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1989 Federation campaign falls short of goal

In an unprecedented decision, the Jewish Federation of Delaware Board of Directors has announced that 1989 allocations to a number of local agencies have been cut by an average of approximately five percent. The reason for the reductions is the failure of the 1989 campaign to meet its goal.

While the 1989 campaign raised the largest amount in its campaign history — \$1,245,000 — it fell \$70,000 short of its \$1,315,000 goal.

Steve Dombchik, chairman of the Budget and Allocations Committee, presented the revised allocations to the board. He said it was with great reluctance that any agency's allocation was reduced. The Budget and Planning Committee reviewed agency budgets and

conferred with leadership before recommending the final allocations to the board to determine the most equitable way to make the necessary reductions.

Dombchik pointed out that the Federation's commitment to Jewish education is demonstrated by the fact that no educational programs' allocations have been reduced. Albert Einstein Academy, Gratz Hebrew High School, the KiTov program and the Judaic Workshop will receive 100 percent of their anticipated funding.

The Jewish Voice, which receives an \$18,000 allocation, was also not affected by the reduction.

Agencies affected by the allocations reduc-

tions include the Kutz Home, the Jewish Community Center, the Jewish Family Service, the Newark Advisory Committee and the Lower Delaware Advisory Committee and the Jewish Federation. While the Kutz Home is currently in a financial crisis, it recently received an unanticipated bequest, the interest from which will be used to defray its allocation deficit.

Once it was determined that cuts had to be made, Dombchik said, programs and budgets

Jews into the Delaware community are not affected by this process since funding for that purpose is made through a different process. According to Robert N. Kerbel, Executive Vice President of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, that funding come from investment income reserved for emergencies. In the case of the Soviet Jewish immigrants, he said, the Federation has told Jewish Family Service, "If they come, you take them, and we'll pay for them."

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Senate approves bill requiring U.S. to document hate crimes

By HOWARD ROSENBERG

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The Senate overwhelmingly approved a bill on February 8 requiring the Justice Department to compile data on domestic "hate crimes" committed against Americans.

The bill, long sought by American Jewish groups, was adopted despite its inclusion of anti-gay violence among the crimes to be monitored. Some Senate conservatives had opposed the measure, believing it gave undue protection to homosexuals. "There's a right every American ought to have, and that's the right to be free and unmolested from vicious hate criminal activity," Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), a co-sponsor of the bill, said during debate on the measure.

The so-called Hate Crimes Statistics Act was approved by a vote of 92-4. Last June, the House of Representatives approved the measure by a vote of 368-47. A House-Senate conference committee will now reconcile differing language in the two bills and then send a final version to President Bush for signature.

The bill directs the Justice Department to track hate crimes for the next five years, "just as it now collects data on auto thefts, burglaries and other crime," said Sen. Paul Simon (D-Ill.), the bill's other principal sponsor. Included are crimes against individuals or property because of race, religion, ethnicity or sexual orientation. Anti-Semitism is included under race and religion.

Simon said the measure "is the only civil rights-related legislation before Congress endorsed by President George Bush."

The bill is distinct from one signed into law in June 1988, which imposed criminal penalties as high as \$250,000 in fines and 10 years in jail for vandalism against religious property.

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith was the principal Jewish group involved in

gaining passage of both bills.

ADL hailed the Senate action as "a major step in the right direction."

Burton Levinson, the group's national chairman, said the bill would help law enforcement officials to "gauge the dimensions of the hate-crime problem, which has increased in recent years in many parts of the country."

The statistics bill adopted by the Senate had originally been scheduled for a vote last summer. But it was held up by Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.), who opposed its inclusion of crimes against homosexuals. In gaining passage of the bill, Simon and Hatch tried to placate Helms by adding an amendment that states nothing in the act shall be construed as trying to "promote or encourage homosexuality."

"Nobody can make the claim that homosexual rights are going to come from this particular bill," Hatch told Helms during the debate.

But Helms cited a recent article in a gay newspaper, the *New York Native*, that argued passage of the bill would lead to new civil rights protections for lesbians and gay men.

Hatch, himself a conservative, retorted that "homosexuals are human beings too. They are citizens of this country, and they ought to be treated like citizens of this country. They pay taxes, they ought to have the taxes go for their benefit, as well. I don't think this bill would be half as good if we didn't include this in it, because we know this is going on," he added.

The amendment was approved by a vote of 96-0. But by a 77-19 vote, the Senate rejected a Helms amendment to the bill that stated, "School curriculums should not condone homosexuality as an acceptable lifestyle in American society."

Helms ultimately voted against the overall bill, along with Sens. William Armstrong (R-Colo.), Gordon Humphrey (R-N.H.) and Trent Lott (R-Miss.).

were reviewed "over and over again," in an effort to make the reductions fairly. Operations were thoroughly reviewed in an effort to determine where cost cuts could be implemented without interfering with the level of service.

Dombchik made the point that making reductions half way through the year places a burden on local agencies since they only have six months or less to make up the difference through fundraising.

The monies set aside to resettle Soviet

Reductions took place only on the local level. Allocations to Israel and national and overseas agencies were maintained at their initial allocation levels.

"Contributors have the opportunity to ensure that the services and programs that make for a good Jewish community are available in the years to come," said Henry Topel, 1990 Campaign Chairman. "Unless we meet our goal for 1990, we are faced with the same problem — all of the services we provide will suffer."

E. Germany takes responsibility for Jewish Holocaust victims

NEW YORK (JTA) — East Germany has for the first time formally acknowledged its share of responsibility for Jewish victims of Nazi persecution and affirmed that it has material obligations toward them, the World Jewish Congress announced.

The dramatic reversal of a 40-year policy of denial was contained in a letter from Prime Minister Hans Modrow of the German Democratic Republic to WJC President Edgar Bronfman. The WJC said it was "an important first step."

Modrow's statement was also welcomed as "a first step" by Dr. Israel Miller, president of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany. Miller has been in recent communications with Modrow on the issue.

Modrow's letter to the WJC, dated February 1, was accompanied by an official declaration by the prime minister containing the same points which he said "might be published immediately." It stated that the GDR recognizes "the responsibility of the entire German people" for the crimes of the Nazis and that it commits itself to "material support" to the Jewish victims. The responsibility, Modrow's letter and statement noted, "is a consequence of the deep guilt of Hitler fascism which committed terrible crimes against the Jewish people in the name of the German people."

Modrow said that East Germany "recognizes its humanitarian duty with regard to the survivors of the Jewish people who suffered under Nazi oppression, and confirms its readiness in a spirit of human solidarity to provide material support to former persecutees of the Nazi regime of Jewish origin."

The letter also vowed that East Germany

would do everything it can to prevent anti-Semitism and hatred from again taking root in German soil. It invited Bronfman to "an early meeting" with the prime minister "in order to further our common aims." The WJC said Bronfman would leave for Israel next week to discuss with its leaders further steps in the implementation of the East German declaration.

"The acceptance of the GDR of its historic moral responsibility is an important first step," the WJC said. "Its stated commitment of 'material support' to Jewish victims of the Nazi regime requires appropriate and speedy indemnification by the GDR as the necessary next step" the WJC added.

Miller said he met recently with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, Finance Minister Shimon Peres and Foreign Minister Moshe Arens to coordinate future negotiations on claims issues both by Israel and the Claims Conference, which acts on behalf of Holocaust survivors.

Nearly 40 years ago, in 1951, the late Chancellor Konrad Adenauer of West Germany declared that "unspeakable crimes have been committed in the name of the German people calling for moral and material indemnity." That statement was followed by the Luxembourg agreement negotiated between the Claims Conference and the German Federal Republic in 1952. It became the foundation of the massive indemnification program of West Germany amounting to billions of dollars in reparations to the state of Israel, Jewish organizations and individual Jewish claimants.

The Claims Conference currently admini-

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Editorial

But is it really democracy?

The dictionary definition of the word "democracy" reads as follows: a government by the people, exercised either directly or through elected representatives; a political or social unit based upon this form of rule; a social condition of equality and respect for the individual within the community.

Democracy, the headlines have been telling us for a couple of months, is spreading like wildfire all over Eastern Europe and in the Soviet Union.

But is it really democracy?

When Eastern Europeans and Russians finally gained the freedom to speak, their first words have proven to be of fierce nationalism, bitter religious feelings and virulent anti-Semitism at every level. It might seem ironic that the result of the changes that are taking place are causing suppression, rather than freedom.

But it is not really so ironic at all. The problem is only that, at the moment, the wrong headlines are being printed. Democracy is the wrong word.

Democracy doesn't mean the absence of something—it means the presence of something. Democracy is a very serious commitment to the participation of people in their government. What we are witnessing, rather than democracy, is a revolution—an uprising against a specific form of government. But what is being fought for has not yet been established.

These countries are *not* in a democratic state. A close look at the situation in the Soviet Union and in Eastern Europe will demonstrate the risks involved in such change: there is a fine line between democracy and anarchy. The winners of the current revolution have yet to be determined.

It is not a certainty that a government by the people with equality and respect for the individual within the community is even possible in such countries. We know very well what history has shown us. Yet, we cannot predict the future. Only time will tell. But, while we wait for history to be written, caution should be the watchword.

And will the Jews be the scapegoats?

With all the change taking place, the only sure bet is that, whatever happens, the Jews — as usual — are going to be the scapegoats. At the recent meeting of the World Jewish Congress, former dissident Natan Sharansky cautioned that "Russian traditional anti-Semitism has been made worse by 70 years of the Soviet regime and domination, and many Soviet citizens are now looking for a scapegoat for the bankruptcy of their country, and they are trying to pin on the Jews the suffering Communism brought to the Soviet Union."

William Safire, in a recent op-ed piece in *The New York Times*, illustrates the historic habit of blaming the Jews with the following pious joke:

Scene: a state butcher shop in Leningrad. The butcher comes out and tells the long line of customers standing in the cold: "There won't be enough meat today to go around. Jews go home." The few rejected Jews trudge away. A couple of hours later, the butcher reappears to say: "Meat is coming, but less than we thought. Everybody go home except loyal party members." Most of the shivering customers leave. At the end of the day, the butcher comes out for a final time and announces that he is sorry: "All the meat was delivered to the black market and we have none at all. You'll all have to go home." One half-frozen Communist turns to another and says: "See? The Jews always get the best deal."

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Letters to the Editor

Federation supports Hillel at U of D

Rabbi David Kaplan's column, "The Rabbi Writes," in the last issue of *The Jewish Voice*, which discussed the need for greater support of the Hillel Counselorship at the University of Delaware is right on target. However, events should be put into historical and factual concepts.

In 1982, the Jewish community of Delaware's allocation to Hillel was \$7,500. In 1989 it was \$28,262 — nearly a 400 percent increase. During that same period of time the annual campaign realized a total increase of only 18 percent. The Federation provides 75 percent of Hillel's total budget. No other agency receives or comes close to

receiving that percentage of their finance from the Federation.

Hillel receives no funds from B'nai B'rith International, its sponsoring organization. The burden of Hillel's financial needs lie not only with the Jewish Federation, but with B'nai B'rith and the Hillel Advisory Board.

There is no question that Hillel needs greater support and new facilities. The Jewish community of Delaware has always stood ready, and continues to be available, to work with the Hillel Advisory Board in every way.

Robert N. Kerbel

Executive Vice President

Jewish Federation of Delaware

World War II information sought

I am an amateur historian conducting research about Jewish servicemen who took part in the Second World War, primarily (though not exclusively) as airmen in the European Theater. Hopefully, the results of my research may eventually be published as a journal article, or in book form.

I'm presently interested in obtaining both photos of and information about a flier from Wilmington who lost his life during the war. He was First Lieutenant Harry M. First, a B-24 bomber navigator in the 461st Bomb Group of the 15th Air Force, whose aircraft was shot down by German fighters on a mission to Linz, Austria, on July 25, 1944. The mission was Lieutenant First's 49th and next to last scheduled combat mission, after which he would

have been relieved of combat duty and sent home.

Lieutenant First's home (in 1944) was at 412 North Franklin Street, in Wilmington, and his father was Rabbi Philip First. His mother's name was Sarah.

I'd greatly appreciate any help in finding more information about Lt. First, as well as a fellow crewmember of his, Sergeant Morris Krivitsky, of Philadelphia. Should any information be published, the respondents' names will be kept confidential, if desired. All responses can be sent to the following address: Michael G. Moskow, P.O. Box 1135, Exton, Pa. 19341, (215) 524-3791.

Michael G. Moskow

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Op - Ed

New American resettlement effort requires community's support

By RACHEL YOSKOWITZ

The Wilmington Jewish community faces a major challenge to effectively resettle the Russian emigres who have been assigned here. In 1989-90, our community will assume responsibility for 75 Soviet Jews entering this country as refugees and seeking a haven from discrimination and persecution.

Jewish Family Service continues to do a very effective job of physically settling the new arrivals in fully furnished apartments, establishing vocational contacts for them and following them through their adjustments. The agency serves as the primary social service provider and through the efforts of Roberta Burman, Soviet Resettlement Coordinator, the appropriate case work is accomplished.

However, the task of the acculturation beyond physical settlement and social service needs is being assumed by the Jewish Federation of Delaware and the newly established New American Resettlement Committee. This group was activated in December and charged with the responsibility to establish a broad-based community outreach which would facilitate the new Americans' adjustment to Wilmington and help them become full partners in the Jewish community.

A basis for this committee's task was the data accumulated from national surveys which

evaluated the acculturation of the wave of immigrants who settled in the United States in the 70s. According to these CJF studies, the former Soviet citizens were vocationally well adjusted and economically comfortable but felt that they were Jewishly ignorant and had not been able to become a true part of their new communities and establish native-born American friends.

Based on this data, the Wilmington New American Resettlement Committee has established services to address the identified acculturation shortcomings of the previous wave of immigration focusing on main areas such as English language skills, Jewish education and social outreach.

The English language program is utilizing a two pronged approach. Many of the new Americans are enrolled in formal ESL (English as a second language) programs. However, all of the 45 newcomers who are here have been evaluated for their English skills and leveled into classes taught by volunteer instructors at the Jewish Community Center. This latter program provides each refugee with six additional hours a week of English. The curriculum deals with the skills needed to adjust to U.S. life. Some of these survival skills include a visit to a supermarket, how to make medical appointments and deal with the U.S. health care

system and how to read classified ads. The instructors involved in this program are Susan Coonin (coordinator), Eileen Bowman, Judy Goldbaum and Barbara Jacobs.

To "Judaize" the newcomers is another major task. As products of an atheistic society, the emigres arrive here with no religious orientation and view Judaism as a nationality, the Soviet category for the Jews of the U.S.S.R. Thus, the new Americans need to learn what a religion is and be educated regarding basic Jewish practice. This function is assigned to three volunteer teachers: Arlene Davis (coordinator), Eleanor Weinglass and Leah Kraft. These instructors will provide three hours a week of experiential Judaism in their "Being Jewish in America" program.

The third component of the program is up to the community at large. This is the general outreach plan which is dependent on you: volunteer support and participation in the "Family to Family" and "Mitzvah Corps" projects.

"Family to Family" is coordinated by Marilyn Harwick and is a matching program in which a Wilmington family agrees to serve as mentors for a newly-arrived family. The pairing will be done very carefully to provide a compatible match in which the host family agrees to plan regularly-scheduled shared activities, host

Shabbat and holiday meals as appropriate and help the new Americans learn about life in Wilmington and the U.S. All volunteers will attend an orientation session before meeting their "families."

The "Mitzvah Corps" represents another important volunteer opportunity but is less time-consuming. Volunteers in this area will offer an hour at a time to provide transportation for a newcomer. Though the new Americans are very independent, there are times when they need assistance to get to a job interview, a medical appointment or a class at the JCC. "Mitzvah Corps" drivers will assist in this task.

Overall the program of acculturation has many facets but the crucial core is the people. The new Americans who are here are educated, intelligent, highly-motivated individuals who are eager to build new lives here. They have a great deal to contribute but it can't be done alone. Our community needs to reach out and build a partnership with these newcomers so that they can become a true part of our Jewish community. *Kol Yisroel Aravim Zeh B'zeh* — all Jews are responsible for each other. It's up to all of us to assume our share of the responsibility.

(Rachel Yoskowitz is Chairperson of the New American Resettlement Committee.)

Four steps to Mideast peace

By MORTIMER B. ZUCKERMAN

The Middle East drama runs and runs. What ought to happen does not happen. This invites exasperation and simplification, as if we were looking at a picture postcard rather than at a drama of depth and passion in which history is always the hidden hand. It is history, moreover, which all the actors view differently.

The West thinks of Israel's military victories and cannot understand why the Arabs do not make peace. The Arabs, on the contrary, wish to wipe away the insult to their manhood that has shamed them since 1948 when the despised Jews defeated the greater Arab forces. In their culture, peace is impossible until the insult is revenged. The Israelis, for their part, are so obsessed by their terrible memories that the security of their new haven overrides everything. They remember that over 1 million Palestinian refugees who live outside the West Bank, but have no connection to it, did not move to the West Bank when it was occupied by Jordan for 20 years, because the homeland they dream of is pre-1967 Israel. No wonder Israelis believe that a PLO-controlled state in the West Bank, far from representing a peace

settlement, would be but a preliminary stage in an ever widening conflict with Israel.

How can America break the deadlock?

One: Make it clear that all else depends on everyone unequivocally embracing the legitimacy of the state of Israel, and that the refusal to make a "just and lasting peace," as stipulated in U.N. Resolution 242, justifies Israel in maintaining occupation of the West Bank.

Two: Lead an international effort to resettle the refugees now in camps in Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and Egypt, defusing this time bomb.

Three: Work out the details of a land-for-peace formula in which Israel would return the 70 percent of the West Bank on which about 90 percent of the Arabs live in return for adjusted borders that enable Israel to defend itself. Without the West Bank, Israel has strategic depth of just 9 miles from border to sea. In a war, its casualties would exceed 100,000, the equivalent of 6 million dead and wounded in America. This land-for-peace exchange represents the risk that must be accepted by Israel to achieve a settlement.

Four: Support Israel in its determination to negotiate with the West Bank Palestinians themselves, and not with the PLO, which would make maximalist demands and wreck the chances of compromise. Israel has accepted the Palestinians as equal partners in the peace process in lieu of the Arab states. It's a big step: They know that any election will produce victory by PLO-backed candidates who will constitute the new self-governing authority. It is understandable that the Israelis should refuse to go further and negotiate with the PLO. They see that as inviting a failed conference for which they would be blamed and as negotiating details of their demise: When the PLO speaks to Arabs, it speaks not of peace but of Israel's destruction.

It is here that America is part of the problem, not part of the solution. Secretary of State James Baker seems not to understand how difficult it is for a beleaguered nation to yield strategic land captured in a war for survival. Yitzhak Shamir, Israel's prime minister, has indicated in interviews with *U.S. News* that he is committed to negotiate on "land, borders

and sovereignty," and on autonomy for the Palestinians, despite his belief that the land should remain part of Israel. Instead of nourishing this spirit, Baker is undermining Shamir's ability to lead positively by pressure that can only send Israel back into the bunkers. Senator Bob Dole's recent suggestion that the end of the cold war means America can reduce its foreign aid to Israel was a transparent piece of administration blackmail. A pro-Arab tilt may be based on the perceived reduction in Israel's strategic value, but by the same token the U.S. has less need to woo the PLO or Arab states from the pro-Soviet camp.

While Baker and Dole lean on Israel, there is a loud silence about the rejection of Israel by the Arab states. No other country in the world would be asked by its principal ally to turn over land or power to enemies sworn to its ultimate destruction. Present U.S. policy will not win a peace. It is a false start that merely ensures the dramas go on and that the next act may be bloodier.

(Mortimer B. Zuckerman is editor-in-chief of *U.S. News & World Report*. Copyright 1-29-90, *U.S. News and World Report*.)

Israeli Perspective

Russians could determine election results

By NECHEMIA MEYERS

Special to *The Jewish Voice*

Russian immigrants will probably determine whether Labor or the Likud emerges victorious from the next Israeli election.

The 180,000 who came in the 60s, 70s and early 80s already make up 8 percent of the electorate, and those arriving now could double that percentage by the time members of the 13th Knesset are chosen.

Yet neither political parties nor social scientists have so far attempted to determine how the 180,000 voted in previous elections, let alone how the newcomers are likely to vote in future ones.

Since immigrants from the Soviet Union are universally antagonistic towards Communism, many observers assume that they will automati-

cally support right-wing parties. This is particularly the case because Labor, which long ago abandoned its Socialist principles, still clings to some of its Socialist symbols like the red flag, which antagonizes Russian immigrants far more than it does bulls.

Yet this doesn't prove that former residents of Moscow, Leningrad and Odessa are in Shamir's pocket. In Rehovot, at least, there is evidence to the contrary. For in the last municipal elections, a "Russian list" headed by a Labor Party leader gained 3,000 votes and a seat on the City Council.

Galina, a librarian who votes for Labor, thinks that her fellow Russian immigrants often start out on the Right and then, as they become better acquainted with the complex problems facing Israel, move to Labor.

However, she adds, they rarely move to the left of Labor.

Mathematician Yosef, another immigrant from the USSR, has steadfastly backed right-wing parties since his arrival 16 years ago. Most of the time he has worked for Tehiya, which, he says, has three times the support among Russian immigrants as it has among the population as a whole.

No matter what happens, Yosef declares, "I can't see myself voting for the leftists, who are more interested in the rights of the Palestinians than they are in the rights of Russian Jews."

A very large percentage of the Russian immigrants are well-educated, very serious people, many of whom meet in monthly discussion circles to ponder political problems as well as a host of cultural and social

issues. Yet few have taken the next logical step and entered the political arena. Indeed, only one immigrant from the Soviet Union, Georgian-born Ephraim Gur, is in the Knesset (as a representative of the Labor Party).

Such luminaries as Natan Sharansky and Ida Nudel have thus far avoided identifying themselves with any particular political party. Sharansky says he doesn't want to do so because his full-time efforts on behalf of Soviet immigrants require him to be on good terms with all the parties. But a man like Sharansky, who has well-informed views on a broad range of general issues as well as an ex-

traordinary amount of charisma, will, without doubt, eventually have a seat in the Knesset or even a Cabinet post — under whose banner remains to be seen.

The various parties, however, can't wait for Sharansky to "come out of the closet." They urgently require spokesmen to bring their message to Russian newcomers who — unlike emigrants to the U.S. — are automatically granted citizenship and the right to vote. Thus every plane load of Soviet Jews that lands at Ben-Gurion Airport is a plane load of voters who will, in total, significantly influence Israeli political life.

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Dvar Torah

Parashat Mishpatim, February 24

Let's do lunch

By RABBI DAN SHEVITZ

Special to The Jewish Voice

"... And they beheld God, and did eat and drink." — Exodus 24:11

The Torah has just been given; the sin of the Golden Calf has not yet been recorded. Moses, Aaron and his children, and the seventy elders of Israel are invited up the holy mountain. There they experience a vision of the Divine Glory. We can only dimly imagine it; what does it mean to see God? And what is their reaction: do they fall on their faces? Utter hymns of praise? Merge with the cosmic consciousness? No; they have lunch.

The incongruity did not escape the classical commentators sacrilegious behavior: "Do you think that they ate food? No, they 'feasted their eyes' on the presence of God." But, I think, we need not be embarrassed by Moses and his party. We are being taught that there is a relationship between food and theology that is far more profound than the gastronomic Judaism of later generations.

What is the source of energy for the world? The source of energy for all things is God, of course. But the Almighty generally works through the food chain: big fish eat little fish. Through the combined miracles of photosynthesis, cell reproduction, human biology and good kosher restaurants, we are sustained each day: "You open Your hand and satisfy all that lives" (Psalms 145:16). One medieval commentator suggests that when Moses, Aaron, Nadav, Avihu and the seventy elders ascended the holy mountain, they were at such a lofty spiritual height that they by-passed the normal channels; they were physically sustained directly from God. At that moment they perceived God not only with their intellects and emotions, but with their viscera as well: "Taste, and experience how good is the Lord!" (Psalms 34:9). The normal boundary between the spiritual and the physical was shown to be illusory; theology and cuisine were intertwined. To be human was understood in its fullest meaning; seeing God, they understood that humans are in God's image, and the sacred feast is a perfectly appropriate religious response to holiness.

It is in this spirit that we can understand the celebratory side of Yom Kippur. On that day, we remind ourselves that eating is not just a physical requirement, but a way to experience God's bounty. Hunger, fulfillment, want a plenty; these are all windows through which we can glimpse the Glory. By transcending biology for 25 hours, we too by-pass the food chain and gain our physical nourishment directly from God. This is an occasion for celebration. The fasting of atonement is just half of ritual of the day; the eve of the Day of Atonement is, according to tradition, to be spend in feasting!

My great aunt Tante Meryashe, of blessed memory, certainly intuited this intertwining of the spiritual and the prandial when she prepared her recipes; all her written instructions used the standard Yahrzeit glass as the accepted unit of measure: one Yahrzeit glass of flour, a half Yahrzeit glass of sugar. To be sure, this synergy is not an excessively subtle point. It's just that when it occurs to us we usually dismiss it as inauthentic. And of course there is that annoying ascetic religious tradition that denies the holiness of the body and sees self-denials as the only path to God. Thankfully, the sabbaths and festivals of the calendar mitigate against such moroseness.

God is the author of human biology, and we can experience God's presence through our most basic needs and sensations. The procurement, preparation, serving, and enjoyment of food have always been opportunities for a religious encounter. One's table is an altar, meals a sacrifice. An old tradition instructs the pious to make their coffins out of their dining room tables. What better possession to accompany us to the True World than the instrument of hospitality to strangers, of sweet Sabbath melodies, of the celebration of our holy seasons, of words of Torah and blessing offered over tea and cake?!

Moses perceived that standing in the presence of God was a celebration and called for a feast. The reverse is also true: mealtime is an opportunity to stand before God.

(Rabbi Dan Shevitz is the director of the Hillel Foundation at M.I.T.)

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Reconstructionist rabbi advocates return to traditional prayerbook

By SUSAN GILMAN

New York Jewish Week

NEW YORK (JTA) — At a time when Reconstructionist Jews are heralding the movement's new prayerbook as a milestone in innovative theology, the spiritual leader of the movement's flagship synagogue is advocating a return to traditional texts.

Rabbi Alan Miller of Manhattan's Society for the Advancement of Judaism recently gave a three-part lecture series in which he piercingly criticized the Reconstructionist prayerbook and the ideas of the late Mordecai Kaplan, the founder of SAJ and of Reconstructionism and author of the movement's first prayerbook in 1945.

"Why was Kaplan in such a hurry to denude the prayerbook of things that are enormously important?" Miller demanded, alluding to Kaplan's abandonment of such classic talmudic concepts as chosenness and resurrection. Reconstructionism, founded by Kaplan in 1935, sought to merge Jewish tradition with then-modern ideas such as rationalism and pragmatism. In the last generation, younger Reconstructionist activities have incorporated feminism, environmentalism and New Age ideology into their theology.

The new Reconstructionist prayerbook, recently unveiled in a Friday night service at Manhattan's West End Synagogue, restores some of the traditional ideas in deference to the movement's new openness to mysticism. At the same time, it is filled with many contemporary concepts as well: It avoids referring to God as "he," lists matriarchs as well as patriarchs, and contains "alternative" prayers, visual aids for personal

meditation and new English translations.

The British-born Miller, an urbane and, by his own admission, "abrasive" rabbi, was ordained at an Orthodox seminary and was a long-time Reconstructionist stalwart until "five or six years ago, when the movement decided to accept patrilineality" — meaning that it accepted children of Jewish fathers and non-Jewish mothers as Jews without requiring conversion.

Although Miller continues to be its spiritual leader, the Society for the Advancement of Judaism — like many of the first Reconstructionist synagogues — maintains dual affiliation with both the Reconstructionist movement and the United Synagogues of America (the congregational arm of Conservative Judaism). In this it reflects Kaplan's lifelong loyalty to Conservative Judaism.

"I have enormous respect for Kaplan," Miller said. "He created the free pulpit. Even during the McCarthy period, any rabbi could say whatever he wanted from this pulpit. It was he who enabled me to talk this way."

However, Miller lambasted Reconstructionism for propagating what he termed "Jewish kitsch," charging that the movement over-simplified and thereby distorted Jewish texts and liturgy.

"I question God, I question the mitzvahs, but I don't question that the Torah as the book of the Jewish people," Miller said. "Kaplan puts stress on Jews not being the chosen people. I don't think Jews are better, but we are different. The emphasis must be that the Torah is not superior, but it is ours. It is our havdalah — that which makes us different."

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## U of D History and Culture Colloquium to be inaugurated

Dr. Geoffrey Hartman, Karl Young Professor of English and Comparative Literature at Yale University, will inaugurate the University of Delaware's Jewish History and Culture Colloquium on Tuesday evening, March 13, at 7:30. One of the founders of Yale's Judaic Studies Program and faculty advisor of its Video Archive for Holocaust Testimony, Hartman will speak on "Judaism and/as Other."

Hartman was born in Germany and emigrated in 1939. He was a Fulbright fellow, and has taught at Yale University since 1955, when he earned his PhD in Comparative Literature. He has also taught at the University of Iowa, Cornell University, the University of Chicago, Hebrew University in Jerusalem, the University of Zurich, and Princeton.

Hartman is the author of *The Unmediated Vision* (1954), *Criticism in the Wilderness* (1980), and other books. His most recent publi-

cations include *Easy Pieces*, *Bitburg in Moral and Political Perspective*, and, with S. Budick, *Midrash and Literature*. He has recently completed a book, *Minor Prophecies*, to be published next year by Harvard University Press, and has edited a forthcoming collection of essays, *The Shapes of Memory*, to be published by Basil Blackwell, reflecting on the Holocaust. His current work concerns the conception of culture which come into play between the two World Wars and led to the catastrophe.

Among his many awards, Hartman has received a Guggenheim fellowship, a National Endowment for the Humanities fellowship, and the Christian Gauss Prize for *Wordsworth's Poetry* (1964). He is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

The lecture will take place at the University of Delaware, Kirkbride Hall (on S. College Road), Room 100. It is free and open to the public.



Geoffrey Hartman, Karl Young Professor of English and Comparative Literature at Yale University, will give the inaugural lecture in the University of Delaware's recently created Jewish History and Culture Colloquium.

## Bereavement support group to begin

Jewish Family Service and the Jewish Community Center have combined efforts to establish an ongoing bereavement support group. The inaugural event to begin the support group will be a lecture given by Dr. Simcha Raphael Paull. The program title is "From Mourning to Meaning, From Longing to Legacy: Jewish Tradition and The Psychology of Bereavement." The initial lecture will be held on Thursday, March 1, at 7:30 p.m., at the Jewish Community Center, 101 Garden of Eden Road in Wilmington.

Paull is an internationally recognized authority on the subject of death and dying as it relates to psychology and Jewish tradition. He has lectured and presented workshops around the world, and has written many articles for publication. Paull earned his Ph.D. in Psychology of Religion from the California Institute of Integral Studies, and the title of his doctoral dissertation was "Judaism's Contribution

to the Psychology of Death and Dying." He has also studied at the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem.

The program will explore the various Jewish rituals of mourning and will consider two main questions: first, the contemporary psychological function of Judaism's approach to dealing with grief and loss; and second, how modern perspectives on the psychology of bereavement help us to understand age-old Jewish teachings about death, dying, and mourning. This program is open to the public.

Following the initial program, a support group will be established, and will meet every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m., in the Jewish Family Service Conference Room, beginning March 7. For further information, contact Jewish Family Service at 478-9411 or the Jewish Community Center at 478-5660.

## Jewish legal system to be discussed

Chabad-Lubavitch has announced the start of a Lunch & Learn series for the Jewish professional legal community. The first program will take place on Thursday, March 15, at 12:15 p.m. in the law offices of Richards, Layton & Finger, One Rodney Square, Wilmington.

Rabbi Dr. Heshel Greenberg, professor of Talmudic Law in SUNY, Buffalo, will discuss "The Philosophy of the Jewish Legal System." The talk will be preceded by a buffet

lunch and followed by questions and answers.

"This is a great opportunity for those of us in the legal profession to gain a greater understanding of Jewish Law," said David Margules, chairperson of the program.

For more information and reservations please call Stephen Herrmann (658-6541), David Margules (651-3115), or the Chabad office (478-4400). Reservations must be made by Monday, March 13.

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|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Albert Einstein Academy                                    | \$39,500.                             | \$39,500.                       |
| Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School                          | 31,490.                               | 31,490.                         |
| Hillel Counselorship - U of DE                             | 29,750.                               | 28,262.                         |
| Jewish Community Center                                    | 99,060.                               | 94,105.                         |
| Jewish Family Service                                      | 29,500.                               | 28,025.                         |
| Judaic Workshop                                            | 1,179.                                | 1,179.                          |
| Ki Tov                                                     | 1,468.                                | 1,468.                          |
| Milton & Hattie Kutz Home                                  | 200,000.                              | 185,000.                        |
| Lower Delaware Coordinating Committee                      | 6,000.                                | 5,400.                          |
| Newark Coordinating Committee                              | 5,000.                                | 4,700.                          |
| Jewish Voice                                               | 18,000.                               | 18,000.                         |
| Jewish Community Relations Committee                       | 7,300.                                | 5,840.                          |
| Jewish Federation - Administration,<br>Programs & Campaign | 314,197.                              | 306,342.                        |
| Endowment Fund                                             | 10,000.                               | 10,000.                         |
| Youth Services Task Force                                  | 0.                                    | 0.                              |
| <b>Sub Total - Local</b>                                   | <b>\$792,444.</b>                     | <b>\$759,361.</b>               |
| National & Overseas Agencies                               | \$48,160.                             | \$48,160.                       |
| United Jewish Appeal                                       | 450,000.                              | 450,000.                        |
| Operation Moses                                            | 0.                                    | 0.                              |
| Project Renewal                                            | 0.                                    | 0.                              |
| Capital Maintenance                                        | 24,396.                               | 19,517.                         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                               | <b>\$1,315,000.</b>                   | <b>\$1,277,038.</b>             |

## 1989 CAMPAIGN RECAPITULATION

|                                 | 1989<br>ANTICIPATED<br>CAMPAIGN<br>TOTAL | 1989<br>ACTUAL<br>CAMPAIGN<br>TOTAL |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Campaign Achievement            | \$1,315,000.                             | \$1,250,000.                        |
| Campaign Shrinkage              | 15,000.                                  | 15,000.                             |
| Balance for Allocation          | \$1,300,000.                             | \$1,235,000.                        |
| Unused Allocations              | 15,000.                                  | 10,000.                             |
| Other Unallocated Funds         |                                          | 32,038.                             |
| Total Available for Allocations | \$1,315,000.                             | \$1,277,038.                        |

## Ethiopian Jews focus of fundraiser

Hillel students at the University of Delaware expressed their commitment to the Global Jewish Family with a United Jewish Appeal/Jewish Federation of Delaware Shabbat Dinner on February 9. The program was designed to celebrate the triumphs as well as the omnipresent needs of the Ethiopian Jewish community living in Israel and those Ethiopians still waiting to emigrate to Israel. While the students enjoyed an authentic Ethiopian menu of Injera (flat dough bread), Ye'Atakilt Alich'a (vegetable stew), and Doro Alich'a (chicken stew), Daniel Wolf, board member of the American Association for Ethiopian Jews and professional staff member of the UJA/Federation of Greater New York, discussed the current status of the 16,000 Jews in Israel, and the 18,000 still in Ethiopia.

Speaking to 45 students, Wolf demonstrated the resourcefulness and talent of the Ethiopian community in Israel, which has gained artistic recognition for its colorful embroidery, by showing the students a yarmulke and child's doll produced by Israeli-based Ethiopian-Israel Cottage Industries. Wolf added, "Unfortunately, however, life for too many Ethiopians is not as bright as this art. It is estimated that approximately 25 percent of the Jews still living in Ethiopia have been killed in programs and that hundreds of men have been forcibly recruited into army service, thus leaving their families without any financial resources."

Following Wolf's presentation, Peter Topkis, Hillel Student Board President, told the audience that "the



Daniel Wolf, second from left, displays a yarmulke and child's doll produced by Israeli-based Ethiopian-Israel Cottage Industries as part of his presentation about Ethiopian Jewry on behalf of the UJA/Jewish Federation of Delaware's University of Delaware Student Campaign. With Wolf, from left to right, are Marcy Traub, Program Co-chairperson, Hillel Director Brant Rosen and Peter Topkis, Program Co-chairperson.

plight of Ethiopian Jewry is just an example of why it's so important to support the United Jewish Appeal." Topkis explained that the local Jewish Federation of Delaware campaign is similar to most of the local Federation campaigns in the students' various home communities, with approximately half of the funds raised benefiting local agencies, such as the Jewish Community Center, The Milton and Hattie Kutz Home and Hillel. Hillel at the University of Delaware, receives over 80 percent of its \$35,000 budget from the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

Topkis concluded his appeal to the students by stating his reasons for participating. "Since the UJA/Jewish Federation of Delaware gives so much to us, he said, "I consider it to be our obligation and responsibility to give something back." With specially designed pledge cards which enabled the students to fold a tab indicating their pledges (thus not writing on Shabbat), \$611 was pledged to the Jewish Federation of Delaware's 1990 Campaign.

Seth Bloom, Jewish Federation of Delaware Director of Community Development, commented, "The pledges made tonight by the students are most important not only because of the actual dollars raised, but for the education the students received about UJA/Federation and for the experience of making a pledge. This is the philosophy of any UJA/Federation Student Campaign."

## Interagency/synagogue staff development program planned

For the first time in the Jewish community of Delaware, an Inter-Agency/Synagogue Staff Development Program is available for the professionals servicing the Delaware Jewish community at the various Jewish agencies and synagogues, according to Program Co-Chairpersons Seth Bloom and Moises Paz. Bloom is the JFD Director of Community Development and Paz is the JCC Assistant Executive Director.

"This program, which will follow an 'association' model established by various Jewish communities throughout the country, will provide a forum for Jewish communal service professionals to discuss common issues which impact upon our service," Paz said.

The first Staff Development Program is scheduled for Monday, February 19, at noon at the Jewish Community Center beginning with a kosher lunch. The program will feature Dr. Rifka Ausubel Danzig, who will discuss the importance of effective communications skills in Jewish communal service among staff members, various agencies, as well as between staff and lay leadership, staff and clients, staff and members,

and staff and parents.

Danzig, a professor of social work at Yeshiva University's Wurzweiler School of Social Work, is a past Director of child Placement Services with Jewish Family and Children's Services of Philadelphia, and is a former principal for Torah Academy in Ardmore, Pennsylvania. The recipient of many fellowships and awards, Danzig is currently pursuing a doctoral degree in Jewish Studies from Harvard University.

"We are indeed fortunate to have Dr. Danzig as our first speaker," said Bloom. "Since the emphasis of this new Staff Development Program is to promote communication among the professionals servicing our Jewish community to ultimately enhance our learning and practice, it's quiet appropriate to initiate the group with a program addressing effective communication skills."

For further information or registration, contact Seth Bloom, 478-6200, or Moises Paz, 478-5660.

Partial funding for the Jewish Communal Professionals Association is provided by the Milton and Hattie Kutz Foundation.

## College admissions seminar

A free seminar on the college admissions process will be offered to all high school juniors and their parents on Sunday, March 4, at 2 p.m. at the Main Line Reform Temple, Youth Lounge. The "College Readiness" session features tips and strategies on choosing a college, interviewing and applications. Hand-outs will accompany the talk presented by college consultant, Wendy Robbins, M.A., M.S. The Temple is located at 410 Montgomery Avenue, Wynnewood, Pennsylvania. Call 557-9564 for more information.

## 'Mitzvah Corps' forming

The New American Resettlement Committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware is seeking volunteers for the newly formed "Mitzvah Corps" — people who are willing to spend one hour a week assisting new Americans by transporting/driving them to classes, job interviews and medical appointments. Anyone interested in participating in this project is urged to call Lelaine Nemser, JFD staff associate at 478-6200.

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# Sharon resignation seen as both victory, threat to Shamir

**By DAVID LANDAU**  
JERUSALEM (JTA) — Ariel Sharon's move Sunday to formalize his resignation from the government is being seen at home and abroad as a victory for Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, whose peace diplomacy has been under fierce attack by the Likud hard-liner.

Sharon formally submitted his resignation at Sunday's Cabinet meeting. According to law, it becomes effective 48 hours later.

The removal of Sharon from the corridors of power, even if voluntary, should make it increasingly difficult for him to wield it. But many pundits are warning Shamir and his supporters not to underestimate the political

clout the outgoing minister of industry and trade retains. They say his potential to make serious trouble for the 74-year-old prime minister should not be taken lightly.

Sharon announced his resignation in front of 2,600 delegates to the Likud Central Committee meeting in Tel Aviv on Feb. 12, without informing Shamir beforehand. The meet-

ing degenerated into bedlam when Sharon intervened to try to prevent a vote on a policy speech delivered by Shamir.

It marked a final split between the two men, who have been battling for years to control Likud.

Shamir's aides had said last week that if Sharon changed his mind about resigning, the prime minister would

simply fire him. But that turned out not to be necessary. Sharon told a farewell news conference Sunday afternoon that he would devote his entire energy to rally Likud against the "dangers" of Shamir's peace policies.

He reiterated his intention to run for the party leadership. If successful, he would head the Likud list in the next elections, with the office of prime minister as the prize.

Sharon said he would devote himself now to "touring the party branches and working as a member of the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee." He denied rumors that he might leave Likud to head up a coalition of right-wing parties.

Sharon's political future may well hinge on Shamir's ability to steer the Likud through the treacherous shoals of the peace process.

But according to many observers, Sharon will benefit whether Shamir fails or succeeds. Failure to achieve the immediate goal of an Israeli-Palestinian dialogue to discuss Pales-

tinian elections in the West Bank and Gaza Strip would most likely lead the Labor Party to abandon its two-year coalition with Likud, they say.

Labor may well be able to form a narrow-based coalition of its own with the leftist and religious parties. In such an event, Sharon would have the backing of other dissident hard-liners in Likud, plus the enthusiastic support of Tehiya and other factions to the right of Likud, in a bid to topple Shamir.

If current diplomatic efforts succeed, that could only mean Shamir made a major concession. It would mean he agreed either to allow Arab residents of East Jerusalem to participate in the Palestinian elections or to the inclusion of certain Palestinian deportees in the delegation that would negotiate with Israel.

Whatever the concession, it would presumably trigger a revolt among Likud hardliners and among the rightist forces outside Likud. The disgruntled would naturally look to Sharon for leadership, the pundits say.

## Bush: resignation could clear way for peace talks

**By JOSEPH POLAKOFF**

*Special to The Jewish Voice*

WASHINGTON — Industry Minister Ariel Sharon's resignation from the government that could upset Israel's coalition government and derail the Middle East "peace process" was treated favorably in cautious language by President Bush pending developments in the Likud Party's conference in Jerusalem.

While at odds with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir on his maneuvers on Israeli-Palestinian talks about West Bank/Gaza elections, the Israeli economy and dealing with the *intifada*, Sharon's decision was totally unexpected here and reportedly stunned the meeting of the Likud's Central Committee of more than 3,000 members.

When President Bush was engaged in a news conference at the White House on Soviet-American affairs and his trip to Colombia regarding an agreement against drug traffic, he was asked for reaction on Sharon's resignation as it may affect the "peace process."

"I just heard about this and I have to understand more about what went on there. But Mr. Shamir was the proponent of these talks and if this clears the way for the talks to go forward that would be in keeping with U.S. policy."

At the State Department, Spokesman Richard Boucher apparently had firm instructions not to give any indication of assessment. Saying it was an internal decision in the Israeli Government, Boucher added, "I don't want to comment on internal government politicking and I don't want to try to speculate on impacts on the peace process. We'll see the impact on the peace process as the peace process continues to develop."



Ariel Sharon

## Arens: Israel no longer opposes East/West German reunification

**By DAVID KANTOR**

BONN (JTA) — Israel appears to have done a sharp about-face on the question of German reunification, which it strongly opposed only a few months ago. Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Arens told Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher at a meeting here February 15 that Israel is no longer negative about uniting East and West Germany, Israeli officials in Bonn said.

They said he told Genscher that Israel has confidence in the democratic institutions that have developed in the Federal Republic over the past 40 years and is encouraged by the broadening of the democratic base in East Germany.

Until fairly recently, Israeli officials were speaking out against possible reunification.

Perhaps the strongest statement was made by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir during his visit to the United States in November. Shamir said that when the German people had been united, "the great majority" of them "decided to kill millions of Jewish people, and anybody could think that

if they will have the opportunity again, and they will be the strongest country in Europe, they will try to do it again."

Those remarks drew protests from Chancellor Helmut Kohl, which led to an angry exchange of letters with Shamir. The Israeli prime minister wrote, among other things, "We cannot forget the images of the cheering crowds in the '30s and what they produced. We carry with us the memories of the Jews who were massacred in the Holocaust."

Arens, on an official visit to West Germany, met with Genscher for 90 minutes. The German foreign minister is reported to have told him he opposes European Community sanctions against Israel in the areas of trade and scientific cooperation.

The sanctions were recommended on January 17 by the Parliament of Europe, the E.C.'s legislative body, to protest Israel's treatment of the Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, particularly the closure of Palestinian schools in those territories.

The sanctions were endorsed by

the E.C.'s Executive Commission earlier this month.

According to Israeli and German officials here, Genscher said West Germany is opposed in principle to sanctions as a means to achieve political ends. He promised to raise the matter at the next meeting of the E.C. Council of Ministers.

Arens reportedly stressed that Israel would never surrender to sanctions and that such measures by Europe would only harm the peace process and encourage Arab extremism.

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By CRAIG DEGGINGER

The Jewish Transcript

TACOMA, Wash. (JTA) — Leaders of the Jewish community here expressed outrage last month at the granting of honorary citizenship by the City of Tacoma to Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan. Tacoma Mayor Karen Vialle said she bestowed honorary citizenship on Farrakhan at the request of black Muslims, who organized his Jan. 26 speech before a standing-room-only audience of 3,000 at the Temple Theater here.

Tacoma City Councilman Jack Warnick, who is Jewish, wrote a letter to Vialle and members of the council saying he "was disturbed by the fact that Tacoma, which has worked for several decades to improve relations between its various communities, should present this man honorary citizenship."

Warnick said Farrakhan "has preached a violently racist, sexist and anti-Semitic program for many years," including praising Adolph Hitler as a "great man," and had called Judaism "a gutter religion."

Warnick said in his letter he would request that a solution be drafted that would remove the honorary citizenship bestowed on Farrakhan, but in an interview with the *Transcript* indicated he would not do so in the interest of community harmony.

"There might be some division on the council, and more embarrassment for the mayor," said Warnick.

"It's time people start talking and healing wounds."

Vialle said the city routinely issues honorary citizenship status to visitors, and that honoring Farrakhan in no way indicated personal support for his beliefs.

Vialle, who was out of town when Farrakhan was presented the certificate before his speech, said she would not have bestowed the honor on the Nation of Islam leader if she had known there would be a public presentation.

Since the Farrakhan incident Vialle has written a memorandum stating that she will not issue any more honorary citizenship certificates. "I'm just not going to do it anymore," Vialle said. "I don't want to do things that are going to divide our community any more."

There was no organized protest to Farrakhan's speech by the Jewish

community in Tacoma, which numbers about 1,500. Rabbi Richard Rosenthal, who has served Tacoma's only congregation for more than 30 years, said he was "deeply saddened" by the mayor's decision to bestow honorary citizenship on Farrakhan. "She should have had enough sense to know who this man is and what he stands for," Rosenthal said of Vialle, who took office just one month ago. "The mayor knows how we feel about this and I hope she's learned from this."

Tacoma's daily newspaper, *The Morning News Tribune*, chastised the mayor in a Jan. 30 editorial. "For all his stirring rhetoric about discipline, hope and self-betterment, the leader of the Nation of Islam has a long and well-documented history of Jew-baiting and hatemongering. It dishonors the city of Tacoma to honor him," the editorial stated in part.

## 10,000 gather to dedicate Miami Holocaust Memorial



MIAMI BEACH (JTA) — A dramatic 42-foot bronze statue of an outstretched hand greeted more than 10,000 people who gathered here February 4 for the dedication of a new Holocaust memorial. The crowd assembled on the Jerusalem stone floor of the memorial's plaza for the dedication included many Holocaust survivors, who wept as Nobel laureate Elie Wiesel delivered remarks, first in Yiddish and then in English.

The numbers tattooed on the arms of the Holocaust survivors mirrored the number engraved on the arm reaching skyward, which rises from the center of a reflecting pool.

The memorial stands as a reminder "for our children and the children of our children," said Dr. Helen Fagin, a member of the Holocaust Memorial committee and chairman of the United States Holocaust Memorial in Washington.

Along the wrist of the bronze statue at the center of the memorial cling tiny figures of men, women and children crying out in terror. The hand reaching out of the reflecting pool looks to the spectator like the last cry of a drowning person.

Around the periphery of the reflecting pool, which stands at the center of the memorial, are Roman columns and a large semi-circular black granite wall. Engraved on one section of the wall are graphic photos which tell the story of the Holocaust. Along another section, on the other side of an eternal flame, are the names of 4,000 victims of the Nazis.

"The Nazis wanted to do away with Jewish names," Wiesel said in his speech. "In keeping them alive, we do justice to Jewish history. We can read the names and remember."

## L.A. to induct 20 athletes into new Jewish sports hall of fame

By TOM TUGEND

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — The newly established Southern California Jewish Sports Hall of Fame will induct 20 athletes from this area who have made their mark in national and international competition. Among the best known are:

- Sandy Koufax, the great Dodger baseball pitcher, who after five of the most brilliant seasons in major league history, was forced by arm injuries to retire in 1966 at age 31.

- Mark Spitz, who won nine gold medals at the 1968 and 1972 Olympics. The indestructible Spitz is planning a comeback at the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona.

- Amy Alcott, the third-highest money winner in the history of the Ladies Professional Golf Association, who won two U.S. Open titles.

- Gymnast Mitch Gaylord, who won four medals at the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles.

- Herb Flam, ranked among the world's top 10 players from 1951-

1957, and among the top 10 American players from 1948 to 1959. He was twice ranked as the top tennis player in the United States.

- Erwin Klein, who won two U.S. single titles in table tennis and one world title, and is considered the greatest among a considerable number of American Jewish competitors in the game.

- Ron Mix, nine times an All Pro and a member of the NFL Hall of Fame.

## Experts differ on transplants, brain death at medical ethics conference

By WINSTON PICKETT

Northern California Jewish Bulletin

SAN FRANCISCO (JTA) — Three of the world's leading experts on Jewish medical ethics clashed over the thorny issues of when life ends and its significance for organ transplants, at a three-day conference at the Hebrew Academy in San Francisco last month.

In lectures and panel discussions covering heart transplants, brain death and the withholding or removing of life supports, Rabbis Moshe Tendler, Immanuel Jakobovits and David Bleich drew *halachah*, or Jewish law, into the discipline of bioethics, a field dominated until recently by non-Jews.

Where they differed was over the halachic understanding of exactly when life ends and what the medical community accepts as a criterion for death.

Tendler, a professor of biology and medical ethics at Yeshiva University in New York, maintained that *halachah* accepts the medical standard that is generally known as brain death, when blood ceases to flow to the cerebral cortex.

Lord Jakobovits, chief rabbi of Britain and the Commonwealth and the author of "Jewish Medical Ethics," called brain death "a convenient definition to make transplants possible." But he argued that a person so labeled is nevertheless alive and dependent on the functioning of all of his or her organs, and thus removing an organ is halachically forbidden

because the action itself "would terminate life," he said.

Bleich, professor of Jewish law and ethics at Yeshiva University's Cardozo School of Law, objected strongly on Jewish grounds to accepting medical terminology. "Physicians speak of brain death as a deficit of blood to the brain. But if we discuss the halachic concept of death, the standard is different," he said.

According to *halachah*, "As long as the brain tissue remains intact," the person is not dead, and therefore, Bleich said, "according to *halachah*, as a physician, I cannot remove the heart even if it will preserve another person's life."

In a panel discussion that followed, several physicians pointed out that if all doctors acted on Bleich's analysis,

most of the 1,200 heart transplants and the 2,000 total organ transplants performed in the United States would have been impossible.

Their reasoning was based on the fact that organs must still be functioning for successful transplant.

Bleich said that since physicians will remove organs regardless of rabbinic opinion, it would be halachically wrong not to make use of those organs to save a life.

Co-sponsors for the conference, which drew 350 physicians, health care workers and medical researchers from around the world, were the University of California-San Francisco School of medicine, Israel's Ministry of Religious Affairs, the World Zionist Organization, Ben-Gurion University, and the Association of Orthodox Jewish Scientists.

## Setback for Demjanjuk family

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The family of convicted Nazi war criminal John Demjanjuk received a setback in its attempt to appeal his death sentence.

On Jan. 26, Judge Louis Oberdorfer of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia denied a request by Demjanjuk's son-in-law that the Justice Department produce documents that led to the ex-Cleveland

autoworkers' denaturalization in 1981.

The documents were interviews conducted by attorneys from the department's Office of Special Investigations with five witnesses who implicated Demjanjuk in various war crimes.

Demjanjuk, who was extradited to Israel in 1986, was sentenced to death there on April 25, 1988.

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# Israel to go ahead with VOA project, despite opposition

**By HUGH ORGEL**  
 TEL AVIV (JTA) — Israeli leaders are determined to go ahead with construction of powerful Voice of America radio transmitters in the Arava region of the Negev, despite strong protests from environmentalists and evidence that the transmitters could pose a hazard to aircraft navigation.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir on February 15 assured Malcolm Forbes Jr., chairman of the U.S. Board of International Broadcasting, that despite the "problems," Israel would honor its 3-year-old agreement for construction of the station.

The transmitters still require permits from the National Planning and Building Councils.

Forbes and U.S. Ambassador William Brown got similar assurances from Finance Minister Shimon Peres the day before. While some 200 environmentalists demonstrated outside the Finance Ministry in Jerusalem, Peres pledged that the government would do everything possible to

speed up the start of the \$400 million project.

He told Ambassador Brown and Forbes that the "Forum of Four," the four senior Cabinet ministers, have reaffirmed the government's 1987 pledge that the project will go forward. The four, in addition to Shamir and Peres, are Foreign Minister Moshe Arens and Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

At a February 13 news conference with Forbes and Brown, Communications Minister Gad Ya'acobi stressed that the transmitter complex would be an economic boon for Israel. He claimed it would provide 550 jobs over the three-and-a-half-year start-up period, and 200 professional positions on a permanent basis.

Environmentalists, led by the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel, the Nature Preserves Authority and residents of the Arava region, are determined to block the project. They say the 2,000-acre area of the station, with its nearly 900-foot high antennas — almost as tall as the Eiffel

Tower — would ruin one of the few remaining nature preserves in the Negev, blocking scenic hiking trails and destroying the landscape.

They say the electromagnetic radiation generated by the transmitters would endanger the health of residents of the region and disrupt the flight of migrating birds. Moreover, the Israeli air force has acknowledged the radiation could affect the delicate electronic systems of advanced aircraft.

It has been learned here that high-frequency magnetic radiation from VOA broadcasting stations may have caused the recent crash of two of the West German air force's advanced Tornado jets. The United States reportedly withheld the information from the Israeli air force, which obtained the information from other sources.

Consequently, the Israeli air force plans to move its training base and firing ranges further south, thereby extending the environmental damage.

Israeli and American environmentalists have already urged president Bush to cancel the project. In a letter to the president earlier this month, they noted that apart from "serious environmental problems," the project's strategic value is "highly questionable" in view of dramatic events in Eastern Europe and the warming of relations with the Soviet Union.

The letter to Bush was signed by officials of Friends of the Earth, the Sierra Club, National Audubon Society and the American Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel. They have the support of a group in Congress headed by Rep. James Scheuer (D-N.Y.). In Washington, the House Foreign Affairs subcommittee on foreign operations was scheduled to hear testimony on the environmental concerns Tuesday.

The VOA transmitter is a legacy of the Reagan administration, which decided to build the world's largest and most powerful radio transmitters to overcome jamming by the Soviets.

Israel was selected as the site, both because of its geographical location and for political reasons. The government agreed to the project in June 1987.

The transmitter is intended for use by the VOA, Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty. Its declared purpose is to broadcast to the central and Asian republics of the Soviet Union. The range is sufficient to reach East Africa and other parts of Asia. VOA officials reject claims that the transmitter is no longer needed because of the thaw in East-West relations and the end of Soviet jamming.

Forbes, scion of a multibillion-dollar publishing, communications and financial empire, said the Negev transmissions would not be beamed to Eastern Europe, but rather to the Soviet central Asian republics and East Africa. He claimed those areas are in need of cultural and educational programs that promote democratic values.

# ADL report warns of America's dependence on Arab oil

PALM BEACH (JTA) — America's growing dependence on imported Arab oil could erode U.S. support for Israel in the 1990s, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith warned in a report issued here February 11.

The report, titled "America's Oil Situation: Still Getting Worse," was released by Burton Levinson, ADL's national chairman, on the final day of the organization's National Executive Committee meeting here. It

points out that U.S. oil production hit a 25-year low last year, while U.S. dependence on imported oil increased almost 9 percent.

But U.S. dependence on oil from members of OPEC, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, went up 18 percent, and dependence on oil from the dominant Arab members of OPEC increased 20 percent, ADL reported.

"Every American citizen who cares

about the future of his country and its economic well-being, and every citizen who believes that U.S. Middle East policy should be conducted free from foreign pressures should be concerned," said Levinson.

The report recalled that in the 1970s, Washington was the target of blackmail by the Arab members of OPEC, "and that oil dependence spawned U.S. vulnerability to petrodollar diplomacy."

Now, instead of the overtly hostile policies of the 1970s, the Arab oil producers, especially Saudi Arabia, "appear to be 'killing us with kindness,' in an apparent effort to preserve the long-term market for their oil," the report said. It cited as an example the Saudi offer to help the United States fill its Strategic Petroleum Reserve by leasing it oil.

ADL pointed out that the reserve was established after the Arab oil

boycott of 1973 and was resolutely opposed by the Arab oil producers.

"The Saudi record of the last 15 or 17 years makes it clear that they have sabotaged American peacemaking efforts in the Middle East, that they sought to undercut and undermine the late Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, and that their actions belie the mythology of the desert kingdom as being 'moderate,' 'pro-Western' and 'pro-American,'" the report said.



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# Two Jewish names on list for 1990 Common Wealth awards

Two Jews are among six individuals chosen to receive the 1990 Common Wealth Awards of Distinguished Service for their "outstanding achievements in various fields of human endeavor," according to an announcement made this week by the Bank of Delaware which manages the Common Wealth Trust. Novelist Aharon Appelfeld will receive the Literature award and sociologist Mirra Komarovsky has been chosen to receive the Sociology award.

The other four recipients and award categories are: Director/Choreographer Jerome Robbins (Dramatic Arts), newspaper columnist and reporter David S. Broder (Mass Communications), educator Jaime Escalante (Public Service) and computer scientist J.C.R. Licklider (Science and Invention). Other categories considered for the annual awards are Government and Invention.

"The Common Wealth Awards encourage and reward the best of human performance worldwide," according to the announcement.

Israeli novelist Aharon Appelfeld,

58, was born in pre-war Rumania. His parents were victims of the Holocaust but he escaped as a child from a Nazi work camp. Hiding in forests after his escape, Appelfeld was taken in as an adolescent by a Red Army unit and worked in its kitchen. At the end of the war he escaped to Italy, eventually reached Palestine and joined a kibbutz. A citizen of Israel, Appelfeld now resides in Jerusalem where he teaches Hebrew literature at Ben Gurion University.

The nightmare of Appelfeld's wartime experiences provides the basis for his novels which deal with dislocation, alienation and disorientation. His novels evoke the atmosphere just before and after World War II by using a dreamlike combination of stark reality and imagination. Appelfeld's work is characterized by his ability to raise key ethical questions while maintaining a visionary quality of hope.

Among his novels which have been translated into English are *Bandenheim 1939*, *The Age of Wonders*, *The Immortal Bartfuss*, *The Retreat*, *Tzili: The Story of a Life*, *The*

*Land of Cattails* and, most recently, *For Every Sin*, which was acclaimed by the *New York Times Book Review* and in *Newsweek* (both May 1989). *For Every Sin*, like most of Appelfeld's work, deals in dramatic fictional terms with the crisis of Western civilization.

Professor Emeritus Mirra Komarovsky, of Barnard College, Columbia University, has made many contributions to the sociology of the family, gender studies and education and is recognized as an innovator in sociological scholarship.

The first of Komarovsky's eight books moved sociology into new areas by examining the role of leisure in American society. She later researched the effect of Depression-era unemployment on family life. Her book entitled *The Unemployed Man and His Family* (1940) represents one of a handful of sociological researches on the Depression and is still in print.

Her next book, *Women in the Modern World* (1953), was one of the first studies in the sociology of gender, written long before that field had been formally invented.

In the early 1960s, Komarovsky returned to family research with the book for which she is still best known all over the world, *Blue Collar Marriage* (1964). This landmark study, reprinted by the Yale University Press in 1987, deals with the economic, psychological and cultural aspects of blue collar marriage and family life.

Komarovsky, 85, is currently at work on a new book analyzing the feminist scholarship of the last generation, examining its achievements, possibilities and its limitations.

Komarovsky's contributions to



Aharon Appelfeld



Mirra Komarovsky

scholarship were made during a long teaching career, mainly at Barnard College, which began in 1934. She was chair of the department of sociology at Barnard from 1948 to 1962 and again from 1965 to 1968.

In 1973, Komarovsky became the second woman president of the American Sociological Association since the group's founding in 1905. She has received numerous awards for teaching and scholarship, including an honorary doctorate from Columbia University in 1979.

The Common Wealth Trust was established under the will of Ralph Hayes who combined a distinguished

career with a lifelong commitment to public service. Hayes served in the Office of Secretary of War in Washington, and worked in the motion picture industry, publishing, banking and was a Coca Cola Company executive.

Each recipient will receive a \$20,000 cash award and an engraved trophy at the gala Common Wealth Awards banquet on April 7 at the Hotel duPont in Wilmington. Since 1979, the trust has awarded 74 individuals and organizations with cash awards totalling more than \$1 million.

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## Congressmen ask Bush to request action on Soviet anti-Semitism

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF

Special to The Jewish Voice

WASHINGTON—Ten Congressmen led by Reps. Hank Brown (R-Colo) and Tom Lantos (D-Calif) have joined in the movement urging President Bush to ask Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev to publicly condemn the alarming growth of anti-

Semitism in the Soviet Union.

Brown and Lantos have introduced a resolution expressing the need for Bush to urge Gorbachev to condemn anti-Semites and take means to protect Soviet Jews from harassment and violence.

Leaders of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jew-

ish Organizations visiting the White House have asked the President to take such actions. A member of the Anti-Defamation League's delegation that recently visited Leningrad, Moscow and Vilnius has told Congressmen that in Leningrad many Jews there spoke of demonstrations by anti-Semitic organizations, threatening phone calls and letters, and children being subjected to anti-Semitism in schools.

"There is currently little confidence among Soviet Jews that the state will be there to protect them from increased harassment," Brown said. "That is why we call on President Bush to urge President Gorbachev to publicly condemn the anti-Semitic activities and take actions to protect Soviet Jews."

"We must do all we can to press the Soviet leadership to make the struggle against anti-Semitism a priority," Brown also said. "At a time when so much good news about democracy is flowing from this part of the world, we must be careful not to overlook this growing problem."

Both Brown and Lantos are fifth-term Congressmen. Brown is opposed for the Republican nomination for the Senate seat being vacated this year by Republican Senator William Armstrong.

Joining in co-sponsoring the resolution are Reps. Bill Grant (R-Fla), Matthew McHugh (D-NY), Sidney Yates (D-Ill), Larry Smith (D-Fla), Wayne Owens (D-Utah), Thomas Foglietta (D-Pa), Henry Hyde (R-Ill), Ron Wyden (D-Ore).

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## The Jewish Voice

# Wedding Guide



## Tradition --- the seven wedding blessings

### By RABBI BERNARD RASKAS

More than anything, the Jewish philosophy of marriage finds its expression in the traditional liturgy of "The Seven Blessings," known in Hebrew as the *sheva berachot*. They are recited at the wedding ceremony. Traditional Jews recite them also in the presence of the bride and groom during the seven days following the marriage.

They are not, as many people think, blessings which the rabbi or cantor bestows on the married couple, but statements on the meaning of marriage to be recited by the couple about to enter the marriage. The seven wedding blessings that are recited are fully listed in the Talmud (Ketubot 7b-8a) and were finalized by the third century. They are found in the Talmud exactly as recited today.

The reason they are now recited by an authorized religious figure is so that the couple won't be under pressure to pronounce the Hebrew. Therefore, the rabbi or cantor, in chanting the blessings, represents the bride and groom in expressing them. That is why the bridegroom and the bride, not the religious authority, drink the wine over which the blessings are made.

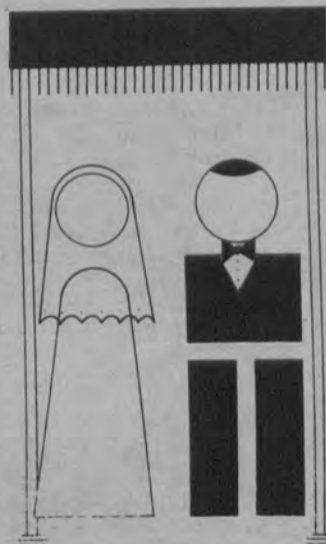
The seven blessings start with a blessing over a cup of wine. It has no particular ritual or ceremonial significance in Jewish tradition. Wine is used on this occasion, as on the Sabbath and festivals, to set a festive mood. In more recent times the sharing of wine by the bride and groom was symbolic of sharing in the cup of life.

The second wedding blessing affirms Creation: "Blessed are You, O Lord our God, Ruler of the Universe, who created everything for Your glory." In the Jewish view, the world is not a meaningless accident; it came into being for a definite purpose. As Isaiah (45:18) states it, "The earth was created not for waste, but for habitation." In marriage the couple is bonding together to continue the process of creation in a meaningful way.

The third blessing acknowledges the conviction that we were created by God as human beings, with all the privileges and obligations that come with it. To be human means to have unique abilities, but also with it comes responsibilities: to ones' self, to one's family, and to the universe.

The fourth blessing contains the idea we are created in the divine

image which makes us intelligent beings with free choices to become partners with one another and with God to create a better world. Here there is specific expression of the idea sexuality is considered a bless-



ing. In Judaism, sexuality is accepted as a divine gift to be used properly and to be enjoyed.

The fifth blessing deals with the ingathering of exiles and the rebuilding of Jerusalem. Building a new home is not only a private affair, but also carries with it Jewish responsibilities. We have responsibilities to the Jewish community. We have an obligation to the homeland of the Jewish people. We are to keep our commitment to remember Jerusalem during our greatest moments of joy, as we pledged when our exile began.

The sixth blessing refocuses on the couple and their personal joy as it is shared with friends and relatives. It reminds the whole community that it is a "mitzvah" to celebrate a wedding. We must demonstrate to the newlyweds that their joy is also our joy. Jewish tradition is filled with episodes, literature, music, dance, and art, expressing the great joy in being part of a wedding celebration.

It is interesting to note there is a significant discussion in the Talmud on the subject, "What is the proper way for the community to increase the joy of the bride?" (Ketubot 16b). There is a famous painting by Rembrandt now in the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam entitled "The Jewish Bride." Today there has been a veri-

table explosion in Jewish art in the area of illustrating the ketubah, the Jewish marriage contract. Each generation finds ways to enhance the Jewish marriage celebration.

The seventh and final blessing acknowledges that we are capable of genuine rejoicing, real friendship, and deep love. But meaningful living, harmony, love, and joy do not come by themselves. They have to be created, just as we are. They have to be worked upon and constantly renewed and recreated. The seventh blessing summarizes it all and concludes with the reminder that this exalted moment should not be taken for granted, nor should it be permitted to fade away; but like bread, it must be re-baked daily or it will become stale.

Rabbi Meir ben Baruch of Rothenberg in 13th century Germany wrote: "A Jew must love his wife and honor her more than he does himself." During that same period in Spain, Rabbi Judah ben Abraham Gerondi recorded: "A woman must see that there is peace between herself and her husband, and that she is loving and kind to him." By following both of these counsels, a marriage will have, as the years continue, seven blessings times seven.

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Before affixing a mezuzah to your doorpost, read the bracha: *Baruch ata A-do-nai Elo-heinu melech Ha-olom asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav u'tzivanu likboa Mezuzah.*

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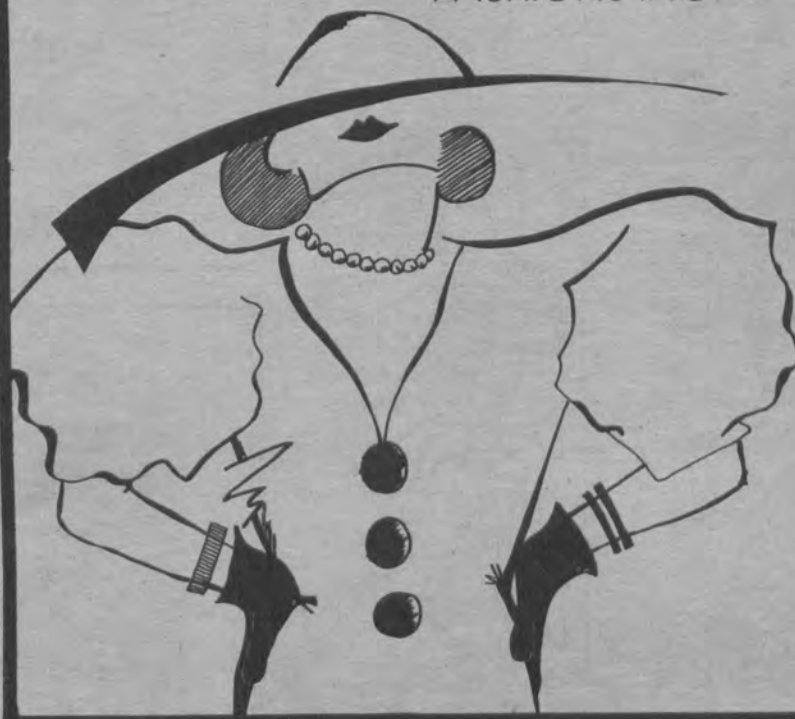
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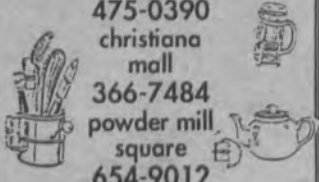
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Ben-Ami was a speaker at a B'nai B'rith Women of Greater Washington, D.C., panel discussion on effective parenting. The discussion was part of B'nai B'rith Women's National Training Institute (NTI), a five-day skills-building seminar for 25 B'nai B'rith Women members from across the country.

Ben-Ami said children become accustomed to routines and grow up

feeling that those Jewish rituals are an integral part of their lives.

He referred to research showing that people who return to Judaism after a period of uninvolved with their religion cite the religious rituals of their childhood as the critical factor which brought them back. "They remember a mother or grandmother lighting the candles on Friday night," he said.

Ben-Ami recommended that families have a ritual of weekly meetings to discuss the past week's activities or study the weekly Torah portion. "Anything discussed in a family context has a lot of power with children," Ben-Ami said. "That's the forum in which you can talk about serious concerns, things like death and sexuality."

Panelist Frances Yowaiski Engelking, a substance abuse prevention specialist and health education consultant at the Montgomery County Department of Family Resources, said parental involvement is a critical factor in keeping a child free from substance abuse. "If your children are young, stick with them," she said. "Be the mother who calls. Be the mother who gets to know the mothers of her child's three best friends. Be the mother who goes to a school and asks to see in writing what her child is learning about substance abuse."

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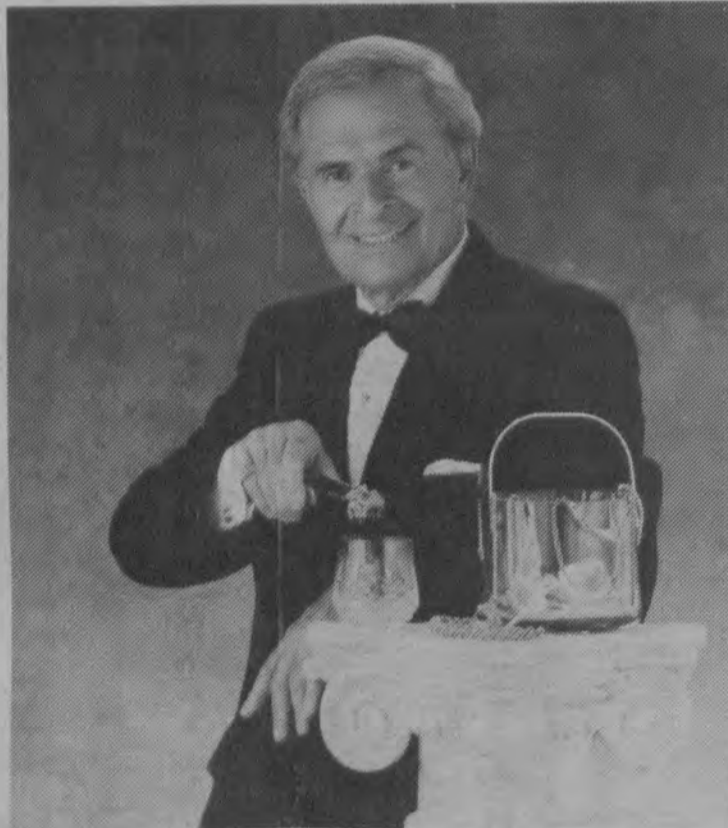
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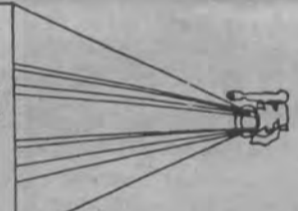
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In spite of loving intentions and best efforts, some people find themselves traipsing to the altar a second time. In fact, in 43 percent of all marriages in the United States, one or both spouses have been married previously.

There is no reason why second marriages can't surpass first go-

arounds in the quality of ceremony and happiness.

Planningwise, you have the advantage of knowing what you're up against. But this time you may have to juggle sensitive subjects such as children (his or hers), former spouses, ex-in-laws, and what inelegantly might be termed "religious red tape."

First, agree with your fiancé about

how best to handle these potentially sticky wickets.

You might want to ease your way by reviewing books such as "The Second Wedding Handbook" by Judith Slawson (Doubleday), "Emily Post's Complete Book of Wedding Etiquette" (Harper & Row) and the classic "You and Your Wedding" by Winifred Gray (Bantam).

Bride's, and Modern Bride magazines have frequent articles with tips on revisiting the altar.

in a non-confrontational manner that leaves room for their reactions. Make the moment a private one, accompanied by some kind of celebration that enhances their importance to you.

Make every effort to include children in the marriage planning. Ask their opinion on the clothes, flowers, food and decoration. This will validate their sense of importance and muster family support for the event.

It's perfectly appropriate to announce your engagement to your

if you have strong ties to his or her parents or siblings, you may include them. Be sure to introduce them as the grandparents of your children, or as friends rather than "ex's."

Friends may want to give you an engagement party or shower. Gifts are acceptable though certainly not required. It is a good idea to register at a favorite store, but you may not want to register for the china, glassware and silver opted for before.

Suggest that friends go in together on a special piece of furniture or sports equipment. They also could give season tickets to the theater or symphony, museum memberships or weekend getaways.

If you are planning a religious ceremony, you may meet with some obstacles having to do with your divorce or that of your intended. Review the situation with your clergy person well in advance. This will ensure that you meet the requirements and have the proper dispensation to remarry.

Many couples treat second weddings with more pizzazz and less tradition than their first. Having done things by the book and very often under the family thumb and/or social pressure the first time, a more casual or unique event may well be a merry relief.

We recently attended a Halloween wedding where all guest were asked to dress as famous romantic couples. And although it was a civil ceremony, the person officiating wore a monk's costume.

This kind of occasion may not be everyone's cup of tea. On the other hand it shows how to create a fun, memorable event. If you host your own wedding, your choices won't reflect on your parents' preferences.

The wedding can be as large or small as you can manage. A small gathering of immediate family members is more intimate and less expensive. On the other hand, the event may provide the perfect opportunity for throwing a major bash.

It's appropriate, though not necessary, to have attendants for a remarriage ceremony. Children who are old enough to participate should be included as honor attendants of any variety — flower girls, ring bearers or readers. Couples can come down the aisle together. A bride's father can certainly escort her again. Or the bride's or groom's children can perform the honor. Enlist at least one usher for every 50 guests.

Wedding garb can be anything you desire. For the bride, white or ivory, representing celebration, can be worn again, but dispense with the veil and train, which symbolize virginity. A pastel frock, a softly tailored suit, a zany and extravagant evening gown — let your imagination express what is most special about your new relationship, not what is expected of you by others. Same goes for the groom who might wear anything from a new sports coat to tux and tails.

Instead of throwing the bouquet and garter, some second-time couples hand them to their most likely single friends with best wishes.

Celebrate your new life together with a honeymoon. Making sure the spot is new to you both will avoid possibly hurtful lapses down memory lane.

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Present the children with your news

family and friends in the same way you announced it for your first marriage. But be sure to wait until your divorce or that of your fiancé is final before wearing a ring and spreading the news.

Many couples tend to choose a less formal approach for second ceremonies, doing much of the inviting by telephone or mail, particularly if fewer than 50 guests will be invited.

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## For now, U.S. sees little hope Soviets will OK direct flights

**By DAVID FRIEDMAN and HOWARD ROSENBERG**  
 WASHINGTON (JTA) — The Soviet Union is refusing to institute direct flights between Moscow and Israel, at least for the immediate future, Bush administration officials and Jewish leaders have confirmed. But they said the United States is still hoping to persuade Moscow to implement an agreement on direct flights signed last fall by El Al Israel Airlines and its Soviet counterpart, Aeroflot.

Secretary of State James Baker raised the issue with Soviet officials during his recent visit to Moscow, but the "Soviet response to Secretary Baker was not encouraging," State Department spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler said Tuesday. She would not reveal what the Soviets actually said.

At the White House, spokesman

Marlin Fitzwater said Tuesday that the United States is "disappointed" that they have not approved direct flights, "but we are hopeful that they may still have them." He said direct flights "would be helpful in increasing the number of Soviet emigrants to Israel."

Martin Wenick, executive director of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, who just returned from the Soviet Union, said he was told by Soviet Foreign Ministry officials that the prospects for direct flights are not encouraging.

The Soviets did not reject implementing the agreement, but said it was not "in the cards" for the immediate future, Wenick said.

Micah Naftalin, national director of the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews, said he had learned from the State Department that the Soviets

are not willing to implement the agreement at this time.

Jewish leaders who met with President Bush and with Deputy Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger just prior to the Baker trip urged that the direct flights issue be raised. They pointed out that regular flights to Israel through Budapest were booked up through January 1991. They also expressed the urgency of increasing the number of Jews actually leaving the Soviet Union, because of growing concern about anti-Semitism there.

Fitzwater said Tuesday that President Bush "is concerned about reports of growing anti-Semitism" in the Soviet Union.

Tutwiler said Baker presented the Soviets with actual anti-Semitic leaflets being distributed in the Soviet Union. Baker received the material from Bush, who was given them by

Seymour Reich, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

But Naftalin appeared disappointed that Baker had not mentioned anti-Semitism in his public appearances in Moscow. Only after Baker returned to Washington did the State Department announce that the secretary had raised the issue.

Naftalin also said he was concerned that Baker had not met with refuseniks while in Moscow, as has been the practice in the past. Baker said that this was because of the pressure of time, as well as an indication of improved human rights conditions in the Soviet Union. But Naftalin said that it was a "signal" that human rights is being played down by the State Department.

Nevertheless, the Bush administration appears to have given the issue of direct flights a high profile. In a Feb. 6 speech in San Francisco, Bush himself publicly urged the Soviets to institute direct flights as a sign that they are ready to play a responsible role in the Middle East.

The Soviet unwillingness to institute the El Al-Aeroflot agreement is believed to be in part the result of pressure from Arab nations. The Arabs have been lobbying the Soviets to curtail Jewish immigration, because they fear Israel will settle the new immigrants in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, thereby forcing out the Palestinians.

Fitzwater said Tuesday that it is "unfortunate" that Soviet Jews are settling in the West Bank. Bush "has

made his views directly known" to Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, he added. However, Shamir has stressed that while it is not Israeli government policy to settle Soviet immigrants on the West Bank, it will not deny any Jew the right to live where he or she chooses.

Fitzwater reiterated the U.S. position that "we do not believe the new settlements in the occupied territories is helpful to the peace process, nor do we believe that encouraging Soviet emigrants to settle there is helpful to the peace process."

But he stressed that concern about Jewish settlements on the West Bank "does not mean that we don't want to increase the number of immigrants that are able to go to Israel."

## Moscow rabbi fears anti-Semitism, but expert doubts pogroms will happen

**By RUTH E. GRUBER**  
 ROME (JTA) — The chief rabbi of Moscow, Adolf Shayeitch, says his overriding fear is the emergence of classic Russian anti-Semitism in the new atmosphere of openness and freedom of expression in the Soviet Union.

The pogromist spirit is already abroad in the "absolute impunity" with which the fascist Pamyat group conducts its anti-Jewish ranting amid silence on the part of the authorities, Shayeitch said in an interview with the Moscow correspondent of *Il Messaggero*, published Saturday.

But a leading Jewish authority on Eastern Europe is convinced that while the fears of Soviet Jews are understandable, there will be no pogroms in the Soviet Union, because neither the Red Army nor the KGB would tolerate them. That was the opinion Dr. Stephen Roth, former head of the Institute of Jewish Affairs of the World Jewish Congress in London, expressed Saturday in an address to the national convention of the American Jewish Congress in West Palm Beach, Fla.

Shayeitch was one of the signatories on a letter to Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev on Jan. 30 denouncing Pamyat's activities and urging Gorbachev to use his full powers to "prevent the possibility of bloodshed."

"I know of people who don't at all want to leave the Soviet Union, but who have now decided to do so," the chief rabbi, who presides at Moscow's famed Choral Synagogue, declared. "And people fear for the lives of their children. This is not emigration, it's flight," he said.

"Anti-Semitism is growing, while for the first time in 70 years, we have the possibility of giving breath to our religious life, to our culture," Shayeitch said. He said the Soviet authorities permitted a rally by Pamyat near St. Basil's Cathedral in Red Square, and "calmly allowed anti-Semitic slogans to be shouted."

The famous Soviet poet Yevgeny Yevtushenko found himself there and was mistreated and driven off with shouts of 'Get to a synagogue,'" Shayeitch reported.

At the AJCongress gathering,

meanwhile, Roth acknowledged that the emergence of Pamyat is a "repugnant revival" of the classic anti-Semitism of the Russian Orthodox Church. But he emphasized that at present, there is no apparent likelihood of pogroms in the Soviet Union such as marked the pre-revolutionary period.

"Pogroms will not be tolerated. There is still a Red Army and a KGB, which will step in if necessary, even under glasnost and perestroika," Roth said. However, "we now see a particularly mass exodus of Jews," he observed, dominated by two fears: that Gorbachev might fall, or that if he survives, anti-Semitism will rise closer to the surface in the new climate of openness.

Roth was less optimistic about conditions confronting Jews in Romania and Hungary, where "the re-emergence of former anti-Semitic parties, such as the old Peasant Party in Hungary, give cause for concern." He said such terms as "rootless cosmopolites" are surfacing again, referring to Jews now active in Hungarian politics.

Roth also worries about political parties in Hungary and Romania that have "Christian" as part of their name. The word "Christian" in the name of a political party "denotes only one thing: no Jews," he said.



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# Violence against Jews reported in Ukrainian city

NEW YORK (JTA) — Anti-Semitic activity turned to violence last week in the Ukrainian city of Kharkov, according to Soviet press reports. Jewish apartments were broken into, and about 20 Jews were beaten, although no deaths were reported.

The chief of Kharkov's department of internal affairs was quoted February 13 in the Moscow newspaper *Trud* as saying that court proceedings have begun against "several people who took part in the pogroms against Jews in the past week." The article also reported that a "great meeting of people who support the democracy movement in Kharkov" took place on February 11.

"The participants of this meeting demanded to stop the activities of anti-Semitic organizations like Pamyat," according to the report.

The mayor of Kharkov and the department of internal affairs chief both attended the meeting, the article said, and promised those at the meeting "that they will stop the activities of all nationalistic organizations and anti-Semitic organizations, like Pamyat, and all incidents will be investigated."

The article said that "a lot of leaflets with anti-Semitic propaganda

appeared in Kharkov during the past year."

Word of the Kharkov incident reached a United Jewish Appeal delegation visiting the Soviet Union, a UJA spokesman reported from Moscow. The spokesman also reported that several Jews from the city of Baku, in the Soviet republic of Azerbaijan, have sought refuge at Moscow's Choral Synagogue.

The Jews fled the Azerbaijani capital, he said, because they fear violence directed against them as a result of ethnic tensions between Azerbaijanis and Armenians.

The UJA delegation is in Moscow on a fact-finding trip as part of the organization's preparation of Operation Exodus, the \$420 million fund-raising campaign for the resettlement of Soviet Jews in Israel, which is to be launched in April. In their meetings with Soviet Foreign Ministry officials, the UJA delegation called for Soviet leaders to speak out against anti-Semitism, in order to calm the panic in the Jewish community.

Meanwhile, the ethnic violence that rocked Tadjikistan this week brought no physical harm to the Soviet Asian republic's estimated 22,000 to 25,000 Jews, according to early reports reaching the Student Struggle

for Soviet Jewry. But a Jewish resident of the capital city of Dushanbe, where much of the violence took place, reported by phone that the Jewish community was frightened.

The grass-roots advocacy group obtained its information from the Caucasus Network, which focuses on Jews in the Caucasus and central Asia.

The *Trud* article on the events in Kharkov was obtained and translated by the Long Island Committee for Soviet Jewry.

The committee received a skeptical reaction to the *Trud* article from Natasha Khassina, a former refusenik now living in Jerusalem. "How will they be able to investigate? Who will

they be able to investigate?" she asked, referring to the Kharkov's mayor's pledge to look into the anti-Semitic violence.

"We know that is a tactic that has been used for the past 75 years, and we know that no one has ever been brought to trial or sentenced for anti-Semitism," she said.

# Poland confirms plans to resume relations with Israel next week

By SUSAN BIRNBAUM

NEW YORK (JTA) — Poland will formally re-establish diplomatic relations with Israel on Feb. 27, officials of the Solidarity-led government confirmed Monday in Warsaw. Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Arens will arrive in the Polish capital on Feb. 26, to take part in the official ceremony the following day.

A delegation of World Jewish Congress leaders received confirmation of the plans Monday, in meetings with Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki and Foreign Minister Krzysztof Skubiszewski.

Poland followed Moscow's lead in sundering relations with Israel in 1967, following the Six-Day War. No longer a Communist-dominated nation, Poland becomes the third

Eastern European country to restore ties with Israel since September, when Hungary broke ranks with Moscow and resumed full diplomatic relations

with the Jewish state. Czechoslovakia, under its new non-Communist leadership, restored ties with Israel Feb. 9.

# Germany helping Libya

BONN (JTA) — West German companies are still helping Libya produce poison gas despite the public scandal two years ago that supposedly put an end to it, the news weekly *Der Spiegel* reported.

The magazine said the ongoing collaboration has been confirmed by the BND, West Germany's intelligence agency based in Munich.

The gas production is taking place now at sites other than the plant at

Rabta, which was exposed late in 1988 as a producer of chemical weapons using German material, equipment and technology, *Der Spiegel* said.

The Immhausen Chemical Co. in Bavaria was implicated and its owner and chairman, Jurgen Immhausen, was taken into custody.

But the Rabta plant, nevertheless, continues to function and is still a closed military area, the report said.

# JIFFY answers 160th call

The Jewish Federation of Delaware's new Jewish Information and Referral Service - Jewish Information Fast For You (JIFFY) is currently in its fourth month, and has reached a milestone by answering its 160th question. Seth M. Bloom, JFD Director of Community Development, who administers JIFFY, said that "the 'business' that JIFFY has generated is a strong confirmation of the JFD's Marketing Committee belief that such a service was needed in the Jewish community of Delaware."

The JFD Marketing Committee introduced JIFFY last October to establish JFD "as a central source for Jewish information in addition to being the central agency in the community responsible for budgeting, planning, community relations, and fund raising.

"The type of questions addressed to JIFFY have been fascinating," Bloom said. "While we prepared ourselves for the basic questions by establishing an extensive resource file, many of the questions have required research an/or just knowing the right people or agencies to ask," Bloom added. According to the daily log maintained by JIFFY, the most

common question to date has been "Where can I buy kosher meat."

While questions such as these may seem simple to answer (e.g. looking through the "Yellow Pages"), Bloom said, they have required the Marketing Committee to establish various policies regarding referrals. The specific policy for referring a JIFFY call to any private business is to preface each referral by saying that "JIFFY is NOT endorsing the quality of service of any private proprietor, just informing the caller of what's available." For the caller asking for kosher butchers, they would be told of all of the kosher butchers in the city chosen by the caller.

Israel is another topic for much discussion on the JIFFY lines, Bloom said. JIFFY has received questions about trips to Israel, student programs in Israel, Israel's climate in March, Israel's economic system, Israel's singles community, Israel's policy on abortion, Israel's tax on gasoline and even Israel's national bird.

Many questions have also been asked about Jewish services in Delaware. According to Bloom, "one caller was amazed to learn that there is a

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# World Jewry elated over freeing of Nelson Mandela

JOHANNESBURG, (JTA)—The South African Jewish Board of Deputies hailed the release of Nelson Mandela on February 12, in a statement echoed by other Jewish spokesmen worldwide. The board wished Mandela well and congratulated South African President F.W. de Klerk for his decision to free the Black African leader, who became a symbol of the anti-apartheid movement during his 27 years in prison.

"It earnestly hopes Mr. Mandela will use his considerable political experience and wisdom for creating a suitable climate for reconciliation and negotiation, which would be to the benefit of all peoples of South Africa regardless of race, color or creed," the Jewish Board of Deputies said.

In Jerusalem, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir made clear that his country's policy of limiting its contacts with South Africa would not change because of Mandela's release.

"I do not think our policy is incorrect," he told a television news interviewer. "I do not think that we need change our policy when it is still unclear what the situation will be tomorrow, what the government's position will be tomorrow," Shamir said.

In Toronto, B'nai Brith Canada congratulated the South African regime on Mandela's release. "It is an overdue but nevertheless bold decision," Frank Dimant, B'nai Brith Canada's executive vice president, said in a statement. "We hope his freedom heralds the fastest possible end to all forms of apartheid," he added.

In New York, Seymour Reich, international president of B'nai Brith, recalled that he was in South Africa only last week for meetings with the president and other political leaders. "President de Klerk was true to his word," Reich said. "He had pledged

that he would remove the ban on the African National Congress and that he would release Mandela. He has done so, and now the irrevocable process for achieving racial harmony and representative government in South Africa has begun," the B'nai Brith leader said.

Sholom Comay, president of the American Jewish Committee, declared that "freeing Nelson Mandela is a giant step on the road to a more just world."

Lenore Feldman, president of the National Council of Jewish Women, observed, "While this is a momentous step forward and we applaud President de Klerk's efforts, apartheid still oppresses the people of South Africa and must be dismantled."

NCJW urged the South African government to lift the state of emergency and release all political prisoners. It supported a continuation of economic sanctions against South Africa until apartheid is abolished.



The release of Nelson Mandela after 27 years of imprisonment was applauded by Jewish leaders.

## No surveillance of extremists

BONN (JTA)—The Bundestag's Interior Committee refuses to place the extreme right-wing Republican Party under surveillance despite intelligence reports indicating a strong neo-Nazi influence. A majority of the committee members ruled that such measures were unnecessary because the Republicans are basically committed to democratic principles.

The Interior Ministry nevertheless says it is still studying intelligence information that suggests the contrary. The West German Jewish community has long recommended that the Republicans be put under surveillance by security agencies.

The Munich-based party, headed by former Waffen SS officer Franz Schoenhuber, was outlawed recently by the Volkskammer, the East German parliament, on grounds that it is neo-Nazi.

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## 'The Sandwich Generation'

By MARY BRENT WHIPPLE, LCSW

*Jewish Family Service*

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these needs, with their latest contribution being Long-Term Care Insurance.

Despite the awareness and the adjustments, the needs in this area continue to outgrow the available services. Even those people with the necessary finances or insurance coverages are having difficulty obtaining the needed assistance. The problem involves identifying the actual help that is needed; learning if and where it is available; and finding out how to go about obtaining it.

In the area of the elderly population, our Delaware Jewish community at least meets, and probably exceeds, national figures regarding percentage of population, and the resultant needs for service. Providing

help to such people and their families remains one of the major services provided by Jewish Family Service.

In 1989, the typical family with whom we worked in this regard consisted of a couple in their late forties with two or three children. The children were in high school, or maybe one or two had started college. Both parents worked full-time in most cases. One grandparent had either died or become very ill and the couple or survivor could no longer live independently.

In most cases, the request for service was initiated by the daughter or daughter-in-law and the elderly person or couple were then involved. The usual process involved obtaining information from both the children

and the elderly person and then doing an assessment of the total situation, which may involve obtaining medical and other reports.

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# POINT OF VIEW

## Jewish camping establishes a pattern for life

When David Sorkin, Executive Director of the JCC, passes pine trees, he inhales and then he smiles. "That clean fresh smell takes me back to camp and the flow of memories is a joyful journey," he said.

Like so many Jewish communal professionals and community leaders, Sorkin got so much more than years of enjoyment out of his camping experiences. "The long-term potential impact that camping has on a child is immeasurable. The role-modeling, development of self-esteem and the discovery and refining of skills is tremendous," he commented.

From the time he was eight years old, Sorkin has been involved in camping. After many years as a camper, he worked his way up through the ranks of camp staff. He was the Director of the Samuel G. Friedman Camp in Philadelphia and one of his duties as Assistant Executive Director of the JCC in Pittsburgh was to supervise camp.

"Camp is a wonderful universe of experiences. The friendships and comradeship are truly unforgettable," he said. "And in a Jewish camp setting, a child can develop the Jewish identity that can forge his or her niche as part of a people and part of a community."

It is a well-known fact that many adult Jewish communal leaders share camping as a common experience. Dr. Paul Imber, Chairperson of the JCC's Camping Services Committee and a long-time camper himself said,

"Parents who make Jewish camping a priority are sending a message to their kids, and their kids internalize that." Imber, a camper for eight years and a camp staff person for six, has many fond memories of camp. "I remember the feeling of 'ruach', friendship and belonging," he said.

Imber, who met his wife Cathy at camp, also pointed out that friendships made at camp really last and that kids can become involved and be a part of the Jewish community all year round. As a volunteer, he finds his position as Camp Chair, "equally rewarding." He also said, "Now that my children, ages nine, six and two, are all in camp, I can watch them enjoying the same enrichment that I had... they all love it and it is marvelous to be a part of."

Sharing fun and new experiences,

outdoor adventures, drama, crafts and athletics with other children is an excellent catalyst for bonding.

J.J. Alter, Director of Camping Services at the JCC commented that camp can give the feeling of being a part of a big family, "someone will always share in your happiness or commiserate with you when you are feeling down," he said. "At camp, there are so many opportunities to meet different kinds of people and gain a better understanding of others."

Alter also explained that children at camp are exposed to competition and that it is very well presented, "There is never an element of failure," he said. He tries very hard to instill self-confidence and leadership in the campers. "I want the children

to feel that it is okay to be different and not to be afraid to try new things. I challenge them to dare to be original. I never want to cut short an idea or stifle creativity," he added.

Alter was involved in camping throughout his entire life. He is from Columbus, Ohio, and it was there at the JCC that he enjoyed many years of camping. "One of my most vivid memories of camp is of looking up to my brother, who was a counselor. It was so hard to believe that someone who wreaked 'havoc' at home, was a leader that I wanted to pattern myself after at camp," he commented.

He did follow in his brother's footsteps and became a counselor at camp. His camp director predicted that Alter would one day return to camp as the director. That prediction came true when he served as the Assistant Director of Camping Services at the JCC in Columbus before coming to Wilmington as Camp Director here.

Children strengthen their Jewish identities by experiencing Judaic themes, customs and traditions each day. Saying the blessings before meals, learning Tzedakah, observing Shabbat and learning the importance of b'yachad — being together, is integrated into the daily camp experience.

Alter feels very strongly about upholding the traditional Jewish values and is proud of what he does. "The Jewish themes at camp really have a long-term effect on the campers. Their Jewish identities are enhanced and their values reinforced through these tradition activities," he said. When choosing a summer activity for your child, camp seems an obvious choice. But in addition to having a "ball," your children can grow and develop Jewishly as individuals, as leaders and as members of a community. It is not something that they'll likely forget — and certainly you'll not want them to miss.



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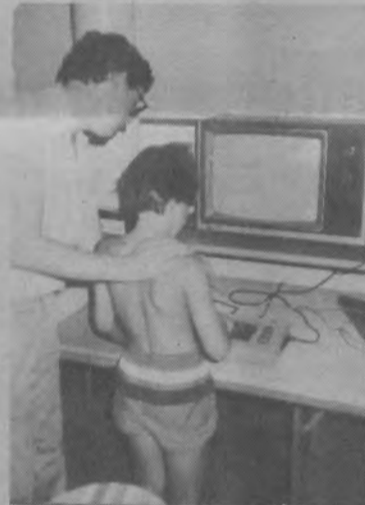
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# Announcements/Events

## Violinist Chee-Yun to perform at AKSE

On Saturday evening, March 17, the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation will again present an outstanding young artist in its Ninth Annual Concert. Korean violinist, Chee-Yun, has been amazing and charming listeners since the beginning of her violin studies at age six. At age eight she won the Grand Prize of the Korean Times Competition. That same year, she made her Korean debut, performing the Mozart Violin Concerto in Yoo Kwan Soon Hall in Seoul.

Chee-Yun has performed with Korean National Symphony, the Korean Broadcasting System Orchestra and the Seoul Philharmonic. She is the winner of the Richmond Symphony Concerto Prize and the Juilliard Concerto Competition. She has performed as soloist with Alexander Schneider's New York String Orchestra at Carnegie Hall and at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. Also, she has appeared in recital at the New York Beethoven Festival, the Aspen Music Festival, and on tour throughout the Mid-west and on WQXR Radio in New York City. Most recently she appeared on cable TV station CNBC for KTV, a children's show.

Chee-Yun won the 1989 Young Concert Artists International Auditions and, as a result, will have her New York debut in the Young Concert Artists Series at the 92nd Street Y on February 27. She is currently a

scholarship student of Dorothy De Lay and Hyo Kang at the Juilliard School and the Aspen Festival.

Chee-Yun's concerto performances include the Vieuxtemps Fifth Violin Concerto with the New York Philharmonic at Lincoln Center, and the Wieniawski Violin Concerto in F-sharp with the Aspen Music Festival Orchestra in 1985, at age 14, as winner of the Concerto Competition. In her Wilmington concert Chee-Yun will play an outstanding program featuring the works of de Falla, Rachmaninoff, Fauré, Sarasate and others.

Norman Pickering of the *Southampton Press* said, "This performance could not have been bettered in any way." Other artists have been awe-struck by her phenomenal bow technique. At age 19, this young talent is already a finished artist of the highest calibre, according to reviews.

Previous artists featured by AKSE have included Matt Haimovitz, cellist; Ruth Golden, soprano; Jerome Lowenthal, pianist; and Sergiu Luca, violinist.

Concert tickets are \$14, \$15 at door, and \$8 for children under 12. Tickets for concert and meet-the-artist reception are \$20. All tickets may be obtained at the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth office, Washington Boulevard and Torah Way, (302) 762-2705.



Chee-Yun, violinist

## AKSE youth group

A lunch meeting of the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Youth Group is scheduled in the synagogue's youth lounge on Sunday, March 4 at 1 p.m. On Saturday evening, March 10, following Megillah reading, the group will hold a party and help with the construction of the Purim Carnival. For more information, contact Youth Director Rosalie Dior at 368-0684, before 9:30 p.m. (except on Shabbat).

The NCSY Regional Convention is scheduled from March 16 through 18.

So far, approximately 30 young people have participated in the activities (ice skating and bowling) of this newly-created youth group.

## Naches

### Brown

Faith and Lou Brown, of Wilmington, and Edie and Norman Finkel, of Philadelphia, announce the engagement of their children, David Brown and Riva Finkel.

David is employed as a science specialist with the Brandywine School District. Riva is acting coordinator of the "Outside-In-Museum" at the Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences.

### Mallo

Triplets Nicole, Andrew and Chad Mallo, of Pasco County, Florida, celebrated their bar and bat mitzvahs at the Jewish Community Center of West Pasco on February 3, in a ceremony carefully planned so that each child would have the same number of words to recite from the books of Exodus and Jeremiah.

The triplets are the children of Barbara and Joseph Mallo. They are the grand-niece and grand-nephews of Naomi Goldstein of Wilmington.

### Mand

Martin G. Mand recently retired after 29 years with the duPont Company. He was Vice President and Treasurer. He has accepted a position as Senior Vice President of Finance and Chief Financial Officer of Northern Telecom Limited in Canada. Mand was President of the Jewish Federation of Delaware from 1985 to 1987.

## Purim Celebrations Planned

### Chabad---

Chabad-Lubavitch of Delaware will sponsor a "Purim Champagne Community Dinner" at the Jewish Community Center, Sunday, March 15 at 5:30 p.m. The dinner will be preceded by a late Megillah reading at 4:45 p.m. The dinner will include a children's masquerade contest, singing, jugglers, dancing and a festive Purim atmosphere, with Purim costumes optional (but encouraged). The cost of the dinner is \$11 per single, \$22 per couple, \$32 per family, and reservations must be made as soon as possible, since space is limited. To reserve, call the Chabad office at 478-4400.

Chabad will also hold a "Grand Purim Blast" for students at the

Chabad House at the University of Delaware, 630 Lehigh Rd., Saturday, March 14, at 7:30 p.m. The Megillah will be read followed by a celebration. Parents wishing to send Shlach Manot to students on campus, may use the Chabad United Purim Service (U.P.S.). For reservations and more information, call Chabad at 478-4400.

Volunteers will once again be distributing hundreds of Shlach Manot to students, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, the Kutz Home, and prisons, in order to bring the beautiful Purim spirit to all. To volunteer in bringing the holiday spirit to other people, call Oryah Vogel, program coordinator, at the Chabad office, 478-4400.

### Beth Emeth---

Congregation Beth Emeth will hold its annual Purim Carnival and Family Fun Day on March 11 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Carnival will be preceded by the Megillah reading at 10:30 a.m.

Activities, games for prizes, face painting, and other entertainment will be available to children of all ages. Deli sandwiches, soft drinks and hamantaschen as well as unique gift items will be offered for sale. Raffles for prizes will be drawn, with tickets sold in advance and at the door. Beth Emeth Sisterhood will be selling freshly baked goods. The community is welcome to attend.

### Yomi Netanyahu Singles---

The Singles of the Yomi Netanyahu Unit of B'nai B'rith International of Philadelphia is sponsoring a Purim Party at the home of Leslie Balick, 2812 Landon Drive, Wilmington, on March 10, at 8 p.m. Admission is \$5 plus a dessert. For reservations, call Balick at 478-5939 by March 4.

### Beth El Monte Carlo

Temple Beth El in Newark is sponsoring a Monte Carlo Nite on March 10 at 7:30 p.m. The \$5 admission charge will include a beef and beer buffet. There will also be a door prize of an RCA 4-head, 4-event programmable VCR. Temple Beth El is located at 301 Possum Park Road in Newark. For tickets and information, call 366-8330.

and is open to the entire community regardless of educational background. For more information, call the Chabad office at 478-4400.

## Hadassah dinner meeting

The Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah is forming a dinner meeting group designed for those women who find it convenient to attend meetings on their way home from work.

A discussion of agenda and format for future meetings will take place on Monday, March 12, beginning with dinner at 5 p.m. at Syter's Restaurant on Concord Pike at the Holiday Inn. Cost of dinner is the responsibility of the individuals attending. Call

Leslie Balick, 478-5939, for reservations and information.

## AEA moves gala

Albert Einstein Academy has changed the location of its Gala Dinner/Dance from the Bay Lady Cruise ship to the Delaware Art Museum. Cocktails preceding dinner will begin at 7:30 p.m. The dinner/dance is the major fund raising event of the year to benefit Hebrew day school.

## Fashions of the times

A humanities scholar and a fashion merchandiser, both affiliated with the Brandywine College of Widener University, will team up to present a program at the March 13 meeting of the Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Emeth. Charlene Bunnell of the Fashion Merchandising Department and K.B. Brannon of the Humanities Department, will discuss the manner in which women's fashions reflect economic, social and historic conditions in the United States, from 1900 to the present. Entitled "A Barometer of the Times," this program has been partially funded by the Delaware Humanities Forum, which receives its major funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Luncheon will be served at noon, with complimentary child-sitting available. For all reservations, call Carole Bernstein at 475-6259.



## 'Computer takes on the Bible' lecture

Chabad-Lubavitch announces the continuation of the highly popular lecture series, "Judaism for the Intellectual, Skeptic and Agnostic." The upcoming lecture entitled "The Computer takes on the Bible," will take place Thursday evening, March 15, at the J.C.C. at 7:30 p.m. The guest lecturer will be Rabbi Dr. Heshel Greenberg, adjunct professor in the Judaic Studies Department at SUNY-Buffalo, currently teaching Jewish Medical Ethics, Talmudic Law and Women in Jewish Literature. His most recent book, *P'are Hamelech*, an intricate commentary on Maimonides' legal code, *Mishnah Torah*, has received wide acclaim by Jewish legal experts.

The lecture will focus on secret codes and word patterns in the Torah that have recently been discov-

ered with the aid of computers. This new field has received extensive publicity worldwide and a special department has been set up in the Bar-Ilan University in Israel for further development. Greenberg, who has just returned from a speaking tour in Australia and the U.S.S.R., will give an audio-visual presentation followed by questions and answers.

"We are extremely pleased to bring Rabbi Greenberg to this community. He is a much sought-after speaker and we are indeed fortunate to have him with us," says Rabbi Chuni Vogel, director of Chabad-Lubavitch. "The subject of the lecture has enthralled and astounded mathematicians, philosophers and theologians the world over."

The lecture series is part of Chabad's adult education program

## Jewish Community Center

### 'Precious Metals... Precious Members' Campaign successful

Last fall, the Jewish Community Center, under the leadership of its Executive Committee, instituted the "Precious Metals... Precious Members Campaign." This program al-

lows members of the JCC to upgrade their memberships to a contributory status with the option to add on to their current membership category. Referring to the Platinum, Gold

and Silver categories of the Precious Metals Campaign, Chairperson Judy Levy commented, "These are categories of generosity and philanthropy. They appeal to those who have the

desire and commitment to help programs at the JCC."

Levy, a Board Member of JWB and the JCC, went on to explain, that under the leadership of the President's Council, the contributory membership program was formed. She commented that the committee was very much in favor of this program, especially since the funds raised would support Judaic programs.

JCC President, Martin Lubaroff, is a strong supporter of the Precious Metals Campaign. "This campaign presents an opportunity for members to show support in a tangible way. It is particularly impressive because it represents a source of revenue used for special programs that might otherwise not be possible. It supports Judaic programming and enrichment," he said.

It is the goal of the JCC to program for recreation, fitness and culture, but also to touch members' lives Jewishly with programs that entertain, educate and enrich as well as

perpetuate a sense of belonging, according to JCC Executive Director, David Sorkin. "This is truly a marvelous opportunity to show support and to help perpetuate the very programs that make the JCC such a unique and multifaceted force in the lives of its members," he said.

Levy said she is pleased with the response the campaign received initially and feels strongly that it will gain support. "I am certain the number of our Precious Members will build and pick up momentum," she said. "The support has been very satisfying."

The categories in the contributory membership program are in addition to current memberships. They are Platinum - \$1000, Gold - \$360 and Silver - \$180. For more information about this campaign, contact Sorkin at 478-5660. A plaque will be exhibited at the Center which will bear the names of all of the "Precious Metals... Precious Members" contributors.

### JCC, JFS combine efforts

The Jewish Community Center of Wilmington and Jewish Family Service of Delaware are coordinating efforts in the area of community programming. The first in an extensive series of programs focusing on Jewish family life, "The Hurried Child," was presented at the JCC on Thursday, January 18, to approximately 50 parents concerned about their children's future.

"Educational programs of this type can benefit the entire community and is an important goal of the JCC," said David Sorkin, Executive Director of the Center. "This is a wonder-

ful opportunity for our staff to work with the JFS staff on creating and implementing programs that promote Jewish family life." In addition, "cooperative program efforts serve to ensure effective use of community funds. Both JFS and the JCC receive funding from the United Way of Delaware and the Jewish Federation of Delaware," he added.

"Jewish Family Life Education (JFLE) is a segment of Jewish Family Service, which provides educational programs with the purpose of helping people to deal with the every day stresses in life," according to Myrna

Ryder, Director of the JFLE Program. "Some of the joint JFLE/JCC efforts will include programs on women's issues, programs for the JCC Senior Center, programs concerning preserving our Jewish Tomorrow and Family - The Jewish Connection, and a program entitled, 'How to Talk to Your Child About the Holocaust,'" she added.

In addition, a program and bereavement support group will begin in the near future. Many other topics are also available. To discuss the possibilities, contact the Jewish Family Service Office at 478-9411.

### Jewish music: myth or reality?

The Jewish Community Center of Wilmington has announced a five-part series on Jewish Music. The series will consist of lectures with instrumental and vocal presentations and will address Jewish music as it has evolved throughout time. "Jewish Music: Myth or Reality" is free of charge and open to the entire community. The series will begin on Tuesday, March 6 with a program entitled, "Jewish Music Life in Biblical Times."

The second program, "Jewish Music in Diaspora," will be held on Tuesday, March 13, and will focus on the development of synagogue life and cantorial singing; musical life in

the Jewish ghetto of the Middle Ages; Kabbalah and the Hassidic influence of Jewish music.

The third program, "Jewish and Israeli Folk Music" will be held on Tuesday, March 20, and will include the basis of Jewish folk music, the Dorian mode and Israeli folk music.

The fourth program, entitled "Great Jewish Names in the Concert Hall" will be held on Tuesday, March 27, and will include music by Leonard Bernstein, Yitzhak Perlman, Arthur Rubinstein and Vladimir Horowitz. It will also focus on Richard Wagner's "Judaism in the Music," a source for the Nazi Aryan Theory and the Wagner dilemma in Israel.

The fifth and final program, "Jewish Music in the 20th Century," will be held on Tuesday, April 4, and will feature the music of George Gershwin, as well as a live concert performance of "Shtetl Songs."

The presenter for the series is Ofer Ben-Amots, Ph.D. Candidate in Music Composition at the University of Pennsylvania. Professor Frederik Kaufman will serve as the music presenter and lecturer. All programs will begin at 7 p.m. and will be held at the Jewish Community Center. For additional information, contact Lynn Greenfield, Adult Program Director at 478-5660. The program is funded by a grant from the Delaware Humanities Forum.

### JCC preschool facing the challenges

"Our goal is to maintain our standing as one of the best pre-schools in the area," stated Michelle Margules, Co-Chairperson of the JCC's Early Childhood Committee. "We are not alone in addressing the difficult challenges now facing pre-school and day care programs. Nationally, pre-school and day care centers are confronted with similar challenges," she said. These are: (1) maintaining low rates for families needing the service; (2) the increasing cost of attracting and retaining high quality staff, and (3) providing on-going training of staff.

"In Delaware, this problem is compounded by the high level of competition for employees. With banks and 'fast-food' establishments paying high salaries, it is increasingly difficult for us to attract and maintain staff at the JCC," said Moises Paz, Assistant Executive Director.

It is for these reasons that the JCC's Early Childhood Services Committee has committed itself to raising teachers' and aides' salaries for the 1990-1991 academic year. "In order to provide a 5 percent staff raise plus other benefits, the committee was faced with the most difficult decision of raising fees," stated Myrna Ryder, Co-Chairperson of the com-

mittee. After an extensive discussion, the committee voted to raise fees in order to provide teachers and staff with additional salary and benefit incentives.

"The committee felt strongly that this increase was necessary to show our commitment to the quality of our program and to our teachers," commented Margules. The committee is currently considering the benefits of sibling discounts and other avenues to assist parents with financial concerns, she said.

Paz is in negotiations to obtain consultant services for the Early Childhood Services Program from MWB, The Association of Jewish Community Centers. "With the recent growth in the department, David Sorkin (Executive Director) and I feel it is especially important to get a professional assessment of our programs," Paz added. The consultation will cover all aspects of the program including curriculum development, supervision, staff training and administrative issues.

The Early Childhood Services Committee, as well as the teaching staff, will be very involved in the consultation process, according to Paz.

### Blue Cross/Blue Shield seminar

Margaret Cove, Supervisor of Customer Service, handling Medicifill for Blue Cross/Blue Shield will visit the JCC Senior Center on Monday, February 26, at 12:45 p.m. to explain the various types of insurance coverage available.

Recently, there has been much confusion regarding health coverage and the Catastrophic bill, which did not pass through Congress. This session will provide an opportunity to ask questions and discuss concerns relating to insurance coverage.

This session is free of charge and open to the community. For additional information, contact Ray Freshman, Senior Center Coordinator, at 478-5660.

### Hindu kingdom of Nepal

Lou Frick, a volunteer from the Academy of Lifelong Learning, will present a slide show on "The Hindu Kingdom of Nepal" at the JCC Senior Center on Tuesday, March 6, at 12:45 p.m. Slides will focus on various locations in Nepal including the Dungza River and the peaks in Ahmapurna.

cialist at the University of Delaware. He also serves on the Academy of Lifelong Learning Council and is chairman of their Travel Committee.

This program is free of charge and open to the entire community. Contact Ray Freshman at the JCC for more information.

### Senior Center Purim Party

Members of the JCC Senior Center will be participating in a special Purim Celebration at the JCC on Monday, March 12, at 1 p.m. The program will feature a musical recital by the Senior Center Choral Group,

which will perform a variety of songs in English, Hebrew and Yiddish.

The musical recital, under the direction of Sarah Goldstein and Sara Berman, pianist, is open to the entire community, free of charge.

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# Obituaries

## Lena S. Haber

Lena S. Haber, 92, of 704 River Road, Bellevue, died Tuesday of respiratory failure in St. Francis Hospital.

Mrs. Haber was a homemaker. She was a member of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation.

Her husband, Samuel, died in 1957. She is survived by two sons, Milton H. of Ashbourne Hills and Jacob of Fairfax; two daughters, Helen H. Pottlock of Claymont and Sylvia Stern of Flourtown, Pa.; five brothers, Lewis Swinger of Miami and Manuel, Isadore, Louis and Morris Swinger, all of Wilmington; a sister, Katherine LeBoritz of Newark; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the American Heart Association, Wilmington, or to Kutz Home, Wilmington.

## Breda Barnett

Breda Barnett, 90, of 2505 Cedar Tree Apartments, died February 8 after being struck by a car near her home.

Mrs. Barnett, a supervisor for a chain of women's shops in the Southwest for 30 years, retired in 1965.

She is survived by a son, Nathan Barnett of Bellemeade; two brothers, Simon Howard of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, and Jack Horowitz of Las Vegas, Nevada; two grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Arrangements were made by the Schoenberg Memorial Chapel. Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Congregation Beth Emeth, Wilmington.

## Mark Ira Cheitlin

Mark Ira Cheitlin, 24, of 3308 N. Rockfield Drive, Devonshire, Brandywine Hundred, died February 8, of complications from injuries after a Jan. 13 traffic accident in Kennett Square, Pa.

Mr. Cheitlin was leaving Kendal at Longwood when his car was struck by a vehicle on U.S. 1, according to Pennsylvania State Police.

Mr. Cheitlin worked in maintenance and security at Kendal at Longwood. He was a student at Delaware Technical & Community College, Wilmington campus, where he studied business and computer science.

An avid bowler, he was a member of the Delaware Bowling League.

He is survived by his parents, Daniel and Millicent Cheitlin, with whom he lived; three sisters, Robin

Ann Crist of Crozet, Va., Aleece Mae Horden of Tustin, Calif., and Marlene Wendy Cheitlin of Greenville, N.C.; and his maternal grandparents, Paul and Tillie Fayer of Wilmington.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, Wilmington, or the Christiana Hospital Trauma Center, Newark.

Arrangements were made by the Schoenberg Memorial Chapel.

## John L. Fischer

John L. Fischer, 80, of 27 Paisley Drive, Hyde Park, Brandywine Springs, died February 10 of cancer in a West Palm Beach, Fla., hospice.

Mr. Fischer, an electrical engineer with the duPont Co. for more than 35 years, retired in 1974. He often spent winters in Florida.

He is survived by his wife, Edna; two sons, Harris of Port Jefferson, N.Y., and Jeffrey of Wilmington; two brothers, Howard of Amery, Wis., and Lester of New York City, and two grandsons.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Charles Gerstenberg Hospice Center, West Palm Beach, or the American Cancer Society, Wilmington.

## Louis Pikus

Louis Pikus, 82, of 21-23 Elizabeth St., Milford, died February 10 of respiratory failure at home.

Mr. Pikus founded Lou's Bootery, 48 N. Walnut St., Milford, in 1948 and retired in 1975. He was a founding member of Congregation Beth Shalom, Dover. He also was a charter member of Shawnee Country Club, Milford, where he was active in the senior golf association.

He was a member of the Milford Kiwanis Club for more than 40 years, where he was past president and treasurer. He was also a member of Milford Elks Lodge 2401; and Union Lodge 7, AF&AM, Dover, where he was a 32nd Degree Mason.

He is survived by his wife, Dora; three sons, Terry S. and S. Allen "Skip," both of Milford, and Rubin S. of Roslyn, N.Y.; a brother Harry of Washington, D.C.; a sister, Sylvia Wolfe of Newport, and six grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Congregation Beth Shalom, Dover, or to Delaware Hospice Inc., Southern Division.

## Ely M. Samuelsohn

Ely M. Samuelsohn, 65, of Gran-

ite Bay, California, died February 10.

Mr. Samuelsohn, is survived by his wife, Arline Samuelsohn; two daughters, Nancy Schwartz of Sante Fe, NM, and Lori Miller of Sacramento, CA; a brother, Arthur G. Samuelsohn, of Holiday Hills, in Wilmington, and four grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the Deborah Heart and Lung Foundation-Wilmington Chapter, c/o Betty Abrahams, 8127 Society Drive, Claymont, DE 19703.

Arrangements were made by the Schoenberg Memorial Chapel.

## James Schwartz Unger

James Schwartz Unger, 27, of 1600B Belmont St., Northwest Washington, DC, died on February 10.

He is survived by his wife, Judith Ufberg Unger; his parents, Adrian M. and Jeanne S. Unger of Short Hills, New Jersey; and a sister, Elizabeth Unger Morrison of Redondo Beach, California.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to the James S. Unger Scholarship Fund, George Washington University, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, Washington, DE 20052.

## Joseph Greenbaum

Joseph Greenbaum, 90, of Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Bellefonte, formerly of 2001 Baynard Blvd., Wilmington, died February 13 in St. Francis Hospital.

Mr. Greenbaum owned and operated Greenbaum Realty Co., Wilmington, for more than 50 years. He was a Army veteran of World War I.

There are no immediate survivors.

## Zachary P. Brandstadter

Zachary P. Brandstadter, 81, of 38 Fairway Road, Newark, died February 16 of a heart attack in Delaware Home for the Chronically III, Smyrna.

Mr. Brandstadter was a salesman and distributor of hardware and tools in Delaware, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. He later worked for five years at Scott Hardware Store, Branmar Plaza, retiring in 1973.

He was a life member of Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 5, Newark. He was a member of Newark Senior Center, where he was on the bowling team.

He was an Army veteran of World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Bertha S. Brandstadter.

Contributions may be made to Disabled American Veterans, in care of James P. McGraw, commander, 59 Dunsinane Drive, New Castle.

## Reuben Rosevich

Reuben Rosevich, 95, of 6821 Moonlit Drive, Delray Beach, Fla., formerly of Wilmington, Del., died February 16 of heart failure at home.

Mr. Rosevich was a self-employed paper hanger in Wilmington for 66 years. He retired and moved to Florida in 1978.

He was a member of Machzikey Hadas Congregation, Claymont, Del., and the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

His wife, Annie, died in 1967. He is survived by a daughter, Ethel Kaplan, with whom he lived; a son, Harris of Philadelphia; three granddaughters and two great-grandsons.

Arrangements were made by the Schoenberg Memorial Chapel.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Machzikey Hadas Congregation, care of B'nai B'rith House, Claymont.

## Robert L. Cohen

Robert L. Cohen, 84, of 7306 Society Drive, Claymont, died February 17 of heart failure in Wilmington Hospital.

Mr. Cohen, an electrical engineer for 30 years at the Du Pont Co.'s Louviers Building near Newark, retired in 1972. He was a registered professional engineer in Pennsylvania and Delaware and a member of the American Society of Electrical Engineers.

He was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom.

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn; a son, Edgar of Santa Maria, Calif.; a daughter, Irene Y. Aber of Weldin Park, and several grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by the Schoenberg Memorial Chapel.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Congregation Beth Shalom, Wilmington, or to charity.

## Harry Bodofsky

Harry Bodofsky, owner of Metal Detectors of Delaware and a promoter of treasure hunting, died February 19 of complications from multiple myeloma in Christiana Hospital. He was 61.

Mr. Bodofsky, of 2516 Merribrook Road, Randlewood, owned the metal detectors sales and rental firm for 20 years. After a career as a men's clothing salesman and real estate

agent, he became a manufacturer's representative for White's Electronics, an Oregon firm that produces metal detectors.

Mr. Bodofsky was one of the original members of First State Treasure Hunters Club, where he was program chairman and an office holder for the past 16 years.

He had helped the FBI search for stolen military firearms, and by state and county police to locate weapons discarded after crimes. He also helped people find lost valuables.

He and some business partners searched western Pennsylvania for the treasure from the H.M.S. DeBraak, an 18th-century British brig, which legend said a 19th-century treasure salvager had hidden there.

He was a former member of Montefiore Mutual Benefit Society and Musicians Union local 595, Vineland, N.J. He was a saxophone player with MGM Trio from 1960 to 1985 and worked with several big bands. He also was a bagpiper in the Army Special Service band during the Korean War.

He was one of the founders and first vice president of Federation of Metal Detectors and Archeological Club. He was the Western-Eastern Magazine's 1989 Treasure Hunter of the Year.

He is survived by his wife, Harriet; two sons, Bruce Alan Bodofsky at home and Scott Michael Bodofsky of Newark; a daughter, Lynn Michelle Bodofsky at home; two brothers, Morris of Salem, N.J., and Frank of Delray Beach, Fla., and a sister, Ann Epstein of Salem.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Federation of Metal Detectors and Archeological Club Legal Fund, in care of Joe Cook, 12 High St., West Milford, N.J.

## Robert Wachs

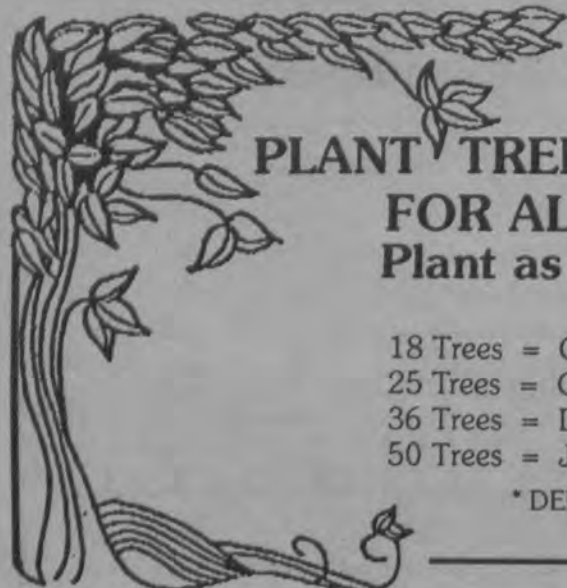
Robert Wachs, 54, of 2647 Boxwood Drive, The Timbers, died February 20.

He is survived by his wife, Brenda F. Wachs; two sons, Bryan E. Wachs of Los Angeles and Craig A. Wachs of Falls Church, Virginia; a daughter, Karen S. Rosenzweig of New Jersey; a brother, Leonard Wachs of Stevenson, Maryland; and his father, Adolph Wachs of Baltimore.

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# Review

## 'Driving Miss Daisy'

Review By MORRIE WARSHAWSKI

Most American films race ahead at a breakneck speed that keeps viewers glued to their seats in a bumpy ride fueled by numerous hairpin plot turns through slick environments and sexy scenes.

If the filmic equivalent of a New York City cab ride has lost its entertainment appeal, then try the gentler ride of a cruise through excellent acting and character development provided by *Driving Miss Daisy*.

Playwright Alfred Uhry's *Daisy* comes to the screen after its Pulitzer Prize-winning theatrical run on Broadway. The play follows the strong-willed and irascible 72-year-old Southern Jewish matron Daisy Werthan (Jessica Tandy) through the last 18 years of her life. The story takes place against a backdrop of actual events in Atlanta during the late 50s and early 60s.

As the film opens, Daisy has just destroyed her 1948 Packard. Daisy's son, Boolie (Dan Aykroyd) decides it's time mother had a chauffeur and discovers one in Hoke Colburn (Morgan Freeman) an elderly black man who just spent seven years driving a Jewish judge.

Boolie forewarns Hoke about Daisy's high strung temperament and her desire to remain independent. Even Daisy's maid, Idella (Esther Rolle) says "I wouldn't be in your shoes for all the money in the world." Hoke recounts his days as a youth wrestling down hogs and says "I'll hold on no matter which way she runs me."

The rest of the drama simply follows the progressive circling of these two indomitable characters from opposite social strata and cultures as they learn to respect one another and become close friends.

Director Bruce Beresford (*Breaker Morant*, *Crimes of the Heart* and *Tender Mercies*) brings a very light touch to this period piece. He never lets plot get in the way of character, choosing instead to unravel relationships through dialogue and a few key intimate scenes.

Tandy invests Daisy with the qualities of both the ultimate irritating backseat driver and an under-



Pausing on the road to Mobile are Southern matron Daisy Werthan (Jessica Tandy) and her stalwart and wise chauffeur Hoke Colburn (Morgan Freeman), starring in the film "Driving Miss Daisy."

standing ex-school teacher who can't understand why Hoke would even be interested.

Daisy also claims "I've never been prejudiced a day in my life." But when Boolie suggests Daisy give her extra seat to a Martin Luther King luncheon address to Hoke, Daisy knows how to help Hoke conquer his illiteracy. She plays a vibrant woman committed to being a Jew in the South. Daisy bristles at the efforts of her daughter-in-law Florie (Patti LuPone) to assimilate. "If I had a nose like Florie's I wouldn't go about say-

ing 'Merry Christmas' to anybody," quips Daisy.

As Hoke, Morgan Freeman re-confirms his stature as an actor with incredible range. Freeman's capability for restraint imbues Hoke with a simple nobility. During a very long ride to Mobile he asks Daisy's permission to stop and "pass water" since no gas station would let him use its "whites only" restroom. When Daisy tells him to keep driving, Hoke stops the car anyway and calmly informs her "I'm not just some back


of the neck you look at."

Even Dan Aykroyd turns in a very understated performance hiding his usual penchant for the glib in the guise of a dutiful son who grows balder, grayer, richer and fatter as the movie progresses. Esther Rolle appears only briefly, but her character helps bind the ties between Daisy and Hoke that make them best friends at movie's end.

Daisy, who will "not go gently into the night" of her impending death, is deeply shaken by Idella's death. Even so, Daisy looks at Hoke and says "She was lucky."

The cinematography of Peter James casts a hazy hue over his vision of the South that softens too many edges of the film. But he and Beresford do capture the feel of the period through the careful eye of Bruno Rubeo, production designer for films like *Talk Radio* and *Old Gringo*. Together they have hopped into Daisy's old Hudson and carefully driven her story off the Broadway stage and onto our screens.

(Morrie Warshawski writes about the arts for publications throughout the US and Canada from his home in St. Louis.)



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### Israel, China resuming relations

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Israel and China have begun talks aimed at normalizing relations between them, according to a recent report in *Ma'ariv*. It said that Reuven Merhav, director general of the Foreign Ministry, met with Chinese government officials in Hong Kong several days ago to discuss the matter.

Israel will open an office in Beijing soon for the exchange of scientific information. Official circles in Jerusalem see it as a first step toward establishing higher-level relations.

Representatives of the Foreign Ministry and the Israel Academy of Sciences visited Beijing recently and selected a building to serve as the Israeli office, the *Ma'ariv* report said.

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# Abie Nathan released from prison, says he would speak to PLO again

By HUGH ORGEL  
TEL AVIV, (JTA) — Peace advocate Abie Nathan was released from prison February 9 after completing four months of a six-month sentence for meeting with Yasir Arafat and other officials of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Leaving prison, he said he would do it again, "as soon as I get the chance," in order to advance peace.

Nathan was convicted last September of violating the controversial Anti-Terror Law, which forbids Israelis from having contacts with members of terrorist organizations. He freely admitted having had four meetings with Arafat, the most recent in Tunis just a year earlier. He said his purpose was to try to get an Israeli-Palestinian dialogue going.

Nathan was confined to a minimum security prison. He was released for good behavior after completing two-thirds of his sentence, according to the superintendent of

prisons, Chief Inspector Shaul Levy.

"I am going to do my very best to overcome all obstacles and continue with my mission," Nathan told reporters as he left prison. "I'll be talking to any Palestinians and Arabs who are willing to talk to me about peace."

Communications Minister Gad Ya'acobi of the Labor Party has proposed Nathan as a candidate for the Nobel Peace Prize, in recognition of his persistent efforts to bring about peace between Israel and its neighbors.

Those efforts date back to the early 1960s, when Nathan flew his private plane to Egypt twice in an attempt to talk to President Gamal Abdel Nasser. Both times he was expelled from the country.

For more than 20 years, Nathan has operated the "Voice of Peace" radio ship, which broadcasts pop music and peace messages in Hebrew and Arabic from outside Israeli territorial waters.



Abie Nathan

# Tel Aviv synagogue facing eviction

American Reform Jewish leaders are backing efforts by a Tel Aviv Reform synagogue to resist being evicted from the city-owned building it has occupied for six years. They say the decision by Mayor Shlomo Lahat to oust Kehillat Ramat Aviv is "an affront to Reform Jews throughout the world" and does "serious damage to Tel Aviv's image as a modern and tolerant city that supports all streams of Judaism."

The leaders are critical of what they feel is discriminatory treatment against the Reform movement. They assert that at a meeting on January 21 between Lahat and synagogue officials, the Tel Aviv mayor told the Kehillat Ramat Aviv representatives that he "did not care" if they had another place to go and that finding a new location was their problem. He gave the synagogue one week to vacate the building.

The leaders of the congregation replied at the meeting that since Tel Aviv provides religious facilities to many Orthodox synagogues, including two in the neighborhood where

Kehillat Ramat Aviv is located, the city is obligated to do the same for Reform congregations.

In a letter to Mayor Lahat, Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, noted that the congregation had built an extensive program that provides a variety of religious, social and education services to Tel Aviv residents of all ages. He also pointed out that the congregation had expended considerable funds in refurbishing the facilities so it would be better able to meet neighborhood needs.

Schindler urged that the eviction order be rescinded, or at least that action be delayed until Tel Aviv can provide the congregation with other facilities in the neighborhood.

In Israel, the Israel Religious Action Center, an agency sponsored by the Association of Reform Zionists of America (ARZA) to defend religious freedom and pluralism in Israel, says its lawyers are prepared to go to court to block the eviction.

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## Ground broken for prayer center at Auschwitz

By SUSAN BIRNBAUM and ALLISON KAPLAN

NEW YORK (JTA)—Ground was broken Monday for the interfaith prayer and education center that is to replace the Carmelite convent at Auschwitz. The ceremony was attended by Cardinal Franciszek Macharski of Krakow, in whose diocese Auschwitz lies, and representatives of the Polish government. No Jewish leaders attended.

News that the ground-breaking ceremony would take place Monday was reported Friday by the World Jewish Congress and confirmed by the International Jewish Committee for Interfaith Consultations, or IJCC, which has been negotiating with the Vatican on the issue.

Earlier this month, a Polish bishop who is active in Catholic-Jewish dialogue assured a United Jewish Ap-

peal delegation of American rabbis visiting Poland that construction of the interfaith center would begin soon.

Elan Steinberg, WJC executive director, claimed that "the first spade had been struck" on Monday as a direct result of negotiations between his group and the Polish government. A WJC delegation arrived Sunday night in Warsaw, for meetings with Poland's leaders.

Steinberg said in a telephone call from Warsaw on Monday that WJC President Edgar Bronfman would not have visited Poland without an express commitment toward implementing the February 1987 Geneva accord that stipulated creation of the center and removal to it of the nuns living at the Auschwitz convent. The agreement was signed by nine Jewish and nine Catholic leaders, including Cardinal Macharski, who attended Monday's ceremony.

The agreement was supposed to have come to fruition two years later, on Feb. 22, 1989. The deadline passed with no progress, and souring Catholic-Jewish relations were exacerbated by signs that the nuns had engaged workmen to improve the convent. Among additions to the property was a 24-foot cross.

The convent was established in the building where the deadly Zyklon B pellets were stored during the Holocaust. About 1.6 million Jews died at Auschwitz, most of them gassed and then burned in the ovens.

Jews generally regard Auschwitz as the largest Jewish graveyard and maintain that it should remain free of any religious sites and remembered as a place that existed overwhelmingly to kill Jews.

Remonstrances between Catholics and Jews over the convent became increasingly bitter, particularly

anti-Semitic remarks made last August and September by Poland's Roman Catholic primate, Cardinal Jozef Glemp of Warsaw.

On Monday, Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki opened his conversation with the visiting WJC leaders by personally apologizing for "the hurt caused by the Auschwitz

convent controversy," Steinberg said. He said Mazowiecki told Bronfman, in a live television broadcast, "Today, the cornerstone is being laid for the center, as a first step in the implementation of the agreement."

The estimated 17 nuns living there apparently have not left the site, and it is not clear when they will.

## Cuban official offers to help island's tiny Jewish community

By BEN KAYFETZ

TORONTO, (JTA)—The Cuban government is prepared to help the Caribbean nation's tiny Jewish community survive, according to an official of the Canadian Jewish Congress who visited Havana recently.

Edmond Yehuda Lipsitz, executive director of the CJC Ontario region, met in Havana with Jose Felipe Carneado, director of the Department of Religious Affairs in Fidel Castro's Communist regime. They agreed that the first priority is to get a spiritual leader for Cuban Jews, who number roughly 700 in a population of about 10 million, Lipsitz reported here.

He said a demographic survey by a Havana Jew, Moises Asiz, found that 92 percent of Jewish married couples in Cuba are mixed marriages. That is a consequence of the mass exodus of Cuban Jews when the Communist regime took over in 1959. But without authoritative leadership, the remaining Jewish community will soon disappear, Lipsitz said.

He said there are Spanish-speaking candidates for the position of rabbi. The main problem is housing for the rabbi or rabbinical couple in a

city where housing is in very short supply. Carneado thought the government could be helpful, provided the amount of rent could be agreed to.

The second problem is kosher food. The CJC and the Chabad Lubavitch movement provide Cuban Jews with matzah and other Passover foods every year. The Appeal of Conscience Foundation also has provided kosher Passover food in the past.

Carneado suggested that a kosher restaurant or hotel might be opened in Cuba by private or communal interests. He said his government would welcome and cooperate in such a venture. Havana had a highly rated kosher restaurant in the pre-revolution era called "Moishe Pipik" on Acosta Street in the old Jewish section. It was a tourist landmark as famous as "Sloppy Joe's."

Finally, there is the problem of *brit milah*, Lipsitz reported. With no resident mohel on the island, Jewish boys are not circumcised.

Lipsitz said he discussed various proposals with Carneado, including sending Cuban Jewish physicians to Canada for training as mohelim. He said Carneado expressed willingness to cooperate in such a plan by making travel possible.

## Romanian Jews worry about future, despite government assurances

By GIL SEDAN

JERUSALEM (JTA)—The Jews of Romania are seriously concerned for their future, despite assurances by officials that the new government will continue to guarantee their well-being.

The assurances were given to Sylvia Hassenfeld, president of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, and Michael Schneider, its executive director, who arrived here Thursday after visiting Romania and Czechoslovakia.

Romanian Jews, who had a stable if precarious existence under the late dictator Nicolae Ceausescu, are fearful of the emergence of fascist elements in the turbulent atmosphere that has prevailed since the revolution two months ago, the JDC officials reported. "Anti-Semitic slogans such as 'Jews go!' can already be seen on the walls," they said.

Hassenfeld and Schneider met with Romania's new president, Ion Iliescu, and other senior officials in Bucharest. "Iliescu said Jews were free to emigrate, to stay or to come back, as they wish," Schneider reported.

There are at most 22,000 Jews in

Romania. Before the revolution, 1,200 to 1,400 immigrated to Israel each year. But unless the situation worsens appreciably, no mass aliyah can be expected from that country, because half the Jewish population is too old to make the move, Hassenfeld and Schneider said.

They said JDC would continue to focus its program in Romania, which has an annual budget of \$4 million, on aid to the predominantly elderly Jewish population. But JDC is also providing non-sectarian aid to the larger Romanian community. Hassenfeld and Schneider said they met with the Romanian health minister, who spoke of the many cases of AIDS discovered at local hospitals.

JDC promised the local authorities to send a shipment of syringes and disposable gloves to help control the spread of the fatal disease. Contaminated needles are suspected of spreading the virus that causes AIDS to hundreds of babies, who are routinely inoculated at birth.

The JDC officials said they found a sharply contrasting scene in Czechoslovakia, where "there is an air of euphoria following the so-called

Velvet Revolution." Because of the optimistic mood, Hassenfeld does not expect any immigration of Czechoslovak Jews to Israel.

JDC is able to engage in previously prohibited youth activities in Czechoslovakia because of the democratic reforms, Hassenfeld and Schneider said.

The international Jewish relief and educational agency has also won approval of Soviet authorities to open an office in Moscow and will do so once space is found.

Meanwhile, it will continue sending experts to meet specific needs of Soviet Jews. "While the Jewish Agency works on facilitating aliyah, we work on helping create a new Jewish infrastructure," Hassenfeld said. "No matter how large aliyah will be, Soviet Jewry will continue to be the largest Jewish community in Eastern Europe," she added.

JDC is arranging to send 30 couples from Israel to the Soviet Union during Passover to run 30 communal seders all over the country. The Soviet minister of religions welcomed the project and promised to assist, the JDC leaders said.

## East Germany—

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sters a special hardship fund for Jewish victims of Nazi prosecution. It has already distributed about \$250 million to some 80,000 recipients, most of whom emigrated in recent years from Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union.

In contrast, East Germany had, until Modrow's statement, rejected any share of responsibility for the Holocaust and refused to accept any obligation of material support to the victims. The GDR maintained that since it only came into existence in 1949, it bore no responsibility for the actions of the Third Reich.

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# Survey finds U.S. Jewish leaders more dovish than they admit

By ELENA NEUMAN

NEW YORK, (JTA) — American Jewish leaders are privately more dovish than their public statements on the Middle East would lead one to believe, according to a survey of 780 American Jewish leaders released last week.

The survey, conducted under the auspices of the Israel-Diaspora Institute, a Tel-Aviv based public policy think tank, found that although 78 percent of the leaders believe that the Palestine Liberation Organization is determined to destroy Israel, a whopping 73 percent would support Israeli dialogue with the group if it "recognizes Israel and renounces terrorism."

Seventy-six percent said they favor "territorial compromise for credible guarantees of peace," and 59 percent believe that Israel should "offer the Palestinians a prospect of a Palestinian state in 15 years."

"The results are extremely surprising in light of the public statements those leaders have made," said Steven Cohen, professor of sociology at Queens College, who conducted the study. "If you ask most observers where Jewish leaders stand on Likud vs. Labor, they think the leadership hasn't weighed in on one side or the other. But it turns out that in their private thinking, American Jewish leaders are squarely in the Labor camp ideologically."

The survey also shows, however, "that they think it's inappropriate,

unwise or maybe even immoral to lean in one direction or the other professionally, even if they do have a strong personal opinion," said Cohen. "Thus, there's a public position at variance with a private position."

Over 1,310 American Jewish leaders were sent questionnaires in October and November of 1989. They represented three sectors: Jewish community federations, prominent rabbis and synagogue leaders, and agencies such as the American Jewish Committee, the American Jewish Congress, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and local Jewish community relations agencies.

This represents the first formal study of American Jewish leadership specifically with reference to their views toward Israel.

"Whoever sees the study and sees how forthrightly on one side of the political fence these leaders are is surprised. I'm an expert in this field, and I was surprised," Cohen said.

Cohen found that American Jewish leaders are consistently more dovish than the American Jews they represent. "It's lopsided," he said, "but it makes sense. The American Jewish public would become more dovish the more knowledgeable they became about Israel. The leadership is much more knowledgeable and sophisticated, in touch with political realities. The strength of Israel to compromise is more evident if you are in these positions."

"We always thought such findings might be true," said Fredelle Spiegel, project director for the study, "but no one ever proved it in a formal analysis before. We undertook the project, because we wanted to see exactly what the American Jewish leadership's position was toward Israel. There has been much talk recently about how the relationship has been weakened."

Recent signs of that weakening include the strong negative reaction the American Jewish community had to the idea of amending Israel's Law of Return to exclude non-Orthodox converts to Judaism who immigrate to Israel from receiving the automatic citizenship accorded to other Jews.

The survey found that if Israel adopted the so-called "Who Is a Jew" amendment, 78 percent of American Jewish leaders would be "very upset," and another 7 percent would be "somewhat upset." Nevertheless, support for Israel remains solid.

"What we found surprising," said Spiegel, "is how strong the commitment to Israel still is and how anxious American Jewish leaders are to get involved in Israeli domestic issues."

The survey found that although American Jewish leaders widely approve of friendly criticism of Israeli public policies, they also reject the idea that American Jews should become involved in Israeli decision-making unless it has direct ramifications for the American Jewish community.

Whereas 88 percent approve of involvement in the "Who Is a Jew" issue, only 25 percent approve of interference in Israeli security matters. The vast majority disapprove of the meeting that five American Jews had in December 1988 with PLO leader Yasir Arafat.

"The leaders who are dovishly inclined, although troubled by moral questions, are more concerned with the security of Israel," said Cohen. "But they also feel they lack the moral standing to interfere in security questions."

It is not surprising, therefore, that an overwhelming majority, while supporting a two-state solution, insist that a Palestinian state should be limited by strong security arrangements. Ninety-three percent found total demilitarization of the Palestinians either essential or desirable; 83 percent favored the deployment of the Israeli army in the territories; and 81 percent said they want the Palestinians to renounce any claims to return to parts of pre-1967 Israel.

"In every case where there was a liberal bent," said Spiegel, "there was a conservative counterbalance. The security terms that they were talking about were much stronger than any that are being spoken of in policy-making circles. American Jewish leaders are, on the one hand, very liberal, but on the other, overly cautious of Israel's security," she said.

"What might appear as a contradiction is a practical expression of

the Jewish leaders' Americanism," said Arye Carmon, president of the Israel-Diaspora Institute. "Americans often join the table with their adversaries, but do not necessarily always eat what's served."

The study is likely to raise eyebrows in the Jewish community and, in the view of one academic, may have a significant effect on the peace process and on Israel-Diaspora relations. "It takes a card away from Shamir, who consistently says that American Jews back him" and "gives more credibility to the Labor Party," said the academic, who requested anonymity.

"It also encourages Palestinian moderation," he added. "Arafat can say: 'Look at the attitudes of American Jewish leaders.' And finally, it releases the American State Department to be more aggressive in pushing for a two-state solution."

"This is just a preliminary study," said Spiegel, when asked of the effect she hopes the survey will have. "The real question is what should the relationship between Israel and American Jewish leaders be, and how can we make it that."

The Israel-Diaspora Institute has established a series of focus groups around the country to discuss the various issues addressed in the survey. Copies of the survey are available for \$5 from American Friends of the Israel-Diaspora Institute, 505 Park Ave., fifth floor, New York, N.Y., 10022.

## Anti-Semitism is snake in Monaco's garden of Eden

By TAMAR LEVY

MONTE CARLO, Monaco — The 50 Jewish families who live permanently in Monaco have one thing in common: they are all extremely wealthy. They gravitated to this tax haven from far corners of the world precisely because their wealth is untouched by any statutory authority.

The affable climate and remarkable natural beauty are other factors. So, too, is the glamor the very name of the place conjures and the untroubled way of life.

But there is a snake in every Eden. Even in Monte Carlo, which has

no burglars, no poor and the mode of transportation is by Rolls Royce and Jaguar, anti-Semitism is prevalent.

Leaflets marked with swastikas were found here recently. One read: "Dirty Jews, you are always present" and threatened them with "bombs and explosives" if they didn't leave Monaco. It was signed with the initials U.N.M.A.J.

The first Jews who arrived in Monaco in 1920, the Wolzok, Saleanik and Witfrow families, were of Russian origin. Between 1960 and 1970, the community was enlarged by the arrival of 50 French Jewish families from North Africa.

The families constitute the permanent community and play an active role in the state.

Its leader, the energetic Fernando Levi, arrived from Egypt 20 years ago. He has excellent relations with Prince Rainier, dynastic ruler of the principality.

The Jewish population actually totals about 2,000, but many of them live in Monaco only parttime. Half came here from England, the United States and Canada and are mostly Ashkenazic Jews. The other half are of French origin, either North African or from the Levant and Italy. Most are Sephardim. There are also

several families from Israel who recently joined the community.

In 1972, a beautiful synagogue was built with the donations of local Jews on the Rue La Costa on the heights of Monaco. The rabbi is Isaac Amassellem, late of Algeria. Services are conducted in the Sephardic tradition.

Monaco has a Hebrew school with an enrollment of 20, as well as a kosher butcher. Organizations are represented as well: B'nai B'rith has 60 members, and WIZO is also active.

Although a large proportion of Monaco's Jews are elderly retirees,

there is a youth element. The community runs a "Gan Yeladim," and the local youth is organized in collaboration with the Jewish youth in Nice, the major French city closest to Monaco.

Like other denizens of Monte Carlo, the Jews live their lives in constant travel from one vacation playground to another.

Their new "interest in life" is helping Israel financially. Israeli ministers are frequent guests at their homes and parties, and Jews from Monaco visit Israel often on tours arranged by the State of Israel Bonds.

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## Kissinger on reunification

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF

Special to The Jewish Voice

WASHINGTON — Henry Kissinger thinks those who have suffered from Nazism are concerned about reunification of West and East Germany but he believes showing "some confidence" in it is "the best way to keep Germany related to the West."

Kissinger was asked on NBC News' "Meet the Press" Feb. 11 "policy aside — inside you, are you, Henry Kissinger, worried about the prospect of a reunited Germany" since he had left that country in the 1930s and has "personal memories" of what happened there.

"If the issue of reunification had not arisen in my lifetime, I would not have died unfulfilled," Kissinger replied. "On the other hand, it has arisen. I have confidence in the present West German Government — and, indeed, in all the parties in government and in opposition. And I think the best way to keep Germany related to the West is to show some confidence in it, especially since they have, in any case, the means to act unilaterally."

"Certainly, all of us who've gone through this experience are concerned of what might happen," the former Secretary of State to Presidents Nixon and Ford said. "I believe

that an understanding attitude and cooperative attitude is more likely to keep Germany tied to the West than opposing a trend which, in any event, will prevail."

## Group of five splits from Likud

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Liberal Party component of Likud split Monday, when five key members, headed by Yitzhak Moda'i, declared themselves a separate faction within Likud.

The Liberals united last year with Herut, Likud's dominant faction. But the dissidents now say they are dissatisfied with the terms of the merger. They pointed out that Liberals failed to receive the chairmanship of any of the party's key policy-making forums.

But most observers link the split to Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's expected elevation of Moshe Nissim to minister of industry and trade, an office just vacated by the resignation of Ariel Sharon.

Nissim, who now holds no portfolio in the Cabinet, is Moda'i's sworn enemy among Likud Liberals. He is a supporter of Shamir's policies, whereas Moda'i has fiercely opposed the prime minister's peace diplomacy, along with Sharon and Minister of Construction and Housing David Levy, both of Likud's Herut wing.

Political insiders also said Moda'i's group resents how state funds were recently allocated to politically linked educational institutions. They were peeved because they thought Nissim-backed institutions received much more than institutions connected with Moda'i.

The new faction calls itself the Party for the Advancement of Liberal Ideas. The Liberals are, in fact, a conservative business-oriented party, not militantly right-wing like Herut.

In addition to Moda'i, the breakaways are Knesset members Avraham Sharir, Pessah Grupper, Pinhas Goldstein and Yosef Goldberg.