

1995 Delaware Jewish Population Study Results Revealed

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On Thursday, September 19, Dr. Jacob Ukeles, President of Ukeles Associates, Inc. (UAI), unveiled the results of the 1995 Jewish Population Study of Delaware. Commissioned by the Jewish Federation of Delaware in the summer of 1995, and conducted by UAI of New York City during the fall and winter of 1995 and the spring of 1996, the study was undertaken in the conviction that increased information about the people who comprise Delaware's Jewish community would equip JFD, as well as other community agencies and institutions, with the knowledge necessary to better serve the Jewish community of Delaware.

The first comprehensive Jewish community population study in Delaware since 1962, the 1995 Jewish Population Study of Delaware was designed to estimate the size and composition of Delaware's Jewish population and to collect and analyze information that would help meet communal needs and develop financial resources.

Summarizing information on population size, mobility, age, family structure, geographic distribution, Jewish education, observance, affiliation, philanthropic behavior, social service needs, and connections to Israel, the report delineated five important policy areas before identifying the research questions to be answered. These were: Jewish identity and continuity, clients' needs and services, financial resource development, leadership and participation, and the marketing and image of Federation.

The report indicates that five hundred and twenty-eight 15-20 minute telephone surveys were conducted during October-November via random digit dialing (RDD) and distinctive Jewish name (DJN) methodologies. In RDD, when an interviewer dials random numbers, there is no guarantee that a residence, let alone a Jewish residence, will be reached. The introduction asked whether anyone in the household was Jewish. Thus, 9000 different numbers had to be dialed more than 16,500 times to inter-

view 157 Jewish households in New Castle County. This methodology has the advantages of generating a high response rate (91% in this case), guaranteeing anonymity to the respondent, and providing the ability to interview persons with unpublished numbers. RDD surveys were not completed in southern Delaware because the percentage of Jewish persons in that area was deemed to be too low to make this methodology feasible. After the completion of the RDD survey, an additional 318 DJN surveys were completed in New Castle County with households listed in the most recent telephone directory.

For New Castle County, the report maintains an error margin for the results as a whole as being no greater than plus or minus 4.5%. For results reported separately for Wilmington, the error margin is plus or minus 5.4% and for Newark it is plus or minus 8.2%.

The study reports that approximately 15,100 persons live in approximately 5,700 Jewish households in New Castle County. (A Jewish household is one containing one or more self-defined Jewish persons.) Of these persons, about 11,900 are Jews. Approximately 2,500 persons live in about 1,100 Jewish households in southern Delaware; of these, about 1,600 are Jews. Thus, the state as a whole contains about 6,800 Jewish households and about 13,500 Jews.

Of the 6,800 Jewish households in Delaware, 51% live in Wilmington, 32% in Newark, and 16% in south Delaware. 56% of Jews live in Wilmington, 32% in Newark, and 12% in southern Delaware. In New Castle County, about 3.2% of all households are Jewish households and about 2.6% of the population is Jewish. In 1962, 2.7% of the area was Jewish.

While Newark experienced a 55% increase in Jewish population during the past decade, the Jewish population of Wilmington did not change. This interesting revelation, termed the "Newark story" by Dr. Ukeles, has broad implications for future communal planning.

The data in the report suggests that the Jewish population in New Castle County is relatively stable. About 17% of all Jewish households have moved to New Castle County within the past five years. Another 11% arrived 5-9 years ago, 14% have been here for 10-19 years, and 58% have been here for 20 or more years. (The percentage of long-term residents is one of the highest of any American Jewish community.) Within the past five years, about 330 Jewish households have moved into Wilmington and 600 Jewish households into Newark. Thus, about 35% of new residents (0-4 years) have settled in Wilmington, and 65% in Newark.

The study reports that about one in five Jews in New Castle County is age 65 and over. For couples 65 and over, 46% have adult children in New Castle County and 15% have adult children in Philadelphia. 14% have no adult children and 26% have adult children out of the area. For singles 65 and over, 46% have adult children in New Castle County and 3% in Philadelphia. 19% have no adult children and 32% have adult children residing out of the area.

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A Palestinian youth hurls stones in the direction of Israeli soldiers at the road block on the outskirts of Ramallah, September 25, as large scale riots took place over the opening of a tourist tunnel in Jerusalem's Old City.

Palestinians Riot After Hasmonean Tunnel Opening Palestinian Police Join Rioters

marches in several West Bank Cities.

The violence in Ramallah erupted when about 1,000 students from Bir Zeit University joined with hundreds of other Palestinians headed toward a fortified Israeli checkpoint marking the crossing from the area controlled by the Palestinian Authority to that controlled by Israel. The Palestinians began raining stones on the handful of Israeli soldiers who were manning the checkpoint. The soldiers fired in the air, and when reinforcements arrived, began firing rubber bullets into the crowd.

Palestinian policemen attempted to hold back the crowd but left shortly after being unsuccessful. Later, a fire involving real bullets started after a Palestinian policeman, infuriated at the sight of people falling to rubber bullets around him, fired his automatic weapon at the Israelis, sending Israeli soldiers scurrying for cover. Once the policeman opened fire, other Palestinian officers joined in, and the Israelis fired back.

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According to Reuters, JTA, and other news services, the worst clashes in the West Bank and Gaza Strip since the Israeli-Palestinian peace accords three years ago have, at press time, claimed the lives of two Israeli soldiers and 22 Palestinians. Palestinian police, along with Palestinian youths throwing rocks and Molotov cocktails, have been battling Israeli soldiers after riots broke out in Ramallah when Israel opened an ancient tunnel located near the Temple Mount in Jerusalem's Old City. Beyond Ramallah, disturbances spread quickly across the West Bank and eastern Jerusalem.

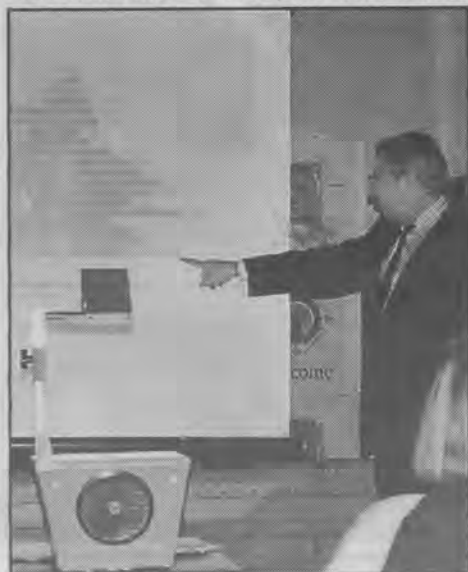
The 1,600 foot Hasmonean Tunnel goes from the Western Wall to its new opening at Via Dolorosa, a sacred Christian site. Because of threats of riots by Arabs, the tunnel has been shut up and only a privileged few have gone in because the tunnel is only one meter wide.

In a statement to reporters, Mr. Arafat declared: "The most important thing we cannot accept is the Judaization of Jerusalem."

Prime Minister Netanyahu, on an official visit to Paris, defended the decision to open the tunnel, and accused unnamed Palestinian leaders of deliberately spreading "wild and unfounded accusations" about the site.

The tunnel runs along the retaining wall of the Temple Mount, a 30-acre plateau sacred to Muslims for its Al Aksa Mosque, and to Jews as the site of Herod's Temple.

Israelis anticipated trouble over the tunnel, and the final excavation work was carried out at midnight Monday under guard. On Tuesday, angry Palestinian youths pelted Jewish worshippers at the Western Wall with stones. Later, Palestinians held several major protest



Dr. Ukeles points at graphic data during the September 19 meeting which disclosed the 1995 Delaware Jewish Population Study results.

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Candidates Take the Spotlight in JCRC and Hadassah Sponsored Forum

By PRISCILLA W. SIEGEL
Jewish Voice Community Reporter

Following on the heels of the primaries, over 400 Delawareans turned out to hear the state's major political candidates at a forum sponsored by the JCRC (Jewish Community Relations Committee) and Wilmington Hadassah on September 9 at Adas Kodesch in Wilmington.

Democratic and Republican incumbents and challengers for U.S. Senate (D-Biden vs. R-Clatworthy), Governor (D-Carper vs. R-Rzewnicki), Lieutenant Governor (D-Minner vs. R-Miller), and U.S. Representative (R-Castle vs. D-Williams) presented their positions and past records and responded to audience questions.

State Treasurer Rzewnicki, the governor's challenger, recounted her principal disagreements with Carper. Describing Carper as a proponent of big government and a wasteful spender, Rzewnicki called for a 30% tax cut to be implemented at 10% per year. "I want," declared Rzewnicki, "to put money back into the pockets of our citizens."

Critical of the poor state of public education in Delaware, Rzewnicki proposed a reduction of class sizes and an increase in teacher hiring.



Clockwise from upper left: Senator Biden, State Treasurer Rzewnicki, Governor Carper, Dennis Williams, Rep. Castle, and Ray Clatworthy.

The governor's challenger further decried the epidemic of crime in Delaware implying that Carper has not been tough enough on this issue. "Drive-by crime," she noted, "is running rampant, and we need to get the prison situation back in control."

Responding to Rzewnicki's criticisms, Governor Carper pointed proudly to his record and the sound health of Delaware's economy. "We have balanced our budgets," stated the Governor, "and our credit rating

is the highest in the history of the State." And, according to Carper, Delaware's welfare roles are down 13% since 1984.

Taking up the challenge on the education issue, Carper maintained that Delaware is "on the cutting edge" with rigorous academic standards in place. Under his leadership, claimed the Governor, Delaware is investing substantially in early childhood education and educational technology.

The two candidates for U.S. representative then took the floor. Rep. Castle listed his Congressional achievements. Portraying himself as a no-nonsense legislator, Castle stated at the outset that the work of Congress is to look at "what needs to be done in the United States and go ahead and do it...I voted for the line item veto, the Brady Bill, and health care reform." He defended his vote on the welfare bill, emphasizing that it was imperative to "end welfare as we know it...welfare should change."

Acknowledging public concern over the issue of health insurance, Castle expressed his support for continued health coverage when a job is lost or changed.

While calling for more return of power to state governors, Castle noted the need for the Federal government to stay involved in education, to reinvigorate the war on drugs, protect the environment and to maintain a strong national defense.

Castle's opponent, Democrat Dennis Williams, challenged the national Republican agenda. Standing opposed to across-the-board tax cuts and cuts for headstart programs, and any roll-back of environmental legislation, Williams affirmed that if elected he would fight to safeguard medicare, medicaid, and a \$10,000 tax deduction for higher education.

Judging from the vociferous constituencies in the audience, the U.S. Senate race might well be the most intense political battle in Delaware.

Contest for Labor Leader Open After Peres Opt's to Not Run

By GIL SEDAN

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Shimon Peres' decision to not seek the premiership in the next Israeli elections has cleared the way for what could be a heated contest for Labor Party leader next year. The former prime minister's Sept. 18 announcement ended widespread speculation about his intentions in the wake of narrowly losing the May election to the Likud's Benjamin Netanyahu.

"The time has come for a change," Peres said on Israel Television. But the 73-year-old opposition leader, also reiterated his determination to continue to "fight for peace."

Peres' announcement came a week after Ehud Barak, who served as foreign minister in the Peres government, declared his candidacy for the party's leadership, which will be decided in the party's internal elections in June.

Like Castle, Senator Biden could point to a voting and legislative working record. He promised to push for implementation of the crime bill and

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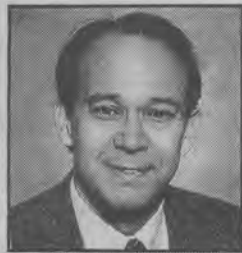
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EDITORIAL

“Dynamic Document” Will Enhance Services for Jewish Community

Termed a “dynamic document” by Executive Vice-President of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, Judy Wortman, the 1995 Delaware Jewish Population Study, commissioned by JFD, conducted by Ukeles Associates Inc., and guided by the Population Study Committee, will serve the community by supplying JFD, agencies, and synagogues with increased knowledge about the community, providing the basis for better service and programs.

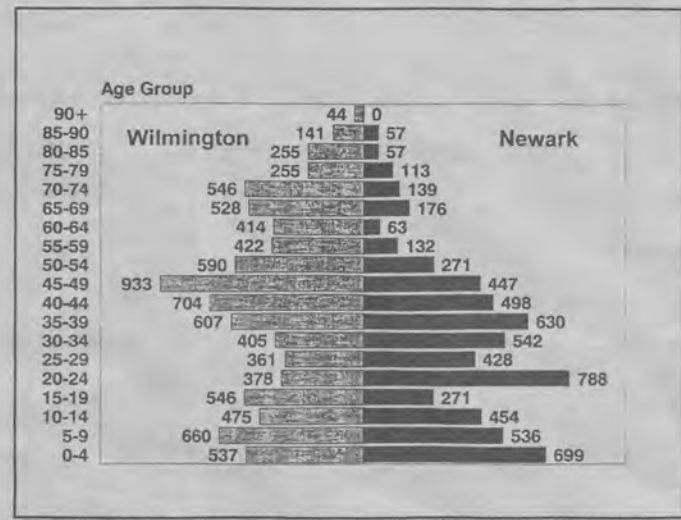
The report documents the results of a study of the Jewish population of Delaware, with a focus on the Jewish population in New Castle County. More than 75 Jewish community population and marketing studies have been conducted in the United States in the past fifteen years, including the 1990 National Jewish Population Survey. Important to note is that UAI and the Population Study Committee were both committed to making the Delaware Jewish Population Study relevant to the

information needs of the Delaware community and its leadership at this point in time. The results show that they have indeed succeeded in that endeavor.

Population size and distribution, geographic profile, demographic profile, religious profile, Jewish education, Jewish continuity, familiarity and perception of Jewish agencies, social service needs, Israel, philanthropic profile, and attitudes toward allocation of Federation funds are all areas well-documented in the study.

Jewish Voice readers can look forward to future issues containing in-depth analysis and interpretations of the data from the study. The Jewish community of Delaware can look forward to better informed decisions concerning communal services. Let’s hope that every ten years Jewish Delaware can mount such a professional population study so that we continue to have the information necessary for proactive planning, for examining trends and changes, and for evaluating services.

Demographic Profile—Age and Sex



Persons in Jewish Households by Region

- The age difference between the two regions is significant. The median age in Wilmington is 43.1 years. It is 29.7 years for Newark.
□ 6% of persons in Jewish households in Wilmington are age 0-4, as contrasted with 11% in Newark.
□ 25% of person in Jewish households in Wilmington are age 19 and under, as contrasted with 31% in Newark.
□ 20% of persons in Jewish households in Wilmington are age 65 and over, versus 9% in Newark.
□ The large number of persons in the 20-24 category in Newark is partially explained by the presence of the University of Delaware. Within this age category, 68% are female.
Newark is younger and Wilmington is older—this suggests the need for different kinds of services.

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Page 13 from The 1995 Jewish Population Study highlights how Newark’s young Jewish population is out-distancing Wilmington’s.

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OPINION

The Rabbi Writes:

The Etrog is Not a Lemon



By Rabbi SANFORD L. DRESIN
Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth

The question has been asked: "Why do we refer to the Jewish New Year as Rosh Hashanah, the head of the year, rather than Reshit Hashanah, the beginning of the year?" The response put forth is that Rosh Hashanah, head of the year, conveys the true meaning of the day. The Rosh or head is important only when attached to the body, if severed from the body, the head is devoid of life and the body bereft of purpose and meaning. Rosh Hashanah therefore has significance only

when it is the head of the year and remains firmly attached to the body, the rest of the year and the year itself only has meaning when it is bound to the head of the year, Rosh Hashanah.

Guilt trips induced by talks of horror, the Holocaust, and Jewish martyrdom don't provide enough of a reason for Jewish existence and continuity.

However, is bitterness all there is to Judaism? If the bitterness of tragedy were such a great motivator in promoting Jewish continuity and identity then we should ask, as does the Talmud, "Ayma Pilpulin"? Why select the etrog as the symbol, and why not the pepper since its taste is even more bitter? The etrog must therefore convey another value. This can be found in the teachings of the rabbis who point out that of the four spices, the willow has no taste or fragrance, the palm branch has but taste, the myrtle, fragrance, but it is the etrog alone that is distinguished for both taste and

fragrance. The etrog therefore symbolizing more than the bitterness of Jewish history, it also symbolizes the triumph of Jewish history and above all the beauty of Jewish living. The Talmud refer to the etrog as "Pree eitz hadar", the beautiful fruit of a beautiful tree. The Hebrew word "hadar" not only means beautiful, but, also to dwell (Dar), meaning that the etrog dwells on the tree from one year to the next. Authentic Jews, therefore, retain their attachment from one year to the next, in good seasons and in bad, in drought and in abundance, in sorrow and in joy, while feeling the pain, experiencing the joy and recognizing the beauty.

Sadly, far fewer Jews, will experience the joy of Sukkot in comparison to the numbers that assembled for Yizkor, to mourn, to fast and to weep. No wonder so many Jewish youth fail to appreciate the value of Judaism. Guilt trips induced by talks of horror, the Holocaust and Jewish martyrdom don't provide enough of a reason for Jewish existence and continuity.

Let us once again consider the etrog. As long as the etrog remains intact and whole, it is a glorious fruit with a heavenly fragrance. Only when it is slashed and dismembered does its sour taste become discernible. When it remains whole, one experiences only its beautiful form. Let one of our first tangible acts for this New Year 5757 be our participation in the glorious festival of Sukkot, both in our homes, as well as in our synagogues. As individual Jews we can get it together and as a people, keep it together only by beginning the

process of coming together. Chag Sameach.

Let us keep the above concept in mind as we now compare Sukkot to Rosh Hashanah. The most apparent difference is to be observed in our synagogues where is on Rosh Hashanah our synagogues were filled, Sukkot they are almost empty.

This is indeed unfortunate, for Sukkot, like Rosh Hashanah, has its own distinctive and inspiring symbols: the sukkah, the lulav and the etrog. The etrog, unlike the shofar which is hidden when not being blown, is paraded and shown at all times. The obvious reason for this difference is that the importance of the shofar is its sound. In the case of the etrog we are only required to gaze upon it and hold it in combination with the lulav (palm branch), the myrtle and willow branches when reciting a blessing. Aside from its beauty, the Talmud teaches us that the etrog comes from a tree whose wood and fruit taste alike. The Talmud does not praise the taste of the etrog for it is quite sour. It only directs our attention to the etrog's special quality of tasting the same as the tree from which it came. This concept teaches us a valuable lesson. Just as the etrog tastes like the tree, it is incumbent on each of us to have flowing within ourselves the essential juices of our people. Each of us must be able to feel the pain, the bitterness, the suffering and the hardship that afflicted and continues to afflict our people as well as all humanity. This feeling is not unlike the prescription of the Passover Haggadah which calls upon us to feel as if we personally had experienced the Exodus.

Fraying the Safety Net

By DORI ZATUCHNI
Executive Director of Jewish Family Service

Five years ago, Jewish Family Service received a telephone call from the Ministry of Caring, an organization providing food and shelter to the very poor. They informed us that Jewish families were utilizing their meal pro-

grams and might need additional services. As a result of that call, our social workers are now proving thirty hours of counseling every week to Ministry of Caring constituents, helping them access community resources for food, clothing, shelter, finances and jobs.

Most of the recipients are single adults and women receiving entitlement for their children.

Almost without exception, they are seeking employment. Many have high school degrees. Some have college diplomas. Others have participated in the welfare system since childhood. All are down on their luck.

The purpose of the first federal welfare legislation was to provide a financial safety net beneath an immediate crisis caused by joblessness. Families were provided food or shelter while they sought new employment opportunities.

The new welfare system's intent is expressed clearly in the title of the bill: Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996. It is now known as Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). This law replaced Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), the work and training program for welfare recipients (JOBS), and Emergency Assistance for Families (EAF). In other words, the safety net has been frayed bare. What does this really mean?

On October 1, 1996, the federal guarantee of cash assistance for eligible children will end. TANF funds will not be permitted to assist those who have received welfare for more than 5 years, excluding a discretionary 20% of the existing case load. Equally important, individual states, rather than the federal government, will now determine the circumstances and conditions under which families may receive assistance.

Welfare recipients will be required to work within 2 years of receiving benefits. Although an exemption may be provided for parents of children less than 1 year of age, 25% of any given state's recipients must work at least 20 hours each week. Failure to meet this federal criterion will result in a 5% reduction in state block grants. Continuing failure will be penalized by a 2% additional reduction each year to a cumulative maximum of 21%.

So far this sounds fair. So where are the concerns?

While work requirements have increased, federal investment in job training and support programs has not. No more than four consecutive weeks of job hunting may be categorized as work. Training regarded as work is also more narrowly defined. No longer will states be permitted to regard 2 or 4 year degree-granting college education programs as



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training. And, entitlement to child care assistance for families on welfare who are working or participating in education or training is eliminated, unless the states can match federal funds.

TANF will also lower the basis for food stamps by 3%. State and local energy assistance payments will be counted as income, as will earnings of high school students more than 18 years of age. Childless adults from 18 to 50 years of age will receive only 3 months of food stamps every 3 years unless they simultaneously procure part time jobs. By the year 2002, total benefits will be reduced from \$0.80 to \$0.67 cents per meal. Only 2% of the savings will be derived from reduction of food stamp fraud.

Refugees are exempted from immigrant restrictions for their first 5 years of residence. If they have not met either a 10 year work requirement or become citizens, they will lose all benefits.

It is expected that the gaps in service created by this new law will be filled by the private sector. But the reality is that social service agencies will provide many of the services eliminated through TANF, though they can least afford it.

Last year, Jewish Family Service served more than 400 families receiving financial assistance from various welfare programs. These people were Jewish and Gentile, Caucasian and African-American. We anticipate a significant increase this year.

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Jewish Family Service Hires Two Social Workers



Lauren Pokras

Jewish Family Services of Delaware has hired two new social workers.

Lauren Pokras, Family Life Educator and Social Worker at Jewish Family Service of Delaware, will be providing programs in the community on various topics and co-facilitating the Interfaith Support Group. In addition, she will be providing services to elder clients.

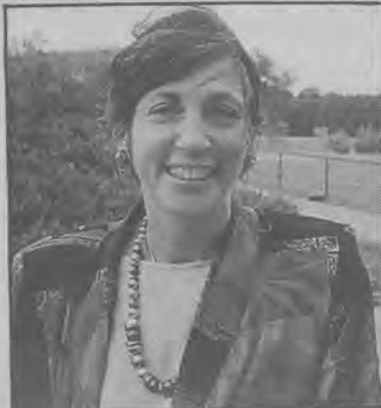
Her professional pursuits have centered on organizational development and system reform to create services which are responsive and empowering to families.

Most recently as Social Services Manager at Head Start Child Development Program of Burlington County, Lauren facilitated parent involvement and advocacy activities, designed staff and family education seminars and led substance abuse prevention efforts.

Ms. Pokras earned her Masters' Degrees in Social Services and Law and Social Policy at Bryn Mawr Col-

lege Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research and her BA in Philosophy at Villanova University.

Her personal passions include hiking, paper making, jewelry making and dance.



Janice L. Weiss

Janice L. Weiss will be providing psychotherapy for adults, adolescents, and couples as well as workshops in the community. Additionally, Ms. Weiss will be providing counseling services through a joint program with West End Neighborhood House designed to provide early intervention resources for at risk adolescents and their families.

Ms. Weiss was previously employed by Tressler Centers of Delaware in the Community Counseling and Children's Sliding Fee Scale Programs serving individuals, couples, children, and families. In addition she offered workshops at area schools and she co-facilitated several support groups for children dealing with issues including adoption, substance abuse, and dysfunctional home en-

Kutz Home Honors Its Volunteers

For their generosity of spirit, compassion, enthusiasm and energetic efforts on behalf of its residents, The Milton and Hattie Kutz Home held a Volunteer Recognition Luncheon on August 8th in honor of its many wonderful volunteers.

Forty-four of the Home's eighty volunteers gathered in the Home's dining room for a delicious meal prepared by the dietary staff.

Sheldon Weinstein, President of the Home's Board of Directors, thanked the volunteers for their selflessness and called them the "backbone of a just and caring community." Their help as drivers, bingo

callers, visitors, clerical helpers and feeders is invaluable to the Home. She also worked as a Crisis Intervention Specialist at Tressler's Brandywine Program. This program offered therapy for adolescents and their families to stabilize home and school situations and to prevent psychiatric hospitalization of the adolescent clients.

Ms. Weiss received a Master of Social Service Degree from Bryn Mawr College, Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research. She received a Bachelor of Arts Degree, Summa Cum Laude in Psychology from The University of Delaware.

Jewish Family Service of Delaware is a non-profit, social service agency reaching the needs of adults in transition and/or stress, children and their parents, the elderly, and emigrants. JFS is a Jewish Federation of Delaware constituent agency which benefits from The UJA-Federation Campaign.

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Karen Friedman, Executive Director, and Bernice Edwards, Activities Director, added their words of appreciation on behalf of the residents.

Volunteers Needed

The Kutz Home needs "friendly visitors" and "trip escorts" to accompany residents in the beautiful new auxiliary-donated van. We would like speakers on various topics including travelers with slides and artifacts. Craftspersons and musicians are always in demand. We are also looking for card players (especially gin rummy) and "Rummicub" players.



Etta Budini, Anita Press, and Marg Kravitz at The Kutz Home's Volunteer Recognition Gathering.

Do you have a skill, interest, and time that you could share with the residents of The Kutz Home? They would greatly appreciate knowing you.

Please call Bernice Edwards, Activities Director or Marge Maerov, Volunteer Coordinator at 764-7000.

Breast Cancer Information

During the month of October the Fitness Center of the JCC will be providing information about breast cancer. The Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah will be providing breast self exam cards, balloons and other information to assist the JCC in their campaign. Please stop down at the fitness center to see the display, but most importantly, pick up some materials while you are there. Remember "your body is a beautiful responsibility". Remember to do your monthly breast self-exam!

If anyone is interested in establishing a breast cancer support group contact Jewish Family Service at 478-9411.



Marge Maerov, Kutz Home Volunteer Coordinator, and Bob Wasson, dedicated volunteer, enjoy a chat at The Kutz Home Volunteer Recognition Gathering.



AIJS Offers Intermarriage Course

The Adult Institute of Jewish Studies is offering a course entitled "Intermarriage: Confronting the Present, Looking to the Future." It will be given by the Founder and Director of the Jewish Converts and Interfaith Network (whose video en-

titled, "Who Am I" explores interfaith religious identity from a child's perspective) and Jewish Family Service of Delaware consultant, Lena Romanoff. Ms. Romanoff has lectured widely on the radio as well as in scholar-in-residence programs.

The Jewish Converts and Interfaith Network advocates inter-faith couples raising children with one faith. Guidance in all aspects of interfaith relationships is provided.

The class will explore the connection of the intermarried families to themselves, their extended families, and the Jewish community. Ms. Romanoff will explore how she believes Judaism addresses the contemporary issues of the intermarrieds. She will provide an opportunity for

sharing personal issues.

The Adult Institute of Jewish Studies fee is \$10 for two classes. Enrollment can be made by mail to 101 Garden of Eden Road, at the JCC front desk, or at your synagogue. Other classes include but are not limited to: A Socio-Demographic Analysis of the American Jewish Community, The Art of Jewish Living: Creating Jewish Memories, Jewish Themes in Rock Music From the 60's to the Present, A Comparison of American and Jewish Law, and Introduction to Middle Eastern Politics. Classes run Wednesday evenings October 16 through November 20, 1996. Week six will feature an evening with the rabbis. For more information, call 478-5660.

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Recreational Services, took eight Jewish youth to West Orange, NJ, where the games were held.

The games were officially opened on Sunday at the Meadowlands. The 2,400 athletes representing different

cities from across the country and around the world marched into the arena, Olympic style. Following a tribute to the Israeli athletes killed at the Munich Olympics, the Maccabi flame was lit to open the games. The evening ended with a pyrotechnics display.

The games were played at area schools and colleges. The Wilmington JCC team consisting of Josh Berengut (14); Jonathan Kaufman (16); Blake Laurence (16); Brett Laurence (16); Dan Oren (14); Adam Robin (16); Dan Robin (14) and Doug Ross (14) opened the tournament with a loss to an older Philadelphia team. The Wilmington team with half of the players 14 years of age, played in the 15-16 year old division. Although the team didn't fare well against the older teams, they did improve with each game.

The Maccabi Youth Games are not only a time for athletic competition, but also provide an opportunity for Jewish youth to participate in a social, cultural and Judaic activities. On Monday evening, 6,000 people participated in a barbecue at the Greater Morris JCC. On Tuesday evening, there was a three hour cruise around Manhattan. Wednesday night was Israeli night with Israeli dancing, singing and falafel.

Thursday was the last day of the competition. It was followed by closing ceremonies on Thursday evening. To show the level of sportsmanship and the friends that were made, the athletes marched into the



Livingston Stadium for closing ceremonies by sport. The national anthems of the United States, Israel, Great Britain, Canada and Australia, who all participated in the games, were played. The closing ceremonies marked the end of a week of excellent competition and fun. They also marked the beginning of friendships and memories.

The North American Maccabi Youth Games are possible because of the strong support of individuals

and businesses. Coca Cola and Trotter Fitness are two national sponsors of the Maccabi Youth Games. The B'nai B'rith Wilmington Lodge #470 helped to subsidize the trip for the Wilmington team with a generous contribution. Funds were also raised through the patron and greater ads in the JCC Recorder publication.

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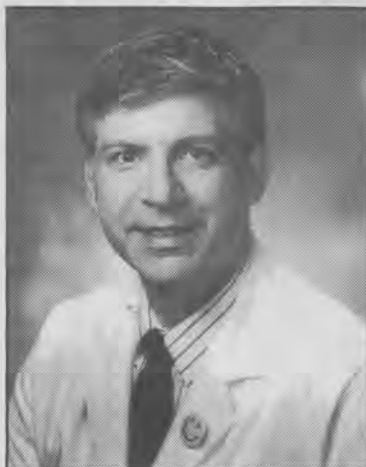
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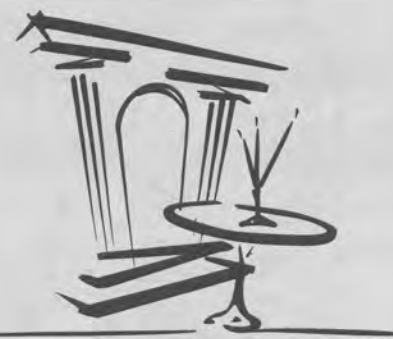
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That our family and loved ones
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to stand upright and tall,
In the face of tyranny,
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to keep us safe both day and night,
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Protect us from our oppressors,
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Fill us with your wisdom,
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Like Joseph, Gideon and Jehoshaphat,
may we put our trust in You,
And daily seek your face
in all we say and do.
Let joy and peace surround us,
as prosperity fills our days,
And fill our hearts with song,
that we may sing thy praise.

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Mr. Hugh and Marie Stevenson recently presented the Jewish Federation of Delaware with a collaborative art work effort which combines photography and poetry. Lee wrote "Lest We Forget" to accompany his wife, Marie's photograph of the Miami Holocaust Memorial, "Sculpture of Love and Languish" by Kenneth Treister. Lee has been a member of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers since 1956, has written several books, recorded several albums of his own music with Marie, and received letters from dignitaries such as the Queen Mum of England, Jimmy Carter, governors, and senators. Marie composes, sings, records, and photographs and is considered a fine concert pianist.

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Ruth G. Cole to Speak on Israeli-American Jewish Relations

Ruth G. Cole, a member of the National Board and Executive Committee of Hadassah, will be the featured speaker at the joint program of the JCC and the Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah on Monday, October 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center. She will be speaking about Israeli and American Jewish Relationships.

Cole currently chairs IZAI (Israel Zionist and International Affairs) and is a member of the Editorial Board of the American Zionist Movement, the National Board of JNF and is a member of the Executive Board of the National JCRC. She has also chaired the Public Relations Committee of the Glen Rock League of Women Voters and currently serves as an English teacher to speakers of other languages in the Ridgewood School System.

Cole was designated her chapter's Women of the Year in 1981 and received the Social Action Citation from the Jewish Federation of Community Services of Bergen County.

A native of Philadelphia, Cole graduated from Temple University "with distinction" and earned a



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The age distribution of a community is among the most important demographic indicators. Age relates to everything from levels of religiosity, to synagogue membership, to levels of philanthropy. The median age for Jews in New Castle County is 36.9 years, as reported by the study. While the median age in Wilmington is 43.1 years, it is 29.7 years for Newark. About 1,480 children of preschool age (0-5) live in Jewish households in New Castle County, as do 1,540 children ages 6-12, and 891 teenagers (of ages 13-17). Of the 1,480 preschool children, about 950 are Jewish. Of the 1,540 children of ages 6-12, 1,092 are Jewish. Of the 891 teenagers, 728 are Jewish. Thus, while 82% of 13-17 year olds are being raised Jewish, this is true for only 71% of 6-12 year olds and 64% of 0-5 year olds.

The average Jewish household size in New Castle County is 2.7 persons. New Castle County has one of the highest percentages of Jewish households with four or more persons (29%) of any American Jewish community. Reflecting the age differences, the average Jewish household size is 2.9 for Newark and 2.5 for Wilmington. 46% of Jewish households in Newark have children while in Wilmington, only 30% do.

New Castle County has about an average rate of currently married adults in Jewish households (70%). 13% of adults in Jewish households have experienced a divorce, 8% have been widowed, 81% have been married, and 10% have been married two or more times.

The study, which, according to Dr.

Ukeles, does not adhere to Halachic standards for conversion, reports that about 2,230 Jewish-Jewish (in-married) couples (60%), 265 conversionary in-married couples (7%), and 1,150 intermarried couples (33%) live in New Castle County. Thus, 18% of marriages between a born Jew and a person not born Jewish involve conversion. 55% of marriages for those under age 35 are intermarriages, as contrasted with 41% of those age 35-49, 18% of those age 50-64 and 9% of those age 65 and over. The percentage of conversionary in-married couples is about the same for each age group.

The report states that New Castle County has one of the lowest rates of in-marriage of communities that have recently completed demographic studies. The intermarriage rate in Wilmington is 25% and in Newark it is 45%. In 64% of intermarriages, the male is non-Jewish. 15% of marriages are intermarriages in households where the respondent is Conservative. This same statistic increases to 25% for Reform Jews and to 56% for those who label themselves "just Jewish."

Only about 3% of adults in Jewish households age 18 and over do not have a high school diploma, as compared to 25% for the U.S. population in general. 55% of the population has a degree from a four-year college. 2% of persons in Jewish households in New Castle County have a medical degree and 3% have a law degree. The current unemployment rate is 1%.

Respondents were asked their household income before taxes in 1994. About 75% answered this question. The 1994 median income is \$56,700 and is considered high compared to other American Jewish communities.

29% of respondents identify themselves as Reform Jews, 28% Conservative, 6% Orthodox, and 4% Reconstructionist. 33% of respondents consider themselves "just Jewish."

About 46% of all New Castle County Jewish households state that they currently belong to a synagogue. This implies that about 2,600 households are synagogue members in New Castle County. However, according to the report, a survey of New Castle County synagogues indicates that 1,677 households (about 29%) are members.

Respondents were asked questions regarding familiarity and perception of Jewish Agencies in Delaware. About 48% felt they were very familiar with the Jewish Community Center and 37% gave it an "excellent" rating. 35% are very familiar with the Kutz Home and 30% rated it "excellent." 32% are very familiar with the Jewish Federation of Delaware and 26% rate it as "excellent." 19% are very familiar with the Albert Einstein Academy. 17% are very familiar with Jewish Family Service and 32% rate it as "excellent."

The report indicated that New Castle County has an about average percentage (37%) of households that have visited Israel. 11% of respondents indicate that they are extremely attached to Israel, 27% are very attached, 43% are somewhat attached, and 19% are not attached. Two-thirds of Jews in Delaware seem to be satisfied with the one-third to is-

rael/two-thirds local allocation of Federation funds.

41% of New Castle County Jewish households report that they give to Federation. 50% report that they give to other Jewish charities. 90% give to non-Jewish charities. 97% of all households make a donation to some type of charity. The percentage who report that they give to Jewish charities (including Federation) 61% is, according to the report, 29th lowest of any of 34 Jewish communities.

The 1995 Jewish Population Study Committee was chaired by the Honorable Jack B. Jacobs, organized by Toni Young, past President of JFD, and staffed by Judy Wortman, Executive Vice-President of JFD and

Morissa Sher, Staff Associate. Dr. Colin Anolick, Deane Kattler, Dr. Vivian Klaff, Richard A. Levine, Leslie Newman, Charles Salkin, Joan Spiegelman, Toni Young, and Sher served on the committee.

Jacob B. Ukeles, Ph.D., is the President of Ukeles Associates, Inc., a policy and management consulting firm specializing in the voluntary sector and government. At UAI, he has been heavily involved in policy research and consultation to many of the leading Federations in the country. Dr. Ukeles was a Fulbright Fellow in India and earned his Master's in City Planning and Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Ira Sheskin served as the Delaware Survey Director for UAI.



Left to right: The Honorable Jack B. Jacobs, Chair of The Population Study Committee; Leslie Newman, President of JFD; and Dr. Jacob B. Ukeles, President of Ukeles Associates, Inc.

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Genesis Examined



Wednesday, October 16, 8 p.m. GENESIS: A LIVING CONVERSATION

From the creation of the world through the founding of Israel, from the architecture of the cosmos to the intrigues of the patriarchs, from Adam and Eve naked in the Garden, to Joseph strutting in his coat of many colors, from fratricide to reconciliation — for more than two thousand years Jews, Christians and Muslims — not to mention the world's greatest writers — have plumbed these stories from Genesis for their religious, moral and ethical implications.

Now, in a unique television event, journalist Bill Moyers carries the dialogue to the television screen. In the new ten-part series, **Genesis: A Living Conversation**, Moyers gathers thoughtful and engaging individuals — Biblical scholars, writers, artists, psychotherapists, composers, lawyers, college presidents, and translators — to discuss, debate and discover what the Genesis stories say to us today. Passionate, animated, and full of surprises, the conversa-

tions take the Bible seriously as a religious document while honoring a democratic spirit that is flexible and tolerant. "Often, we disagreed with each other," Moyers said, "and sometimes, the more we talked, the more we disagreed. But while talking together exposed our differences, it also brought us closer together. And sometimes we discovered that despite our differences, we shared our deepest values with people who seemed most unlike us."

Genesis: A Living Conversation premieres **Wednesday, October 16, 1996 at 8 p.m. (ET)** on PBS (check local listings) and continues on subsequent **Sundays, beginning October 20 at 6 p.m. (ET)**. Presented on PBS by Thirteen/WNET in New York, **Genesis: A Living Conversation** is produced by Public Affairs Television, Inc.



UJA FEDERATION MISSION TO WASHINGTON

(Left to right) Sheldon Weinstein, Ruth Weinstein, Bernard Siegel, Ruth Siegel, Toni Young, Judy Wortman, Phyllis Aerenson, Irving Morris, Stuart Young, Doris Morris, Martin Mand, Al Heisler, Bennett Epstein, Yetta Chaiken, Doris Heisler. Not shown, Shelly Mand, Jordan Sopinsky.

Of the Northeast Federations represented, Delaware, at 17, came with the largest group.

Dr. Robrt Satloff, Executive Director of The Washington Institute for Near East Policy spoke on current events in the Middle East. Rabbi David Saperstein, Co-Director and Counsel of The Religion Action Center of Reform Judaism, debated Jay Sakalof, attorney for the Christian Right on policy lobbying cooperation/differences. At the Old Executive Office of The White House, David Satterfield gave remarks representing the current administration's policy and hopes for the Middle East region.



Bernie Siegel, right, listens as journalist Steve Roberts discusses political anecdotes and opinions after his luncheon talk.

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Mrs. Sandler was a publication secretary for 15 years at McGraw-Hill in New York City. She was a member of B'nai B'rith. Her husband, Murray died in 1976.

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OCTOBER

Wednesday _____ 2

Janet Weiss, LCSW, will speak at the JCC at 7:30 p.m. on "Empty Nest: If Going Away to College is So Wonderful for My Child, Why Am I Feeling So Blue?"

Monday _____ 7

Lecture by Ruth Cole. The JCC and the Wilmington Chapter of

Hadassah invites the community to a lecture, "Israeli and American Jewish Relationships," given by Ruth Cole, Chair of the IZALIA. For more information, call Ruth Goodman at (302) 478-2893.

Wednesday _____ 9

A Night of Yiddish Theater. Acts reminiscent of yesteryear, when the Yiddish Theater was at its height. Cost is \$4.00 for JCC members and \$6.00 for non-members. This program will be held at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, Washington Boulevard and Torah Way. 7:30 p.m. For more information, call Ella Zukoff at (302) 478-5660.

Martha Frost, MSW will discuss "Brain Jogging" at the Ingleside Retirement Home at 2:30 p.m. Call JFS at 478-9411 for more information.

Sunday _____ 13

ORT presents Janet Weiss, LCSW, who will speak on the topic

of "Sex and the 90's". Call Jewish Family Service at 478-9411 for location and time.

Meg Macaky & Billy Philadelphia, of San Francisco will be featured at Wilmington's Beth Shalom first social event. They will be providing nostalgia songs from the 30s, 40s, jazz, show tunes and more. The evening includes a wine reception, entertainment and gourmet desserts and is being held at the Synagogue, 1801 Baynard Blvd at 7 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person. Call the Synagogue office, 654-4462, for tickets.

Sunday _____ 20

Men's Club Breakfast & Speaker, Social Hall, A.K.S.E., 9:30 a.m.

Brunch and Film. Join us for a delicious brunch followed by "Yidl Mitn Fidl" starring Molly Picon. Cost is \$3.50 for JCC members and \$4.75 for non-members. Film only - \$1.00. 11:30 a.m. For more information, call Ella Zukoff at (302) 478-5660.

A one hour concert presenting

Gilbert and Sullivan songs and tunes from Broadway musicals by a talented pianist and a half dozen soloists, followed by dessert and coffee will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7.50 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under. Send self-addressed envelope with check made payable to A.K.S.E. Sisterhood, Washington Street Extension and Torah Drive, Wilmington, DE 19802 by Oct. 12.

Tuesday _____ 22

Yiddish Vinkl. Join us in the JCC for a Yiddish sing-a-long. Free of charge. 1:15 p.m. For more information, call Ella Zukoff at (302) 478-5660.

NOVEMBER

Sunday _____ 17

Men's Club Breakfast & Speaker, Social Hall, A.K.S.E., 9:30 a.m.

Ongoing

Every other Wednesday - "Empowering Workshops for the Elderly" at the B'nai B'rith House with Barbara Cohen, MSW. Call JFS, 478-9411 for more information.

An exposition of Oral Torah, Mondays, 7 p.m. Rambam; Brochos

a beginners intro to talmud study, Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Mishnah; Explore the fabric of creation, Thursday, 7:00 p.m. Mysticism. In addition to classes we will be offering "Torah to go". Call to arrange a class at your convenience either on an ongoing basis or a one shot deal, at Chabad in Newark, 455-1800.

Young Jewish Adults of Delaware's (YJAD's) co-ed, non-competitive volleyball league continues every Wednesday night from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Handbook Available On Internship Opportunities In Israel. Have you ever considered working in Israel as an intern or volunteer? A book, entitled *Volunteer and Internship Possibilities In Israel*, can make that dream a reality. Published by the Joint Authority for Jewish-Zionist Education, this handbook is perfect for students, young professionals and potential olim interested in exploring employment opportunities in Israel.

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Candidates

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maintenance of the assault weapon ban. He wants to make sure that criminals serve their full jail terms, and a victims' rights fund established. He will also work to pass a terrorism

Tunnel Clash

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Both sides eventually negotiated a cease fire.

The gunfire in Bethlehem grew out of a violent protest in which Palestinians threw stones and gasoline bombs at Israeli soldiers stationed around Rachel's Tomb. A cease-fire was brokered by officers from both sides.

As of press time, gun fighting between Israeli soldiers and Palestinian police continued at various locations in Gaza and the West Bank.

Expressing profound dismay over these tragic events, Leslie Newman, President of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, mourned the death of yet more victims in the "decades-old conflict and expressed the hope that differences could be resolved through negotiation and not violence in the streets.

(Jewish Voice staff contributed to this article.)

bill, including mandatory tracers on explosives.

In the area of domestic violence, Biden supports expansion of the shelter program for women and children, and a pro-arrest policy.

The Senator asserted that the national budget can be balanced without cutting back on medicare.

Clatworthy, Biden's political opponent, believes that as a small businessman and with a background of involvement in the local community, he would bring a new and fresh perspective to Congress. Declaring a commitment to preserving social security, medicare and medicaid, Clatworthy proclaimed that America needed to restore its family and church values.

Following the short formal presentations, the candidates responded to written questions from the audience which included local, national and international concerns.

In answer to questions about Israel, Williams, candidate for U.S. representative, stated that Israel's sovereignty must be respected and that foreign aid to Israel maintained, while Castle, similarly supportive, noted that the United States must work closely with Netanyahu, and agreed that foreign aid to Israel be continued.

Regarding ongoing concerns over abortion, Biden said he does not support a Constitutional amendment regulating abortion and that the gov-

ernment should stay out of the business of funding abortions. But he does not favor the overturning of Roe vs. Wade. Clatworthy, however, declared himself supportive of overturning that ruling.

When questioned about criteria for selecting Supreme Court justices, Clatworthy noted that justices should be selected based on Constitutional fundamentalism. Biden, on the other hand, indicated that he would want to determine the methodology that prospective justices would use in interpreting the Constitution.

There were many more questions than time permitted, but it was apparent that it was an intensely interested audience, and an important event for the community.

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Tuesday, October 15, 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, October 17, 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday, October 22, 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday, October 29, 9:30 a.m.

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Riverside Hospital
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