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Eviator Manor Israel's Consul General

Israel's Consul General Speaks Diplomatically In Delaware

By DAN WEINTRAUB

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Israel's Consul General for our region, Eviator
Manor was in Delaware on Monday, January
31 for a press conference on the progress of
the Peace Process before a dinner with Delaware Jewish leaders under the auspices of the
Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD). Earlier
in the day he met with students at the Albert
Einstein Academy Jewish day school. The
previous day Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon
Peres and PLO Chair Yassir Arafat were televised holding hands in Switzerland.

Responding to questions from the local media, Manor said of prospects for a final agreement with the Palestinians that he would 'never venture to take the temperature at a given time, but I expect an agreement any time soon." According to the Consul General, the Israeli Government has a continuing concern for security in the implementation of any agreement particularly with regard to boarding crossings. Manor says Israelis will maintain the right to search suspicious persons, bags and documents at border points. While acknowledging different positions than the Palestinians on the size of Jericho, Manor said he recognized the need for Yassir Arafat to show early successes to his people. Manor expressed confidence that compromises would be reached on outstanding issues.

He brushed aside a question seeking to distinguish between the Bush-Baker approach to the process and the Clinton-Christopher approach in the Middle East. Manor pointed out how Dennis Ross has been the linchpin of day to day negotiations for both American administrations.

In this era of surprising meetings Manor explained, "One cannot choose one's enemies." He joked that it would be better to talk with an organized country such as Belgium, Holland or Switzerland rather than the PLO but that Israel did not have a choice in the matter. He saw the Syrian track as the most difficult sphere of negotiations toward peace between Israel and its neighbors.

Manor agrees there are some Israelis who doubt the prudence of exchanging the Golan Heights with Syria. Manor applauds Prime Minister Rabin's suggested referendum of the Israeli populace on the matter. According to Manor the referendum will require Syria's Assad to flesh out what is meant by "normal peaceful relations" in language which will convince the Israeli people. Manor finds it heartening that Syria seems to be accepting that peace with Israel is in its strategic best interest.

The Consul General spoke at length on the financial component of peace. "We feel in Israel that without an economic giant leap in West Bank and Gaza for the Palestinians the political agreements won't have the stability needed for real peace to develop," he explained. "From our point of view we must do what ever is possible to assist" the Palestinian economy including encouraging investment by the "Palestinian diaspora."

According to Manor the best way to ensure success for the agreements is to show a clear connection to the Palestinian people between the signing of agreements with the Israelis and the improvement of Palestinian living standards. Improving the living standards of the Arab people is also a potent weapon against the radicalism and violence of Islamic Extrem-

The Consul General suggested the American Jewish Community should consider investing in Israel, establishing joint ventures, partnerships and investing through the Tel Aviv stock market.

The best investment American Jews can make according to Manor is to visit Israel and to send your children to visit Israel. A trip to Israel, according to Manor, even for three weeks leads to a deepening Jewish identity for American Jews. Manor says that anyone concerned whether their grandchildren will be Jewish should send their children to visit Israel.

The Consul General was hopeful on recent signs that the Arab Boycott against Israel may be weakening. He is concerned that even after peace is realized with Israel's immediate neighbors that Iran and Iraq will still pose threats to Israel and other Arab states.

Israeli born Eviator Manor has been Consul General of Israel since October 1993. His jurisdiction includes Delaware, Pennsylvania, Southern New Jersey, Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia. Mr. Manor is married and has two children.

Booth Brings Black Students And Jewish Students To Dialogue

By DAN WEINTRAUB

Editor of The Jewish Voice
Rabbi Stephen Booth, Director of Hillel at the University of Delaware brought together African American students and Jewish students on Sunday, January 23 at the African American Historical and Cultural Museum (AAHCM) for a provocative dialogue program associated with the Bridges and Boundaries and Two Peoples Face To Face exhibitions. Authors Cornel West and Letty Cottin Pogrebin led a spirited program exploring current and future relations between the African-American and Jewish communities.

Dr. Cornell West, professor of religion and director of Afro-American Studies at Princeton University authored the best-selling book Race Matters. Dr. West promoted a view that a sense of history, sympathy and self-criticism are the building blocks for stronger relations between African-Americans and American Jews. He spoke with great familiarity about the Jewish history of suffering from the times of Crusades, European expulsions, and pogroms. As a model for today he recalled how the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King and Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel came together out of "a deep commitment to something bigger than themselves not just a mutual aggregation of interests." Dr. West's progressive vision for humanity rejected the tribalism, jingoism and chauvinism he views as too prevalent today

Letty Cottin Pogrebin, author of *Deborah*, *Golda and Me*, spoke anecdotally of her sense of a longstanding commitment among Jews to civil rights and the interests of people of color. Ms. Pogrebin, a co-founder of *Ms*. magazine, recalled how her mother often said that if something was good for African-Americans it was also good for the Jews. Ms. Pogrebin, who is also a leader of Americans For Peace Now (APN), says that years ago her mother referred to African-Americans as "colored."

Her prescription for greater understanding included the concept that while many Blacks are currently suffering through a lack of economic success and societal power; Jews are in fear of future suffering and loss of safety. She urged African-Americans to note that despite apparent positions of privilege and success, Jews worry that like in Germany earlier in this century it could all be taken away at any time. In other words where Blacks believe their bad situation will never improve; Jews believe their good situation will never last.

Ms. Pogrebin spoke about how Blacks and Jews co-founded the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP),



Rabbi Stephen Booth

worked together during the civil rights struggle and that "if skinheads and the Klu Klux Klan lump us together to destroy us we should" get together to work toward progressive improvement of our world.

African-American and Jewish members of the audience engaged in a frank and passionate consideration of commonalties and differences in the experiences of the two peoples. Some tension arose over Ms. Pogrebin's point of view that as a Jew she does not consider herself "White" in the sense of a member of a historically oppressive majority culture. Since skin color did not save one-third of Europe's Jews from the Holocaust it is reasonable for one to conceive of Jews as a group of people distinct from a group called "White."

Rabbi Stephen Booth, Director of Hillel at the University of Delaware told Dr. West and Ms. Pogrebin that he brought African-American and Jewish students from the University of Delaware to help bring together two groups on campus who have been divided over recent speeches by Leonard Jeffries and Kwame Tore at the University. Dr. West explained to Rabbi Booth how at Princeton he has lectured to Jewish students on Black history and Black students were lectured regarding Jewish history. Dr. West also described positive results from African-American students and Jewish students working together on a positive social project rather than talking about each other.

Annie Landis who has been active with Hillel at The University of Delaware, said she found the evening "overwhelming in a positive way." She said she was reassured by Dr. West's extensive discussion of Jewish history. Ms. Landis was pleased that Dr. West was "someone who understands you" as a Jewish person.

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Court Rules Against Women At Wall; Also Says Councils Can't Bar Non-Orthodox

By CYNTHIA MANN

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel's Supreme Court issued two important rulings on religious pluralism last week: one rejecting a petition by women to conduct prayer services at the Western Wall and another saying that local religious councils cannot bar non-Orthodox members.

The Supreme Court turned down the petition of the women, who sought to pray aloud at the Western Wall in the face of violent opposition by fervently Orthodox groups.

Nevertheless, the Women of the Wall pointed to the court's call for the establishment of a government committee to investigate the matter and to find a way to balance the needs and sensitivities of all the worshippers at the Wall.

The high court also issued a separate ruling that the nation's local religious councils, which dispense basic religious services to all Jews, could not exclude non-Orthodox members.

This decision was hailed by the petitioners as a "milestone ruling" that advances the cause of religious pluralism in Israel.

Miriam Isserow, the attorney for the Israel Women's Network, however, called the decision on the Women of the Wall, "very disappointing" and charged that it "bowed to the demands of the ultra-Orthodox."

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Hussein Meets Jewish Leaders in Washington

By DEBORAH KALB

WASHINGTON (JTA) — In yet another sign that relations between Jordan and the American Jewish community are slowly defrosting, Jordan's King Hussein held an unprecedented meeting here with 30 American Jewish leaders.

The main significance of the meeting is that it happened at all," said Tom Smerling, executive director of Project Nishma, the group coordinating the event.

The Jewish leaders, from both religious and policy-oriented ends of the spectrum, participated in the approximately hour-long meeting with the king, including a questionand-answer session.

During the meeting, the king, who has met with American Jewish leaders in Amman, elaborated on remarks made last Friday by his brother Crown Prince Hassan in the Israeli paper Yediot Achronot about the shape of a possible future peace between Israel and Jordan.

"He described a warm peace, which is exactly what Israeli leaders want to hear," Smerling said.

The king discussed such future possibilities as the development of the Jordan Rift Valley as one economic unit; and a road connecting tries that would run through the Israeli port of Eilat.

Jordanian spokesman Marwan Muasher said Monday that he thought the king was "very warmly received.

The meeting, with such a diverse group of participants, "was a first for him," Muasher said of the king.

"We hope it will be the start of more" such meetings in the future, Muasher added.

"This meeting was a move to stress the need for peace now and for future generations," said Warren Eisenberg, director of B'nai B'rith's International Council, who was a participant.

"I thought it was important in a general way and disappointing on specifics," said Ismar Schorsch, chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary, who also took part.

"It was a contribution to creating a climate in which the specific negotiations will move forward," Schorsch

He added, however, that he thought the king "didn't respond very directly to questions" on the Arab boycott of Israel, Islamic fundamentalism, Iran or a possible future Jordanian-Palestinian confederation.

Hussein was accompanied by his

Israel, Egypt and other Arab coun- wife, Queen Noor, and top Jordanian officials, including Prime Minister Salam al-Majali and Fayez Tarawnch, Jordan's ambassador to Washington.

The meeting, held at Washington's Four Seasons Hotel, comes at a time when other Jewish-Jordanian taboos are also crumbling.

Two weeks ago a group of American Reform rabbis traveled to Jordan, the first official rabbinical group to do so.

And a few weeks ago, Project Nishma organized a dinner for American Jewish leaders featuring the Israeli and Jordanian ambassadors. The event began at the Israeli Embassy and moved on to the nearby Jordanian Embassy.

The Jordanians requested that Project Nishma set up the meeting with Hussein as an outgrowth of the earlier event.

Project Nishma focuses on education programs relating to the current Middle East peace process, which it supports.

Israel and Jordan initialed a draft peace document last September, but the king has said he will not move ahead of the other Arab negotiating partners in reaching a peace treaty with Israel

Infusion Of Cash To Hillel Aimed At Issues Of Identity

By LARRY YUDELSON NEW YORK (JTA) — Jewish federations across the country are being asked to back up their rhetoric on behalf of Jewish identity and continuity by paying their "fair share" of an expanded Hillel program on college

The Board of Delegates of the Council of Jewish Federations is being asked to approve an immediate infusion of \$850,000 to Hillel.

But this is being described as only an interim measure.

Hillel and federation officials speak of major increases in the \$9 million in annual allocations that federations give to Hillel foundations and other campus programs.

Currently, \$22 million is spent each year, mostly by Hillel, for Jewish activities for the estimated 400,000 Jewish students on American college campuses.

That comes to \$50 per student, or "less than the cost of an athletic pass at a Big Ten university," in the words of the Interim Report of the CJF Task Force on Jewish University Student Services

It was the report, issued earlier this month, that made the recommendation for immediate extra federation grants to Hillel, which the CJF board will vote on Feb. 1.

The interim report calls for "significantly increased level of federation funding for campus activities' over the next five years, and adopting an "appropriate Equitable Collective Responsibility program for continental funding of campus services.

Details of those plans remain to be worked out and will be one of the topics of the continuing deliberations of the task force which has been meting since the autumn of 1992.

The added funds being sought for campus life are significant.

Richard Joel, executive director of B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations, speaks of raising the organization's aggregate budget from \$20 million to \$35 million annually.

This sort of increase is necessary, according to Joel and the task force report, to turn the campus into a place that promotes Jewish identity.

Current campus programs, according to the report, meet most of the needs of students with strong Jewish identity and commitment — a group estimated to number between 10 and 15 percent of Jewish students.

It is this group which constitutes the campus Jewish activists and lead-

But for most Jewish students the report estimates 60 percent being Jewish is only a passive part of their identity

Our challenge is to take this passive level of identification and create an active desire to belong," says the

"With the funding levels we have, we've been able to do a fairly adequate job in serving people who come and say they want Jewish services," said Joel.

"What we have not been able to do with any constancy and consistency is what the rest of the community has had trouble doing, reaching out to people who do not come to us," he

The task force report and its outreach proposals were welcome by Rabbi Paul Saiger, director of Hillel at the University of Rochester and president of the Association of Hillel and Jewish Campus Professionals.

think it is both realistic and doable on the one hand, but also visionary and inspiring on the other,"

"I and many of my colleagues have been doing most of this stuff intuitively. It was nice to see it put together in a package, along with a sense the organized Jewish community is going to begin taking the campus seriously," he said.

He agreed with the report that the ability of Hillel to reach students is hampered by questions of staffing

With, on average, only one Hillel staff member for every 2,000 Jewish students, "what frequently happens is the person is overwhelmed by the articulated needs of people coming to campus knowing what they want, said Saiger.

So the vision of outreach only makes sense and can only be implemented if it is tied with the resources to reach beyond" the students with an active Jewish identity, he said.

Such outreach, as recommended by the task force report and carried out by Saiger and other Hillel professionals, involves running activities that are not religiously or culturally Jewish, but are designed to bring together Jewish students

At the University of Florida, said Saiger, the Hillel has organized an intramural athletic league, "which is reaching out to a whole constituency who might never have stepped into a Hillel building.

This was made possible by a grant to hire two students as part-time. outreach workers.

At his own campus, Hillel is sponsoring service programs for students to volunteer at a battered women's shelter, participate in a big brotherbig sister program, visit the Jewish home for the aged, and tutor students in the inner city.

"Some of these programs are Jewish, but not exclusively so," said Saiger, "Our students are interested in helping people. Doing it in a Jewish context is the beginning of a relationship with people not necessarily interested in doing something

exclusively Jewish. Besides calling on Hillels to implement this sort of openness for students without a strong Jewish identity, the task force report also asks federations to make a stronger effort in reaching out to students.

"From the federation viewpoint, we have not been a very welcoming place for students," said Michael Rukin, chairman of the task force.

The report, he said, "is a message to federations that we, the federations, have to be more open, userfriendly, tuned into the agenda of college students.

But whatever changes in attitudes are being asked of federations, the task force report makes clear that the real challenge will come in changing allocations and budgets.

Currently, between zero and 14 percent of local federation allocations go to college services, according to the report, with the national average being 3.4 percent. That amounts to only 1.4 percent of total funds raised by federation campaigns.

The new plan to make funding higher and more evenly distributed is expected to be drawn up by Novem-

It comes at a time when both the CJF and Hillel are undergoing farreaching changes in structure and

At CJF, the past four years has seen a move from a loose collection of individual local federations to a national body dealing with national problems.

This idea of "fair-share, collective responsibility" has already been used

to ensure fair funding for the resettlement of Eastern European Jewish refugees in the United States, and for guaranteeing loans for refugees settling in Israel.

Funding Jewish activities on campus could be the next logical step. Currently, most Hillel foundations are supported in large measure by their local federations — a problem for the many campuses whose Jewish population outnumbers the offcampus Jewish population.

At the same time, Hillel itself is in the process of major restructuring.

Founded in 1923 at the University of Illinois, Hillel was taken under the wing of B'nai B'rith, at the time America's largest Jewish service and fraternal organization. Hillel was originally intended to help students looking for religious observance, kosher food and a sense of community.

In recent years, B'nai B'rith has seen a dramatic decline in membership. It was consequently forced to decrease its contributions to Hillel by almost \$2 million, or 50 percent, over the past three years.

With B'nai B'rith playing a diminishing role, and with tederation contributions - mostly through local Hillel organizations - playing a far larger role, the new realities are being reflected in a new governance structure.

Jewish Family Service Planning New Program

Jewish Family Service is contemplating a new service for families with disabled adult children. The service would assist families who are concerned about their children when they are no longer able to take care of them, and there are no close relatives locally.

JFS would like to meet with these families. It is our hope to be able to set up a committee of interested parents in order to develop a program that will ease the minds of these families.

If you are interested in meeting with a representative of JFS and interested parents, call Arnold Lieberman, 478-9411.

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Arab League Vows Boycott Review

By DEBORAH KALB

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The Arab League is reconsidering elements of the economic boycott of Israel, U.S. Commerce Secretary Ron Brown has announced. The Arab League's secretary general, Esmat Abdel Meguid, told Brown that, at its next ministerial meeting in March, the league would consider rescinding its so-called secondary and tertiary boycotts, the secretary said last Friday in Cairo.

The secondary boycott imposes trading sanctions against companies doing business with Israel. The tertiary boycott, in turn, imposes sanctions on companies that trade with firms that have broken the terms of the secondary bovcott

"I am hopeful that this commitment will result in a decision eliminating the secondary and tertiary boycotts, and I look forward to a day when the boycott, in its entirety, will be ended," Brown said in a statement.

The secretary and Meguid met late Thursday in the Egyptian capital.

Anti-Choice Extremists Dealt Blow In Court Ruling

By STEVEN WEISS

WASHINGTON (JTA) - Supporters of a woman's right to choose an abortion welcomed a Supreme Court decision this week that gives abortion clinics more muscle in suits they bring against violent pro-life activists.

Several mainstream Jewish groups that have long advocated in favor of abortion rights filed friend-of-the-court briefs in support of the abortion

In a unanimous decision, the justices ruled that clinics can apply a federal racketeering law to anti-abortion protesters who use hostile measures in trying to shut the clinics down.

Clinics suing pro-life protesters can now use the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, known as the RICO Act, which provides nationwide protection and gives winning parties triple financial damages.

The case was brought by the National Organization for Women against the Pro-Life Action Network, an anti-abortion group that used strong tactics to dissuade women from entering clinics entrances

The net work allegedly employed break-ins and arson in attempting to close

Joining NOW in the brief supporting the clinics were AJCommittee, B'nai B'rith Women, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism.

Case Of Missing Airman Gets "Major" Boost

By BERNARD JOSEPHS

London Jewish Chronic LONDON (JTA) — The case of missing Israeli airman Ron Arad received a boost this week, when British Prime Minister John Major agreed to meet

with members of Arad's family, who were visiting here. In a second encouraging development, British diplomats, including Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd, announced that they had taken up the case of

the missing airman with Iranian and Syrian officials. Major's decision to see Arad's wife, Tami, and brother, Chen, who were to arrive here Wednesday evening (of last week), underlined the government's

determination to help free him. The meeting between Major and Arad's family was planned after 800 people demonstrated outside the Iranian Embassy here, calling for Arad's

Arad bailed out from a fighter plane over Lebanon in 1986 and was believed to have been held by pro-Iranian troops in Lebanon. The last time any message was received that he was alive was in October 1987

There have been sporadic reports that he was subsequently transferred to captivity in Iran.

Jews Prominent In ANC Slate

By SUZANNE BELLING

JOHANNESBURG (JTA) — Four Jews are among the top 50 names on the African National Congress' slate of candidates for South Africa's first nonracial elections in April.

Several other Jews are listed among the ANC's top 200. The ANC, led by President Nelson Mandela, is the first political party to announce its list of candidates for the country's Parliament.

The party's list was published in the national media.

Polls indicate that the ANC is likely to win over 120 of the 200 seats in Parliament under the new proportional representation system.

The ANC issued a statement along with publication of its list of candidates, saying, "The democratic ideal rests on nothing less than true representation; on the assurance that the interests of all are served.

"Only an ANC government can live up to this ideal because it will represent every race, religion and culture in our country," the ANC said.



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Black Leaders Distance Themselves From Address By Aide To Farrakhan

By LARRY YUDELSON NEW YORK (JTA) — The line between mainstream African American leaders and Louis Farrakhan grew sharper than ever this past week, as leaders of the black community denounced an anti-Semitic speech by an aide to the outspoken Nation of

The chorus of condemnation, including a strong statement by the Rev. Jesse Jackson, pleased Jewish groups. And it seems likely to heal wounds opened last September, when the head of the Congressional Black Caucus spoke of forming a new "covenant" with Farrakhan's

Members of the caucus had assured Jewish organizational leaders at the time that what was being discussed was only limited cooperation with the Black Muslim group. Now the head of the caucus, Rep.

condemning Farrakhan's aide and challenged the Nation of Islam leader to disavow him.

Farrakhan has refused to do so.

The move by the black leadership to distance itself from Farrakhan represents a tactical victory for the Anti-Defamation League, which sponsored a full-page advertisement in The New York Times on Jan. 16 to draw attention to the speech by Khalid Abdul Muhammad, spokesman for Farrakhan's Nation of Islam group.

In the speech, delivered at New Jersey's Kean College on Nov. 29 of last year, Mohammad called Jews the bloodsuckers of the black nation," said they controlled the White House, the media and the Federal Reserve, and said they brought the Holocaust on themselves.

Once placed in the public arena on the eve of the Martin Luther King Jr.

Kweisi Mfume (D-Md.), has joined in holiday, the published remarks drew swift criticism from African American leaders, including the Rev. Jesse Jackson.

> "I am appalled that any human being would stoop so low to make such violence-prone anti-Semitic statements," Benjamin Chavis Jr., executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said at a lecture delivered in Washington on the King

> Speaking to the Philadelphia Baptist Ministers Conference, William Gray III, president of the United Negro College Fund, deplored the "tragic and anti-Semitic comments at Kean College" and said that anti-Semitism cannot be "justified as a response to repression.

Others condemning the speech (Continued on page 22)

Reform Rabbis, Fresh From Jordan, Express Hope About Peace Process

[Editor's Note: The group of rabbis who went to Jordan included Delaware's own Rabbi Peter Grumbacher. His own description of this journey is in this issue.]

JERUSALEM (JTA) - Arriving in Israel following a historic trip to Jordan last week, a group of American Reform rabbis voiced optimism about the prospect of an Israeli-Jordanian

"Our mere presence (in Jordan) was a statement," said Rabbi Ammiel Hirsch, executive director of the Association of Reform Zionists of America. "Our visit would not have been feasible or proper two to three

The Reform group, including 80

American rabbis, was the first official rabbinical delegation ever to visit Jordan, which is technically in a state of war with Israel.

During the rabbinical group's meetings with academicians, economists and other prominent Jordanians, the group managed to convey the message "that many more American Jews support the peace process than criticize or object to it," said Hirsch.

Noting that while his group "did not do a scientific survey," Hirsch expressed the view that "in the course of our discussions, people conveyed the impression to us that it's no longer a question of whether there will be peace between Jordan and Israel, but when.

The fact that American rabbis

"were being protected by members of Jordan's security forces" during the visit was a powerful and hopeful sign, said Rabbi Daniel Polish, from Bloomfield Hills, Mich

But the group's inability to enter Jordan with Israeli-stamped passports and the lack of a direct travel corridor between Eilat and Aqaba on the Israeli-Jordanian border were signs that the transition is still under way. Pol-

He added that the meetings in Amman were encouraging because they reflected "a desire for the peace process to succeed."

The Jordanians "understand the country has much to gain from a closer relationship with Israel," he

erry Seen As Positive Pick For Pentagon Post

By DEBORAH KALB and STEVEN WEISS

WASHINGTON (JTA) - Deputy Secretary of Defense William Perry, President Clinton's latest nominee to head the Pentagon, is viewed by various American Jewish leaders and Israeli officials as a solid professional who would make a good defense

While Perry does not have a highprofile image on Middle East issues and some observers here were not clear about his record on Israel, others praised Perry this week for his attitude toward the Jewish state.

Clinton chose Perry to replace outgoing Defense Secretary Les Aspin, after retired admiral Bobby Ray Inman, the president's first choice, pulled himself out of consideration last week.

Israeli officials here described Perry, 66, as professional, fair-minded and efficient on U.S.-Israeli issues.

One former high-ranking Pentagon official said Perry would bring to his new post a "positive force and a continuation of Aspin's positive attitudes" toward Israel.

Dov Zakheim, an adjunct scholar at the Heritage Foundation who

served as a Pentagon deputy Inman was a high-ranking CIA offiundersecretary during the Reagan administration, said Perry "in professional terms is certainly not anti-Israel by any stretch of the imagina-

He mentioned that Perry had recently attended a concert at the Israeli Embassy.

Israeli officials said they had positive dealings with Perry this past year on the touchy issue of possible changes in how Israel buys its military equipment from the United States.

And the officials said that embassy and Israeli defense officials had also thought well of Perry during his previous stint at the Pentagon during the Carter administration.

Malcolm Hoenlein, executive vice chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, said he felt Perry would "carry out the policies of Les Aspin."

Aspin has long been viewed by Jewish organizations as a staunch supporter of Israel.

Inman, Clinton's previous nominee, had clashed with pro-Israel New York Times columnist William Safire over policies relating to Israel during the Reagan administration, when

Among the reasons Inman gave for his decision to withdraw last week was what he considered unfair criticism from Safire and other colum-



CLINTON VISITS RABBI'S GRAVE ... PRAGUE -- President Bill Clinton lays a stone at the grave of Rabbi Low, a venerated Jewish theologian, during a visit to the Jewish cemetary here Jan. 12. The President, In Eastern Europe to discuss the future of NATO, is accompanied by Richard Schiffter (R) a member of the National Security Council who lost his parents in the Holocaust and tour guide Jaroslav Safranek. CREDIT: RNS PHOTO/Reuters (Reproduction rights not transferable) 1994

EDITORIALS

Signs Of Hope For Relations Between Blacks And Jews

Khalid Abdul Muhammad, a top aide to Mr. Louis Farrakhan, the leader of the Nation of Islam, in a November speech at Kean College directed an ugly message of hate against Jews, Catholics, and others. The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) took out a full page advertisement in The New York Times with excerpts from the speech by the number-two man in the Nation of Islam. The ADL ad was headlined "You Decide."

Mainstream African-American leaders have decided to denounce the Khalid Abdul Muhammad speech, to stand against bigotry and anti-Semitism, to stand with the Jewish community and to distance themselves from Minister Louis Farrakhan. This decidedly appropriate response against anti-Semitism by top black leaders should be recognized and applauded.

What did mainstream Black leaders say? Mr. Farrakhan "must make a definitive judgment of the speaker, in that he spoke in his name," said the Rev. Jesse Jackson according to an article in *The New York Times*. Mr. Jackson is quoted as calling the speech "racist, anti-Semitic, divisive, untrue and chilling." The long history of cooperation between Jews and Blacks was cited by Mr. Jackson as he described the "madness of the speech" as "not

within the tradition of our civil rights movement."

Those Kean College students and faculty who applauded Mr. Muhammad's remarks were also criticized by Mr. Jackson as "sick and misquided."

In January speeches Mr. Muhammad's remarks were condemned by the Rev. Benjamin Chavis, head of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) as well as the Rev. William H. Gray 3d, a former Congressman who nowleads the United Negro College Fund.

Mr. Jackson said that Representative Kweisi Mfume, head of the Congressional Black Caucus, the Rev. Al Sharpton and others were appalled by Muhammad's comments. Mr. Mfume had previously been at the forefront of a rapprochement between mainstream Black leaders and a then presumed to be more moderate Mr. Farrakhan.

Since these leaders spoke out Mr. Farrakhan and Kwame Ture, the former Stokley Carmichael, have been quoted in news reports as claiming many black leaders are controlled by Jews.

What did Khalid Abdul Muhammad actually say at Kean College in Union, N.J.?

"You call yourself Mr. Rubinstein, Mr.

Goldstein, Mr. Silverstein because you have been stealing rubies and gold and silver all over the earth ... That's why we can't even wear a ring or a bracelet or a necklace without calling it Jewelry."

"Brother, I don't care who sits in the seat at the White House," Mr. Muhammad said according to reports. "You can believe that the Jews control that seat, that they sit in from behind the scenes."

"The Federal Reserve is owned by the Jews,"

He referred the Pope as "the old no-good Pope, you know that cracker," he said, adding, "Somebody needs to raise that dress up and see what's really under there."

Mr. Muhammad said Jews were undermining "the very fabric of society" in Germany, and claimed it was Jews' actions that led to the rise of Hitler. He called American Jews "slumlords" saying that they were "sucking our blood in the black community." When blacks gain full political power in South Africa, Mr. Muhammad said according to news reports, they should kill every white person who does not leave within

24 hours.

The Philadelphia Inquirer quoted Muhammad as referring to "Columbia Jewniversity in Jew York City" and the "Jewnited Nations."

What positive conclusions can be found in such an unfortunate episode?

Mr. Jackson, Mr. Chavis, Mr. Gray, Mr. Mfume and others have shown that the leader-ship of the Black community will clearly and strongly repudiate anti-Semitism and hate even when it comes from an organization which also advocates Black empowerment and achievement.

Mr. Jackson has recently been an effective voice for progressive change even when such a message is critical of portions of his own community. His advocacy against Black on Black violence has a growing momentum.

Today the Jewish community should greet the positive signals from the mainstream Black leadership as a call for healing, a call for tolerance, and a potential for collaboration in the process of *Tikkum Olam* (to heal the world.)



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No More Excuses

By MARIA J. FELDMAN

Powerful, haunting images keep me awake nights or, worse, invade my dreams. A child lying in the white snow, surrounded by a red pool of blood. An emaciated, skeletal figure (man or woman?) scavenging for food, burdened by packages filled with any scrap that could mean life for the awaiting family. Mounds of decaying, diseased corpses lining the streets of destroyed, corroding neighborhoods. Are these scenes from "Schindler's List" or just another day in Sarajevo?

I know there are many in our community who reject the comparison between the Holocaust and the Balkan debacle. To be sure, there is a difference between the 6 million Jews murdered in the Nazi Holocaust and the two hundred thousand Bosnians killed to date. And there is a difference between gas chambers and ovens and the slow strangulation of a besieged city. But is there a difference between "final solution" and "ethnic cleansing?" Is there a difference between concentration camps for Jews and concentration camps for Muslims? Are numbers alone the defining characteristic of genocide? Is it possible that we... we who have tasted Zyklon B in the chambers of Auschwitz, we whose flesh burned on the crosses of the Inquisition, whose women were tortured and raped by Cossack butchers, whose communities were decimated by Crusading zealots... we who have heard the empty promises of the nations of the world... is it possible that we of all the peoples of the world, fail to

Myths and confusion abound, providing the necessary excuses for our silent complicity. Many of us have become immune to the daily body counts and litany of human rights abuses reported from the former Yugoslavia. Much of the misinformation has been calculated and perpetuated by own government, leading to the almost unprecedented resignations of several State Department officials. How else could both the Bush and Clinton administrations proclaim a "new world order" while still permitting bullies to invade their weaker neighbors? The following may help correct some of the common myths, but be warned: as the myths fade away, so do our excuses.

recognize genocide when we see it?

MYTH: The fighting in Bosnia and Herzegovina is a civil war.

FACT: Bosnia-Herzegovina is an independent, sovereign state. It is a member of the United Nations and has been recognized by the United States. The Yugoslavian confederation disintegrated when the territories of Slovenia, Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina declared their independence, separating from the "rump" Yugoslavia comprised of the re-maining provinces of Serbia, Kosovo and Montenegro. Over time these new nations each fulfilled the requirements of U.N. membership, held democratic elections, and obtained recognition by other U.N. member states. The Balkan war is between the three independent states of Serbia, Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina; thus it is an international conflict and not a civil war.

MYTH: The Balkan conflict is rooted in

ancient ethnic disputes.

FACT: Before the war, Bosnia-Herzegovina was a multi-ethnic state with a government and army still reflecting this diversity, with Muslims. Serbs and Croats seeking to preserve their unity. While ethnic tensions have often characterized the region, the current dispute is no more than a great land-grab, with neighboring Serbia and Croatia seeking to carve out pieces of Bosnia and Herzegovina for themselves. The leadership of Serbia seeks a "Greater Serbia" comprised of territory formerly within Bosnia, Herzegovina and Croatia. To accomplish this, Serbia activated its propaganda machine and resurrected the specter of ethnic terror in order to rally Bosnian Serbs to their cause. Serbia now arms and supports Serbs in Bosnia who are fighting to obtain territory for "Greater Serbia." Croatia, once the ally of Bosnia against Serbian aggression, arms and assists ethnic Croats in the region in order to secure additional territory before the dust settles and a new map is drawn.

MYTH: All sides are equally guilty of

FACT: It is true that there have been atrocities committed by all sides of the Balkan conflict. Croatian forces have been responsible for mass killings and annihilating entire Muslim towns. Muslim retaliation has been brutal. Yet all agree that the Serbian forces have been guilty of the most heinous crimes against humanity. "Ethnic cleansing" is the term coined by Serbian leaders for their policy of mass murder, rape and terror designed to eradicate Muslim civilians from the territory of "Greater Serbia." It is estimated that over 200,000 civilians have been killed (30,000 of them children), 100,000 have been held in concentration camps, and over two million people have been forced from their homes. It is alleged that 30,000-50,000 rapes have been committed against Bosnian women by Serbian forces in "rape centers." (Some would quibble that it is only 10,000-20,000!) Reports indicate that military leaders order their men to rape Muslim women; those who survive are forced to carry their pregnancies to term. The effect of this policy is to unravel the fabric of Muslim society as these women and their children are no longer 'pure' according to Muslim religious standards. Mass rape is thus part of Serbia's 'ethnic cleansing' policy. Never before has forced impregnation of civilians Note: The JCRC is considering joining the Delaware Coalition For Bosnia. Before doing so the JCRC would like as much feedback from the Jewish community as possible. If you are interested in getting involved in this issue or have opinions regarding the statements made herein, please contact Robbi Marla Feldman,

been used as a military strategy.

MYTH: Bosnian Muslims are responsible for the continuing violence by refusing to accept the proposed peace plan.

FACT: The Vance-Owen peace plan is a proposal to carve up Bosnia and Herzegovina along ethnic lines. It rewards Serbian and Croatian aggression and leaves Muslims, formerly the majority of Bosnians, less than a third of the territory that was formerly Bosnia-Herzegovina. The proposed borders are indefensible and permit no access to crucial seaports. The recent proposal announced by both Croatia and Serbia is no more than an agreement between those two nations to cease fighting in exchange for the territory they have conquered. Under either plan, the multi-ethnic state of Bosnia-Herzegovina would cease to exist and its elected government would be agreeing to its own demise.

MYTH: The arms embargo is keeping the

violence from escalating.

FACT: The arms embargo is a non-issue for Serbia. As the former seat of the Yugoslavian military, it has sufficient arms and manufacturing capability to continue fighting indefinitely. The Yugoslavian army and its officer corps were comprised primarily of ethnic Serbs, now available to join the Serbs who are fighting against the Bosnian army. The Bosnians, on the other hand, had a minimal military complement prior to the breakup of Yugoslavia. The arms embargo hampers Bosnia's efforts to defend itself without affecting its adversary's ability to attack. This policy is not neutral but rather significantly assists Serbia in its war effort. According to Article 51 of the U.N. Charter, member state have a right to defend themselves from outside aggressors; thus the arms embargo may be illegal under international law. Even the United States Senate has called for the U.S. to unilaterally lift the arms

MYTH: We should let the economic embargo against Serbia have its full effect and then the war will end.

FACT: Despite a collapsing economy with inflation rates of up to 1 million percent each month, neither the citizens of Serbia nor its government show signs of weakening resolve. Only Bosnian military successes and threats of U.S. or NATO intervention have led to hints of flexibility in negotiations. Each time the U.S. failed to follow through on a threat of airstrikes, Serbian aggression against civilian targets es-

MYTH: The U.N. and U.S. are doing enough by providing humanitarian aid.

FACT: Despite the U.S. airlift and attempts by U.N. convoys to provide aid to Muslim enclaves, it is not enough. In besieged Sarajevo

tions that linger beyond his abrupt withdrawal

and early warning capabilities of Inman's re-

a time when his president, Ronald Reagan,

was pledging to protect it? Did he have his own

strictions on intelligence sharing?

-What was the impact on Israeli security

-Was he eroding Israel's qualitative edge at

-What consequences did Inman's Jewish

-How did this guy get picked in the first

ation have on the CIA and National Security

Agency, which he headed, and how much

place? Was there code of omerta among his

colleagues, friends and beneficiaries in the

media and government to conceal the true

noid, nasalized, Texas dilettante with a flare for

conspiracies and who'd rather jump ship than

-Is Inman just another thin-skinned, para-

from public life.

residue remains?

alone 12,000-15,000 civilians have died (3500 of them children)_ and 50,000-60,000 have been wounded by Serbian shells. A hepatitis epidemic rages and rats and vermin infest what remains of the once vibrant city. According to doctors studying the effects of starvation in Sarajevo, the average weight loss for residents over the past 18 months is 44 pounds.

MYTH: The U.N. and U.S. should remain

FACT: Neither the arms embargo nor the distribution of humanitarian aid is currently neutral. The arms embargo assists Serbia in its quest to outlast Bosnia (see above) and even relief efforts are bartered to advantage Serbian troops. Recent reports conform that the U.N. delivers three times as much aid per capita to Croatian and Serbian-controlled regions than areas under the control of the Bosnian government. U.N. relief efforts are hampered by Croatian and Serbian forces. The Bosnian government alleges that warnings of delivery problems and weakening U.N. resolve are used to coerce concessions at the negotiating table. We are already involved, yet our involvement aids the aggressors in this conflict.

MYTH: If the U.S. gets involved it would mean committing troops and getting embroiled in another Vietnam.

FACT: The Bosnian government has never sought U.S. ground troops. It has solicited an end to the arms embargo and air support to open its airports and relief corridors. Such action proved successful in blocking Soviet aggression in Afghanistan without involving

MYTH: This is a European and/or a Muslim problem; if they don't get involved, why

should we?

FACT: A world order in which sovereignty and borders are disregarded and powerful nations can invade and consume weaker neighbors with impunity is not a world which is safe for American interests. A world which tolerates ethnic cleansing is certainly not safe for Jews. Our so-called neutrality conveys a message to every rouge nation and every common thug who assumes a role on the world stage. The message is: there is no 'new world order' and you can get away with murder. Neutrality is obscene in the face of the brutality and the barbarism taking place in Bosnia. if we have not learned that, we have learned nothing form the Holocaust.

MYTH: There's nothing I can do.

FACT: We have been taught that the only thing necessary for evil to succeed is for good people to do nothing. There is much we can do, if we have the will to do it. First, we must educate ourselves and our neighbors about Bosnia. Next, we can raise our voices, collectively or individually, on behalf of the victims. we can call upon our leaders to take whatever steps are necessary, economic, diplomatic or military, to see that humanitarian aid reaches its intended destination. We can expend our own resources to aid the victims of the Balkan conflict, as Israel has done by taking in refugees and the Joint Distribution Committee has done by providing relief supplies. We can urge our government to lift the arms embargo and defend the civilian populations at risk. We can call upon world leaders to band together to prevent territorial aggression and to investigate and punish war crimes. We can join with other people of conscience in this worthy cause; the JCRC and the Delaware Coalition for Bosnia would welcome additional support in their efforts.

No more myths. No more excuses. We know too much already. How many more editorials and news reports will it take to generate the moral indignation necessary to defend the victims? Perhaps in 50 years we will simply add a Bosnia wing to the U.S. Holocaust Museum, and cynically pledge "Never

History is a harsh judge. If we continue to do nothing, we will have to answer for our sin of silence. We will have to face our children and admit that we did not do all we could to prevent this atrocity. May God and our children forgive

Inman '?' Answered: '!'

By DOUGLAS M. BLOOMFIELD

When President Clinton named Adm. Bobby Ray Inman to be his next Secretary of Defense, I observed he was replacing "Israel's strongest friend in the Cabinet with a giant question

The answers started coming in quickly, cliconferences since those when Richard M. Nixon declared "You won't have Nixon to kick around anymore" and "I am not a crook" and Ross Perot's charges of meddling in his daughter's wedding.

New York Times columnist William Safire deserves thanks for forcing the real Inman to reveal himself. I am a Safire fan, although I often disagree with him, but I was somewhat skeptical about his motivation. Safire's December 23 column dripped scarcasm as he boasted about how "I asked [Inman] how a grown man could go through life calling himself 'Bobby'." It was a pretty and childish crack that made Safire's motivation suspect and

undermined the legitimate news he had.

But Inman came to Safire's rescue, lending credence to the columnist's charge of the retired admiral's "anti-Israel bias" and general unfitness for the job.

Inman was behind efforts to tag Israel as the origin of reports of a Libyan hit squad headed for the United States, Safire charged. A U.S. anti-terrorism official familiar with the incident said the story actually came from an Arab source, who passed it on to the CIA, which "panicked" and soon barricades were erected in front of the White House and the Congress.

Following the Great Nuclear Non-Proliferation Act of 1981, Israel's bombing of Saddam Hussein's Osiraq reactor, Inman used his authority as deputy director of the CIA to slap a 250-mile limit on intelligence sharing with Israel, making Iraq, Iran and Libya a "nonthreat." As Saddam and his Scud missiles later demonstrated, that was not only a very bad judgment call but a very dangerous one as well. The entire Inman incident raises many ques-

-Did Admiral Inman's haste in abandoning ship indicate there might have been more and bigger torpedoes out there coming from Safire

fight when the going gets tough?

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A First Hand Account: The Rabbi Writes Of His Jouney To Israel, Egypt, and Jordan

By RABBI PETER GRUMBACHER

Special to The Jewish Voice Middle East Update ... those three words seem like such a benign title for what indeed was an experience of a lifetime! In fact, these seven days of travel and talk impacted a great deal on the 80 rabbis who visited this troubled region of the world with the hope of better understanding the peace process in the works. Designed to be as objective as possible, not one of us will forget the emotional responses of a vast number of regular folks just as we learned in great detail about the facts of conflict and resolution from social scientists and political leaders. There is a burning desire for harmony, a yearning for peace and the recognition that well over a half-century of antipathy and terrorism will not lead to the desired results in weeks or months

just because two people shook hands

for the world to see. We realized as

did Jeremiah "Shalom, shalom, v'ayn

shalom; peace, peace, yet there is no

peace," a sad, yet realistic conclu-

We first traveled to Tel Aviv, because Cairo was deemed to be too dangerous. From there we drove down to Eilat and then into Sinai and experienced "the ride from hell." A ferry boat trip from Nuweiba to Agaba. Only 10 kilometers separate the two port cities of Eilat and Agaba, but because Jordan and Israel still do not have any kind of peace agreement, a trip which should take no more than 45 minutes tops took us ten and half hours. We drove from Aqaba to Amman, stopping for a few hours in the remarkable ancient city of Petra where we rode on horseback to the majestic canyon - an archaeologists delight - which was the location of both "Raiders of the Lost Art" as well as the sequel, "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom.' Amman is a lovely city which we really did not get to see, because of a perceived threat based on a letter received by a Jordanian newspaper. Ninety-two security guards were with us from the time we arrived in Jordan's capital until we left. Crown Prince Hassan would not see us although this meeting had been planned; and while we did not get an official reason we were told by some that he could not afford to be in our presence considering the circumstances of the moment. The truth of that can be found somewhere in the middle. As our bus crossed the Allenby Bridge dividing Jordan from Israel, we saw some of the security guards giving each other a high-five along with numerous embraces. I must say that we rabbis were just as happy about leaving Jordan as our protectors were!

It took no more than 15 minutes to travel to a kibbutz and then another 10 minutes up the road for our visit with PLO representatives from Jericho. For that part of the day we had an Israeli security guard who asked us at the end of our visit if we had been fearful in Jericho. None of us expressed any concern, but he indicated that we had in fact been placed in the precarious situation, sitting on an open and very exposed rooftop in a city in which radical Palestinians, members of Hamas were always looking for a way to sabotage the peace process. He would not have been surprised if a hand grenade would

have been tossed our way! I guess this shows what we did not know, ultimately did not hurt us.

We celebrated Shabbat in Jerusalem and for one and a-half days were able to relax. I had the opportunity to visit with Michelle and Steve Medwin, Dan and Rachel, in their lovely apartment after we walked from Shabbat services at the Hebrew Union College. They send their best. Michelle is enjoying her first year of rabbinic studies. Steve is doing weaving in the artists quarter of the city and the kids are picking up Hebrew and having a great experience with the Israeli Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

Our next day, our last one in the Middle East, was packed with meetings from morning until our bus left for the airport that night. Prime Minister Rabin spent an hour with us followed by Ehud Olmert, the newly elected mayor of Jerusalem. We heard about the human rights activities of liberal rabbis in Israel from a classmate of mine, Rabbi David Forman; and then spoke with Benny Begin, the late Prime Minister's son and a conservative influence in his own right, who will surely be a major player in the future of Israeli politics. To balance Dr. Begin, we were addressed by Yossi Beilin, Deputy Foreign Minister, who was a replacement for Shimon Peres, the Foreign Minister who was meeting in Oslo after the funeral of the Norwegian who brokered the agreement between Israel and the Palestinians. From Jerusalem we traveled to Efrat, a modern Orthodox community in the territories whose residents are directly impacted by what might transpire. Our final session was with one of the Palestinian representatives to the talks in Washington, D.C.

I mentioned all of these pieces of the trip to you in order for you to have a picture of the broad spectrum of individuals we met and places we saw in our attempt to understand facts and opinions so vital in comprehending the complex nature of the pursuit of peace.

What were some of our conclu-

For one thing we learned that the adage spoken about Jews is true about others as well: if there are one hundred Palestinians in a room, and one hundred Israelis in a room, each will have two hundred opinions. Not only that, there is a great amount of distrust between the segments of each group. They all speak words of peace, but even among themselves there are numerous definitions of what peace is all about as well as deepseated suspicions within their own ranks.

Internal conflicts manifested themselves particularly among the Palestinians we met. On the rooftop of a deteriorating building in Jericho ers of a new faction of the PLO, a committee called FEDA, the Palestine Democratic Union, were not subtle at all when speaking of their difference. FEDA was established more as a political party than a committee, interested in a more constitutional approach to Palestinian leadership. Contrary to the revolutionary model under Arafat's long-term control over his forces, FEDA realizes that there are numerous splinter groups all of which hope to influence the direction of whatever Palestinian entity will be created. There is no



U.S. RABBIS VISIT JORDAN... AMMAN -- Arabian coffee is offered to a group of American rabbis on arrival in Amman Jan. 19. It is the first time such a visit has been made to an Arab country officially at war with Israel. The rabbis said their visit was a result of Middle East peace talks. CREDIT: RNS PHOTO/Reuters (Reproduction rights not transferable) 1994.

question that they are currently jockeying for position, and it would appear that if some clarity is achieved in terms of the definition of autonomy, tensions will surface among these groups. What seems to be most obvious (at least from my point of view) is that at best Arafat will emerge more as an older statesman, respected but perhaps ignored, with new and younger Palestinians coming into their own.

Another conclusion we reached is that it is difficult to truly read the Jordanians. On the one hand, individual Jordanian economists and political scientists were crystal clear in their visions of peace. They spoke about plans for regional airports as well as projects between Israel and Jordan that could raise the standard of living for millions. On the other hand, one got the feeling that Jordan was not going to make a single move on their own. Each spoke about a comprehensive" peace plan that would have to meet the needs of Palestinians and Syrians before any official independent negotiations would take place between these two neighbors. This seemed particularly confusing, inasmuch as unofficial diplomacy has been occurring for years. Of course Jordan has historically been in a precarious position within the Arab world. Made up of at least fifty percent Palestinians, the Hashemite kingdom of Jordan has survived numerous plots against the throne. Not only that, her northern neighbor has always viewed Jordan as an integral part of "greater Syria" leaving King Hussein literally between "Iraq and a

This leads me to another conclusion, namely that the vision of peace is so real for the people, the Palestinians, the Jordanians, and the Israelis, but history, geography and of course politics, paralyses them leaving the peace process so inviting yet so frustrating

This was most noticeable as we spoke to residents of Efrat. This is a beautiful, vibrant settlement of four thousand people, the majority of whom came to Israel ten years ago with Rabbi Shlomo Riskin, formerly of the Lincoln Square Synagogue in

Manhattan, to fulfill a dream. Our group was divided into five homes in which we dialogued with about four people in each home. All of them were open and forthright; they were quick to share their views which ran the political gamut. Some shared with us the deep pain they felt realizing that they may have to give up their lives in Efrat but were willing to do so to give peace a chance. Others had no intention of leaving their community, willing to have Palestinian police be their guardians in a new era of mutual cooperation. And there were a few, one woman in particular, who said she would personally burn down her house before she would be part of a change in the status quo. Here, too, they were outspoken about their suspicions concerning Israeli political leaders. The major concern of these settlers were their children, and there was an unsettling feeling among them that those in high places in the government, regardless of political party, were not sensitive enough to how any of the myriad proposals would touch the lives of the next generation.

The final conclusion deals with the reason for what appears to be the rush for peace. What I mean by this is that there is an undercurrent of urgency which supersedes merely the ideal of tranquility in a region that has always been in turmoil. All of the countries currently negotiating, as well as African nations which are slowly but surely re-establishing relations with Israel, are looking ahead with apprehension or at least a healthy dose of realism.

They realize that Iran and Iraq are so unstable that they present the greatest threat in the region. Either one of them could possess nuclear weapons within five to ten years from now, and Arab nations could be as likely a target as Israel. Furthermore, all the other nations in the region are extremely fearful of what is referred to as Islamization. The fundamentalist movement among Moslems is growing rapidly, and Iran is at the heart of this phenomenon to such a degree it is worrying its neighbors near and far.

There is also the issue of

demography. The belief is that the population of the nations of the region will double in a very short time, and no resources can keep up with this massive population explosion. Israel and her current enemies are appreciating that they have more in common because of these latest circumstances than they care to admit. They share the same threats and it behooves them all to deal with them quickly, as rationally as possible, and with a definite purpose in mind. And what appears to be the major concern, one which Israel has faced throughout her history, is something that even Hafez Assad of Syria is constantly worried about ... the absence of water and the major source of conflict this problem could pro-

The point is that not only is the peace process imperfect, but so will be the ultimate results, at least for the short term. What was brought home to us time and time again is that the alternatives to peace are grim; everyone in the region will have to live with each other in a more cooperative venture than ever before, not because they love each other (because they will never love each other) but because there is no alternative. Nevertheless, assuming the worst scenarios can be avoided, the possibilities for peace, for cooperation on economic and social fronts, for joint agricultural ventures and for engineering projects that can revitalize the Middle East, the sky is truly the

We are living in an exciting time. How pleased I was to have had the chance to be a little part of history, to see and hear what one year ago I, or most likely any of you, would have believed possible. Let us all pray for peace and work for peace any way we can.

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Geffen Returns To Discuss Jewish Demography

Professor Rela M. Geffen will deliver a lecture on Sunday evening, February 6, at Congregation Beth Shalom, entitled: "Is Demography Destiny? The Future of the American Jewish Community." This lecture is part of the Adult Education Committee's 1993-1994 program, entitled "The 20th Century American Jewish Community, Looking

Cardiologist To Speak At **Upcoming Hadassah Meeting**

By Dr. SHIRLEY G. FISCHER-**DROWOS**

On February 14th Wilmington Hadassah's program will focus specifically on our hearts. Dr. Kathleen W. McNicholas, cardiologist at the Medical Arts Pavilion, will discuss "Women and Heart Disease" at the Library Lounge at 7:30 p.m. The American Heart Association of Delaware will also have literature avail-

Dr. McNicholas will address the risks associated with heart disease, signs and symptoms, diagnostic tests, and medical management. Today more women suffer diseases of the cardiovascular system. Lifestyles, diet, stress levels, and cholesterol levels are all factors over which we have some control. Also, cigarette smoking, high blood pressure, diabetes, obesity, and insufficient exercise are

Feldman To Attend N'Orleans Meeting

Leaders of the Jewish Community Relation Committee (JCRC) of the Jewish Federation of Delaware will attend the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council's annual policy conference, which will take place in New Orleans February 19-23. The 1994 conference will mark the 50th anniversary of the NJCRAC, the organized Jewish community's leading multi-issue policymaking body.

Speakers will include Dr. Yossi Beilin, deputy foreign minister of Israel, Ambassador Dennis Ross, special Middle East coordinator for the State Department, Doris Meissner, commissioner of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, Louisville Mayor Jerry Abramson, president of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, and former New Orleans mayor Judge Moon

In a session addressing the Jewish community relations field's role in promoting Jewish continuity a paper will be presented by Dr. Steven Windmueller, executive director of the Los Angeles JCRC. Respondents include Dr. John Ruskay of the New York UJA-Federation, Bernice Balter of the Women's League for Conserof the Boston JCRC.

Other sessions scheduled for the conference will deal with the Jewish community's stake in national health care reform, the threat of the religious right, building broad public support for the Arab-Israeli peace process, and organizing the Jewish grass roots to have an impact in the 1994 elections.

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Dr. Kathleen McNicholas

critical factors to our cardiovascular

Dr. McNicholas' credentials include over 30 professional presentations and over 40 publications. Dr. McNicholas, a Board certified cardiologist, received her MD degree at Jefferson College, magna cum laude. She has been an attending physician and director of departments of cardiovascular surgery at the Deborah Heart and Lung Center. She has also been an attending physician at Pres-byterian U of P Medical Center and Graduate Hospital, Christiana Hospital, A.I. duPont Institute, and as the Director of Pediatric Cardiac Surgery at Christiana.

February was named Heart Month by the American Heart Association. Blood pressure screenings will be setup at various locations, including the JCC. Refreshments will follow the presentation.

Backward, Looking Forward." Professor Geffen will address several important issues: the impact of Jewish migration within America, the 1990 National Jewish Population Survey, the state of Jewish education, and the evolution of the American Jewish family.

Dr. Geffen is Professor of Sociology and Dean of Academic Affairs at Gratz College in Philadelphia. She is a Fellow of the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs and serves on the Advisory Committee of the National Jewish Family Center of the American Jewish Committee. She is currently Vice-President of the Association for Jewish Studies, the major professional organization of professors of Jewish Studies in North America. Dr. Geffen's major research interests are in the fields of sociology of religion - especially the American Jewish Community and the sociology of the American Jewish Fam-

Dr. Geffen has published numerous scholarly articles, monographs, and two recent books, including Jewish Women on the Way Up, The American Jewish Family, Jewish Campus Life, and Celebration and Renewal: Rites of Passage in Judaism. She serves on the editorial board of Jewish Political Studies Review and is a contributing editor of Sh'ma, Lilith, the AJS Review, and Out-

Dr. Geffen was in Delaware on January 14 to speak at the Lion of Judah Luncheon. The luncheon was a scheduled event of the 1994 'Live Jewish' community campaign

Admission to this lecture is \$6 per person or \$20 for the entire season of four lectures. The lecture will take place at 7:00 p.m., Sunday, February 6, in the Gibstein Auditorium of Congregation Beth Shalom, 18th and Baynard Blvd., Wilmington. For additional information, please call the synagogue office at (302) 654-





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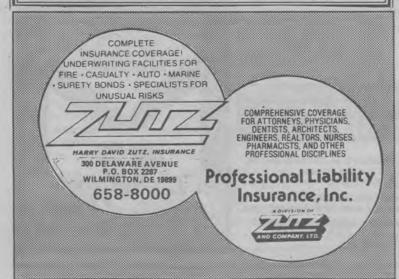


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At the event were: Front row (left to right): Rabbi Leonard B. Gewirtz, rabbi emeritus of Adas Kodesch; Arlene Simon; Bernard Siegel; Howard Simon. Back row (left to right): Jerome K. Grossman; Tribute Cochairmen Henry H. Beckler and John A. Elzufon, overall chairman of the Delaware State of Israel Bonds committee.

Spitzer Forum Features Gray And Abraham

Reverend William Gray, President of the United Negro College Fund and former Philadelphia congressman will address the current state of Black/Jewish relations on Sunday, February 6th at 7 p.m. at the Afro-American Museum as part of the Fifth Annual Hillel Charlotte & Jack Spitzer Forum on Public Policy, February 6-8 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Gray's speech will follow a tour of the nationally renowned exhiin-depth look at the history of Black/ Jewish relations.

How does crime affect our personal lives and life of our community and are there innovative ways of combating the violence? Lynn Abraham, Philadelphia District Attorney, Reverend Richard Fernandez, Executive Director Northwest Interfaith Movement, and Jeff Lindy, former Philadelphia Assistant Dis-

The Plan for 1994-95 will be adopted

at the policy conference. Coordi-

nated by co-chairs Robert Coonin

and Jay Eisenhofer, or members of

the JCRC currently are reviewing the

draft sections of the Plan. "This com-

munity process is critical to deter-

mining the agenda for debate at the

policy conference, and therefore

bition, Bridges and Boundaries, an trict Attorney will address issues these and other issues of crime and punishment on Monday, February 7, at noon at the Warwick Hotel also as part of the Fifth Annual Hillel Charlotte & Jack J. Spitzer Forum on Public Policy, February 6-8 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The Spitzer Forum is an opportunity for college students from around the country to gather and explore public policy issues in a Jewish context. This year's conference, Generating Change: Understanding Jewish Ideals and Activating the Civic Agenda, will feature policy experts, elected officials, community activists and student leaders. Students interested in taking advantage of this exciting opportunity may register through their local Hillel.

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Gilbert Gottfried Will Perform In Delaware

Thursday, February 17, Gilbert Gottfried will appear at the Wilmington Comedy Cabaret.

With his beginning on Saturday Night Live, Gilbert has emerged as a familiar comedian with appearances on Letterman and The Tonight Show. He has appearances in several films such as Beverly Hill Cop 2 and Problem Child and many more.

Show starts at 8:30 p.m. Admission is \$15. Call for reservations at (302) 652-6873.

Feldman-

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throughout the United States that constitute the NJCRAC. This unique partnership of national and local agencies provides the vehicle for community views to impact on national level issues and decisions. At the policy conference, community views often influence the formulation of consensus positions during debates on priority domestic and international issues confronting the American Jewish community.

The Delaware JCRC already is engaged in this annual process of determining the priorities, judgments the NJCRAC Joint Program Plan. 6200.

contributes to shaping the final draft of the Plan," said Rabbi Marla Feldman, Director of the JCRC. NJCRAC Vice Chair Marie Abrams of Louisville, and Leslie Gerwin of New Orleans, are co-chairs of the 1994 NJCRAC Policy Conference.

For registration and program information regar nity relations field that will comprise ference, call Rabbi Feldman at 478-

ORT Meeting

General Meeting Wednesday, February 9, 1994 -7:30 p.m.

Speaking of Health & Fitness...According to a statement by Women's American ORT; "If you've enjoyed eating from Thanksgiving straight through to New Years,

you won't want to miss ORT's February 9th meeting." The program, Getting into Shape and Weight Control, will be presented by A.J. Lipstein, Director of The Fitness Center at the Jewish Community Center.

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Book Review:

Mourning & Mitzvah

- A Guided Journal for Walking the Mourner's Path Through Grief to Healing (by Anne Brener, Woodstock, New York, Jewish Lights Publishing, 1993. Paperback, list \$19.95), one would expect a book about the Jewish way of death and the obligations (mitzvah) which death confers upon survivors. One would expect a thorough discussion of Judaism's concept of death, dying, rituals and grief; and one would ex-

Reviewed by CELIA GANS pect this wisdom - since the word From its title, Mourning & Mitzvah is part of the title, to be imparted through classic religious texts. At least that was the book I expected.

It wasn't the book I read. On the front cover, beneath the title, are the words "with over 60 guided exercises." And that is the what Mourning & Mitzvah is: a workbook which, in the author's words "melds the commandments regarding the dying person, burial procedures, and mourning with psychotherapeutic

exercises" to help the reader toward "consolidation and personal growth."

Both the promotional materials accompanying this book and Brener herself recount the author's own history - how she, in her early 20's, experienced the death of her mother (at age 43) and her youngest sister (in an auto accident, at 19) within three months of each other - and ran. Away from her father, away from her home, away from her native city away. She was, she writes, "in terror." After a year of what seemed to be 'fight or flight' experiences, as Brener describes them, she chooses life, she reaffirms her instinct for

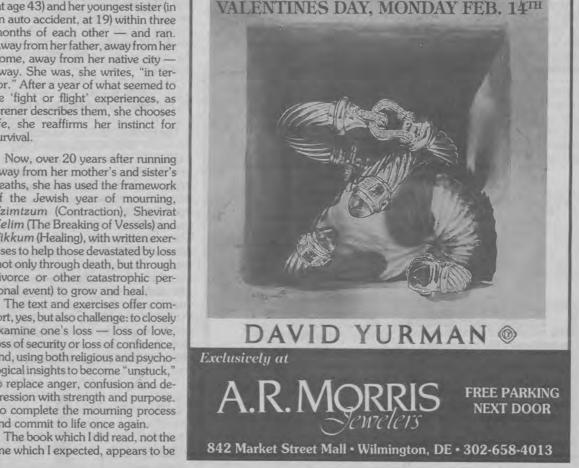
Now, over 20 years after running away from her mother's and sister's deaths, she has used the framework of the Jewish year of mourning, Tzimtzum (Contraction), Shevirat Kelim (The Breaking of Vessels) and Tikkum (Healing), with written exercises to help those devastated by loss (not only through death, but through divorce or other catastrophic personal event) to grow and heal.

The text and exercises offer comfort, yes, but also challenge: to closely examine one's loss — loss of love, loss of security or loss of confidence, and, using both religious and psychological insights to become "unstuck," to replace anger, confusion and depression with strength and purpose. To complete the mourning process and commit to life once again.

one which I expected, appears to be

directed at the almost non-functional those unable to successfully complete the mourning process. I find it difficult, however, to believe that such a person would have the discipline or

focus to complete Mourning & Mitzuah's text or exercises. Perhaps this volume would be best if used for group therapy, pastoral counseling or hospice programs.





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years after Kalik immigrated to Israel, he returned to Russia and a tearful reunion with his friends. From this reunion he created a personal film composed of archival clips interwoven with dramatized scenes.

And the Wind Returneth is a film that takes its hero-creator through historical events seen through the eyes of a child, who grows into a youth, and then becomes a man. It is the story of Jewish life during the Soviet era.

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If you think that Stephen Sondheim's musical about a barber who slits peoples' throats is gruesome, wait til you see this one: his 1991 Assassins, now being presented by the Philadelphia Area Repertory Theatre at the Bourse at 5th & Chestnut Streets.

Assassins is a musical about the folks who have killed, or tried to kill, American Presidents. The leading characters include Sqeaky Fromme, John Hinckley, John Wilkes Booth and Lee Harvey Oswald. "Why do Southern rednecks always have three names?," Booth wonders.

There's a song about how everyone remembers where he was when he heard the news about an assassination. No question that this subject matter has great fascination. But in this show we see nothing of Lincoln, Kennedy or FDR. The emphasis is on the killers and the would-be kill-

Some were ideologues and some were looney nut cases. What they had in common is that they all felt a lack of love, a lack of caring. As Sondheim wrote: "To be valued, To be loved." They wanted what Willy Loman's wife wanted in Death of a Salesman: "Attention must be paid."

Assassins has the format of a musical review. Sondheim's music and lyrics are clever and catchy. There's an attractive love song by John Hinckley about "Jodie," and a catchy anthem, "Everybody's Got the Right To Be Happy." You go out of the theater humming his tunes, and that's something that you can say about very, very few shows.

The authors seem to be saying that hucksters of the American Dream have created expectations that cannot be fulfilled. They also seem to be asking why everyone needs to be happy. Not everyone is going to win a big prize; Why should we expect

Sondheim and librettist John Weidman bring us to a greater understanding of these people. But their actions have wounded us so much that it's impossible to like them. So our hearts don't go out to them, nor

Assassins is such an original and clever play that it should be seen by anyone who follows American musical theater. But I don't think you'll

Casting was done with physical resemblances very much in mind. The strength of singing talent varies a great deal. I particularly admired Moreland and Jason Kramer.

Director Charles Gilbert made excellent use of the small theater space. His staging was dramatically effective for a special reason. He came up with the original idea for this play, and gave it to Sondheim and Weidman in exchange for credit at every production.

There's a CD of Assassins which you should buy if you can't get to see this in person, on the BMG/RCA label. It has the advantages of a bigger band and uniformly good sing-

ing voices.

Two recent books about Sondheim's career are noteworthy. They complement each other. Martin Gottfried's Stephen Sondheim is a handsome book with great pictures and informative text, published by Abrams. That publisher has long been known for beautiful books about the visual and the performing arts. Joanne Gordon's Art Isn't Easy: The Theater of Stephen Sondheim (Da Capo Press) contains in-depth analysis of Sondheim's music and lyrics, taken show by show. Gordon dissects Sondheim as a musicologist would analyze Mozart or Verdi. Sondheim deserves this attention, and the book is interesting, but the casual reader will prefer the Gottfried volume.

A clever and funny scene in Assassin shows a would-be killer of President Nixon recording a cassette to send to Leonard Bernstein. He hopes that Lenny will be a sympathetic

the voices of David Mann, David listener. He tries to flatter the composer: "You write such great love songs! Tonight, Tonight, won't be just any night; what a great song. What a beautiful melody." The inside joke is that Stephen Sondheim wrote those lyrics to Bernstein's music.

Speaking of Bernstein, the composer/conductor was recently inducted into the Jewish American Hall of Fame in Berkeley, California. Accepting the award for her father, Jamie Bernstein Thomas said some interesting things that I'd like to share with you:

Leonard Bernstein took his Jewish heritage seriously, even if he wasn't the kind of Jew who went to schul every Friday night. He had his own private mode of worship: composing. Many of his works use texts from the Hebrew liturgy, and he returned again and again to those melodies he learned as a youth attending Temple Mishkah Tefila in Boston...

My father's commitment to Israel was unequivocal, even if he didn't always agree with the views of its government. That's how Americans do it in America, and my father felt it was the same way for Israel: criticism of its politics in no way compromised my father's dedication to the nation itself. If only he had lived to see the giant step towards peace that the Israelis and Palestinians are taking this year. My father would be dancing in the streets of Jerusalem.

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By TOM TUGEND LOS ANGELES (JTA) — In what is being considered a rosy augury for this spring's Academy Awards, Steven Spielberg's Holocaust epic, "Schindler's List" has taken top honors at the Golden Globe Awards for 1993's best dramatic film, director and screenplay.

It is now believed that the riveting film made about the true story of a scoundrel who saved 1,100 Jews from the Nazis may in fact break Spielberg's career-long failure to garner an Oscar as best director.

"Now I can breathe again," Spielberg said Saturday night after accepting the statuette for his direc-

tion of the haunting film about a Nazi businessman who saved Jews during the Holocaust by employing them in necessary and not-so-necessary war endeavors.

Spielberg told the 1,200-member audience that "Schindler's List" was "the experience of my motion picture career," as the audience rose in standing ovations.

"It is so painful to remember and so easy to forget. Thank God, so many of you are remembering. This is dedicated to the survivors," he

Afterward, at a backstage news conference, Spielberg said, "I would trade three 'Jurassic Parks' " - his you survive, tell the world our story of how we died." "I am very grateful" that this film fulfills "my obligation to all the people who died in the concentration camps," Lustig said

The youthful director and producer also paid tribute to Poldek Pfefferberg, one of the so-called "Schindler Jews, who in his postwar career as Beverly Hills businessman Leopold Page persisted until Schindler's story was shared with the world.

Page captivated Keneally with the story as he waited in Page's luggage store while waiting for a delayed flight home to Austrailia.

In addition to the three awards given for "Schindler's List," awards





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recent record-breaking fantasy film about dinosaurs — "for all the letters I've been getting since ('Schindler's List') opened.

"This is much more important. I can always go out and make an adventure film," said Spielberg, whose phenomenally successful career has been built mostly on fantasies for young and old such as "E.T., "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," the "Poltergeist" movies and the "Indiana Jones" trilogy.

When Spielberg was asked about the laughter the film provoked among rowdy high school students in Oakland, Calif., Spielberg told reporters, "A lot of kids are so desensitized to violence. Too many kids don't know what the word 'Holocaust' means."

Although commercially the most successful filmmaker in motion picture history, Spielberg had never won any of Hollywood's major film prizes.

With the 51st annual Golden Globe Awards, conferred by the Hollywood Foreign Press Association, and general acclaim by critics, "Schindler's ist" and Spielberg are the odds-on favorites to pick up Oscars at the movie "The Age of Innocence." March 21 Academy Awards.

Sharing in the "Schindler's List" honors were co-producer Branko Lustig, a Holocaust survivor, and screenwriter Steven Zaillian, whose work is based faithfully on the book by Australian writer Thomas Keneally.

Lustig, a survivor of Auschwitz, said that "during my stay in the concentration camp, every time somebody died and every time someone was hanged in front of us, they all said one thing: 'Don't forget us. If

ON THE SET AT SCHINDLER'S LIST. Leopold (Paul) Page, center, shows an album of photos taken when he worked for Oskar Schindler during the German occupation of Poland to (standing, from left) Steven Spielberg, director of the Holocaust film; Ralph Fiennes, who plays the role of the Nazi commander Amon Goeth, and other cast members including (seated, to Page's right) Liam Neeson, who plays Schindler in the film.

were won by the neurotic Jewish television writer and stand-up comedian Jerry Seinfeld for his quirky weekly television series in which he plays himself.

Seinfeld won a Golden Globe as best actor in a situation comedy and the NBC series was chosen as the best comedy series for 1993.

The award for best supporting actress in a television series went to Seinfeld co-star Julia Louis-Dreyfus.

Other winners included Bette Midler for her role in the television film "Gypsy" and Winona Ryder as best supporting actress in the feature

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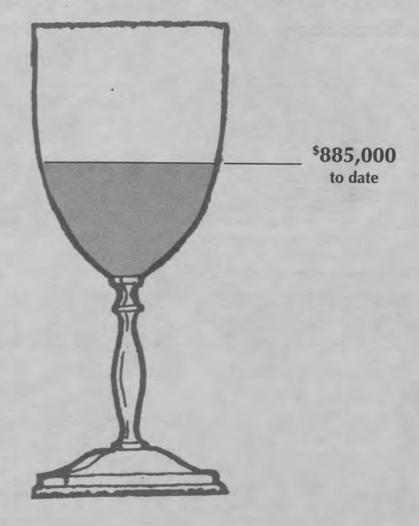


1994 COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN

The 1994 Community Campaign began with a strong campaign week held January 7-16. More than 1400 contributors pledged some \$875,000 to the campaign by the end of the week. Although an ice storm forced the cancellation of Federation Shabbat, the other nine events, Shabbat study with Rabbi Toren, Dinner of Commitment with CJF President Maynard Wishner, Chai Society Brunch with Honorable Abba Eban, a private showing of "Shindler's List," Young Leadership's Comedy Cabaret, the Lion of Judah Luncheon with Rela Geffen, Federation Shabbat in Dover, the Community Wedding and Super Sunday, proceeded on schedule, quite an accomplishment in the 'Winter of '94.' This supplement features some highlights of campaign week.

Funds raised in the campaign enable our community to "Live Jewish," to honor our commitment to Jews here in Delaware and throughout the world. Albert Einstein Academy, Gratz Hebrew High School, Hillel at the University of Delaware, the Jewish Community Center, Jewish Family Service and the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home all depend on funds raised by the annual campaign. The United Jewish Appeal, which meets compelling needs in Israel, and the Joint Distribution Committee, which aids Jews in need throughout the world, receive funds from our annual campaign. To Life Jewish Today is to accept the covenant and to insure that our civilization survives and thrives generation to generation.

Campaign Chair Barbara Schoenberg and Federation President Toni Young emphasized, "The campaign is off to a great start, but we need the support of the entire community in order to meet our campaign goal of two million dollars. If you've never contributed to the annual campaign before, this is the year to join us. If you can be more generous than before, this is the year to make the quantum leap. Together we must bring our community to an appropriate funding level. We must raise \$2 million."





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CAMPAIGN WEEK January 7 ~ January 16

SPECIAL STUDY SESSION WITH RABBI TOREN January 8

Chairs - Jean & Jack Blumenfeld Although Federation Shabbat was canceled due to the ice storm, 40 hardy souls joined Rabbi Toren the next day for a special study session to discuss the thoughts of Judaic scholars on the Holocaust and its meaning in our lives today.

DINNER OF COMMITMENT January 8

Chairs - Clara & Bentley Hollander Maynard I. Wishner, President of Council of Jewish Federations, joined 34 leaders of the Delaware Jewish community to discuss the directions of North American Jewry and to pledge over \$350,000 in support of Jews both at home, around the world, and in Israel.

CHAI BRUNCH

January 9 Chairs - Miriam & Steven Edell Close to 200 people were mesmerized by the oratory of former Ambassador Abba Eban. His plea to the Jewish community of Delaware: You stood by us in war, please do not abandon us in peace.

SCHINDLER'S LIST January 12

The Jewish community "packed the house" in a special showing of Schindler's List, Steven Spielberg's masterwork in the Holocaust. A broad range of the community came for the event from teens to thirtysomethings, baby boomers to seniors.

YOUNG LEADERSHIP **COMEDY FUNRAISER** January 13

Chairs - Sharon Mittelman, Matt Dean The future of Jewish Delaware, the Young Leadership Cabinet and Young Jewish Adults of Delaware attended a comedy night to benefit the services and programs funded y the 1994 COMMUNITY Campaign. Donors contributed with record breading increases; thanks for helping us to Insure Our Future!

LION OF JUDAH LUNCHEON January 14

Chair - Arlene Simon Thirty Lion of Judah women and their daughters gathered on a snowy afternoon to listen to Dr. Rela Geffen share her insights on the Jewish Life Cycle, their value in our everyday lives. Lion of Judah honors women of North America who have made a commitment of \$5,000 or more to the annual campaign.

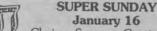
SOUTHERN DELAWARE **FEDERATION SHABBAT**

January 14 Chair - Robert Crystal

Douglas Bloomfield, journalist, visited Beth Sholom, Dover, to intrigue and fascinate us with his astute analysis of the players and tactics during the latest rounds of Peace talks.

SIMAN TOV AND MAZAL TOV January 15

THE WEDDING OF THE CENTURY Chair - Joan Wachstein



January 16

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tury." It was standing room only as two couples renewed their vows under a chuppah with the guidance of Rabbi Dressin and Rabbi Yoskowitz. The chuppah poleholders were four pillars of the community, Rabbi Ellen Bernhardt of Albert Einstein Academy, David Sorkin of the Jewish Community Center, Arnold Lieberman of Jewish Family Service and Steve Willens of The Milton and Hattie Kutz Home.

After the ceremony the celebrants emptied out of the sanctuary and into the dance hall to the sounds of the klezmer band. Entertainment included performances by students of Gratz Hebrew High School and those of

that night that parking lot overflowed with cars and the coat room could scarcely have handled another coat. They came for the event, they came for the cause, they came for their friends, they came for the warmth of community and they made it an affair to remember.

The Wedding of the Century, the first event in Delaware of its kind, was a scheduled event in the campaign week of the 1994 "Live Jewish" community campaign administered by the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD). Campaign week inaugurates a year long effort to raise \$1 million dollars to meet real needs for the Jews of Delaware and Jews around the world.

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SUPER SUNDAY!

Super Sunday brought out dozens of volunteers to call on members of the Delaware Jewish community to support the 1994 "Live Jewish" community campaign administered by The Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD). Campaign volunteers explained how the support of our community assists Jews here and around the world with social services, education, and health care.

Enthusiasm was contagious as many gifts were increased or even doubled. This year Campaign Week 1994 kicked off the effort to reach the real needs goal of two million dollars for the 1994 Campaign and Super Sunday did its part to get the bagel, oops, the ball rolling.









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religious congregations throughout the state in order to discuss initiatives and programs aimed at improving the quality of life for Delawareans.

Come exchange ideas, enjoy good fellowship and a delicious breakfast. Call 366-8330 for more information.

Congregation Ohev Shalom Presents Musical

The Ohev Shalom Players present the musical, "Barnum," at Congregation Ohev Shalom, 2 Chester Road, Wallingford, PA. This is the intersection of Rtes. 320 & 252.

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Yiddish Education Center Planned For New England Campus

SOUTH HADLEY, MA — The National Yiddish Book Center has announced plans to build a permanent home for Yiddish culture on the campus of Hampshire College in Amherst, Massachusetts. The 26,000-square foot building, slated to open in the spring of 1996, will combine the world's largest repository of Yiddish books with lively exhibits, classrooms, an auditorium, conference facilities and a resource center, designed to make the past thousand years of Jewish history come alive for a new generation.

Aaron Lansky, the Yiddish Book Center's 38-year-old President, says that funds will be raised through private gifts, grants and grass-roots contributions.

A 1977 graduate of Hampshire College and recipient of a MacArthur

"genius" grant, Lansky founded the Yiddish Book Center in 1979 to stem the widespread destruction of Yiddish books and the loss of Jewish historical awareness in this country and abroad. During the past 13 years, the non-profit organization has made international headlines by rescuing more than one million discarded Yiddish books, developing collections of Yiddish literature at 170 university and research libraries in 20 countries, and launching a wide range of innovative educational programs to help American-born Jews rediscover the culture and sensibility of their own parents and grandparents.

Lansky says that the decision to locate on the Hampshire campus reflects an appreciation of the College's longstanding commitment to Jewish Students and self-directed, liberal arts education.



Aaron Lansky, President of the National Yiddish Book Center, announced plans to build a \$4 million center for Yiddish education on the campus of Hampshire College in Amherst, MA. Photo by Lionel Delevingne.



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By DAN WEINTRAUB

Editor of The Jewish Voice In the movie "Mrs. Doubtfire," Robin Williams plays a divorced man who disguises himself as a woman in order to obtain employment as a housekeeper caring for his children. Although the characters in the film were not supposed to be Jewish, The Jewish Voice spoke to Rabbi Moshe Goldblum, of Dover's Congregation Beth Sholom, to find out if this character's actions were kosher.

Goldblum explained that there is a prohibition in the Torah against a man wearing womens' clothing or for a woman to dress in mens' clothing. This prohibition is complicated by the fact that some of the clothing that women wear today used to be exclusively mens' styles according to Goldblum. But, Goldblum statements indicate Judaism doesn't contemplate daddies in dresses.

Mrs. Doubtfire, it seems, is an exploration of values disguised as a

Goldblum believes that question-

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ing only about Doubtfire's clothing skirts the issue of compliance with court orders. Williams' character's work as a housekeeper in disguise was in contravention of a custody agreement which gave him visitation but once a week. Jewish tradition values complying with civil law. Goldblum appreciates however, that the absurd situations in the film arise from a father's desire to be with his children.

Although many courts consider that children should be with their mother, Goldblum calls Judaism quite modern in treating parents as equals. Although the commandment to honor thy father and mother puts the father first; Goldblum indicates another passage in the Torah says a man should honor his 'mother and father.' In the film the father was not equal, says Goldblum in Judaism both parents are equal.

According to Irv Kaufman, a trained social worker and expert in family custody matters, courts today have by and large abandoned the "tender years" theory which resulted in Moth-

ers obtaining custody of young children in the overwhelming number of disputed cases. Today, says Kaufman, the 'best interest of the child' as determined by the court is the standard for awarding custody. This standard focuses on the capacity of parents to provide for that child or children. Presently, says Kaufman, "if there is an edge to women being awarded custody of the children it is because they seem more rooted to the home." In fact, according to Kauffman, an alarming number of fathers disappear after divorce in order to evade such responsibilities as support or alimony payments. Reflecting the changing philosophies over time, Kaufman also explained that prior to the currency of the "tender years" theory in the early part of this century, children were considered "vassals of male authority, everyone was chattel of the fa-

In the film the court prefers Sally Field's character as a parent even though she seems less concerned at

times with her children than with her high powered career and hanging out with that guy from Remington Steele. Williams' character is seen by the court as unable to hold down a job and therefore unfit. Rabbi Goldblum stressing the concern and caring portrayed by Williams says the 'husband is the finer human being in that movie and even she (Sally Field's character) recognizes that in the end." The father "loves his children and the family is important to him," says Goldblum aprovingly.

Goldblum has no doubt that one theme portrayed in "Mrs. Doubtfire" is certainly true today. Either parent can go to work, stay home or raise the children or share responsibilities. We always think about how much kids need to see their parents," says Rabbi Goldblum, "but we often fail to appreciate how much parents really need their children.'

One question which has yet to be considered is "If Mrs. Doubtfire were Jewish would her name would her name have been Mrs. Doubtfinkel or Mrs. Borshtfire?

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Monday

A.A.R.P. Group Health Insurance Seminar at the JCC. 10:30 a.m. Lisa Lucas from the Prudential Insurance Company will explain the insurance plans available through A.A.R.P. and about Medicare. This seminar is open to the entire community free of charge.

Wednesday

Women's American ORT of Dinner in honor of Jewish Music Brandywine Health & Fitness meet- Month, singer/guitarist Mark Levy ing, 7:30 p.m. The program, Getting into Shape and Weight Con- songs of the Jewish immigrants, Yidtrol will be presented by A.J. Lipstein, Director of The Fitness Center at the Jewish Community Center. To RSVP call Pat Levitt, 477-1905.

Afro-American Historical and Cultural Museum Concert. A Cultural Exchange Through Music. Under the auspices of the Esther Boyer School of Music at Temple University, pianist Jay Fluellen explores the jazz influence in the music of Stefan Wolpe and George Gershwin to form a bridge between African American musicians and composers of Jewish heritage. Free with museum admission. 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. (215) 574-0381.

JCC Senior Center Candlelight Dinner in honor of Jewish Music Month, singer/guitarist Mark Levy will play traditional Jewish folksongs, songs of the Jewish immigrants, Yiddish Theatre songs and folksongs in Hebrew, Spanish, Russian and German. The program is free and open to the community. Advance reservations are required and transportation is available. Special donations are requested for dinner which will be served at 5:30 p.m. Call the JCC Senior Center for information and reservations.

Thursday

National Museum of American Jewish History Political discussion. A panel discussion, cosponsored by Operation Understanding, of local politicians—City Council-person Marian Tasco, StateReps. Babette Josephs and Anthony Hardy Williams and State Sen. Allyson Schwartz and civic leader Susan Weinberg Jaffe - who have been involved with the issues of Jewish/ Black relations. Moderator: George R. Burrell Jr., former City Councilperson and mayoral candidate. Free with museum admission. 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. (215) 923-3811

Join YJAD for restaurant sample up north at Pizzeria Uno at 6:30p.m. at the Granite Run Mall off of Route Call Michael Bank at (302) 478-4216.

Monday

A.A.R.P. Seminar, "Volunteering" at the JCC, 10:30 a.m. Myrna Ryder will lead this session, Older Volunteers Make the Difference.

Tuesday

Jewish Great Books Discussion Group, third Tuesday of every month at the J.C.C., 7:30-9:00 p.m. If I Am Not For Myself, R. Wisse.

Wednesday

1994 Public Discussion Series Friends of Planned Parenthood. 7:30 p.m. Robin Chandler Duke, Chair of Population Action International, "World Population Growth and the Status of Women". Co-sponsors: World Affairs Council, Delaware Audubon Society. Cost: Free to the public. For \$50.00 per person perdinner (\$15 for students) or \$100 for the Series (\$30 for students), attendees are invited to join the Friends of Planned Parenthood Public Discussion Group for dinner with one or more of the speakers. For more information call Planned Parenthood of Delaware at (302) 655-

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Senior Center for information and reservations.

Sunday National Museum of American Jewish History Storytelling: Between Two Cultures. African-American storyteller Charlotte Blake Alston and Jewish storyteller Milt Cohen present a program for a family audience. \$2 in addition to museum admission (\$1 for children and seniors: museum members free) 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (215) 923-3811. Afro-American Historical and

Cultural Museum. Klezmer and Jazz Concert. As a part of the city's Presidential Jazz Weekend, the Klezmatics and tenor saxophonist Bootsie Barnes present klezmer, a transplanted musical tradition from Eastern Europe, and jazz, an indigenous African American musical form. Emcee: radio personality Bob Perkins. \$12 at the door (\$10 in advance, \$8 for seniors, members and students). Advance ticket purchase recommended. 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. (215) 574-0381.

YJAD's annual Bagel and Bowl will be at First State Bowling Center on Lea and Governor Printz Blvds. The cost is \$8.00. Call Mike Schenk (610) 558-3781 or Michele Fedder (302) 325-0504.

Tuesday

Diabetes Support Group at the JCC, 1:00 p.m. A new support group, co-sponsored by the JCC and the Department of Health & Social Services, will meet on the 4th Tuesday of every month at the JCC. For more information call Ray at (302) 478-5660.

Wednesday

Lunch, Laughs & Lecture Series at the JCC, 12:00 noon. After lunch, Joe Aronson will present a talk and slide show, "A Rosen By Any Other Name." He'll explain how, why, when, where and under what circumstances Jews took hereditary family names and how and why some changed them. cost is \$2.50/M; \$4.00/NM. Reserve by February 18th at the Senior Center of the JCC.

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Sunday

Congregation Rodeph Shalom in Philadelphia. Concert: "Make a Joyous Sound Unto the Lord." Concert of gospel and Jewish spiritual music sponsored by the Black-Jewish Coalition, a joint project of the Jewish Community Relations Council and the Black Clergy of Greater Philadelphia, the ninth annual concert featuring local choirs is timed this year to coincide with "Bridges and Boundaries: Two Peoples Face to Face." 7:30 p.m. Info: (215) 922-

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MARCH 1994 Sunday

AKSE Men's Club Breakfast Rabbi Marla J. Feldman, Delaware's new Jewish Community Relations Committee Director. Topic: Our Jewish and Civic Responsibilities-A Report on the National Jewish community Relations Advisory Council Plenum. Brunch at 9:30 a.m.

National Museum of American Jewish History. Constructing a Self Through Fiction: African American and Jewish American Women. Authors Grace Paley, Toni Cade Bambara, Meredith Tax and a fourth writer to be named speak about the influence of their backgrounds and their sense of selves as women on their writing. Co-sponsored by Womens Way. Moderator: Marciarose Shestack. \$5 (\$4 for seniors and students; \$2.50 for museum members). 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (215) 923-3811.

Tuesday

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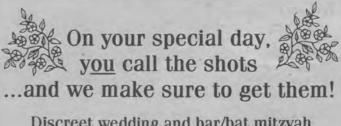
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Inman Questions

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and other journalists who said they were looking into his past?

-Did a true Washington insider and friend of so many important reporters think that after having been such a good and confidential source for so long that he was entitled to lifetime protection? Does the media give unfair protection to its favored sources?

-What went wrong with the White House vetting process? Did anyone tell the President what kind of person he was nominating? Why didn't the President, after spending two and half hours with the man, not detect something?

-Is the President's problem bad judgment, bad advice or both? Was he well served by senior advisors and former journalists Strobe Talbott and David Gergen who knew Inman for years and recommended his appointment?

-After being burned by Inman, how could the president offer the job to Sen. Sam Nunn, who the New York Times has aptly defined as "Clinton's chief nemesis on military

-Why did the White House leak news that former GOP Sen. Warren Rudman also was considered for the job? Was the administration trying to tell opponents of Clinton defense policy that the President was ready to reverse himself and turnover the Pentagon to one of their own? Were these real offers or just window dressing to assuage the President's critics?

Deputy Defense Sec. William Perry has accepted the job, although reportedly with reluctance. He is considered a good deputy but he is not perceived as a forceful leader likely to inspire subordinates or the Pentagon brass. While serving in the Carter Administration as well as his current

post, he has enjoyed good relations with his Israeli counterparts, according to a former top Israeli defense official. Perry was called open and friendly towards Israel and appreciative of its defense technology.

Inman made much of needing to establish his "comfort level" with President Clinton. It was an insulting and arrogant statement to make in a Rose Garden ceremony, but it reveals the Achilles heel of the Clinton presidency. The President's national security team is widely criticized for weakness; the hapless search for a new secretary of defense does nothing to reverse that image. Clinton was lucky to get rid of Inman before any more damage was done, but he has got to look carefully at how he got into that mess in the first place.

Meanwhile, I, for one, am glad Less Aspin is staying on for a while longer and would like to see him reup for the duration.

Court Ruling (Continued from page 1)

Rabbi Simha Meron, a lawyer and

former director of Israel's rabbinical courts, was among those representing the Orthodox position in the

He expressed confidence that the government committee would "find ways around" the women's claim that they have a right to pray the same way men do, which he said is "not according to halacha," or traditional Jewish law.

Until the committee renders its decision, he said, religious activities at the Wall will continue to fall under the authority of the Orthodox rabbin-

They sang aloud, wore prayer shawls and read from the Torah, in the same fashion as the men on the other side of the low partition dividing the two sections.

Each time the women prayed, they were harassed by the fervently Orthodox groups, who claimed the women were violating Jewish law.

They maintained that women praying with raised voices, were distracting the men from worship.

Women are permitted to pray at the Wall, they maintained, but should do so silently.

The hostility culminated in a violent attack on the women in March 1989, when police were called in to

disperse the crowds with tear gas. The court on Wednesday rejected their claim to an unqualified right to pray as they wish, but called on the yet-to-be-formed government committee to examine how to take into account the feelings of all the worshippers.

For most of the women this was a partial victory.

Meanwhile, the ruling on the religious councils invalidated decisions by the Tel Aviv and Jerusalem councils to reject Reform and Conservative candidates.

in a unanimou said the candidates may not be barred on the basis of their affiliation with non-Orthodox Jewish movements.

The decision also will apply to the Haifa council, which has held up non-Orthodox appointments pending the court's ruling.

The local councils, supervised by the Religious Affairs Ministry, have exclusive jurisdiction over marriage, kashrut, burial and other religious matters for all Jews living in Israel. The services provided by the councils

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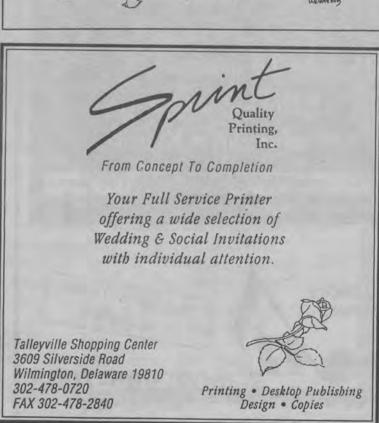
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Computer Companies Come To Israel

By NECHEMIA MEYERS

Most of the leading American computer companies have set up research and development facilities in Israel or are considering their establishment.

Motorola, IBM, Intel, Microsoft, Apple and others are attracted by Israeli brainpower says Dr. Yossi Bolless, a long-serving Air Force officer who seven years ago took off his uniform and entered the computer software field, where he heads several thriving companies.

"Like Jews everywhere," Bolless declares, "Israelis are characterized by their nonconformity and creativity, exactly the qualities that are needed by innovators of software or anything else.

"Up to now," he goes on, "a large proportion of this creativity has gone into the development of sophisticated devices to ensure that Israel could survive Arab attempts to destroy her. But now, with peace in the offing, more and more creative people are focusing on civilian rather than military challenges, as reflected in the fact that many of the new hi-tech firms in this country were set up by recently discharged military men."

Overseas firms are attracted not only by Israeli brains, but also by relatively modest salary levels. A talented software engineer working in research and development here will cost them about \$60,000 to \$80,000 a year, about half the U.S. figure. To be sure, that same type of person could be hired for even less in India or Eastern Europe, but Israel apparently has a better R&D environment than they do.

Production, and particularly mass production, is a different matter altogether. There wage differentials between Israel and Third World countries are so great that, except in special cases, she can't compete.

Nevertheless, there are some American computer companies, such as Motorola and Intel, which have production facilities here, as well as 100% Israeli firms which manage to sell locally-manufactured goods at competitive prices in overseas markets. But these tend to be highly specialized and sophisticated goods, like the unique printing equipment made by Scitex.

When an Israeli innovator has an attractive product to offer, he can usually get started by obtaining finan-

cial support from the Chief Scientist. of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce as well as from one or more venture capitalists. Then he must decide whether he wants to have an independent company or to link up with a well-known international concern, thus avoiding the need to establish an expensive, worldwide marketing network. According to Dr. Bolless, the latter approach is usually advisable, though it does have its drawbacks. For example, when National Semiconductor decided to reduce the number of its plants worldwide, the one at Migdal Haemek, near Haifa, was immediately closed down, despite that factory's excellent track record.

However, most of the American computer companies that set up shop here have stayed on and, over the years, expanded their activities. Bolless hopes that many more are on their way, though he is less enthusiastic about the prospect of possible linkups with Japanese firms. Whether it is because he read "The Rising Sun" or for other reasons, Bolless claims that such firms tend to behave in the same way as did the 16th century Spanish conquistadors, who came in, grabbed whatever they could, and then sailed away with their plunder.

Meanwhile, in any case, that issue is academic. For it is the Americans who are busily snapping up Israeli brainpower, while the Japanese are just sniffing around.

The New Role Models

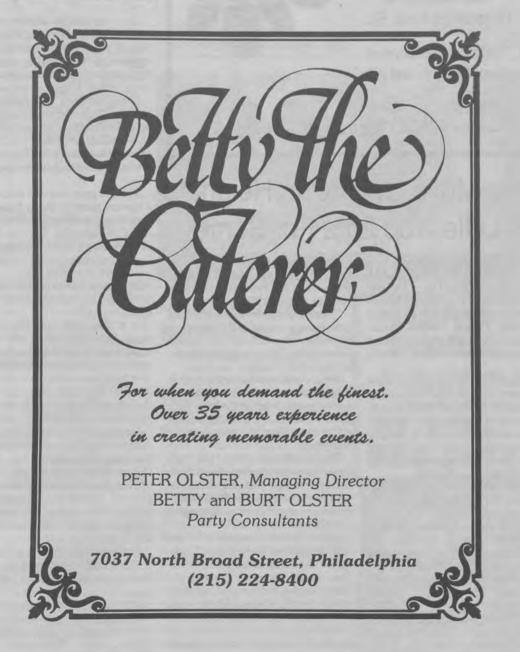
The establishment of a successful hi-tech firm gives those responsible not only a good income, but also extremely high prestige. In fact, says Dr. Bolless, they are Israel's contemporary role models. For while in decades past kibbutzniks and soldiers were the people most admired by the average Israeli, now the entrepreneurs are at the top of the heap where prestige is concerned.

Bolless drew this conclusion by listening to Eiran, his 12-year-old son, who, like most youngsters, is anxious to be "with it." So when Eiran is asked what his father does, the boy fails to mention the fact that Yossi is a reserve officer and a university lecturer; instead, he proudly proclaims: "my dad is a businessman."



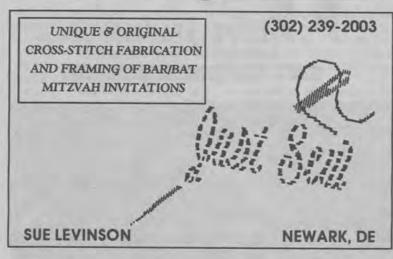








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Reno Move On Crown Heights Too Little, Too Late For Some

By DEBORAH KALB and STEVEN WEISS

WASHINGTON (JTA) - The Justice Department's decision to launch a federal investigation into aspects of the 1991 Crown Heights disturbances is being hailed by the Jewish community, but not without reserva-

While many Jewish leaders have long been pushing the Justice Department to pursue a federal investigation into civil rights violations committed during the Crown Heights riots, some expressed disappointment that the proposed investigation would not be broader in its scope.

Others criticized the Justice Department for not having made the move sooner.

It came when Attorney General Janet Reno wrote to Brooklyn District Attorney Charles Hynes, stating that the Justice Department was willing to empanel a federal grand jury to investigate the death of Yankel Rosenbaum.

Hynes held a news conference in New York to announce that he had accepted Reno's offer.

Rosenbaum, a Chasidic Jew, was killed in the three days of violence that rocked the Brooklyn neighborhood in August 1991.

'We are prepared to use a federal grand jury to continue the investigation into the killing of Yankel Rosenbaum," Reno wrote to Hynes, according to a copy of the letter.

We would use the grand jury in the same manner we use all investigative grand juries: to find the truth and to determine if there is credible evidence to support a prosecution," she wrote.

Representatives of the New York Jewish community reacted with some disappointment that the investigation would focus only on Rosenbaum and not on the entire Crown Heights Jewish community.

Judah Gribetz, president of the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York, called Reno's decision "an important first step in the long overdue federal civil rights inquiry" into the Crown Heights riots.

Gribetz's organization has corresponded for over a year with the Justice Department, urging a broad

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Gore Speaks Out Against Anti-Semitism In Big Apple Federation Address

By MARK JAFFE

NEW YORK (JTA) - Vice President Al Gore spoke out passionately against anti-Semitism this week, taking issue strongly with a recent speech by an aide to Louis Farrakhan.

'Anti-Semitism has stained our history," Gore said at a tribute dinner here Monday night sponsored by the UJA-Federation of New York. "How can we relax when Louis Farrakhan's lieutenants blame Jews for the Holo-

The vice president was referring to a speech given at Kean College in New Jersey last November by Khalid Abdul Mohammad, a senior official of Farrakhan's Nation of Islam.

In the speech, Muhammad called Caucus rejects it. Louis Farrakhan Jews "the bloodsuckers of the black nation," said they controlled the White House, the media and the Federal Reserve, and said they brought the Holocaust upon themselves.

Gore pointed out that several mainstream black leaders had denounced the speech, including the Rev. Jesse Jackson and the chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, Rep. Kweisi Mfume (D-Md.). And the vice president called on Farrakhan to do the same.

'America is a tolerant country, but we should not tolerate hatred and racism," he said.

"Jesse Jackson rejects it. The Black

should do the same.'

But Farrakhan has so far refused to do so. And in a speech of his own last week, the Black Muslim leader appeared to have made matters worse by calling Jews "the most organized, rich and powerful people, not only in America, but the world."

"They're plotting against us even as we speak," he was quoted as saying during a New York rally that drew a crowd of 10,000 people.

Gore made his remarks during a tribute dinner for Laurence Tisch, chairman of the board of CBS, Inc., and his wife, Wilma "Billie" Tisch, a former president of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York.

the many others who were victimized for 80 hours," he said. Dov Hikind, a New York state assemblyman from Brooklyn, asked in a statement. "What about the civil

Jewish community?" Sen. Alfonse D'Amato (R-N.Y.) said in a statement "It's a tragedy that

an outraged public had to struggle so long to get the Justice Department to do just the bare minimum in this

rights of the entire Crown Heights

But New York's other U.S. senator, Democrat Daniel Patrick Moynihan, argued that "although the Justice Department intends to limit the federal investigation simply to the murder of Yankel Rosenbaum, this is nevertheless a welcome step in the right direction.

Rep. Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.) said he was "delighted to learn of Janet Reno's decision to empanel a grand jury in the case of Yankel Rosenbaum." But he added: "I only regret that it's taken over two years to get to this point."

"It's about time," echoed Rep. Nita Lowey (D-N.Y.). "After months of inaction, and at long last, the Justice Department is moving ahead to find the killers of Yankel Rosenbaum. This is good news for all of us who have been seeking justice in this case.

Rosenbaum was killed Aug. 19, 1991, in rioting that broke out after a 7-year-old black boy, Gavin Cato, was killed by a car driven by a Chasidic

Rosenbaum, who had been visiting New York from Melbourne, Australia, to do research, was surrounded by a group of black teen-agers, some of whom were yelling, "Kill the Jew."

Back in early September, Reno was expected to announce that she would not pursue a federal investigation of the riots, but she postponed her decision at the urging of Schumer and Hynes.

In late September, the U.S. Senate voted unanimously to urge the Justice Department to investigate the

federal prosecution of the riots that would go beyond the Rosenbaum

In a statement Tuesday, Gribetz noted that William Barr, who served as attorney general in the Bush administration, had mentioned the idea of a broader investigation in a Jan. 15, 1993 letter to Mary Jo White, the acting U.S. attorney for the Eastem District of New York.

David Zwiebel, general counsel for Agudath Israel, an organization that has long been urging the Justice Department to embark on a broad investigation on federal civil disorder grounds, said he was "pleased there will be some meaningful federal investigation into the Rosenbaum mur-

But he added, "What's getting lost is the much larger focus on three days of uncontrolled riots," Zwiebel

Rabbi Joseph Spielman, chairman of the Crown Heights Jewish Community council, complained "Reno is focusing only on Rosenbaum, not on





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CLINTON AND ASSAD MEET...
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Court Ruling

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The ruling will have both practical and symbolic effect, he said. "It will result in the council taking the needs of the non-Orthodox (public) into consideration, and it recognizes the legitimacy of the non-Orthodox."

The efforts are "for religious pluralism, not against the Orthodox," Rabbi Ehud Bandel added. "We are religious people and are interested in (providing) religious services."

Bandel said he hoped the decision would "penetrate into the Knesset" so that non-Orthodox marriages will be legalized.

Rabbi Uri Regev, head of the Reform Movement's Israel Religious Action Center, filed the petition on behalf of the candidates in the Tel Aviv council and said "We will go to work right away and make sure that not only in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, and incidentally Haifa, but all other municipalities, the (non-Orthodox) candidacies will be advanced."

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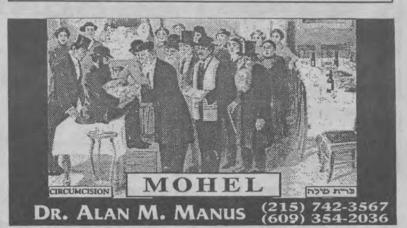
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The Afro-American Historical and Cultural Museum (AAHCM) and the National Museum of American Jewish History (NMAJH) opened two exhibitions, "Bridges and Boundaries: African Americans and American Jews" and "Face to Face: Photographs by Don Camp and Laurence Salzmann." "Bridges" will be on view at the AAHCM, 701 Arch Street while "Face to Face" will be on view at NMAJH, 55 N. 5th

The photo appears in "Face to Face: Photographs by Don Camp and Laurence Salzmann.

In this photo by Don Camp, Bobby Zankel performs with poet Pheralyn Dove. A Jewish jazz musician, Bobby adds to and draws from a creative tradition that is largely African American.



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Booth Brings Dialogue

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Another Jewish student at the University of Delaware, Shira Rubin told The Jewish Voice that she recently went to Israel with an Ohio group working to bring Jews and African-Americans closer. Ms. Rubin said she moved by her "personal oblication to foster a dialogue ... to listen to each other, learn to cooperate and make the world a better place together." She said she feels "there is a strong connection between Blacks and Jews. The cooperation between African-Americans and Jews in Is-Jewish Federation in Ohio. Ms. Rubin says she would like to see Delaware start a dialogue between young African-Americans and Jews. Her experience favors one-on-one dialogues to build trust upon an individual level.

Mr. Joe Thompson, who has been active with the Black Student Union at the University of Delaware, worried that despite the evening's progress, that once African-Americans and Jews go home they "go back to different societies, they don't

socialize together." Mr. Chris Matthews, also of the University of Delaware's Black Student Union, urged taking the dialogue home and thinking of ways to motivate cooperation between the two peoples. He also spoke of the need to develop spaces to talk together, a non-hostile space for a new dialogue.

During the discussion some African-Americans criticized Ms. Pogrebin's suggestion that Jews can 'assist" African-Americans. Ms. Tina Riley, another articulate member of the University of Delaware's Black Student Union expressed her concern that it "would waste an awful lot of time" if a dialogue between African-Americans and American Jews was only concerned with what words

For information on the Bridges and Boundaries Exhibition, the Two Peoples Face To Face Exhibition, or related events call the African-American Historical and Cultural Museum (AAHCM) at (215) 574—381 or the National Museum of American Jewish History (NMAJH) at (215) 923-

Black Leaders

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included Rep. Charles Rangel (D-N.Y.) and the Rev. Al Sharpton, the black minister who is accused of helping fuel the August 1991 Crown.

But Farrakhan, who repeatedly has positioned himself as making amends with Jews without coming close to satisfying them as to his sincerity, added his own remarks to the stew Monday night.

"We know that the Jews are the most organized, rich and powerful people, not only in America, but the world," he reportedly said. "They're plotting against us even as we speak.

And in a clear rebuff of the calls to distance himself from the Kean college speech, Farrakhan reportedly said people were using Muhammad's words against him to "diviy the house," said that Farrakhan's enemies "want to use some of our brothers, and some of our brothers are willing to be used" to curry favor.

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Blacks and Jews Are Exhibit Focus

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A variety of programs related to the exhibits will explore aspects of relations between the two peoples. Highlights include "Klezmer and Jazz Concert" Sunday, February 20 featuring the Klezmatics and the Robert "Bootsie" Barnes Quartet.

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LORE BEITMAN

The former Lore Bermann, wife of Robert I., died January 30, 1994. She was 68 and lived in Wilmington, Delaware. She was a bookkeeper for Zallea Brothers for nine years. They manufactured expansion joints. She was a member of Temple Beth Shalom of Wilmington, DE; Pioneer Women. She came to the United States in 1946 and was a Holocaust Survivor. She is survived by her husband: Robert I. Beitman; one daughter, Dr. Barbara Braitman and two grandchildren.

The family suggests contributions in her memory may be made to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place South West, Washington, DC 20024, Attn: Tribute Committee.

BERNARD PAUL HEIMAN

Bernard Paul Heiman, 86, of 2016 Naamans Road, Wilmington, died January 16 in Riverside Hospital.

Mr. Heiman was a Mason and member of True Craftsmans Lodge

He is survived by his wife, Sylvia; a son, Henry of Wilmington; a daughter, Bette Heiman of New York City; a brother, Leon of San Diego; and two grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to AA Golden Graduate Lectures Fund, in care of Riverside Hospital, Wilmington

MARILYN LEVIN

Marilyn Levin, 66, of Broomall Condominium, 900 N. Broom St., Wilmington, died January 20 of a heart attack in St. Francis Hospital, after being stricken on the condominium's grounds.

Mrs. Levin, a registered nurse at Cheyney (Pa.) University, retired in 1990. Earlier, she was a nurse at Delaware and General hospitals, Wilmington, and Delaware State Hospital, Minquadale

She bowled in the Tuesday Morning League at Bowlerama, near Wilmington, and enjoyed ballroom dancing at Fred Astaire studio, Wilmington.

Raised in Philadelphia, she earned her nursing degree from Jewish Hospital there.

She is survived by her husband, William, and a brother, Harold

Blitman of Coral Springs, Fla. Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Jewish Federation of Delaware, Talleyville.

ISAAC B. LEVIT

Isaac B. Levit, 73, of Hershey's Mill, near West Chester, Pa., formerly of 1401 Pennsylvania Ave., Wilmington, died January 27 of complications from cancer surgery in University of Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia.

Mr. Levit owned and operated Town and Country Plant Food Inc., a Salem, N.J., wholesale distributor. He has a consultant to the firm after he turned it over to his son, Ben, six years ago.

He was a member of the National Association of Lawn and Garden Distributors and Salem (N.J.) Masonic lodge.

He was a staff sergeant in the Army Air Corps during World War II. Earlier, he played saxophone with jazz bands in southern New Jersey dance halls and country club.

Raised in Salem, N.J., he lived in Bridgeton, N.J., Wilmington and Chadds Ford. He moved to Hershey's Mill about 10 years ago.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley M.; a son, Ben, of Wilmington; a daughter, Beth Rogers of Phoenixville; a brother, Dr. David Levitsky of Wilmington; a sister, Birdie Woldorff of Lakewood, N.J.; and three grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family sug-gests contributions to American Heart Association, Newark, Del., or American Institute for Cancer Research, 1759 R St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20009.

EDITH R. STEINBERG

Edith R. Steinberg, 73, of 1403 Shallcross Ave., Wilmington, died at home January 24 of heart failure.

Mrs. Steinberg, an administrator for the state Department of Labor, retired in 1988 after 42 years.

A native of Wilmington, she was past president of the Wilmington chapter of Deborah Heart & Lung foundation.

She was a member of Congrega-tion Beth Emeth, Wilmington.

Her husband, Louis, died in 1986. She is survived by a brother, James Rosbrow of Claymont.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Deborah Heart & Lung Association in care of Mary Weinsterin, 8602 Society Drive, Claymont, or Congregation Beth Emeth, Wilmington.

PAULINE TENENBAUM

Pauline Tenenbaum, 86, of Kutz Home, Fox Point, formerly of B'nai B'rith House, Brandywine Hundred, and Chateau Orleans Apartments, Penny Hill, died January 22 in Riverside Hospital.

Mrs. Tenenbaum, a homemaker, was a member of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, Wilmington; Senior Center of Jewish Community Center, Talleyville, and Hadassah, Deborah, and B'nai B'rith.

Raised in Brooklyn, she moved from California to the Wilmington area in 1973.

Her husband, Abraham, died in 1972. She is survived by two sons, Joel of Greenville and Hyman of Florida; a daughter, Estelle Bohrer of California; a half sister, Ida Scheiner of Florida; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to The Milton and Hattie Kutz Home, Wilmington,

JANE TOLPALAR

Jane Tolpalar, 76, of Rockford Road, Rockford Village, Wilmington, died January 15 of a heart attack in Wilmington Hospital after being stricken at home.

Mrs. Tolpalar moved to Wilmington from Lake Oswego, Ore., after her husband, Nathan, died in 1987.

Raised in Colorado Springs, Colo., she lived in Denver, New York and northern California before moving to Lake Oswego. In the 1970s, she was executive secretary in New York for George Ball, who had been U.S. undersecretary of state.

Her daughter, Carole B. Leonard, of New York and Wilmington, uses the stage name Kelly Bishop for film, television and stage.

Mrs. Tolpalar attended history, literature, art and music classes at University of Delaware's Academy of Lifelong Learning, Greenville. She was a member of the Delaware Art Museum, Jewish Community Center and American Association of University Women.

She enjoyed painting and playing piano and the recorder.

In addition to her daughter, she is

survived by her son, Anthony Bishop of Yakima, Wash., and three grand-

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Delaware Society for Prevention of Cruelty to

Museum Speaker At A.K.S.E.

Mr. Bob Novick, a member of the US Holocaust Memorial Museum Speakers' Bureau, will present a talk and slide presentation about the purpose, background, and breadth of the Museum on Sunday, Feb. 13th at 7:30 in the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Social Hall.

Mr. Novick's visit to Wilmington has been arranged by the adult education committee of AKSE. Federally chartered and privately built, the US Holocaust Memorial Museum is the national institution dedicated to teaching the history and lessons of the Holocaust. Bob Novick is an experienced seminar leader and an avid collector of Holocaust literature. He joined the Museum's Speakers' Bureau because of a desire to keep nearby communities informed about the Museum.

Both Mr. Novick's presentation on Feb. 13th and the AKSE Bus trip on May 1st are open to the entire community.

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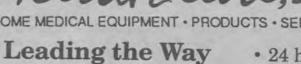
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