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New Committee Begins to Plan Community's Future Directions

By JUDY WORTMAN

Executive Vice President of
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The Population Study Implementation Committee, appointed by Federation President, Leslie Newman, was charged with the responsibility of reviewing the data and the implications of the 1995 Jewish Population Study. Chaired by Toni Young, immediate past president, the committee has been meeting for the past six months. Its members are individuals from the Wilmington and Newark areas including: Irwin Engelson, Dr. Bennett Epstein, Suzanne Grant, Rabbi Peter Grumbacher, Michael Herman, Judge Jack Jacobs, Rabbi David Kaplan, Dr. Vivian Klaff, Dr. Steven Klein, Richard A. Levine, Amy Leviton, Jack Markell, Adina Mattes, Karen Morris, Jonathan Neipris, Leslie Newman, Michael Samuels, Ruth Siegel, and Toni Young. This Population Study Implementation Committee is staffed by Judy Wortman, Federation Executive Vice President. While the planning of specific programs will be done by agency and synagogue leadership, the committee has developed a list of goals and alternative strategies to realize these goals. The goals are listed below. No prioritization of these goals has been established at this time.

Many programs and services must be expanded and created in order to meet the community's needs that are suggested by this list of goals. Before the Population Study was completed, the community set a \$2 million UJA/Federation campaign goal to meet its basic needs. Now that the study has been completed, it becomes clear that a \$2 million campaign goal is inadequate to serve the children, adults and families throughout the state of Delaware as well as our brothers and sisters overseas. Most notable is the funding that 2/5 of the Jewish population and more than half of pre-school age children live in the greater Newark area. While Beth El is growing quickly and Federation funds Hillel and a number of programs open to non-members that are offered by Beth El, services for that community are woefully inadequate, particularly as compared to services available in Wilmington. On February 20 the committee met with rabbis, presidents, and executives of synagogues and agencies in order to continue this planning process.

Copies of the Population Study Report are available at the Federation office for the cost of \$10.

Goals Established by the Committee

- Establish a physical presence and services in Southern and Western New Castle County
- Establish appropriate services in



Gov. Thomas Carper with Super Sunday Committee from left: Alice Kamen; Debbie Perch; Heidi Kinsella, Chair of Super Sunday; Lelaime Nemser, Campaign Director; Morissa Sher, Campaign Assistant. The day's total amounted to roughly \$150,000.

Southern Delaware

- Increase the number of people "associated with the community in the sense that they belong to a synagogue and/or a JCC and/or a Jewish organization." Currently only 59% say that they are associated.
- Increase the number of adults and young adults visiting Israel.
- Enhance Jewish identity, particularly of those 33% of people who identify themselves as "just Jewish."
- Increase the number of people who contribute to the Jewish Federation of Delaware and other Jewish organizations.

•Increase familiarity with the Jewish Federation and each agency (Albert Einstein Academy, Gratz Hebrew High School, Hillel, Jewish Community Center, Jewish Family Service).

- Expand socials and informal Jewish educational programs for young families with particular emphasis on intermarried families.
- Provide programs for the elderly who, in New Castle County, account for 20% of the population and in southern Delaware account for 29% of the population. Provide services and supports for elderly widows.
- Expand services to newcomers.

Approximately 17% of Jewish families in New Castle County and 20% of Jewish families in southern Delaware have arrived in the past five years. Our goal would be to have a contact with all newcomers within six months of their arrival.

•Expand the opportunities for unmarried Jewish adults to meet other Jewish adults. Currently 36% of adults in New Castle County are not married.

•Provide increased services to children and teens recognizing that New Castle County has a high percentage of people under 19 (28%).

Hillel Assembly in Russia Marks Emergence of Jewish Students

By LEV KRICHEVSKY

MOSCOW (JTA) — Hillel in the former Soviet Union?

In a sign of the resurgence of Jewish life here, more than 250 Jewish students from across the former Soviet Union gathered here recently for the first Hillel Student Leadership Congress.

"Students are gradually becoming the moving force behind" local organized Jewish life in many communities of the former Soviet Union, said Yevgenia Mikhalyova, Moscow's Hillel director.

People over 40 have traditionally been at the helm of organized Jewish life since the 1991 breakup of the Soviet Union.

But since the region's first Hillel center was established more than two years ago in Moscow, the international organization has seen a growth in Jewish student activism.

Three other student centers were subsequently set up in St. Petersburg, in Kiev, Ukraine, and in Minsk, the capital of Belarus.

There are plans to expand the total to 24 within the next 18 months.

The main goal of the congress "was to expose Jewish students to Jewish history and culture, to strengthen their Jewish iden-

tity," said Yossi Goldman, Hillel international assistant vice president and founder of the Hillel centers in the former Soviet Union.

The congress is a "vital element in a wider process of empowering the resurgent Jewish community with the leadership and skills needed to ensure its long-term vitality" in the former Soviet Union, Goldman added.

"The message coming out of this congress is that you can and should create your Jewish future. And you don't have to wait for somebody else to do it for you."

The four-day event was co-sponsored by Hillel: the Foundation for Jewish Campus Life, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and the Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation.

While some of the participants came from the four cities with existing Hillel centers, the majority represented remote communities located in Siberia, the Ural Mountains and the Russian Far East.

For many participants, the congress was their first opportunity to become familiar with Hillel and to learn about the resources available to develop their own local student programs.

The congress offered participating young Jewish men and women more than 50 skills

workshops, a study session, leadership training seminars, Jewish identity workshops and Israeli song and dance seminars.

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Surge in Swiss Anti-Semitism Linked to Compensation Effort

Supporters Rally, However

By FREDY ROM

ZURICH, Feb. 13 (JTA) — Swiss Jews are confronting a mounting wave of anti-Semitism in the wake of international pressure on Switzerland to compensate Holocaust victims and their heirs for funds deposited in Swiss banks during the World War II era.

At the same time, however, Swiss Jews have found support from a largely sympathetic press and from

Christian groups.

The surge in anti-Semitism was prompted by remarks made by Jean-Pascal Delamuraz on Dec. 31, the eve of his departure from the rotating Swiss presidency.

In an interview with the daily Tribune de Geneve, Delamuraz said the Auschwitz death camp "was not in Switzerland," adding that the growing demands of international Jewish groups to compensate Holocaust

survivors and their heirs was nothing less than "blackmail."

Jewish organizations led by the New York-based World Jewish Congress have claimed that Swiss banks hold up to \$7 billion in unclaimed accounts belonging to Holocaust victims, but the banks say initial searches of their archives turned up only \$32 million in unclaimed accounts.

The Jewish claims came amid a

series of revelations, based on material contained in recently declassified wartime documents, that Switzerland hoarded the wealth of Holocaust victims while helping to finance the Nazi war effort.

While Delamuraz apologized after an international outcry, his New Year's Eve interview already had become something of a mobilization call to the country's anti-Semites, many of whom had been dormant

in recent years.

The Swiss government decided this week to set up a compensation fund, but said it would not decide whether to contribute until it receives a report on Swiss banks' wartime activities. The decision came after the nation's three largest banks announced that they would give \$71 million to such a fund.

The majority of Switzerland's 20,000 Jews support the WJC's efforts, despite the feeling by some that a more aggressive communal stance on restitution would fuel anti-Semitism.

The Federation of Jewish Communities in Switzerland, the communal umbrella group, though preferring a more passive role on the restitution issue in the past, has voiced its wholehearted support for the WJC and its "hard-liners" in New York.

Members of the country's Orthodox community, however, feel uncomfortable with stands taken by the federation and the WJC.

In a recent statement, six rabbis called on Swiss Jews to be very careful about their public statements.

There was some basis for their caution.

In recent weeks, the offices of Jewish communal groups, along with other organizations and individuals, received hundreds of anti-Semitic letters daily.

In comparison, "in normal times, we got one or two such letters a month," said Sigi Feigel, honorary president of Zurich's Jewish community, the country's largest.

Such letters usually are anonymous, but now they are arriving signed and include the addresses of the senders, Feigel added.

In addition, the Swiss newspapers contain pages of anti-Semitic letters to the editor, though their editorial pages are calling for the government to clarify the Swiss role during the war years.

Observers familiar with Swiss anti-Semitism say most of the anti-Semites are from the older generation. Many of them served in the Swiss army and still believe that the only reason Hitler did not invade Switzerland was because he knew of the Swiss army's full resolve to fight back, the observers say.

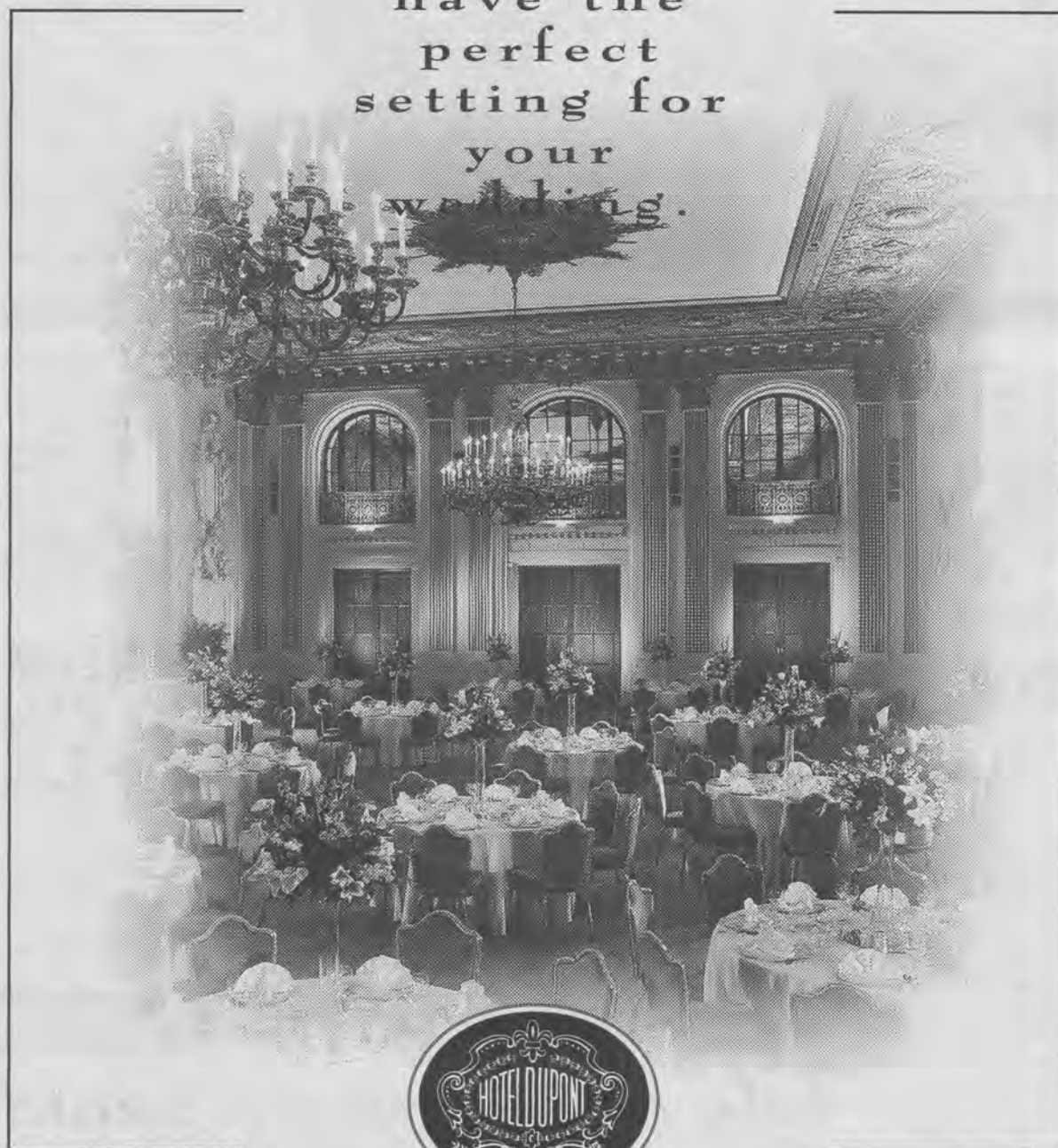
These people find it impossible to accept the recently disclosed documentary evidence that Swiss wartime officials had collaborated with Nazi Germany, the observers add.

Most Swiss people are shocked by the new wave of anti-Semitism, say representatives of the Jewish community.

They point to a rally held by a Christian group to protest the rising wave of anti-Semitism and to express their solidarity with the Jewish people.

Several thousand Christians from across Switzerland attended the rally, at which organizers solicited contributions for a fund, separate from that announced by the banks, to help Holocaust survivors. More than \$100,000 was donated, organizers said.

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Netanyahu Firm on Conversion Bill

NEW YORK, Feb. 17 (JTA) — Reform and Conservative rabbinic leaders in America are frustrated that they have been unable to stop pending legislation in Israel that would end recognition of non-Orthodox conversions performed in Israel. The leaders met with the Prime Minister on February 15. "The only thing he promised us was a continuation of the discussion in a friendly way," said Rabbi Eric Yoffie, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

The tone of their meeting was one of "being among friends," said Dr. Mandell Ganchrow, president of the Orthodox Union.

The meetings took place at Manhattan's Essex House on the last night of Netanyahu's visit to Washington and New York.

The bill would also require all residents and citizens of Israel who want to convert to Judaism to do so within the Jewish state.

Netanyahu first met with leaders of the Reform movement's UAHC, Central Conference of American Rabbis and Association of Reform Zionists of America, and the Conservative movement's Jewish Theological Seminary of America, Rabbinical Assembly and United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism.

Later, Netanyahu met with leaders from the Orthodox Union, Rabbinical Council of America, National Council of Young Israel and Agudath Israel of America.

Lauder Now JNF President



Ronald S. Lauder, the international businessman, philanthropist and former U.S. Ambassador to Austria,

was elected president of the Jewish National Fund by a unanimous vote of the organization's Board of Directors at a special election meeting held at the JNF House in New York.

In 1993, Mr. Lauder received JNF's International Peace Award, an honor previously given only to Jehan Sadat, the widow of Egyptian President Anwar el-Sadat, and to former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. Mr. Lauder is active in the revitalization of Jewish life in Eastern Europe through student exchanges, the building of schools and summer camps, the renovation of synagogues and the preservation of Jewish manuscripts.

Rodman to Donate to Chicago Jewish Federation

Embattled Chicago Bulls star Dennis Rodman announced he's donating 11 games worth of paychecks to 11 different charities. One of the lucky recipients is the Chicago Jewish Federation. They can expect to receive in excess of \$50,000.

Rodman, best known for his tattoos, pierced body parts and multi-colored hair, took the selected charities by surprise, telling the media before officially informing the organizations. Rodman was suspended by the NBA after kicking a court-side cameraman. It's believed he lost some \$1.5 million in salary and incentives as a result of the 11 game suspension.

Rodman has designated a February 21 match-up against the Washington Bullets as the game he'll "play" for the Jewish Federation. Coincidentally, both teams are run by Jewish owners. Abe Pollin owns the Bullets, and Jerry Reinsdorf the Bulls.

Fine Resigns from Delaware State Board of Education

Paul R. Fine, a former president of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, has announced his resignation as president of the Delaware State Board of Education. Citing growing business commitments, the president of Winner Nissan Buick and executive vice-president of the Winner Group of auto dealerships set up, along with his wife, Gloria, the Vision of Hope Project in 1988. That project offered \$200,000 in order to send 20 students, then in sixth grade at Conrad Middle School, to college.

Canada Knowingly Admitted SS Members After World War II

By TOM TUGEND

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 4 (JTA) — The Canadian government, with British complicity, admitted more than 2,000 members of a notorious Ukrainian Waffen-SS division in 1950, the Simon Wiesenthal Center has charged.

In a related case, the CBS news program "60 Minutes" reported that about 1,000 SS men and Nazi collaborators, mainly from the Baltic states, immigrated to Canada about the same time.

And the German public broadcasting network reported that 50,000 war criminals are receiving "victim pensions" from the German government. According to German sources, 1,882 of them are Canadian residents.

Canadian officials have acknowledged that almost all the suspected war criminals and Nazi collaborators have lived openly under their own names in Canada for the last 47 years.

The Wiesenthal Center's dean, Rabbi Marvin Hier, and its Canadian representative, Sol Littman, outlined the case of the 2,000 SS veterans at a news conference after returning from Ottawa.

They spoke about their meeting with Canadian Solicitor General Herb Gray, the Cabinet minister in charge of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

"Mr. Gray seemed genuinely disturbed by the material we presented and promised to investigate the charges," Hier said.

Littman, who has been investigating the Nazi presence in Canada since 1980, said the 14th Volunteer Waffen-SS Grenadier Division, also known as the Galicia Division, was made up mainly of Ukrainians who

had served with Nazi police battalions and death squads.

The surviving 9,000 members of the division surrendered to the British army at the end of the war, and eventually were brought to England.

In 1950, Britain appealed to Commonwealth countries to admit them.

Canada agreed to take 2,000, after receiving assurances from London that their backgrounds had been investigated and that they had been cleared of any complicity in war crimes.

But according to recently released British documents and interviews with officials who conducted the investigations at the time, the Ukrainians were not screened, partly because none of the interrogators could speak their language, Littman said.

The 2,000 settled in major Canadian cities, and it is estimated that about half of them are still alive.

One of the ways of getting into Canada during the postwar period "was by showing the SS tattoo," Canadian historian Irving Abella told "60 Minutes" interviewer Mike Wallace. "This proved that you were an anti-Communist."

Abella cited his meeting with long-time Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau to illustrate the lackadaisical attitude of the Canadian authorities.

Trudeau said the reason his government did not go after war criminals "was because they were afraid of exacerbating relationships between Jews and Eastern European ethnic communities," Abella said. "So he didn't do anything, and he admitted it quite openly."

John Sims, the Canadian official in charge of prosecuting war criminals, acknowledged to "60 Minutes" that "Canada did virtually nothing for decades after the Nuremberg trials."

However, Sims promised that "1997 is going to be an important year, in which I think considerable progress will be made in ridding this country of Nazis."

The latest revelations about suspected war criminals living openly in Canada come in the wake of a Jerusalem Post series in November that described Canada as a "near-blissful refuge" for Nazis.

Steven Rambam, a private detective from New York, working with two Post reporters, uncovered the whereabouts of about 150 suspected war criminals living in Canada, often by simply looking up their names in phone books.

Masquerading as a professor from a fictitious Central American university, Rambam, a former member of the Jewish Defense League, obtained secretly taped interviews with a former Lithuanian police chief, who described in chilling detail his part in the execution of 5,000 Jews.

Meanwhile, the German television program Panorama reported last week that 50,000 war criminals and members of army units who participated in atrocities were receiving bonus pensions, ranging from hundreds to thousands of dollars each month.

These so-called "victim pensions" are paid on top of regular pensions to anyone who suffered from a disability linked to World War II, or to their dependents.

Although a 1950 German law excludes war criminals living abroad from receiving these pensions, the law is apparently not enforced for Canada, or the United States.

Elan Steinberg, executive director of the World Jewish Congress, has charged that some 3,300 German veterans living in the United States are receiving pensions.

Priebke will Face Retrial in Italian Military Court

ROME (JTA) — The war crimes retrial of former SS Capt. Erich Priebke will be held before a military, not a civilian, court. Italy's highest court, the Court of Cassation, made the ruling on court jurisdiction, ending months of judicial limbo on the matter and paving the way for the trial to go ahead. The trial date is yet to be set.

Last August, a Rome military court found Priebke, 83, guilty of partici-

pation in the March 24, 1944 Nazi massacre of 335 Roman men and boys, including 75 Jews, in the Ardeatine Caves south of Rome. But the court freed him, ruling that he could not be punished because the statute of limitations had run out and because of other extenuating circumstances.

That verdict triggered protests by family members of the victims, who barricaded the courthouse for eight

hours until Priebke was re-arrested pending an extradition request from Germany.

Three months later, the verdict was annulled by an appeals court, which ruled that the judges had been openly biased in Priebke's favor. A new trial was ordered, but confusion over whether military or civil authorities had jurisdiction over a retrial stalled the process.

Life of Henrietta Szold Examined in Exhibition

"Daughter of Zion: Henrietta Szold and American Jewish Womanhood" sheds light on the woman best known as the founder of the women's Zionist organization, Hadassah, and provides a glimpse into the struggles of an original Jewish activist searching for intellectual, spiritual and personal fulfillment as a woman, a Jew and an American.

One of the first Americans to work actively for a return of the Jewish

homeland in Palestine, Szold (1860-1945) defined a new identity for American Jewish women as communal leaders, and as the providers of health care and social services in the land of Israel. Her vision grew out of her own struggles with her identity as a modern Jewish American woman, and the restrictions and opportunities presented to a woman in that era.

"Daughter of Zion: Henrietta Szold

and American Jewish Womanhood" is on view through June 15, 1997 at the National Museum of American Jewish History, 55 North 5th Street, Independence Mall East, Philadelphia, PA. Admission is \$2.50 for adults; \$1.75 for senior adults, students and children six and over. Phone: 215-923-3811. (The exhibition was organized by the Jewish Historical Society of Maryland.)

EDITORIAL

Give with All Your Heart Lebanon Withdrawal

The 1997 UJA/Federation Campaign is a little more than halfway toward its goal of \$2 million. Super Sunday on February 9 proved a huge success but it does not signal the end of the Campaign. If you have not yet made a gift, please respond generously when you are contacted. Remember that payments can be spread out throughout the year and aren't due until the end of the year. Make your pledge now, so that when allocations are recommended in the spring, the committee knows the amount of funds committed.

Many donors traditionally give the same gift year after year. Before you pledge, remember that because of inflation, a gift of the same amount results in decreased service. Furthermore, the population study, completed after the goal of \$2 million was set, signifies that more and more services are needed.

Wouldn't it be great if we could

-provide Jewish daycare for hundreds of Jewish children in the Newark/Hockessin area?

-have an additional teen worker for Newark so that the current one would not have to

be splitting his time between Wilmington, Newark, and Dover?

-hire a Jewish educator specializing in Jewish Family Education to work with young families exploring Judaism?

-open branches of Albert Einstein Academy and Gratz in Newark?

-hire an outreach worker at Hillel so that 2000 Jewish students would have more than one professional working with them?

-subsidize every Jewish teenager to participate in an Israel Experience?

-visit all of the isolated elderly living alone in our community and provide kosher meals for those who need them?

-sponsor an Adult Institute of Jewish Studies in the Newark area?

-subsidize Israel missions for young adults and families?

These and countless other programs are needed to enrich our community and take care of those who need our help locally, in Israel, and around the world. Consider this and give with all your heart.

Debate Wrenches Mourning Israelis: An Analysis

By DAVID LANDAU

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The wrenching nationwide debate over Israel's continued presence in southern Lebanon is growing more impassioned.

The debate has left Knesset members hurling insults across party lines.

It also has prompted Israeli soldiers stationed inside the security zone to wonder aloud about support for them on the home front.

But despite concerns over the army's morale, and despite worries that public discussion can weaken Israel's negotiating posture with Syria, it appears that this long-simmering dispute cannot realistically be contained — particularly after the devastating helicopter tragedy.

Moreover, the fact that the debate crosses party lines lends the discussion additional weight while giving both sides' positions further credibility.

The Feb. 4 mid-air collision of two military helicopters that claimed the lives of all 73 soldiers on board did not happen over Lebanon. It was an accident over northern Israel, apparently a mistake by one of the pilots. It could have happened anywhere and in any circumstances.

But the fact that the two aircraft were ferrying troops to Israel Defense Force positions within the southern Lebanon security zone poignantly brought home to the grieving Israeli public the unending toll of lives that Israel's 20-year embroilment in Lebanon continues to claim.

More than 200 IDF soldiers have been killed since 1985 in southern Lebanon, which Israeli journalists have compared to the American quagmire in Vietnam.

The poignancy was further underscored by the IDF's use of helicopters to carry the troops. It is considered more dangerous for soldiers to travel by road, where Hezbollah fighters have been launching frequent deadly roadside bomb attacks.

Israel's involvement in Lebanon began in the late 1970s, when it sought to drive Palestinian fighters from Israel's northern border. Israel invaded Lebanon in 1982, remaining there for three years.

When it withdrew in 1985, Israel carved out the nine-mile wide security zone as a buffer to protect its northern communities.

For the bipartisan group of Israeli politicians now lobbying in favor of a unilateral withdrawal from the security zone, the accident both helped and hindered their efforts.

It helped by focusing the public on the predicaments of Israel's Lebanon policy.

It hindered by inevitably prompting cries of pained protest that urging withdrawal at this time of national mourning is almost unpatriotic.

In the Knesset, a group of parliamentarians from the right and left gathered to pour scorn on a group of their colleagues who met to promote a unilateral withdrawal.

The organizers of the meeting said it had been planned well before the helicopter accident, but that did not silence their critics.

Among the pro-withdrawal Knesset members who attended the meeting were Yossi Beilin of Labor and Michael Eitan of Likud — the two who recently led a bipartisan effort to formulate a broad consensus on what Israel's positions should be in the upcoming permanent-status talks with the Palestinians.

They were joined by another prominent Likud parliamentarian, Gideon Ezra, former deputy head of the Shin Bet, at whose home the planning session was held.

Those favoring a unilateral withdrawal stressed that they are not calling for a disorganized, tail-between-the-legs pullout.

"We want an agreed withdrawal," Beilin

said, "with a third party — American or European — interposing its troops in the areas where the IDF is presently deployed."

That view is backed by Netanyahu's own public security minister, Avigdor Kahalani, who recently drew sharp criticism or calling Israeli troops serving in Lebanon "sitting ducks."

Privately, Beilin is advocating a French military presence along the border. France has long seen itself as the protector of Lebanon, or at least of that country's Christian population. Paris also has coveted a more active role in regional peace moves.

But Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his aides, on the eve of his latest visit to Washington, made it clear that they oppose a unilateral withdrawal.

He sees his talks with President Clinton as a crucial attempt to jump-start the long-stalled Israel-Syria peace track. He also subscribes to the traditional view of Israel's defense establishment that the Lebanon quandary, ultimately, can only be resolved in the context of a general Israel-Syria pacification.

Netanyahu won the unequivocal support of Shimon Peres, the leader of the opposition, who urged restraint in the public debate at this time.

Peres maintained that the focus of attention now must be the prime minister's efforts, through the Americans, to get the talks with Syria on track again after they were suspended last March.

He, too, argued that an accord with Syria would also pacify the Lebanese front.

The two are far from alone in this view. A poll conducted jointly by the Gallup organization and the Israeli daily Ma'ariv indicated that 79 percent of Israelis oppose a unilateral withdrawal, while only 14 percent support it.

Implicit in the arguments put forward by Netanyahu and Peres is the hope that once the talks with Syria resume, Damascus will take action to curb Hezbollah forces, who have been inflicting a constant toll of casualties on IDF soldiers stationed in Lebanon.

In the latest flare-up of fighting, seven Israeli soldiers were wounded in a Hezbollah ambush of their armored patrol. Israel responded by launching several air strikes on Hezbollah positions.

The belief that Syria would restrain the Hezbollah fundamentalists after the negotiations resume may, however, prove little more than a vain hope.

When the Israel-Syria talks were active between 1993 and 1996, Israeli officials frequently charged that Damascus was encouraging an escalation in southern Lebanon to boost diplomatic pressure on Israel.

The Beilin-Eitan position maintains that it is fundamentally misguided to link Israel's policy on the ground to Syrian whim.

This is especially true if, as government officials here insist, Netanyahu intends to stay adamant in his rejection of the basic Syrian land-for-peace position regarding the Golan Heights.

The Likud prime minister's refusal to adopt his Labor Party predecessors' readiness to withdraw from the Golan in exchange for peace with Syria would seem, at least on the face of it, to make an early accord with Damascus unlikely — and thereby doom southern Lebanon to further strife and bloodshed.

An immediate resumption of the talks with Syria would, some observers believe, enable the government to shrug off with relative ease the calls for a reassessment of Israel's Lebanon policy.

By the same token, an ongoing stalemate with Damascus would help the pro-withdrawal lobby marshal popular sentiment that the government would find increasingly difficult to resist.

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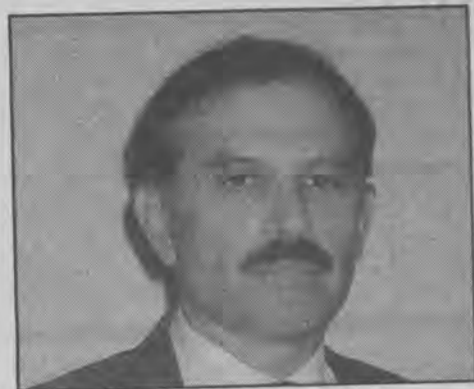
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Jewish Parenting



By Rabbi SANFORD I. DRESIN
Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth

In the first chapter of Pirkei Avot, the Talmudic tractate primarily concerned with ethical behavior, we read, "Shimon the Righteous...used to say: The world is supported by three things - by the study of Torah, by worship of G-d and by charitable acts." In keeping with this dictum at our daily morning minyan, we at Congregation Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth endeavor to comply with all three requirements; we pray, we place money in the *Pushka* and in addition to reading portions of

Torah integral to the daily liturgy, at the conclusion of our service we briefly but more formally, study a portion of the Talmud. For the past few months we have been studying the Talmud Sanhedrin, which contains many of the Torah's criminal laws as well as criminal court procedures. What is true of many of the Torah's criminal laws is that they were rarely if ever enforced, that they simply existed was not only a deterrent, but also a source for moral and ethical insight into the human condition which in turn helped to bolster and strengthen the social fabric by providing guidance on what were to be society's ideals. In the last few weeks we have been studying specifically the laws of the Ben Sorah Umoreh, the stubborn and rebellious son.

We read in Deuteronomy, Chapter 21, Verses 18 & 19: "When a man has a stubborn and rebellious son who does not obey his father and mother, they shall have him flogged. If he still fails to listen to them... (The parents) must declare to the elders of the city. Our son is stubborn and rebellious. He does not listen to us and is an extreme glutton and drunkard and all the men of the city shall stone him."

The Talmud in Saphedrin 71a teaches that though there were such individuals, the death penalty was rarely imposed by the court and that the topic was contained in Torah only for the purpose of learning from it by its teaching

us how to be better parents and children. By studying the factors that contribute to the making of a child so potentially evil that it becomes an act of kindness to both him and society to execute him before heinous crimes are committed, we learn how not to raise our children.

In pursuing such a discussion our Rabbis point out that there is no panacea when it comes to raising kids. Children are not objects to be molded, but rather like adults endowed with free will. The most a parent can hope to do is to place the words of Torah on the child's heart by their living example and thereby create credibility for themselves and their teachings. Parenthetically, we may understand from this that Jewish continuity, today's buzzword, was not meant to be a goal as much as a by-product of a religiously conducive environment made so by the valuing of Torah and Torah ideals.

An understanding of the following requirements and limitations applying to the stubborn and Rebellious son may give us the edge we need when it comes to parenting and providing for Jewish continuity.

First, the law applies only to the child who has reached thirteen and only for three brief months thereafter, coming as it does at the onset of adulthood, it points out the importance of early education as a basis for life. In Proverbs 22:6 we read, "Educate youth according to their path," which is interpreted to be a warning to put children on the proper path before they choose the wrong path on their own. The Torah goes on to describe the rebel child as not obeying the *Kol* or voice of his father and mother. Use of the word *Kol* which means both voice and noise implies something often unintelligible. The rebellious son has selective hearing, listening to parents when their words are acceptable or seemingly advantageous, ignoring them when they are not. From this we learn that a child must be taught to rely on a parent's guidance and that though the parent is required to explain his/herself in the end, children must be taught to accept parental authority whether they agree or not.

From the phrase, "He does not listen to our voices," the Talmud teaches that both parents, must speak with one voice, that their guidance must reflect shared values and that they must be consistent at all times. I need not be-

labor this point where a child is being raised in a home in which parents do not share the same faith.

The law is also that the parents must point to their child and declare - "this son of ours." Parents must be capable of recognizing who their child is, viewing each child as an individual with unique needs and talents, each of whom must be educated according to their individual personality. If parents are blind to who their child is and educate using a cookie cutter approach, the child cannot be held fully responsible for his/her acts. This concept is conjured up when we consider how Isaac and Rebecca may have failed Esau in his early years.

To be deemed a rebellious son, he must steal money from his parents to eat and drink as part of a hedonistic lifestyle. He must be seen as valuing the material aspects of the world far beyond the spiritual. Should the child purchase only Glatt Kosher meat and the finest Kosher wines it is meaningless as well as a reminder that it's not enough to teach children to eat only Kosher but that they must understand the concept in order to prevent their becoming a Jew in form but not substance. Also, it should be noted that a Jew at heart is only a Jew in part.

The Talmud explains that in theory, at least, the rebellious son is killed now for if allowed to continue along their evil path, they will eventually rob and murder for their "fix, be it meat, wine or drugs."

He is therefore killed for his own benefit, thereby not forfeiting a portion in the world to come. From these emerges a critical lesson in parenting, a parent must recognize the existence of the spiritual dimension as being at least equal in importance to that of their child's physical well being.

It is incumbent upon each of us to fully appreciate that there is no more sacred duty than that of raising our children properly. The Zohar, a sacred Kabbalistic text, teaches that when each of us, after 120 years with the help of the Almighty, appears before the heavenly court will be asked whether we educated our children properly. If we respond in the affirmative, the court refuses to hear any further damaging testimony against us, for the merit that accrues from properly mentoring our children overcomes everything else.

Hillel

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In the former Soviet Union, Hillel extends its programs beyond the university community to include young professionals as well.

Many young Jews here see Hillel programs as an opportunity to meet one another. In the last two years, these meetings have resulted in a few "Hillel" weddings.

At the congress, there was considerable sharing of experiences among the young activists.

"Most of those who have contacted our centers over the past two years are people that have their own ideas and projects," said Mikhal'yova of Moscow's Hillel center.

"Hillel gives them a chance to find like-minded people and to see their projects work."

During the congress, Leonid Gelfman, a 23-year-old post graduate philology student and Russian language teacher at a St. Petersburg day school, spoke about how to publish a Hillel newspaper.

"For me, it's important to combine my Jewish and professional interests," said Gelfman, who is the editor of *Dvarim*, the publication of the St. Petersburg Hillel center.

Some of the Hillel activists already participate in social and cultural programs in their home communities.

Last year, Mikhail Gubenko, a 20-year-old sociology student from Kiev, organized a group of his fellow students to lead Shabbat and holiday programs for elderly Jews.

"We tell them about Shabbat and festivals, about Jewish history," he said of the program, which involves about 25 young volunteers.

In a reversal of the traditional generational roles, grandchildren often teach their grandparents about Jewish topics, discussions that had been denied their elders during their lives under the Soviet regime, said Gubenko.

Since mass Jewish emigration from the former Soviet Union began eight years ago, students have represented a significant portion of those opting to leave.

At the congress, some Jewish students said that although they would prefer to stay, they do not see a future for themselves in their native countries.

For Mikhail Gubenko from Kiev, Ukraine's future appeared problematic.

"Professionally I don't see any future for myself in Ukraine," he said, referring to the country's serious economic problems.

"I just want to have a normal life. But the current economic situation does not give me this option."

Some students said they also do not see a long-term future for the Jewish student movement in the former Soviet Union.

"Everyone who gets involved with the Jewish movement will emigrate sooner or later," said Svetlana Rabinovich, 18, a high school student from Minsk.

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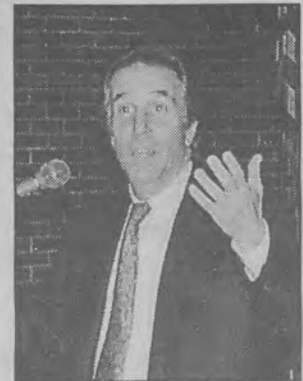


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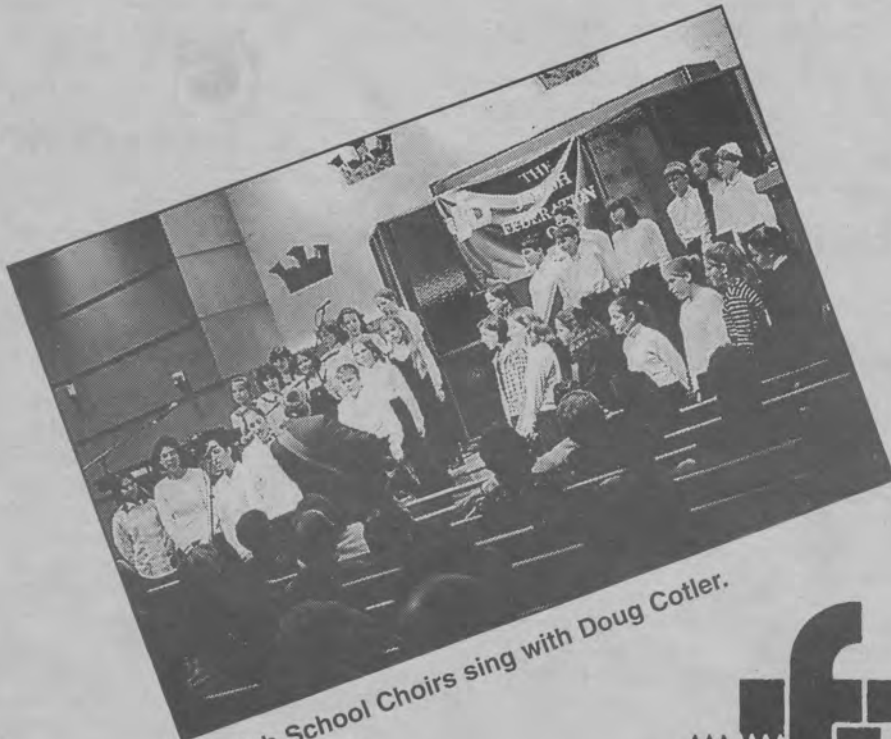


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Sylvia Wagman to Receive '97 ORT Leadership Award

Sylvia Wagman will receive the 1997 Leadership Award at a dinner given in her honor by the Brandywine Chapter of Women's American ORT, Sunday, March 16. The dinner, which begins at 5:30 p.m., will be held at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation in Wilmington.



Sylvia Wagman

During Sylvia's two-year presidency, the Brandywine Chapter flourished and grew as never before, and the community continues to benefit from her leadership. A founding member and past president of Sons and Daughters of Holocaust Survivors in Philadelphia, Sylvia is also a former member of the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust committee, and has served as docent at various Holocaust exhibits at the Delaware Jewish Community Center. She has played leading roles at Albert Einstein Academy and in the life of her synagogue. She is treasurer of both the babysitting coop at Adas Kodesch and AEA's Home and School Association, and continues to help run the AKSE High Holiday nursery. She was honored by the synagogue's Women's Tefillah Group in 1993. As chairperson of Albert Einstein

Academy's major fundraiser last spring, she brought award-winning author Chaim Potok to Wilmington, and raised thousands of dollars for the school. Her deep commitment to education has led her to serve as a board member at AEA as well as education vice president at AKSE.

She has held teaching positions in public schools, Hebrew schools and Jewish day schools, and currently teaches kindergarten at Albert Einstein Academy.

Sylvia's husband, Mark, also holds leadership positions at Adas Kodesch. They have two children, Rina and Jeffrey.

The tribute dinner, which is open to the community, will feature a glatt kosher Chinese buffet. The cost of the dinner is \$30. Contributions above the plate fee may be made in Sylvia's honor. Please RSVP before March 2nd by sending a check, pay-

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The Invention of the Lower East Side

On February 25, Beth Wenger, Assistant Professor of Jewish history at the University of Pennsylvania, will discuss *Jewish Memory in Space and Time: The Invention of the*

Lower East Side. Her presentation will be in Kirkbride Hall (corner of South College Avenue and Delaware Avenue) at the University of Delaware from 7:00 until 9:00 p.m.

Beth Wenger's first book, *New York Jews and the Great Depression: Uncertain Promise*, was published by Yale University Press in 1996. She is also the author of several articles about American Jewish culture and women's history. In 1993, her doctoral dissertation was awarded the American Jewish History Center's Prize as the Best Doctoral Dissertation in American Jewish history. She is the co-curator of an exhibition entitled, *Holy Land: American Jewish Encounters with the Land of Israel in the Century before Statehood*, which is scheduled to open at Philadelphia's National Museum of American Jewish History in January of 1998.

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On Sunday morning, March 9, 1997, the Young Leadership Development Alliance (YLDA) of the Jewish Federation of Delaware will present Dr. Saul Wachs of Gratz

College in an interactive program on the topic of "Beyond The Maxwell House Haggadah - How Families Can Get More Meaning Out of Passover." This family-friendly program will run from nine forty-five to eleven-thirty a.m. at the Jewish Com-

munity Center. A four dollar charge includes the cost of a light breakfast.

Lelaine Nemser, Associate Director of JFD, said "Saul Wachs is a treasure. He is warm, witty and wise. After drawing you into the world of Jewish learning, he makes you feel wonderful about 'living Judaism'."

According to Myrna Ryder, "Dr. Saul Wachs is a thought provoking, stimulating and caring teacher who illuminates the richness of our religion in a very personal way. He helps us find meaning which we can take to our hearts and minds. People of all ages would benefit greatly from a session in which he was the speaker."

Dr. Saul Wachs "is one of the most gifted teachers with whom I have ever studied," said Mark Shandler, the Endowment Director for the Jewish Community of Delaware Endowment Fund. "Everyone should make an effort to go out of the way to study with him since he doesn't come to Wilmington often," adds Shandler, concluding, "This is an extraordinary opportunity to study with one of the greats!"

Dr. Saul Wachs is the Rosaline B. Feinstein Professor of Jewish Education at Gratz College as well as the Coordinator of the Graduate Program in Education at Gratz College. Wachs received degrees in the subject areas of Sacred Music and Religious Education in addition to degrees in Education. He is the author of numerous articles including "It's a Time for Telling Stories" with Barbara E. Wachs in *the Jewish Exponent*.

Jon Foreman and Karen Schultz, Co-Chair the Education Subcommittee of YLDA, and have organized this event. Buddy Berger chairs YLDA and Heidi Kinsella co-chairs.

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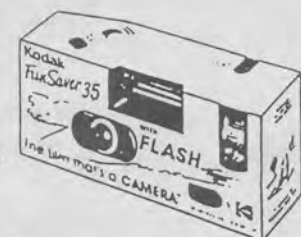
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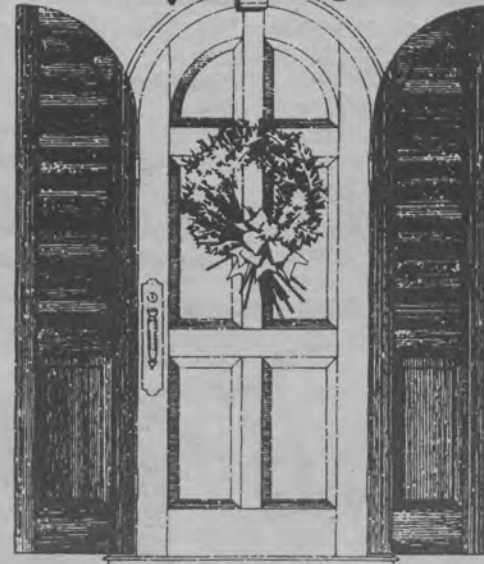
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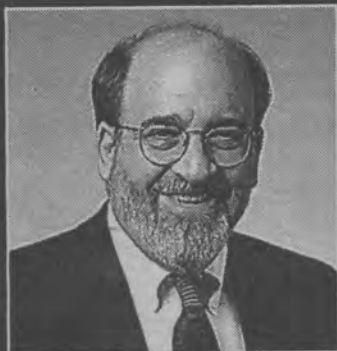
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January JFD Board Highlights

1. Rabbi Malinger gave the D'Var Torah.
2. Program Spotlight: Karen Friedman, Executive Director of the Kutz Home, reviewed the history of the Home and gave an update on the renovation. The renovation includes the lobby, with snack bar, resident rooms, bathrooms and other public areas. Once completed, there will be 90 beds available to residents (an increase of 8). The Home is collaborating with Jewish Family Service, Albert Einstein Academy and the JCC for programming. A rededication will be held on September 21, 1997.
3. Suzanne Grant, Assistant Treasurer, reported that the JFD budget is on target.
4. Lelaine Nemser reported that the 1996 campaign raised \$1,586,244 which is the best campaign to date.
5. The Board approved the Allocations Committee recommendations on how to spend the additional \$46,244 raised since 1997 allocations were approved in the Fall. 33.72% will be sent overseas, including \$5,000 for Israel teen scholarships. Of the remaining dollars, \$2,500 will be used to transport children from Dover to the JCC camp this summer and the rest will be used to pay the debt service for the Family Campus.
5. After the Population Study was presented in September 1996, a committee was formed composed of individuals from Wilmington and the Newark area. Toni Young, Chair, reviewed a list of goals and possible strategies developed by the Committee. Community input is desired. A meeting will be held with agency and synagogue representatives on Feb. 20th. (see related article).
6. Prior to Super Sunday, the 1997 Campaign is almost \$950,000. It is hoped that pledges will be made in February so that the planning can take place this spring. Barbara Yalisove, co-chair of the Doug Cotler concert, encouraged all to attend.
7. Toni Young, chair of the Nominating committee, reviewed recommendations on board responsibility; attend meetings regularly (not to miss 3 meetings without an explanation); participate in board business; assist in annual campaign; make quality gift to the campaign.



Jewish Family Service Initiates "L'Haber" Program Designed to Make Introductions and Incubate Relationships

Dating in the '90's can be a stressful activity. What once conjured up romanticized images of the high school prom, drive-in theaters, and the one knee-ed proposal, now evokes a level of anxiety that competes with the latest West Craven film. The prospect of the stalker, the psychopath buried under the outer shell of an apparent Wally Cleaver, has captured the imagination of Hollywood. One need not be concerned that in the decade before the millennium the planet has been overrun with crazies. Or that by dating one runs the risk ending up in a network movie of the week. The fears are more myth than reality. Yet, there is a real climate of anxiety surrounding dating on which Hollywood has capitalized.

Dating today has become a lightning rod of general alienation. The community of today no longer resembles that of our parents or grandparents. We are geographically mobile and scattered. The average worker today will have 7 jobs over the course of their lifetime vs. 3 for our parents. If communal bonds were ever forged, they weaken tremendously when one is hours away from one's hometown. The community itself can become a loose organization of transients. For society at large this may be nothing more than an interesting sociological trend. But for the Jewish community it speaks to our very survival. The Jewish community needs to be able to recreate itself.

When our parents dated, the families often knew each other. There was a communal network of cousins and friends that could incubate the relationship. Feedback was easily obtained. "She likes you," cousin Marty would say or "Even though he was quiet, he is really interested," his friend Sam would share. If the rela-

tedersted objective parties that could provide assistance. "Call her already. She's waiting. Yes she wants to go out again. It doesn't matter that you spilled soup on her."

Today the same network of friends does not exist. Many people have friends from the office that do not know one's friends from home. People are preoccupied with the complexities of life and do not always have time to help with relationships of others. So, how does one negotiate the ins and outs of dating with out support? Often people settle for the first person that comes along because dating is such an uncomfortable experience. Don't!!

Call the "L'haber," the Jewish Family Service relationship line. This new program from the Jewish Family Service will incubate relationships. Many services just make introductions. After that one is on their own. Not the JFS. The staff of professional counselors is here to help turn a date into a productive relationship.

The first step of the program is the analysis of goals. A counselor will meet with you to help you determine what qualities are important in a prospective partner. What are your goals? What values are important to you? How do you picture living your life?

The staff will then help find an appropriate introduction. But, that is not the end. The relationship line will be in contact with the two individuals, providing beginning relationship counseling and negotiating strategies. There will also be workshops that one can attend on effective communication, establishing bonds, and other topics that would be relevant to new couples. Only when the relationship is solidified and the services no longer needed will the couple be on their own.

Relationships are difficult. They are especially difficult to get started. Start your next relationship with the JFS and see the difference that ef-

fective communication and rich communal support can make. Call 478-9411 and say you're calling for "L'haber."

Allocations for 1997 Approved 1996 Campaign Was Largest Ever

The allocations for fiscal year 1997 were approved on February 6, 1997 by the Board of Directors of the Jewish Federation. Because the 1996 Campaign was so successful, and raised \$1,586,424, Federation was able to allocate more than \$110,000 in additional funds over what had been allocated the prior year. Approximately 34% of dollars raised will fund overseas needs and the rest will remain locally. The greatest increase went to Capital Maintenance and Debt Service for repairs for the JCC Complex. We were also able to increase the amount of scholarships for teenagers for Israel experiences, for transportation for children from Dover to attend the JCC Day Camp and for Jewish social and educational programs for law students at Widener University. In order to finance the repair of the JCC complex and provide increased dollars for other programs, the Federa-

tion allocation was reduced. The Federation has retrenched staff positions and reduced campaign costs, particularly for materials and marketing in order to allow agency allocations to remain at prior levels and to fund maintenance projects that have been deferred for many years.

The allocation committee was chaired by Joan Spiegelman. Leslie Newman co-chaired the committee until May when she was elected President of Federation. Judy Wortman staffed the committee. Serving on the 1997 Allocation Committee were Colin Anolick, Steve Bernhardt, Steve Dombchik, Joan Elzufon, Bennett Epstein, Scott Feinman, Gloria Fine, Rick Geisenberger, Suzanne Grant, Al Green, Clara Hollander, Deane Kattler, Leslie Newman, Don Parsons, Barbara Schoenberg, Bernard Siegel, Toni Young and Leo Zeffel.

Rembrandt and the Jews

Entrepreneur and art aficionado, Dr. Alfred Bader, founder of Aldrich Chemical Company of Milwaukee, will present a slide show entitled "Rembrandt and the Jews" at the Jewish Community Center on Sunday, March 16, 1997. Bader, a renowned chemist, began his love of art at the early age of 10 when he used his birthday money to buy his first piece of artwork. He has since spent much time buying, selling, trading and donating countless paintings.

Bader's field of expertise is 17th Century Dutch painting. He has spent vast amounts of time studying Jewish Biblical influences on the work of Rembrandt van Rijn. Bader was the curator of "The Bible through Dutch Eyes" exhibition at the Milwaukee Art Center in 1976, and with Isabel, his wife, was also curator of "The Detective's Eye" exhibition in 1989. He has published

widely on chemistry, art and the Bible.

A brunch, beginning at 11:30 a.m., will be followed by Dr. Bader's slide show presentation at 12:15 p.m. The cost for the brunch is \$3.50 for JCC members and \$4.75 for non-members. The slide presentation is free of charge. For more information, please call Staci Levin or Ella Zukoff at (302) 478-5660.



1996 UJA/Federation Campaign Allocations

Campaign Total	\$1,586,424.
Shrinkage & Reserves	\$30,680.
Local	
Jewish Community Center	\$115,460.
Community Teen Program*	\$25,000.
Capital Maintenance, Debt Service on JCC Complex	\$174,568.
Jewish Family Service*	\$63,500.
Milton & Hattie Kutz Home	\$45,000.
Albert Einstein Academy*	\$75,000.
Gratz Hebrew High School	\$26,000.
Hillel Student Center	\$40,000.
Jewish Community Endowment Fund	\$16,820.
Newark Community	\$9,150.
Southern DE Community	\$7,500.
Jewish Historical Society	\$1,500.
Jewish Educators In-Service*	\$1,000.
Jewish Law Students at Widener University	\$500.
Rabbinical Association of DE	\$200.
Jewish Voice	\$9,000.
JCRC/Young Leadership	\$71,000.
UJA/Federation Campaign Expenses	\$200,000.
Emergency Assistance to Families in Crisis	\$1,000.
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National Agencies¹	\$54,547.
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Book Review

The Shame Borne in Silence

The Shame Borne in Silence
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By HARRIET AINBINDER
Special To The Jewish Voice

The Shame Borne in Silence is a short, but important, paperback written by Rabbi Abraham J. Twerski, M.D. The "shame" of the title refers to spouse abuse in the Jewish family and the "silence" is that of both the family and the Jewish community. Rabbi Twerski clearly recognizes that "emotional abuse is indeed abuse" and not to be ignored. However, since physical abuse can be life-threatening and since, as he correctly notes, in the overwhelming number of battering cases, husbands are the aggressors, Rabbi Twerski feels compelled to focus most of his attention on the problem of husbands who are abusers and their wives who are victims. He does this in a Jewish context.

For example, he discusses the question of why the abused woman remains with her abuser. Some of these reasons are well-known, for example, denial by the victim, sometimes because childhood experiences make abuse seem acceptable, humiliation and the need to keep problems within the privacy of the family circle, interest in stability of the family, lack of understanding of the cycle of abuse, which includes promises of change and a return to loving ways between abusive episodes, the lingering doubt that the victim may deserve the abuse, elicit, or even like it, and lack of resources for escape. Rabbi

Twerski, however, includes a Jewish addendum: embarrassment of the Jewish community to exhibit such problems to the wider community of "goyim," the high value placed on keeping the marriage intact and maintaining *Shalom Bayit* (household harmony), the fear that trouble in the marriage will preclude finding mates for the wife's siblings or the couple's children (in a *Shidduch*, or matchmaking, subculture), loss of a society necessary not only for support but for religious observance (where is the nearest shelter with Kosher food?).

This book is significant because of its author and the approach he takes to family violence. Rabbi Abraham Twerski, M.D., is not only a psychiatrist, known for his work in addictions rehabilitation, but an Orthodox Rabbi from a large, well-known Chassidic family. Thus, although he is not the first Jewish author to approach this issue, he can address the Jewish community in general and the Orthodox segments of it in particular with credentials which enable him to be heard in a different way than secular credentials on the same subject. The book is an argument for immediate action against spouse abuse couched in the language of traditional Judaism.

First, Rabbi Twerski directly attacks the collective belief that Jew-

ish husbands do not hit their wives. (While he is at it, he discusses the corollary myth that Jews are not alcoholics or drug-abusers, disorders which often accompany abuse.) He discusses, at some length, the defense mechanism known as denial, which removes from awareness something whose recognition poses a threat. In the individual case, a woman may deny the actual abuse even to herself, make excuses for her husband, or accept his reasoning as to "provocation."

Rabbi Twerski, however, goes further, pointing out the denial of the Jewish community as a whole, which, in its willingness to accept the fiction of non-abusive relationships, unwittingly increases the Jewish woman's feeling that she is "the only one" or that she is delusional. He points out, with appropriate references, the Biblical and Talmudic views of community responsibility. For instance, "Do not stand idly by while your neighbor's blood is spilled." and "Anyone who has the ability to correct a situation and is derelict in doing so is responsible for whatever results therefrom." In other words he challenges the entire Jewish community to recognize the problem of Jewish spouse abuse, to collect information about its frequency, to make leaving the

batterer more realistic for the woman by increasing the availability of community resources and even to place known wife-abusers in herem public and religious excommunication.

Rabbi Twerski does not omit mention of the clergy in his call to awareness. Given the painful and time-consuming nature of these disclosures, he empathizes with the reluctance of rabbis to pursue these issues. He adds that little time is given to the problem in Rabbinical seminaries, leav-

ing clergy with an inadequate knowledge of how to evaluate or handle family violence, along with a general presumption in favor of preserving the marriage. Nevertheless, particularly for traditional women, the Rabbi may be the first person in whom the battered woman confides and from whom she seeks advice and support, and, therefore, Rabbi Twerski urges the clergy to educate themselves on the topic.

Rabbi Twerski's second major point is that abuse is the result of one person's need to control completely another human being. He then devotes no less than six chapters to discussing "Torah values." Rabbi Twerski's conclusion, from all of the references, is that the male role was not intended to be a position of power and suggestions that men will

Resources for Domestic Abuse Information and Help

The National Council of Jewish Women reports that "the rate of abuse of Jewish women is no different than in other groups of women." Along with Child Inc., NCJW was involved with organizing the Project for Domestic Violence Reform, a victim's advocacy organization, which grew out of the First Delaware Statewide Conference on Domestic Violence, also spearheaded by NCJW and Child Inc., with roughly a dozen other groups. NCJW is one of the largest affiliates of The International Council of Jewish Women, which links over one million Jewish women in 38 countries.

The Leadership Conference of National Jewish Women's Organizations reports that "Jewish women remain in abusive relationships longer than non-Jewish women." This organization sponsors a campaign against domestic abuse. Jewish Family Service, 478-9411, a beneficiary agency of The Jewish Federation of Delaware, provides counseling and referrals for individuals in domestic abuse situations. If you are seeking additional information on this topic, call The National Domestic Abuse Hotline, 1-800-799-SAFE.

JHSD News & Notes

Photographs and Memorabilia are needed for an upcoming display at the Jewish Community Center. "Celebrating Simchas In The First State" will feature photographs and memorabilia from Weddings, Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, Graduations, Anniversaries, & Family Reunions. The Jewish Historical Society of Delaware is looking for additional materials for this display and also to add to the archives. Our goal is to have as many families represented as possible. To donate materials please call Julian H. Preisler, JHSD Archivist at 656-0365 or drop the items off at the archives. Our address is 505 Market Street Mall in downtown Wilmington.

The Genealogy Book Collection continues to expand! A recent addition to the shelves is a copy of *Shetel Finder Gazette*. This book is an indispensable resource for those interested in Jewish genealogy in Poland and the former Soviet Union.

Volunteers are always needed to assist with projects in the archives. Individuals are needed to compile a list of all photographs in our collections as well as complete the processing of the second series of "Dear Mollye" letters. No experience required, just an interest in your community's history. To volunteer call 655-0365.



Albert Einstein Students Get Into Shape

Students in the second grade at the Albert Einstein Academy studied nutrition and health. As a culmination to this unit, a fitness day was scheduled. Various "stations" were set up in the room including weight lifting, step ups, floor exercises and listening to one's heart. Left: Annette Marks listens to Michael Stone's heart. Right: Erin Slap Marshall and Adam Sugarman work with Cliff Marks on weight exercises.

Still Looking Forward

Jewish tradition maintains that if you save one life, it is as if you have saved the whole world. In that case, Elaine K. Winik has rescued the equivalent of a galaxy. Over the past five decades, her work on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal, including her years as the only woman president of the Greater New York Women's UJA, has raised millions of dollars to help feed, clothe, educate, relocate, and revitalize Jewish communities and individuals around the world.

Now in her memoir, "Still Looking Forward" (Rutledge Books, Inc.; October 1, 1996; \$19.95), Elaine Winik provides poignant insight into the Jewish experience over the last half century. Written from her unique vantage point as a globetrotting good will ambassador and fund-raiser extraordinaire for the UJA, she details her experiences traveling to Jewish enclaves in Romania, Russia, Morocco, Poland, Czechoslovakia, and Hungary. She tells of her many trips to Israel, in-

cluding just after the Six Day War, as the first woman to attend a UJA fact-finding mission to that country, and during the SCUD missile attacks of the Gulf War.

With "Still Looking Forward" Elaine Winik takes readers inside the Jewish heart and experience. To learn more about this woman and a life spent working toward the greater good, contact Rutledge Books, Inc. at 1-800-278-8533 to order your copy of "Still Looking Forward." The cost is \$19.95 plus \$3.50 shipping and handling.

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rule over women are distortions of meaning. Judaism, of course, has laws against battering which are centuries old. He points to many statements indicating that a man dare not harm his wife and must, in fact, honor and esteem her. From his point of view, each individual, has an identical calling, namely to do the Divine will in this world and to bring honor to G-d's name. Every person, then, has equal value and dignity, no matter what the gender, age, marital status, academic degrees, earning power, etc.

Rabbi Twerski is also concerned with prevention and, thus, has a chapter on warning signs to be heeded prior to marriage as well as signals for early identification. In spite of his personal desire to avoid divorces, he courageously urges women not to overlook a first incident, to seek counseling and, if necessary to develop a plan for leaving should the situation remain untenable.

Rabbi Twerski is wise enough to recognize that a Torah lecture is not enough and that abuse will stop only when people take responsibility for their actions and make changes in their behavior. But he calls on the Jewish community to notice and to develop an orientation that will make abusive behavior impossible to commit and intolerable to accept.

[Coincidentally, an item in the January, 1997 issue of *Hadassah* magazine, notes a national domestic abuse awareness campaign by *Hadassah* and the Leadership Conference of National Jewish Women's Organization targeted at the Jewish community.]

(Harriet Ainbinder, Ph.D. is a Clinical Child Psychologist in private practice in North Wilmington.)

ARTS • ENTERTAINMENT • BOOKS

“Schindler’s List to Air on TV

Sponsor’s Founder Published Anti-Semitic Publications

By TOM TUGEND
 LOS ANGELES (JTA) — Thanks to the Ford Motor Co., “Schindler’s List” will appear commercial-free on network television.

NBC-TV will air the three-hour film on Feb. 23, in prime time, the first time the film is appearing on television.

The Oscar-winning film, which its creator, Steven Spielberg, expected to be a money-losing labor of love playing to small audiences, will be seen by an expected 30 million television viewers.

So far, some 200 million people around the world have seen “Schindler’s List” in movie theaters or on video.

By forgoing commercials during the screening, the Ford Division of Ford Motor Co. will make TV history as the sole sponsor of the program. The company will present a discreet one-minute message before the film starts, and a 50-second announcement after its conclusion.

There will be two, non-commercial, intermissions during the movie telecast.

There is a touch of delayed irony in the Ford company’s sponsorship of “Schindler’s List,” given its founder’s pronounced anti-Semitic leanings.

In the early 1920s, Henry Ford was publisher of “The Dearborn Independent” and the “International Jews.” Both newspapers depicted Jews as warmongers and war financiers and gave wide circulation to the notorious Protocols of the Elders of Zion.

In 1927, faced with a lawsuit, Ford retracted his anti-Semitic statements.

Questioned on this aspect of the company’s history, Gerry Donnelly, communications and advertising director for the Ford Division, denied that the founder’s sins had influenced the decision to sponsor the Holocaust film.

“Many of our people were involved in this project, and no one ever mentioned Henry Ford,” said Donnelly. “I think quite a few are not even aware of this background.”

Donnelly added that, “We have great respect and a long association with Mr. Spielberg. For instance, we provided the vehicles for the film ‘Ju-

rassic Park.’ We just felt it was the right thing to do to present this great story of one man’s courage.”

Along with the broadcast, NBC will distribute to educators a study guide on the Holocaust and how to fight prejudice.

The film has already been shown, free of charge, to 2 million high school students in 40 states. Four states have mandated the study of the Holocaust, as well as black slavery and the American Indian experience, in their high schools.

After the movie, Spielberg will give a 90-second promotional message for his Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation, which so far has videotaped the testimonies of 25,000 Holocaust survivors throughout the world.

Neither Ford nor NBC would divulge the cost of the broadcast.

“Schindler’s List” won seven Oscars in 1994. It tells the true story of Oskar Schindler, a hard-drinking, womanizing German entrepreneur, who saved his 1,100 Jewish workers in wartime Krakow, not far from the Auschwitz death camp.

Hillel

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“This is especially so with Jewish youth, for whom the decision to emigrate is somewhat easier than for their parents.”

Said Igor Varkin, a 32-year-old postgraduate psychology student from the Siberian town of Tyumen: “Some join the movement having a wish to emigrate. Others are pushed toward emigration by the Jewish activities they get involved in.”

But many of the student activists want to be part of the Jewish future

in the former Soviet Union.

“It’s hard to say now, but I’d prefer to stay after I graduate,” said Alexander Slutsky, 23, a law student from Yekaterinburg, a city of more than 1 million in the Ural Mountains.

“My future is here, in Russia,” said Gelfman, the editor of the Hillel newspaper in St. Petersburg.

For one student from the Far East, the Jewish student movement will ensure that those who want to stay will be able “to express themselves as Jews.”

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FEATURES

Bagel Impressario Will Become Yeshiva Student in Israel

By SARAH COLEMAN
Jewish Bulletin of Northern California

BERKELEY, Calif. — In 1984, at the age of 38, Noah Alper visited Israel for the first time. The trip had such a profound effect on him that he promised himself he would go back there one day for a year of yeshiva study.

But first there was a small hump he had to get over. He needed to set up a successful business.

The Noah's New York Bagels that opened in downtown Berkeley in 1989 might not have looked like the start of a major enterprise. But Alper felt confident that the West Coast would like his bagels.

The rest, as they say, is history.

With 92 stores now open from Seattle to Los Angeles, and another 75 planned by the end of 1997, you could safely say Alper's hunch was a good one. A year ago, the business merged with a Colorado firm and became Einstein/Noah's Bagels; Alper became vice chairman. And — importantly to Alper — the business' phenomenal success means that he can now fulfill his longtime dream.

When the Alper family sets up home in Jerusalem this August, Alper won't be the famous bagel buy from Berkeley. He'll be just another stu-

dent toting his books to the Pardes Institute. Though he remains on the corporation's board of directors, he's taking an unpaid 18-month sabbatical, which has already begun with six months of training and preparation for life in Israel.

"I'm studying Hebrew three days a week, and I'll soon start classes in Jewish history and Midrash," he says.

He has also embarked on an exercise program with a personal trainer, hoping to increase his strength and aerobic fitness, and "tighten up my belly." Afternoons might find him cycling around Berkeley, book-filled rucksack on his back.

"I'm doing the Berkeley student thing," he says, grinning.

Along with studying and working out, Alper says he is currently "flirting with the idea" of writing his autobiography. He's written a trial chapter and has spoken to an agent who thinks there might be a market for the book.

The 1984 trip to Israel influenced him in two ways. First, he witnessed a strong sense of Jewish pride unlike anything he'd ever known before. His Reform upbringing in Boston had not been strong on tradition. There were things he'd never heard of, such as the Pirke Avot (Ethics of

Our Fathers): In Israel he attended a lecture on this ancient ethical text, which left him thrilled and determined to learn more.

"What I learned from that first trip to Israel is to be proud of who you are, and that's psychologically crucial," he says.

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In 1988, he joined Congregation Beth Israel, Berkeley's Orthodox synagogue. Today, he describes himself as a "traditional" Jew. Before the Israel trip, his first two businesses had been connected with comestibles — a health-food store and a gourmet cooks' mail-order catalog, both in Boston. He decided his next business would have a Jewish orientation.

"The concept was right, but the delivery was off," he says of the enterprise called Holy Land Gifts that he ran from 1985 to 1987. The reasoning behind the business was logical enough. Thirty million born-again Christians in America have an emotional connection to the Holy Land. Yet they don't have easy access to gifts and handicrafts from the region.

In selling them gifts from Israel, Alper told himself, he would assist Israel's economic development by bringing its products to a huge market.

"It had some potential," he now says of the mail-order gift business that failed. "But in order to succeed I should have had Christian ministers advising me. I needed to understand my market. In business, you have to be very positive about what you're doing, and my ambivalence about dealing with born-again Christians was a real dampener."

When Holy Land Gifts folded, it was hard for Alper to pick himself up. He went to a recruiter, who told him he was too old and entrepreneurial to work or anyone else.

"Then he said to me, 'You've had an interesting life so far,'" Alper recalls. "I'm a competitive person, and that 'so far' fueled me to take chances. It made me think there was much more out there."

There was indeed. It came with sesame seeds, onion and blueberries. It came with cream cheese and lox. It came steamed, not boiled. And highly significant for observant Jews, it came kosher. Alper credits his older brother Dan with the idea for bagels and says it was clear from day one that the business would succeed.

"The first customer was a blind guy

who couldn't tell that the 'open' sign wasn't up yet," he says. "He came in tapping his cane, and said, 'Smells good in here; what are you selling?' And I knew we were OK."

when he goes back to the business after his sabbatical, it will be mainly as an advisor and figurehead — or, as he puts it, "the Jewish Colonel Sanders."

This is not as frivolous as it sounds. One of the things he's most proud of, he says, is promoting Jewish culture to a wider population. It may be because of Alper that non-Jews all over the West Coast know their borscht from their bubbeleh, gleaned from Yiddish primers Noah's hands out.

He's also determined not to compromise his standards as the business expands.

"Before we opened in Sacramento, I was advised to cool it on the Jewish presentation," he says. "The reasoning was that Sacramento isn't as cosmopolitan as San Francisco."

"For example, you say 'spreads' instead of 'schmears.' But then you lose touch with what made you successful in the first place," so in Sacramento, he says, "We stuck with 'schmears'."

Deserts Without Eggs, Butter, and Milk?

Authors Release the Jewish Vegetarian Cookbook

By BETTE WINEBLATT KEVA
The Jewish Journal of The North Shore

The largest portion of vegetarians in the U.S. are young adults. Young couples setting up housekeeping today, eat far fewer animal products than their parents did a generation ago. This just released cookbook offers great variety, Jewish wisdom, and political correctness. Cost is \$16.95 in bookstores. It may also be ordered through Micah Publications by calling 617-631-7601.

A "world cuisine," is emerging, says author, publisher and animal rights activist Roberta Kalechofsky. It will be "basically vegetarian," and will reflect a changed world. Because of the Jewish people's long history with a moral diet, kashrut, they are in a position to bring society up to the next rung of the evolutionary ladder.

These strong convictions of Kalechofsky led her to join forces with writer Rosa Rasiel to produce *The Jewish Vegetarian Year* cookbook, published by Kalechofsky's Micah Publications of Marblehead.

The 210-page volume is unusual. Besides not containing any meat, fish or chicken, the book is free of eggs, cheese and milk. A challenging undertaking in itself, the authors, both of Marblehead, had never written a cookbook, let alone one of the restrictive diet of vegans.

"I thought writing a vegetarian cookbook would be interesting," said Rasiel, and she agreed to do it. But when Kalechofsky decided a few days later that it should be a vege book (no animal products), "I knew it would be a real challenge," said Rasiel.

"Desserts without eggs, butter and milk? But we found that we could make fantastic tofu chocolate pie (page 62) and an eggless challah (the recipe came from Chelly Goldberg of Marblehead). In writing this book, I learned when to use inexpensive, natural substitutes for eggs and when to just omit them." (See *Cooking without Eggs*, page 193). Kasha, for example, "doesn't need an egg," says Rasiel, "especially with non-stick pans. Just use a small amount of oil instead." Chopped liver, it turns out, doesn't need liver — only lentils, and onion and walnuts (page 55). This traditional favorite at holiday meals is "incredibly delicious," say the authors.

They enlisted the recipe-testing and tasting talents of local friends, and have assembled 180 recipes which follow the rhythm of the Jewish holidays which, of course, follow the seasons of the year. The idea arose as an outgrowth of Kalechofsky's *Jewish Vegetarian Year Calendar*. When she stopped publishing it, many people said they

missed it.

The introduction delves deeply into the reasons for eating kosher and vegetarian, drawing from Biblical and Talmudic texts. It also examines modern methods of farming, husbandry and food processing and their relationship to health. After making a convincing case, the authors present entire menus rather than just

"... an eggless challah..."

isolated recipes. They provide suggestions, from appetizers to desserts. The book begins with Shabbat, offering three menus over 17 pages. Then comes Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur (after the fast), Sukkot, and so on throughout the year.

For example, a Shabbat winter menu includes: Golden Glow Shabbat Soup, Stuffed Cabbage in Sweet and Sour Sauce or Hot Meatless Loaf, Mixed Green Salad, and Israeli Winter Fruit Cup. A summer Shabbat menu includes: Cold Curried Split Pea Soup, Asparagus with

Sweet Red Peppers, Meatless Loaf (cold), Dill and Green Olive Potato Salad, and Peach Tart. For Shabbat the authors present many appetizers, soups, entrees and desserts.

Other holidays offer two or three possible menus. Recipes for Sukkot, for example, offer Butternut Squash Bisque (which Kalechofsky says "will knock your socks off"), Bean and Corn Tamale Pie, Zucchini Salad, and Chocolate Cake.

Throughout the book are quotations and blessings from the Bible, explanations of the holidays, suggestions of how to build a succah. In the chapter on Simchat Torah (page 76) readers will learn how to prepare Noodle and Mushroom Casserole, Lentil Hot Pot, Israeli Salad, Chocolate Pecan Cookies. They'll learn that lentils "have a long pedigree stemming from the Bible and Mediterranean history," and that people have been eating

The Tu B'Shevat section includes a Haggadah rich in the poetry and symbolic of this holiday which celebrates the first flowering of fruit trees in Israel.

Delightful and informative observations fill this book which is clearly a labor of love of good food, and love for the Earth. Rosa Rasiel, former cooking columnist with the Jewish

Journal, and a contributor throughout the newspaper's entire 20-year-lifespan, collaborated with Kalechofsky, who, among her many credentials, is also founder of Jews for Animal Rights.

"Rosa had the culinary background," said Kalechofsky. "She knew where to find information, and suggested books for me to read. I learned there was a format on how to put a cookbook together. I learned there were rules on how to list the ingredients (in the order in which they are used) and on spelling out the words pound, tablespoon, and teaspoon, for example."

"A technical problem for me is that I'm not computer literate," said Rasiel, "we lived by the fax machine. I'm not a vegetarian," said Rasiel, "but I believe in living lightly on the earth. You can feed people so much more efficiently by feeding them grains and it is a much more efficient way to use the land and other natural resources. Whenever we had a tasting dinner, Roberta's husband, Bob, would look at the table and say, 'This is a feast!' and it was. You can eat very well this way."

The authors hope that vegetarians, vegans, as well as meat and fish eaters will find much that is useful and delicious in this cookbook.

FEATURES

Shalach Manot Recipes for Purim

Use Up Your Flour and Leavening Agents Before Pesach

BAYSIDE, Wisc. (JTA) — Purim, a favorite holiday for many, is characterized by parties, carnivals, costumes, singing, dancing and as with all holidays, special foods.

Celebrated just one month before Passover, it is a good opportunity to use up flour and leavening agents in the preparation of some of these special dishes.

And at this time of feasting and happiness, there is the wonderful tradition of "shalach manot." Possibly using a child as the messenger, we sent two gifts of delicious treats to our friends: one of flour and one of fruits or nuts.

The hamantaschen pastries will freeze well, if stored in air-tight containers. When thawed, sprinkle generously with powdered sugar.

Kreplach

Dough:

- 2 cups flour
- Dash of salt
- 2 large eggs
- 2 tablespoons water

Place flour and salt in a large bowl, forming a well in the center. Add eggs and water, mixing with a fork until the flour is absorbed by the eggs and dough is formed. Turn out on a floured board and knead until smooth. Cover with a bowl and let rest for 30 minutes.

Filling:

- 2 cups ground cooked beef, chicken or turkey
- 1 medium onion, grated
- 1 egg
- Salt and pepper to taste

Combine all filling ingredients. Divide dough into 3 parts. On a lightly floured board, roll out dough to 1/8-inch thickness and cut into 2-inch squares. Place 1 teaspoon of filling on edge of square and fold over to form a triangle, pinching edges together to seal tightly. Boil kreplach in a large stock pot of boiling water for 20 minutes. Remove from water with slotted spoon and place in hot chicken soup. Makes about 60 kreplach.

Hamantaschen

Dough recipe #1:

- 1/2 pound margarine, at room temperature
- 1/2 pound cream cheese, at room temperature
- 2 cups flour

In a large mixing bowl, beat margarine and cream cheese until smooth. Add flour and stir until dough is formed. Shape into flat ball, divide in half and wrap each half in waxed paper. Chill for 2 to 3 hours. On floured surface, with lightly floured rolling pin, roll out dough to 1/8-inch thickness and cut into 2 1/2- to 3-inch circles. Place a teaspoon of filling (see below) in each center.

Bring 3 edges to the center, pinching edges together tightly to form closed triangle over filling. Place on non-stick sprayed cookie sheet. Bake at 375 degrees 12-15 minutes or until golden brown. Cool on a rack. Continue baking until all are done. Makes about 36 pastries.

Dough recipe #2:

- 1/2 cup sugar

- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 2 eggs
- 3 tablespoons orange juice
- 3 cups flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- Dash of salt

In a large bowl, using an electric mixer, beat sugar and oil until well-blended. Beat in eggs, 1 at a time until frothy, and add orange juice. Stir in flour, baking powder and salt and stir until dough is soft and workable. Place dough on a lightly floured board and knead into a ball.

Divide the dough into 6 to 8 pieces. While rolling and cutting out, flatten each piece of dough and roll out to 1/4-inch thickness. Using a 3-inch cookie cutter or a 7-ounce tuna can, cut into circles.

Place a teaspoon of filling (see below) in center of each round. Bring 3 edges to center, pinching together to form closed triangle over the filling. Place on a non-stick sprayed cookie sheet and bake in a 375-degree oven for 10 to 15 minutes or until golden brown. Cool on wire rack. Repeat until all are done. Makes about 60 pastries.

Prune filling:

- 12 ounces pitted, ready-to-eat prunes
- 1/2 cup orange marmalade
- 1/2 cup chopped almonds
- 3 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

In a small saucepot, combine all ingredients. Cook the mixture over medium heat, stirring for 5 minutes, or until it is a thick puree. Cool, then chill for at least 1 hour.

Poppy-seed filling:

- 1 cup milk
- 1 cup poppy seeds
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 1/4 cup raisins
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice and 1 teaspoon grated lemon rind

Bring milk, poppy seeds and butter to a boil. Reduce heat. Add remaining ingredients simmering and stirring until milk is absorbed. Cool.

Quick fillings:

- Apricot preserves, thick jams, canned fillings

Chocolate Peanut Bonbons

- 1 cup chunky peanut butter
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1/2 cup flaked coconut
- 1 1/2 cups chopped, pitted dates
- 1 teaspoon grated orange peel
- 4 ounces semi-sweet chocolate chips

Line cookie sheet with waxed paper; set aside. In a medium bowl, combine all ingredients except chocolate chips. Shape mixture into 1-inch balls. Melt chocolate over double boiler or in a microwave.

Spear candy with a toothpick or cocktail fork. Dip top half of each ball in melted chocolate. Place on prepared cookie sheet with chocolate side up. Refrigerate until chocolate is set. Makes about 35 bonbons.

Poppy Seed Crunch

- 1/4 cup butter or margarine
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 2 egg yolks



An Orthodox Jewish boy and his friend are dressed up for Purim here in the Mea Shearim Quarter. Purim, which commemorates the day when the Jews of Persia narrowly escaped being exterminated by Haman, through the efforts of Mordecai and Queen Esther, is celebrated this year on March 23.

- 1 teaspoon vanilla
 - 1 1/2 cups flour
 - 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
 - 2 egg whites
 - 3/4 cup brown sugar
 - 1 1/4 cups ground poppy seeds
- In a food processor, process all ingredients, except egg whites, brown sugar and poppy seeds, until moist crumbs appear. In a mixing

bowl with an electric mixer, eat egg whites until soft peaks appear. Beat in brown sugar until peaks are stiff. Fold in poppy seeds. In a 7-inch x 11-inch x 2-inch greased pan, pat in pastry.

Spread meringue over pastry. Bake in a 350-degree oven for 25 to 30 minutes or until surface is firm to touch and lightly browned.

Cool on rack and cut into 1 1/2-inch triangles.

Makes about 30 cookies. (Naomi Arbit, a syndicated food writer, is the co-author of seven cookbooks, a former cooking instructor and a member of the International Association of Cooking Professionals. She lives in Bayside, Wisc.)

NACHES

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tourial - Schneider

Susan and Sidney Tourial of Atlanta, Georgia announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Beth, to Ryan A. Schneider, son of Carol and Edward Schneider of Wilmington, Delaware.

The future bride is the great-granddaughter of Sarah Rousso and the granddaughter of Regina and Ralph Tourial and Shifra Gershon of Atlanta, Georgia and the late, Nathan Gershon. She is a graduate of Riverwood High School in Atlanta, the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, and the University of Georgia School of Law in Athens, Georgia. She is employed as an attorney by the law office of Holland and Knight in Atlanta.

The future groom is the grandson of Mildred Forman of North Miami Beach, Florida, the late Joseph J. Forman and the late Mr. and Mrs. David Schneider, formerly of Lakewood, New Jersey. He is a graduate of Brandywine High School in Wilmington, the Georgia



Institute of Technology in Atlanta, and the University of Georgia School of Law in Athens, Georgia. He is employed as an attorney by the law office of Deveau, Colton and Marques in Atlanta, Georgia. A March wedding is planned. The couple will reside in Atlanta.

Beth Sholom of Dover to Hold Auction

By JOSEPH D. SMACK
Special To The Jewish Voice
The Congregation Beth Sholom of Dover will hold an art auction on Saturday, March 8, 1997. This is the first such fund raiser for the synagogue in approximately 22 years.

The idea to conduct the art auction as a fund raiser generated with event chairperson, Susan Ebner. "The committee has performed extraordinary work to turn this idea into reality," Mrs. Ebner said. "The Jewish community in Dover has come together to utilize our talents to ensure, what I am confident will be, a successful event."

Art is provided by Marlin Art, Inc. of Long Island, New York and will be in a variety of media including Judaic. Silent auction items have been donated by elected officials such as State Auditor Tom Wagner, Senator's Roth and Biden and Governor Tom Carper. Local businesses such as restaurants, dry cleaners, jewelers, etc. have also generously donated items.

Auction preview begins at 7:30 p.m. with the live auction beginning promptly at 8:30 p.m. Wine and Hors d'oeuvres will be served. Tickets to the March 8 event are \$8.00 per person or \$15.00 per couple. For further information, please call Karen at 734-5578.

Chabad Purim Dinner

The dinner, now in its eleventh year, is to be held Purim day, Sunday, March 23 in the JCC Auditorium at 5:45 p.m. The dinner will be preceded by a "last call" Megillah reading at 5:00 SHARP for those who were unable to hear it during the day. The evening will include a full course dinner, a chil-

dren's masquerade contest, live music, "L'chayims", singing, dancing, and prizes.

Only pre-paid reservations are guaranteed due to yearly sellouts, and should be mailed to Chabad at 1306 Grinnell Rd., Wilmington, 19803. The cost is \$15 a person (children under 12, \$8.00).

Parents wishing to send Shlach Manot to students on campus, can use the Chabad United Purim Service (U.P.S.) to brighten up their Purim day. For reservations and more information, call Chabad House of U. of D., 455-1800.

Volunteers will once again be distributing hundreds of Shlach Manot to students, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, the Kutz Home and prisons, in order to bring the Purim spirit to all. "You can't be truly happy if you haven't shared the Yomtov with others," said Oryah Vogel, one of the coordinators. If you would like to volunteer in bringing the Purim spirit to nursing home residents, please call Oryah at the Chabad office, 478-4400.

Choosing a College Jewishly

The JCC is hosting a special program titled, Choices and Challenges: Choosing A College Jewishly.

The program is a three hour session for tenth, eleventh and twelfth grade students and their parents. A major focus of the program will be an opportunity for the families to think Jewishly about the college selection process. It will also provide an opportunity to explore and identify choices and priorities through several workshop activities with facilitators. Refreshments and special materials will be provided.

This is a unique opportunity for students and their parents to learn how to seek a college which will allow students to maintain their Jewish values and identity. Call the JCC at 478-5660 for additional information.

Hillel Campaign Event

By DAN WEINTRAUB
Special To The Jewish Voice
Stephen Flatow is an attorney whose 20 year old daughter died as a result of injuries sustained during a terrorist attack in Israel in April of 1995. She was an American student studying abroad. Flatow is a long-time Jewish activist who continues to encourage travel to Israel. On Sunday, February 23, Stephen Flatow will bring this story of personal tragedy and continued commitment to a special bagel brunch associated with the 1997 UJA/Federation Campaign. This Hillel Students Campaign event is open to the entire community especially those in the Newark area. The event is cosponsored by DIPAC, a student group on campus which promotes understanding of Israel. In addition to featuring Stephen Flatow's message, this is an opportunity to focus on the role of Hillel in the lives of Jews at the University of Delaware. Hillel is beneficiary of the 1997 UJA/Federation Campaign. At home, in Israel and in 58 countries around the world, *no gift touches more lives.*

Hillel students are also expected to participate in this program at the Abe & Pearl Kristol Student Center at the University of Delaware. The entire community is welcome. The will be a brunch charge of \$5 for non-students.

For more information call the Jewish Federation of Delaware at (302) 427-2100.

Purim Masquerade Ball

Get a head start on celebrating Purim! All adults are invited to put on their costumes and join in the fun at the JCC's Purim Masquerade Ball on Saturday evening, March 15, 1997, from 8 p.m. to 12 midnight.

Tickets are now available for purchase at the JCC Front Desk. For more information, please call Staci Levin or Ella Zukoff at (302) 478-5660.

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OBITUARIES

MINDY L. CURLEY

Mindy L. Curley, 27, of Claymont, DE, died Tuesday, February 18 in Crozer-Chester Medical Center, Upland, Pa., of pneumonia.

Mrs. Curley had been a pre-school teacher at the Jewish Community Center for four years. She was a 1993 graduate of the University of Delaware. She was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom.

Survivors include husband Charles T.; daughter Sara Morgan; parents Lester and Elaine Morganstein; sister Cheryl Morganstein.

Shiva will be observed at the residence of Lester and Elaine Morganstein, 2514 Justin Lane, Chalfonte, Saturday, February 22 - Thursday, February 27 at 7:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Congregation Beth Shalom or the Jewish Community Center.

CEAL L. LEVIN

Ceal L. Levin, 90, of the Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Bellefonte, died Friday, February 7.

Mrs. Levin and her husband, Samuel Levin, owned the Shop 'n Save store on Lancaster Avenue, and she operated the Cost Less drug store on the same site. She retired in 1973 after 28 years.

She was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom and its Sisterhood and the Jewish Community Center and was a matron of Order of the Golden Chain, Delaware Link 43. Mr. Levin died in 1974. Her stepson, Harry Levin, founder of Happy Harry's drug stores, died in 1987.

Survivors include son, Richard D. of Cardiff; stepson, Sidney of Newark; brother, Myer Lipshultz of West Chester, Pa.; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Contributions may be made to Congregation Beth Shalom,

Wilmington 19802, or the Jewish Community Center, Wilmington 19803.

JWV Plaques Unveiled

The Jewish War Veterans of Delaware unveiled two remembrance plaques on the JWV Memorial Wall in the Jewish Community Center on February 5, 1997 at twelve noon.

A short eulogy for Abraham Levine and Leonard L. Lippman was presented by Department Commander Harry Lubin in tribute to their memories and World War II military service.

A final salute by the JWV Honor Guard was given and farewell taps was sounded.

Relatives of the deceased attended the ceremony.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Entries for the Calendar of Events are due on the Thursday deadline, published in *The Jewish Voice*. Please provide entries in the same format as seen on this page. The *Jewish Voice* fax number is 427-2438.

A.K.S.E. Men's Club Brunch - On Sunday, March 23, 1997, at 9:30 a.m., the A.K.S.E. Men's Club will feature John H. Braunlein to speak on the topic of "Rockwood Museum & Victorian Gardens—A Synagogue Neighbor & Community Treasure." Jack is the Director of Rockwood Museum and is responsible for all aspects of museum operation. He is an Adjunct Associate Professor at the University of Delaware and teaches museum studies to undergraduate and continuing education students. It is open to the public. Brunch is scheduled at 9:30 a.m. and the program is from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The cost is \$3.00 for an all-you-can-eat deluxe Sunday brunch. Reservations for nonmembers are suggested and can be made by contacting the A.K.S.E. office at (302) 762-2705.

Art Auction - Gala Art Exhibition and Auction to be held Saturday evening March 8, 1997 at 7:30 at Beth Shalom.

All media and styles of art will be available in all price ranges. All art is custom framed by Marlin Art of New York. Raffles and silent auctions of unique and special non-art items are scheduled. Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Congregation Beth Shalom receives a percentage of sales based on attendance.

Call Beth Shalom in Dover at (302) 734-5578 for more information.

ARZA National Assembly - The Association of Reform Zionists of America (ARZA) will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of Zionism and the 20th anniversary of ARZA at its National Assembly "Israel, from Dream to Reality," in Washington, D.C., April 2-6, 1997.

Featured speakers during the assembly will include the Israeli Ambassador, Elisha Ben-Elissar; President of the UAHC, Rabbi Eric Yoffie; and ARZA Executive Director, Rabbi Ammiel Hirsch.

For more information and registration, contact the ARZA office, (212) 249-0100.

Couples Club Program - Media will be speaking on Bias Reporting on the Middle East. Allen R. Loudell, WILM Program Manager on Wednesday, March 12, 1997 at Temple Beth Emeth. Refreshments at 6:30 p.m., Speaker at 7:00 p.m. Free to all members of congregation Beth Emeth. RSVP by March 10. Call Dottie or Bob Akell, 478-6660.

Community-Wide Talent Show - We are looking for performers of all kinds such as jugglers, storytellers, magicians, singers, and more! The Talent Show will be held at Adas Kodesch on Sunday, March 2. For more information call Nelly Marzouk, 475-5056.

Investment Seminar - Ann Marcus, president of the Winning Investment Partnership, Delaware's most successful (#1 in 1996 & 35th in the country) Investment Club, will be the featured speaker at the Jewish Community Center on Thursday, March 20 at 7:30 p.m. The seminar is designed for people interested in joining an existing club, forming their own club and learning methods used to select stocks. A question and answer session will follow the seminar. Bring your questions and learn ... everything you wanted to know about investment clubs. The cost is \$10 for JCC members and \$12 for non-members. Pre-registration is required. For more information, please call Staci Levin or Ella Zukoff at (302) 478-5660.

Israel Lecture "Another Perspective on the Peace Process," to be held on Thursday, March 13, 1997 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 101 Garden of Eden Road in Wilmington, DE. This event features Ruth Matar of Women in Green. Both the lecturer and her organization have criticized the Oslo accords and the Peace Process as, in their view, being counter to Israel's best interests. There is no charge for this event sponsored by the JCRC of Delaware.

Israel Scholarship - The Sylvia & Isadore N. Silverman Scholarship Fund will be awarding its seventh scholarship to a deserving youth for a Jewish summer experience in camp or Israel. Applications may be picked up at the AKSE office, Washington Street Ext. and Torah Way, Wilmington, DE 19802, and should be returned by March 14.

The fund was established in 1989 to honor the Silvermans' 55th wedding anniversary by their four daughters and many friends.

Men Are From Mars, Women are From Venus Seminars - Starting in February at 4 New Castle County locations. Facilitated by Jerry Oster, Ph.D. personally trained and selected by Dr. John Gray. Call 738-4100 for details.

Minyans - Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth (traditional), Washington Boulevard and Torah Way, Wilmington, DE, 762-2705, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., (except Fri. p.m.) Sunday-8:00 a.m.

Chabad (Orthodox), 1306 Grinnell Road, Wilmington, DE, 478-4400, Sunday, 9:00 a.m., 208 Cheltenham Drive, Newark, DE, 455-1800, Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Congregation Beth Emeth (Reform), 300 West Lea Boulevard, Wilmington, DE 19802, 764-2393, Monday through Friday, 7:55 a.m.

Congregation Beth Shalom (Conservative), 1801 Baynard Boulevard, Wilmington, DE, 654-4462, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m., Sunday, 9:15 a.m.

Mitzvah Day - Mark your calendars now for Beth Emeth's first ever Mitzvah Day on Sunday, April 13, 1997. Planned as a day of reaching out to those in need in the Wilmington area, Mitzvah Day will feature a range of diverse community projects suitable for all ages. Family participation is encouraged. Modeled after highly successful

community events in other congregations nationwide, Mitzvah Day is being arranged by Beth Emeth's Social Action Committee.

Volunteers are needed. Call Connie Kreshtool at 654-4663 or Bonnie and Bryan Silbermann at 239-9448 for more information.

Piano Concert - Adam Neiman, winner of the 1996 International Auditions, will perform at 8pm on April 5, 1997 at the 14th Annual Music Concert at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth. For more information, call 762-2705.

Purim Service and Carnival - Don a costume and join in the merriment of Purim on Sunday, March 23 at 10:00 a.m. Temple Beth El's Klezmer Band, Thread of Blue, will provide the music during the Megillah Reading and help stomp out the name of Haman. The service will be followed by Sisterhood's Carnival with games and prizes for the children, Judaica gift items, lunch, and a few surprises. Call Temple Beth El at 366-8330 for more information.

Renewal Service - On Saturday, March 15, Saturday morning services will be conducted in the Renewal style. A renewal service is one in which the focus is on the people and their spirituality, rather than the liturgy. All of the traditional sections of the liturgy are present but explored in alternative methods such as meditation, davening in pairs, nigunim, movement, percussion instruments and breathing exercises. There is also an attempt to make the liturgy more gender neutral, in regard to both G-d and humans. It is an opportunity for all present to experiment or play with their spiritual path and to experience greater spiritual depths and heights. The service begins at 10:00 a.m. and runs about two hours. For more information, call Rabbi David Kaplan at Temple Beth El (302) 366-8330.

Senior Trips - The Senior Center at the Jewish Community Center is offering a wide variety of trips.

On Tuesday, March 4, we will be going to the Philadelphia Flower Show. Designers from Holland, Belgium, Italy, England, Japan and the U.S. will showcase their nation's floral trade. The cost for tickets is \$27.00 for JCC Members and \$32.00 for Non-Members. We leave from the JCC at 9:45 a.m. and the B'nai B'rith House at 10:00 a.m. We return by 4:30 p.m. Lunch is on your own.

Advance reservations and payment is required for all Senior Center trips. For more information or to register for any of these exciting trips, please call Michelle Silberglid, Adult/Senior Adult Services Coordinator, at (302) 478-5660.

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Talent Show - On Sunday, March 2nd, the fun begins at 5:30 p.m. with an informal Pizza and Pasta Dinner, served a la carte, then comes the Talent Show, made of acts drawn from the community - comedians, singers, dancers, musicians, and a few surprises. Your M.C. guides will be Cindy Goldstein and Linda Vodovis. Cost is \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children ages 4-12, no charge for 3 and under. Call for reservations now for dinner and show or show only: (302) 762-2705.

Teen Gym Night - The Teen Services Department at the JCC is currently offering free Teen Gym Nights for 7th through 12th graders. The first Saturday of the month is reserved for all Junior High students to use the facilities from 8:00-10:30 p.m. and the second Saturday of the month is reserved for all Senior High students.

Teens can play half/full court basketball, soccer, hockey and volleyball. In addition, the teens can enjoy use of our state-of-the-art Fitness Center. The basic principles of exercise and fitness are taught on new strength training and aerobic conditioning machines. Teens have the opportunity to develop their overall fitness level. For more information about Teen Gym Nights, please call Etai Belinky, Community Teen Coordinator, at (302) 478-5660.

Teen Trip to NYC - Temple Beth El's Confirmation Class annual trip to New York City is on Wednesdays: Behind The Lines, The weekly Torah portion, 8:30 p.m. Call Rabbi Vogel at Chabad in

Wilmington at 478-4400 for more information.

Torah Study in Newark - Mon. - 7-8:30 p.m. Secrets of Existence; 8:30-9:30 p.m. Talmud

Tues. - 7:00: Rambam's Mishnah Torah; 8:00 p.m. Intro to Jewish Mysticism. Individual classes available. Call Rabbi Sneiderman at Chabad, 455-1800.

Torah Classes in Wilmington - Mondays: 8 p.m. - Talmud. Tuesday: 12:30 at 1 Rodney Square - Skaden Arps: Talmud.

Understanding: Communication Skills for Couples - Wednesday, February 26 at 7:30 p.m. Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth. Communicating to grow and learn takes practice, skill and a purposeful attitude. How many of us stop to think before we approach our significant others about something important to us? We will explore techniques which work toward mutual understanding and help each partner express what they truly feel. Presented by Lauren Pokras, MSS Jewish Family Service. Call for reservations: 478-9411.

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



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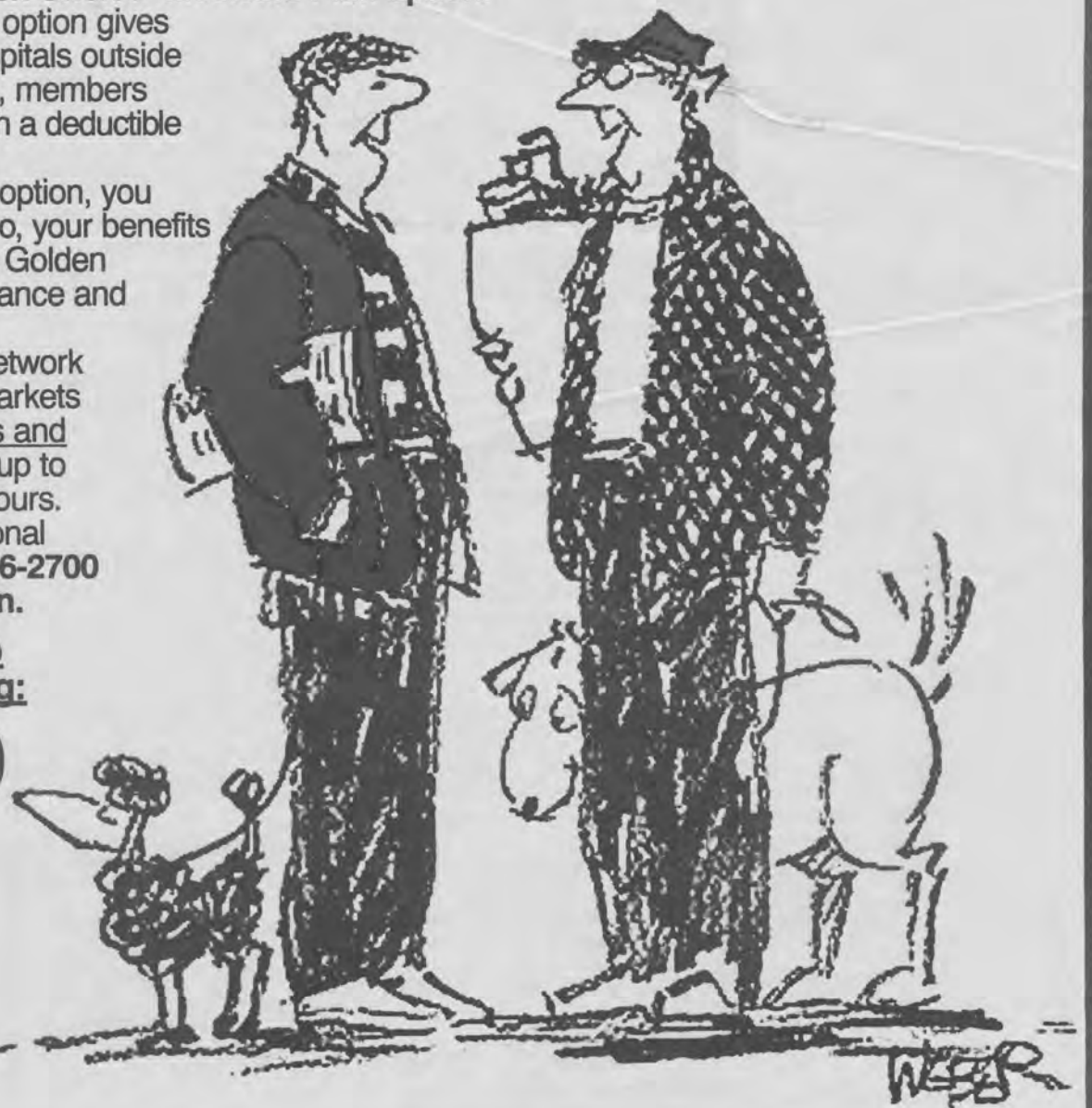
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