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Fighting Continues In Israel And Lebanon

By MATTHEW DORF

WASHINGTON, (JTA) — The highest single-day civilian death toll since Israel launched Operation Grapes of Wrath has prompted urgent calls for an end to the fighting on the Israeli-Lebanese border.

Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres said in a CNN interview that he would accept President Clinton's call for a cease-fire if Hezbollah also agreed. But there was no indication whether Hezbollah would stop firing Katyusha rockets into northern Israeli communities.

A largely unrepentant Peres blamed the Islamic militant group Hezbollah for provoking an Israeli attack that killed at least 75 Lebanese civilians at a U.N. compound. "I am upset and I am sorry that citizens of Lebanon were killed, but Hezbollah is to blame," Peres told reporters after an emergency Cabinet meeting. But, he added, "If our citizens are fired on we will return fire." At the same news conference, the Israel Defense Force chief of staff, Lt. Gen. Amnon Shahak, said, "I don't see any mistake in judgment."

Speaking in St. Petersburg, Russia, where he was to attend a nuclear safety summit, Clinton called "on all parties to agree to an immediate cease-fire." "An end to the fighting is imperative to allow our diplomatic effort to go forward," he said. Clinton sent Secretary of State Warren Christopher to the region to work out an agreement between Hezbollah and Israel.

U.S. Special Middle East Coordinator Dennis Ross went to Israel to lay the groundwork to put the full weight of the U.S. diplomatic machine behind the effort to silence the guns, State Department officials said. Christopher traveled to the Middle East on Saturday, said White House spokesman Mike McCurry.

In the bloodiest day since Operation Grapes of Wrath was launched April 11 after Hezbollah hit northern Israel with a series of Katyusha rocket attacks, Israeli forces shelled



Column of tanks in northern Israel displays an Israeli flag as they travel along the northern road near the Lebanese border. As heavy shelling and air raids continue, diplomatic moves are underway to resolve conflicts. RNS Photo Reuters

a U.N. compound minutes after Hezbollah fighters launched Katyusha rockets and mortar fire about 330 yards from the base. Only hours earlier, Israeli forces destroyed a house in a village in southern Lebanon, killing nine civilians in retaliation for a Hezbollah attack launched within 100 feet of the building.

U.S. officials continue to blame the fighting on Hezbollah and were careful not to condemn the Israeli attack on the U.N. compound. U.N. officials in Lebanon criticized Israel for the attack on its compound, which housed about 400 Lebanese refugees as well as scores of

Fijian peacekeepers.

"Israel should have waited and not fired," U.N. spokesman Mikael Lindvall told CNN. "The risks involved should have kept them from firing." But at the same time, a U.N. spokeswoman in New York, Sylvana Foa, said, "This is a typical guerrilla tactic, to hide behind a civilian position."

A day earlier, a Hezbollah fighter shot at a U.N. peacekeeper for demanding that the Iranian-backed militia stop launching Katyusha rockets at Israeli targets from the area near

the U.N. base.

American officials tried in vain this week to convince Syria, Lebanon and Hezbollah to agree to a written cease-fire.

The U.S. proposal calls in part on the Lebanese government to rein in Hezbollah militants in return for an Israeli commitment to negotiate a withdrawal from its security zone in southern Lebanon after peace has been restored to the area for nine months.

The one more likely to be adopted was sponsored by the United States. It called for an immediate cease-fire and expressed concern about the impact of the tragedy on the peace process.

The other, sponsored by Egypt on behalf of Lebanon, was deemed "totally unacceptable" by a spokesman for the Israeli Mission to the United Nations.

That resolution's draft, written earlier this week, "strongly condemns the Israeli aggression against Lebanon" and calls upon Israel "immediately to cease its military action against the Lebanese territorial integrity." It also asks the secretary-general to help Lebanon "overcome the hardships resulting from the Israeli aggression" to help sustain its reconstruction efforts.

According to a U.N. spokesman, Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali reacted to the attack on the U.N. base "with shock and horror." He "deplores and condemns this shelling in the strongest possible terms," the spokesman's statement said. Although the attack brought swift condemnation from numerous governments, Peres stood firm in blaming Hezbollah for the carnage.

Israeli officials in the United States adopted a similar stance. While expressing regret for Thursday's high civilian casualties, they nonetheless defended the Israeli operation as a measured and necessary response to sustained provocation. The attack on the U.N. base, they said, was a tragic and inadvertent byproduct of Hezbollah's systematic use of civilians as cover for its assaults. And they said Israel would not end its operation without an end to the Hezbollah rocket and mortar attacks.

Knesset Speaker Shevach Weiss said he told Vice President Al Gore during a meeting in

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Billy Joel At The U of D

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"We love you just the way you are" yelled an enthusiastic audience member. "You don't know me just the way I am" Billy Joel responded lasciviously into his microphone. The close to three hours that would follow, gave us a taste of what Billy Joel meant by his reply.

Billy Joel's newest tour, "An Evening of Questions & Answers and a little Music," made a stop at the University of Delaware's Bob Carpenter Center on Thursday night, April 11. This tour is not your typical rock concert as you may have imagined from its title. The intention of the evening was to discuss music.

Interspersed among the somewhat intimate crowd of 2,100 fans were nine runners equipped with microphones. Billy Joel called on audience members with his or her hand raised, after they would ask their question he tried to answer each accordingly. If the an-

swer required a musical demonstration, "The Pianoman" would indulge the audience. "You can ask me about Christie..." Billy Joel said in stating the ground rules for the questions. "I don't mind, I don't know what happened, maybe you do" Billy Joel implored. Gossip, however, was not his intention for the program, music and teaching were his priorities.

The questions and answers ranged from a request for Joel to sing Happy Birthday, to advice for an amateur band. Billy Joel did not speak much of his family although this topic alone would have inspired an interesting talk. William Martin Joel was born in the Bronx, on May 9, 1949. His father, Howard, was born in Germany of Jewish decent. He was a survivor of Dachau, a Nazi death camp. The musician did not make mention of his heritage, though at one point referring to his trademark dark, sunken eyes, he said "I met family of mine from Europe and we all look like this."

Primarily, Joel shared with his audience of undivided attention the many inspirations in

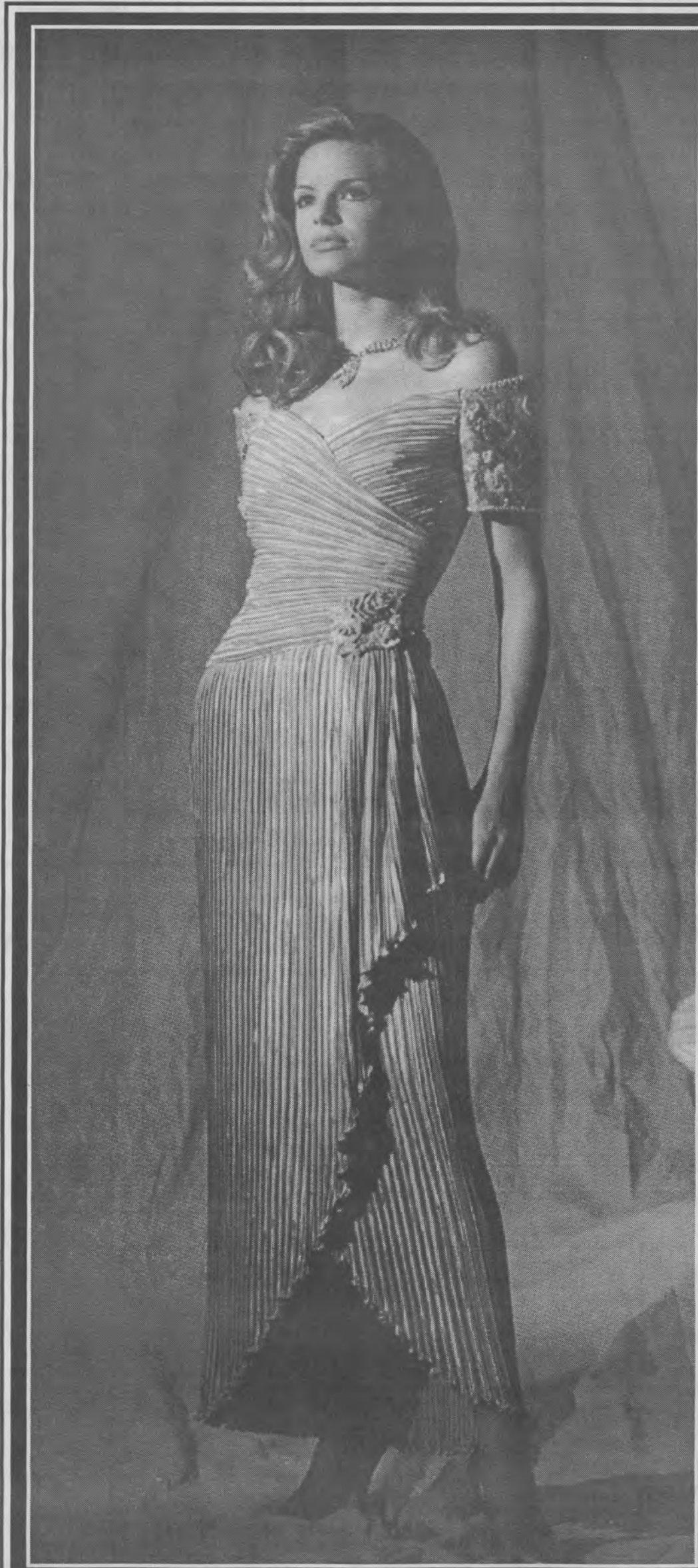
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"Say Good-bye To Hollywood..." and hello to Delaware. Photo by Rachel Saifer

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NEWS & COMMENTARY

A Glatt Of Kisses

BALTIMORE (April 19) — We've all heard of Hershey's Kisses, but how about Hershey's knishes?

For the first time since opening 89 years ago, Hersheypark will offer glatt kosher food at the popular vacation spot in Central Pennsylvania.

The Kosher Mart begins service May 12 at Hersheypark and will provide traditional theme park food — hot dogs, rotisserie chicken, chocolate chunk cookies and shoo-fly pie — for visitors who observe kashrut.

The booth will also sell potato and vegetable knishes, falafel, Israeli salad and pickle-on-a-stick. The booth is under the supervision of Rabbi Shaya Sackett of Degel Israel, an Orthodox congregation in Lancaster, Pa.



Protest at the White House. Demonstrators stage an anti-Israeli march. The demonstration was sparked by recent attacks by Israel on targets in Lebanon. RNS Photo Reuters.

Jordan Begins Flights To Israel

TEL AVIV, (JTA) — Royal Jordanian Airlines this week flew its first scheduled flight into Ben-Gurion Airport. In another step also taken Sunday toward full normalization of ties between Israel and Jordan, Israeli motorists were allowed to drive private vehicles across the Arava Terminal between Eilat and Aqaba.

Both steps were called for under the terms of the two countries' historic October 26, 1994, peace treaty.

The first day at the Arava terminal was sluggish, with motorists tending to turn back rather than pay a whopping \$200 fee for the bureaucratic and insurance arrangements required in order to cross the border.

The next normalization step, postponed until later this month, will be a frequent bus connection between Eilat and Aqaba. The fare: \$1.50.



On October 15-24, 1996, Michael Kadis will lead group of approximately 50 bikers on a JNF Motorcycle Rally beginning in Tel Aviv, running through Israel, on to Jordan, then by ferry across the Gulf of Aqaba into Egypt, to Mt. Sinai, through Taba, into Eilat, and finishing back in Jerusalem.

Israeli Air Force Trains In Turkey

JERUSALEM, April 16 (JTA) — Israeli jets have arrived in Turkey to begin training flights there under the terms of a military exchange accord signed in February by the two countries.

Israeli pilots had already begun training flights in Turkish air space, diplomatic sources said.

The sources said eight Israeli F-16 training jets and their crews arrived this week in Turkey, adding that the planes were unarmed and lacked any surveillance equipment.

Israel wanted its pilots to be able to train in Turkey, whose air space is less limited than the Jewish state's, according to the sources. In return, Israel said it would upgrade some 50 Turkish F-4 bombers under the terms of the pact.

Syria, Egypt and Iran have criticized the accord, describing it as a threat to regional stability.

Tikkun Olam Worn Proudly By Jews

By JOEL F. GLAZIER

Even if not every Israeli could correctly identify United States President Bill Clinton, perhaps all those old enough to read could identify two words of Mr. Clinton's. "Shalom Chaver" (Goodbye Friend), expressed our president on the night of November 4, 1995, when Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated.

Today in Israel, those poignant words decorate over 800,000 bumper stickers and buttons (in a country of only 5 million). Can you imagine any other U.S. President's words being so popularized in Israel?

While Israelis have never been known to take politics lightly, for many American Jews, beliefs have long found their way onto political and protest buttons, sometimes with a Jewish twist. In the 1960's and 1970's Jews could be counted often in various movements, working toward "tikkun olam", often without being conscious of it. To end the Vietnam War, to expand civil rights, to clean up the environment and a variety of other causes, Jewish activists kept alive the Biblical lessons of the prophets Micah ("to do justice and love goodness:) and Isaiah ("na-

tion shall not lift up sword against nations, neither shall they learn war anymore").

From the Vietnam War protests, many a design included "Shalom" on peace symbols. Jewish messages and supporters branched out into other areas. "Kulano Am Echad" (All One People) read an Earth Day pictorial badge in Hebrew and as news of 2



million brethren filtered out of the Soviet Union, the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry emblazoned pins with the challenge, "Are We The Jews of Silence?" Obviously NO was the historical answer as perhaps as many as one million marchers greeted Soviet Premier Gorbachev in December 1987, demanding freedom for Soviet Jews.

Social concerns never were far or

totally separate from foreign policy movements. "Anti-Semitism and Racism" were often tagged together as one evil. That same concern to fight such hate continues today. Buttons and marchers sprouted on behalf of Holocaust "rescuer" Raoul Wallenberg and currently, "Free Poland Now" decorates lapels where once political prisoners' and Prisoners of Zion names appeared.

While causes in the U.S. change, "Shalom Chaver" has spurred a cottage industry in Israel with political and lobbying groups now churning out phrased stickers and buttons by the thousands. (Right wing folk even display "This is NOT Shalom, Chaver" stickers.)

With a proud history of peaceful protest, Jews this month may have remembered the oft used "Let My People Go" as seder participants again retold the story of The Exodus. While Soviet and Ethiopian Jewry movements have used this partial plea of Moses to Pharaoh, one wonders if there were any sympathetic friends (chaverim) in Egypt who felt slavery and oppression were wrong, and took up the liberation cause.

Perhaps in the desert, 3300 years ago, the Children of Israel also were instilled with an attitude of "tikkun olam"—perfecting the world—an idea which modern Jews take no shame with, whether wearing it on a lapel, car bumper or physical protest.

President Weizman's Independence Day Message

On the eve of the Sabbath, the 5th Iyar 5708, the 14th May 1948, the State of Israel was declared and her Scroll of Independence was signed. In it, among other things, is stated: "The Holocaust which recently devastated the Jewish people and during which millions of Jews in Europe were massacred, once again, clearly proved the necessity of independence and a homeland for the Jewish people by the establishment of its own country in Israel whose gates will be open to every Jew."

What followed is known. The idea of "helplessness" was wiped out forever from the thousand years of history of the Jewish people. Never again!

The State of Israel, which in a week will celebrate its 48th anniversary, is a strong country with many wonderful achievements in almost all fields. Few countries in the world

have accomplished so much in so short a period. The Israel Defence Forces are the best in the world. They and our other security agencies give the State its strength, a major factor in convincing the wiser amongst our neighbors to cease their enmity and accept the road to peace.

but the road to true peace with all our enemies is still long and full of dangers. There are still extremist elements, eaten by deep-rooted hatred, who wish to kill Jews only by virtue of their being such. They choose not to remember the heavy price paid for the evil and crime committed 48 years ago. But it appears that no lesson was learnt, perhaps because fanaticism, jealousy and hatred blind the senses.

However, now, during these very days, the murderers and their supporters, are being made aware that there is a limit to patience and that

suffering will be their lot too. Those who reject our offer for peace will feel the long arm of the Israel Defence Forces. Those who proudly boasted in Beirut, and caused the inhabitants of Kiryat who proudly boasted in Beirut, and caused the inhabitants of Kiryat Shemona to enter shelters, are now themselves seeking shelter. Those who still maintain that Jewish blood can be shed with impunity, forget that what was, will not be again, because the Jewish nation is a free one in its own homeland, a strong nation which defends itself.

And finally, during the week between Holocaust Memorial Day, the Memorial Day for Israel's Fallen and Yom Haatzmaut I again turn to you, our brethren, in the Diaspora with a call from a warm and loving heart and from a country whose gates are open to you: "Rise up and come to Israel, and the words of the prophet Isaiah will be fulfilled in you: And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away."

Summer In Israel For Singles

Manhattan career placement specialist Jeff Polsky reads the **Jerusalem Post** while floating on the Dead Sea.

May 1986 was the very first *Israel Encounter* - National Young Professionals Tour. A decade and more than 500 participants later, *Israel Encounter* has set its 1996 touring schedule with three Summer options for active Singles to sizzle on the beaches, celebrate "Jerusalem 3000" with a full week in Jerusalem, and extensively explore Israel.

May 22 is the first 1996 departure which will celebrate 10 years of young adult touring of Israel by Young Jewish Leadership Concepts (YJLC), the Langhorne, Pennsylvania based non-profit young professionals organization that coordinates the Israel tours. The other two Summer tours begin on July 4 and August 15.

For more information contact *Israel Encounter* at P.O. Box 313, Langhorne, PA, 19047; or call (800) 223-YJLC.



Manhattan career placement specialist Jeff Polsky reads the **Jerusalem Post** in the Dead Sea.

EDITORIAL

Leadership And Abraham

No, not the Biblical Abraham but, "The Great Emancipator" Abraham Lincoln. As one browses "the stacks" at a library it is remarkable how many books have been written about our Civil War President and the books keep coming. Several years ago Donald Phillips wrote a best selling management skills book, *Lincoln on Leadership*, which discussed the leadership qualities of Mr. Lincoln and their applications to the business environment. These principles are not limited to commerce or industry but to everyday life and relationships with one another. Lincoln practiced persuasion not coercion in his relationship with people. Dictatorship, forced coercion - all were characteristics of despots, tyrants and oppressors in Lincoln's view. All violated a basic sense of common decency. Honesty and integrity was a quality that made Lincoln a great leader: "Lincoln was just as honest as he was purported to be, if not more so. Without question honesty is one of the major qualities that made him a great leader", writes Mr. Phillips. Lin-

coln believed in preaching a vision and continually reaffirming that vision. "He provided exactly what the country needed at the precise moment in time; a clear, concise, statement of the nation—He provided grass roots leadership".

The Jewish Community of Delaware has been fortunate the past three years with a leader with the leadership qualities, vision, dedication and humanism of Abraham Lincoln. Toni Young has brought to our community a sense of our history and tradition of caring for our fellow citizens. Because of her love and commitment to the Jewish Community, Toni, with boundless energy, has made a great personal sacrifice these past years, always giving 200%. Above all she was consistently fair and honorable, and touched everyone with her warmth, smile and dignity. During a recent surprise birthday party for Toni at the JFD offices, each member of the staff had an opportunity to extend personal greetings on video, the common thread in each of these

greetings was "Toni we love you", and indeed we do!

There is a tradition in most Synagogues that when a person steps down from the bimah after being called to the Torah or other ritual honor they would be greeted by their fellow congregants with the Hebrew words *Yasher Kochachem*.

Koach which is loosely translated as "more strength" to you. As the annual meeting of the Jewish Federation of Delaware approaches and Toni Young, various Committee Chairpersons, Officers and Board Members "step down" from their offices we offer to all of them our sincere thanks and a hearty *Yasher Kochachem*.

With much gratitude we salute the "out-going" leaders of the Jewish community who have served with great loyalty to the Jewish Federation of Delaware as Chairpersons or Board Members. We thank them and wish them a hearty "Yasher Kochachem"!

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Yom Hashoah Thoughts...

Dear Editor:

The latest issue (4/12/96) of The Jewish Voice understandably omitted listing "Visiting The Past," David Lee Preston's moving documentary, from the paper's *What's On TV* column. The Voice, a responsible publication, explained in a boxed notice (p.23) that the last two days of Pesach necessitated some delay in the paper's production schedule. Otherwise the Preston video, which we saw 4/14/96, on PBS would most assuredly have been listed. Of the several PBS videos dealing with the Shoah commemorations David's documentary was for us the most affecting because Halina Wind Preston's name and work was familiar to us during our decade-long residence in the Wilmington area. Membership in two of the area's Shuls brought us in contact with Holocaust survivors who knew of Halina Preston's achievements in promoting Holocaust education. Though many of those survivors are no longer with us their reminiscences linger in the minds of those who chose to listen.

Of those who were able to speak of their brutal experiences (there were those who could not or would not retrieve such searing memo-

ries) Halina Wind Preston's name was mentioned with respect and admiration.

After her death George Preston's eulogy at AKSE was an inspired tribute to the courageous mission-driven women who had been his wife.

Though we never met her personally nevertheless she was for many people who knew her only by reputation a tangible presence because she transformed the adversities of her life into a constructive forum of teaching and understanding. As founder of the Delaware Holocaust Education Committee together with her efforts in bringing to fruition its Garden of Righteous Christians her years of teaching and speaking brought her recognition beyond the boundaries of Delaware.

Her son's documentary should be shown at the JCC, the Gratz Hebrew High School where she taught and hopefully again on PBS.

A review of "Visiting the Past" that appeared in The Inquirer claims that the video footage is sometimes 'awkward.' For this viewer it was this very aspect, the allegedly 'awkward' footage that lent the work an extra dimension. The intensity of its pain was made bearable by this unintentional touch, a presentation made more humane by this very human flaw.

Sincerely yours,
Rosalind Shor

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OPINION

Jerusalem 3000 - Keystone To A Middle East Peace

By ARNOLD KNEITEL

Solve the status of Jerusalem and you will go a long way toward ending the Middle East dilemma as it affects Arabs and Jews.

That was the premise I gave to my class of seniors at the Academy of Lifelong Learning. Starting last September I told them that they've got just 12 weeks to come up with a solution. Actually over 50 solutions have been presented by political leaders and scholars from Christian, Moslem and Jewish camps. The problem is that not one of them satisfies everyone. In its most basic form three questions need to be addressed ...

Whose Jerusalem was it?

Whose Jerusalem is it now?

Whose Jerusalem should it be in the future?

The first question can be answered simply by saying, "It belonged, at one time or another, to everybody." Starting with King David's capture of a remote Jebusite village some 3,000 years ago, it remained in Jewish hands for about 1,000 years (excluding a 47 year period following the destruction of the first temple.) Then the Greeks captured the city followed by the Romans for a few hundred years followed by their conversion to Christianity for another three hundred years followed by the Arab conquest followed by the Christian reconquest for one hundred years

followed again by the Arabs, then Egyptian Mameluks, then the Turks for 400 years, then the British, then partially in the hands of Israelis in 1948 with the formation of the State of Israel. You get the idea!

Whose Jerusalem is it today? The entire city is currently in Israeli hands since the reunification in 1967. Despite the occasional outbreaks regarding rental and ownership rights in the Old City much of Jerusalem remains calm though apprehensive about future terrorist bombings. Some of this calm may be attributed to a vote in the US Senate from an unexpected source, Foreign Relations Chairman, Senator Jesse Helms who pushed through by an almost unanimous voice vote on a series of three amendments as requisites for a PLO funding bill namely ... change the wording in the PLO charter that calls for the destruction of the State of Israel, demonstrate a concerted effort to rid the newly acquired PLO lands of terrorists and close down all quasi-political PLO offices in East Jerusalem. May 7th is the current target date by which Arafat must comply or lose US funding.

If these measures are implemented the question of whose Jerusalem may be quickly resolved. But will it? Three proposed solutions ... do nothing, await the Messiah, internation-

alize the city ... have been rejected out of hand. The Arabs are very persistent and are pushing again for a divided city promising to behave this time. It will take the wisdom of a Solomon to convince Arab leaders to give up on that solution. Remember when Solomon faced a similar problem in Whose Baby Is It? The deceitful mother said cut the baby in half while the true mother said, "Let the baby live. Give it to that woman!" You know the outcome in that case.

Fortunately, dividing a modern city is no longer an option. What do you do about water supplies, sewage systems, electricity, security and other municipal services? And can the PLO be trusted with the administration of their religious sites. When they were exclusively in Arab hands from 1948 to 1967 no provision was made for Jews and Christians or even Israeli Arabs to visit or pray at these sites. The treatment by our "cousins" was so abysmal that no fair-minded individual would tolerate that condition to be repeated.

The history of Jerusalem is much too complex to be covered in a few hundred words or even in the four-day Elderhostel held recently on the subject in the Wilmington JCC. I was asked whether there will be peace in Israel and whether Peres will win the election. I



answered, "Yes, peace will be assured only when the Messiah arrives in my grandchildren's grandchildren's time. We have no choice but to continue as we are." And as for Peres, "Tell me how many suicide bombings to expect between now and May 29 and I'll give you an answer." But for the majority of us Jews who pray, "Ki mitzion tezeh Torah udevar Adonai mi Yerushalim ... for out of Zion shall go the Torah and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem." We know what the future holds. Stay tuned ...

The Rabbi Writes:

A Precursor Of The Messianic Days

By Rabbi LEONARD B. GEWIRTZ

The Faith in the Messianic Age is a fundamental doctrine of Judaism. It is one of the basic principles of the Jewish Religion. Maimonides in the 12th century lists the faith in the coming of the Messiah as the 12th principle of Faith. He codified this doctrine in these words:

"I believe with perfect faith in the coming of the Messiah; and though he may tarry, I will wait daily for his coming."



The Men of the Great Synagogue in the 4th century B.C.E. composed the liturgy of the 18 benedictions, which is recited three times daily in the Morning, Afternoon and Evening Services. Among these 18 benedictions, the 10th, the 14th and the 15th beseech G-D for the Messiah.

In the 10th benediction, we pray:

"Sound the great *Shofar* for our freedom; gather thy children from the four corners of the earth; bless the dispersed of thy People Israel."

In the 14th benediction, we pray:

"Return in mercy thy children to thy holy city of Jerusalem; Speedily set up therein the throne of David, O G-d, who rebuildest Jerusalem."

In the 15th benediction we pray:

"Speedily cause thy servant, David to lift up his glory, because we wait for thy salvation all day. O G-d, cause thy salvation to flourish and send us the Messiah, son of David."

However, most of the prayers, which seek G-d to open our hearts to Him, to His Torah, to the righteous way, also mention G-d sending of the Messiah.

All these centuries since the destruction of the Temple by the Roman invaders, the prayer for the Messiah was a cardinal principle of Faith.

It is remarkable that the people never lost this faith. Even in times of persecution, when some people lost faith, the majority of the people only felt their faith tested and strengthened.

There was a fundamental experience for the people, which occurred every Sabbath, that strengthened their Messianic Faith.

The people, three times every Sabbath in their Grace after meals, in thankfulness for the food and meal they ate at the Sabbath Table, prayed:

"May the all-merciful G-d let us inherit the day which shall be ONLY SABBATH every day to have Sabbath rest in life everlasting."

This prayer to have Sabbath every day of the week, was a request for the Messianic Time in our day.

On the Sabbath day, when even G-d rested as the 4th commandment says: "The Lord made heaven and earth ... and rested on the Seventh Day." The Sabbath Day was holy.

On that day, the religious person put aside all the work and worries, and lived like an angel before G-d with his family. The day was

spent in prayer, with good Sabbath food, study of Torah, in an environment of love between husband and wife, parents and children. The spirit of holiness hovered like a holy cloud over the family.

To describe this annual spiritual feeling, the Talmud came forth with the doctrine of the *Neshama Yetairah* of a second soul, which inhabited the consciousness of the person, and then departed from the person, after the Sabbath. Each religious person possessed a second — Sabbath — soul.

It was this spiritual sensitivity that made the person feel the Sabbath as a foretaste, a precursor, of the Messianic Time.

In this mundane world, you experience the Sabbath only one day a week. In the days of the Messiah, it will be "Yom Shekulo Shabbat"; it will be Sabbath seven days a week.

It was the Sabbath Day that convinced the religious person in the *immanence*, the immediate coming of the Messiah, MAMOSH. The Sabbath was a foretaste of the Messianic Days.

The Sabbath was real; the Messianic Days will be like the Sabbath. Hence the Messianic Time is also real. It was the Sabbath Day that proved the Reality of the Messianic Days.

Fighting

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Washington, D.C., "We, as Jews and Israelis, are strong enough and obligated to say it was a tragedy." "It wasn't our purpose to kill children. We are very sorry," Weiss told a meeting of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations in New York. "It was a tragedy, it was a terrible mistake." But at the same time, he defended every Israeli government's "basic and elemental responsibility to defend" its citizens. Itamar Rabinovich, Israeli ambassador to the United States,

said nothing mitigated "the loss of innocent lives." But, he said, the incident would not have occurred had Syria and Lebanon responded sooner to the proposal for a ceasefire.

"This operation could have been brought to an end three days ago," he said during a conference call to the Conference of Presidents. When asked about the impact of the attack on Arab-Israeli relations, Rabinovich said the incident was "being used by critics of the peace process in the Arab world to embarrass those who've moved toward normalization."

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Community Yom Hashoah

By **MARVIN CYTRON**
Acting Editor of
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A diverse and solemn audience filled the City/County Chambers in Wilmington on Tuesday, April 16 to commemorate the Holocaust Day of Remembrance. Young and old, Jew and non-Jew, African American and white joined together to remember the six million Jews and innumerable others slaughtered by the Nazis over fifty years ago. Referring to the Holocaust "as the greatest abomination of all time" Delaware's Governor Carper signed a proclamation declaring the day as an official day of the State. He presented signing pens to the youngest members of the audience stating that it will be the youth of today that must carry the lessons of the Holocaust for future genera-

tions to have the faith and resolve that such atrocities must never happen again. New Castle County Executive Dennis Greenhouse, recalling eighteen members of his family that perished in the Holocaust, reminded those assembled that the world must "never forget and never repeat" the horrors of the Holocaust. Messages from U.S. Senators Joseph Biden and Bill Roth, U.S. House of Representative Mike Castle and Wilmington Mayor James Sills were read by this years Planning Committee Chairperson, Constance Kreshtool.

Wilmington Friends School Chamber Singers, under the direction of Franklin Coleman, presented a selection of Hebrew musical selections concluding with Oseh Shalom: "May He who establish peace in the heavens, grant peace unto all."

The keynote address was given by David Lee Preston, Philadelphia Inquirer staff writer and son of Holocaust survivors George and the late Helena Wind Preston. Mr. Preston recalled a recent trip that he and his

wife made to the Ukraine and to the little town that his mother left as a youth in 1942 as she fled from the Nazis from an area that was then part of Poland. The town today has no Jews. He returned to his mothers house and the basement where she hid for a period of time and visited what was then the Synagogue of the town and today is a factory. He met an old man in this town who showed him a clock that Mr. Preston's grandfather had made so many years ago, causing Mr. Preston to wonder how that man came to possess that clock.

While often referred to as the "second generation" of holocaust survivors, Mr. Preston emphasized that he is a "First" generation of those that were "cut off from grandparents, aunts, uncles, and other family members" because of the holocaust, and that his generation must struggle to create the beauty of Jewish life that once flourished in Europe. Referring to the Holocaust Memorial, by Elbert Weinberg, in nearby Freedom Square that his mother helped dedicate in 1979, Mr.




Wilmington Friends School Chamber Singers perform at Yom HaShoah ceremony.

Preston stated that the message of the Holocaust is "remember and learn from the past" and "strive for a world of love and tolerance."

Following his speech, the standing room crowd encircled the Holocaust Memorial in Freedom Square and in a cold gray spring day recited the Kaddish. Standing on a small wall that encircles the plaza a young mother, whose parents were Holo-

caust survivors, held her 4 year old daughter, perhaps this day a little closer and tighter, and many in the audience while reciting the Kaddish, their eyes on the child, seemed to say "never again."

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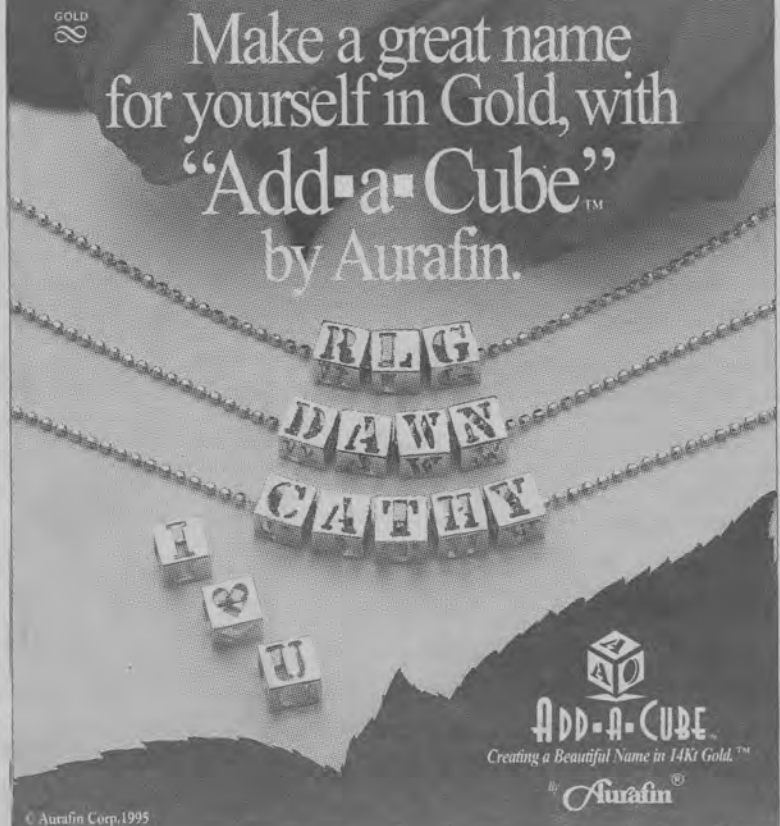
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From Intern to Editor: Jordan Sopinsky Named Editor of *The Jewish Voice*



Jordan Sopinsky
By RACHEL E. SAIFER
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Beginning May 1st, the Jewish Federation of Delaware will welcome Jordan Sopinsky as Editor of *The Jewish Voice*. Jordan graduated from the University of Delaware in 1994. As an English major with a Jewish Studies minor, Jordan is anxious to apply his skills as Editor of *The Jewish Voice*.

During his final year at the University of Delaware, Jordan served as an intern for *The Jewish Voice* with former Editor Dan Weintraub. "I am thankful to Dan for having given me the opportunity to learn under him," said Jordan.

Since graduating, Jordan was ac-

cepted as a Fellow for The Jewish Campus Service Corps. The year long Fellowship involved him working at Syracuse University Hillel. This past year provided Jordan with even more experiences he will apply in working with the Delaware Jewish community.

Jordan is originally from the Philadelphia area. Jordan's mother, Lucille (Glick) Sopinsky was born and raised in Wilmington. His grandmother, Lee Glick is a resident of the Ingleside Home.

"I am very excited that I have the opportunity to play a role in helping keep Delaware's Jewish community informed as Jewish citizens," Jordan said.

"*The Jewish Voice* is a widely read newspaper and there are many opportunities for Jordan to develop interest in the paper and ultimately draw the community together" said Constance Kreshtool, current Editorial Committee member, and incoming Editorial Committee Chair.

"Jordan has the keen curiosity needed for any good journalist," said Dan Weintraub who is now the Director of JCRC and the Publisher's Representative to *The Jewish Voice*.

"The Delaware Jewish community is fortunate to have Jordan take over our newspaper at this time. He has great interest in all matters Jewish,"

Weintraub added. "I think people will find Jordan to be both likable and capable. As an intern for *The Jewish Voice* he went over and above the call of deadlines," Weintraub said.

Since January of this year Marvin

Cytron, as Acting Editor of *The Jewish Voice* and Rachel Saifer, Assistant Editor of *The Jewish Voice*, have worked together to put out the newspaper. Saifer will work with Sopinsky through the month of May.

"During his internship at Federation and as a Jewish activist on campus, Jordan's commitment to the Jewish community and insights local, national, and international events became evident," said Judy Wortman, Executive Vice President of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. "I was delighted to provide him the opportunity to serve Delaware as Editor of *The Jewish Voice*."

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By **DAN WEINTRAUB**
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of Delaware conducted a community memorial for Yom HaShoah on the evening of April 15, at Congregation Beth Emeth. Rabbi Sanford

Dresin, President of the Rabbinical Association of Delaware and spiritual leader of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, led off the evening with opening remarks. Mrs. Judy Wortman, Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Delaware read the Act of Knesset which established the observance of Yom HaShoah. Under the direction of Rabbi Peter H. Grumbacher, spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Emeth, second and third generation family members of survivors lit candles. Among those who lit such candles were the families of Myrna Ryder, Jack Blumenfeld, Gordon Honig, Robin Karol-Eng and Rabbi Peter Grumbacher.

Sixth graders at Albert Einstein Academy conducted what was described as a "Service of Memorial and Hope." These students who read, prayed and sang were Rachel Blumenfeld, Elana Caplan, Svetlana Kogan, Rebecca Neipris and Elana Romirowsky.

The evening also featured songs of the partisans and Ani Ma'amin by the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Choral Group and the Congregation. Rabbi Grumbacher introduced the speaker Rabbi Gustav Buchdal of Temple Emanuel in Baltimore, Maryland. Buchdal had participated in events of the Delaware Jewish community on a few earlier occasions Grumbacher noted. Buchdal spoke movingly on the topic of The Transformation of Tragedy.

Cantor Daniel Leeman of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth performed the

Counting of the Omer. Rabbi Laurence P. Malinger, the Assistant Rabbi and Educational Director at Congregation Beth Emeth, led the Aleinu, Introduction to Eli Malei

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Natalie Voskresenski

By **MARVIN CYTRON**
Acting Editor of The Jewish Voice

Natalie Voskresenski has recently been appointed as Assistant Bookkeeper to The Jewish Federation of Delaware. Natalie and her husband, Alex, came to this country four months ago from Moscow. Having lived in a bustling city such as Moscow, Natalie and Alex wanted to re-

side in a smaller community and with the assistance and guidance from HIAS have decided to make Wilmington their home. Natalie attended the Moscow Technical University majoring in Engineering and for a period of time worked for the Russia Tourism Agency travelling to Spain, Holland, Israel, United Arab Emirates and this country. Her husband, Alex is currently enhancing his English language skills and with computer operator and clerical skills background is seeking employment.

Middle East Peace Process Forum

The Delaware Chapter of People To People International is sponsoring a forum on the Middle East peace process, Monday, May 20. The forum will feature Ahmed El Sayed, Ambassador of Egypt to the U.S., Faye A. Tarawneh, Ambassador of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the U.S., Shlomo Gur, Minister-Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Israel, Hasan Abdel Rahman, Chief PLO Representative in Washington, and David Satterfield, Director for Near Eastern & South Asia Affairs National Security Council, The White House. Mr. Satterfield

will deliver the keynote address of the Forum which begins at 12:00 noon in the Gold Ballroom of the Hotel DuPont, Wilmington.

Registration is \$30 and includes lunch, reservations can be made by writing: Forum on the Middle East, 121 Stature Drive, Newark, De. 19713, checks should be made payable to PTP, RSVP by Wednesday, May 15, 1996. Group tables are available to corporations and civic organizations. Additional information can be obtained by contacting Carl R. Hutter 302/475-9231, or Kathleen M. Meyer 302/764-6654.

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Cafe Tamar at AKSE

Cafe Tamar celebrates *Jerusalem 3000* in an exciting program of Israeli music and dance on Monday evening, May 27 in the AKSE Social Hall. This year's program entitled, *Rejoice With Jerusalem!* will feature the AKSE choral group and four dance groups in the congregation. Soloists are Cindy Goldstein, Linda Vodovis, Sam Romirowsky and Cantor Daniel Leeman. Songs in Hebrew, Yiddish and English will be presented by The Choral Group

directed by Faith Brown and accompanied by Sarah Berman and the Tamar Musicians. The dance group is led by Faith and Lou Brown with Harriet Ainbinder. Harokdim, the teenage dancers are directed by Harriet Ainbinder and the two youngest groups are led by Melinda Weinstein. Narrator for the evening will be Joel Tenanbaum. Tickets are available from the performers and at the synagogue office, 762-2705. Adults \$8, and children under 12,



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Professor Klaff Speaks On Jewish Identity

On Sunday, May 19, 1996, the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth (A.K.S.E.) Men's Club will feature Professor Vivian Klaff, Sociology & Criminal Justice Dept., University of Delaware, who has been invited to address the issue of Jewish Identity and Continuity in the United States, according to Robert S. Weiner, President of the A.K.S.E. Men's Club.

Professor Klaff is well known as an expert in this area and will be presenting a surprisingly upbeat report on this subject. Professor Klaff, a native of South Africa, has been a popular speaker and lecturer both at the University of Delaware and in the Newark community where he resides with his family.

His discussion is entitled "TO BE OR NOT TO BE: THAT IS THE QUESTION (OF JEWISH CONTINUITY)". By the 1990's, evidence suggests that the Jewish population has overcome most, if not all, of the obstacles to entry into the mainstream culture. In the context of models of integration, the history of the Jewish people in the course of the 20th century reflects a somewhat paradoxical situation. On the one hand, the Jewish community has established an extensive and complex set of social and organizational institutions. On the other hand, individual families have worked energetically to adapt and integrate into the economic and cultural segments of the society.

Professor Klaff's presentation will focus on the events leading up to the crisis of identity facing the Jewish community in our country. The assimilation trend and group continuity will be reviewed from a number of different perspectives. Data from the National Jewish Population Survey will be used to illustrate various perspectives on Jewish continuity.

The A.K.S.E. Men's Club will also hold elections for new officers for the upcoming year.

The A.K.S.E. Men's Club Monthly Sunday Brunch is open to the public. Brunch is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. and the program is from 10:00-11:00 a.m. The cost is \$3.00 for brunch and the program. Reservations for non-members are suggested and can be made by contacting the A.K.S.E. office at 302-762-2705.

Beth Emeth Confirmation

This year there are 17 confirmands in the Beth Emeth Confirmation class. The confirmation service will take place on May 24, 1996. Friends and family are cordially invited to attend.

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Helen D. Lewis, daughter of Melanie and Jonathan Lewis; Michael J. Newman, son of Leslie and Jim Newman; Deborah E. Sands, daughter of Michele and Howard Sands; Joshua C. Schneider, son of Barbara Schneider and the late Jack Schneider;

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(Face to Face with JFS People)



Carol Saline To Speak In Wilmington

Carol Saline, author of the best selling photo/essay book *Sisters*, will be the featured speaker at the Kutz Home Auxiliary annual donor luncheon to be held at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 8, at the Brandywine Country Club,

Wilmington.

Ms. Saline will share some of her most memorable encounters as an award winning journalist and broadcaster. She has worked at Philadelphia Magazine since 1974 and is a long-time panelist on WPVI's Sunday public affairs program, "Inside Story." Her articles have appeared in many national magazines, including *Reader's Digest*, *Family Circle*, *Redbook* and *McCalls*.

The luncheon will benefit the residents of the Kutz Home, a long-term



Carol Saline

health care facility serving the needs of the elderly in Delaware. Cost categories for the event are \$150, \$75,

JFS Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Jewish Family Service will feature a dinner and tribute to Arnold Lieberman, Executive Director. It will be held on Tuesday evening, June 4, at 6:15 P.M. at the University and Whist Club in Wilmington.

The dinner is \$27.00 per person; Sponsor is \$50.00 per person; and Benefactor is \$100.00 per person. Please mark the date on your calendars, and send checks and reservation information to Jewish Family Service, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington, DE. 19803.

\$50 and \$45. Susan Sandler and Miriam Edell chair the luncheon committee that includes: Wendy Berkover, Paula Breen, Betty Diznoff, Micki Edelson, Barbara Garland, Faith Goldman, Susie Hefter, Ronna Hochman, Phyllis

Holtzman, Joy Honig, Susan Labowitz, Ellen Levin, Shelly Mand, Diane Newsom, Ethel Parsons, Arlene Simon, Louise Sloane, Bobbie Tomases and Diane Levin Widder. For more information, call 764-7000.

LATE BITS

MOSCOW — The bombing of a Jewish community center in the Russian city of Yaroslavl is suspected to be work of neo-Nazis.

BUENOS AIRES — An Argentine judge rules in favor of an admitted Nazi who refused to have a Jewish prosecutor handle a case involving her.

NEW YORK — German reparations paid to Shoah survivors living in California are now exempt from state income tax.

NEW YORK — A study of Jews in Alaska shows that life on the frontier may encourage a stronger Jewish identity.

JERUSALEM — Islamic militants in Egypt say the intended targets of last Thursdays' attack on tourists in Cairo were Israelis.

JERUSALEM — U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher continues his diplomatic dance with no clear progress in sight.

JERUSALEM — The Palestine National Council opens its session, with Yasser Arafat urging the body to amend portions of its covenant calling for the destruction of Israel.

NEW YORK — Poland's foreign minister attempts to explain his country's position on a mall across from Auschwitz.

MOSCOW — President Clinton meets with Jewish leaders in Moscow.

BONN — German intelligence agencies warn against Hezbollah attacks in Germany.

BONN — In what has become an annual tradition, several neo-Nazi groups clash with police as they celebrate Adolf Hitler's birthday.

WASHINGTON — The Senate Banking Committee opens hearings to investigate Swiss accounts that date back to World War II and contain Jewish assets.

WASHINGTON — New technology will make it possible for students in Israel and Jordan to view electronically next week's annual conference of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee.

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(Face to Face with JFD People)



Shalom Toni Young

By **MARVIN CYTRON**
Acting Editor of *The Jewish Voice*

Within a few weeks Toni Young will complete three years as President of The Jewish Federation of Delaware. In looking back, Toni described these years as "fulfilling, rewarding and a wonderful opportunity to meet so many people in our community". Toni identified two major challenges when she took office three years ago: The need for Jewish survival, especially among our youth, and to develop a more positive perception of the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

Apathy and indifference to the teachings and traditions of Judaism, especially among the youth from post Bar/Bat Mitzvah through college with the all too often result of intermarriage was of great concern

to Toni. "This issue is not unique or limited to our community, but exists throughout our country and many parts of the world" said Toni. A second important issue was to develop a more positive perception of JFD within the community. In this regard she identified a need to attract a more diverse nucleus of community leaders with particular emphasis on the younger generation.

Emphasizing the establishment of priorities, specific objectives and timetables, a number of initiatives were undertaken: Addressing the issue of intermarriage and youth apathy, an outreach program for intermarried couples was established, and a teen worker position was established to bring teens throughout the community together. Increased funding to the Einstein Academy, Gratz

and Hillel was of prime importance.

A major population study was commissioned to ascertain the Jewish demographics of the area. This study, now complete and in the final stages of analysis, will provide JFD a greater assessment of teens, singles, seniors, the unaffiliated etc. in our community. This data will provide the framework and guidance for effective uses of JFD resources, both financial and staffing, for the short term and the future.

The relocation of JFD to downtown Wilmington provided the opportunity for staff members and community leaders to be closer to the business, government and communication center of the area, and more accessible to the general population. The move from the Garden of Eden location by JFD provided additional and much needed space for the



Toni Young

Einstein Academy. This has contributed to increased enrollment at the academy as well as expanded educational facilities.

Teamwork and synergies between the JFD and Kutz Home Annual campaigns have proven mutually beneficial. Additionally, there has been three successful annual JFD Campaigns. During this time period the community has responded with increased contributions and more

contributors have participated each year.

In looking ahead, Toni envisions three significant issues for JFD: As a result of the survey, there will be a need to adjust and develop programs and initiatives to meet current and future needs. The need to get more people involved in the community is important; volunteers are needed in virtually every aspect of our community life, the future is our youth and we need to bring and nurture them into community involvement. The financial challenges are to support existing obligations and at the same time meet the needs of the future.

From a personal perspective, Toni will now have more time to devote to her role as a historian. She plans to complete her book on the history of the Wilmington Jewish Community with specific emphasis on the years 1879 to the 1920's. Toni will maintain close ties to JFD, inasmuch as she will continue as a board member.

"Toni's leadership has been exemplary. The Jewish Federation has been transformed under her administration," said Judy Wortman, V.P. of JFD. "She has been my mentor, my partner and friend, and I will always treasure the special relationship that I enjoy".

Shalom Leslie Newman

By **MARVIN CYTRON**
Acting Editor of *The Jewish Voice*

The Nominating Committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware has nominated Leslie Newman as President of JFD for the upcoming year, June 1996-May 1997. The annual meeting will be held on Thursday, May 9 at 7:30 p.m. at Congregation Beth Shalom. The entire community is invited to the meeting.

Leslie was born and raised on Long Island, N.Y., in a family environment that was involved in Synagogue and Jewish community life. A graduate of the State University of N.Y.(SUNY)-Buffalo (Education), Leslie taught third grade in the Buffalo city school system for several years. During this time she recognized the importance of stronger reading skills for her students and strengthened her teaching skills by

obtaining a Masters Degree in reading from SUNY. Her teaching career included assignments in New York, Connecticut, and Philadelphia. In 1980 Leslie and her Husband, Jim, moved to Wilmington where Jim practices today as a physician specializing in a Rheumatology. Their first son, Michael, was born shortly after their arriving in Wilmington.

In 1983 Leslie joined the board of Jewish Family Service (JFS) and in 1988 served as President of JFS. During this time period Russian emigre resettlement was of prime importance and during Leslie's administration strategic planning played a key role in meeting the needs of JFS. Leslie served on the board of JFS for 12 years.

In 1991 Leslie joined, what is now, the Family and Children's Services in Delaware and is currently the Director of Planning and Development.

In this role, Leslie has had the opportunity to interact with individuals and agencies within many levels of the community and is responsible for grants, special events and public relations for the organization.

Leslie's relationship with JFD goes back to 1989 when she joined the Executive Committee and was actively involved in the "Mission and Vision" concept beginning in 1990. This concept has been the catalyst for many of the existing programs and planning for JFD. As President elect, Leslie envisions the mission of JFD for the future to capitalize on the results of the recent survey, to augment existing programs and develop new initiatives. She has emphasized on the need to continue to build leadership within the community, and to encourage new ideas and smooth transition of leadership and membership of the various JFD com-

mittees. Of particular importance to Leslie will be the continuation of building positive relationships with the various agencies within the Jewish community. "I believe we need to view JFD leadership as a team effort with shared responsibility in the support of the varied aspects of community life" said Leslie.

"Leslie brings a wealth of knowledge and experience with her, both as a professional and a volunteer. Her contribution to Delaware's Jewish Community in her roles to Jewish Family Service and Co-chair of the Visions Committee and Community Planning and Allocation Committee have demonstrated her extraordinary leadership abilities," said Judy Wortman, Executive V.P. of the Jewish Federation.

Even with a busy professional and community service life Leslie finds time in her personal life for the arts with particular interest in professional ballet and fine art museums as well



Leslie Newman

as tennis. Recognizing the importance of parents as role models for their children, Leslie is active at Congregation Beth Emeth, loves to cook for her family, with family meals each evening an important part of family life. Leslie and her husband Jim have two sons, Michael, 15 and Craig, 11.



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New HSD Displays At JCC

The Jewish Historical Society of Delaware is sponsoring two new displays at the Jewish Community Center. During May and June the Wall Showcase will feature "INFORMATION, NEWS & MORE..." This display will include items from the JHSD Archives that illustrate how we have communicated over the past 100



years and the variety of ways we share information in our Jewish Community.

During the month of June the Standing Showcase will feature a small display titled, "GENEALOGY RESOURCES AT THE JHSD." It will contain a variety of items used in genealogical research that are found in our Archives. Be sure to stop by and view both of these new displays!!



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Lots of Matzah. Hillel students enjoy kosher for Passover meals for the entire Pesach holiday at the Abe and Pearl Kristol Hillel student center building at the University of Delaware.

Women's Seder

By MICHELE SANDS

On Sunday, April 7 the fourth annual Women's Seder was shared by 26 women at the Jewish Community Center. For those who have participated every year, the seder has become a special Passover tradition. Women attending this seder for the first time experienced Pesach in a new way: they added some of their wine to the Cup of Miriam; read about many women who were an important part of Jewish History, discussed modern day plagues as well as the ones suffered in Egypt; and found an orange on the seder plate.

The seder was conducted by Dorothy Flippen, with songs led by Faith Brown. Both women are members of the Judaism and Feminism group that wrote and compiled their own hagaddah for the first Women's Seder in 1993. The group is sponsored by Jewish Family Service of Delaware under the leadership of Myrna Ryder.

In developing a special seder and hagaddah for women, group members recognized that both men and women are empowered to celebrate and express themselves as part of the seder ritual and to ask new questions. Reflecting this point of view, the women's hagaddah includes the



Standing Left to Right: Lee Kane, Linda Trinidad, son and daughter of Alan and Jackie Kanofsky standing behind their parents at their 50th Anniversary celebration at the Kutz Home.

statement attributed to Rabban Gamaliel - "In every generation man must so regard himself ..." - but also the following statement: "In every generation each individual woman and man is bound to regard herself or himself as if she or he personally had gone forth from Egypt, and should impart this account to her or his children."

And the orange on the seder plate? It was put there as the answer to the man who once challenged the Jewish scholar and feminist, Susannah Heschel when he said, "A woman belongs on the bimah (and) in the rabbinate as much as an orange belongs on the seder plate."

Anniversary At The Kutz Home

In honor of their parents' 50th Anniversary, the children of Alan and Jacqueline Kanofsky organized an elegant and joyful celebration at the Milton & Hattie Kutz Home. Linda Trinidad, Lee Kane and Steven Kanofsky (a California resident who was unable to attend) planned the party with Milton Boddie, the Kutz Home's Dietary Director.

Fifteen relatives and friends from four states gathered in the Kutz Home dining room on February 24th for an evening of good food and great company. The meal began with cocktails and proceeded to the flower bedecked and well-appointed table.

It was a warm and happy occasion with several family members making beautiful and loving "toasts" to the devoted couple. Alan has been a resident of the Kutz Home for seven years and Jackie a very frequent and caring visitor.

Milton Boddie and his staff have catered several successful parties for residents and family members over the past two years.



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RAD Honors Local DJ



Rabbi Gewirtz (L), Bill Horleman and Marlene Horleman

By MARVIN CYTRON
Acting Editor of
The Jewish Voice

The Rabbinical Association of Delaware recently honored local radio personality Bill Horleman on the occasion of his retirement from radio station WDEL. For 36 years Bill was the announcer and introduced "The Rabbi Speaks" program each week on Wilmington's WDEL. The radio program which was started by Rabbi Gewirtz in 1947, featuring a member of the Rabbinical Association, is broadcast on WDEL (1150AM) each Sunday morning at 9:05. Bill has been the Religious Editor of WDEL

for a number of years. Initially the program was broadcast "live" but then moved to taped programming in later years. During the luncheon

in honor of Bill and his wife, Marlene, Rabbi Grumbacher laughingly recalled one episode during one of his taped programs when a "technical difficulty" developed and a commercial for a Playhouse performance of Dracula was inserted by mistake, no doubt startling some listeners.

Rabbi Gewirtz presented a certificate to Bill on behalf of the RAD noting that 36 years has special meaning in Jewish tradition as double "Chai". Bill and his wife Marlene reside in the Brandywine 100 area and they look forward to more time together, especially Bill not having to get up before dawn for morning broadcasts, and enjoying life. Yes, Bill does listen to the radio in his free time but mostly to, as he calls it, "old oldies" music of the 40's.



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Achille Lauro Terrorist Arrives In Gaza

By NAOMI SEGAL

JERUSALEM, April 22 (JTA) — Seventeen years after Palestinian terrorists broke into her Nahariya home and murdered her family, Smadar Haran dismissed an apology offered this week by the Palestinian who masterminded the attack.

At the same time, Haran said she did not oppose Abul Abbas' entry into the Gaza Strip to attend a meeting of the Palestine National Council. She said she hopes that his presence at the meeting would serve the interests of peace. "Being sorry won't bring back the people who died," Haran told Israel Radio. "But if he's sorry, I want to see him signing the new manifesto" that would revoke those

portions of the PNC's charter calling for Israel's destruction.

Abbas, whose real name is Mohammed Abbas, entered Gaza on Monday via the Rafah Crossing from Egypt to attend the PNC meeting. He was one of several terrorists allowed by Israel to return from exile to the territories to participate in the PNC session.

Abbas, who heads the Palestine Liberation Front, has been in hiding since an Italian court convicted him in absentia to life imprisonment for masterminding the 1985 hijacking of the Achille Lauro cruise ship. During the three-day hijacking, Palestinian terrorists shot Leon Klinghoffer, a wheelchair-bound American Jew, and threw his

body overboard.

Abbas, who was a member of the Palestine Liberation Organization's Executive Committee at the time of the hijacking, proved to be an embarrassment to his mentor, PLO leader Yasser Arafat, who has disassociated himself from the Achille Lauro incident. In interviews Monday, Abbas said he was sorry about the Achille Lauro hijacking, which he described as "a mistake."

"There were no orders to kill civilians," he added. He also said it was time to forget the past.

"We are in a new stage, the era of peace, and we should all, Israelis and Palestinians, start a new chapter," Abbas told reporters.



Prime Minister Shimon Peres and Secretary of State Warren Christopher shake hands during meetings concerning a cease fire in Lebanon between the Israelis and the Hezbollah. RNS Photo Reuters.

Brando's Televised Anti-Semitic Remarks

By TOM TUGEND

LOS ANGELES, (JTA) — Jewish organizations have responded with shock and anger to a television interview, in which actor Marlon Brando attacked Jews in the entertainment industry.

Appearing on CNN's "Larry King Live" show, aired from Los Angeles last Friday evening, Brando said that Jews, who "run" and "own" the entertainment industry, "should have greater sensitivity about the issue of people who are suffering because they've [been] exploited."

"We have seen the nigger, we have seen the greaseball, we have seen the chink, the slit-eyed Jap," said Brando, "but we never saw the kike, because they knew perfectly well that's where you draw the wagons around."

During the hour-long program, King, who is Jewish, warned the actor that he was playing into the hands of anti-Semites. Brando responded by saying that "I will be the first one who will praise the Jews, and say,

'Thank God for the Jews.'" During the rambling and occasionally incoherent interview, King tried to steer the conversation to other topics, but Brando kept returning to his charges against Jews. At one point, the actor extended a finger toward King in an obscene gesture.

In a statement, Abraham H. Foxman, national director of the Anti-Defamation League, called Brando's remarks "outrageous and offensive," adding that they "raise the centuries-old canard of Jewish control and conspiracy."

Phil Baum, executive director of the American Jewish Congress, deplored Brando's statements. By "wildly accusing Jews of permitting racist stereotypes to flourish in Hollywood, he is engaging in gross stereotyping himself," Baum said.

Rabbi Marvin Hier, dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, said in an interview that Brando is "is not basically an anti-Semite." But to say that "Jews own and run the film studios and television networks is sim-

ply not factual," Hier added.

The militant Jewish Defense League came out with the fiercest attack on Brando, promising to make the rest of his life "a living hell." Irv Rubin, JDL's national chairman, said in an interview that his organization would picket Brando's Los Angeles home and screenings of his upcoming movie, "The Island of Doctor Moreau," and would demand that the actor's star be removed from the Hollywood Walk of Fame. Rubin denied that the JDL had plastered a black swastika, discovered Monday morning, on Brando's star, saying "We don't deal in swastikas."

Spokesmen for Brando and King did not respond to repeated requests for comments.

Among Brando's defenders was Jay Kanter, Brando's longtime agent, producer and friend since 1948. "Marlon has spoken to me for hours about his fondness for the Jewish people, and he is a well-known supporter of Israel," Kanter told Daily Variety columnist Army Archerd. In one of his earliest stage appearances, Brando had a role in Ben Hecht's 1946 salute to Israel, "A Flag Is Born."

quired by the arithmetic of reprisal.

The mass execution is considered Italy's worst World War II atrocity, and the Ardeatine Caves are a national shrine. Most of the victims were anti-fascist prisoners taken from Nazi-run Roman jails, but others were rounded up from their homes or on the streets.

The victims were trucked to the Ardeatine Caves, where they were led inside in groups of five with their hands tied behind their backs. There they were shot in the back of the neck. Many had to kneel on the bodies of those killed before them.

Priebke has admitted to drawing up a list of victims, checking them off at the caves and personally shooting two people. But he has defended his actions, saying he was following orders.

He told the court last week that killing the civilians had been a legitimate reprisal for the partisan attack. Priebke also said blame for the massacre should rest with the partisans who carried out the attack against the German soldiers, according to lawyers who attended the closed-door hearing.

Trial For Italian Massacre By Nazis

By RUTH E. GRUBER

ROME, (JTA) — Former SS Capt. Erich Priebke will go on trial for his role in Italy's worst Nazi massacre on May 8, the 51st anniversary of the end of World War II. A Rome military judge formally indicted Priebke last week for "multiple homicide aggravated by cruelty" stemming from his involvement in the March 24, 1944, mass execution of civilians — including 75 Jews — in the Ardeatine Caves south of Rome.

The 82-year-old Priebke, who was extradited to Italy last November from Argentina, expressed no emotion as Judge Giuseppe Mazzi read the indictment April 4 at the end of a closed-door preliminary hearing.

Priebke, who during the Nazi occupation of Rome was an aide to SS commandant Herbert Kappler, escaped from a POW camp after the war and fled to Argentina, where he lived peacefully until he was discovered there by an ABC News team in

1994. "I think it is a just ruling, both in form and in substance," Tullia Zevi, the president of the Union of Italian Jewish Communities, said after the decision was announced to put Priebke on trial.

"The decision was very well thought out and will now give the possibility of contributing to the ascertainment of the facts in a spirit of equity and of justice. It was not a condemnation, but the initiation of a process."

Paola Severino di Benedetto, a lawyer representing the interests of Rome's Jewish community in the case, issued a statement expressing "great appreciation and satisfaction" with the judge's decision.

The Nazis ordered the Ardeatine Caves Massacre in direct reprisal for an attack the day before by Italian partisans that had left 33 German soldiers dead. Ten Italians were ordered killed for each German, but five more Italians were killed than re-

Labor Adds Russian Candidates

By DAVID LANDAU

TEL AVIV, (JTA) — Israel's Labor Party has decided to include a Russian immigrant in its list of Knesset candidates for the May 29 elections. The decision Sunday by the party's Central Committee came after polls indicated that the lack of a Russian immigrant on the list would seriously damage the party's prospects of attracting voters from the former Soviet Union.

Voting for the Russian candidate will take place among Labor's 17,000 registered immigrant-voters later this week. Prime Minister Shimon Peres has indicated his own preference, Ashkelon City Councilwoman Sophia Landwer, who served in the past as his Russian-language tutor. Labor leaders resolved to include a Russian candidate after Ethiopian activist Adisu Massala won in the March 25 Labor Party primaries the position on the list that had been reserved for an immigrant representative.

The decision to include a Russian

representative came despite Massala's protestations both before and after his primary victory that he would regard himself as the voice of all immigrants, regardless of their origin. Massala's position on the list will not be affected by the inclusion of a Russian immigrant; in effect, Labor will have two immigrant representatives on its list of "safe seats" — positions on the party list expected to win seats in the next Knesset.

Meanwhile, in another move to placate ruffled feathers after the primaries, Foreign Minister Ehud Barak and his top ministry officials convened last Friday to announce the appointment of Minister of Labor and Social Welfare Ora Namir as Israel's new ambassador to China.

The appointment will take effect after the elections. Namir, who is abroad, was defeated in the primaries for the top woman's spot on the Labor list by Knesset member Dalia Itzik, chairwoman of the Education Committee in the outgoing Knesset.



New Castle Councilwoman Karen Venezky discussed breast cancer research with Dr. Allan Bloom at the Hadassah Medical Center in Jerusalem. As Chairman of the National Hadassah's newly-formed Center for Innovation, she explored the latest developments, education and woman's projects during her recent trip to Israel.

"I am sorry for what happened," the Italian news agency ANSA quoted Priebke as saying. "I lived all this time with this weight in my heart, but the revenge was legitimate."

"The order came directly from the

Fuhrer, and if we hadn't obeyed it, we would have been killed. To think about it now, it was a terrible thing, but at the time, you couldn't do anything else."

ARTS • ENTERTAINMENT • BOOKS

Words & Music:
Enjoyable Evenings

By STEVE COHEN

One of the most stimulating and enjoyable evenings I've ever experienced was at the opening last weekend of *All in the Timing* at the Delaware Theatre Company.

This collection of short plays by David Ives has been performed off-Broadway, and the Philadelphia Theatre Company produced it three years ago. But there's so much inventiveness in the script that it's worth seeing again. And, beyond that, this Delaware production is as good or better than any I've seen before. The small cast performs with versatility.

Ives revels in puns and intricate word play. His singular contribution to theater is his use of a bell to stop action and allow the characters to go back and repeat, differently, what they've just said. How many times have you thought: "Oops, if only I could take back what I said and word things differently?" Ives' characters get that opportunity.

He also plays with the concept of timing, whether it be the timing of one's pick-up lines or the timing of one's death, when Trotsky wakes up on April 21, 1940, to read in an encyclopedia that he died on that date. What can he do about it? What can one do to change history? It's fascinating. Ives is like time-travelling novelist Jack Finney, but with laughs.

He also has a good ear for music. His send up of Philip Glass's repetitious operas is hilarious. Ives' clever creation of a special state of mind called "Philadelphia" is also inspired.

The production plays through April 27. Time enough to go see it again.

Rodgers & Hammerstein's *Carousel* is a masterpiece, and director Nicholas Hytner has meddled with it. Surprisingly and joyfully, his meddling has made it an even better play.

If they had seen this new *Carousel* at the Merriam Theatre, I'm convinced that composer Richard Rodgers and librettist Oscar Hammerstein would be pleased.

Hytner has taken hints that are in the original text and made them concrete. Everything he shows is true to the spirit of the play, even when it goes beyond what the creators wrote.

There's evidence in his original lyrics that Oscar Hammerstein intended his *Show Boat* to be a dark play about a grim subject: "niggers" working while the white folks play.

With his *Carousel*, written 18 years later, his intent is less clear. Yes, *Carousel* is a serious play about a man who hits his wife and daughter. But Hammerstein's lyrics say that the slaps "didn't hurt at all." And his victim sings "What's the use of wonderin' if he's good or if he's bad...you're his gal and he's your fella."

Hammerstein chickened out of really dealing with spousal abuse. But he was born more than a century ago, and he was writing in 1945. For his time, Hammerstein was a humane man who, with his partner, illuminated social problems.

R&H's daring, though, looks awfully tame by the standards of the 1990's. So Hytner chose to illustrate scenes as they might if they were writing today. The original opening was at a carousel, where Billy Bigelow, the barker, tries to make out with the local working girl, Julie Jordan. Hytner found a lyric which Julie sings later about working at a mill and decided to open with an image of regimented millhands working in their shop.

Then he looked at a second-act song where a minor character complains about married life, "the clock just ticks your life away, there's no relief in sight," and he suspended a menacing clock over the assembly line.

Hytner's innovation shows us where Julie comes from, and why she's ripe for anybody who can take

her away from this environment. The implied criticism of working conditions is something that might have come straight from Hammerstein's heart.

Billy is shown as a more violent man. Rodgers's music is virtually unchanged, and it's well-sung, especially by Patrick Wilson as Billy and Rebecca Eichenberger as Nettie (the mezzo who sings "June Is Bustin' Out All Over" and "You'll Never Walk Alone.") Clearly this is Rodgers's most ambitious score. He composed long musical sequences with several songs dovetailing into one another, and with a lush orchestra supplying commentary. The Waltz, with its dissonant opening, is a tone poem, and the Soliloquy is an operatic aria.

Carousel touches us most in the final spoken line. When Billy calls out: "Julie, know that I loved you," we think of all the times when we

sonal responsibilities. Everyone also knows that the ability to learn languages decreases dramatically as we age.

In addition, this is something that was not required of us. This is not on the test! We really didn't have to do it. Theoretically we already are Bar and Bat Mitzvah. All that is necessary to become Bar/Bat Mitzvah is to reach the age of 13. (I probably shouldn't be saying this in front of our under 13 children!)

In the discussions that we had as we went through this class together under the gracious guidance of Sue Paul, one theme kept coming through. This was something we had to do. This was something that mattered. This was something that we hadn't done earlier for one reason or another, and now was the time. Certainly the saddest part of waiting to become a Bar or Bat mitzvah is that not all our parents could be here because they have died or are too frail to attend.

The reasons we gave all came down to a major one. This event is part of our spiritual path through Judaism. It is the logical progression for a Jew by choice at some point after conversion. For cradle Jews, especially ones who did not as children attend any synagogue, it is a decision to no longer be a Jew by default.

Through the years, there have been many definitions of who is a Jew and what does it mean to be a Jew. We have been a people of over 5,000 years and we have not been unnoticed by the rest of the world. Being defined as a Jew by other people doesn't necessarily make your life easier.

However, today's Bar and Bat mitzvah is part of our definition of our Judaism and of what it means to us to be a Jew. Standing here before you, our loved ones, and reading from the Torah validates it for us.

Part of our definition is so well stated by Edmond Fleg in the New Union Haggadah: "I am a Jew because the faith of Israel demands of me no abdication of the mind. I am a Jew because the faith of Israel requires of me all the devotion of my heart. I am a Jew because in every place where suffering weeps, the Jew hopes. I am a Jew because for Is-

were unable to articulate our feelings, occasions when we were unable to get across to someone how we really felt. It's universal.

Carousel is touring nationwide. Let's hope it comes back to the Delaware Valley soon. In the meantime, listen to Angel-EMI's recording of this production. It's wonderful.



Tel Aviv's new Planet Hollywood restaurant hosts movie star Holly Hunter.

rael, the world is not yet completed; we are completing it. I am a Jew
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Billy Joel

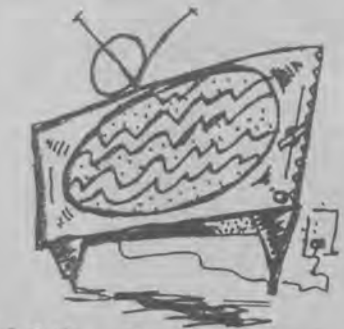
his life leading to some of his most loved recordings. Believe it or not, Beethoven, an 18th Century classical composer, has been the greatest musical influence in Joel's life — not to mention also being Joel's favorite musician. Following in Beethoven's footsteps, Joel began playing piano at the age of four. Eventually he made his debut at the Philadelphia Academy of Music.

Contrary to popular belief, Joel does not consider himself to be a very good musician. He thinks that his own gift for the piano is actually quite ordinary. Why is it then that he has been so vastly set apart from other musicians? Well, Joel explains that "in an age of incompetence, that makes me extraordinary!" He attributes the longevity of his career to his own desire to entertain himself.

Joel has been contributing his musical works since the popular days of the Beatles. Joel's first album, was released in 1967, the same year as the release of the Beatles' most famous album, *Sgt. Pepper and the Lonely Hearts Club Band*. From that point on, Joel's career has headed straight up the charts. Only four years later, in 1971, at the age of 22, Joel released his first solo album, *Cold Spring Harbor*. Since then, hardly a single year has passed without another new release of Joel's extraordinary work. Joel's newest release, *River of Dreams*, brings him to a total of 15 solo albums in his 25-year solo career.

"An Evening of Questions & Answers and a little Music" was just that. Many audience members were disappointed that it was not an evening of a little more music, though it was an enjoyable and educational event none the less.

In looking toward the future, Billy Joel spoke of returning to his first love, classical music. He's even begun working on a classical composition of his own.



What's On T.V.

Hadassah to be featured on "The Visionaries," PBS series premiering nationwide April 1996.

Hadassah will be the subject of one of the segments on public television's award-winning, multi-part documentary series, *The Visionaries*. The series, focusing on individuals and organizations around the world devoted to helping others, launches its second season beginning in April.

Hadassah will be the first Jewish organization featured in its own program in this latest collection of cutting-edge, half-hour programs that examine the social triumphs and personal rewards of volunteerism. Hadassah was one of a handful chosen from more than 2000 organizations to be spotlighted in the 13-part series.

The *Visionaries* episode was filmed entirely in Jerusalem and offers a day-in-the-life look at Hadassah Medical Organization's exceptional medical and humanitarian programs and services, where both Jewish and Arab doctors work side by side treating patients of all faiths.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for us to let people know about Hadassah's promise of compassion and healing," said Marlene Edith Post, National President of Hadassah. "The producer, Bill Mosher, has done a marvelous job of telling the story of how Jewish women in the United States have had an impact on the medical system of a young country.

The series premieres on 175 public television stations around the country beginning in April (check local listings for dates and times).

FEATURE

Naches For Congregation Beth Emeth

(Editor's Note: The following is the sermon given at Congregation Beth Emeth's Bar/Bat Mitzvah Ceremony on March 30th.)

By DIANE HERSON FRANKLIN

Shalom. I am going to be giving the sermon. When I first volunteered for this part of the service it was called the sermonette. I thought it was called that because I am a woman and Rabbi Grumbacher and Malinger, who give sermons, are men. This was not the case. The reason for the difference is not that they are male and I am female. It is that I have only 10 minutes — they get more time.

If I had just enough time to say only one word to describe how the 7 of us feel at this moment I would say "Yes" with the intonation and body language that our children use to indicate the satisfaction that things are right and have progressed as we had hoped they would.

We are the third Bnai Mitzvah class of Congregation Beth Emeth. We are 6 Bats and a Bar. We are 305 years old. We weigh 830 pounds. We have 122 years of secular education. Our professions range from the right brained artist to the left brained scientist. We have 7 spouses. We have 15 children who range in age from 3 months to over 30 years. Some of our grandparents were born in this country, while some of our parents found refuge here after surviving the holocaust. We are Jews by choice and we are cradle Jews. The cradle Jews among us range from an individual raised in an orthodox home to one whose first temple affiliation was our temple, which she joined as an adult.

What is it then, that brought this very diverse group of people together for 2 years to study and to become Bar/Bat Mitzvah. We are all at the stage in our life when the pace is frenetic. We are very involved with community and temple volunteer work as well as our professional and per-



Diane Herson Franklin

OBITUARIES

DORA CHIRTEL DUKART

Dora Chirtel Dukart died April 8, 1996. She was 75.

She was a co-founder of Ronald McDonald House of Delaware — a temporary home for families with children being treated for serious illnesses. She and her husband, Leonard, an organizer of the Delaware project and originator of the first house in Philadelphia, took interested parties to Philadelphia to inspect that house and its operation, family members said. She was a long-time volunteer for McDonald's LPGA Championship.

She was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom and its Sisterhood, from which she received the 1989 Woman of Achievement Award; a member of Hadassah and its tourism chairman; and member of the Organization for Rehabilitation & Training (ORT).

Survivors include, husband; sons, Leslie of Wilmington, David of Cincinnati, Gary of Upper Dublin, Pa., and Alan of Boothwyn, Pa.; brothers, Joseph Chirtel of Sarasota, Fla., and Milton Chirtel of Boca Raton, Fla.; sisters, Goldie Belenke and Frances Harris, both of Northbrook, Ill.; nine grandchildren.

The family suggests contributions to: Ronald McDonald House of Delaware, 1901 Rockland Road, Wilmington 19803; or Congregation Beth Shalom, Wilmington 19802.

MICHAEL RUVEL

Michael Ruvel, 64, died Sunday, April 7, 1996 in Lakewood, New Jersey where he had lived for the last fifteen years.

Mr. Ruvel was born in Romania and survived several years of internment in Auschwitz during the Holocaust. He came to this country in 1946 as part of a special program begun by Eleanor Roosevelt to receive Holocaust orphans. Cared for by American families, he graduated from high school in New York City and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. A graduate of Purdue University, he received a Masters Degree in Social Work from the University of Pennsylvania. Mr. Ruvel was employed in social work in several communities before coming to Delaware where he was Executive Director of the Jewish Federation from 1977 through 1981. In that capacity he was particularly influential in organizing a Young Leadership group and an Endowment Fund. These initiatives have been critical sources of strength in the Delaware Jewish community. Mr.



Michael Ruvel

Ruvel had a keen interest in the establishment of the Holocaust Memorial which was erected in Freedom Square, downtown Wilmington during his tenure.

Mr. Ruvel is survived by his wife, Dorothy Roloff Ruvel, of Lakewood, a daughter, Adina Mattes of Elkton, Md., and a son, Joseph, at home, and two grandchildren.

Contributions in his memory may be sent to the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

NATHAN SCHWARTZ

Nathan Schwartz, 90, a former Wilmington retailer, died April 15, 1996 in Riverside Extended Care Pavilion. Mr. Schwartz, of 104 W. 41st St., Wilmington, owned and operated a grocery at 103 Jefferson St. in the 1930s and 1940s and a liquor store at Second and Poplar

streets from 1945 until the building was razed for urban renewal in the 1960s.

Survivors include his wife, Selma; sons, Allen of Hockessin and Jerry of Oxnard, Calif.; daughter, Barbara Goldinger of Newtown, Pa.; brother, Sam, and sister, Ruth Goldstein, both of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The family suggests contributions to charity.

NACHES

Yucht Zaslav Wedding



Rene and Joe Yucht and Arlene and Bob Zaslav announce with happiness the marriage of their children Larry Yucht and Ellen Zaslav. Their marriage was performed February 24, 1996 at Congregation Kol Tikvah by Cantor Marsha Wise in Parkland, FL where they reside.

Levy Honored

Competing against approximately 6,500 school winners from throughout the United States, Brett Levy, a Brandywine High School senior, the son of Roger and Danna Levy of Perth, has won a national Principal's Leadership Award.

Levy will receive a \$1,000 college scholarship as part of the award. One hundred fifty Principal's Leadership Awards will be presented as part of National Student Leadership Week, April 21-April 27, 1996, by the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) and Herff Jones, Inc.

Winners were selected based on their participation in service organizations, clubs, and athletics; achievements in the arts and sciences; employment experience; and academic record.

"Levy has built a record of outstanding service and scholarship while in high school," said Dr. Timothy J. Dyer, Executive Director, NASSP. "His leadership potential clearly is demonstrated by winning the Principal's Leadership Award."

Bertman B'nai Mitzvah

Arielle and Joshua Bertman celebrated their B'nai Mitzvah on March 9, 1996 at Temple Bnai Shalom in Fairfax Station, VA. Arielle and Josh

are the children of Dr. David and Marjorie Shames Bertman of Burke, VA. The twins are the grandchildren of Anne Bertman of Claymont.

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APRIL 1996

Saturday _____ 27

Congregation Beth Emeth is hosting a talent show and silent auction. The auction starts at 7 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres being served. The talent show starts at 8 p.m. Gourmet desserts will be served later in the evening. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$5 for children 13 and under. Make checks payable to Congregation Beth Emeth and send to Beryl Gamiel, 621 W. 38th Street, Wilmington, DE 19802. RSVP by April 20.

Sunday _____ 28

Community-Wide Jerusalem 3000 Celebration. The Delaware Jewish Community Celebrates Jerusalem 3000 at the JCC. A variety of activities will be offered for children and teens starting at 10:00 a.m. A Jerusalem Street Fair with authentic food, vendors and exhibits will be open throughout the entire day. Eli Avitar from the Israel Consulate's Office will be joining us at 10:30 a.m. On-going programs include a Travel Room where teens and adults can learn about future trips to Israel and a Video Room which will feature adult and children's videos. 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. For more information, call Mona Allen or Ella Zukoff at (302) 478-5660.

The Jerusalem 3000 Committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware will present the Jerusalem 3000 Extravaganza in Wilmington, DE: an all day celebration for all ages with music, entertainment, games, vendors, food and educational opportunities. The event will be held at the JCC of Wilmington. The extravaganza will last all day. There is no charge for the event. For more information, call (302) 427-2100.

Albert Einstein Academy invites the community to a special scholar-

ship evening at the Delaware History Museum in Wilmington. World-renowned author, Chaim Potok will speak and proceeds from the event will go to Albert Einstein Academy's scholarship fund. For tickets and further information, please contact the school at 478-5026, or event chair Sylvia Wagman at 475-8531.

Tuesday _____ 30

Women's Torah Study Group will meet, 7:30-9:00 p.m., in the upstairs library of Congregation Beth Emeth. This Group meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday night (except some holidays).

MAY 1996

Friday _____ 3

Beth Shalom "Scholar In Residence Weekend." Guest is Dr. Ron Wolfson; program includes a Shabbat dinner and Seder, Shabbat morning and Havdalah service and Sunday program emphasizing creating a Jewish environment in the home. For reservations and further information call synagogue office, 654-4462.

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Women's American ORT, Brandywine Chapter, annual Couples Cocktail Party, 8:00 p.m. Call Jill Lock at (302) 764-4655.

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Annual Meeting of the Milton & Hattie Kutz Home will be held at 2 p.m. Location is 704 River Road, Wilmington, DE. The public is welcome. For more information call 764-

7000.

Friday _____ 17

Celebration in conjunction with Yom Yerushalayim, 7:30 p.m. Congregation Beth Shalom, Dover, Delaware.

Sunday _____ 19

The Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Philadelphia and the Young Leadership Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia will cosponsor an Israel Independence Day Celebration: The theme is Jerusalem 3000. This event includes a parade; a bazaar with Israeli food, merchandise and information; local entertainment; interactive educational activities for children, participatory Israeli dancing, and ceremonies with dignitaries. The event will take place at the Judge Lewis Quadrangle, Independence Mall in Philadelphia from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. There is no charge for this event which is open to the community. For more information, call Shira Kosoy Moses at (215) 922-7222.

Monday _____ 27

Congregation Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth in Wilmington, Delaware, the annual celebration of Israel-Cafe Tamar will take place. Cafe Tamar features performances of Israeli dancing and music at Congregation Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth in Wilmington. The event takes place in the evening with the charge to be and further details to be announced. For more information, call (302) 762-2705.

Ongoing

JCC Art Gallery Exhibit. Wall Hanging Exhibit - The Needle Mavens Chapter of the Pomegranate Build of Judaic Needlepoint will be sponsoring this unique collection of original works of fiber art, created by artists throughout the United States in celebration of Jerusalem 3000. The exhibit will only be in the country for a limited time before heading to Israel to be included in the Jerusalem 3000 events there. Continues through April 30, 1996

JCC Art Gallery. Raphael Abecassis, internationally-known Israeli artist, will present a one-artist show at the Jewish Community Center. The show will include originals,

serigraphs, lithographs, prints and posters, as well as Judaica. April 21 - May 26, 1996. For more information, call Mona Allen or Ella Zukoff at (302) 478-5660.

Women's Torah Study Group will meet from noon to 1:30, at Myrna Ryder's office at the Jewish Family Service, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington. This group meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday lunchtime (except some holidays). Women of the community are welcome. Both groups are studying Devarim/Deuteronomy. For more information, call Eliza Gouverneur at 322-4103.

Women's Torah Study Group will meet, 7:30-9:00 p.m., in the upstairs library of Congregation Beth Emeth. This Group meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday night (except some holidays).

JCC Art Gallery Exhibit - Continues through April 1996. "Memories of My Life in a Polish Village" by Toby Fluek. Gallery hours are Sunday and Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. For more information, call Ella Zukoff or Mona Allen at (302) 478-5660.

Exhibition: "THE ASSOCIATED: A 75th Anniversary Retrospective," tracing the growth and development of Baltimore's Jewish community federation and its agencies. Historic photos, artifacts, and memorabilia.

From January 21 through June 2, 1996 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays from noon to 4:00 p.m. at The Jewish Historical Society of Maryland, 15 Lloyd Street, Baltimore. Admission fee is \$2 for adults; free of charge for Society members and children age 12 and under. The sponsors of this event are The Jewish Historical Society of Maryland and the Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore.

Young Jewish Adults of Delaware's (YJAD's) co-ed, non-competitive volleyball league continues every Wednesday night from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. It will move inside to the J.C.C. gym as of September 6, 1996.

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because for Israel, Humanity is not yet fully formed; humanity must perfect itself."

Another definition or declaration is:

"The pursuit of knowledge for its own sake, an almost fanatical love of justice, and the desire for personal independence...these are the features of the Jewish tradition that make me thank my stars that I belong to it."

Albert Einstein

In addition, for the 6 women in the group having a Bat Mitzvah today gives us the opportunity in our Reform Temple for us as women to stand up and be counted along with men. Although in 1871 in Augsburg, Germany a synod of rabbis and lay leaders went on record favoring the equality of women in religious matters, equality has been a long time in

coming. Many people think it has still eluded us. The Hebrew Union College opened its doors in 1875 first with 9 then 17 students. There was one woman, Julia Ettinger, enrolled. Unfortunately she along with 9 men did not complete the program. It was not until approximately 100 years later, in 1972, that the first woman rabbi was ordained. She was in Rabbi Grumbacher's class.

In terms of being a Bat Mitzvah, until the 1920s there was no ceremony to mark the coming of age of a young woman. After that time the Reform, Conservative and Reconstructionist Congregations developed the Bat Mitzvah (meaning daughter of the commandments) ceremony. The first woman to become a Bat Mitzvah was Judith Kaplan, the daughter of the founder of the Reconstructionist Movement. This was in 1922. Reform and Conservative Congregations followed. Even so, it was still not a common practice until much more recently. For

example many of our contemporaries attended Hebrew School and received Jewish training but did not have the Bat Mitzvah ceremony.

Having just gone through it, let me tell you that in it feels really good! We all see this as a major milestone in that life-long path of learning and participation.

So, yes, we have done what we had to do. The emotion we feel at this moment is joy. We are so happy to share it with you. We especially thank Sue Paul and our Rabbis for their help and encouragement and of course our 7 spouses and 15 children for their love, understanding and very important part in our journey.

Amen.

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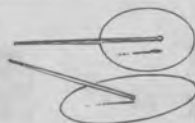


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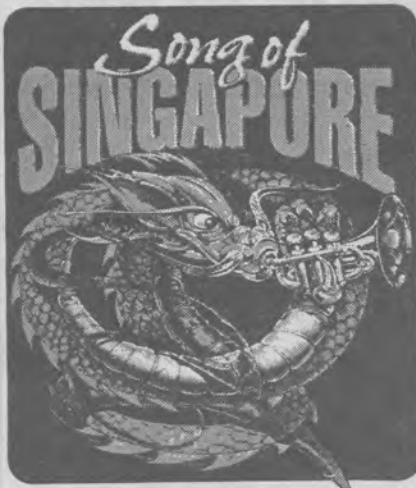
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