

## Jackson-Vanik waiver pleases most Jewish groups

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF

Special to The Jewish Voice

WASHINGTON — President Bush's lifting of trade restrictions under the Jackson-Vanik Amendment to extend up to one billion dollars in agriculture credits to the Soviet Union to help offset that country's critical food shortages pleases major elements involved — the Soviet and Israeli governments, American farmers and American Jewish advocacy organizations for Soviet Jewry.

Bush on December 12 waived the restrictions embodied in the 1974 Trade Act's amendment regarding credits until at least July 1991 at which time he will need to determine whether to extend the waiver. At the same time, he does not plan to send the U.S.-Soviet Trade Agreement, signed in June 1990, to the Congress. Only when the Trade Agreement is approved by Congress and takes effect would the Soviet Union receive most-favored-nation (MFN) trading status that provides the best benefits by the U.S. to a foreign country.

The Soviet Government had asked for the waiver and the Administration had been pressed by American farmers, notably wheat and corn producers, to extend credits to Moscow to enable shipment to the Soviet Union of grains the Soviet was committed to buy but which Moscow said it lacked funds with which to pay. Bush's action enables the deals to go through.

In welcoming the "generally excellent progress" of the past year during which the Soviets have permitted Jews to emigrate to Israel at the average rate of 20,000 a month, Bush noted, "I still look forward to the passage of a Soviet immigration law."

The Jackson-Vanik Amendment explicitly tied U.S. government credits to Soviet immigration policy which until three years ago held emigration to a minimum through various restrictions. Bush's policy was to deny credits until the Soviet Government had codified its laws regarding emigration to assure departures.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir urged

the U.S. several times during his three-day Washington visit to lift the trade restrictions because it had improved emigration policies. "We think it (the amendment) could be dispensed with for a year or more because of the very liberalized policies related to the emigration of Soviet Jewry," Shamir told a crowded news conference hosted by the American Enterprise Institute, a conservative Washington think tank.

The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations said in a state-

ment that it supports Bush's decision to waive the amendment for the limited time and expressed hope that the "Soviet Union will continue the implementation of human rights and free emigration."

The National Conference for Soviet Jewry said the waiver was "acknowledging" the Soviet Union's move toward free emigration. "We trust that in weeks and months ahead," the Conference said in welcoming the action, "the Soviet Union will take action in the

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## Jews encouraged by session with pope but disappointed over stance on Israel

By RUTH E. GRUBER

ROME (JTA) — An international Jewish delegation emerged from a nearly hour-long meeting December 8 with Pope John Paul II elated with the warm atmosphere, if not entirely satisfied with the results. The pope himself described the meeting with a 30-member delegation of the International Jewish Committee for Interreligious Consultations as "very important."

And Seymour Reich, chairman of the IJCIC delegation, called it "the beginning of a new chapter" in Catholic-Jewish relations.

He praised the pope's warmth, as well as the "obvious desire on the part of the Vatican to have good relations with the Jewish community."

But at the same time, Reich expressed some disappointment that the pope did not go further in some of his statements, particularly on the Vatican's continued refusal to recognize Israel.

The occasion of the meeting, the first of its kind in three years, was a two-day gathering of Vatican and Jewish leaders called to commemorate the 25th anniversary of "Nostra

Aetate," the 1965 decree by the Second Vatican Council that redefined Catholic-Jewish relations and opened the way for a continuing dialogue between the two faiths.

During the gathering, the Vatican demonstrated its desire to resolve the painful three-year dispute with world Jewry over the establishment of a Carmelite convent on the grounds of the former Auschwitz deathcamp.

Archbishop Edward Cassidy, chairman of the Holy See's Commission on Religious Relations With the Jews, announced that the Vatican is giving substantial financial assistance to help complete construction of a new convent and ecumenical center where the nuns at Auschwitz will be relocated. A Vatican spokesman said the aid amounted to \$100,000.

During his meeting with the Jewish leaders, the pope said, "This has been a very important day. Let's hope to continue."

He called the "Nostra Aetate" anniversary "nothing other than the divine mercy which is guiding Christians and Jews to mutual awareness, respect, cooperation and solidarity."

He also affirmed the "absolute singularity of

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## Shamir heads back to Israel reassured by high-level talks

### Analysis

By DAVID FRIEDMAN

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir left Washington on December 13 having achieved much good will, if not any concrete gains. But in both his meetings with President Bush at the White House and with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, the fact that they occurred at all was the most important outcome.

The two appeared at a joint news conference December 12, further evidence of the improved relations between the Soviet Union and Israel since Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev came to power.

However, Shamir did not get Shevardnadze to grant his request that the Soviet Union restore full diplomatic relations with Israel, which were broken by the Soviets after the 1967 Six-Day War.

"We have consular relations" and "are moving toward" full diplomatic relations, said Shevardnadze. "A process is developing in a normal fashion."

Shevardnadze denied that any preconditions were being set for the restoration of diplomatic relations. "This process will evolve in a normal manner," he said. "Of course, generally we want normal relations with all countries, and you can draw your conclusions."

Shevardnadze also rejected Shamir's request for direct flights between Moscow and Israel to facilitate the emigration of Soviet Jewish immigrants to Israel.

"The Soviet minister told us there are some problems that we have to settle, and he hopes they will be settled in the immediate future," Shamir said.

In both instances, Soviet reluctance to move on the issue of flights is believed to be based on a desire not to offend Arab states.

Shamir indicated that Israel would welcome a Soviet role in the Middle East peace process, something it had long sought to prevent.

In turn, Shevardnadze seemed to be moving away from Soviet insistence on an interna-

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Shamir

Bush

## Soviet Jewish activist shares experiences with Delaware's Jewish community

By JENNIFER L. SIMON

Special to The Jewish Voice

Today, she is the Assistant to the Mayor of Ranana in Israel and helps to settle new Russian immigrants and calm their fears. Just a few years ago she was a scared Russian who was tortured by the KGB, placed in jail with hungry rapists and lay on what was almost her death bed while giving birth to her daughter. The reason she suffered: "I was Jewish."

Soviet activist Marina Furman shared her experiences growing up in Kiev and her daily battles with anti-Semitism and the KGB with the Delaware Jewish community at the Women's Division Campaign Kick-off event on December 13, at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth synagogue in Wilmington.

"She believes this is the only way that we can get people out of Russia," explained Toni Young, co-chairman of the annual campaign of the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

By telling her tales of terror, Furman believes others will be influenced to aid the Jews seeking refuge from Russia.

"I know very well the price of life..." confessed Furman. Her experiences are now a source of knowledge and understanding for the Jewish people. Every time she tells her story it gets more difficult for her, she says,

but she needs no notes, no written reminder of her sufferings in Kiev. Furman clasps her hands, stands before her audience and lets her memory recite the chronological abuse of a Jew living in Russia.

"I am not sure if it is a love story, but it is a story of love... between parents and children, husbands and wives, sisters, [and] Jews..." said Marjory Stone in introducing Furman.

When Furman was at the university level in her schooling, she can remember the principal of the University for the Arts telling her that she would not be accepted because "Jewish people smelled."

In 1979, their family once again sought freedom from Russia, but the doors were already closed. Her grandfather's one wish was "not to live in freedom, but at least to be buried in freedom," Furman recalls. At the age of 18, on the same day that their visa was refused, Furman's grandfather died. It was at this moment that she declared her commitment to the struggle for freedom.

"I would not let the Russian government do with my life, what they did with my parents' and my grandparents'..." Furman recalled saying as she stood over the fresh grave of her grandfather. She was ready to fight the Russian government.

It was just half a year later that a policeman came to Furman's apartment and took her to prison. "The terrorist took me and locked me in the cell in the prison with dirty, grimy criminals who were set to rape me. I was 18 years old and was not ready for that kind of fight."

The 30 men were so strong, she said, she had to recover for half of a year in the hospital. Furman explained, "I lost my memory. I lost my mind. I couldn't move. I couldn't eat." She survived because of her young age and determination, she says. But Furman left the hospital with a heart disease that is being treated with surgery in the near future.

A policeman from the prison told Furman that "the fact that you survived proves to me once more that Jews are devils," because only Jews can stand up to that torture. "In my lifetime... I will kill one Jew, one devil," continued the policeman.

Later Furman met her husband who, too, was hunted by the KGB. After being married to Lev Furman for two months she became pregnant. It was at this point that the same policeman told her that if she didn't stop fighting for the freedom of the Jewish people, they would kill her baby, she said. That

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## Editorial

### Israel needs American Jewish Support

(Editor's Note: The following Guest Editorial was written for The Jewish Voice by Susan and Charles Salkin who very recently returned from Israel. The Salkins were among six Doverites who visited Israel on a mission sponsored by Beth Shalom Congregation of Dover.)

We have just returned from our first trip to Israel. Despite the protests and cautions of family, friends and mere acquaintances, we did not cancel our tour. Instead, we had a "once-in-a-lifetime" experience that we hope to repeat soon.

Although we knew that tourism in Israel was in a serious decline, we were unprepared for what we found on our arrival — that we were among only a handful of American Jews in the entire country. While world events did not effect our itinerary, the world's reaction to some of those events characterized our visit. In a country so dependent on tourism and so well-prepared to accommodate us, we found empty hotels, shops, museums and shrines. Imagine a private viewing of the Chagall windows at Hadassah Hospital, eating alone in the dining room of a five-star hotel, or making the minyan on Shabbat at a shul in Jerusalem. Such events were typical of our experiences throughout our 2 1/2-week stay.

True, we never had to wait in lines and were warmly and personally greeted wherever we went but these small pleasures were overshadowed by the emptiness of places intended to be filled with throngs of visitors and fellow Jews.

Media reports of the Persian Gulf crisis and the Intifada portray Eretz Yisroel as a dangerous destination for western travelers. Our experiences were distinctly to the contrary. In a country ever ready to defend its very existence, we did not find individual Israelis preoccupied with military matters. We observed a modern, vibrant Jewish society where people also spend their time and energy working, shopping, studying, playing, praying and flocking to the beaches on unseasonably warm days. Uppermost in people's minds were the mass immigration of Russian Jews, a stressed economy, and increased concerns about a continuing drought.

Perhaps, the daily arrival of thousands of Soviet Olim presented the starkest contrast to the nearly empty tourist sites. Our El Al flight, which was the only one from North America that day, arrived mid-afternoon; the otherwise empty airport was filled with over a thousand Olim who had arrived early that morning. The only large group to join us as we toured Yad Vashem was a busload of Israel's newest citizens, many learning the painful history of their people for the first time. As we did in Wilmington in September, we attended a benefit concert in Tel Aviv in support of the resettlement. This time the entertainment was provided by newly-arrived classical, folk, jazz and rock musicians already contributing to Israel's advanced cultural arts.

The impacts of this massive resettlement challenge every individual and institution in Israel. Nevertheless, every Israeli with whom we spoke in all walks of life not only welcomed their new compatriots but saw this Aliyah as a positive force that they believe will transform their nation. There is no doubt that these Russian Jews belonged and are needed in Israel. But so were we.

Isn't it ironic that we are eager to raise thousands of dollars to help people resettle in a country that so many of us are now afraid to visit! We cannot now imagine that we ever hesitated to go. Our expectations were high and were exceeded by our wonderful experiences.

Undoubtedly, this is a critical and lonely time in Israel. American financial support continues to be vital. However, it is equally important that we express our solidarity and love by our presence.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Jerusalem is not negotiable

At the breakup of the cruel Turkish Empire after WWI, both Arabs and Jews requested independent states. The world powers were extremely generous to the Arabs by granting them 21 independent Arab states. The Jews asked for 3 per cent of this vast territory and finally received less than 1 per cent of it.

In 1922 the League of Nations recognized the legal, moral, and historic right of the Jewish people to a national home in Palestine, including Jerusalem. But then oil was discovered in Arab lands and the world compromised Israel's rights for their own oil interests.

During WWII, although many were heroes in protecting Jews, other "friends" turned thousands of refugees back to their deaths in the Nazi camps.

In 1948 who helped the Jews when the Arabs defied the U.N. and attacked? Arabs refused to absorb their 600,000 refugees from the War of Independence, and created the refugee camps. Yet Israel absorbed the more than 600,000 Jews that had to flee Arab lands at the same time. The Arab intent was to gain world pity for themselves against Israel, and it is working.

In 1970, Jordan massacred 20,000 refugees when it expelled the P.L.O. In 1982, nearly 19,000 of the Moslem Brotherhood were slaughtered by the Syrians in the city of Hama. Where was the world outcry then? In 1985-86 blood flowed in Lebanon when the Arab Amal forces waged war against P.L.O. camps. The world viewed the limited T.V. reports with relative indifference but now cries out with outrage at Israel's handling of the Intifada. And yet, a significant number of the Palestinian deaths are due to follow Palestinian

### JHSD collection from 1880s

I would like to thank the Jewish Voice for its recent article on the Jewish Historical Society and my work there as the volunteer archivist (December 7, 1990 issue). It is our hope that the Jewish community will make greater use of this unusual resource and your article is an important beginning of this community's growing awareness of the importance of the Jewish Historical Society and Archives.

In the conclusion of the article, a "Finders Guide" was mentioned and people were encouraged to request a copy, however, the dates of the materials encompassed by this Finding Aid were mis-stated. This guide describes all of the collections housed in the archives that have been collected by the JHSD. The dates of our collections including our audio/visual, slide, and photograph collections range from the 1880's to the present day. I hope this correction will be of help to those individuals who may want to use our resources. Our guide aims to make the archives "user friendly". Thank you again for the fine article.

Julian H. Preisler  
 Archivist

terror squads enforcing the Intifada. Catholics and others demand the internationalization of Jerusalem, ostensibly to guarantee free access of Holy sites to all — a guarantee already given by Israel! Where was the cry for internationalization and fair treatment when Jordan held old Jerusalem, denied Jews access, and desecrated Jewish sites from 1948 to 1967?

Israel is the only country in the Middle East where human rights are actually recognized. Even Moslem Arabs can live in Israel, though a few years ago they threatened to murder all Jews! Compare this to the treatment a non-indigenous Arab is given by their fellow Arabs today (not to mention their treatment of any Jews).

If any Israeli was "overzealous" (which is debatable) in protecting his own Holy site (the rocks that rained down on the Jewish worshippers were large enough to kill, and were meant to), he was the "criminal" to the world.

And now, Hussein, a recognized butcher, is holding the world at bay and is demanding Israel be held responsible for his problems — and much of the world is buying it!

In this country, anti-Semitic acts are on the increase. Even the smiling, pro-Israeli Christians seem friendly for the sake of proselytizing!

I, too, am a Christian, but count in my heritage a Hippodrome meeting in New York in 1910, crowded to the rafters with appreciative Jews, anxious to hear an early American Christian Zionist, one Charles Taze Russell, who truly had the interests of Israel at heart and wasn't out to make converts.

Israel is here to stay. Jerusalem is NOT negotiable. God IS on your side, and has an important place for you in His Plan of the Ages. "For out of Zion shall go forth the law, And the word of the Lord from Jerusalem." Isa. 2:4

I am your friend. But more importantly, God is your friend. Do not give up your Jewish heritage for you will need it in the days to come. Pray for Israel. Support her, for she needs you.

David Hauke  
 Newark Bible Students

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Ruth Sklut

## Op - Ed

## The center is holding

By ALFRED H. MOSES

A new and disturbing view of American Jewish life is gaining popularity. We now read in books, articles and op-ed pieces that a alleged polarization within American Jewry threatens to transform the community radically — indeed, to place its very existence in question.

The argument runs that the next generation of Jews will either intermarry and assimilate into American society, and therefore have no reason to affiliate Jewishly, or else will choose the path of Jewish self-segregation.

As a result of this dual process, the mainstream institutions that traditionally combined Jewish activism with concern for the issues facing American society as a whole — institutions such as the American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, B'nai B'rith, Conservative Judaism, Brandeis University — will wither away. According to this scenario, the only Jewish organizations that will thrive will be those with a parochial vision of Judaism: ultra-Orthodox, shrilly chauvinistic, or both.

Are such predictions accurate? Is the center of Jewish life doomed? Will the only Jews to survive be those who, like certain Hasidim, wall themselves off from the non-Jewish world? I seriously doubt it.

Far from declining in influence, the mainstream Jewish organizations are actually much more effective now than they were in the past. In the 1930s and 1940s, they were unable to get the United States to save the Jews of Europe, yet over the last two decades they have managed to convince our government to make freedom for Soviet Jewry a national priority.

How different it might have been had President Franklin Roosevelt made the same effort on behalf of beleaguered Jews as the four most recent presidents! The change did not occur by accident, but because of effective work by the very institutions now being attacked for their irrelevance.

Anyone who looks objectively at American Jewish life today can see that it is the mainstream of the community that raises most of the funds for Israel; is active politically on a wide range of Jewish issues; supports Jewish social agencies such as hospitals and homes for the elderly; and finances Jewish education.

That same mainstream is in the forefront of the fight against anti-Semitism here and abroad; seeks to maintain American political support for Israel; and searches for ways to strengthen the Jewish family.

Those who talk of the radical polarization of American Jewish life are misled by that which looks like ferment on the fringes of the community. True enough, social movement often takes place at the edges, but this does not necessarily dictate a fundamental change in American Jewry.

Despite all the talk of an Orthodox revival, the percentage of Orthodox Jews within the

Jewish community is no different from what it was 40 or 50 years ago — around 14 percent. What has changed is that the Orthodox, now more affluent and self-confident, are increasingly willing to involve themselves in politics to achieve their aims.

At the other end of the spectrum, the dire predications made after World War II that American Jewry would disappear by the end of the century, have not come true.

Setting aside the role of religious Orthodoxy and commitment to Israel, most American Jews have made a conscious choice to remain Jewish. They attach importance to values drawn from the world of belief, are aware of the significance of Jewish history and of the connection between generations, appreciate how the sacred writings transmit Jewish values — even if they are not prepared to accept them on faith — and acknowledge our common destiny as Jews.

But these Jews are universalists as well as specialists. When asked a few years ago in a national poll what was most important to them about being Jewish, a majority of Jews an-

swered a commitment to social justice — with concern for Israel coming in second and adherence to the Jewish religion third.

It would appear, then, that the mainstream Jewish organizations that combine Jewish involvement with a broader social agenda accurately reflect the values that the bulk of American Jewry now holds.

To be sure, not all is well with the center of the Jewish community. The continued vitality of its institutions depends upon their ability to respond to the changes occurring within the mainstream, not at the extremes.

With the need to raise hundreds of millions of dollars for the resettlement of Soviet Jews, resources are now limited. Every Jewish organization must reexamine its agenda and focus on those areas that contribute most directly to the furtherance of Jewish interests and do not duplicate the efforts of others. Such a review process is helpful and healthy.

The American Jewish Committee has just completed such an exercise in self-searching. It has trimmed back its programs to three essential areas: protection of Jews in this

country and abroad, defense of pluralism and human rights, and the enrichment of Jewish life in America. Led by a new 42-year-old executive vice president and a young energetic staff, the AJC is experiencing an increase in membership.

Jewish survival in the United States remains in question, and any weakening of the mainstream of American Jewry adds to the danger. The answer to the Skinheads, David Duke, Louis Farrakhan and Pat Buchanan is neither a retreat into an individualistic shell nor an abandonment of organized Jewish life.

We must continue working with other groups that have the same stake we do in an open, tolerant American society. In the final analysis, that is the only way to protect American Jews.

Our community is not dividing itself into black hats and jogging shorts. The Jews do not want it, and Jewish self-interest will not permit it.

(Alfred Moses is chairman of the Board of Governors of the American Jewish Committee.)

## Enough said, Mike Wallace!

By MITCHELL G. BARD

One of the most tragic incidents in the recent history of Jerusalem was the outbreak of violence on the Temple Mount Oct. 8. The event warranted investigation. And it was probed by the government, the UN and the press. Ah, but none of these were sufficiently conclusive to that dogged pursuer of truth Mike Wallace.

What possible motivation could Wallace have for devoting the resources of CBS to a story that was covered exhaustively nearly two months ago? A brief look at Wallace's record might provide a clue:

- In 1975, he reported on the wonderful lives of Syrian Jews.

- In 1982, *60 Minutes* ran an anti-Israel diatribe by Jacobo Timerman. Wallace's interviews with Israeli officials were cut.

- In 1984, he returned to Syria for another flattering and distorted piece on the Assad regime.

- In 1987, Wallace examined the status of Soviet Jews who were not getting headlines as refuseniks. He concluded: "The fact remains that one-and-a-half million Soviets identified as Jews apparently live more or less satisfying lives."

- In 1989, Wallace conducted a cream puff interview with Yasir Arafat.

But the messenger was not the only problem with the latest story. Let's start with one of Wallace's initial statements, that the Dome of Rock is the third holiest Muslim shrine. This is

true. What he did not say is that the Muslims built it on top of the Jews' holiest shrine.

One of Wallace's principal witnesses was the son of Sari Nusseibah, the number two PLO operative in Israel. He admitted, as Israel charged, that Palestinians had brought stones to the Temple Mount. He didn't mention that the *Washington Post* reported Fatah and Hamas activists had been trying for weeks to start riots in Jerusalem to mobilize a new upsurge of intifada violence.

Ironically, the Temple Mount Faithful, the group the Palestinians blamed for provoking the riot, was praying undisturbed a mile away (*Washington Post*, Oct. 14).

For all the time spent on the story, Wallace simply glossed over the cause of the fighting by saying it was a matter of controversy. So his story really began with the Palestinian reaction to the firing of a tear gas canister and women screaming that the Jews were entering the mosque. He did not check to see if this were true; apparently he believed this was irrelevant. He did find, however, that the Palestinians threw rocks at the police and that several were injured. Nusseibah's son acknowledged the Israeli troops felt "scared" and "threatened."

The only Jewish eyewitness Wallace interviewed (he spoke to seven Palestinians) was Rabbi Yehuda Getz, who told him that hundreds or thousands of worshippers were at the Western Wall, and that it was a "miracle" none were injured. Wallace was not impressed by this testimony or the piles of rocks near the

Wall that were clearly evident on the videotapes he showed. The tape did not prove that rocks were not thrown on worshippers. Wallace made it sound as though the Palestinians didn't know Jews would be at the Wall when the truth was that they knew thousands would be praying to celebrate the Sukkoth holiday.

Rabbi Getz told Wallace he heard the Muslim clerics call on Palestinians to slaughter the Jews, but the intrepid reporter cast doubt on his claim. The *New York Times* (Oct. 15) quoted Al-Aksa's chief cleric as saying he "called for Muslims to come and protect the mosque" two days earlier. According to the *Post* (Oct. 14), he did the same during the rioting.

Most of what Wallace reported was documented in the Israeli government's report. But he did not give the government an opportunity to respond to any of his charges. Instead, CBS used a tape of Benjamin Netanyahu's explanation of the violence, one given before the Zamir Commission released its findings. Mayor Teddy Kollek was the most damaging representative, but the network did not allow him to respond directly to the most damaging charges. Wallace gave no reason for his failure to interview the chief of police or Justice Minister. Maybe it was because they could have provided him with answers.

(Mitchell G. Bard is the Editor of the *Near East Report*, the *Washington* weekly on *American Middle East* policy.)

## When terrorists praise US, it's time to worry

By MORRIS J. AMITAY

When Saddam Hussein and Yasir Arafat let it be that known you're doing a good job and acting responsibly, it's be time to worry about what you've done to merit this praise. Unfortunately, it's the U.S. Congress and notably some prominent Democratic who were the recipients of these kudos from two of the three leading terrorists in the world. (Syria's Assad being the third with the currently quiescent Kadaffi only qualifying for dishonorable mention.) Besides a small but vocal "peace at any price" coterie in Congress the surprise was that normally national security conscious Democrats such as Senators Moynihan and Nunn fell into the "let's give sanctions more time" trap. Perhaps this mistaken faith in this method of persuasion could have been justified by the expectation that Iraq would be the exception to the rule that international economic sanctions have ever had any appreciable effect on aggressive behavior.

In the case of Armed Services Committee

Chairman Nunn of Georgia — often described as the successor in Democratic ranks to the late Sen. Henry "Scoop" Jackson — his misgivings about the use of force against Iraq could be attributed to an interest in a Presidential race in '92. It has become axiomatic that Democratic nominating conventions tilt far to the left in selecting a candidate and that Nunn's record of responsible actions with regard to national defense issues might be politically detrimental.

This kind of rationale would certainly not apply to the highly respected Representative Lee Hamilton of Indiana whose urging of "negotiations" (eschewing the White House description of "talks") with Saddam Hussein is probably attributable to his instinctive "even handedness" on Middle East issues. Only in this case, as columnist Charles Krauthammer so aptly put it — "Sending Baker to Baghdad shows that one can imprison 1,000 Americans for four months and be treated not as an outlaw but as an equal." Chalk the "talks" up as a big in for Saddam Hussein, and watch our

Arab coalition partners scurry to cut their own deals with the Butcher of Baghdad now that it looks as though he will emerge as the hero who faced down the United States.

While the goal of saving lives (who can argue against that?) undoubtedly influenced such Democratic Senators as Kennedy, Biden, Dodd and Sarbanes, the question must be asked whether given the unprecedented international support for U.S. action in this instance these legislators would ever risk American lives in a Middle East conflict.

Another question which must be asked is whether the Congress has received any realistic analyses of what kind of war would be necessary to free Kuwait and destroy Iraq's military machine. To put it succinctly — an all-out U.S. assault (with some help from the British) utilizing our tremendous advantage in the air and in sophisticated electronics and guided munitions, would quickly turn out to be largely a turkey shoot in the desert. Vietnam

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## Dvar Torah

Parshat Vayigash, December 22nd

### Becoming a leader

By LEON STERLING

Special to The Jewish Voice

What makes a leader? At a period in history when there is a marked lack of leadership throughout most of the world, even in Israel, this week's parasha, *Vayigash*, offers insight. We see Judah's assertion of leadership over his brothers.

Last week's Torah reading ended at an exciting point, near the climax of the Joseph story. Joseph has given sacks of food to his brothers to take back to Canaan, but has planted his silver cup in Benjamin's sack. He sends his men after them to summon his brothers back.

Benjamin is accused of stealing. Joseph offers to let the brothers go if they leave Benjamin behind. How will Jacob's sons react? Will they abandon another brother?

This week's parasha begins with the words, "And Judah approached..." Wasting no time in responding to Joseph's offer, Judah begins an eloquent, respectful (the word "servant" is used 13 times), and lengthy plea (17 sentences — the longest oration recorded in the book of Genesis). He begs Joseph not to detain Benjamin lest their aged father's heart be broken. Judah offers to remain in Egypt in Benjamin's place.

His appeal succeeds. Joseph responds immediately to Judah's speech and, finally, reveals himself to his brothers. The parasha continues with their return to Canaan to tell Jacob that Joseph is alive, and concludes with the reunion of Jacob and Joseph in Egypt.

This incident clearly casts Judah as dominant among the twelve sons of Jacob, with the exception of Joseph (to whom I shall return). But how did Judah become the leader of his brothers? He has no obvious quality which is singled out in the Torah narrative. He has no prophetic visions, in contrast with leaders such as Abraham, Jacob and Joseph. Neither does the Torah note any particularly distinguishing characteristic of Judah which might suggest leadership, such as exceptional height, distinctive hair color, or media appeal.

How he behaves is our only clue. Let us examine it. First, note that Judah is far from perfect. When Joseph is sold into slavery, Judah's actions are ambiguous, to say the least. Sleeping with a supposed harlot, as he does with Tamar, is not admirable.

Judah's outstanding quality is his ability, and willingness, to show initiative, to act sensibly, and to take responsibility for his actions. This was demonstrated in last week's parasha when Jacob refused to let Benjamin go down to Egypt, despite his sons' insistence that they will receive no more provisions unless Benjamin accompanies them.

The eldest brother, Reuven, suggests crudely that his own two sons be offered as surety. If anything happens to Benjamin, these sons are to be killed. This is not very heartening. It is surely no comfort to Jacob to be offered the lives of two grandsons as compensation for the harm that may befall Benjamin, and he is unmoved. In contrast, Judah offers to take personal responsibility for keeping Benjamin safe, and expresses this in such a way that Jacob agrees to let Benjamin go.

Having accepted this responsibility, Judah is severely tested at the beginning of our parasha. He confronts an extremely powerful man, who can imprison, and even kill him. He knows the justice of his cause, but the evidence and circumstances are against him. His impassioned speech is a model.

Rather than trying to dispute the evidence or becoming desperate, he explains, clearly and respectfully, the potentially fatal consequences for his father of detaining Benjamin. He speaks the truth. He concludes with an offer to remain in detention himself, allowing the ruler a way out while saving face. This speech is a masterful oration, as Nechama Leibowitz points out in the first of her commentaries on this parasha.

The story of Tamar also reflects on Judah's sense of responsibility. He accedes to her request for a pledge, and follows up promptly on his promise to send a goat. More important, he is able to admit his mistake in having condemned Tamar when she confronts him with the symbols of his pledge. This immediate recognition of error parallels David's remorse when he is denounced by Nathan for his treachery toward Uriah and adultery with Bathsheba. It also contrasts with the behavior of almost all current politicians.

How is Judah's subsequent leadership of his brothers made manifest? In this week's story, it is Judah whom Jacob sends to arrange the final details of his reunion with Joseph. More significant are the glowing words he will direct towards Judah in next week's parasha, when Jacob foretells the future of his sons: "Judah, you are whom your brethren will praise," and "The staff will not depart from the tribe of Judah," which is taken to mean the staff of leadership. Most important, the messianic line, epitomizing the ultimate ideal of leadership, will emanate directly from Judah, via David.

Yet Joseph too, is preeminent among Jacob's sons. Joseph clearly has leadership abilities, and is the progenitor of the other major tribe, Ephraim. An alternate, though lesser, messianic line emanates from him. It is interesting to view the confrontation between Judah and Joseph as symbolizing struggles within Judaism, or even struggles within ourselves. The Midrash fills in the story with a lengthy verbal duel between Judah and Joseph, which plays on Judah's conscience and the injustice of the earlier treatment of

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## New Hillel directory for Jewish college students

In *The Hillel Guide to Jewish Life on Campus*, Professor Louis Newman of Carlton College notes that "for the most part, Jewish students now applying to colleges and universities are subject to no special quotas... Today, Jews and other minority groups are not merely tolerated, but welcomed."

In this more relaxed atmosphere, Jewish students often overlook issues of Jewish comfort and expression on campus, absorbed instead in the bewildering concerns of academic quality, social opportunities, grades, finances and career plans. *Jewish Life on Campus* guides the Jewish student — no matter what his or her level of identity or affiliation — to questions and answers that will ensure the right decision.

Hillel's new 1991-92 guide is a comprehensive resource about Jewish campus life for students and for anyone who counsels the college-bound: parents, educators, counselors and rabbis. It contains information about more than 450 colleges

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At this time of new freedom, new ideas and new experiences, it is important for a Jewish student to choose a campus that will ensure opportunities for Jewish enjoyment, growth and understanding.

*The Hillel Guide to Jewish Life on Campus* is published by the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations, 1640 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036 (202-857-6560) (\$12.95).

## Entries sought for 1991 Holocaust writing contest

The United States Holocaust Memorial Council recently encouraged the nation's junior and senior high school students to learn about the Holocaust and to reflect on its lessons for society and for themselves as it announced its seventh annual National Writing Contest on the Holocaust.

The contest, which in 1990 received 4,300 entries from 47 states, is open to all students in grades 7 through 12 and will be judged in two divisions: Division I — grades 7 and 8; Division II — grades 9 through 12. The deadline for contest entries is February 22, 1991; the winners will be announced in April. The subject for 1991 is "What Are the Lessons of the Holocaust for Americans?"

First place winners and their parents will receive a free trip to Washington, D.C. to attend the 11th annual national civic Days of Remembrance ceremony sponsored by the Council on April 11 in the Rotunda of the U.S. Capitol, and for the award presentation. Second place winners will receive a framed artwork copy from the collection of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, which is under construction on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. All winners will receive books on the Holocaust.

The schools of all winners will receive a matching set of books, and winners and their teachers will receive a certificate.

The format is open: entries may be fiction or nonfiction and may be written as prose, poetry or drama. All entries must represent the independent effort of the writer. Distinguished Holocaust educators and authors will judge finalist entries on originality, content and quality of expression. Entries must not exceed 2,000 words.

Entries must be typed or printed, double spaced, on one side of the page and must be accompanied by a title page which contains the following information: student's name, grade, home address and telephone; school name, address and telephone number; teacher's name. The entries must be mailed to: Writing Contest, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, 2000 L Street, N.W., Suite 588, Washington, D.C. 20036.

## What's happening with charitable deductions?

Under the deficit reduction package passed by the 101st Congress, itemized deductions, including charitable contributions and state and local taxes, are to be reduced by an amount equal to three percent of adjusted gross income for those with incomes exceeding \$100,000 — regardless of filing status.

This change according to experts effectively adds 0.93 percent to the 31 percent top tax rate that is to take effect on January 1, 1991. The value of personal exemptions is also to be reduced for those with adjusted gross incomes of more than \$150,000.

Deductions of mortgage interest and taxes will take almost all taxpayers well beyond the limit of the floor with the result that all of their charitable contributions will still be fully deductible.

This same legislation also provides for a one-year restoration of tax deductions for the full market value of donated works of art. Under the Tax Reform Act of 1986, wealthy individuals who pay an alternative minimum tax were allowed to deduct only the original purchase price of donated art. For 1991, only they can deduct the full appreciated value of a donated art object.

These are important facts to know in planning charitable deductions for 1990 and 1991. As a reminder, gifts made prior to December 31, 1990, are deductible on the 1990 income tax return.

International news

MCA takeover raises questions

NEW YORK (JTA) - The takeover of the Hollywood entertainment conglomerate MCA by a Japanese company has raised questions about Japanese compliance with the Arab-led boycott of Israel, and the extent to which compliance may decline with Japan's growing role in American businesses.

A leading Jewish organization, the World Jewish Congress, has charged that Matsushita Electric Industrial Company, which acquired MCA recently in a deal valued at over \$6 billion, "is a slavish adherent of the Arab-led economic boycott of Israel." Matsushita is just one of almost a dozen Japanese companies that fol-

low the economic boycott of Israel, along with Toshiba, Casio, Toyota, Nissan, Mazda, Hitachi and Nippon Steel, according to organizations monitoring compliance.

The economic boycott started in 1951, when the 21 members of the Arab League issued a prohibition on economic activities pertaining to Israel.

In the United States, compliance with the boycott was effectively banned in 1977, with passage of the federal Export-Import Act, which prohibits companies from both upholding the boycott and giving Arab officials information about a company's dealings with Israel.

Vandals smash public menorah

AMSTERDAM (JTA) - Unknown persons smashed a large outdoor menorah erected at Gelderland Square shopping center after it had been lit for the first night of Hanukkah last week. The vandals are believed to have struck December 12. The first outdoor menorah kindled

in Amsterdam, it was placed there by Rabbi Isaac Vorst of the Chabad Lubavitch organization.

Gelderland Square is located in the modern suburb of Buitenveldert, south of Amsterdam. The area is home to many Jews.

Resurgence of anti-Semitism in Romania, rabbi says

NEW YORK - The violent revolution that overthrew the regime of Romanian dictator Nicolae Ceausecu a year ago was a "two-sided coin" for the nation's rapidly-dwindling Jewish community, Chief Rabbi Moses Rosen of Romania said at a news conference here early this month. "The revolution brought us indisputable freedom," he noted, "but it also afforded liberty to the fascist killers who seek to foment anti-Semitism and destroy freedom."

The rabbi said that, "under the new Romanian democratic regime anti-Semitism has unfortunately begun to rear its ugly head. Hundreds of anti-Semitic articles - including scurrilous blood libel accusations - have appeared in the press in recent months."

Declaring that "throughout history, whenever a power vacuum occurs the Jew becomes the scapegoat,"

Rosen said, "Fifty years after the Holocaust we must react to prevent a resurgence of anti-Semitism in Eastern Europe and insure that what happened in 1940 will not occur again in 1990."

In a wide-ranging exchange with media representatives, Rosen, who has served as Romania's chief rabbi since 1948, reviewed the massive of aliyah of Romanian Jewry - of the 400,000 Jews in the country when he took office only 18,000 remain today - and described the extensive communal infrastructure that sustains the physical, spiritual and emotional needs of those who remain.

During the last 40 years we "forced" the Romanian government to permit the aliyah of virtually all of Romanian Jewry, Rosen said. Though there were periods when the gates were closed during the peak of

the cold war in the 1950s, emigration was permitted to resume in 1958. "Today passports are granted routinely. More than 1,100 Romanian Jews have made aliyah this year."

"Those who remain, she said, participate in the highly-organized structure of the Jewish community, funded primarily by the Joint Distribution Committee. The committee organization supplements the monthly pensions of senior citizens and all Romanian Jews receive food packages nine times per year, before all of the Jewish holidays," he noted.

"More than 3,500 kosher lunches are served daily to senior citizens at no or at low cost and hundreds of Jews participate in communal sederim on Passover and festive activities on Chanukah and Purim. The community boasts 11 kosher restaurants and two old-age homes," he said.

On his reputed close ties with the assassinated former premier, Rosen retorted that his "relations with Ceausecu were official and correct - nothing more. Our dealings were on a quid-pro-quo basis. In exchange for my supporting most-favored-nation status for Romania, which netted the country \$300-\$400 million each year, he was willing to permit the massive aliyah of Romanian Jews and the unhampered functioning of the Jewish communal structure here." Rosen concluded, "Everything I did was done with the full knowledge and consent of the governments of Israel and the U.S."

Jews mark Rashi's 950th birthday

PARIS (JTA) - Distinguished Jews gathered over the weekend in Troyes, in the Champagne region of eastern France, to dedicate a memorial to one of its most famous sons, Rabbi Solomon ben Isaac, known to history as Rashi.

Rashi's prodigious commentaries on the Bible and the Talmud are at the core of Jewish scholarship. The 950th anniversary of his birth was celebrated Sunday by the unveiling of a memorial sculpted by Raymond Moretti.

Dignitaries attending included the

former French Chief Rabbi Rene Sirat, Nobel laureate Eli Wiesel and Robert Galley, mayor of Troyes. Sirat established the Rashi European Center for Hebraic Research in Troyes in 1989.

The work of Rashi, who lived from 1040 to 1105, is also studied by historians and linguists for knowledge of the French language of his era. His writing abounds with references to the daily lives of the French peasants, who tended vineyards and tanned leather, the chief trades of the town. Rashi himself was a winemaker.

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## Walesa renounces anti-Semitism in meeting with Jews

WARSAW (JTA) — Three days after he was elected president of Poland, Lech Walesa told visiting American Jews that he denounced resurgent anti-Semitism here and

urged Polish citizens to move forward to a "new chapter."  
"This is a new chapter in Poland's history," Walesa was quoted as saying at a meeting in Sopot, in north-

ern Poland. "I condemn all forms of anti-Semitism."  
He met for 35 minutes December 12 with Rabbi A. James Rudin, inter-religious affairs director of the Ameri-

can Jewish Committee, in the port city of Gdansk. According to Rudin, Walesa pledged a Poland free of "all forms of anti-Semitism, extreme nationalism and chauvinism."

It was not the first time Walesa had addressed the issue of anti-Semitism with American Jews. In November 1989, he personally denounced anti-Semitism in a meeting with Jewish organizational leaders in New York, saying he did not believe hatred of Jews was historically part of the Polish character.

He had also denied that Poland's primate, Cardinal Jozef Glemp, was anti-Semitic. This followed accusations by Glemp in the summer of 1989 that world Jewry had violated Poland's sovereignty over the issue of the Auschwitz convent.

Walesa had said that as a loyal Catholic he would not publicly denounce the cardinal. His statements discomfited a number of Jews.

Since Poland overthrew its Communist government 15 months ago, resentment of Jews in this country of 38 million has been growing. It was a sticking point in election campaigns held here in this country where only a maximum of 10,000 Jews, most assimilated, remain in Poland where some 3.5 million lived before the Shoah.

Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki, who had been expected to finish second in the first round of balloting on Nov. 25, was soundly defeated by emigre businessman Stanislaw Tyminski, a political and popular unknown.

Mazowiecki, a devout Catholic, was a target of a whispering campaign that his family had Jewish ancestors. Some of his supporters and staff had friendly relations with Jews or were of Jewish origin.

Although Mazowiecki's supporters produced a document from a bishop attesting to the family's Christianity as far back as at least the 15th century, his staff members acknowledged that the allegations of Jewish blood contributed to knocking him out of the race.

Even Tyminski, a born Roman Catholic who writes in his autobiography that he has undergone "spiritual transformations" in Peru, was dogged by anti-Semitic charges.

For his part, Walesa seems eager to correct the situation. The Nobel peace laureate, who will be inaugurated later this month, acknowledges that he faces a challenge.

"Anti-Semitism has been a serious problem here," Walesa told his visitors this time. "We need to build a pluralistic society. We must do this, and we will do it."

The Solidarity leader, a Roman Catholic, also said that extreme nationalism and chauvinism were incompatible with the church. More than 90 percent of Poland's population identifies itself as Catholic.

Right-wing nationalism is on the rise all over Eastern Europe. Slovakia is currently testing Czechoslovakian President Vaclav Havel's leadership powers with threats to dissolve the Czechoslovak union.

A fringe group in Poland, Grunwald, has seen its membership grow in the last year.

For his part, Walesa acknowledged that he had made some remarks both in Poland and during his visit to the United States last year that offended many Jews. "I've made some mistakes," he said.

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## Super Sunday volunteers needed

With the Jewish Federation of Delaware's 1991 Super Sunday set for February 3, 1991, the Super Sunday planning committee under the direction of Young Leadership Cabinet Co-Chairmen Steve Biener and Debra Kattler, is actively seeking volunteers for this year's Super Sunday. Last year, more than 100 volunteers participated in the annual kick-off phone-a-thon of the Jewish Federation of Delaware campaign which was the most successful ever raising close to \$200,000. Biener and Kattler commented that "this year with so many Soviet Jews arriving in Israel and our local community, and with surmounting needs at home, our volunteers will be instrumental in helping set a new record this year and be a real Goal Busters."

Last year, when the JFD Young

Leadership Cabinet adopted planning responsibility for Super Sunday, a theme was developed for the first time. In addition to choosing "Goal Busters" for 1991 to reinforce the need to raise more money than ever before through this annual event, it's also intended to add a sense of fun to the community-wide event.

Volunteers at Super Sunday will enjoy Goal Busting activities and a complimentary tee-shirt, according to the co-chairmen.

"Goal Buster" volunteers for Super Sunday are currently being sought to participate in one of three shifts at Super Sunday. To volunteer for Super Sunday, please return the registration tear-off on page 16, or contact Seth M. Bloom, JFD Director of Community Development, at 478-6200.

## Soviet immigration will provide 'huge brain trust'

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. (JTA) — The influx of highly educated Soviet professionals "will provide Israel with a huge 'brain trust' enabling it to develop strong technological leadership in the coming decade," according to Uri Gordon, head of the World Zionist Organization's Immigrations and Absorption Department.

Gordon was one of many speakers who talked about the impact on Israel of mass Soviet aliyah at the 11th biennial convention of the American Zionist Federation, held here earlier this week.

Speakers included top leaders of the World Zionist Organization in Jerusalem, including its chairman, Simcha Dinitz.

Dinitz, who spoke of the "changing face of Israel," told the delegates that "this year more immigrants will enter Israel than at any time since the founding of the state. A new immigrant enters Israel every 95 seconds," he observed.

Other speakers included Alice Shalvi, chairwoman of the Israel's Women's Network, who described the particular challenges facing Soviet Jewish women in the absorption process.

Much of the two-day convention was taken up with structural issues facing the WZO and ways to strengthen the American Zionist movement.

The AZF was founded in 1970 as the umbrella organization of the 16 Zionist membership organizations in the United States.

## 1,000 Ethiopians expected per month in Israel

NEW YORK (JTA) — A thousands Ethiopian Jews per month could soon be allowed to make aliyah, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said December 10. In Washington, the American Association for Ethiopian Jews said it had received similar information.

Those numbers would represent a significant increase in Ethiopian

immigration over recent months. Some 500 Ethiopian Jews were allowed to leave the country last month, but only 58 were permitted to emigrate the month before.

Shamir, speaking to members of the American Jewish press, said approximately 20,000 Ethiopian Jews are now waiting in the capital city of Addis Ababa for permission to emigrate.

"They are waiting there not in the best conditions of life," he said, referring to the makeshift housing, unsanitary conditions and rampant disease with which they must cope.

"We have tried to accelerate their emigration," Shamir said. "In such a way, we will put an end to their suffering."

## Inside the JFD campaign

### Co-chairmen stress 'needs,' not goals

By PAULA BERENGUT

Editor of The Jewish Voice

The recently announced 1991 Jewish Federation of Delaware Annual Campaign goal is \$1.6 million, an increase of \$300,000 over last year's goal. But campaign co-chairman Toni Young insists that "goal" is the wrong word.

"Rather than 'goal,' it is 'needs' that we are trying to meet," Young explained in an interview last week. "It is simply a case of having to raise enough money to meet Jewish needs. Without the money, our agencies and programs face cutbacks."

Co-chair Steve Dombchik agrees. "We don't want to cut vital services. And in order to provide those services, our agencies must get at least what has been set as the 1991 campaign goal," he said.

Young maintains that there is an important and urgent need to get as many Soviet Jews out of Russia as possible and to resettle them — either in Israel or here. "We are at an important historical crossroads," she said. "This is an historical landmark and we have a chance to make a difference."

A year or so ago, Young explained, the estimates of the number of Jews who would be allowed to leave the Soviet Union ranged between 200,000 and 300,000. The number is now at least one million, she said. Young also noted that some estimates are even higher.

Last week, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir told the Knesset Security and Foreign Affairs Committee that close to 700,000 Jews in the Soviet Union are registered to emigrate to Israel. Another 250,000 have already applied for exit visas and are expected to arrive within the next six months.

Shamir said that, over the next two years, about 400,000 Soviet Jews will arrive annually. He also said that 500 to 600 Jews from Ethiopia will arrive in Israel in December alone.

Dombchik said there is an important difference between the annual campaign and the recent Operation Exodus campaign conducted from May through September 1990. Operation Exodus, he said, "basically targeted the resettlement process during an initial time frame — setting them up and getting them going." The annual campaign, he said, provides the necessary funds for ongoing programs in Israel.

Young pointed out, too, that "it's a much bigger immigration than anyone ever thought possible. And the gates are not closing, so the numbers could grow even larger. But the international situation could

change at any time," she said, to illustrate the urgency.

The magnitude of the potential to change the make-up of the Jewish people, Young feels, "is equivalent to the Holocaust or to the establishment of the State of Israel." The rescued Soviet Jews will "add another dimension to the Jewish population both here and abroad," she said.

"We have a chance to make a difference," Young said. This, the two campaign co-chairmen believe, makes it crucial that this community meet its targeted amount.

Young and Dombchik also noted that the resettlement needs extend from Israel to our own Jewish community in Delaware. Last year, 69, Soviet Jews were resettled with family members living here. A current estimate for 1991 puts the number of expected Soviet immigrants to Delaware at 69.

"Local agencies are doing their best to cut budgets and to recognize the economic times we are in," Young said. But there are only so many areas in which budget cuts can be tolerated, she said. "They must provide the extra services that relate to the resettlement."

And abroad doesn't mean only Israel, Young pointed out. In addition, she said, funds must also now be targeted for Jewish communities in the Soviet Union where many Jews will remain who will need to be educated now that they can openly practice their religion. "We are now able to go into Russia and help these people express their Judaism. And this takes money."

The 1991 campaign theme will be, "If not you... Who?" they said. Young and Dombchik agree that people need to "look inside themselves" when making their pledges to this campaign. "We hope that people understand the history of the mo-

ment and understand that they need to respond according to current needs," Young said.

The increased total goal means that individuals within the community need to find ways to increase their pledges, they explained. "You can't assume that someone else will make up the shortfall," Dombchik said.

"And if individuals in our community are not willing to help raise the \$1.6 million, they will have to accept that agencies will have to make cuts. The only way to avoid cuts is for everyone to give as generously as they can," Young added.

She feels strongly that a single campaign should cover the financial needs of the community and eliminate the need for individual organizations to create their own fundraising campaigns and, thus, compete with one another — although she admits that currently there is no other way for these organizations to make ends meet.

"Jewish survival is the sole purpose of fundraising," Young concluded. "We are simply trying to preserve a 5,000 year old religion — a way of life. All aspects of Jewish life are interrelated — and one is not more important than the other. So when we give our money on a local, national or international level, we are addressing different aspects of the same problem."

"Having a strong Israel without services for American Jews doesn't mean anything. And having a strong Jewish Community Center in Wilmington, Delaware, and no State of Israel doesn't mean anything. And that's why we hope that people will give to this united drive," Young said.

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## Jewish Family Service

### Strengthening our ability to cope



By **MYRNA RYDER**  
Director  
Jewish Family Life  
Education Program

We live in a time which can be stressful for many of us. There are many issues which affect our lives today, some of which may seem insurmountable at times.

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How we cope with these issues or stresses greatly affects our health — mental, and physical.

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There is no fee for this service and parlor meetings are fun, informative and very helpful in reducing some of the stresses that we all feel through the normal process of living. I urge you to take advantage of our services.

Strengthening ourselves and our abilities to cope with life is important to our well being, and important to those around us. For more information, please call Jewish Family Service, 478-9411.

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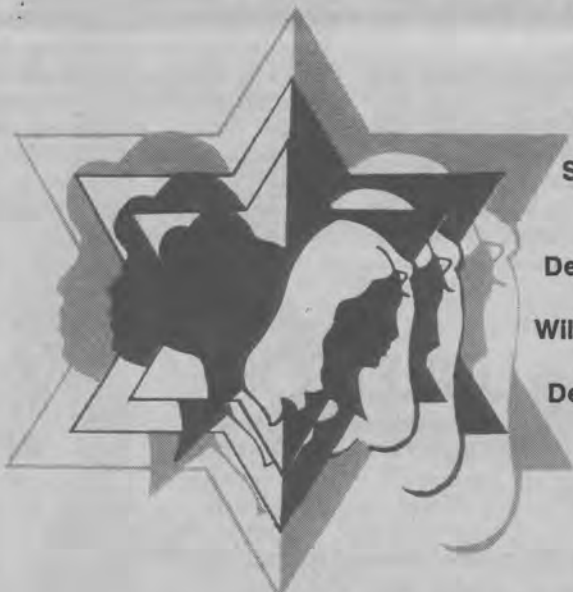
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# U.S. deplors deportation orders, may back U.N.

**By DAVID FRIEDMAN**  
 WASHINGTON (JTA) — The Bush administration has sharply criticized Israel's decision to deport four Palestinian activists from the Gaza Strip and has indicated it might support a U.N. Security Council resolution condemning the move.

At the United Nations, the Security Council convened Monday night to consider a resolution on the Palestinian situation that has been revised several times since it was introduced last month.

Earlier in the day, the United States circulated a working paper on the resolution that proposes including a passage that "deplors the decision by the government of Israel to resume deportations of Palestinian civilians in the occupied territories."

But in Washington, the State Department reiterated Monday that the United States would not support any resolution that includes a call for an international conference to deal with the Arab-Israeli conflict.

The department's deputy spokes-

man, Richard Boucher, said the United States deplors Israel's decision to deport the four Palestinians, who are leaders of Hamas, the Islamic Resistance Movement based in the Gaza Strip.

The deportations were ordered after Hamas admitted responsibility for the brutal murder of three Israeli Jews last Friday at an aluminum-processing plant in Jaffa.

Those ordered deported were not directly involved in the incident. But in Israel, an army spokesman said they belong to the "field command of Hamas," which in the last few months has "promoted murders, assassination attempts and other violent activities, which have included the use of knives and other means." The three Jews killed in Jaffa were repeatedly stabbed and their bodies mutilated.

The identities of the suspected murderers are known to the Israeli police, but they were still at large Monday.

"Obviously we condemn the recent attacks on Israelis," said Boucher

of the State Department. But he said that rather than deporting Arabs suspected of being involved in terrorist activities, Israel should take them to court.

The United States has consistently told Israel that "deportations are violations of the Fourth Geneva Convention as it pertains to the treatment of inhabitants of occupied territories," the deputy spokesman said.

"The United States believes that charges of wrongdoing should be brought in a court of law based on evidence to be argued in a public trial."

Boucher said Secretary of State James Baker conveyed this view to Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir when the two met here on December 13.

Similar messages were conveyed over the weekend in Washington by Assistant Secretary of State John Kelly to Israeli Ambassador Zalman Shoval and in Israel by U.S. Embassy officials to officials in the Foreign and Defense ministries.

In Israel, observers said the U.S. warnings may have prevented the government from deporting a larger number of Hamas activists. Hundreds of Palestinians, including a number of fundamentalist leaders, were arrested over the weekend for their alleged involvement in the intifada.

But the fact that Israel proceeded with the four expulsion orders despite the U.S. warnings may have resulted in a shift in the U.S. stance on the Security Council resolution, which was originally introduced November 16.

The United States had been campaigning against the resolution since a section was added calling for the convening of an international peace conference, which Israel opposes. Although the United States has said it would support a peace conference on the Arab-Israeli conflict "at an appropriate time," it does not want to put this into resolution form right now, for fear it will put the same pressure on Israel that is currently

being put on Iraq to pull its troops out of Kuwait.

The U.S. working paper delegates the peace conference call to a non-binding statement that would be issued by the Security Council president.

It also suggests that the 164 signatories to the Fourth Geneva Convention consider calling a meeting. The earlier resolution called for a meeting of the signatories to the convention, which protects the rights of civilians living under occupation.

What has Israeli officials particularly worried is the paper's proposed request that the U.N. secretary-general "make renewed efforts to monitor and observe the situation regarding Palestinian civilians under Israeli occupation" through U.N. personnel stationed both in and out of the area. Unlike earlier drafts, the working paper also speaks of the "dangerous deterioration of the situation in Palestinian and other Arab territories occupied by Israel since 1967, including Jerusalem."

## Chronology of recent deportations

A total of 58 residents of the West Bank and Gaza Strip have been deported since the intifada began in December 1987, according to the Israel Defense Force. In three cases, however, the deportation orders were issued before the uprising started.

In all instances the deportations were deferred pending the outcome of judicial proceedings.

Following is a chronology of the expulsions, arranged according to the dates implemented:

Jan. 13, 1988 — four West Bank residents.

April 11, 1988 — three West Bank residents; five Gaza Strip residents.

April 19, 1988 — eight West Bank residents.

Aug. 1, 1988 — six West Bank residents.

Aug. 17, 1988 — six West Bank residents.

Jan. 1, 1989 — seven West Bank residents; six Gaza Strip residents.

June 29, 1989 — four West Bank residents; four Gaza Strip residents.

Sept. 2, 1989 — five West Bank residents.

(JTA)

## Shoshana Cardin to chair Conference of Presidents

NEW YORK (JTA) — Shoshana Cardin, who has made a name for herself, is a strong and outspoken leader in a variety of American Jewish organizational roles, was elected unanimously Tuesday as chairwoman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

Cardin steps into what will effectively be a two-year term at a difficult time in U.S.-Israeli relations, one of the main areas of focus for the conference, an umbrella organization of 46 national Jewish organizations.

Over the past few months, the conference has been busy working to secure Israel's position with the U.S. administration, a task now complicated by President Bush's struggle to maintain good relations with the Arab partners in his international campaign to oust Iraqi troops from Kuwait.

The conference, which is concerned specifically with strengthening the U.S.-Israel alliance, as well as protecting the interests of Israel and Jews worldwide, serves the American Jewish leadership as a primary forum for dialogue with both U.S. and Israeli government leaders.



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## Holocaust denier gets continuance, new lawyer

BOSTON (JTA) — Fred Leuchter Jr., who designs capital punishment systems for a living and pursues Holocaust denial as a vocation, won a continuance until Jan. 22 of his trial in Malden District Court for practicing engineering without a license.

Leuchter requested that his court-appointed attorney be changed to Kirk Lyons, a Houston lawyer who has defended white supremacists.

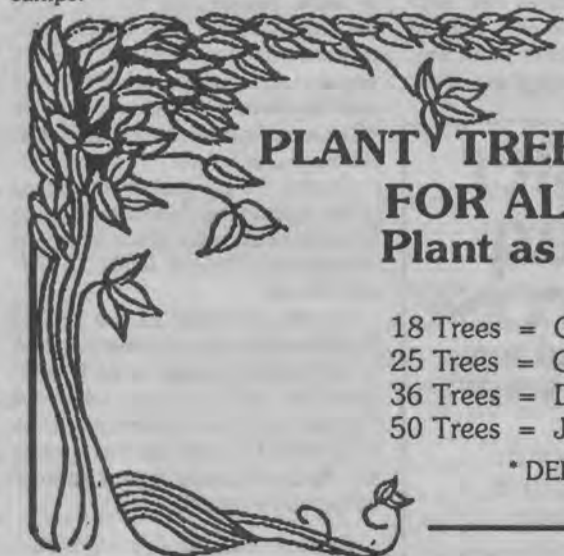
Lyons, a founder of the so-called Patriot Defenders Foundation, told a news conference in Malden, a Boston suburb, that he is trying to raise money for Leuchter's defense.

Leuchter, if convicted, faces a possible three-month jail sentence and a \$500 fine.

But the issue is not whether he impersonated an engineer. A guilty verdict could temper the effects of Leuchter's real offense, which is the use of his self-proclaimed scientific and technological expertise to give credibility to Holocaust revisionism.

"The Leuchter Report," published

in 1988 and 1990, alleges that gas chambers were not used to kill Jews at Auschwitz, Birkenau, Majdanek, Dachau, Mauthausen and the Hartheim Castle concentration camps.



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## Julia Blumberg: a constant force for Hillel at U.ofD.

By CELIA GANS

Special to The Jewish Voice

A portion of the history of Judaism is the history of women of courage, purpose and accomplishment: from Sarah, who was (according to the Talmud) greater in prophecy than her husband Abraham, to the women who preserved Judaism during Egyptian slavery, to those who went forth in the expulsion from Spain, to the martyrs of the Holocaust, and the heroines of modern Israel. Our Wilmington community is blessed with such a woman of purpose — small, vivacious, tireless, ageless (her entry in Who's Who of American Women lists no birth date!) Julia Baum Blumberg, Honorary Life Chairman of the Hillel Board, who has given the first gift — of \$10,000 — toward the purchase, renovation and endowment of a permanent home for Hillel at the University of Delaware.

Located at 47 West Delaware Avenue, in the heart of the University's Main Campus, the 100-year old, 3 story, wood shingle house will become the center of Hillel's programs: it will serve as the students' synagogue, Jewish educational center (including its Dr. Leo Blumberg Memorial Library) and Jewish community service agency. It will provide kosher meals, High Holiday services, Passover dinners and various social activities. Hillel provides, according to Professor Vivian Klaff, Advisory Board Chairman and Faculty Advisor, many students' "only on-going link with a Jewish community."

Of equal importance, believe Klaff



Julia Blumberg

and Blumberg, is Hillel's role in training future leaders of the Jewish community. "Everything done within Hillel helps Jewish students to be Jewish. In that context, Hillel is equated with Jewish survival. Hillel not only works with students on campus, it prepares them for informed, disciplined participation in the Jewish community after graduation," says Blumberg. "Even during their on-campus years, our Hillel students participate in the annual Federation drive, because the Hillel Student Center at the University of Delaware is affiliated with the Jewish Federation of Delaware and B'nai B'rith, Inc."

Hillel, named for a gentle 1st century BCE sage and teacher known for his dedication to the Jewish spirit,

was founded at the University of Illinois 1923 to serve the religious, counselling, cultural and social needs of Jewish college students. In 1925, B'nai B'rith officially adopted Hillel as one of its family of agencies, pledging to maintain its scope of programs and provide for its support. Today, there are more than 300 Hillels on university and college campuses through the United States, Canada, Australia, Great Britain, Holland, Israel, South Africa, Switzerland and Venezuela.

Blumberg and her husband, engineering professor and consultant Dr. Leo Blumberg, who joined the Delaware faculty in the early 1950s after a 17-year career at Pennsylvania Military College (now Widener University), became involved with Delaware's Hillel in 1955. At that time, the program functioned from a commercial building on Newark's Main Street, under Hillel counselor Rabbi Herbert E. Drooz of Wilmington's Temple Beth Emeth.

In 1964, when Newark's Temple Beth El offered to include a large room for Hillel in its proposed new building on Amstel Avenue, Blumberg worked on the design, furnishing and funding of this project. On May 3, 1984, the completed, fully furnished room was dedicated, before a standing-room-only gathering, under Hillel's second counselor, Rabbi Leonard B. Gewirtz of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth synagogue, Blumberg remembers.

In 1984, Temple Beth El outgrew its facility, and moved to a new home off Possum Park Road, while the Hillel program returned to downtown Newark — at 64 East Main — above a former five-and-dime store. Its current membership of 300 students, out of approximately 1,300 Jewish collegians on the university's Newark campus, has outgrown its space, according to Blumberg and recently appointed Hillel Director

Ruth Kershner.

"I know I can guarantee 50 to 60 students for each program we schedule," says Kershner. "And with more space, we can continue to grow.

I remember him speaking to my high school fraternity."

Adds Chaiken, "Our community can also be proud of our local B'nai B'rith support of Hillel. We have



Thanks to the time, effort, and generous support of people like the Blumbergs — Julia has dedicated 35 years of her life to the Hillel program — our new home will become a reality.

"It's not just Julia's devotion to Hillel that our students respond to," says Kershner, "it's her personality interest in each one of them. Julie exudes love — and our students respond."

"Julie has worked with Hillel from its inception; she never missed an Advisory Board meeting," says Frank (Sonny) Chaiken. Chaiken and his wife Yetta are Co-Chairpersons of the fund raising efforts for Hillel at the University of Delaware. "It is appropriate that the first major gift toward the new Hillel House was made by Julia. And I know first-hand of Leo's dedication to young people;

received their commitment of \$25,000 toward our fund drive."

In addition to her work with Hillel, Blumberg is a Life Member of B'nai B'rith Women, a former president and Life Member of the Sisterhood of Temple Beth Emeth, a past president of the Greater Wilmington Federation of Women's Organizations, a Life member of Hadassah, and Honorary Life Chairman of the Auxiliary of the Kutz Home.

In describing her organization work, Blumberg says, "An organization that is programatically sound is financially sound. So, whenever I commit myself to any organization, I set goals for myself. These goals motivate me — generate my enthusiasm — and this enthusiasm attracts others. "And," laughs Blumberg, "I'm quick at decision-making!"

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## 7 of 10 Americans feel Israel is ally

By ALIZA MARCUS

NEW YORK (JTA) — Although Israel's status may seem to have declined in the wake of the Gulf crisis and U.S. accommodations to its new Arab allies, a new poll shows that 70 percent of Americans continue to view Israel as a close ally or friend of the United States.

The poll, released December 12 by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, also found that 54 percent of those polled support war with Iraq to protect Israel from a possible Iraqi attack, and more than one-third said Israel has become more important to U.S. strategic interests.

The low profile Israel has kept since the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait on Aug. 2 has not hurt Israel's standing, and the poll results show that Israel

remains an important military and strategic ally, said Abraham Foxman, national director of ADL.

"There is an appreciation in the United States that a low profile doesn't mean that Israel isn't important, or isn't a friend," said Foxman.

The poll also found that the majority of American people are firmly behind President Bush's decisions concerning Iraq and Kuwait.

Eighty-eight percent of those polled approve of the economic blockade of Iraq, while 75 percent support the initial decision to send troops to the Persian Gulf.

But if the Jan. 15 deadline for Iraq to leave Kuwait, set by the U.N. Security Council two weeks ago, passes without any change in Iraq's position, 51 percent believe the deadline should be extended, while 42 percent favor an immediate declaration of war.

Overall, 70 percent of Americans polled support the United States going to war at some point if Iraq refuses to retreat from Kuwait, while 23 percent do not.

Almost two-thirds of the people think the objective of preventing Iraq from building nuclear arms is sufficient for going to war, while 64 percent think the objective should be to establish the principle that aggression by one country against another will not be tolerated.

Foxman believes it is significant that the poll found that 72 percent

were skeptical over the chances for a peaceful solution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in the next two years because of the complexities of the situation.

"Americans traditionally believe that every problem has a solution, that there's a quick fix to everything," he said. "For the first time here we see that Americans are skeptical of a chance for peace because of the complexities, rather than because of the unwillingness of one side or the other to come to a solution," Foxman said.

Other objectives supported by a majority of those polled included: To defend Saudi Arabia (63 percent), to force Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait (60 percent) and to topple Iraqi President Saddam Hussein (55 percent).

In general, the American public tends to side with Israel instead of the Arab countries in the Middle East, the poll found. Forty-eight percent side with Israel over the Arab nations, while 20 percent side with the Arabs over Israel.

The poll also found that Americans sympathize more with Israel than with the Palestinians living on the West Bank and Gaza Strip by a margin of 38 percent to 29 percent.

The poll was conducted for the ADL by Martilla & Kiley Inc. in Boston. They polled 606 registered voters across the country between Dec. 4 and 6. The poll has a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percent.

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## Terrorists

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combat aircraft and an equal number of front-line troops on the ground. Why then were the congressional hearings devoted to so many pessimistic scenarios and inflated U.S. casualty estimates from former military leaders?

One possible explanation is that these ex-cold warriors were thinking not in terms of Middle Eastern conditions but those of Central Europe; not in terms of Iraqi fighting qualities, equipment and tactics, but of Soviet military capabilities. There is also a tendency among those charged with risking other peoples lives to judge an enemy to be ten feet tall and thus seek an inflated margin of safety. What also emerged was an unintended denigration of U.S. fighting prowess which makes it difficult to explain to the American taxpayer why after annual \$300 billion defense budgets the United States cannot quickly crush a relatively backward nation of less than twenty million. Obviously, it is not the hardware that is lacking nor analogies simply do not apply given the vast differences in terrain, supply lines and nature of the warfare.

By the end of January we should have an overwhelming superiority in modern tanks and the skills but the will to commit our forces and to take what are now minimal risks.

As we view the unfolding U.S.-Iraqi "non-negotiations," it might be prudent to be skeptical of the President's "read my no linkage" pledge. Having apparently abandoned the military option under pressure of the Congress and public opinion polls we should not be too surprised if Secretary of State Jim Baker returns from Baghdad proclaiming "peace in our time."

For Kuwait and Saudi Arabia such a deal will mean surviving under Iraqi domination; for Saddam Hussein greater glory for facing down the United States and gaining effective control of almost half the world's oil reserves; and for Israel it will mean the prospect of an international peace conference, and another war in due time.

This gloomy forecast can only be changed if the United States accepts its responsibilities to

preserve genuine peace and/or the Middle East lives up to its reputation for being unpredictable.

(Morris J. Amitay is a Washington attorney and former Executive Director of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee.)

## Dvar Torah

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Joseph. There is obviously scope here for contemporary midrashim.

It is reassuring that Judah eventually takes precedence over Joseph. We cannot all be like Joseph, who learns to be courageous, to admit his mistakes, to take responsibility for his actions, and to use diplomacy rather than force.

Finally, we can learn from the names of Jacob's sons. The Torah explains the derivation of each name. The first three names, Reuven, Shimon and Levi, are all chosen by Leah for self-centered reasons, ranging from acknowledging that God has seen her plight and now her husband will love her (Reuven), to hearing that she is hated (Shimon), to hoping

that her son will cause her husband to accompany her and pay more attention to her (Levi).

Only with Judah does Leah turn from her selfish concerns. As Judah is born, Leah declares, "This time, I will praise the Lord," and Judah is named accordingly. Only by praising the Lord, and recognizing what is right and good around us, can we become leaders prepared to take on responsibilities, and create a better community, society and world around us.

(Leon Sterling, a computer scientist at Case Western Reserve University, lives in Cleveland, Ohio, where he is a member of Congregation Beth Am, the Heights Haurah, and the Beth Am Library Minya.)

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## Pope

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God's choice of a particular people, "His own people, Israel." Using the Hebrew word for the Holocaust, he added that "no dialogue between Christians and Jews can overlook the painful and terrible experience of the Shoah."

The pope also confirmed the conclusions put forward in a landmark joint Jewish-Catholic statement made in Prague on September 6.

He urged that the Prague declaration and its recommendation to fight anti-Semitism everywhere "be widely recognized and implemented wherever human and religious rights are violated."

Leaders of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, here to mark the "Nostra Aetate"

anniversary, thanked the pope for his efforts to fight anti-Semitism. But much still has to be done, especially in Eastern Europe, they said.

Reich remarked later that "the significant thing is the loud and clear confirmation of the Prague statement" by the pope. "This is now official Vatican/church policy. It calls for repentance" for past Catholic wrongs against Jews, and "it calls anti-Semitism a sin. It envisages a plan to implement the concrete proposals to fight anti-Semitism set forth in the Prague document."

Nonetheless, Reich said he was "somewhat disappointed that the pope did not go beyond that which was set forth in his text."

In his own remarks to the pontiff, Reich

called for concrete action in the future, particularly in fighting anti-Semitism in Eastern Europe. He also urged the Vatican to recognize Israel.

"We believe that full and formal diplomatic relations between the Holy See and the State of Israel will dramatically and substantively advance the cause of peace," Reich told the pope. "The normalization of relations will send a strong signal to those nations that are still committed to the destruction of Israel."

"We live at a time when long-held ideologies are being abandoned in many parts of the world, and when new initiatives for peace are taking place every day," he said. "Physical, political and psychological walls and barriers between peoples are falling everywhere. Now is the time for the full ripening of relations between the Holy See and the State of Israel."

The pope, however, scarcely touched on the issue, referring only to his reverence for Jerusalem as a holy city. "At the center of the Holy Land, almost as its hallowed heart, lies Jerusalem," he said. "It is a city holy to three great religions: to Jews, Christians and Muslims. Its very name evokes peace."

"I should like you to join in praying daily for peace, justice and respect for the fundamental human and religious rights of the three peoples, the three communities of faith who inhabit that beloved land," he said.

The Jewish delegation also raised the Israel issue during a 45-minute meeting following the papal audience with the newly appointed Vatican secretary of state, Monsignor Jean-Louis Tauran.

"He told us there are problems with full normalization with Israel," Reich reported. "He said they are issues relating to Jerusalem, to the Palestinians, to borders. We had antici-

pated this; we have heard this in the past," he said.

But he stressed, "There can't be full normalization of relations between the Jewish and Catholic communities until the Vatican has full, normal relations with Israel. That is a basis for us."

Reich said the meeting with Tauran was particularly significant as it marked the beginning of a formal communication mechanism between IJCIC and the Vatican Secretariat of State.

Such communications will eventually, it is hoped, parallel in the political sphere the religious dialogue IJCIC already has with the Commission for Religious Relations With the Jews.

"Our religious relations don't deal with political matters," Reich said. Political cooperation, he said, should help "put out brush fires," heading off conflicts and misunderstandings between the two communities.

Conflicts in the political sphere have included the pope's embrace of Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasir Arafat, his meetings withex-Nazi Austrian President Kurt Waldheim and the convent controversy, which curtailed top-level Catholic-Jewish meetings for three years before it was resolved.

Reich said several other topics were touched on during discussions.

One was the repeated assertion that in the future, Catholic-Jewish dialogue must not be confined to hierarchies or elites. "It's getting down to the grass-roots level that's important," he said.

Another was Jewish concern over recent reports that the Vatican was considering beautifying Queen Isabella of Spain, the monarch who expelled the Jews from Spain in 1492.

## Furman

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policeman gave her the final ultimatum, "Make your choice — freedom or death."

While in the hospital, there were several attempts made by doctors and hospital staff to kill her baby, Furman says. In the middle of labor, her heart stopped beating. For unknown reasons, one Russian physician chose to save her life and her daughter's. He was fired the next day, she said.

When her daughter, named Aliyah, was nine months old, the Furmans participated in a protest. The sign on the side of the stroller said, "KGB, I want to be free...". Many were arrested, including the Furman family.

Aliyah was put in a prison cell that was near to her mother, but she was not fed or changed for over five hours. Furman could hear her screaming, but did not know if she was safe.

Furman says that trauma was so severe that when she left prison all of her hair turned gray.

Finally, with the support of the Jewish people in the United States, the Furmans and other Jewish families were allowed to leave Russia. Many like the Furmans moved to Israel.

Recounting a story, Furman said that, once, as she was about to reprimand her daughter, Aliyah turned to her and said, "I am a free Israeli and you can do nothing to me." This, Furman explained, "is the true meaning of the Exodus."

Furman took a look into the future and expressed the hope that in another 15 years all of the Soviet Jews would be free and, with the support and help of Jews from around the world, terrorist dictators will hear and "will give up their dreams about pouring Jewish blood on the streets."

## Shamir

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tional conference to deal with the Arab-Israel conflict.

He said that he and Shamir agreed that what is needed is a "serious dialogue." How the dialogue should be conducted could be worked out, Shevardnadze said.

Shamir has stressed that peace can come about only through direct negotiations between Israel and its Arab neighbors.

The United States opposes an international conference at this time, and has been working

to block a U.N. Security Council resolution that would call for such a conference because it would be seen as linking the Arab-Israel conflict with the Persian Gulf crisis.

The 75-minute meeting between Shamir and Shevardnadze at Shamir's hotel was the second meeting between the two leaders. They met some two years ago at the United Nations in New York.

Shamir's two-hour meeting December 11 with Bush did not result in any concrete steps forward, except to provide Israel with a prom-

ise that any solution of the Gulf crisis would not be at the expense of Israel. But the meeting was important because it was the first encounter between the two leaders in over a year, and the first direct contact of any kind between them since Iraq's invasion of Kuwait on Aug. 2. Since then, Bush has telephoned almost every friendly world leader except for Shamir.

Both Bush and Shamir went out of their way to show that their reported enmity did not exist or at least was being put behind them.

On December 13, the same ground was covered during a one-hour breakfast meeting between Shamir and Secretary of State James Baker. "In a good and friendly meeting, the importance of moving forward on the peace process in the aftermath of the Gulf crisis was stressed," said a statement issued by the Israeli Embassy.

The statement said the discussion on the peace process will continue when Dennis Ross, head of the State Department's policy-planning staff, goes to Israel soon. Ross accompanied Baker to the meeting in Shamir's hotel.

"On the Gulf crisis situation, the prime

minister reiterated Israel's support for President Bush's policy in the Gulf, and expressed Israel's concerns over the Iraqi threat," the embassy statement said.

As he did with Bush, Shamir described to Baker "the immense challenge Israel is facing in absorbing hundreds of thousands of Soviet Jews and explained Israel's needs emanating from this historical event," the statement said.

Shamir has asked the U.S. for aid, but has not put any dollar amount on it yet. The Bush administration has indicated it wants to first see how the \$400 million U.S. guaranteed loan for new immigrant housing works out.

This would apparently include a review of whether any of the funds are being used to settle Soviet Jews in the West Bank or Gaza Strip. Shamir reassured Bush that it is not government policy to send Soviet immigrants to the territories.

(Editor's note: As *The Jewish Voice* went to press, Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze had just resigned from his post. No analyses were immediately available.)

## Jackson-Vanik

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priority areas of our concern, namely a sustained level of emigration, strict limits on state secrets, resolution of poor relatives problems, and cases of long-term refuseniks."

The Union of Councils for Soviet Jews that has solidly backed the Bush position of codification of laws first and waiver afterwards

"applauded President Bush for explicitly preserving the linkage between MFN concessionary tariffs for the Soviet Union and the codification of an emigration reform law — a position long and almost uniquely championed by UCSJ." It said "once again, President Bush has balanced political demands and the demands of an improving U.S.-Soviet relationship without compromising human rights."

# Announcements/Events

## Naches

### Rosenthal

Allan and Dale Rosenthal of Wilmington announce the birth of a son, Michael Eric, on November 11. Michael was eight pounds, eight ounces.

### Ruvel-Mattes

Adina Ruvel and Daniel Mattes were married on Sunday, December 2, at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Synagogue. Rabbi Leonard B. Gewirtz and Cantor Morris Markowitz, officiated.

Their parents are Dorothy and Michael Ruvel of Lakewood, New Jersey, and Clara and Ted Mattes of Wilmington. Mr. Ruvel formerly served as Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

Maid of Honor was Betsy Rettew of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Best man for his brother was Michael Mattes of San Francisco, California.

Adina is a graduate of the University of Delaware and received her Masters Degree in Social Work at the University of Pennsylvania. She is a Counselor at Cecil County Community College. Daniel is President of Brite Lite Supply Company in Wilmington. They are residing in Elkton, Maryland.



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## YJAD sets January calendar

The Young Jewish Adults of Delaware (for singles in their twenties and thirties) has planned several activities for January. Call the JCC at 478-5660 to be included on the mailing list for their monthly newsletter.

On Wednesday, January 2, 9, 16 and 23, the YJAD will play coed Volleyball in the JCC gymnasium beginning at 6:00 p.m. Games are non-competitive. Admission is \$1 for JCC members, \$2 for non-members. Call Scott Sweren at 633-

0891 for more information.

On Monday, January 14, the YJAD will hold a "Game Night" from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the JCC. Members will test their wits with a variation of "Mad Libs." Admission is \$2 and snacks will be provided. Reservations may be made by January 10 by contacting Sandy Cook at 695-4084.

On Sunday, January 20, the YJAD will travel to "Montage" for a day of skiing. Members will depart the JCC at 6 a.m. and return at 9 p.m. A

transportation charge of \$16 per person is due by January 10 in order to reserve a seat. Contact Ron Grosz at 762-7411 for reservations.

On Thursday, January 24, the YJAD will sponsor "Drinks, Dinner and Comedy." Cocktails and dinner will begin at 5:30 p.m. at The Greenery Restaurant and the Comedy Cabaret will follow at 8 p.m. There is free parking and the comedy show is \$5. Reservations are required by January 21. Contact Mike Cook at 368-1982.

On Sunday, February 3, at 8:30 p.m. the YJAD will meet for frozen yogurt at TCBY in the Fairfax Shopping Center on Concord Pike (Route 202). Members who participated in the Jewish Federation Phonathon will receive a free sundae. Contact Sheryl Fried at 798-4616 for more information.

## Mission of support for Israel planned by Congregation Beth Shalom

Congregation Beth Shalom in Wilmington is sponsoring a week-long mission to Israel from January 5 through 11.

This is a mission of solidarity to our fellow Jews in Israel," Beth Shalom Rabbi Herbert Yoskowitz said. "It will be a quick trip that will not require more than one week of work missed."

The mission will include meeting a planeload of arriving Soviet Jewish immigrants, an aliyah discussion with Ethiopian Jews, touring and meetings with civilian and military personnel.

The cost for the mission is \$997 which includes airfare from New York, accommodations in a five-star hotel, breakfasts, transfers and some touring. For more information, contact Beth Shalom President Jerome Grossman (571-6685) or Rabbi Yoskowitz (654-4462).

## Lecture on 'Shayna Maidel'

The Delaware Theatre Company and the Wilmington Library are offering a Brown Bag Lecture on January 14 at noon. The topic of discussion will be the Theatre Company's upcoming production of *A Shayna Maidel*, Barbara Lebow's powerful drama about one family's reunion after World War II and their ability to heal and survive. (See Cultural Calendar.)

The informal discussion will take place in the Reading Room at the Wilmington Library, located at 10th and Market Streets in downtown Wilmington. The lecture will be led by a theatre professional and is free and open to the public. Participants are welcome to bring their lunch.

Reservations are suggested and may be made by calling the Delaware Theatre Company at 594-1104.

## Cemetery to undergo beautification project

The Wilmington Jewish Community Cemetery Association has announced that it recently received a grant from the Breslin and Goldbaum families. This grant will be utilized in the beautification project initiated by the association, according to Leon Chambers, former president of the Montifore Mutual Benefit Society. New plantings of trees, bushes and flowering plants will be made around the office/maintenance building as well as in the individual rest areas throughout the cemetery. Trees will be planted along Foulk Road to fill in and complete the "living fence" there.

Association president Murray Askenazi stated that these funds allow the association to meet its goal of upgrading the maintenance and appearance of Wilmington's major Jewish cemetery for the solace, comfort and peace of mind of those visiting the graves of relatives and friends as well as of the entire Jewish community.

## Living wills to be topic

The community is invited to hear Thomas Herlihy, III, speak about Delaware law and living wills/medical directives. His presentation is titled, "Maximizing choice - preserving dignity — Delaware law and living wills."

The meeting will take place in the Congregation Beth Emeth Lounge on Sunday morning, January 6. Breakfast (\$2/person) will begin at 9:30 a.m. followed by the presentation by Herlihy.

Herlihy is a member of the Delaware Bar Association Committee on Law and the Elderly. He is also a member of the Delaware Division of Aging Committee on Death With Dignity/Living Wills.

To attend, reservations should be made by calling Phil Weinberg (475-4962) or Bob Gamiel (764-4122).

## Hadassah song fest

The Newark Chapter of Hadassah will hold a song fest on Sunday, February 24, at 7 p.m. Local guitarist and singer Bob Weiner will perform in Hebrew, Yiddish and English. Refreshments will be served.

The event will be held at the home of Leni and Bill Markell, 222 Hullahen Drive, in Newark. There is limited seating, so reservations must be made early by calling 737-5473. The cost for the event is \$10 and all proceeds will benefit Hadassah.

## Beth Emeth Sisterhood meeting set

On Tuesday, January 8, the Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Emeth will feature an Open Board Meeting, to which all Sisterhood members and those interested in joining Sisterhood are invited. The program, which starts at 9:30 a.m., will consist of mini-workshops relating to Sisterhood activities, with President Joan Helfand presiding. A "Lite Lunch" will be served. Call Carole Bernstein at 475-6259 before January 4, for reservations.



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# Announcements/Events

## Hanukkah celebrated at Gratz

For the past two Sundays, students at Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School have celebrated the festival of Hanukkah in a unique way, according to Gratz principal Elaine Friedberg.

The cartoon film, "Lights - A Chanukah Midrash" was used as a catalyst for transmitting the messages and values found in Hanukkah, she said. The approach was not centered on the well-known historical events, but on the central and important messages of the story.

Students were encouraged to view the film critically and analytically and to discuss several issues relevant to their lives as teenagers.

During the first session, teacher Ann Jaffe led a stimulating discussion before and after the video presentation. This included defining the meanings of fable and Midrash, and developing the realization that the issues portrayed are as meaningful today as in the days of Hanukkah.

The second session of the program was divided into three stations.

Teacher Ivy Kaplan chaired the lesson on "Universalism and Particularism." It focused on the concept of the eternal nature of Judaism as a distinct, different and yet contributing entity.

Station Two, directed by teacher Julie Shore, focused on the sequential nature of tyranny. It shows how tyranny takes many configurations and works as often through subtle means as through coercive ones. It also questioned whether history is repeating itself with events taking place in the world today.



Natalie Helman, above, reads a special poem about the power of light in teacher Ann Jaffe's class. At left, teacher Julie Shore leads the students in singing Hanukkah songs.

Station Three, led by teacher Gladys Gewirtz, dealt with the interplay of cultures brought out in the film. It stressed that the more Judaism retains its own uniqueness, the more it can contribute to the societies around it. It stressed that interplay of cultures

can serve to stimulate and enrich one another.

"Thus the film 'Lights,' rich with symbolism, brought out many interesting ideas and concepts to which Gratz students in today's world very closely relate," Friedberg said.

## New Americans celebrate for first time



At top left, Barbara Yalisove (chairman of the Hanukkah event for New Americans) presents a gift to Sarah and Gennedy Gribox. The Hanukkah lunch was enjoyed by a large number of New Americans including, above, left to right, Gregory Brodsky, Genrietta Mazina, Charna Volchenko, Reglna Brodsky and Galina and Vladimir Segal. At left, Anna Muchnick and Anna Dolinsky, two of the New American children who received gifts from the New American Resettlement Committee. (Photos by Barbara S. Keil)

Gifts were presented to each child - the first Hanukkah gift ever for many of those who arrived here during 1990 and have never celebrated Hanukkah before. A menorah with candles was presented to each recently settled family. Barbara Yalisove chaired the event.

The story of Hanukkah was told by Eleanor Weinglass, principal of the Albert Einstein Academy and JFS volunteer. Weinglass stressed the fact that Hanukkah commemorates a fight for religious freedom and that the New Americans left Russia to find religious freedom. Traditional Hanukkah songs were sung by Cindy Goldstein, Myrna Ryder and Weinglass.

Lunch, provided by the JCC, included latkas and hotdogs - a mixture of traditional Jewish and American foods.

Rachel Yoskowitz, Chairman of the Resettlement Committee, announced that 69 Russian immigrants are expected in Wilmington during 1991 as part of the Family Reunification Program.

"Adopting a family can enrich your own life," Yoskowitz said. Start with inviting a new American family to celebrate a holiday or Sabbath with your family. You can decide the amount of time and effort you want to put into the adoption." Anyone interested should call Marilyn Harwick at 762-2473.



By BARBARA S. KEIL

Latkas, gifts and menorahs were highlights of the Hanukkah party for New Americans at the Jewish Community Center on December 9. All of the 68 New Americans, from Russia, who settled in Wilmington during the past year and all of the "veteran settlers" were invited by the Jewish Family Service and the New American Resettlement Committee to this event. Approximately 85 attended.

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### Esther Z. Miller

Esther Z. Miller, 87, of Forward Manor, 1912 Marsh Road, Brandywine Hundred, died December 7 of heart failure at home.

Mrs. Miller, who retired in 1977, had been an assistant secretary at Miller's Furniture, which was founded by her husband, Nathan Miller.

She was a member of Temple Beth Emeth and Jewish Federation of Delaware. She was active in civic and charitable causes, including serving as a volunteer in the child life department at Alfred I. du Pont Institute.

Her husband died in 1967. She is survived by a daughter, Sara Miller of North East, Md.; a stepson, Howard A. Miller of Wilmington; a stepdaughter, Rosalie Goldman of Wilmington; four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Delaware Association for the Blind or Ronald McDonald House of Delaware, in care of We Care Inc., Box 1995 Wilmington.

### Lena D. Cooper

Lena D. Cooper, 88, of B'nai B'rith House, Claymont, died of heart failure December 11 at the home.

Mrs. Cooper and her husband operated Cooper's grocery and sub shop in Simonds Gardens for 20 years before retiring in 1973. She then worked for Bailey's Record Store, 225 King St.

She was a member of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation and Congregation Beth Emeth.

Her husband William died in 1973. She is survived by a son, Bruce, with the United Nations in Vienna, Austria; a daughter, Joan Pizor of Heather Green Commons; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by the Schoenberg Memorial Chapel.

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

### Robert Allen Wiener

Robert Allen Wiener, 48, died suddenly December 11 in Philadelphia.

A son of the late Dr. Jack Allen Wiener, Mr. Wiener is survived by his mother, Anita Nardello Wiener Markel of Wilmington; and two brothers, Richard J. and Ronald C. Wiener.

## Armand Hammer, 92, dies day before bar mitzvah

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF  
Special to The Jewish Voice

Armand Hammer, a medical doctor who became an historic participant in Soviet-American commerce, died on December 10 after a brief illness at his home in Los Angeles and just one day before he was to celebrate his bar mitzvah that was delayed for 79 years. Hammer, an international financier who was an advisor to ten U.S. presidents and

### Fay Arkus

Fay Arkus, 76, of Margate, N.J., died December 12 of cancer in Atlantic City Medical Center.

Mrs. Arkus' husband, Saul, died in 1971. Survivors include a daughter, Susan Burstein of Wilmington, and two grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Ruth Newman Shapiro Heart and Cancer Fund, 7 Baycrest Court, Margate 08402.

### Sandra Elaine Fenster

Sandra Elaine Fenster, 47, of 20 Deer Pond Lane, Chadds Ford, Pa., died December 15 of cancer at home.

Mrs. Fenster managed and owned a retail flower store in Pittsburgh before moving to Chadds Ford 1 1/2 years ago.

She is survived by her husband, Abraham N., vice president of specialty chemicals at ICI Americas; three sons, Dr. Michael Scott of Winston-Salem, N.C., Leonard Kevin and David Craig; a daughter, Keri Robin Fenster, all at home; and a sister, Roslyn Stein of Spring Valley, N.Y.

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

### Harry A. Schagrin

Retired Middletown businessman and community leader Harry A. Schagrin, 90, died December 16 of kidney failure at Leader Nursing Home in Pike Creek. He had been ill since suffering a stroke in 1989.

Mr. Schagrin, of 12 E. Green St., may have been best known for the propane gas company that bore his name, but he also was active with civic groups and volunteer fire companies. He recently donated land for a new Middletown-area senior center.

Mr. Schagrin started his gas company in Middletown in 1947 and remained active in it until recently. His son-in-law, Milton Levinson, and grandson, Eric Levinson, now run the business, which serves over 10,000 customers in Delaware, Maryland and Pennsylvania.

For more than 25 years, Mr. Schagrin was a board member of the National LP Gas Association.

He was involved with volunteer fire companies for many years in several capacities.

He was a member of the Middletown Hose Company for more than 65 years, and was active in county and state firemen's associations.

Twice he was elected president of the New Castle County Firemen's Association.

In September, Mr. Schagrin donated nearly seven acres of land on Scott Street, Middletown for a new facility for the Middletown-Odessa-Townsend Senior Center.

A Mason and a Shriner, Mr. Schagrin also donated ground for Union Masonic Lodge 5, AF&AM. He was a member of that lodge, as well as the Delaware Consistory and Nur Shrine.

He served one term as a member of the Middletown Town Council.

He was a member of the Lions Club and Rotary Club and of Congregation Beth Shalom. He was a member of the National Guard's Home Guard during World War II. He served in the Boy Scouts and maintained the affiliation throughout his life.

His wife, Laura Fogel Schagrin, died in 1988. Mr. Schagrin is survived by a daughter, Thelma S. Levinson of Middletown, two brothers, Rabbi Elihu Schagrin of Binghamton, N.Y., and David Schagrin of Manhattan; a granddaughter and two great-grandchildren.

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

### Dr. Benjamin Steinbach

Dr. Benjamin Steinbach, 73, of 9 Wayne Drive, Woodside Manor, Holly Oak, died December 17 of cancer at home.

Dr. Steinbach, an optometrist since 1949, practiced at Lombardy Medical Center with his daughter, Dr. Greta Steinbach-Wallis.

He was a member of Congregation Beth Emeth; Harry Fineman Post, Jewish War Veterans; Granite Lodge AF&AM; Delaware Consistory; Nur Temple Shrine and its Legion of Honor; B'nai B'rith Lodge 470; Delaware Optometric Association; Gen. W.W. Atterbury Post 3420, Veterans of Foreign Wars; and American Legion. He was an Army veteran of World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Cecille; his daughter; two sisters, Sarah Strauss of Wilmington and Selma Rickless of Swampscott, Mass.; and a grandson.

Arrangements were made by the Schoenberg Memorial Chapel.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Delaware Hospice or Congregation Beth Emeth.

## Holocaust historian, Lucy Dawidowicz, dies

NEW YORK (JTA) - Lucy Dawidowicz, one of the premier historians of the Holocaust, died in her New York apartment December 4 of liver cancer. She was 75 years old.

"I really believe her loss is immeasurable," said Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel, who knew Dawidowicz for 30 years. "She was among the first to teach the history of that tragedy with passion, lucidity and objectivity. Her

contribution to the cause of remembrance is incomparable."

A personal memoir published last year, "From that Place and Time, A Memoir 1938-1947," won the National Jewish Book Award for 1990 in the autobiography/memoir category. The book was a personal account of pre-Holocaust Europe. From August 1938 to August 1939, Dawidowicz did postgraduate re-

search in Vilna, Lithuania, at the headquarters of the YIVO Institute for Yiddish Research. Dawidowicz addressed the Delaware Jewish Community on this subject last year.

Abraham Foxman, national director of ADL, said of Dawidowicz, "Her death is a loss of a memory, of a courageous voice on social issues, a vibrant scholar who kept history alive for us."

# Soviet Jewish couple's remarriage is celebration of new freedom

By CELIA GANS

Special to The Jewish Voice

The *chuppah* was decorated with seasonal greens, the bride was beautiful, the groom was nervous, and their children (Lev, 11, and Annia, 7) were glowing with pride, as Rabbi Herbert Yoskowitz pronounced Olga (whose new Hebrew name, *Orah*,

We lived on the island until I finished 10th grade and entered a Moscow institute for civil engineering," says Olga.

The Yampolsky family arrived in the United States on November 8, 1988, with Michael's parents, the Yampolskys, and Olga's parents, the Landes, and settled in Stamford,

living close to a library with a good selection of books in Russian. But..."

Fortunately for Michael, a fellow graduate of the Moscow Telecommunications Institute was working in the Imaging Systems area of the DuPont Company. The men met through a mutual friend, and Michael sent his new friend a resume.

The "new friend," who had met Michael once, then age 20, in a Moscow synagogue, is Vadim Kron-gauz, who not only help Michael find employment, but served as his Best Man for the Yampolskys' Jewish wedding! His wife, Carolyn, was Olga's Matron of Honor.

"Today," said Rabbi Yoskowitz to Olga and Michael under the *chuppah*, "during the festival of Hanukkah, we take something ordinary — the lighting of a candle — and make it extraordinary — the lighting of the *menorah*. Just as Hanukkah reminded us that the Jews could not take for granted the existence of the temple as a place to worship, so your wedding reminds us that not all Jews are free to be married in a Jewish ceremony under the *chuppah*... We know that your love for one another will grow and grow, and your devotion to each other will be without end."

It was on November 3, 1990, recalled Yoskowitz, that Olga and Michael first saw a Jewish couple sign their marriage *ketuba*. "I cannot describe the look of wonderment and joy on their faces. I felt they shared our dream of bringing over all couples 'in captivity' to celebrate Judaism.

Connecticut. Michael, an electronics engineer who graduated from the Moscow Telecommunications Institute, found work — for six months.

Then, he says, came three months of job hunting. "At first, I looked for



Cantor Norman Swerling (left) and Rabbi Herbert Yoskowitz (right) bedeck (veil) the bride, Olga Yampolsky, in the rabbi's study as the groom, Michael Yampolsky, watches. (Photo: Celia Gans)

means "light") and Michael (whose new Hebrew name *Micha-el* means "there is no one like God") Yampolsky "Man and Wife." It was the Yampolsky's second marriage in twelve years: the first, sanctioned under the law of a faceless bureaucracy, took place in a Moscow state registry office on April 28, 1979. The second, conducted in accordance with the law and traditions of the Jewish religion, took place on Sunday, December 16, 1990, at Wilmington's Congregation Beth Shalom.

The ceremony, says Michael Yampolsky, was "another reason for celebration" of the family's immigration to the United States and freedom. Freedom, explains Michael, "to my own decisions — to have no one to blame if things go wrong; freedom to express myself — who I am and what I believe in." Freedom, says Olga, "to live our lives without lies and half-truths" which characterize life in Russia today.

Though Michael and Olga (both only children) met — and courted — in Moscow, Olga was born on Sakhalin, a Soviet island near the Japanese island of Hokkaido. "When my father finished his training as a lawyer, he was not allowed to choose where he would practice. He was told, 'This is where you will work.'



The Yampolsky family, Michael and Olga with their children, Lev and Annia, stand together under the *chuppah* following their Jewish wedding. (Photo: Celia Gans)

jobs only in the Connecticut region — our parents were happy in Stamford, able to walk to shops, and

When they approached me about having their own Jewish wedding, I was happy to participate."

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

January 1991

- 4 6:00 p.m. Hillel Shabbat Dinner
- 4-6 BBYO CRE Convention: Tournaments-JCC, Wilmington
- 7 9:30 a.m. AKSE Sisterhood Board Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Beth Shalom Downtown Study Group
- 7:30 p.m. BBW Dinner
- 7:30 p.m. JCC Board Meeting
- 8 9:30 a.m. Beth Emeth Sisterhood Board Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. AKSE Executive Committee Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Beth Emeth Board Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Beth Shalom Board Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Beth Shalom Board Meeting
- 8:00 p.m. JFS Board Meeting
- 9 9:30 a.m. NCJW Executive Committee Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Beth Shalom Sisterhood Membership Dinner
- 7:30 p.m. Beth El Sisterhood Meeting
- 10 10:00 a.m. Kutz Home Auxiliary Board Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. JFD Board Meeting
- 13 12:00 p.m. Hillel Bagel Brunch
- 12:30 p.m. Hadassah/Wilmington Chapter Brunch Meeting
- 15 12:00 p.m. Beth Emeth Sisterhood Regular Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. ORT Board Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. AEA Board Meeting
- 16 10:00 a.m. NCJW Board Meeting
- 17 8:00 p.m. Kutz Home Board Meeting
- 18 6:00 p.m. Hillel Shabbat Dinner
- 19-20 BBW Mystery Weekend
- 20 9:30 a.m. Beth El Men's Club Breakfast
- 5:00 p.m. JFS Fundraiser: Shayna Maidel
- 21 12:00 p.m. AKSE Sisterhood Luncheon
- 7:30 p.m. JCC Executive Committee Meeting
- 22 7:30 p.m. Beth Emeth Executive Committee Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. AKSE Board Meeting
- 26 ORT Game Night
- 5:00 p.m. AEA Havdallah
- 8:00 p.m. Beth El Men's Club Bingo
- 27 12:00 p.m. Hillel Tu B'Shevat Seder
- 7:00 p.m. Beth Shalom Adult Education
- 28 7:30 p.m. Hadassah/Wilmington Chapter Board Meeting
- 30 12:45 p.m. JCC Senior Center Tu B' Shevat Seder

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