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## Dinner of Commitment sets pace for 1993 Federation COMMUNITY Campaign

The 1993 COMMUNITY Campaign for Jewish Federation of Delaware is off to a "great beginning," according to campaign leaders.

Thirty individuals attending the Dinner of Commitment Saturday, January 23 pledged \$282,300 which reflects a 30% increase over the 1992 Campaign, announced Bennett Epstein and Toni Young, co-chairpersons of the Leadership Gifts Division.

A "challenge pledge" was also made to contribute 1% of the total raised through the 1993 COMMUNITY Campaign.

The COMMUNITY Campaign, administered by the Jewish Federation of Delaware, benefits the Jewish communities of Delaware, Israel, and the world through

support of more than 20 local, national, and international agencies and programs. The Dinner of Commitment was a prelude to Campaign Week '93 scheduled for January 31-February 7.

Featured speaker at the Dinner of Commitment at the Rodney Square Club in Wilmington was Malcolm Hoenlein, executive director of the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations, an umbrella group for the total organized Jewish community that is called upon on a regular basis by the United States, Israel, and foreign governments for counsel and dialogue.

Hoenlein spoke passionately about the history making events in the Jewish world

over the past few years that most Jews would have never thought possible, most notably the "ingathering of the exiles" from the former Soviet Union.

Since 1990, Israel has received over 400,000 new citizens, including the entire Ethiopian Jewish population, hundreds of Jews from Syria, and the war-torn Yugoslavia capital of Sarejevo.

Campaign Week '93, which will conclude with Super Sunday, February 7, will also feature New York Governor Mario Cuomo on Sunday, January 31 at the 12 noon Chai Society Brunch at the Hotel duPont, and the 3 p.m. Community Wide Forum at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth.



Judy Bitman Wortman

## Wortman selected as new JFD Executive Director

Judy Bitman Wortman has been named the new executive director of the Jewish Federation of Delaware effective April 1, announced Steven A. Dombchik, JFD president.

"Judy was unanimously recommended to the Federation Board by the Search Committee," said Dombchik. "She has 24 years of professional experience in social service agencies and federation work."

Wortman is currently the assistant executive vice president of the Jewish Federation of Southern New Jersey where she has had major responsibilities in community planning, Jewish education and campaign since 1987. Over the years, Wortman has worked for Hillel foundations, federations, JCCs, Jewish resident camps and as a Jewish educator in Philadelphia, New York, suburban Washington, D.C., Detroit and Montreal.

She is a licensed social worker through the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania with MSW and BA degrees from Temple University in Philadelphia.

"I am very excited about all of the challenges that lie ahead," said Wortman in a phone interview with The Jewish Voice. "I am particularly excited about the tremendous beginning of the '93 COMMUNITY Campaign with a 30% increase in pledges made at the Dinner of Commitment."

"I look forward to helping shape the course of the future of the Delaware community working in partnership with the lay leadership, professional leadership and rabbinic leadership of Federation, the agencies and the synagogues."

Wortman is married to Rabbi David Wortman, director of the Jewish Community



Attending the Dinner of Commitment were (seated from left) Steven Rothschild, Ruth Siegel, Frank Chalken, Bentley Hollander, and Frances Glenn. Standing from left are Ellen Koniver, Larry Isakoff, Rabbi David Wortman, Francis Isakoff, Paul Fine, Judy Wortman, Bernard Siegel, Rhoda Dombchik, Gloria Fine, Steven Dombchik, Alice Epstein, Clara Hollander, Stuart Young, Carol Rothschild, Pat Sloan, Bennett Epstein, Toni Young, Karen Morris, Garth Koniver, Kathy Bloom, Henry Topel, Alan Levenson, Seth Bloom, Howard Simon, and Arlene Simon. Not photographed: Yetta Chalken. (Photography by Harvey A. Duze.)

There

are still many

Campaign Week '93

events you can attend -- all

leading up to Super Sunday on

February 7. Come hear **Mario Cuomo**,

Sunday, January 31, 3:00 p.m. at Adas

Kodesch Shel Emeth. Tickets are only \$10 at

the door. Join other families of all ages at the **JCC**

**Intergenerational Dinner**, February 3. Laugh with other

young adults at the **YLC Comedy FunRaising Reception**

February 4. On Friday, February 5, come meet Ruth Gruber

at the **Lion of Judah Luncheon** or **Federation Shabbat**, 8:00

p.m., at Temple Beth El. If you're in Southern Delaware, enjoy

**Federation Shabbat with William Korey**. All teens are invited to

**Gratz's Teen Dance**, Saturday, February 6. On Sunday, February 7,

K-6 graders will enjoy a unique tzedekah experience at **Tzedekah Tsunday**

**Funday**. Finally Campaign Week '93 will conclude with **Super Sunday**,

**February 7** when over 100 volunteers will call on everyone in our community

for their support of the Jewish people of Delaware, Israel, and the world.

# Be a Part of Campaign Week '93!



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# TZADAKA STORY

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## TZEDAKAH

These letters were written by students at Albert Einstein Academy as part of the Tzedakah Month organized by Connie Sugarman, chairperson of AEA's Campaign Week event, Tzedakah Tsunday Funday.

### Shelter and Goodwill

By Rebecca Neipris

A lot of people don't have homes and that is one of the main things needed to live, beside food and clothes. Goodwill helps all people if they do not have the necessary things to live.

It gives people clothing, food, and toys for people who don't have these things.

Goodwill is something all people have inside them, even if they do not show it.

We are obligated to have these things: clothes, food, and shelter, and some entertainment so our lives aren't completely dull. Shelter keeps us safe from harm and it protects us from rain and snow. It also provides room so that our families can eat, sleep, and for some families bathe. For some people, it is (or can be) very uncomfortable, but at least they have a roof over their heads.

When you think about it, shelter can provide almost anything but food and clothes! Tzedaka helps everybody. Tzedaka is from our hearts only, and that is where it always will be.

### Tzedakah

By Pamela Rothenberg

I am a South African Jewish girl, and since I was in nursery school I gave Tzedakah every Friday. Jews all over the world give Tzedakah. Tzedakah is given to Israel where they use it for people from others that come to live in Israel. When people give Tzedakah to needy people without wanting something in return they give it with a good heart and this is the highest degree of Tzedakah.

In South Africa, in a lot of the stores you will always find differ-

ent Tzedakah boxes for all different charities. Most of the time parents and especially children put money in the charity box of their choice. Individual people usually give large amounts for specific causes.

It is important to teach your children to give Tzedakah and especially to give with a good heart to those who are less fortunate.

Dear Jewish Federation,

Thankyou for coming in our school and telling us the kind of mitvas you do. You also do very amount of Tzedakah because you help other Jewish families. A couple days ago we went to the Kutz Home. We gave Tzedakah to them by giving them flowers and singing to them. While we were there, we talked to them about their early childhood. Then we got a little tour of the Kutz Home. We could tell they are really comfortable.

After that went to the Kutz Home, we went to the Emanuel Dining Room. We met Brother Erik (a franstan fryer) he is very nice. He showed us where they cook; he explained why they have the Emanuel Dining Room. The reason is that they want to help people who can't afford. Brother Erik told us the people are just like us. The Emanuel Dining Room is very clean and pretty. This was a very good experience. Thanks again.

Sincerely Elana Caplan

### Tzedakah

By Jeremy Kurin

Tzedakah is a very nice thing to do. You don't have to give much, just 10% of you're helping with the little bit you're giving. So, if you're someone who has a soft

spot for the homeless, someone cares about the poor, and someone who cares about this sorry planet, do the right thing, give Tzedakah!

### TZADAKA STORY

Hello my name is Stefanie Makar and I am going to tell you a story about TZADAKA. Tzedaka is charity.

#### The Holy Miser

Once there was a man whose name was Esra the Miser; he was rich. (In English miser means cheaps Kate). Homeless people would go up to him and ask him for tzadaka and he would ask them their name, where is their shack, and how to get there. Then he would say, "Sorry I can't help you; here is a penny. That's all I have right now." That kept happening for along time. Esra got older and he died. Well, nobody wanted to bury him even though it was a big mitzvah. Just two people carried him and buried him. Now, homeless people would come to the Rabbi on Thursday nights and ask for money for Shabbat. "Why didn't you come to me before because you didn't get money from Esra The Miser?" The homeless person would say, "Because on every Thursday nite I would find next to my shack a white envelope with money in it." And then that's when the Rabbi figured it all out. Esra really wasn't a miser. He left the money for the homeless because it's a HUGE mitzvah to give tzadaka without the person knowing who gave it to them. So then there was a big celebration in his honor. And on his tombstone it said, "Here Lies The Holy Miser."

THE END

I hope you enjoyed the story.

## Opinion

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## The tragedy of Gaza

By **CARL ALPERT**

**HAIFA** — In a moment of exasperation, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was quoted as having uttered the pious wish that he hoped Gaza would disappear into the depths of the sea.

Since such a geographical miracle is hardly likely to occur, Israel is faced with the problem of what to do about the troublesome, terror-ridden Gaza Strip, and an extensive public controversy is now in full swing here. On the one hand are those who insist that we should withdraw from there at once, unconditionally — and on the other hand, those who maintain that Israel's continued presence there is a security necessity.

Objectively, I offer a digest summary of the two points of view, each of which commands a considerable following here.

**For Withdrawal.** We have no solution for Gaza's problems of population overcrowding, lack of water, insufficient arable land and internal disorganization. The people there hate us, and the continued street battles between our troops and the gangs of stone-throwing youth, shown almost nightly on TV screens around the world, merely hold us up to ridicule.

The control which we insist on maintaining there is at best fictitious since there are large areas where our troops never dare go, and the terrorists reign supreme. At night Israel's presence is hardly felt.

Our troops are tired, and the general public is tired of this endless war of attrition which adds little to our glory. Let's face it: They don't want us there and they hate us. Continued occupation will never lead them to love Israel, and we might as well get out now and cut our losses. Egypt occupied Gaza until Israel took it in the Six-Day War. Egypt was only too happy to get rid of it.

One commentator has come up with a specific proposal: Israel should proclaim that in 18 months we are getting out and leaving them to stew in their own juice. We shall erect an electrified wall along our border with Gaza and let the mutually antagonistic terrorist groups fight among themselves. Theoretically they have the possibility of establishing a viable economy, but this will require financial help from the oil rich Arab states and perhaps from the International Monetary Fund.

There may well be border violations, even through the fence, but these will be far less

serious than the kind of situation which exists today. And the few Israeli settlements in the south of Gaza might as well fold up and disappear. They had no place there to begin with.

**For Remaining.** An independent state of Gaza, most likely set up by a dominant Islamic fundamentalist Hamas, would become a huge land mine at Israel's back. It would be a staging area, a jumping off place for major assaults on Israel, and a base for the unimpeded stationing of long and short range missiles aimed at the heart of Israel. What do we do then? Re-enter Gaza with a large army? It will be no picnic, either militarily or politically.

Even worse is the precedent which withdrawal will have set. The slogan now making the rounds, "Gaza First," means to the Arabs that after the Israelis yield to the terrorists in Gaza, they will then be forced to yield to terror in Judea and Samaria. Then will come Jerusalem, and the right to return to Jaffa and Haifa.

Gaza is indeed a human problem, but national independence will not solve its problems of over-population, unemployment and hunger. To the contrary, the festering misery will transform it into a new replica of Somalia, only with greater cruelty and suffering.

Is the situation hopeless, no matter what is done? One solution projected — admittedly not one that could yet be taken up and discussed rationally — calls for resettlement of the population surplus in other lands, and where, if not in Arab countries which speak the same language, have the same religion, and in many cases are in need of working hands? This is a long range proposal, but who has a better one?

Of late an alternative plan has been offered — to drain off Gaza's surplus population by settling them in the empty spaces of the West Bank, an idea hardly calculated to win Israel's support.

Israel has faced other major problems in its past — the draining of swamps, conquest of the desert, opposition by hostile Arabs here at home — yet fortunately we never gave up nor elected to choose the easy way out. If we had, there would have been no Israel today.

Obviously there is no easy solution, and there are those who prefer to use Gaza as a weapon with which to beat Israel, and hence are unwilling to facilitate any solution.

The tragedy of Gaza is going to be with us for a long time.

## Letters to the Editor

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

## Trip to Israel exhilarating

**EDITOR:**

Let me share with you a most exhilarating experience that I had in December in Israel. My grandson, Scott, was Bar Mitzvah in Israel at Masada. Our family, three generational, grandparents, parents, bar mitzvah boy and his brothers all went on El Al to Israel for a 10 day tour.

At the Jerusalem Hyatt as a five day base, we visited the Old City, the Western Wall, the Armenian Quarter, the Jewish Quarter, the Cardo, the Arab quarters; Yad Vashem and its many memorabilia; we planted trees in a JNF forest.

After the monumental Bar Mitzvah on Masada we all went to Tel Maresha for a dig. That was a real highlight for all of us! We did Caesarea, went on a jeep ride on the Golan, had lunch and visited bunkers on a kibbutz, took a boat ride on the Sea of Gallilee, ate St. Peters fish in Tiberias, were welcomed at

Hebrew University with a most stimulating lecture, saw the Chagall windows, too, at Hadassah Hospital, did the cable car at Rosh Hanikra on the Lebanese border, the Israel Museum, the Museum of the Diaspora in Tel Avia.

Everyday was better than the one before — and oh, those Israeli breakfasts and a dinner "dine around."

Everyone was so enthusiastic that Benji, my youngest grandson, stated unequivocally that he wants a Bar Mitzvah in Israel in the summer of '94.

I unconditionally urge all families anticipating Bar or Bat Mitzvah to think seriously of exposing themselves with their families to this reinforcement and exploration of their roots in Israel. Do it. You'll love it!

**Cora Carlis**  
**Wilmington**

## From the Editor

By **REBECCA FALKOWSKI**

At the risk of oversimplifying the whole Middle East dilemma, I can't help but reflect on a comment my mother made about five years ago concerning my three children and comparing it to Israel's recent deportation of 400+ Islamic fundamentalists.

My mother, wanting to help me during difficult times following a divorce had offered to stay with the children while I worked.

After a week, I was alarmed when I arrived home and found my mother sitting at the kitchen table and staring stoically at a glass of sherry.

She looked up only to say, "As I see it you have one of only two choices — you can either give the children to (your ex-husband) or take them out back in the woods and shoot 'em!"

Even the most loving and nurturing of human souls have limitations. Actually my solution was easy. It was time for grandmother to go home.

The problem of what to do with these frustrated, scared and sometimes out of control children remained mine. As parents we have the responsibility of offering wisdom and setting parameters for our children while at the same time giving them enough space to grow into the human beings that they have the inherent right to become.

I can tell you first hand that if parameters are set without the children understanding why or feeling that their perspectives have been heard and honored, there is **REBELLION**.

Maybe one of the reasons we haven't come up with solutions to the complexities in the Middle East is because **NONE** of the players has learned how the process can work at its best. For after all, it is the process itself that

ultimately determines the outcome.

It's really very simple. We have to learn how to hear each other and acknowledge to each other that we're being heard. And until we've been heard, we will, as my husband puts it, continue to air out.

The UN in its role as parent in the Middle East is clearly not communicating to Israel that it hears Israel. HAMAS clearly wants to eliminate Jews (see related article on page 5). Until the UN, or any mediating team, can convince ALL of the parties concerned that they are being heard can these parties sit down to discuss a peaceful resolution to these complex situations.

Granted, HAMAS may never hear anyone else. But HAMAS is only a faction of the Palestinian population. Are we giving the Palestinians a reason to support HAMAS and other extremist groups because they're not feeling heard?

Often as editor I am asked to write editorials denouncing this action or that action taken by groups around the world. I feel it is irresponsible on my part to profess to have all of the solutions within my grasp. There is no black and white answer to these problems.

Hundreds of newspapers, magazines, news releases and articles cross my desk during a month — right wing, left wing and in between.

I feel as editor, as a journalist, as a member of the media, I have the responsibility to educate my readers to the best of my ability, to present as many perspectives to a situation as I can so that we can all participate in the process from an informed place and come to an amenable understanding.

And as long as there's a process, there's hope.

## THE JEWISH VOICE DEADLINES

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## Opinion

## Paradox of anti-Semitism in America Dissonance in perception vs. reality

By DEBRA NUSSBAUM COHEN

NEW YORK (JTA) — Anti-Semitism in America today constitutes something of a paradox.

The reality, experts say, is that Jews no longer face serious discrimination in American society — not in the community, the workplace, politics or academia.

But American Jews are convinced more than ever that anti-Semitism remains a serious threat, although few have encountered any real bias themselves.

The organizations founded to combat anti-Semitism continue to attract funds and commission studies that seem to reinforce the community's sense of concern.

Why is there such dissonance between the reality and the perception?

And in this liminal time, as the Jewish community grapples with the immediate effects of assimilation and makes the transition from a community of immigrants to a community struggling to retain its religious and ethnic identity, critics wonder what price — financial and psychological — is being paid for a continued preoccupation with anti-Semitism.

To be sure, America is not now, and surely will never be completely rid of anti-Semites.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation's first annual tally of bias crimes nationwide covered 1991 and showed that Jews were by far the most targeted religious group, accounting for about 17 percent of all bias incident victims, behind only African Americans and whites as an ethnic group.

And the Anti-Defamation League's 1991 Audit of Anti-Semitic Incidents documented an 11 percent upswing in the number of anti-Jewish acts over the previous year.

There were 1,879 anti-Semitic incidents in 1991, by ADL's count.

But there has been little distinction made publicly between the type of wholesale discrimination against Jews that existed just a generation ago, and the more obvious, but less

threatening, expressions of anti-Semitism that exist today.

The very lumping together of graffiti and epithets with occasional acts of violence in order to emphasize an upward trend in anti-Semitism may obscure the issue and raise undue alarm.

Even so, surveys show that the number of people who hold the attitudes which could lead them to commit acts of anti-Semitism is on a slow but consistent decline.

In fact, if anti-Semitism is measured by how secure Jews can feel in America, and how open America's economic, political and educational systems are to Jews, then even the bad news is not bad, say sociologists.

American Jews are "more secure today than they have ever been in this century, in this country, and perhaps in the history of the Diaspora," wrote anti-Semitism expert Earl Raab in a 1989 essay.

Of course, some private clubs continue to exclude Jews. David Duke, the Ku Klux Klan and other white racists continue to scapegoat Jews, and the Marge Schotts of America have a penchant for swearing in Jews, as well as blacks and gays.

And a large handful of extremely visible black Afro-centric activists and scholars posit that Jews are disproportionately responsible for their oppression.

But in the context of daily life in America, by any measure, Jews face far less discrimination today than existed only twenty years ago.

Only one generation ago, Jews were not permitted to buy houses in certain neighborhoods, to climb past a certain rung in the corporate hierarchy in many professions and firms, and were considered generally undesirable by other ethnic groups.

A generation before that, most colleges and professions were closed to Jews completely.

Widespread anti-Jewish discrimination, political anti-Semitism and the inability or reluctance of the Jewish community to express

itself on issues of concern to the body politic are simply no longer factors in American life, said Jerome Chanes, co-director of domestic concerns at the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council.

"This kind of anti-Semitism — the kind that makes a difference in terms of the security and the status of American Jews — has declined steadily and dramatically," he said.

Anti-Semitism has evolved into a bifurcated phenomenon; fewer Americans than ever before hold negative attitudes about Jews, but those who do have negative attitudes are more likely to express them in acts of anti-Semitic vandalism.

But this trend of bigots expressing themselves more freely with epithets and vandalism "has less to do with anti-Semitism than with the nature of conflicts in American society and inter-ethnic phenomena," said Chanes.

Still, poll after poll shows that American Jews say that anti-Semitism is bad and getting worse.

In a 1983 survey of American Jews conducted by the American Jewish Committee, about half the respondents said that anti-Semitism was a serious problem.

By 1988, the percentage of Jews who said it was a serious problem had jumped to 76 percent, and in the 1990 National Jewish Population Survey, that figure rose again to 85 percent.

The contradiction was illuminated by a poll of rabbis in the early 1980s, according to Abraham Foxman, national director of the ADL.

Almost all the rabbis surveyed — 95 percent — said that anti-Semitism was a serious problem in America.

But when asked if it was a serious problem in their own communities, nearly all said no, the anti-Semitism was elsewhere.

And only one of ten American Jews has personally experienced anti-Semitism within the last 10 years, said Raab, director of Brandeis

University's Perlmutter Institute for Jewish Advocacy, in an interview.

Part of the paradox may lie with the organizations which commission surveys and present the findings in a light which justifies their own fund-raising needs, say some observers.

If anti-Semitism in the United States were measured only by the way press releases and direct mail sent out by Jewish defense groups, it would appear that the very existence of American Jewry is being threatened by neo-Nazis, skinheads and Americans who are really closeted anti-Semites just waiting to set upon overly complacent Jews.

"By focusing on small and dramatic expressions of anti-Semitism which don't mean much, they're sending an alarmist message which is, at bottom, irresponsible," said one senior staffer at a mainstream Jewish organization.

Critics have also raised questions about the way anti-Semitic attitudes are measured; how the questions are asked in surveys and in what context.

Survey results, they say, depend on the way questions are positioned.

If poll respondents are asked to rank ethnic and religious groups that they feel have too much influence, for example, the results may be markedly different than if they are asked simply if they feel Jews wield too much influence in this country.

When asked to compare, respondents regularly rank many ethnic, religious and business groups as having more influence than Jews.

What does the ADL press headline, "Nearly 40 million adults — one in five Americans — hold strongly anti-Semitic views" really mean, for example?

The conclusions of the most recent survey of attitudes, commissioned by the ADL, were that approximately one-fifth of Americans hold "hard-core" anti-Semitic attitudes.

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## HAMAS - Driven by ardor and a global mission

By MICHAEL ROTEM

Jerusalem Post Service

"And there are those who fight Allah and his emissaries, and spread corruption over the land. Therefore, their end will be to be killed or crucified or their hands and legs will be amputated or they will be driven away from the land."

This quotation from the Koran opens one of the Hamas leaflets and reflects the organization's policy.

Hamas, the Moslem fundamentalist terror organization threatening the regimes in Egypt and Jordan, hated by the Palestine Liberation Organization and declared enemy No. 1 by the State of Israel, was born, of all places, in the Gaza area under Israeli rule. The movement appeared for the first time in 1978.

Headed by its founder, Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, it was registered in Gaza as a non-profit organization called the Mujam'a.

In the first years, the few activists that Yassin had were busy with religious propaganda and gained power and influence in universities, schools and mosques in the administered territories.

The militant Hamas was founded after the start of the intifada. The organization itself cites December 1987 as the date of its founding.

Hamas' ideology combines pan-Arab religious principles with Palestinian nationalistic aims, contending that the soil of all Palestine is

a wakf (Moslem holy property) that belongs to the Moslems forever. The Hamas charter published on Aug. 18, 1988, states that "the liberation of all of Palestine from the sea to the river is the most revered strategic goal."

In Arabic, the word "hamas" means "enthusiasm" or "ardor" and is also the acronym of the Islamic Resistance Movement. The organization's ultimate goal is the formation of one great Islamic state.

Hamas' fundamentalist beliefs are rooted in the "Moslem World" ideology of Hassan el-Bana, the founder of the Moslem Brotherhood movement. Founder Yassin was exposed to Bana's doctrine when he studied in Cairo at the religious Ein Shams University.

That teaching makes it clear the movement has a global mission. Indeed, Hamas publishes reviews in Germany (*Nida el-Aksa*), in Britain (*Falastin el-Musleme*) and other periodicals in Norway, Jordan and Cyprus.

But Hamas also has a unique perception of the Palestinian national aims; unlike the PLO — which declares that creating an independent Palestinian state is its ultimate goal — Hamas sees this only as the first stage, to be followed by unification with the Islamic regimes that will be established in Israel's neighboring states. The final goal is one big Moslem state without any national boundaries.

"From the point of view of the Islamic Resistance Movement, patriotism is a part of religious belief," the Hamas charter states.

Citing Paragraph 7 of the Moslem tradition (*Hadith*), it asserts:

"The one sent by Allah has already said the great hour will not come until the Moslems will make war upon the Jews and will kill among them so many, that when a Jew would hide behind a tree or a stone these will speak and say: 'O, Moslem, servant of God, there is a Jew behind me. Come and kill him.' Except for one tree which is the tree of the Jews."

The Hamas charter states that Jews will be permitted to stay in Palestine if they agree to live under the protection of Islam, "which is a humanistic religion."

The charter leaves no room for territorial compromise: "The Islamic resistance movement considers that the soil of Palestine is a Wakf land belonging to the Moslems to the end of time. It is forbidden to give it or parts of it away... by a king or president or all kings and presidents; nor may it be done by one organization or a few Palestinians or Arabs."

The charter states that taking the diplomatic path to settle the dispute with Israel is not only a grave political mistake but mainly a crime against basic Islamic beliefs. Therefore, "the initiatives and what is called the peace solutions and the international conferences for the solving of the Palestinian problem contradict the views of the Islamic Resistance Movement."

A basic ingredient in the Hamas ideology is the use of terror or *jihad* (holy war) in Moslem

terms. The charter states, in Clause 15, that "on the day the enemy robs a part of the Moslems' soil, the *jihad* turns into a personal obligation, imposed on every Moslem. Facing the robbery of Palestine by the Jews, there is no escape but to raise the flag of the *jihad*."

However, at least at the ideological level, Hamas might be considered a little more moderate than its sister movement, the Islamic Jihad.

While the latter calls for an immediate armed *jihad* against Israel — a military confrontation that will purify the souls of the Moslems — Hamas, especially in its Mujam'a role, preaches that the Moslems should first cleanse themselves from within.

The dispute, if any, is only about the timing of the armed conflict.

Both movements see Israel as a religious enemy that must be eliminated in order to revive Islam in Palestine. But only after the start of the intifada were the militants in Hamas strengthened.

Together with the weakening of Islamic Jihad (which suffered mass arrests, as well as some deportations by Israeli authorities), the Hamas militants, headed by the Ezzeddin al-Kassem faction, started a chain of murderous terror attacks, specializing in the kidnapping and murder of Israeli soldiers.

These actions bring Hamas' armed activity to the level dictated by the organization's charter.

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## LOCAL

# Playground planning day announced at Wilmington JCC

By SUSAN PARCELS

Special to The Jewish Voice

A new community-built playground will be constructed at the Wilmington Jewish Community Center in early Fall of 1993. Fashioned after a New England barn-raising, the community-built playground project will involve the entire community pulling together to make possible the child's workplace — the playground.

The JCC Playground Committee, chaired by Ellen Hexter and Amy Leviton, is asking for community volunteers for construction (any level of skill), food preparation, donation of building materials, child care planning and more.

A Playground Planning Day will be held on Thursday, February 4. Playground architect, Christopher (Kit) Clews, founder and President of Learning Structures, Inc. from Portsmouth, New Hampshire has been retained by the Jewish Community Center. Clews will be meeting with the children to directly involve them in the design process.

According to Clews, "The children will present drawings of their ideas and make suggestions and the final design will incorporate many of their individual ideas." Clews will then meet with administrators. Children's Cen-

ter staff and playground committee members to help orchestrate the community effort.



A community-built playground designed by Learning Structures, Inc.

A Community Presentation will be held on February 4 at 7 p.m. in the JCC Board Room and is open to anyone interested in the playground project. The presentation enables parents and interested community members to add their input and see some of the children's ideas. Partici-

pants will also have the opportunity to see how a "Playground Raising" is organized. The Playground Committee and children enrolled in JCC Children's Center programs invite the community to come see what has been done in other communities.

Learning Structures, Inc. has been involved in the design and construction of over 300 community-built playgrounds in 17 states, including playgrounds at the Cleveland and Baltimore Jewish Community Centers. Clews has developed a unique package of design and supervision services which enables a community group to plan and build a high quality play environment, at an affordable cost, in just one weekend.

Anyone interested in volunteering, donating materials or would like additional information on the playground project, contact Jane Hormadaly, JCC Children's Center Director at 478-5660.

## KAMOTION comes to JCC

The Children's Center of the Wilmington Jewish Community Center will be holding a family concert on Sunday, February 14 at 1 p.m. featuring the high-spirited musical group, KAMOTION.

KAMOTION sees the world from a child's point of view, and speaks to kids in words and images they can understand. The group was created by Kathy Hirsh-Pasek, a child psychologist and professor at Temple University and Mona Goldman

Zakheim, a professional musician and music educator, two women from Philadelphia, who have parlayed their respective areas of expertise into entertainment with a message.

Tickets for the February 14 performance at the JCC are now available at the Front Desk. The cost is \$7 for general admission. All proceeds benefit the JCC Children's Center. For more information, contact Jane Hormadaly at 478-5660.

## CORRECTIONS

Aaron Tarnow was incorrectly listed as David Tarnow in the January 15 issue of The Jewish Voice with the picture of the public menorah lighting sponsored by Chabad.

The Chabad Lunch 'n Learn meetings are held Wednesdays at 12:30 and not Mondays as listed in the January 15 issue of The Voice.

The Voice regrets any inconvenience or misunderstanding that this misinformation may have created.

## Wanted: Heroes to save lives

By RABBI SARAH MESSINGER

Congregation Beth Emeth, Wilmington

On an average day, many of us do not feel like heroes. Rarely are we asked to save someone's life. Rarely do we have the opportunity to step in and truly make a difference in someone's life. Now is your chance. You can make a difference to Jay Feinberg.

Jay is 23 years old and is dying of leukemia. He was diagnosed with the disease 18 months ago and time is running out. Jay's only hope for survival is a bone-marrow transplant. Without a transplant, Jay may never see his 25th birthday.

There are approximately 9,000 people waiting for a match that would lead to a transplant. Bone-marrow typing is based on ethnicity, therefore it is believed that Jay's best chance for survival is with someone of an eastern European Jewish descent.

Jay's parents, Arlene and Jack Feinberg, have created a foundation that has tested thousands and thousands of individuals. Currently they are in Israel running five different drives across the country. Through their efforts they have found matches for others who need transplants, yet they have not yet found a match for their son.

"We have the technology, we have the cure ... we just don't have a

donor." The Feinbergs are frantically reaching out to anyone who could be brave enough to donate two tablespoons of blood to see if they could be a match for their son. If you are between the ages of 18-55 and in good health, you could be their hero. The testing is free. All it takes is ten minutes of your time.

If a match is found, the donor is asked to undergo an operation to remove bone-marrow that can then be used in a transplant to replace diseased bone-marrow cells. The Feinbergs pick up the entire cost, yet they depend on contributions to keep their campaign for life alive.

On Sunday, February 7th from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at Congregation Beth Emeth, 300W. Lea Boulevard, 762-5858, we will be holding a bone-marrow blood drive. We need your help. Three years ago there was a drive at the J.C.C. to try and find a match for a young girl also with leukemia. She died. If you gave blood at that time you are already registered in the National Donor Program. If you missed the last drive, you could be the hero that Jay is waiting for.

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## Panim El Panim Face to Face with JFD

# Assistance available for JCC programs



Family and friends join the children and staff for the weekly Kabbalat Shabbat program held at the JCC Children's Center.

## JFD meets 98.2% of 1992 requests

Thanks to those agencies and organizations who have returned unused monies from 1991 allocations, the Jewish Federation of Delaware is able to guarantee 98.2% of its 1992 allocations decisions made last June by its Board of Directors.

According to Toni Young, chairperson of the Allocations Committee, only 93% of the monies needed to meet full allocations had been raised by December 31, 1992.

The 1992 COMMUNITY Campaign raised \$1,234,263, down \$55,000 from the previous year, and \$91,000 short of the \$1,325,401 needed to meet 100% of allocations. The \$91,000 shortfall has now been mostly eliminated through the reallocations.

"If it's not used, it's really important to give it back," said Young. "Even though the 1992 campaign fell short, we were still able to give out the money."

The final 1992 allocations of \$1,238,629 from the Jewish Federation of Delaware are as follows:

Albert Einstein Academy (39,584); New American costs (4,132); Gratz Hebrew High School (29,916); New American costs (308); Hellel (24,727); Jewish Community Center (111,457); New American costs (8,460); Jewish Family Service (28,478); New American costs (21,280); Jewish Federation of Delaware (303,547); Assistance (982); Endowment (8,976); JCRC (4,615); The Jewish Voice (21,364).

Judaic Workshop (638); Ki Tov (1,375); Local Resettlement (non-agency) (15,848); Milton & Hattie Kutz Home (73,650); Newark community (4,910); Southern Delaware community (4,910); and Capital Maintenance (39,280).

Council of Jewish Federations (dues) (25,875); Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (9,820); Jewish Community Central Association (4,250); National Jewish Community Relations Advertising (2,750); National Jewish Community Relations (dues) (687); and United Jewish Appeal (446,810).

By SUSAN PARCELS

Special to The Jewish Voice

A generation or so ago, in a more idyllic time, there was an extended family of parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles who were there to provide a support system for young families who needed help.

Regrettably, that time is long gone. We now have a more mobile society and far more pressures. Many families have become fragmented, beset by separation or divorce. Catastrophic illness, and even death, have brought incredible pain to some families. And these difficult economic times, resulting in lost jobs and failed businesses, have wreaked havoc on families' security and stability. Bills must still be paid... and most important, children must be cared for.

Where can these families turn? Fortunately, there is the secure and

loving environment of the Jewish Community Center in Wilmington, where children can be nurtured year-round at day care and day camp. And there is scholarship assistance to make participation in these programs possible.

One single parent, who has received scholarship assistance so that her child can attend JCC camp and the after school program, recently stated, "The JCC is my life. If not for the JCC, I don't know what we'd do!"

For this family and for so many others who need our help, including newly-arrived families from the former Soviet Union and families who have experienced a temporary crisis because of extenuating circumstances, scholarship assistance is available.

The scholarship assistance process is uncomplicated. When a fam-

ily requests financial assistance, they are put in touch with Ella Zukoff, Membership Coordinator. To determine eligibility for scholarship assistance, they are asked to fill out and submit a standard financial assistance application, along with a copy of their most recent 1040 tax return. A confidential interview takes place, the families are notified of their financial assistance award and a payment plan is arranged.

To raise funds to help offset the cost of providing scholarship assistance, the JCC embarked on its annual Combined Scholarship Campaign during Chanukah, chaired by Toby Weiner and Phyllis and Buddy Aersonson. The campaign continues and contributions are still being gratefully accepted to help the children in our JCC family.

## New families in Wilmington

By BARBARA S. KEIL

Special to The Jewish Voice

Two new arrivals to Wilmington from the former Soviet Union are the Shifrin/Golod and Petlyuk/Derbarendiker families.

Lillian Shifrin lives with her husband George, parents Anna and Boris Golod, and teenage sons Mikhail and Eugene. The whole family came to Wilmington from Leningrad in July, 1992.

The boys are students at Mt. Pleasant High School; they are very pleased with the assistance their teachers are providing with the English language.

George and Lillian are both anxious to find jobs. Lillian worked as an engineer in the construction field. She speaks English and is working hard to improve her language skills. She also has experience working as a kindergarten teacher (teaching English) and as a day care worker. She will gladly work outside her fields of primary interest.

George Shifrin is a mechanical and electrical engineer, specializing in computer maintenance.

Eugene is 18 and plans to go to college. He wants to be a medical doctor. "He has been dreaming about becoming a doctor since he was 14 — even in Leningrad, he was dreaming," says Lillian.

Alla Petlyuk came to Wilmington from Moscow in June 1992 with her husband Leonid, son Dimitry (age 17), and parents Manya and Matrey Derbarendiker. (Actually, the grandparents arrived four months earlier, while Alla waited for permission to leave Russia.) This multi-generational family also lives together, while Alla and Leonid look for jobs.

Alla is a chemist with experience in polymer composite materials. Leonid is a mechanical engineer, experienced in engines.

These are just two of the families recently settled in Wilmington. In future issues of the *Voice*, more of the 50 new arrivals in 1992 will be introduced. Jewish Family Service is working hard to re-settle and to assist

with many aspects of living in America. Volunteers are needed.

Jobs are essential, so that the financial burden can be shifted from the community to the individuals themselves. They are more than will-

ing to work. They are happy to be here and optimistic about the future. If you know of any job opportunities or if you want to volunteer in any capacity, please call Jewish Family Service, 478-3906.

## Kutz profile

### Gertrude Friedlander

By SHEILA MENSCH

The stories of Delaware's elderly Jewish population provide a rich and vital narrative of our community. Gertrude Friedlander's story is one that spans several generations and continents and a very turbulent time in world history.



Gertrude Friedlander

Gertrude Friedlander is a dignified, attractive and intelligent lady. She was born in the winter of 1904 in Permasens, near Heidelberg, Germany. Permasens is a small city amid mountains and forests known for its shoe factories.

Gertrude was the only child of Adolph and Frieda Roos. Adolph was a bank director and Frieda was an excellent homemaker. Gertrude spent her summers and many holidays with aunts, uncles and cousins

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at a small hotel that they owned in Wiesbaden. The family also took trips to France and Italy. As a young woman, Gertrude Roos went to finishing school in Hanover and learned to play piano.

When her closest friend, Lotte Friedlander, suggested that Gertrude ask Lotte's handsome brother Theos to a dance, Gertrude happily followed her suggestion. Gertrude and Theos were married in 1923. Theos, one of eight children, and several of his brothers ran the family furniture store. His youngest brother Max, after several instances of anti-Semitism, left Germany in 1936. He settled in Wilmington, Delaware. Lotte came to join him soon afterwards.

In 1938 Gertrude, Theos and their two children, Jack, 8 years old and Susie, 4 years old, emigrated also. Susie was now profoundly deaf from measles contracted when she was 3. Although the family was obliged to leave with only ten dollars apiece, they were allowed to take their furniture. They were met at Ellis Island by Lotte, now married to Rabbi Henry Tavel. To this day Gertrude and Lotte remain best friends. Tragically, most of the family members perished in the Holocaust.

In Wilmington, Max helped them rent a house on 28th Street. Theos was employed at the Allied Kid Company by Saul Cohen, a leader in the Jewish Community and a great benefactor of the Kutz Home. The work was hard and Theos' salary was \$72.00 per month. Gertrude babysat for neighbors' children to supple-

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## Building an Endowment

The Endowment program of the Jewish Federation of Delaware offers donors the opportunity to create a fund which can become a lasting legacy for the Jewish community.

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Briefs

**Gradison leaves Congress to head health insurance group**

WASHINGTON (PNR) — Willis "Bill" Gradison, who had been sworn into the U.S. House of Representatives January 5 for his tenth consecutive two-year term, has decided to leave Congress to become president of the Health Insurance Association of America. Gradison, one of the five Jewish Republicans in the House, was re-elected last November in his Cincinnati district with 75 per cent of the vote. His resignation is effective January 31. The day after he failed to gain a place in the Republican leadership in the House last December, he made known he was considering accepting the position as president of the insurance organization. On January 11, he announced he was taking the job and leaving Congress. *From Joseph Polakoff, Washington correspondent.*

**ADL offers training teachers, in Germany**

WASHINGTON (PNR) — The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith has offered the government in Bonn its assistance to establish a pilot program in Germany to combat anti-Semitism, racism and intolerance. The ADL program would be modeled on its training program in use the past five years in 30 American cities. In that time more than a million school teachers and police have been trained. Called "A World of Difference," the projects in sensitivity have been held at schools, police departments and work places. They have been described as remarkably effective in fighting prejudice and bigotry. Abraham Foxman, the ADL's national director who headed a group of 30 ADL members visiting Germany, at the invitation of the German government, said in Bonn Jan. 11 Jews have a responsibility because of history to help Germany not repeat the mistakes of the past. Foxman said the ADL hopes to help establish programs in the port city of Bremen and in the northern German city of Rostock where extreme rightist violence began last August. While the ADL will help with the projects, Germans would pay for them themselves, Foxman said. There was no immediate indication when they would begin. *From Joseph Polakoff, Washington correspondent.*

**Labor Party selects Weizman as its candidate**

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Ezer Weizman, the father of Israel's air force and an architect of the peace accord with Egypt, has been selected as the Labor Party's candidate for the post of state president. Weizman, a former Cabinet minister who left the right-wing Likud bloc to become a Labor Party dove, received 52 percent of the vote in the 1,300-member Labor Central Committee, compared to 24 percent for centrist Shlomo Hillel and 23 percent for ultradove Arye (Lova) Eliav. Weizman, 68, the nephew of Israel's first president, will square off in March against Likud Knesset member Dov Shilansky, a former Knesset speaker, in a secret ballot among the parliament's 120 members.

**San Francisco Jews protest TV station decision**

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — The San Francisco Jewish community has been joined by Israeli diplomat Abba Eban in protesting the decision by a local television station to postpone broadcasting his documentary on Israel until it can be shown with a "counterbalancing" Palestinian film. The five-part television documentary, "Israel: A Nation is Born, with Abba Eban, A Personal Witness," had been tentatively scheduled to start airing the first week of January on KQED, the Public Broadcasting Service's station in the Bay Area. The American Jewish Committee also registered its indignation, pointing out that KQED had shown a number of pro-Palestinian and anti-Israel programs without any "balancing." In an editorial, the Northern California Jewish Bulletin noted that 23 other public television stations throughout the country have scheduled the documentary, with none professing a need for "balance." The station manager, Kevin Harris, has been under considerable pressure from the Jewish community, and received one threatening phone call to his home that was answered by his 13-year-old daughter.

**U.S. gave Israel advance notice of attack on Iraq**

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Israel received advanced notice from Washington that the U.S.-led air strike against Iraq on January 13 would be limited in scope, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has disclosed. Rabin said the United States had been in contact with Israel and with other Middle East capitals in advance of the strike against targets in southern Iraq that was carried out by American, British and French warplanes. Israelis reacted to the raid calmly, despite sharp memories of the Scud missiles fired at them by Iraq during the Persian Gulf War two years ago this week. The public tended to agree with official reassurances that the hostilities this time would not involve Israel. In spot interviews, many Israelis said the allied response to Saddam Hussein's defiance of U.N. and American demands was too gentle. "Only a massive military response will halt that megalomaniac," was one typical response of those interviewed.

**Nominee turns down Israel prize**

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A left-wing Orthodox scholar named to receive the prestigious Israel Prize for Life's Work has decided to turn down the honor because of the storm of controversy created by his nomination. Hebrew University Professor Yeshayahu Leibowitz announced his decision Sunday, hours after the Israeli Cabinet roundly condemned the nomination. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin reportedly had threatened to boycott the award ceremony in protest. Leibowitz has long been a controversial figure. He has agitated for the separation of religion and politics and condemned the official rabbinate in Israel as a "harlot of the establishment," though he himself leads a rigorously Orthodox lifestyle. In recent years, his outspoken criticism of Israel's administration of the West Bank and Gaza has placed him at the extreme of the political spectrum. Just last week he accused the undercover units of using "terrorist methods," citing as evidence the claim that some 20 Palestinian children have died in recent months in shooting incidents involving these units.

NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL

Israel protests as UN urges action

By GIL SEDAN and DAVID LANDAU

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel has bitterly criticized a report by U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali urging the Security Council to "take whatever measures are required" to force Israel to reverse the deportation of nearly 400 Palestinians.

In the report, delivered to the Security Council on Monday, Boutros-Ghali said Israel's refusal to take back the Moslem fundamentalists it deported to Lebanon last month "challenges the authority" of the world body.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin called the secretary-general's request that the council act against Israel "almost unprecedented."

Emerging Tuesday from a Knesset committee meeting, Rabin charged that the report "completely ignored the acts of extreme Islamic terror" and instead cited only the steps that Israel had taken against the terrorists.

Similarly, the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations issued a statement in New York calling the report "one-sided, ill-conceived and counterproductive to the cause of Middle East peace, because it would reward militant fundamentalist groups and encourage them to step up their efforts to murder Israelis and scuttle the peace process."

In the report, Boutros-Ghali said he also wanted to discuss with Israel the possibility of placing U.N. monitors in the West Bank and Gaza Strip to protect Palestinian rights.

But a statement issued Tuesday by the Israeli Mission to the United Nations said Israel "categorically rejects the secretary-general's recommendation to establish a U.N. monitoring mechanism in the territories." It said such a mechanism would "serve only to agitate the extremists" and "encourage further unrest."

At Rabin's request, former Defense Minister Ezer Weizman phoned Boutros-Ghali to request that the

Security Council put off its debate on punitive resolutions. But Weizman, who knows Boutros-Ghali since the two worked together on the Camp David accords, was rebuffed by the Egyptian's secretary-general.

In Washington, U.S. officials have also been lobbying for a delay in U.N. action.

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said Tuesday that the United States prefers to resolve the deportation crisis "through active diplomacy. We would like to see those efforts exhausted before the Security Council considers taking action."

But at the United Nations, the Palestine Liberation Organization was already hard at work this week on a proposed resolution that would impose sanctions on Israel unless it complied with a December 18 resolution demanding that the deportees be returned to the administered territories.

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NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL

# Inauguration prayer inappropriate but not illegal, say experts

**By JOSEPH POLAKOFF**  
 WASHINGTON — World renowned Evangelical minister Billy Graham is under criticism for pronouncing "In the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit" in concluding his benediction at the swearing in of William Jefferson Clinton as President and Albert Gore Jr. as Vice President.

Graham, a long friend of Israel's especially the late Prime Minister Golda Meir, gave the invocation as well as the benediction at the inaugural ceremonies at the Capitol.

When asked by this reporter whether President Clinton has made an expression on the minister's pronouncement, the new White House communications director, George Stephanopoulos replied President Clinton has not and if he does "we will get it to you."

The senior rabbi at this area's oldest and largest Reform assembly, the Washington Hebrew Congregation, Rabbi Joseph Weinberg, has written the Rev. Graham he is distressed that on an occasion as the inauguration which should bring people together he would use words that do not include everybody. Rabbi Weinberg felt it was especially unfortunate that the minister spoke to one group in America's diverse population.

Jewish organizations had not issued a statement as of January 21.

A spokesman for Americans United for Separation of Church and State, which was founded here 45 years ago, said "in a pluralistic society that contains many forms of religious expression it is inappropriate to include sectarian prayers in a public ceremony."

## Meeting in Germany with Israeli and Syrian

BERLIN (JTA) — In a diplomatic breakthrough, an Israeli official visiting Germany met here last week with Syria's ambassador to this country for a private half-hour meeting. Although Israeli and Syrian officials have been meeting for the bilateral peace talks in Washington, it is unprecedented for the countries to publicly acknowledge any formal contact with each other outside the framework of the peace negotiations. Walid Zadek, an Arab who serves as Israel's deputy agriculture minister, said he met privately with Syria's ambassador to Germany, Michel Chadad, during a January 22 reception given by German President Richard von Weizsacker. Zadek said Chadad had agreed to disclose the meeting publicly and Syrian Embassy officials indirectly confirmed it as well. According to Zadek, Chadad called upon

Robert Boston, the assistant director of communications for the AUSCS which is headed by a Methodist minister, the Rev. Barry Lynn, added that the Rev. Graham's pronouncement "is not a constitutional issue but a failure to acknowledge the diversity of religion in America."

Israelis to recognize that the Syrian people and their leader, President Hafez Assad, are interested in a just and long-lasting peace. The Syrian diplomat stressed that this desire was genuine, and not just a political ploy. But Chadad also cautioned Israel not to ask for the impossible and claimed the Golan Heights belonged to Syria.

## Friedlander

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ment their income. The Friedlanders attended a night school class taught by Sadie Toumarkine to learn English.

Gertrude and Theos had a happy marriage. Their son Jack — who died last year — and his wife Faye, lived in 17 countries because of his

### Briefs

#### Jewish groups praise Clinton on abortion order

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Jewish groups for the most part have welcomed President Clinton's far-reaching orders lifting a variety of restrictions on access to abortion. Clinton, who ran for office espousing pro-choice positions, chose, as one of his first actions as president, to reverse many of his predecessor's anti-abortion policies. With the exception of some Orthodox groups, most Jewish organizations oppose restrictions on access to abortion, and some of these organizations have spent the past 12 years battling the Reagan and Bush administrations on the abortion issue. Ann Lewis, chair of the Commission for Women's Equality of the American Jewish Congress, said in a statement that Clinton "heard the message from an overwhelming majority of members of Congress and the public: that all women should be allowed to make a truly informed decision on how to proceed with an unintended pregnancy." In executive orders issued last Friday, Clinton reversed a "gag rule" restricting abortion counseling in federally funded clinics, loosened a ban on abortions in military hospitals abroad and ended restrictions on federally funded research using fetal tissue.

#### New administration to maintain aid to Israel

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The Clinton administration will seek to maintain the current high level of foreign aid to Israel, Secretary of State-designate Warren Christopher told the Senate this week. "There's a very strong case for the maintenance of aid at those existing levels, a case that's usually strongly put and strongly felt here on Capitol Hill," Christopher told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee during confirmation hearings January 13. His comments came in response to a question from freshman Sen. Russell Feingold (D-Wis.), who asked for specific examples of where the Clinton administration might consider cutting back on foreign aid.

work for the C.I.A. Their daughter Susie married Henry Lewis with whom she had two sons, Mark and Steven. In 1972, after 49 years of marriage, Mr. Friedlander passed away and in 1974 Mrs. Friedlander entered the Kutz Home.

Gertrude has been an active par-

participant at the Home. She always has interesting comments at newspaper reading, rag group and resident council. It is a pleasure to see her at music programs and Family Happy Hour. The Kutz Home is fortunate to have among its residents a woman of such strength, dignity and understanding.

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# Arts and Entertainment

## Words and Music

### Jewish plays, Neil Simon & other pleasures

By STEVE COHEN

It's difficult to write a good ten-minute play. There's so little time to establish your characters and to make the audience care about them.

Therefore it was a privilege to be able to see ten good ten-minute plays, all on Jewish themes, at the Annenberg Studio Theater in Philadelphia last week.

Theatre Ariel is the professional company, devoted to the Jewish theatrical heritage, which produced the program. This is the same company that did Isaac Bashevis Singer's *Teibele and Her Demon* last fall.

The program is called *Ten by Ten: Reflections on Twentieth Century Jewish Life*. It is being repeated each weekend through February 14 at Jewish Centers in Wynnewood, Philadelphia and Cherry Hill, N.J. Call 215-567-0670 for more information.

Each of the plays was a world premiere and all were by local area playwrights. They range in age from 18 to mid-60's, and their professions range from journalist to ad executive to student. Artistic Director Deborah Baer Mozes chose well, and every one of them had merit.

*Where's Your Stuff?* by Daniel Mordecai Brenner is one of the best. It's about an assimilated Jew, about to become a father, who is confronted by the ghost of his Bar Mitzvah cantor. The cantor is a wonderful comic character, brought to life by actor Bruce Catlin.

Another standout is *Turning Off the Lights* by 28-year-old rabbinical student Daniel Wolpe. It's about a 28-year-old rabbinical student, a real mensch, who confronts the question of why bad things happen to good people. That

Steve Cohen, journalist and former broadcaster for National Public Radio, is a freelance writer for The Jewish Voice. He resides in King of Prussia.

question is old; Wolpe's illumination of it is original and poetic.

I also liked *Class Act* by colleague Michael Elkin. His monologue for a 75-year-old widow was affectionate and funny too. Many of the lady's jokes reminded me of vintage Neil Simon punch lines. Leslie B. Gold was the versatile actress who brought to life this character as well as three younger ones.

There's not enough space to discuss all the plays, but every one had merit. All of the five actors played multiple roles.

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Neil Simon's *Lost in Yonkers* won both the Pulitzer Prize and the Tony Award as Best Drama of 1991. It deserved both, and it is one of the best American plays in recent years.

In its just-completed two week engagement at the Playhouse, the national company virtually duplicated the original New York production.

This is the story of a strong, tyrannical widow, a German refugee, living above a luncheonette she owns in Yonkers, and her four children, all of whom suffer from debilitating physical or emotional weaknesses.

The plot is set in motion by the decision of one son, recently widowed, to try to earn a living in the South. He leaves his two sons, 13 and 8, to live with his mother and his emotionally retarded sister. The story is nominally about the maturing of the boys and, more now the biggest hit in London.

His hilarious conversations about opera singers had the audience in almost-constant laughter. He also got the audience deeply involved with the characters and their problems with love and sexual desire. The cast was outstanding, especially when we know that the actors in reality had little knowledge of the opera singers about whom they gossiped. It was a great evening in the theater.

Producer Greg Northup chose to present



The cast from 10 X 10: Reflections on Twentieth Century Jewish Life.

the original, longer version of the play rather than the revised version which has appeared off-Broadway and in California. This was so good a production that it should be repeated.

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James DePreist, music director of the Oregon Symphony, returned to his native city last week to lead the Philadelphia Orchestra in Mozart and Mahler.

He has conducted the orchestra before, of course, and each return adds new stature to his reputation. DePreist has always done well with broad colorful works (Sibelius, Shostakovich) and this composition is the ultimate example

of that type of writing. His rendition of Mahler's one-hour-and-ten-minute final work was monumental. He and the Philadelphians captured the anguish and the affirmation in the piece.

The Philadelphia Orchestra is one of the very few which have played the full symphony as completed by Deryck Cooke. Mahler composed the symphony in 1911 but died before he could write out all the orchestration. Eugene Ormandy conducted the American premiere of it in 1965. DePreist played the revised 1976 edition. Many orchestras and conduc-

(Continued on page 16)

### And the winner is ...

Our quiz question in the January 15 issue concerning Neil Simon's first play was correctly answered by Ruth Buzgon of Wilmington — *Come Blow Your Horn*.

Congratulations to Mrs. Buzgon. She was the guest of the Playhouse Theatre and The Jewish Voice at last week's showing of *Lost in Yonkers*.

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Synagogue Life

The Rosh Hashanah of Trees

By TED ROBERTS

There are three great mysteries in Judaism: 1) Why an iron skillet is necessary to make decent Kasha, 2) Why your nubile daughter will NEVER attend the Synagogue single socials, and 3) The meaning of Tu B'Shevat.

The first two questions are answered by a layman — an amateur like me. Someday soon I'll reconvene the Sanhedrin and place the Kasha and Singles Club questions on the formal agenda. But the third question is worth considering now.

Tu B'Shevat is certainly the least understood of our holidays. A minor holiday only suitable for exclamations like: "Your brother, Louie, can spend the summer with us when Tu B'Shevat falls on the 29th of February."

Ask ten of your friends at the next Shul social what it's all about. Two will stare straight ahead and pretend you're a piece of furniture; another two will disregard the question and ask you to pass the pickles ("quick, before Murray sees 'em"). The other six, with a faint flicker of understanding, will recognize it has something to do with trees.

In the great state of Alabama where I live, write, and occasionally think ("yeah," say my critics, "when Tu B'Shevat falls on the 29th of February") I'd guess there are, say, 12 rabbis and maybe 11,000 Jews. All the rabbis, I think, (except for maybe one I have in mind) know the significance of Tu B'Shevat. The remaining Jews — 10,988 — I'm sure think it's either the name of Solomon's Assyrian wife or Hebrew for the 15th of April when income taxes were due in the Southern kingdom of Israel.

I may be the only layperson in all of Alabama who knows Tu B'Shevat from Tof to final Tof. I know because I just looked it up. Tu B'Shevat, according to the Encyclopedia of Judaica, is the 15th of Shevat. This date marks the date upon which fruit is tithed for the following year, as opposed to the current year. It's analogous to the fiscal year in corporate bookkeeping. There's more, but basically it's a celebration of the fruit harvest.

There are four black marks you can make on the debit side of the Tu B'Shevat ledger: 1) No Potato Latkes, like Chanukah, 2) No Hamentashen, like Purim, 3) No Matzoballs, like Pesach, and 4) Nothing at all distinctive, not even one of those dreadfully sticky Taiglach — for the Jewish palate. Maybe you can have a nice bowl of fruit after you plant the obli-

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tory tree.

The credit side of the Tu B'Shevat ledger has one item, but it erases the four minuses: you give life to one of God's woody creatures. Better than the wind — you place it in its earthy home.

first and at least you'll have apples next year. Or peaches or plums or walnuts. And kids love tree planting if it's done with ceremony.

Tu B'Shevat is a time to celebrate nature and remember that the God of the Chumash also dwells in your

A Tu B'Shevat message

By RUTH W. POPKIN

President, Jewish National Fund

Tu B'Shevat — the New Year of the Trees — marks the awakening of spring in the land. It is a holiday which commands our attention now more than ever. Concerned citizens of the world recognize with increasing alarm that the neglect and abuse of the environment has reached alarming proportions. Planting trees, the central act of the Tu B'Shevat celebration, which takes place on February 7, is a powerful symbolic act which demonstrates our desire to reverse the earth's destruction.

Trees improve the environment. They cool the atmosphere, help slow global warming, and reduce noise and air pollution. They help create arable land; by grasping shifting sands, they halt the destructive encroachment of spreading desert wastes.

Trees improve the quality of life of those fortunate enough to enjoy wooded areas in and near their neighborhoods and towns. They are a source of beauty and peace for residents of our often hectic modern society. Trees restore the balance of nature, providing habitats for wildlife and a productive use of marginal lands.

The implicit message of Tu B'Shevat is one of hope; to heal the planet is to anticipate our children's inheriting a better world than the one into which we were born. In so doing, we fulfill the trust that God has placed in us as trustees of this planet. Planting trees is an expression of hope that God will continue to bless our world with renewal as we fulfill mitzvah of caring for His precious gifts.

The Jewish National Fund is the agency responsible for the preservation, reclamation and beautification of the land of Israel. They can be contacted at (212) 879-9300, 42 East 69th Street, New York, NY 10021.

But why am I — a simple humorist — attempting such eloquence when a guy named Joyce Kilmer said it so much better?

*A tree that may in Summer wear a nest of robins in her hair.*

*Upon whose bosom snow has lain*

*and intimately lives with rain.*

*Poems are made by fools like me,*

*but only God can make a tree.*

Joyce, a nice Catholic boy from Jersey, who probably lived close to a Jewish neighborhood, would have loved Tu B'Shevat.

And he would equally have loved the Talmudic commentator who linked the Messiah and tree planting. Remember? He tells us that if you're putting a tree in the earth and your neighbor yells, "Hey, the Messiah is here," well, first finish with the tree, then go welcome the Messiah. He's come an awful long way and he's gonna stay for a while since the world is badly bent. He has a lot to do, so don't worry. No way you're gonna miss him.

Besides, many times in Jewish history somebody's neighbor has hollered about our deliverer, and been dead wrong. Put the tree in the ground

backyard. A time to remind kids that Hashem, who poured out the Red Sea like a bottle of creme soda to save the Israelites, also programmed blue birds to build nests and feed their young.

You could try to explain to your kids that HE/SHE's in the fig tree, and HE/SHE's in the cat, but maybe it's easier to plant a tree in the backyard — together.

The Bible is full of trees — the Terebinths of Mamre that sheltered Abraham's tent; the low-limbed tree that decapitated Absalom, Solomon's rebellious son; the ubiquitous fig tree under which every faithful Israelite will find shade and fruit. But my favorite tree story is the one in Jonah. Remember?

Jonah, fleeing God's instruction, is served up as an appetizer to a whale. Then the Lord, in his compassion, rescues his indigestible prophet and sends him on his way to Ninevah. Once at the site, Jonah can't wait to see the city zapped. He picks out a nice shady box seat on a hillside overlooking the spectacle — which Jonah believes will be a replay of Sodom and Gomorrah. But the Ninevites repent and God relents and Jonah is angry. Whereupon God smites the tree that shaded Jonah from the hellish sun. Jonah — ill tempered ever since his spell in the fish's belly — is really upset now. The Lord of compassion makes the point that if Jonah feels for a tree, what about the 120,000 souls of Ninevah.

Jonah is not one of our outstanding prophets. Although it must be admitted he had a decent feeling for trees. He would have loved Tu B'Shevat. It's a shame he never met Mr. Kilmer.

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## JANUARY

### Saturday \_\_\_\_\_ 30

Young Jewish Adults of Delaware "Night at the Movies" at AMC Painter's Crossing Theatre, Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania. Meet at 7:15 p.m. Call After January 20 for movie title. Admission is \$4.00 if paid before January 27, \$6.00 thereafter. Nosh at Friendly's after the movie. Call Ethan Fletcher at (302) 328-2631.

### Sunday \_\_\_\_\_ 31

Recreational Services Department of the Wilmington Jewish Community Center - Tenth Annual Snowball Run, 1 Mile "Fun" Run, 10:30 a.m., 5 Mile Run, 11 a.m., 5K Walk, 11:01 a.m. Costs are \$10 for pre-registration by January 28, \$12 for post-registration with t-shirt by 10:15 a.m. on day of race and \$8 post-registration without t-shirt by 10:15 a.m. on day of race. Long sleeve t-shirts to the first 300 registered runners. Prizes, refreshments and awards ceremony following race. For more information call Eileen Wallach at 478-5660.

## FEBRUARY

### Monday \_\_\_\_\_ 1

Senior Center of the Wilmington Jewish Community Center. People and Places of Delaware - From Yesterday, 10:30 a.m. Helen Goldberg will present a slide show prepared by the Jewish Historical Society which traces back to the year of 1620 with the first Jewish trader to come to Delaware. Free of charge and open to the community. For more information call Ray Freschman at 478-5660.

### Wednesday \_\_\_\_\_ 3

Jewish Community Center, Wilmington - Intergenerational Dinner, 6 p.m. A Kosher dinner and entertainment provided by Jackie Pack, folksinger and music therapist/music activities consultant. The cost is \$5 for seniors, \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 3 to 12, free for children age 2 and under. Pre-registration is required. This is one in a series of Agency Community Campaign Week Events. For more information call 478-5660.

### Friday \_\_\_\_\_ 5

Senior Center of the Wilmington Jewish Community Center - Tu B'Shevat Seder, 11:30 a.m. Students from the Albert Einstein Academy will join Senior Center members

for a special seder and luncheon. Reading of various passages and songs related to the holiday will be performed. Customary foods will be served. Transportation is available and advance reservations are requested. For more information call Ray Freschman at 478-5660.

Meet the Artist Reception for Wilmington artist Judith Schwab, 5-7 p.m., King's Wine & Spirits, 13th and King Streets, Wilmington. Exhibit through the month of February, "Changing Forces and the Environment."

### Saturday \_\_\_\_\_ 6

Temple Beth El Sisterhood, Newark, "White Elephant Around the World Auction." Items, trips, dinners and services to be auctioned. Tickets \$5, includes dessert bar. For more information call 366-8330.

### Sunday \_\_\_\_\_ 7

Tu B'Shevat program for children, Jewish Community Centers of Greater Philadelphia, Charles and Elizabeth Gershman YM & YWHA Branch, 401 South Broad Street, 3 p.m. Tree planting and double feature of the Jewish Film Festival 12 of Molly's Pilgrim and The Lorax. Tickets \$3.50 or free for grandparent with two children. For tickets or information call 545-4400.

### Wednesday \_\_\_\_\_ 10

Congregation Beth Shalom Sisterhood meeting, 7:30 p.m., 18th and Baynard Boulevard, Wilmington. Guest speaker, Dr. Steven Fertig on "Determining the state of your well being." Free and open to the public. Dessert buffet. For more information contact Danna Levy at 478-7853.

Gratz College "Food for Thought" dinner/lecture on "American Zion" Mordechai Manuel Noah's Dream to Build a City of Refuge for the Jews in America" by Dr. Abraham Marthan, professor of Hebrew and Bible at Gratz. Co-sponsored by the College and the National Museum of American Jewish History. To be held at museum, 55 N. 5th Street, Center City Philadelphia, 6 p.m. Admission, including dinner, \$12. For more information call 215-635-7300, ext. 25.

### Thursday \_\_\_\_\_ 11

Young Jewish Adults of Delaware Pizza and Games Night, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Wilmington Jewish Community Center. Cost \$5. Reservations requested by February 8. Contact Tina Harvitz at 302-762-1345.

### Friday \_\_\_\_\_ 12

Youth and Family Department of the Wilmington Jewish Community Center - School's Out Day offers full day programs, 7:15 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. Varied activities include indoor swimming, gym sports and day trips. Children need to bring a Kosher lunch; snack provided. Cost is \$20 for JCC members which includes early morning and late day care, if necessary. Pre-registration is required. For more information call Michael Grossman at 478-5660.

### Sunday \_\_\_\_\_ 14

The Children's Center of the Wilmington Jewish Community Center - KAMOTION Concert, 1 p.m. KAMOTION is a high-spirited musical group that sees the world from a child's point of view and speaks to kids in worlds and images they can understand. Concert designed for families with children between the ages of 2 and 9. Admission tickets are \$6 for PTA members and \$7 for general admissions (adults and children). For more information call Jane Hornadaly at 478-5660.

Young Jewish Adults of Delaware to attend production of The Immigrant at the Delaware Theatre Company at 2 p.m. Noon brunch before the show at Zaydie's Place Kosher restaurant, north Wilmington. Tickets \$16. Reservations by February 3. Contact Dan Loewenstern at 215-444-1839.

### Monday \_\_\_\_\_ 15

Youth and Family Department of the Wilmington Jewish Community Center - President's Day - School's Out Day offers full day programs, 7:15 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. Varied activities include indoor swimming, gym sports and day trips. Children need to bring a Kosher lunch; snack provided. Cost is \$20 for JCC members which includes early morning and late day care, if necessary. Pre-registration is required. For more information call Michael Grossman at 478-5660.

### Ongoing

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

Gallery features a series of graphic art works through February 28 by African American artist James Newton, Professor and Director of Black American Studies at the University of Delaware, in tribute of the Martin Luther King Holiday and Black History Month. For more information call Sharon Richman at 478-5660.

B'nai B'rith Klutznick National Jewish Museum, 1640 Rhode Island Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, 202-857-6536, exhibit through mid-February: Stone, Wood, Oil and Water: Sculpture and Painting by Sy Greser, Leon Bibel, Paul Fux, and Chaim Nahor. Special display of Hanukkah menorahs, newly acquired as part of Museum's permanent collection.

### Beth Emeth Sisterhood

The North Wind may blow, let's hope there's no snow ... Come into the warmth of a Beth Emeth Sisterhood morning meeting. We will be baking hamentaschen and other Purim cookies, enough to nosh and to take home. Coffee and tea, too. And we'll be finished in time for picking up kids from pre-school. This is all happening on Tuesday, February 16, from 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. in the Beth Emeth auditorium. All are welcome, and the event is free. Join us! RSVP Eliza Gouverneur at 322-4103.



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## Announcements/Events

### Dr. Melammud at Adas Kodesch

Dr. Renee Levine Melammed, a Scholar in Residence in Judaic Studies at Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, will speak at the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, during the morning service on February 20 on "Truth Or Consequences: The Spanish Inquisition and the Crypto-Jews."

In 1492, the Jewish population was expelled from Spain. Unlike the

Jews who left Spain, the Crypto-Jews formally converted to Catholicism but retained Jewish customs and identity, despite the fact that it constituted heresy in the eyes of the Church and could result in death if convicted at a trial by the Holy Court of the Inquisition.

Dr. Melammed has examined records of these trials a century after the expulsion in order to ascertain the daily life of the members of the Crypto-Jewish community. Because the public practice of Judaism was prohibited, the continuance of the

tradition, in whatever form, had to take place behind the shelter of the home. Because of that, the Crypto-Jewish woman had a pivotal role. Dr. Melammed has studied the Crypto-Jewish woman and her significant public and private contributions.

Dr. Melammed is scheduled to speak at 10:15 a.m. There will also be a Kiddush-buffet lunch with the opportunity to have questions answered by her after the meal. Group baby-sitting services will be available at a small fee. Although there is no fee for the luncheon, reservations

must be made.

To make a reservation for the Kiddush-buffet lunch, contact the Synagogue office 762-2705 by February 8.

### Lunch-n-Learn Chabad service

Chabad-Lubavitch announces the continuation of the Lunch n' Learn guest speaker series on Wednesday, February 17, at 12:30 p.m. in the law offices of Skadden Arps, One Rodney Square, Wilmington.

The guest lecturer is Peretz Bronstein, Esq., and his topic will be, "Yelling Fire in a crowded shul — Free speech is Jewish law."

Bronstein is a graduate of Harvard College and Yale law school and is currently a litigation associate with Skadden Arps in New York City. In addition to his legal career, Bronstein has received rabbinical ordination, having studied at Yeshiva Tomchai Tmimim in Israel and New York.

Lunch/deli sandwiches can be ordered by calling Zaydie's at 762-4528 for delivery to the program.

For more information and reservations, call David Margules at 651-3115, or the Chabad office at 478-4400.

### Comedian at JCC

Chabad Lubavitch announces a Melaveh Malkah — post Shabbat

celebration to feature comedian Richard Morris, Saturday, February 20 at 8:30 p.m. at the Wilmington Jewish Community Center.

He has made numerous TV appearances, repeat appearances on "Late Night with David Letterman" and "New York at Night" with Clint Holmes. He discusses some of the joys and challenges of being a "professional Jewish, Jewish-comedian," how he combines and juggles the two.

Reservations can be made by calling the Chabad office at 478-4400. Cost for the evening including buffet supper is \$9 a person.

### JCC offers ski trip

The Wilmington Jewish Community Center is offering a ski trip to Camelback on Sunday, February 28.

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# Anti-Semitism

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Attitudes in the 1992 survey were measured by how many of 11 presumably negative or stereotypical statements about Jews respondents agreed with.

But two of the statements — "Jews stick together more than other Americans" and "Jews always like to be at the head of things" — were not necessarily negative, but were still used to define anti-Semitic attitudes. Respondents agreed more with those statements than with any other.

And though the percentage of Americans who hold anti-Jewish attitudes had declined 9 percent since it commissioned its last survey in 1964, the ADL chose to emphasize the bad news rather than what might be considered encouraging, critics say.

In contrast, other surveys and polls gauging anti-Semitic attitudes which define "hard-core" differently have uncovered much less alarming findings.

The Gallup polling firm, in a 1981 survey, found that only about 5 percent of Americans met the definition of "hard-core anti-Semite."

And in a 1979 Roper poll, less than 3 percent of respondents answered yes when asked point-blank if they were inclined to be anti-Jewish.

Another piece of the puzzle of anti-Semitism lies in Jewish history. Some observers have pointed out that the perception of greater bias than really exists is natural, and inevitable, given the recent past.

"It just takes one teen-ager with spray paint to get everyone worried," said Ken Stern, program specialist on anti-Semitism and extremism at the American Jewish Committee.

## Wortman

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Wortman, director of the Jewish Community Council Relations of greater Philadelphia.

"Everything we know about Judy Wortman suggests she will be an outstanding addition to our community," said Dombchik. "Her high energy level and love of the Jewish people are contagious. She has excelled in every task she has undertaken. Judy is truly a people person."

Dombchik added, "The selection of Judy Wortman comes after six solid months of reading resumes, interviewing candidates, and following up numerous recommendations. I would like to publicly thank the entire sixteen person Search Committee for the long and dedicated hours required to reach their decision."

Seth Bloom will remain as acting executive director through April 1.

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"We're sort of in the golden age now; Jews are more integrated into society, there's less measurable overt bigotry. But people always see bigotry as something that strips them naked," he said.

According to Raab, Jews are afraid to say that anti-Semitism is not serious because it might be serious tomorrow.

ADL's Foxman agrees, attributing it to the post-Holocaust mentality. "After Auschwitz, the Jewish community's antennae to anti-Semitic acts vibrate very actively.

"An incident is magnified many times," he said, referring to the fact that many people may hear about one incident of vandalism, for example, and all will be very concerned about a possible increase in anti-Jewish bigotry.

"Our anxiety level is high. Unfortunately, we've earned it. If I had to choose between hypersensitivity or clinical detachment, I'd choose the former. It's part of our baggage, our history, our experience," said Foxman.

But at what cost? The dramatic and attention-grabbing nature of anti-Semitic incidents can often push other, more amorphous issues to the backburner of the national Jewish agenda. The fight against anti-Semitism also attracts large sums of money.

The ADL, for example, has a \$30 million operating budget for 1993.

But that figure does not represent a diversion from other Jewish causes, Foxman emphasized. Half the money

comes from non-Jewish sources like corporate donations, he said, and only \$1.25 million comes from Jewish federations.

The rest is raised from the Jewish community through fund-raising dinners, direct mail and other solicitations, Foxman said.

Sociologist Steven Cohen agreed with Foxman's assessment. The money raised by communal organizations to fight anti-Semitism is not the same money that would otherwise go to fund Jewish educational programs, for example, he said.

"It's money we wouldn't see otherwise. These agencies are not competing for the same dollars," said Cohen, professor at the Melton Center of Jewish Studies at Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

While Foxman asserted that the

most important challenge facing American Jewry is not anti-Semitism but Jewish continuity, he rejected the notion that too much money is spent on fighting anti-Semitism.

"That's b.s.," he said. "Anyone making these comparisons is shortsighted."

"Money spent on fighting anti-Semitism by the Jewish defense agencies is \$50-60 million a year, a pittance in terms of the disease which has wiped out one-third of our people and is virulent all over the world."

Still, "there is a greater appreciation in the Jewish community of a serious threat of anti-Semitism than there is in terms of the real threat of assimilation," he said, neatly summing up the Jewish community's

quandary.

But even if the financial cost is limited, there is a price of another sort being paid by the Jewish community for its focus on anti-Semitism, said one observer.

According to NJCRAC's Chanes, numerous studies have shown that anti-Semitism has been one of the primary reasons that Jews who are on the threshold of breaking away from the organized community decide to disengage completely.

"The most effective approaches to Jewish continuity are less about negative reasons (to stay connected to the Jewish community) and have more emphasis on positive focus," he said.

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## Obituaries

### Henrietta Berman Dombchik

Henrietta Berman Dombchik, 75, of Erle, Pennsylvania, died January 15 at home of complications from cancer.

Mrs. Dombchik is survived by her husband, Louis; two sons, Steven A. of Wilmington and Barry N. of Longwood, Florida; a sister Bea Shevick of Erie; and four grandchildren.

The family suggests contributions to Brian Dombchik memorial fund of Congregation Beth Shalom, 18th Street and Baynard Boulevard, Wilmington 19802.

### Max Feldman

Max Feldman, 78, of North Miami, Florida, formerly of Wilmington, died January 8 of heart failure in Hollywood, Florida Medical Center.

Mr. Feldman owned Lewis Cleaners in the 2900 block of N. Market St., Wilmington, for 22 years. He retired in 1975.

He was a member of B'nai B'rith Lodge 2887; colonel Marcus Temple Lodge 11, AF&AM; Delaware Consistory; Nur Temple Shrine and Jewish War Veterans.

He is survived by his wife, Alice; a son, Larry of Smyrna, two daughters, Lano Myra Feldman of Bear, and Ester M. Balick of Wilmington; a sister, Sylvia Greenstein of Lauderhill; and five grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, Wilmington.

### Justice Marshall mourned by Jews

**By DEBRA NUSSBAUM COHEN NEW YORK (JTA)**—The death of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall means the passing of a man who struggled on behalf of justice not just for blacks, but for all minorities, and whose tenure is seen as having advanced the standing of Jews in American society.

Marshall, who retired from the bench in June 1991 because of declining health, died Sunday of heart failure. He was considered by legal experts at Jewish organizations to be a great jurist whose interests intersected with the Jewish community's throughout the course of his lengthy career.

"A law attacking discrimination benefited Jews. Strengthening the whole doctrine of equality was good for us," and Will Maslow, general counsel to the American Jewish Congress.

professional, educational and economic life," said Rabbi David Saperstein, director of the Reform movement's Religious Action Center.

Though most famous for arguing the landmark Brown vs. Board of Education school desegregation case before the Supreme Court when he was a lawyer for the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund, Marshall played a critical role in many cases directly relevant to the Jewish community.

One which he argued before the Supreme Court in 1947, Shelley vs. Kramer, eradicated the restrictive real estate covenants that had been enforced to prevent Jews and blacks from buying property.

That case was the very first onto which the Anti-Defamation League signed with a friend-of-the-court brief. The group issued a statement Monday saying Marshall's "wisdom and vision will be sorely missed."

Marshall was also a lifelong advocate of separating government and religion, a belief for which he was lauded by the Jewish community and one that distinguished him from some of his African American colleagues.

"When it came to the First Amendment, Justice Marshall was really a giant," said Samuel Rabinove, legal director of the American Jewish Committee. "He was great on separation of church and state, and was with us right down the line in oppos-

ing creches and menorahs on public property."

"We are very sad to have lost the No. 1 champion of civil rights, who was also attuned to issues that concern women," said Joan Bronk, national president of the National Council of Jewish Women.

### Sammy Cahn songwriter dies

**By STEVE COHEN**

*Special to The Jewish Voice*

Sammy Cahn, the legendary songwriter, died January 15 in New York City of a heart attack. He was 79.

His death came as a shock to his many friends in show business. Always so full of energy and spirit and plans for the future, he seemed indestructible. He was a familiar figure in night clubs and cabarets, supporting the careers of many singers and making a point of being in the audience whenever they sang of his songs.

He was legendary partly because he was a tireless story teller and promoter, spinning his own legends in countless interviews, one-man shows and in two autobiographical books. Beyond the legend, he was one of the most talented lyric writers ever.

Historians of American popular music usually speak of the "Big Five" composers: Berlin, Gershwin, Kern, Porter and Rodgers (in alphabetical order). Among the men who wrote the words but not the music, there is now a Big Six of lyricists: Ira Gershwin, Oscar Hammerstein, Lorenz Hart, Alan Jay Lerner, Johnny Mercer ... and Sammy Cahn. Since this is a Jewish newspaper, it's natural to contemplate the fact that eight of these eleven creators were Jewish.

More than any of the others, Cahn was an extroverted performer of his own material. He appeared in this area in fundraising concerts for Jewish and secular organizations.

Born Sammy Cohen in New York

City, he changed his last name because it sounded too Jewish. He thought that "Cahn" might possible be considered a German name rather than Jewish by potential employers. To everyone who ever met him, however, he was proudly and obviously Jewish.

His first big hit was in 1938 when he composed English lyrics for the Yiddish song, Bie Mir Bist Du Schoen. The next 55 years saw Academy Awards, Grammy Awards, and dozens of million-selling records. He wrote the words to music by Julie Styne, Jimmy Van Huesen and several other composers.

Known primarily for brash and clever use of vernacular, and for most of Frank Sinatra's hip, "swinging" songs, Cahn could also write simply. My favorite Cahn lyric is a brief, 16-bar 1944 composition:

"I fall in love too easily,  
I fall in love too fast.

I fall in love so terribly hard  
For it to ever last.

My heart should be well-schooled  
For it's been fooled in the past,

But still I fall in love too easily,  
I fall in love too fast."

A close second is the song that he used as the title of his fun-to-read autobiography, "I Should Care." Anyone familiar with his career would echo Sammy Cahn's sentiment: "I should care, and I do."

## Naches

### Seidel

A sabra was born on January 18 to Morry and Arza Seidel of Kibbutz Matzuba in the Western Galilee.

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## Words and music

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His hilarious conversations about opera singers had the audience in almost-constant laughter. He also got the audience deeply involved with the characters and their problems with love and sexual desire. The cast was outstanding, especially when we know that the actors in reality had little knowledge of the opera singers about whom they gossiped. It was a great evening in the theater.

Producer Greg Northup chose to present the original, longer version of the play rather than the revised version which has appeared off-Broadway and in California. This was so good a production that it should be repeated.

###

James DePreist, music director of the Oregon Symphony, returned to his native city last week to lead the Philadelphia Orchestra in Mozart and Mahler.

He has conducted the orchestra before, of course, and each return adds new stature to his reputation.

DePreist has always done well with broad colorful works (Sibelius, Shostakovich) and this composition is the ultimate example of that type of writing. His rendition of Mahler's one-hour-and-ten-minute final work was monumental. He and the Philadelphians captured the anguish and the affirmation in the piece.

The Philadelphia Orchestra is one of the very few which have played the full symphony as completed by Deryck Cooke. Mahler composed the symphony in 1911 but died before he could write out all the orchestration. Eugene Ormandy conducted the American premiere of it in 1965. DePreist played the revised 1976 edition. Many orchestras and conductors play only the parts that Mahler personally orchestrated. I think it's worth hearing the whole thing. It comes close to showing us what Mahler had in mind, and the final thoughts of the composer should be available to the public.

Overshadowed was the opening Mozart Piano Concerto No. 23 with Mischa Dichter as soloist, which did have a nice, poignant slow movement.