be less than 100. In fact, 310 participated. At last year's institute, there were 375 participants. Again, a wide variety of courses are available. A principal facilitator for the institute has been the Jewish Community Center.

## New Links For CJF and HIAS

The Council of Jewish Federations and the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS) have reached an agreement which will provide greater Federation/CJF input into HIAS decision-making while at the same time leading to greater efficiencies in the resettlement of Jewish refugees in the United States.

There are four major provisions of the CJF-HIAS agreement:

Federation representation on the HIAS Executive Committee;

The transfer of the Federal Voluntary Agency Matching Grant program from CJF to HIAS,

together with the shifting of some resettlement staff from CJF to HIAS.

CJF Washington Action Office becomes the central address and point of coordination for both CJF/Federations and HIAS in Washington with regard to refugee policy, grants procurement and related matters;

The continuation of discussions between HIAS and The New York Association for New Americans (NYANA) to determine ways in which these two agencies might achieve greater coordination and cost-effectiveness of their responsibilities.

## Kutz Gala and Raffle

The Auxiliary of The Milton and Hattie Kutz Home will be holding its 25th Annual Gala on Saturday evening, October 2, 1993 in the Gold Ballroom of the Hotel DuPont. Monies raised from the Gala provide extras that The Home could not otherwise afford. This year, for the first time, raffle tickets will be sold. For

a \$25.00 per ticket donation, you will have a chance to win an exquisite pair of bangle bracelets valued at \$1100.00. You need not be present at the Gala to win the raffle. For further information on the Gala or the raffle, please call Ronna Hochman at 764-1362 or call The Kutz Home at 764-7000.

## Art Exhibit by Judith A. Schwab October 4 - November 15

Mrs. Schwab, a well known Delaware artist whose studio is at the Claymont Community Center, will be exhibiting at the Jewish Community Center from October 4 - November 15. Her work has been exhibited nationally and internationally.

Her show at the Center will have many new sculptures and works on paper that she has developed in the past year, called "Schwab's World." Sculptural Relief and Collaborative installations are her specialty.

She has exhibited widely in the Delaware area, and she has been invited to participate in the design and construction of a relief sculpture symbolizing the spirit of freedom and friendship between the United States and Russia. She hopes to show a new body of relief sculptures on behalf of the American Society for Protection of Nature in Israel.

On October 24th from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. there will be a gallery talk and reception for Mrs. Schwab.

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# HEALTH CHECK

## Hadassah Launches Breast Cancer Education Program For October

By **TOBEY R. OLKEN, Esq.**

*Chairman, Public Affairs*  
The following is an excerpt of a statement by Wendy Hirschorn, Director of Hadassah Public Affairs.

It's a sad fact that one of every nine women will develop breast cancer. But the devastating effects of breast cancer can be lessened — and possibly eliminated — with the right type of education. Medical experts agree that early detection is the key to survival.

To underscore this message Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, has created

an ongoing national breast cancer education program called "Hadassah Cares" to be launched during National Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October. The coordinated efforts of Hadassah's 1,500 chapters in the U.S. and Puerto Rico will include letter writing and public awareness campaigns aimed at achieving the necessary state and local funding to promote research into the cause of, optimal treatments, and a cure for breast cancer.

The shower card is available free to any reader who writes to Hadassah's national headquarters, 50 West 58th Street, New York, NY 10019.

## Jewish Family Service and Jewish Community Center to Hold Public Forum On Mammography and Early Detection of Breast Cancer

Spokesperson for National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Susan Ford Bales, daughter of former President Gerald Ford and Mrs. Betty Ford, will moderate a major public forum on the subject of mammography and early detection to be held at the Jewish Community Center in Delaware on Monday, October 11, 1993, at Noon.

As part of the JCC's ongoing Healthwatch Program, the 90 minute forum includes a discussion of the latest medical technology involved in the diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer by a panel of local health professionals and a demonstration of effective breast self examination techniques by a member of the medical staff at Zeneca Inc.

This special program is free of charge and is open to all women in the community. The program, co-sponsored by the Jewish Community Center of Delaware and Jewish Family Service of Delaware, is made

possible through an educational grant from Zeneca Pharmaceuticals Group.

Breast cancer is the most common form of cancer in American women, and its incidence is increasing. The American Cancer Society estimates that one in every eight women will suffer from breast cancer in her lifetime. Experts predict that there will be more than 150,000 new cases of breast cancer in the United States in 1993, and that approximately 46,000 women will succumb to the disease. In Delaware, some 600 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year, and 175 deaths will result from the disease.

The importance of early detection techniques like mammography cannot be emphasized enough for women.

Recent medical reports point out that while the overall five-year survival rate in breast cancer is about 77%, survival increases dramatically to 92% for a woman whose breast

cancer is detected and treated early. Although mammography can detect a small cancer up to two years before it can be felt by a woman or her physician, there is considerable misinformation and confusion about the safety and appropriate scheduling of mammography.

Healthwatch Forum on Mammography will address these issues and will also offer the opportunity to ask questions of the experts. The JCC/JFS program coincides with the National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, which will place a national focus on the importance of mammography through the first ever National Mammography Day on Oct. 19.

Pre-registration is required. Lunch will be served free of charge. To reserve your seat and lunch, call the Jewish Community Center at (302) 478-5660 before Monday, October 4, 1993.

## Relief For 8-Day Old Baby Boys

By **DEBRA NUSSBAUN COHEN**

NEW YORK (JTA) — The hallmark of most every brit milah, or ritual circumcision, is the squalling, 8-day-old baby's red face scrunched up in pain, and his mother being escorted out of the room, unable to bear seeing her new child so uncomfortable.

That familiar scene may soon change, as the bris enters the modern medical age. After generations of giving the baby a few drops of wine to ease the pain, a leading rabbinic authority has approved the use of a topical anesthetic, which has been found to reduce pain in baby boys being circumcised.

A scientific study conducted at the

## Menopause Lecture At October Wilmington Hadassah Meeting

On Monday evening, October 11, at 7:30 p.m., at the J.C.C., Dr. William Dworkin will be the guest speaker talking about "Menopause and Beyond" at The Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah's October meeting.

The program sponsored by a grant from the CIBA-Geigy Corporation's Group called PEAK (Physicians Encouraging Awareness and Knowledge), will address myth vs. reality of menopause.

The program will be presented as a lecture/slide show to help increase a woman's knowledge about a topic that has been shrouded in myth and misconception.

The intent of this program is to increase knowledge which will help women understand the physiology of menopause, its significance, its impact on the body and potential problems to be aware of.

A question and answer period will follow the presentation.

Montreal Children's Hospital by a team of McGill University researchers found that a topical anesthetic cream helped reduce the baby's pain during the circumcision.

According to Rabbi Moshe Tendler,

professor of Jewish medical ethics and professor of biology at Yeshiva University, use of the anesthetic cannot be required of mohelim, those that perform the ritual circumcision, until its effect on more children is studied.

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## Israel Returns Demjanjuk to U.S. and Protest

By CYNTHIA MANN  
JERUSALEM (JTA) — Holocaust survivors and their supporters are decrying an Israeli Supreme Court

decision to allow acquitted Nazi war criminal John Demjanjuk to leave the country. On Sunday, the Supreme Court

lifted the restraining order that has delayed Demjanjuk's deportation, bringing to an end his seven-year legal fight against accusations that he was the notorious Treblinka death camp guard known as "Ivan the Terrible."

The court at the same time rejected appeals by Holocaust survivors and other petitioners that Demjanjuk be tried for other Nazi war crimes.

Demjanjuk's lawyer, Yoram Sheftel, said the retired Cleveland autoworker was waiting for the arrival in Israel of his family, who were expected to escort him back to the United States within days.

Demjanjuk was extradited here from the United States in 1986 to stand trial for war crimes committed as the sadistic gas chamber operator

at Treblinka. He was convicted and sentenced to death in 1988.

But on July 29 of this year, the Israeli Supreme Court overturned the conviction, saying that there was now reasonable doubt that Demjanjuk was the notorious Ivan of Treblinka.

At the same time, the court found that there was compelling evidence that Demjanjuk had served as an SS guard at the Sobibor death camp and the Flossenbürg and Regensburg concentration camps.

It was on these grounds that the petitioners, including Holocaust survivors and the World Jewish Congress, called for a new trial, arguing that Israel had an obligation to see the case through to completion.

With Sunday's ruling, the Supreme Court upheld the recommendation of Attorney General Yosef Harish,

who had argued that a new trial would not be in the interest of the state and that a conviction was uncertain.

The decisions provoked anger and charges that the court had damaged Nazi-hunting efforts worldwide.

"Today is a sad day for Israeli justice, for Israel and the Jewish people," said Efraim Zuroff, director of the Simon Wiesenthal Center's office in Israel and one of the petitioners for a new trial.

Zuroff added that Demjanjuk's release "is a serious blow to efforts to prosecute the perpetrators of the Holocaust."

"It signals an end of active Israeli involvement in efforts to bring Nazi murderers to justice, although much remains to be done," he said.

## Knesset Battle Over Peace Plan May Decide Fate of Labor Regime

At press time it was learned Rabin won Knesset approval by a vote of 61-50

By CYNTHIA MANN and DAVID LANDAU

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's battle to win Knesset approval of the historic accord signed in Washington with the Palestine Liberation Organization last week is being seen as a test of his government's strength and longevity.

Rabin, who has characterized the vote as an expression of confidence in his government, was expected to survive it, albeit by the most slender of majorities.

But it was less clear whether the Labor Party leader would be able to muster a Jewish majority in the vote, which was expected to be held late Wednesday or Thursday, or whether his victory would depend on Arab members of the Knesset.

The Knesset began debating the accord on Palestinian self-rule Tuesday while demonstrators against the peace agreement gathered in the rose garden opposite the Knesset and vowed they would remain there until the vote was cast. Some 2,000 police were on hand to control the crowds.

The debate began with a lengthy and dramatic plea for support by the prime minister, who said the historic opportunity for peace must not be missed after decades of untold bloodshed and suffering.

"On the eve of Yom Kippur 5754, the government of Israel is offering the Jewish people a chance for peace, and perhaps for an end to wars, violence and terror," he said.

Rabin said the plan was a test of the PLO's intentions and would pose little danger to Israel's security.

He also emphasized that the welfare and protection of the roughly 130,000 Jewish residents in the Gaza Strip and West Bank town of Jericho — where the self-rule accord is first to into effect — would remain the responsibility of Israeli security forces.

All 120 members of the Knesset were being allowed to speak before the vote.

One by one, Knesset members against the agreement said the government had no right to gamble on Israel's future with a partner that has been committed to Israel's destruction.

Rabin was particularly eager to win the support of the fervently Orthodox Shas party. If the Sephardic party's six Knesset members vote their approval, the government would have the support of a clear Jewish majority and not have to depend on the Knesset's Arab members.

Rabin was scheduled to meet Wednesday with the spiritual leader of Shas, Rabbi Ovadia Yosef.

When Rabin informed the Knesset that the vote would be considered a

vote of confidence in his government, he formally put Shas on notice that opposing the agreement would spell the end of the party's coalition alliance with Labor and Meretz.

Shas, for its part, has called for a referendum on the peace agreement within six months — but only if all of the opposition parties back that call.

Neither Likud nor Labor exhibited much enthusiasm for the referendum idea.

Responding to this lack of enthusiasm among the two major parties, Shas politicians floated the idea of a referendum at a later stage — perhaps nine months down the road, by which time the Palestinian self-governing council is to be elected and in put in control of all the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

To call a referendum now would be a grave mistake, Peres insisted, adding, "Better a peace based on 61 Knesset members than to lose the chance of peace because of 59 Knesset members."

While Likud and the other opposition parties were sounding the alarm against the accord, opinion polls show public support for the plan has grown to about 60 percent.

The polls indicate that the Israeli public does not believe in the vulnerability of Israel, a point emphasized by the opponents of the accord.

## Women Rabbi's Report Sexual Harrassment

By DEBRA NUSSBAUM COHEN

NEW YORK (JTA) — Women in the rabbinate experience sexual harassment and discrimination so often that they consider these obstacles "part of the job," according to a new

survey.

The study, conducted by the Commission for Women's Equality of the American Jewish Congress, showed that a majority of female rabbis — 73 percent — have been sexually harassed by congregants or other rab-

bis. Fifty-four percent said they had been faced with sexual discrimination.

Yet a majority say they are very happy in their work. Most rate their job satisfaction at 7 or more on a scale of 1 to 10.

## AKSE Welcomes New Leadership

The officers and board of governors of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth wish to announce that the congregation will officially welcome its new leadership, Rabbi Sanford L. Dresin, Cantor Daniel Leeman and Educational Director, Gail Weinberg on

Friday night, October 1st.

The entire community is cordially invited to worship with us at Kabbalat Shabbat services, beginning at 8 p.m., and to join us afterward for an Oneg Shabbat reception in the Sukkah.

From Nancy Campitiello, owner of Cafe Verdi and former owner of Marina's and Trevi Restaurants



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## Craft Show

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# The Jewish Federation of Delaware Annual Report 1992-1993

For the first time in many years, the Jewish Federation of Delaware is pleased to present an Annual Report with highlights of the 1992-93 year and an Honor Roll recognizing those individuals whose generosity benefits the Jewish communities of Delaware, Israel, and the world. We hope you will be excited by the changes that are taking place in our community and inspired to join our efforts. We need the help of the entire Delaware Jewish Community to successfully meet the challenges that face us.



## Mission Statement

**Mission:**

Mobilize the Jewish community to address issues, meet needs and build an agenda for the future.

**Vision:**

Bring Jewish people together into a community coalition, grounded in Jewish teachings and heritage, to strengthen the state of Israel, the global Jewish family and local orga-

nizations in order to further the survival of the Jewish people.

**Goals:**

Foster identification with our Jewish teachings and heritage to inspire an informed and involved community.

Build an agenda for the future with clearly defined priorities.

Take responsibility for raising funds

which will meet mutually agreed upon goals.

Allocate and manage the community's resources based upon the community agenda.

Provide a structure for the Jewish community to interact with the non-Jewish community.

Develop Jewish Leadership.





The **JEWISH VOICE**

As the only Jewish newspaper in the state of Delaware, the Jewish Voice provides local, national and international news to some 3200 recipients. In November 1992, the Jewish Voice received a Silver Award as an outstanding community newspaper from the Council of Jewish Federations. During 1992-93, the Voice introduced a new feature, "Panim El Panim," which highlights people associated with the Federation and its beneficiary agencies. The newspaper also expanded its Community Calendar and increased the use of graphics and cartoons.

In the spring of 1993, Daniel Weintraub became the new editor of the Jewish Voice, replacing Rebecca Falkowski, and Irv Epstein became the new Advertising Manager.

**Jewish Community of Delaware Endowment Fund**

In order to ensure the future of Delaware's Jewish community, many Delawareans have perpetuated their commitment by making a gift to the Endowment Fund. During 1992-93, eight generous donors added \$575,925 to the Jewish Community of Delaware Endowment Fund. Total assets are now \$3,118,699. The following individuals contributed to the Endowment Fund this past year.

- Ernst and Terry Dannemann
- Samuel and Sarah Greenbaum Trust
- Martin and Shelly Mand
- Bernard L. and Ruth B. Siegel
- Estate of Jechobet Roos Gerson
- Estate of Harry and Esther Jacobs
- Estate of Lena Orlick
- Estate of Gertrude Shar

**Women's Division**

Once known as a fundraising unit, Women's Division has developed into a community service and outreach program. The Jewish Women's Coalition, comprised of representatives from every Jewish women's organization, is both a support network for organizational leadership and a planning body for community wide events. Last year, the "Newark Connection" in conjunction with the Women's Coalition sponsored a successful program which explored "Families in the 90's." Women's Division is also responsible for the Newcomers Committee, a coalition of community organizations that welcome newcomers to the community with personal visits and newcomer kits.



**Long Range Planning Campaign 1993**

In September 1990, during Bill Topkis' presidency, the Jewish Federation of Delaware began a long range planning process in order to ensure our Jewish community's future. During the next two years, community leaders developed consensus on the Federation's mission, vision, and goals. In 1992-93, the planning process took another major step forward as the Federation's Priorities Committee, with input from agencies and concerned individuals, developed an instrument for setting community priorities. Leaders of numerous Jewish communal agencies and synagogues participated in the priority setting process. By late fall 1993, the community's first agenda will be in place.



Toni Young leads the JFD Board of Directors through the priority setting process at an all day retreat held in March 1993.

The 1993 COMMUNITY Campaign has been the most successful campaign in recent years. As we go to press, the campaign shows a 19% card-for-card increase. Approximately 2300 people have contributed to the campaign.

During 'Campaign Week '93,' which was actually two weeks, fourteen events attracted over 2000 people. New York Governor Mario Cuomo, Malcolm Honlein, and Ruth Gruber were among the featured speakers. By concentrating cam-

campaign activities in an intense two weeks, we received pledges for nearly \$800,000 in a brief time thereby increasing the excitement and visibility of the campaign.

The campaign year ends on December 31, 1993. If you have not yet contributed to the 1993 COMMUNITY Campaign, please do so before the end of the year. Remember, the only way to ensure that your contributions will benefit all aspects of the Jewish community is to give to the annual Federation COMMUNITY Campaign.

**New Americans**

During 1992-93, the Delaware Jewish community welcomed 31 Jews from the former Soviet Union. Roberta Burman of the Jewish Family Service assisted the New Americans with their resettlement needs, including providing furnished apartments to live in. Linda Vodovis helped New Americans write resumes and pre-

pare for job interviews and found a job for at least one adult in every family. Classes in English as a Second Language, meetings about Jewish Holidays as well as special High Holiday services at Congregation Beth Shalom were also provided for the New Americans. A community wide committee worked on all aspects of the resettlement.

**Operation Exodus**

Since January 1990, some 435,000 immigrants, including 414,000 from the former Soviet Union and 21,000 from Ethiopia, have settled in Israel. The cost of resettling the new olim has already exceeded one billion dollars and has been provided through the international Operation Exodus campaigns.

The Delaware Jewish community has generously supported two such campaigns, Operation Exodus, 1990-92, and Operation Exodus... the Commitment Continues, 1993-95. Delaware has raised over \$1.7 million and is one of the proud communities that is close to meeting the goals assigned to it by UJA.



Operation Exodus funds have brought more than 100,000 Ethiopian and Soviet children to Israel since 1990.

**Jewish Community Relations Committee**

In September 1992, JCRC sponsored the annual Political Forum with Hadassah. Candidates for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Congressman presented their views to a crowd of close to 200 people. Throughout the year, JCRC established and maintained relationships with all Delaware's elected officials. When the Ku Klux Klan in-

creased activities in Newark, the JCRC became a watchdog and an active supporter of the newly formed Unity Coalition, which will combat such hate groups by demonstrating the strength of diversity. Also this past year, JCRC leadership met with University of Delaware officials to discuss concerns about controversial speeches that were delivered at the University.

**Allocations**

In 1992-93, the Jewish Federation of Delaware allocated \$1,238,000 to local, national and overseas agencies. Here in Delaware, funds supported Jewish education, Jewish social services, the resettlement of New Americans from the former Soviet Union, and Federation's activities which include the Jewish Voice, Jewish Community Relations Committee, outreach to Newcomers, Young Leadership Cabinet, and Women's Coalition. Campaign dollars benefit people of all ages from the very young in day care to the frail elderly in nursing homes. Funds were given locally to Albert Einstein Academy, Gratz Hebrew High School, Hillel, the Jewish Community Center, Jewish Family Service, Milton and Hattie Kutz Home, Newark Community, Southern Delaware Community, and two educational programs, Ki Tov and Judaic Workshop.

Overseas money was sent to UJA which funds the Jewish Agency in Israel and the Joint Distribution Committee which provides assistance to Jews in distress throughout the world.

Several national agencies received assistance such as the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS) which has been instrumental for over 50 years with the safe passage of hundreds of thousands of Jewish refugees to the U.S. and most recently, Jews from the former Soviet Union.

**Funds Available for Allocation**

1992 Campaign Achievement:	\$1,234,404
+ Returned 1991-92 Allocations:	131,044
	<u>\$1,365,448</u>
-Uncollectibles	25,000
Net available for allocations	<u>\$1,340,448</u>
<b>LOCAL ALLOCATIONS</b>	
Albert Einstein Academy	39584.
Gratz Hebrew High School	29916.
Hillel	24727.
Jewish Community Center	111457.
Jewish Family Service	28478.
Jewish Federation of DE	303547.
Assistance	982.
Endowment	8976.
JCRC	4615.
Jewish Voice	21364.
Judaic Workshop	638.
Ki Tov	1375.
Local Resettlement	50028.
Milton & Hattie Kutz Home	73650.
Newark Community	4910.
Southern Delaware Community	4910.
Capital Maintenance	116066.
<b>TOTAL LOCAL ALLOCATIONS</b>	<b>\$825,223.</b>
<b>NATIONAL &amp; OVERSEAS ALLOCATIONS</b>	
Council of Jewish Federations (dues)	25875.
Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society	9820.
Jewish Community Center Association	4250.
National Jewish Community Relations Adv.	2750.
National Jewish Community Relations Adv. (dues)	687.
Project Renewal	25033.
United Jewish Appeal	446810.
<b>TOTAL NATIONAL &amp; OVERSEAS ALLOCATIONS</b>	<b>\$515,225.</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1340448.</b>



## Staff Changes

In June 1992, Bob Kerbel resigned as Executive Vice President of the Jewish Federation, a position he had held for nine years. After a six month search, Judy B. Wortman was selected as the new Executive Vice President. Judy, who has worked in Jewish communal agencies for more than twenty years, has a strong background in planning and has outstanding interpersonal skills. Before coming to Delaware in late March, Judy served as Assistant Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Southern New Jersey. Her appointment has been received with great enthusiasm.

Between August 1992 and March 1993, Seth Bloom served as Acting

Executive Vice President of the Federation. Under Seth's excellent leadership, the Federation had a successful year. In June, Seth accepted a new position as a Development Officer in the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia Endowment Corporation.

Lelaine Nemser, former JCRC and Women's Division Director became JFD's Campaign Director August 15.

Connie Kreshtool, Director of the Jewish Community of Delaware Endowment Fund and the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee retired this year after eight years of distinguished service with the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

## Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee

As the atrocities of the Holocaust fade from communal memory, the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee remains committed to teaching the lessons of the Holocaust and telling the stories of its survivors and witnesses.

In November 1992, the committee conducted an extremely successful in-service seminar for Delaware teachers, which attracted more than one hundred and fifty teachers. As a result of the teacher workshops, thou-

sands of students have been introduced to the Holocaust and its relevance to their lives. Members of the committee held discussions with the State Board of Education on the importance of incorporating Holocaust education into the curriculum. The Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee also sponsored the annual Yom HaShoah commemoration at Freedom Plaza and maintained the Holocaust Resource Center housed at the Jewish Community Center.

## Young Leadership Cabinet

This past year, close to 50 young adults from age 23-38, joined the Young Leadership Cabinet. Members participated in one of five committees with a constant emphasis on leadership

development. Highlights of the YLC year include the successful comedy night during Campaign Week '93 and a panel discussion on hate groups. The YLC lived up to its theme of "Our Future is Bright."

## Missions To Israel

Twenty-three Delawareans proudly proclaimed "Here I Am" as they joined the United Jewish Appeal's HINENI Mission to Israel in April 1993. Highlights of the mission included a special visit to Delaware's "twinning" neighborhood of Jesse Cohen in Holon. Mission participants traveled throughout Israel and developed a proud sense of the country and her people. Mission recipients returned to Delaware with a renewed commitment to the Jewish homeland.

Two other Delawareans participated in a mission to the former Soviet Union and flew with 130 new olim to Israel.

In order to encourage more Delawareans to visit Israel, the JFD board voted in June to provide subsidies, which will match UJA subsidies, for mission participants. Experience in Delaware and throughout the Jewish world demonstrates that missions to Israel further the Jewish identity and involvement of Jews living in the Diaspora.

## Our Volunteer Leadership

The Jewish community of Delaware and the Jewish Federation of Delaware are only as strong as the people who compose them. The Federation's strong professional staff works in partnership with a cadre of committed, enthusiastic volunteers. Hundreds of volunteers were involved in the activities described in this annual report and each has enriched our community. At this time we wish to recognize those volunteers who have served as a member of the Board of Directors or as a Committee Chair.

The Jewish Federation of Delaware would not be able to accomplish anything if it were not for a cadre of committed and enthusiastic volunteers giving of themselves on behalf of the Jewish communities of Delaware, Israel, and the world. Quite simply, we are a team — a winning team — that is grateful to all of our players. While we will not individually recognize the hundreds of volunteers on our "team," below is a listing of our "team leaders" who have so capably led us through the past year. To them, and their committees, we wish many, many thanks and a hearty *todah roba*.

**Dr. Cas Anolick**  
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**Lori Barbanel**  
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**Kathy Bloom**  
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1993 COMMUNITY Campaign

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Co-Chairperson, Leadership Gifts Division

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Co-Chairperson, Leadership Gifts Division

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We apologize for any possible inadvertent omissions.

### Jewish Federation of Delaware 1992-93 Board of Directors

Many thanks are also extended to our Board of Directors. Throughout the past year, the members of our Board of Directors have been actively engaged in a wide variety of activity strengthening Jewish life in Delaware, Israel, and the world.

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# Honor Roll



The financial support of thousands of concerned Delawareans to the annual COMMUNITY Campaign enables our community to provide a wide range of services we enjoy. The following Honor Roll lists all contributions made to the 1993 COMMUNITY Campaign

by July 30, 1993.

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**Yiddish With A Heavy Metal Back Beat: The Klezmatics Pound Out A Wacky World Music Sound**

By JOSHUA JAKE LEVINE  
*Special To The Jewish Voice*

Although the Klezmatics aren't the first klezmer band to kick up heels on New York's Lower East Side, they are the first to find themselves on Billboard's top ten selling World Music Albums chart alongside Bob Marley and the Gipsy Kings, with their second album, "Rhythm + Jews" (Flying Fish Records).

Since 1986 the six-member group that touts itself as "The Earth's foremost Yiddish/world beat fusion band" has sold out concert halls in the United States, South America and throughout Europe. Their onstage performances clack languid with wacky and the adjective "caffeinated" is irresistible for most reviewers. Blur your eyes and the black-clad, curly-haired performers tromping about with accordions, clarinets and guitars look like a collective buzzing fly.

The New Yorker: "The Klezmatics blend traditional and modern idioms to produce music that's full of fervor, tension, and mysticism." The Village Voice: "The Klezmatics infuse the twisting, tension-filled tunes from the shtetl with an urban 90's drive."

One thing is for sure: Years of Klezmatics road tours prove that this band hasn't just found a gimmick — they've breathed life into a fading music genre that was born in Eastern European shtetls, took on a big band sound in the 1940s, and is meant to transmute to the culture producing it, like jazz.

"Many of these tunes are religious melodies and folk tunes speeded up to dance," said singer/violinist Alicia Svigals. "They are pumped up synagogue songs, then we put a heavy metal beat behind them." All band members are Jewish and several are associated with the New York Yiddish Institute YIDO. "When you lose a musical genre it's a tragedy," Svigals said. "It's like losing a species."

Clarinetist David Krakauer is a member of the NY Philomusica. He looks like an accountant and weaves onstage like a boxer. Drummer David Licht has worked with Bongwater and Shockabilly. Trumpeter/arranger Frank London has recorded and performed with LL Cool J, David Byrne, They Might Be Giants and Mel Torme. The accordionist, Lorin Sklamberg,

has appeared on "virtually every important new recording of Yiddish song," reads Klezmatics publicity.

However, songs by the Klezmatics are sung in Yiddish — not fishy mutterings but with crisp enunciation, and the music is exuberant. Bleats and honks somehow build to a kind of Beatles/Elton John crescendo and at a recent concert in Brooklyn the audience erupted into frenzied jig as red-faced musicians strained to catch their breaths.

Characterizing their music in contemporary terms? A cinch — Charlie Daniels' "A Devil Went Down to Georgia" meets Looney Toons meets theme from Batman tv show meets background music for when Mossiach comes. "If this were any better it wouldn't be shvitzing!" is one song's refrain. The audience is coaxed to add, "Oy oy oy!"

In the following melody, one loses oneself in the deep trill of the clarinet, regal-sounding harmonies, stirring transitions and feeling of an impending denouement, ending with a clipped shout from Svigals: "Mossiach Comes This Year!"

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While such a performance is stirring to a New York audience, often it is more to those living behind what was recently the Iron Curtain, where the band continually tours.

Svigals: "We played at a concert in Budapest for thousands of people, there are thousands of Jews there starved for Judaism. Afterward, a young man came up to us and said, 'This is the first time in my life I felt good about being Jewish'."

She described another concert held at an abandoned, one-time Jewish village near Krakow, Poland, once called Kahmierzh. Its population was exhausted by the end of WW II. "It is still empty, it's beautiful, but nobody will go there because they think it's bad luck to live there, since a lot of bodies still haven't been determined dead," said Svigals. She said that some of the crowd was non-Jewish, the sons and daughters of Nazis, and that in a movement parallel to the American hippies' empathy with the plight of the American Indians, phill-

Judaism is popular throughout Germany and Poland. "I felt like I was playing for the souls of those who were killed," Svigals said. "We could barely keep ourselves together." The Klezmatics perform Saturday, October 16 at 8 p.m. at The Grand Opera House in Wilmington.

At a free July concert held in the outdoor courtyard of a Brooklyn office complex in the shadow of the Brooklyn Bridge, the band played to a crowd featuring purple-haired punks and grandparents. Businessmen in the crowd could be seen merrily slapping their hands together in melodious time, then covertly scanning the crowd for morose associates. There weren't any.

Following the concert fans of the Klezmatics hovered around bandmembers. 84-year-old Elizabeth Kronberg strode over to Svigals wearing a grin. "Haimish!" she said. Then she looked at bassist Paul Morrissett, who played a white electric bass during the show. "I have a question. That big tooth he plated. I like it, but what kind of instrument is that. Did he invent it?" she asked about the bass.

Oh and yes, the Klezmatics do weddings and bar mitzvahs.

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Also singing the work's glorious melodies, which include "Summertime," "It Ain't Necessarily So," "Bess, You Is My Woman Now" and "I Got Plenty o' Nuttin'": Gregg Baker, Cynthia Clarey, Marietta Simpson and Damon Evans ("The Jeffersons") as Sportin' Life. Nunn, currently preparing Andrew Lloyd Webber's new musical "Sunset Boulevard" for Broadway, is the former artistic director of the Royal Shakespeare Company and director of the hit shows "Nicholas Nickleby," "Cats," and "Les Miserables."

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# Words & Music:

## Profiles of Musical Folks

By STEVE COHEN

This time of year has fewer concerts. As compensation, we have more time to talk with interesting musical personalities.

Peter, Paul & Mary played the Valley Forge Music Fair in September to a packed house, with extra folding chairs placed in the aisles. The reason for their popularity is clear: They sing the old songs that they made famous with voices that are stronger and richer than ever, and they have added new songs that speak to some of today's social problems.

Peter Yarrow, Noel Paul Stuckey and Mary Travers have been per-

forming for thirty years and they've become popular with the children of their original fans. For their finale, they encouraged kids to come up on stage and join in "This Land Is Your Land."

Afterwards, we visited with Peter, who has always seemed to be the most outspoken of the group. Among three social activists, he seems to voice the most cutting edge. He often seems to be the most serious of the group.

This night he was especially happy because of the agreement between Israel and the PLO. Over two years ago he had told us that he was so concerned about Israel's safety that

he felt rapprochement with the Palestinians should be tried. He knows there are risks, but feels that more Israelis would die in future years if there were no change in policy.

Although only Peter is Jewish, all three have sung for and spoken for aid to Soviet Jewry and to Israel.

At the very moment that Peter, Paul & Mary were onstage at Valley Forge, singer-songwriter Tish Hinojosa was playing a set at the Philadelphia Folk Festival in Schwenksville (about a half hour from Valley Forge.)

Hinojosa (pronounced ee-no-HO-sah) has become an overnight sensation after ten years of hard work, many concert tours and five recordings. What caused the breakthrough is her latest album, *Culture Swing*, on Rounder Records. In it, she combines the various musical styles of her cultural roots with heartfelt, non-preachy concern for social issues.

She was born in Texas to Mexican parents, lived in the casual, arty community of Taos for about six years and Nashville for two years. Tish and her sisters have traced the genealogy of their unusual family name, and they've found that it comes from the Jewish community of Castile Leon in Spain, just before the Inquisition. Many of the Jews from Leon converted to escape death, as Tish's forefather apparently did.

Many of the Jews of Leon emigrated to Nueve Leon in northern Mexico, and that's where Tish's father was born. Tish is the youngest of 13 children of a Spanish-speaking Mexican family. She combines this heritage with American country, honky-tonk and folk to create a recognizable new musical sound.

She made records for the Latino market, then had a nationally successful single, "I'll Pull You Through," that was chosen as the Red Cross national theme song for 1986. Her *Homeland* CD for A&M Records received good notices in 1989, but the label dropped her because she wasn't "commercial" enough.

So, on her own, she wrote and produced the recording which Rounder released in 1982, *Culture Swing*. According to Tish, "the title pretty much sums up the arc of the

pendulum of my music. I deal with some Hispanic themes and I also include elements of folk, pop, West-em swing and everything in between."

Now she's on the verge of stardom. You can see her in person at the Cherry Tree in Philadelphia, on Sunday, November 7. And you might want to buy her Rounder CD, or her earlier records that he Watermelon label: *From Tags to Tennessee* or *Aquells Noche*.

Speaking of performers on the verge of stardom, let's talk a bit about the music director of the Delaware Symphony, Stephen Gunzenhauser. Delawareans may not be aware that he is a sought-after guest conductor and recording artist in Europe and Israel.

When he's not in Wilmington this season, he'll be performing in Ireland, Portugal, Switzerland and Tel Aviv. Among other groups, he'll be recording with the Israel Chamber Orchestra. His recordings on the Naxos label are selling world-wide, especially the Dvorak symphonies and overtures that he recorded with the BBC Philharmonic and the Slovak Philharmonic.

Gunzenhauser, 51, grew up in New York City and received degrees from Oberlin and the New England Conservatory of Music. He studied and worked in Germany, and eventually became Assistant Conductor of the Monte Carlo Orchestra under Igor Markewitch in 1968, then the American Symphony Orchestra under Leopold Stokowski in 1969-70.

That's the time when he married, and he deflected the course of his career from world-travelling to teaching and conducting at one institution, Long Island University. Two years later he came to Delaware as Executive Director of the Wilmington Music School. In 1979 he was named conductor of the Delaware Symphony.

Stephen has become an active part of the Delaware Jewish community. For 8 years he was musical director at Congregation Beth Emeth. His wife, Shelly, is now the school nurse at Brookside Elementary School. Their daughter Marisa, 21, is manager of a record store in Santa Barbara, and their daughter Amy, 17, is a professional actress and a student at the Caravel School.

Finally, another multi-talented musician with a similar first name, Stefan Zucker. He is known to some as a radio personality, to some as a musicologist, and to others as a singer. Zucker is one of the few performers who is also a respected scholar, critic and musicologist. (There are some conductors who may claim the same, but no singer that I know of.)

Zucker's name is probably best-known because of his citation in the Guinness Book of World Records as "the world's highest tenor." Here's how that came about.

Zucker, now in his late forties, is the son of a painter and a singer. His mother had a career under her maiden name of Rosina Wolf. Stefan was raised in New York City and then in Switzerland and Italy where his mother was singing. "Stefan, too, studied there, in conservatories and privately.

Stefan and his mother both learned the techniques of 19th-century Italian singing, where the emphasis was

on tone and phrasing and ornamentation rather than on power. He was particularly interested in learning the performance practices of the period from 1820 to 1850. He studied orchestra scores and the writings of old-time musicians.

At NYU between 1968 and 1972, Zucker ran an opera company that gave live performances which tried to faithfully reproduce what he had learned from his research. With grants from NYU and from the City of New York, he and his colleagues gave educational performances of early music for children, community groups and colleges. The head of RCA Victor Records heard Zucker and told him to give up the academic world. Peter Munves told Zucker, "We want you for benevolent exploitation."

The promise of money and fame from RCA Visitor and then from ABC Television lured Zucker away from NYU just before completing his doctoral dissertation. He was billed as "the world's highest tenor" because he did, in fact, sing high F's and high G's above high C. But that notoriety obscured his greater talents. Some people who come to his concerts viewed him as one would view a freak at a carnival.

In the 1980's he began hosting a radio program of discussion and music on WKCR, New York. In 1986 he began publishing a magazine called *Opera Fanatic* which includes gossip alongside erudite dissertations about music history. This magazine has created more controversy, as some critics call it scandalous and disrespectful. I've read several issues and find that it's informative and fun.

Most of Zucker's time these days is spent collecting audio and video recordings that demonstrate the history of music, and selling copies of them to the public. In his typically thorough and scholarly way, he uses the best techniques for enhancing the recordings and copying them. His videotapes of great conductors and singers from the past are more vivid than you would imagine was possible.

They are available by phone from Zucker's Bel Canto Society at 800-347-5056. Also use that number to inquire about the magazine.

Zucker has preserved and published his own performances. I was most anxious to hear the Bel Canto recording of Zucker's own singing.

I have played it over and over and can't help marveling at the beauty of the singing. I had expected screeching or feminine-sounding falsetto. Perhaps not surprisingly, that's not what we hear. After all, how could this music have ever become popular if that was how it sounded? Instead, Zucker sings with a high floating sound that seems to have no top limit. He sings with passion that makes the old tunes by Donizetti and Bellini sound up-to-date and vital.

There's the educational value, of course. But above and beyond that, there's great sensual pleasure and excitement.

Zucker is planning some performances to include historic film and tape plus live singing by himself and his long-time friend, tenor Franco Corelli. Among other locations, he's considering Wilmington's Grand Opera House and/or Philadelphia.

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## Recapturing The Biblical Message of Yom Kippur

By IRVING GREENBERG

NEW YORK (JTA) — In the biblical era, Yom Hakippurim meant more than the Day of Atonement.

On this day, through a series of sacrifices and ritual cleanings, the altar, the sanctuary and the Holy of Holies were purged from the impurities inflicted on them by the behavior of the Israelites (Leviticus 16, v. 14-16, 18-19). What is the meaning of all this?

Holiness is associated with God and God is totally on the side of life. Thus, holiness represents the forces of life. Death is identified with impurity (tumah). No impurity was allowed to come into the Temple.

However, physical decay is not the only problem. Human sin and evil behavior are major sources of impurity. All sinful acts represent a choice favoring death as against life. Unethical acts involve degradation and destruction of life or the undermining of the infrastructure of human dignity on which life rests.

Furthermore, in the Torah's view, every evil act leaves an aftereffect, a residue of pollution that must be cleaned up, or purged.

The sanctuary as the House of God in the midst of the people represents the zone of pure life. But the Divine Presence cannot rest inertly in the midst of the people. It is a magnet, pulling the people toward the side of life.

The reverse is also true. Whenever the people create evil, the force of the sin and the evil (= death) also interacts with the Temple (= the Divine Presence). Evil and death anywhere pollute and desecrate the holy sanctuary. The result "assaults" the Divine Presence.

One might say that every sin and death-creating act "invades" the sanctuary, driving out a bit of Divine Presence. Death and evil must be instantly stopped and purged. Otherwise they build up, choking off the presence of holiness.

If sin and evil are not rolled back, then the moment may come when the balance is tipped decisively to the side of death. The Divine Presence is "driven out" from the sanctuary and from the land. Then Israelite society falls hopelessly into the hands of evil and death.

This is what happened when the forces of Babylon (and Rome) invaded the land and destroyed the God-abandoned Temple. Then the Jewish people were given over into the hands of death and destruction.

The individual's sins — even if unintentional — pollute. But community sins — even those done accidentally — pollute even more. The community is so influential that its evil deeds have a powerful effect on all who participate in the community — and on the holy sanctuary. The pollution generated by community recklessness or negligence pollutes the shrine to the inner altar before the holy of Holies.

The most destructive aftereffect is generated by "peshaim," the evil acts done willfully by the community. Deliberate sin pollutes everyone and

invades the very Holy of Holies, the inner sanctum, the pure fountain of life and goodness which is the Divine Presence at its most intense.

Unless this process is stopped and reversed, this society will become a culture of death within which neither holiness nor life can exist.

Yom Kippur's message must be understood biblically again. There is a tremendous amount of "unintentional" sin in human society. Cheap talk, vulgarity, negative gossip are examples. They hurt others without necessarily or consciously being intended to wound.

Bad driving habits — constant violation of speed limits, reckless macho driving, drunken driving, traveling without seat belts — kill and maim countless others "unintentionally." Overdosing with legitimate medicines, eating unhealthily, bad living habits that break down health, casual abortions (such as using abortion as a birth control method) — are all unintentional victories for death over life.

Once these patterns become standard, they cheapen life and strengthen the forces of death in the society.

Even more deadly are the sins made possible by the whole community's neglect (rather than by intention).

When society no longer cares and people no longer guard each other's property or lives — then criminals prowl streets and no one reports them; gangs dominate whole neighborhoods and no one stands up.

When people look away from the abandoned, the homeless, the poor — then the quality of life is constricted. The Divine Presence is being pushed out.

When the standards of pollution are too loose, when the exploitation of labor is legitimized by greed and neglect, when guns are in constant supply and the society fails to crack down, when tobacco sales go on with few limitations because the economic interests are too great to jeopardize, when sexual standards become casual, promiscuous, exploitative — then the accidents, fires, killings, deaths which follow are unintentional.

But, in truth, they are caused by moral negligence, by reckless endangerment, by leadership failure. Yom Kippur comes to rally the society to purge itself before it becomes the realm of death, the land from which life and the Divine Presence have been driven out.

The most deadly pollution is generated by the peshaim, the willfully evil acts and policies adopted communally and carried out collectively.

The Jewish people experienced the most intense and evil expression of this tendency in the Holocaust. This genocide was not stopped in time, nor were its perpetrators punished, nor did its by standards sufficiently atone. Therefore, the pollution spread.

The Khmer Rouge in Cambodia, Saddam Hussein's assault on the Kurds, the ethnic cleansing policies of the Serbs and some Croats have made evil the national policy.

Such policies involve whole sec-

tions of society in active cruelty. Leadership and followers alike sink into killing, degrading, raping others. These policies attack the Holy of Holies.

Unless repulsed — unless there is full repentance and purging as on Yom Hakippurim — the whole national realm becomes the realm of death. Then the international community must act — or the Divine Presence may be driven from the face of the earth.

The sacred Temple is destroyed but its message speaks today through Torah. We must reverse the spreading miasma of evil and death which pollutes the environment and drags us down toward the culture of death.

The purging cannot be accomplished by the individual alone. But we can start with ourselves and come together as families, as communities, as a nation.

We have a divine promise that it is not too late. If we act, "before God you shall become pure" (Leviticus 16, v. 30). On Yom Kippur, we can be reconciled with God and restored to the fullness of life.

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## SYNOGOGUE LIFE

## Candle Lighting

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## Hadassah Advice For Yom Kippur Fast

JERUSALEM — Experts at the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center have advice for those who fast on Yom Kippur.

According to Dr. Elliot Berry, head of clinical nutrition at the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School, one should take frequent drinks of water throughout the day before the fast begins, and the last meal before the fast should include complex carbohydrates, like macaroni, rice, po-

tatoes and whole-grain bread. When complex carbohydrates are stored in the liver, Dr. Berry explains, water is retained so the body suffers less dehydration during a fast. Dr. Berry also advises against salty or sweet foods and beverages before the fast, since they make one thirsty.

Professor Ya'acov Bar-Tana, head of the schools' Department of Medical Biochemistry, advises against over-eating before a fast. He notes that proteins and fats are absorbed more slowly than sugars, and provide the necessary energy, but it is advisable to include other elements to make a balanced meal: 55 percent complex carbohydrates and sugars, 15 percent proteins and 30 percent fats.

Professor Bar-Tana says that the fast should be broken by drinking — but not carbonated beverages — and eating a slice of bread or dry cake. After an hour, one should sit down to a full meal.

## A Hebrew Marathon

Learn to read Hebrew in a day while standing on one foot! Temple Beth El and the Newark Committee of Jewish Federation are sponsoring a day-long Hebrew course on Sunday, October 24th from 9:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the synagogue.

Rabbi Noah Golinkin, founder of the Hebrew Literacy Campaign, is Rabbi Emeritus of Congregation Beth Shalom in Columbia, MD. He has taught 60,000 Jews to read Hebrew and is still going strong. The text he uses is entitled "While Standing On One Foot," a reference to the great Hillel's challenge to teach the essence of Judaism to someone as he

stood on one foot. He guides his marathon participants through sight recognition of the letters of the Hebrew Aleph-bet culminating in their readiness to learn to read prayerbook Hebrew.

This class is a wonderful opportunity to follow the Shabbat service or to help your children in Religious School!

The fee for community members is \$25.00 which includes snack, lunch, and materials. Call the Temple office at 366-8330 to register. Six follow-up sessions to hone skills taught by Rabbi David Kaplan will be available to all participants.

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## This Is My God

## SUKOS

The following is an excerpt from the Pocket Books edition of "This Is My God" by Herman Wouk.

We are back in the light of the full moon, the moon of the autumnal equinox, the fifteenth of Tishri. Everything that the earth will yield this year lies heaped in the storehouses: the fruit, the grain, the wine, the oil; piles of yellow and green and red, vats brimming purple and gold. The farmers of ancient Israel, like farmers in all lands and times, gather for the autumn thanksgiving.

The full moon sheds its light on every man, woman, and child in Palestine. Nobody is indoors. The law of Moses requires that for seven days and nights all Jews live in huts partially roofed by green boughs, palm branches, or piles of reeds. In these frail structures the families feast, and sing, and visit, and sleep. At the mercy of the weather, they live as their ancestors did in the desert, in the first forty years of independence, before they conquered Canaan.

Sukos is so pre-eminently a gay and rollicking time that its Talmudic name is simply *The Festival*. For a folk settled in a rich farm country, contemplating their heaping harvests, the suko custom may have helped to limit the smugness of prosperity. In the suko under the night sky, wind and rain could at any moment make life dismal. The moon shone through the loose ceiling of boughs, the old warning of the way fortune changes. The stars — the law suggests that the

stars be visible through the roof — may have been reminders that life at its richest is a brief spark in a black mystery. Or so you can interpret the ordinance, if you will. Moses wrote that by dwelling in huts once a year Israel would remember that they had once lived in sukos in the desert, and he went no further.

## A.K.S.E.

## Men's Club

## Fall 1993 Agenda

A.K.S.E. Men's Club meets on the last Sunday of each month September through June. Services are at 9:00 a.m. Brunch follows at 9:30 a.m. We have a guest speaker at each meeting at 10:00 a.m. Come and join us. Mark your calendars now.

Sunday, September 26, 1993 — Carl Smith, Superintendent, Brandywine School District, Topic: School tax referendum

Sunday, October 31, 1993 — Karen Venezky, Councilwoman, New Castle County Council, Topic: Per-

Those who mourn the absence of something like a Christmas tree in our customs have never given the suko a thought, or more likely have not heard of it.

With the dispersion of the Jews to colder climates, the customs surrounding the sukos have changed. There are pious Jews who still sleep in the hut when the weather permits it, but most of them today confine their observance to eating meals and praying there.

In American Jewish life, especially with the rise of suburban communities, Sukos is recovering much of its old charm and excitement. For the harvest-time hut (the archaic word is "tabernacle") is a perfect instrument for delighting and instructing the children. Those who mourn the absence of something like a Christmas tree in our customs have never given the suko a thought, or more likely have not heard of it.

You can construct the hut in your own yard. There are portable ready-made sukos which take most of the work out of the job. What is wanted is nothing more than three or four walls, some slats of wood at the top, and the covering for the roof — branches, boughs, grass, reeds. There has to be room in the suko for a table and chairs. Decorating the suko becomes a pleasant game of improvising patterns with fruits, vegetables, flowers, and anything else that adds

spective on New Castle County

Sunday, November 28, 1993 — Rabbi David Kaplan, Beth El Congregation, Dave Schonbach, Ecology committee, Beth El Congregation, Topic: Ecology in Judaism

Sunday, November 21, 1993 at 7:30 p.m. — A.K.S.E. Men's Club presents Gilbert & Sullivan's "Pirates of Penzance," a musical production to raise money for Delaware Volunteer Legal Services in A.K.S.E. Social Hall

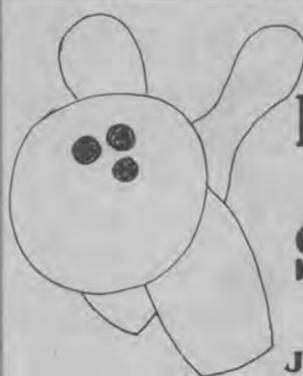
Sunday, December 5, 1993 at 6:00 p.m. — A.K.S.E. Men's Club Dinner and Concert featuring Cindy Goldstein and Linda Vodovis, vocalists, and Bob Weiner and the Razzmatazz Barbershop Comedy Quartet.

color and gaiety. The small children dart in and out of the booth, playing some version of cops-and-robbers, as the children doubtless did in the hills of Judah thirty centuries ago when the suko was going up. Older children help in decorating the suko or they take over the job entirely, and find enormous fun in doing it. The heaps of fruit, flowers, corn, squash dwindle on the table. The bare walls of the suko disappear under living patterns of yellow, scarlet, and green.

Night falls. The family dines by candlelight and moonlight in the open air, in the curious hut filled with harvest fragrance. The old holiday melodies and chants sound strangely new outdoors. Maybe it is so cool that they dine in coats. Maybe the weather holds, and they have an idyllic dinner alfresco, in the scented gloom of the suko. Sometimes it rains, and a half-annoyed half-hilarious scramble indoors ensues. The charm of broken routine, of a new colorful way of doing familiar things, makes Sukos a seven-day picnic — one that is dedicated and charged with symbol, as well as delightful.

In the city, these pleasures of Sukos are hard to come by. Community meals in a hut on the roof or in the yard of a synagogue are the best that many people can manage. Even that much is a vivid reminder of what Sukos can be.

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# SYNOGOGUE LIFE

## DELAWARE AREA SYNAGOGUES

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<p><b>BETH SHOLOM CONGREGATION OF DOVER</b> (Conservative) Affiliation: United Synagogues of America Queen and Clara Sts., Dover 734-5578 Rabbi Moshe Goldblum</p>	<p><b>MACHZIKEY HADAS CONGREGATION</b> (Traditional) B'nai B'rith Building 800 Society Blvd., Claymont 798-6846</p>
<p><b>CONGREGATION BETH EMETH</b> (Reform) Affiliation: Union of American Hebrew Congregations 300 Lea Blvd., Wilmington 764-2393 Rabbi Peter Grumbacher Assistant Rabbi Laurence Malingier</p>	<p><b>TEMPLE BETH EL</b> (Reconstructionist) Affiliation: Federation of Reconstructionist Congregations &amp; Havurot 301 Possum Park Road, Newark 366-8330 Rabbi David Kaplan</p>
	<p><b>KESHER ISRAEL</b> (Conservative-Tradition) Affiliation: United Synagogues of America 1000 Pottstown Pike, West Chester, PA (215) 696-7210 Rabbi Mac Portal</p>

## Temple Beth El Men's Club October Breakfast

Temple Beth El's Men's Club's next breakfast is Sunday, October 17, 1993 at 9:30 a.m. Mr. Al Erlich, Managing Director of the Jewish exponent of Philadelphia, is the guest speaker. He will be discussing contemporary developments affecting Israel and the United States as the Clinton administration unfolds its policies and strategies.

New members for the 1993-94 year will be guests of the men's club, and the community is welcome.

Bagels and lox will be served. Temple Beth El is located at 301 Possum Park Road in Newark, 366-8330.

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The Discovery Group, for three and four year olds, also meets once per month on Sunday mornings. This preschool experience is an introduction to our holidays and customs and ceremonies with arts and crafts, stories, songs, and dance. It is taught by Rabbi David Kaplan and teacher Ilene Gallager. The next Discovery Group is Sunday, October 10. Call 366-8330.

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JERUSALEM — An ultra-Orthodox Jew inspects a citron fruit, or "etrog," with the help of a small magnifying glass as he shops for it for the holiday of "Succot." CREDIT:RNS PHOTO/Reuters

## Dr. Shirley Fischer-Drowes Receives National Award

Dr. Shirley G. Fischer-Drowos of the Northern Seaboard Region (Wilmington Chapter) has been named a recipient of the Seventh Annual Hadassah National Leadership Award. The award was announced by Hadassah National President Deborah Kaplan at Hadassah's 79th Annual Convention recently held in Los Angeles. This award honors members whose leadership accomplishments within Hadassah and other civic, educational and cultural organizations reflect Hadassah's dedication to the principles of the volunteer ethic. Award recipients are selected by their peers within the chapter, and represent a wide range of

age groups and achievements.

"The source of Hadassah's strength lies in leaders who are empowered with the motivation and skill to effect positive change," said Kaplan. "It is a privilege to present the Hadassah National Leadership Award to Dr. Fischer-Drowos in recognition of her extraordinary contribution to her community."

Shirley exemplifies the best qualities of today's Hadassah woman," said Ruth Goodman, the Chapter's immediate past president. "We all share a sense of pride for the tribute bestowed upon her." Her sentiments were echoed by the Chapter's current co-presidents, Dina Lipschultz and Lois Chalawsky.

Shirley, a Life Member of Hadassah, is currently the Vice-President for Programming for the local Chapter. She is also a Vice-President on the Board of Directors for Albert Einstein Academy and is a member of both ORT and the National Council for Jewish Women. Shirley has also been active with the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Committee and has served as a past chair for the community-wide Yom Hashoah observance program. She has served on both the executive and school boards and several committees at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth as well as the Early Childhood Committee for the JCC. In addition, she has worked on the Trailblazer Committee which acknowledges outstanding women in our community.

Married to Stuart Drowos and the mother of four children, Shirley holds a doctorate in chemistry from the University of Illinois and currently works as a consultant. She is also a member of several professional, civic and honor societies.

With 1,500 chapters in the U.S. and Puerto Rico, Hadassah is the largest and oldest American Zionist women's organization in the world and this year celebrates 81 years of continuous service rooted in health care, education, child rescue, and rehabilitation.



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## BRIEFS

### Pro-Israel PLO Leader In Gaza Gunned Down by Hard Line Forces

By GIL SEDAN

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israeli analysts fear the murder of a leading Palestine Liberation Organization official in the Gaza Strip this week may signal the start of a spate of intra-Palestinian strife, touched off by the historic Israeli-PLO accord signed in Washington last week.

Mohammed Abu Shaaban, a lawyer and local leader of Yasser Arafat's Al Fatah faction of the PLO, was shot and killed by unidentified gunmen Tuesday while driving through Gaza City following a speech he made at a rally to support the accord on Palestinian self-rule.

Shaaban's family and sources within Fatah said he had been killed as a result of an internal power struggle with Fatah, and Israeli analysts offered a similar appraisal.

Shaaban, 36, had been known for years as a strong supporter of maintaining dialogue with Israel, and he recently played an important role in the negotiations that led to the historic agreement with Israel.

The accord has met with some stiff Palestinian opposition, not only from the rejectionist Hamas movement, but also from radical elements within Fatah, the largest and most moderate faction of the PLO.

Arafat had secured only a narrow majority of support from the PLO's executive committee before the agreement was signed last week in Washington.

### Israelis Identify Imprisoned Spy From Old USSR

By HUGH ORGEL

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The veil of secrecy has been lifted on an Israeli spy already serving a prison term for spying for the former Soviet Union.

The Tel Aviv District Court announced that Samuel Machtay, 46, a former Israeli Aircraft Industries engineer, had been sentenced to seven years in prison in May 1991 on espionage charges.

Machtay, his wife and daughter had immigrated to Israel from the Soviet Union in 1980, but returned and stayed in Russia for eight years.

During that time, he was recruited by the KGB. He returned to Israel in 1990.

He was employed at IAI until his arrest, and was convicted of passing information about IAI installations and operations.

Publication of the incident was forbidden until this week "for reasons of state security," according to the court.

In recent months, news of a number of similar "in camera," or closed session, espionage trials have been released in a restricted manner.

Two weeks ago, the Tel Aviv District Court sentenced a colonel in the Israeli reserves, Shimon Levinson, to 12 years in prison for engaging in "serious espionage" on behalf of the former Soviet Union.

No details of the trial or charges against Levinson had been allowed to be published, but it was known that he left the Israel Defense Force in 1983 and that he was reportedly embittered at being passed over for promotion.

### Egyptian Academics In Tel Aviv

By American Friends of Tel Aviv University

A delegation of Hebrew Professors from the Universities of Cairo and Ein Shams in Egypt arrived in Israel for a seven day visit. It is the first time that the Egyptian Government allowed an official delegation of academics to visit Israel, said Prof. Emanuel Marx, of Tel Aviv University's Sociology Department, who heads the Israeli-Egyptian Academic Center in Cairo.

The delegation, which visited Tel Aviv University, is headed by Ambassador Dr. Ahmad al-Masiri, Head of the Department for Cultural Relations at the Foreign Ministry. Other delegation members who teach Hebrew literature and language are prof. Abd el-Rahman Auf and Prof. Abd el-Samd Zu'eima of Cairo University and Dr. Muhammad Hawari and Dr. Abdallah Ramzi of Ein Shams.

During their stay in Israel, the delegation members visited kibbutzim and Israeli universities.

### Tchotchkes In Clinton's Office

WASHINGTON (PNR) — Another Yiddish word appears to be making its way into the American vocabulary. It surfaced into print in The Washington Post (Sept. 3) when it reported that President Clinton's sofa table in his redecorated Oval Office in the White House is jammed with "presidential tchotchkes" among books and newsmagazines.

Tchotchkes is the plural for souvenirs, playthings and other small items pleasing to the owner. On the sofa table are scissors from a ribbon cutting, a clay paperweight that spells DAD, and a miniature version of the Clinton-Gore campaign bus.

Yiddish words recently sprouting in the language are maven (expert), shlepp (drag) and chutzpah (gall).

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

## SEPTEMBER

Monday 27

The YJAD will view and discuss the movie *School Ties* at the JCC. Refreshments will be served. Call Mark Ross at (302) 737-8204 or Carol Einhorn at (215) 583-2241.

## OCTOBER

Monday 4

An exhibit of work by Judith Schwab. Oct. 4 through November 15, 1993. (Other exhibits to be confirmed).

Tuesday 19

Jewish Great Books Discussion Group, third Tuesday of every month at the J.C.C., 7:30-9:00 p.m. Mr. Mani, A. Yehoshuah.

Sunday 24

Gallery talk by Judith Schwab and reception, 2:00 - 4:30 p.m.

## NOVEMBER

Thursday 11

Howard Shack, author of *A Spy in Canaan: My Life as a Jewish American Businessman Spying for Israel in Arab Lands*. 7:30 p.m.

Saturday 13

Israeli Film *Cup Final*. 7:30-8:00 p.m.

November 14

A theatre production. *Guarding the Garden*. 2:00 p.m.

Reception for Patrons and Sponsors. 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Book and Gift Sales. Through December 5, 1993.

Tuesday 16

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

An exhibit of work by Rebecca Shore and Menachem Boas. Through December 31, 1993.

Thursday 18

Trudi Alexi, author of *The Mezuzah in the Madonna's Foot*. 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday 30

Howard Teicher and Gayle Radley Teicher, authors of *Twin Pillars to Desert Storm: America's Flawed Vision in the Middle East from Nixon to Bush*.

## DECEMBER

Sunday 5

Craft Market (Juried Show)

Tuesday 21

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

*Man Who Thought He Was Messiah*, C. Leviant.

**JANUARY 1994**

Tuesday 18

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

**FEBRUARY**

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Tuesday 15

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

**MARCH 1994**

Tuesday 15

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

**APRIL 1994**

Tuesday 19

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

**MAY 1994**

Tuesday 19

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

**Ongoing**

**Lower East Side Tenement Museum**, 97 Orchard Street, New York City, walking tours include *Peddler's Pack: A Jewish Heritage Tour*. Chartered in 1988, the Tenement Museum seeks to promote tolerance and historical perspective through the presentation and interpretation of immigrant experiences on Man-

hattan's Lower East Side, a gateway to America. For dates and times call 212-431-0233.

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

**Young Jewish Adults of Delaware** coed Volleyball on Wednesdays in the Wilmington Jewish Community Center gym beginning at 6 p.m. Games are non-competitive. Admission is \$1 for JCC members, \$2 for non-members. Call Mike Schenk for more information: (215) 558-3781.

**Jewish Community Center of Wilmington Art Gallery** - Art Exhibition in Observance of Yom Hashoah. The Gallery will feature an art contest by students of the Philadelphia High School for Creative and Performing Arts. Contest is sponsored by the Auerback Central Agency for Jewish Education, the Memorial Committee for the Six Million Jewish Martyrs and Gratz College. For more information, contact Sharon Richman at 478-5660.

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

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



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## 1993 Jewish Cultural Arts Festival at the J.C.C.

10/4/93 - 11/15/93 — An exhibit of work by Judith Schwab. (Other exhibits to be confirmed).

10/24/93 — 2-4:30 p.m. — Gallery talk by Judith Schwab and reception.

11/11/93 — 7:30 p.m. — Howard Shack, author of *A Spy in Canaan: My Life as a Jewish American Businessman Spying for Israel in Arab Lands*.

11/13/93 — 7:30 p.m.-8 p.m. — *Cup Final* — an Israeli Film.

11/14/93 — 2 p.m. — *Guarding the Garden* — A theatre production.

11/14/93 — 4 p.m.-6 p.m. — Reception for Patrons and Sponsors.

11/14/93 - 12/5/93 — Book and Gift Sales.

11/6/93-12/31/93 — An exhibit of work by Rebecca Shore and Menachem Boas.

11/18/93 — 7:30 p.m. — Trudi Alexi, author of *The Mezuzah in the Madonna's Foot*.

## Newark Panel Discussion of Mid East Change

The recently signed peace treaty between Israel and the Palestinians has created a whole new ball game in the Middle East. What are the implications of this treaty for Israel and how will it affect the daily lives of Israelis? To consider these and other questions, Newark Hadassah is sponsoring a panel discussion entitled "Understanding the Changing Face of the Middle East" on October 4, at Temple Beth-El, Newark, Del. at 8:00 p.m.

The panel, which will include Professor Vivian Klaff, a demographer in the Sociology Dept. of the University of Delaware, Professor Richard Venezky, College of Education, and area resident Rina Marks, will be moderated by Prof. Marian Palley, Department of Political Science.

Refreshments will be served following the program.

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**Garage Sale**

The Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah has planned a garage sale to be held on Sunday, October 10, 1993 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. The sale will be held at the home of Carrie Littman, 3210 Drexel Drive, Wilmington.

Please call Carrie for either a donation of items for the garage sale or information. Phone 478-8330.

**Party For 30-50's**

Sat., Oct. 9: P\*H\*A\*S\*E 2 (Jewish Singles 30's, 40's, 50's) House Party & Dinner 7:30 p.m. Bring something to eat or drink. Members, \$3; Non-Members, \$8 (includes membership). RSVP: Barbara, 475-3376 or Charen, 791-9116.

**Support**

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against Israel by Arab rejectionist groups. Twenty-six percent felt the accord would lead to a decrease of such activities.

The poll recorded the largest majorities on the status of the Golan Heights and Jerusalem.

**Stuart Young**

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stro conductor" who "brought stature to the occasion." Young appreciated Clinton's risky gesture to step back and urge Rabin to meet Arafat's outstretched hand. He described the relatively young world leader Clinton's red-faced expression after his suc-

**Israel and PLO**

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Both Arafat and Abbas spoke in Arabic with interpreters, while the other leaders spoke in English. Also speaking were Christopher and Kozyrev. The Russians have served, along with the Americans, as co-sponsors of the peace process. Many thanks were offered to the Norwegian government, which sponsored the secret talks between Israelis and Palestinians that led to the breakthrough.

Jewish organizational leaders attending the ceremony voiced cautious optimism about the agreement. "There is a sense of great excitement, tempered by the sobering actions of terrorism in the region yesterday," said Lester Pollack, chairman of the Conference of Presidents

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**Playground**

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every volunteer they could find. Sylvia Wagman reports having a difficult time explaining to her two-year-old that a bright orange vinyl fence preventing access to the playground meant that he was not yet allowed to play there. Although Jeffrey is raring to go, asphalt work still remains to be done. Everything will be in place by

the grand opening on September 26, from 1 to 3 p.m. Pointing past the temporary fence, the red-headed preschooler announced loudly, "Playground. Mommy and Daddy built."

Karen Moss is a former Editor of *The Jewish Voice*.



**Daycare and Preschool Dads Dig a trench for a tire.**

**Henry Joins Home**

Margaret R. Henry has joined Ingleside Homes, Inc., as director of Ingleside Retirement Apartments, an independent living facility for older adults.

Henry comes to Ingleside Homes from Delaware Guidance Services, where she served as executive director since 1988. In her new position, Henry will oversee daily operations of the 15-story, 208-unit high rise. She will also be responsible for long-range planning, financial development, compliance with government regulations, and community relations.

A native Louisianan, Henry has lived in Wilmington for the past 23 years.

Heights and Jerusalem.

Among the respondents, 87 percent were unwilling to return any part of the Golan or voiced a readiness to return only a small part of it to Syria. Twelve percent were willing to return

all or most of the Golan.

Regarding Jerusalem, 88 percent of the respondents said Israel should not agree to any compromise with the Palestinians, while 11 percent favored some sort of compromise.

Young opined that, "If you want this (Middle East peace) to succeed you have to believe the statements made for peace. The Israeli's and Palestinians have to believe it to have prosperity. This is a great opportunity for two people to work together and build a peace which would make a great statement to the world."

Young opined that, "If you want

for the accord to work, said United Jewish Appeal President Marvin Lender.

of Major American Jewish Organizations.

Rabbi Marvin Hier, dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, described Monday's event as "the engagement party. Everyone showed up, but whether the two people are compatible to live together depends on what happens now in Jericho and Gaza.

"The event today was strong enough," he said, that the situation will "never be able to go back to politics as usual in the Middle East."

"The agreement is based on trust. While one has to feel good about this start, it is only a beginning, and now the difficult work will begin," said Dan Mariaschin, director of international, governmental and Israel affairs for B'nai B'rith.

"There must be trust on both sides"

for the accord to work, said United Jewish Appeal President Marvin Lender.

"This is peace, change and a sign of the times," said Alan Tichnor, president of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. "It has to be done."

Across the street from the White House, in Lafayette Park, a large crowd of demonstrators, many of them members of the Chabad movement of Lubavitcher Hasidim, voiced their displeasure with the peace agreement.

One of those leading the protest, Rabbi Avi Weiss of New York, accused Rabin of breaking promises and of having "no mandate from the people."

Arab protesters demonstrated down the block.

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Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, is the most solemn of Jewish feast. Enjoined in the Bible, where it is described as a "Sabbath of Solemn Rest," it marks the culmination of the Ten Day Penitence which begins on Rosh Hashanah. Work as well as eating and drinking are strictly forbidden on Yom Kippur, which is spent in the synagogue in prayer for forgiveness of sins and reconciliation with both God and fellow human beings. CREDIT:RNS PHOTO 1993

**Delaware's Congressional Delegation Reacts to Historic Israeli-PLO Agreement**

By DAN WEINTRAUB  
Editor Of The Jewish Voice

Senator Bill Roth, R-DE, Senator Joe Biden, D-DE, and Congressman Michael Castle, R-DE, all welcomed the peace agreement between Israel and the PLO which was signed September 13 at The White House on

the South Lawn.

In a written release, Senator Roth stated: "The agreement being signed today by Yitzhak Rabin and Yasser Arafat will undoubtedly change the world as we have known it since 1967. For more than 25 years, the highly volatile situation in the Middle East perpetually threatened to escalate into a broader, more global conflict. The peace agreement is a major step toward bringing this international tension to an end."

In his Weekly Report, Senator Biden reacted to the signing of the peace agreement, he wrote: "I had the privilege of being at the White House for that ceremony, and there are no words to describe or measure the power of what we witnessed. The

**Kitchen Corner**

By DOUG KLEE  
Exclusive To The Jewish Voice

"Our Food, The Kosher Kitchen Updated" by Anita Hirsch is a kosher cookbook with today's standards of health and fitness kept firmly in mind. The book presents many traditional recipes, with minor changes to reduce fat and cholesterol, without reducing flavor or appeal. From appetizers like gefilte fish, blintzes, or kreplach to desserts from rugulah to mandel bread. The clear, easy to

read recipes will fill your kitchen with well remembered aromas. Each recipe is clearly marked pareve, dairy or meat and comes with a nutritional guide for calories, protein, fat, carbohydrates, cholesterol and sodium.

I enjoy seeing what the food should look like before I make the recipe. Alison Miksch did a wonderful job photographing the dishes. I only wish she had shot them all.

My overall favorite section was on bread. Everything from challah to

phrase "to make the world anew" often seems like a challenge well beyond the capacity of humankind to answer, but that is the phrase that came to my mind as peace in the Middle East became more than a vague hope and a desperate prayer. Peace in the Middle East entered our expanded vision as truly possible, as a goal within the world's reach."

Biden also added: "Even recognizing that the challenge of overcoming bitterness, history and hatred has only just begun to be answered, we should enjoy the moment, and mark the day when events turned from an almost complacent acceptance of terror and hatred as the basic facts of life in the Middle East, toward the hopeful pursuit of peace."

Congressman Castle issued the following statement: "Today's historic peace agreement between Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is one that forever will be etched in people's memory throughout the world. I was in Israel two weeks ago and met with Prime Minister Rabin and Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and talked about the possibility of peaceful negotiations between Israel and the PLO. That a peace agreement has actually been crafted after years of open hostility is a testament to each party's commitment to negotiation, accommodation, and tentative but great steps toward an eventual and lasting peace."

Castle also noted, "It is important to remember, however, that today's tremendous event is but a first step

pumpnickle bread was fun and easy. In about an hour and a half I filled my kitchen with memories of going to the bagel shop at dawn with Mom to get fresh, hot bagels for breakfast. It was my best attempt at bagels yet. Okay, they didn't look quite as good as the bagel shop's, but they tasted just as good.

If you keep kosher, or think you want to, this book is a must. If you just want some great food, "Our Food" comes highly recommended.

**Two Jewish Reference Books Worth Looking Up**

By DAN WEINTRAUB  
Editor Of The Jewish Voice

Jason Aronson Inc. recently published two desk reference works which each serve as a unique entry into Judaism. The Jewish Information Source Book A Dictionary and Almanac by Ronald H. Isaacs is a combination "ready reference of terms that are essential to an understanding of the language of Judaism" and a "mini Jewish almanac, which presents some fascinating facts related to Jewish experience, life, culture, and history" according to its preface. The Encyclopedia of Jewish Symbols, a collaboration of Ellen Frankel and Betsy Platkin Teutsch, explains and explores "ceremonial objects and images, personalities, places, concepts, motifs, and events that have come to represent central Jewish ideas," according to its cover.

The concise paperback The Jewish Information Source Book defines everything from Aaron to Zugot. The almanac portion is divided into separate sections concerning Bible,

Rabbinics, Jews in America, Israel and Jewish Life. Although a mere 300 pages this work covers a lot of ground. But it's not the equivalent of a Yeshiva education. Some compromise is evident given the inclusion of a reference to Woody Allen but no mention of Albert Einstein.

Despite a 1993 publication date The Jewish Information Source Book could not anticipate recent events in the Middle East, considering the following entry:

**Arafat, Yassir (1929- )** Leader of the Palestinian Liberation Organization (P.L.O.), a terrorist group whose mission is to destroy the State of Israel.

Ellen Frankel is the Editor-in-Chief of The Jewish Publication Society and author of both The Classic Tales: 4,000 Years of Jewish Lore and Choosing to Be Chosen. Betsy Platkin Teutsch is a nationally known American Jewish artist and calligrapher. Together they have created the 234 page hard cover The Ency-

clopedia of Jewish Symbols, a reference to the people, places and things, animals, vegetables and minerals, objects, designs and ideas, which contribute to Jewish culture.

Since many symbols have multiple and even contradictory meanings the collaborators explain the symbol's significance in each context. For example the Eagle has represented imperial Rome, the oppressive regimes of Poland and Prussia, figurative transportation for Israelites out of Egyptian bondage as well as the religious freedom and economic opportunity of the United States. This book is much more than Judaism meets Carl Jung.

Both The Jewish Information Source Book and The Encyclopedia of Jewish Symbols explain what the difference between "U" symbol and a "K" symbol to certify a kosher product. Both texts incorporate lessons in religious practice, folk custom and history into their pages. But their two distinct approaches make each work more appropriate for particular tasks. Ask for these two works in your local bookstore.

toward achieving peace between Israel and the PLO. I am cautiously optimistic that what was signed today will have a lasting impact on regional peace and prosperity. I am proud that this peace agreement took place on American soil as it proved

the seriousness of these nations' intent to fulfill the commitment to peaceful solutions. It was an impressive and moving ceremony, and I was honored to have been witness to this historic day — and one of the greatest symbolic handshakes of all time."

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### A. TONI COHEN

A. Toni Cohen, author and assistant professor of computer science, died August 30 of lung cancer in Christiana Hospital. She was 55.

Mrs. Cohen was an assistant professor at the University of Delaware for about 10 years and was director of its Institute of Programming Languages.

She was co-author of the textbook "Principles of Computer Science" in 1987.

A life master at duplicate bridge, she wrote the book "Logic Puzzles for Bridge Players" and was active with the Delaware State Bridge Association. She also co-developed "Not KS," a bidding system for bridge.

She was active in politics and consumer rights, and volunteered with the Cub Scouts and PTA at Tower Hill School.

She graduated from Mount Holyoke College and received a doctorate from the University of Delaware.

She is survived by her husband of 36 years, Richard L.; two sons, Michael, in Japan, and Edward of Newark; a daughter, Debra Tevlin of Willow Grove, Pa.; a half brother, Michael Sawyer, in England; and five grandchildren.

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

### JANE MITZI FREEMAN SMITH

Jane Mitzi Freeman Smith, 66, of 28 Osage Road, Radnor Green, Claymont, died September 7 of complications from a stroke in Wilmington Hospital, where she was a patient.

Mrs. Smith, a homemaker was a member of Congregation Beth Emeth, Wilmington, and Isiris Court 69 Ladies of the Oriental Shrine of North America, Dover.

She is survived by her husband of more than 24 years, Frederick Joseph; two daughters, Anne C. Swan of Wilmington and Lee F. Bartel of Attleboro, Mass.; a stepson, Fred T. Smith of Kent, Ohio; a sister, Fran Hendricks of Boca Raton, Fla.; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Congregation Beth Emeth, Wilmington.

### JACOB LUNDY

Jacob Lundy, 80, of 14516-C Canal View Drive, Delray Beach, Fla., formerly of Wilmington, died September 10 in DelRay Community Hospital.

Mr. Lundy was a biochemist at Aberdeen (Md.) Proving Ground for 30 years, retiring in 1983.

He was a member of Machzikey Hadas Congregation, Claymont, Del., and Harry Fineman Post of Jewish War Veterans. He was an Army veteran of World War II and served in the Pacific.

He is survived by his wife, Jeanne Rosevich Lundy; a brother, David of Delray Beach; and three sisters, Fay Galperin of Claymont, Lillian Freid of Brandywine Hundred, Del., and Rebecca Davidowitz of West Palm Beach.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Machzikey Hadas Congregation, Claymont, or Hadassah, in care of Ruth Goodman, 2806 Bodine Drive, Wilmington 19810.

### PEARL MASON MARGULIS

Pearl Mason Margulis, 86, of The Devon, 2401 Pennsylvania Ave., Wilmington, died September 14 in Leader Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Foulk Road, Brandywine Hundred, where she was a patient.

Mrs. Margulis was a member of Brandywine Country Club and Temple Beth Emeth.

Her husband, Louis H., died in 1964. She is survived by a son, Mike of Wilmington; a sister, Jackie Borowsky of Philadelphia; and two granddaughters.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Temple Beth Emeth family assistance fund.

### BEATRICE SIMON

A graveside service for Beatrice Simon was to be held September 19 at Beth Emeth Memorial Park, Faulkland Road. Shiva was to be observed in the community room of Park Plaza Condominiums.

Mrs. Simon, 75, of Park Plaza Condominiums, Wilmington, jumped to her death Thursday from the ninth floor of Park Plaza Condominiums, police said.

She was a member of Congregation Beth Emeth, Wilmington.

She is survived by her husband,

Morris M.; a son, Leonard I. of Wilmington; a daughter, Janet S. Halpern of Bridgewater, N.J.; two brothers, George Spiller of Singer Island, Fla., and Sol Spiller of San Diego; and two grandchildren.

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

### SIDNEY MEIZELL

Sidney Meizell, 72, of Silver Spring, Md., died September 16 of complications from a blood clot in Holy Cross Hospital, Silver Spring, Md.

Mr. Meizell, a native of Wilmington, worked for the federal government in Washington, D.C. He was an Army veteran of World War II and was raised in Brooklyn, N.Y.

He is survived by his wife, Lila; a daughter, Robin of Fairfax, Va.; a brother, Alvin of The Timbers, Brandywine Hundred; and two grandchildren.

### GOLDBERG UNVEILING

A monument in memory of Jean R. Goldberg, who died March 23, was to have been unveiled September 19 at Moses Montefiore Cemetery, Fox Chase, Pa.

### JOHN E. FRANKFURT

John E. Frankfurt, 90, died Sept. 12 in the Kutz Home, River Road, Bellefonte, his residence since 1989.

Mr. Frankfurt ran Frankfurt Pharmacy in Beach Haven, N.J., the town's first year-round drug store, from 1926 to 1962. He sold the business that year and moved to Atlantic City, where he was a pharmacist before retiring to West Palm Beach, Fla.

A Wilmington native, he lived at 830 Jefferson St. and on the family farm on Shipley Road, Brandywine Hundred. He graduated from Wilmington High School and in the 1920s from Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science.

He is survived by a son, Joel D. of West Chester, Pa.; a daughter, Ellen Schiff of Adams, Mass.; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Burial was Sept. 14 in Beth Israel Cemetery, Pleasantville, N.J.

## Orthodox Cry 'Beat It' To Michael Jackson on 'Off the Wall' Visit

By HUGH ORGEL

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Pop superstar Michael Jackson was mobbed by enthusiastic Israeli fans from the moment he arrived here Friday, September 17 with a retinue of some 200 assistants, managers, bodyguards and stage hands.

Jackson devotes greeted the singer wherever he went with awe and admiration — until Saturday, when a group of fervently Orthodox Jews gave him a less-than-friendly welcome as Jackson attempted to approach the Western Wall in Jerusalem's Old City.

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# Ultra-Orthodox Stage Frenzied Rally Across From White House Signing

By DAVE YANOWITZ

WASHINGTON— The chants that came from Lafayette Park — directly across the street from the White House — began early last Monday morning, a couple of hours before any signatures were affixed to a document that offered the chance for peace.

And the message booming loudly from the gathering of mostly members of Hasidic Chabad movement across Pennsylvania Avenue was clear: Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was making a mistake dealing with Yasir Arafat. Rabin had sold out the country according to the protesters.

"Not one inch! Not one inch!" yelled a group of Hassidic teenage girls from the Crown Heights neighborhood of New York, referring to the distance they felt the Israelis should move in deference to the Palestinians.

"Arafat's a murderer! Arafat's a murderer!" they yelled over and over, attracting a crowd of onlookers. One girl held a poster reading "Rabin is a traitor!" Another girl's poster screamed "Arafat has blood on his hands."

And not all the demonstrating was entirely peaceful. A Hassidic teenager wrestled a Palestinian flag away



Crowd gathers to protest signing in Washington, September 13.

from one Palestinian woman in support of the agreement, ran to another area of the park, and burned it. The woman was not seriously hurt.

Later, a young Jewish man — with rage in his eyes and tfillin wrapped around his arms and head — kicked and punched one peace supporter until he was finally restrained by friends. The man and his friends then began shoving a TV cameraman for taking pictures of the previous incident.

Although they were outnumbered,

at Lafayette Park supporters of the Israel-PLO peace accord were undaunted and stood their ground. Some stood quietly with a poster, while others engaged in heated verbal debates with Hassidic Jews and others opposed to the agreement.

Most visible were two young men — one a Palestinian and one an American Jew — carrying a banner with "PEACE" written in English, Hebrew, and Arabic. Above the words were the Israeli and Palestinian flags crossing each other.

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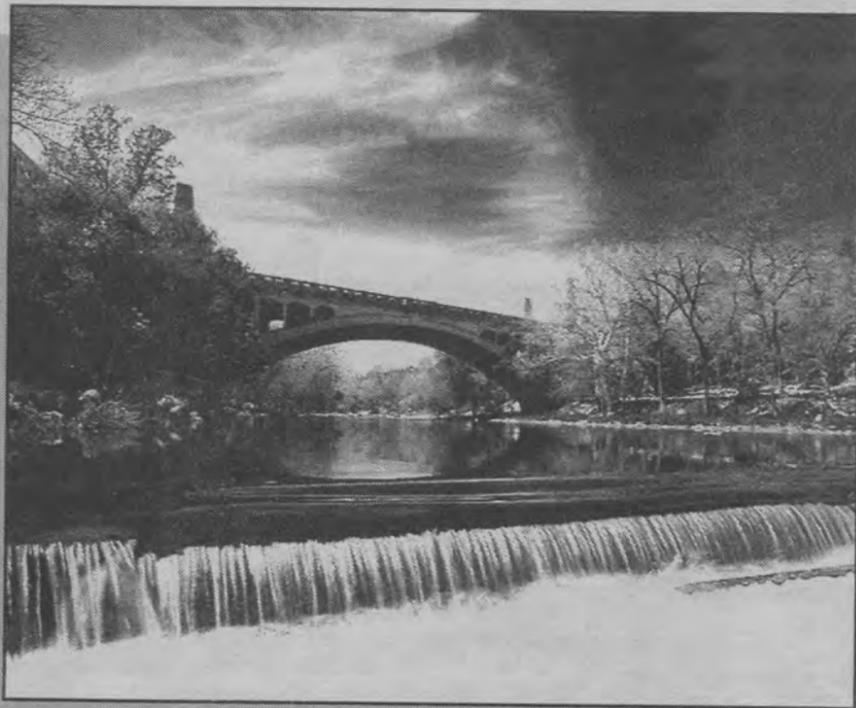
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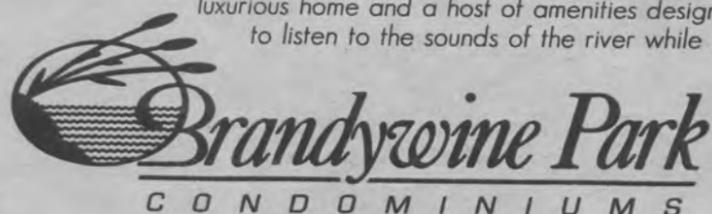
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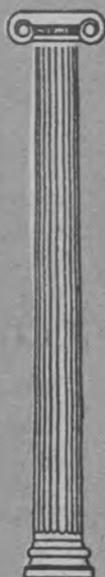
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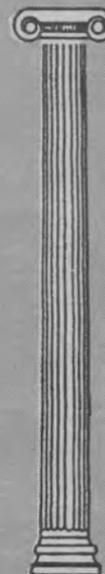
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