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Arson Is Newest Palestinian Tactic Against Israel

By DR. ALLAN TOCKER

On July 5, Stewart Schoenbrun, Field Director of the Jewish National Fund, spoke to a group of concerned citizens at the Jewish Community Center. The focus of the discussion was the latest and most serious terrorist threat to Israel's existence. Palestinians have been setting fire to Israel's forests and pasture lands, inflicting astounding damage.

According to Schoenbrun, over the past seven weeks, there have been an estimated 567 fires resulting in 35 million dollars in damage and the destruction of nearly 35,000 acres. This represents about one tenth of all agricultural land and forests in Israel. In addition, there has been immeasurable loss of wildlife.

There is little doubt that the arson is being perpetrated by Arab terrorists. Schoenbrun told of a Palestinian "Fire Day," scheduled to take place on June 22. Fortunately, Israeli officials had advance notice, and were able to keep the number of fires to a minimum.

The ability of officials to take precautions against these fires is severely hampered by the method used

to ignite them. Efforts to prevent arsonist attacks are also reduced due to the proliferation of Arabs among the Israeli work force. Devices have been recovered which have allegedly been used to ignite fires. This device is no larger than a matchbox, and has a two hour delay from the time it is set in the forest.

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A water bomber attempts to extinguish one of the recent fires in Israel from the air.

Federation Approves Allocations With 80% Release Restriction

By PAULA BERENGUT

Following the usual lengthy process of evaluation, the recommended allocations to be made from the 1988 Jewish Federation of Delaware Annual Campaign funds were presented to the Jewish Federation's Board of Directors on June 28. This year's allocation process was complicated by the increased allocation requested by the Kutz Home (see Jewish Voice, May 27) and that facility's emergency situation has had a tremendous impact on the amount of money available to other agencies.

This year, for the first time in fifteen years, there is a 10 percent increase in pledges anticipated (\$1,220,000.) but the severity of the problems faced by the Kutz Home has forced the Budget and Planning Steering Committee to examine all allocation requests to determine where reductions could be made without impacting negatively on the services being provided within our community.

The Steering Committee, chaired by Dr. Richard Venezky, recommended that the Federation board set aside a minimum of \$450,000 for UJA (funds sent to Israel) and that all other approved allocations be released at a rate of 80 percent, excepting the Federation and the Kutz Home. The Committee recommended that the Federation be funded at 90 percent and the Kutz Home at 100 percent. The higher percentage allowed for the Federation is due to the fact that the Federation has no other source of funds for its operation. Venezky recommended that remaining funds be distributed at the close of the 1988 Campaign, funds allowing.

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Pope Offends Jews By Meeting With Waldheim And With Words At Concentration Camp

VIENNA (JTA) — Pope John Paul II has again drawn the ire of Jews. In Austria on a five day pastoral visit last month, he aggravated deep resentment over his meeting with President Kurt Waldheim — for the second time in a year — by referring to Austria as a "victim" of Nazism, rather than the collaborator it was.

He further shocked and incensed Jews by omitting from remarks he made at the site of the Mauthausen concentration camp Friday any reference to Jewish suffering in the Holocaust. "The only Jew he mentions who suffered is Jesus Christ, and he did not suffer at Mauthausen," Austrian Chief Rabbi Paul Eisenberg remarked bitterly in a radio interview here.

At a meeting with Austrian Jewish community leaders, the pope did not respond to their call for Vatican recognition of Israel, but spoke in favor of a Palestinian homeland.

The cumulative effect of his Austrian tour on Jews is one of deep resentment, judging from comments by Jewish leaders here and abroad.

At Mauthausen, where he conducted a solemn mass Friday, the pope decried "the lunatic ideology which set into motion a whole machinery of contempt and hatred of others. They tortured their victims, broke their bones, cruelly abused their bodies and their souls." But he failed to acknowledge that the primary victims were Jews. "A visit to Mauthausen without even mentioning the word 'Jew' once is not satisfactory — absolutely not," said Eisenberg.

It is doubtful that the pontiff redeemed himself with Jews by his sole specific reference to Jewish — and Christian — suffering at the hands of the Nazis.

Speaking to 80,000 people at a prayer service in Lorch, near the Czechoslovakian border, the pope said, "Not far from here is Mauthausen, where Chris-

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Pope John Paul II is greeted by Austrian President Kurt Waldheim upon his arrival at Vienna's Schwechat airport on June 23, the start of a five-day visit. A great deal of controversy surrounded this meeting because of Waldheim's alleged past affiliations with the Nazis. Rabbi Marc Tannenbaum, director of international relations for the American Jewish Committee and chairman of the International Jewish Committee for Interreligious Consultations, who last year spoke of Waldheim as "an unrepentant Nazi" with a "morally miserable past," urged that this meeting not be met with "extremist hysteria and stridency which overwhelms wisdom and common sense." (Photo credit: RNS)

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OPINION

Editorial: No Summer Doldrums

Summertime. Our paces slow from the hectic schedules of the other months and remain low-key until after Labor Day. And, for our emotional and physical well-being, this is probably necessary. But as we play on the beach and sit quietly on our porches and take our vacations, there will be important events taking place in our world... events that we, as Jews, must keep abreast of.

In this country, political conventions will be held during the summer and significant speeches will be made. At the Democratic Party platform meetings held last month, an amendment was proposed by critics of Israel, calling for a U.S. policy establishing "peace based on mutual recognition, territorial compromise and self-determination for Israelis and Palestinians."

Nationally, Black-Jewish relations are at a very low point, and have not been helped by the fact that many moderate Black leaders have ignored Jesse Jackson's positions regarding Jewish-related issues and have supported him publicly in spite of them. And it is also a fact in this country that liberal member-churches in the National Council of Churches have steadily lined themselves up solidly in support of the PLO and against Israel.

In Israel, the unrest seems to have slowed down but has by no means ended. The elections are nearing and will undoubtedly have an impact on the current unrest in the occupied territories. The latest method of violence is the setting of fires throughout the country.

In this situation there are innumerable points of view and facts to keep up with.

Locally, there are state elections to think about. Within the Jewish community there are a number of organizations at work for a variety of reasons... within the Jewish Federation, the JCC, the synagogues and the many community organizations.

Things, in other words, are in a constant state of change. World events do not slow down because we are on vacation. In order to stay as informed as we must, we cannot afford to tune out completely. And besides staying tuned in, we should consider who and which organizations could benefit from our volunteer time, and perhaps our financial aid. The world will not stand still while we work on our suntans.

THE BLACK HOLE



Letters to the Editor

Beth Emeth Rescinds Resolution

Congregation Beth Emeth voted to rescind its resolution asking the Jewish Federation of Delaware to set aside funds for non-orthodox programs in Israel due to an assumption that the Jewish Agency would substantially increase such funding. The Board members of the synagogue and I believed that our resolution along with those in other communities in the United States would indeed, as Priscilla Siegel wrote, change the discriminatory policies of the Jewish Agency.

The M'sorati (Conservative) movement in Israel did receive a hefty increase in its 1988 allocation. Dr. Manfred Katz, President of Congregation Beth Emeth, wrote in his letter to the Federation that we are pleased about the increase for the Conservative movement, a sure sign of change, and one of

the reasons for our decision to rescind. For the record, however, the Progressive (Reform) movement fared poorly compared not only to the M'sorati but to the Agency's allocation to Progressive (Reform) in 1987.

We are confident that C.J.F. agencies such as our Federation will continue to support efforts to increase financial assistance for those programs which meet the needs of all citizens of Israel.

To use "the power of the purse" is a last-straw measure, one which disturbs even the most ardent advocates of Progressive/Reform in the Jewish State. Nevertheless, continued disparate allocation of Jewish Agency funds will keep our movement ever mindful of our options in the future.

Rabbi Peter H. Grumbacher

Delawareans Write From Israel

We are winding up a three-week stay in Israel. This has been our thirteenth visit to Israel but our first tour (with Hadassah). We covered this country from the Golan to Ein Gedi, and points in between, including Jericho. We walked the streets of Jerusalem including the area of Kotel, Jaffa Road and, of course, Ben Yehuda Street. At no time did we have any qualms.

One only has to compare the interna-

tional issue of the Herald Tribune with the Jerusalem Post to obtain an idea as to how the news media distorts news.

Please, if there are people who are thinking to cancel a forthcoming trip to Israel, don't. Israel needs American Jewish tourists. European tourists are here in droves and we have met many groups of non-Jewish American tourists.

Dr. Abraham and Cissie Golden

Consul General's Farewell

On July 1, I shall formally complete my current diplomatic mission as Consul General of Israel to the mid-Atlantic region of the United States. I am being reassigned to a senior position within

Israel's Permanent Delegation to the United Nations.

Allow me to express to you my thanks and appreciation for your kind cooperation over the last three years.

May I add that I regard my service in this important region of the U.S. — Israel's closest ally — to have been challenging, interesting and gratifying. Again — many thanks and best wishes.

David Ben-Dov
Consul General

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Judaic Studies At The University Of Delaware

The title is a misnomer. There are *no* Judaic studies at the University of Delaware and *no* faculty member appointed to teach them. Despite the energetic (we think) efforts of a tiny band of us, with a one-semester honors course in 1986 and one semester of Jewish content in the Philosophy Department this Spring, the program has been pinched off, whether through administrative neglect or intent.

A trio of letters to *The Jewish Voice* in recent issues have addressed what the writers feel are the root causes of the problem, but I do not propose to enter that discussion here. My concern is that there should be a vigorous Jewish studies program at the University of Delaware, and the time is now. It is, indeed, overdue. Why Jewish studies in a secular university?

An answer to the "Why?" flows easily from an examination of the purposes of college education. Despite many opinions to the contrary, universities are not properly trade schools. They never have been and never should be simply mills for producing engineers, scientists, lawyers, doctors, teachers and businessmen, although preparation for such careers may well be part of university curricula. I shall never forget the words with which James Bryant Conant

addressed my freshman class at Harvard, expressing the wish that all degrees through the doctorate could be awarded to entering freshmen, so that those might stay who really wanted to learn something. What Conant was saying is that a college degree should be more than a union card to the professional guild system.

We arrive in this world hungry, with a cry on our lips, lonely, with nothing but a wet diaper. What could be more natural than to want to know where we are, why we are here, and how we relate to those around us. It should be the purpose of education at all levels to orient us in time and space and that fifth dimension, the world of ideas. Science helps us to understand the physical world; history places us in the long and turbulent stream of events that have gone before and produced the currents in which we stand today; philosophy can hoist us to the shoulders of those great thinkers who have grappled with the problems of meaning and purpose.

Certainly a university graduate should have struggled, more or less successfully, with what he or she believes about the world and the peoples in it, and should have some idea of the origins of these beliefs. That is why an educated person should have studied the golden

age of Greece, the history of Rome, the industrial revolution, and much much more. And that is why a study of biblical text and rabbinic teaching is essential to understanding why we in the West think and act the way we do today. The seminal ideas of western civilization are in Torah and Tanach and Talmud. These, indeed, are the source books of 20th century America!

Quite possibly, an impediment to arriving at this (to me) obvious conclusion is the meaningless and misleading term, "Judeo-Christian" tradition or heritage. There is no Judeo-Christian tradition. There is a Jewish tradition and a Christian tradition, and, while they may very well intersect here and there, they are quite different in what they emphasize and in the way of life they define. It is my thesis, to be argued perhaps another time, that America today, although decidedly Christian in church affiliation, reflects more nearly a Jewish tradition than a Christian one. Wherever one comes out in this argument, however, there is no question but that our law, our ethics, our very outlook on life in the Western world have been deeply influenced, if not, in fact, determined by the ideas developed in classical Jewish texts.

And that's why there ought to be a

vigorous program in Jewish studies taught by knowledgeable faculty at the undergraduate level, at the very least, in the University of Delaware. It is as much an essential of what an educated graduate should know as Plato and Aristotle, perhaps more so. It is not just for the 1400 Jewish students on the Delaware campus, though it would assuredly benefit them. Interesting to note, registration in the course on "Jewish Roots of the Western Mind", which Professor Barry Seidel and I ran in the fall of 1986, and the Jewish philosophy course taught by Professor Lawrence Perlman this spring, was about evenly split between Jewish and non-Jewish students.

There are today over 150 Judaic studies programs in place at colleges and universities across the country, many of them granting degrees in the subject and coordinating junior year study programs at Israeli universities. If the University of Delaware has not been one of the first to have such programs, let us hope that it will not be one of the last. With people of good will and wisdom at all levels of the University faculty and administration, a development that makes such good sense is bound to succeed. But the time is now!

Israel Is Engaged In Two Conflicts

By ROBERT E. SEGAL

Modern conflicts across borderlines hatch double challenges. First, there is the need to win world opinion as fighting as portrayed on television and reported and commented on in the print media. Then it is imperative to win on battlefields, where modern long-range runs, huge bombers, and giant tanks can prove formidable.

Israel is obviously losing the war over

ENDOWMENT

A major responsibility of our Endowment Fund operation is the stewardship of the funds which have been donated to the Jewish Community of Delaware Endowment Fund. Trustees of the Fund have established investment guidelines which will guarantee an optimum rate of return and at the same time insure that the Fund's assets will grow as great or greater than the rate of inflation. These assets are held in trust by a major Wilmington bank and managed with care by a professional manager of outstanding reputation. In addition there is an Investment Committee composed of recognized leaders in the financial, accounting and business communities who monitor the investment program. Donors to the Endowment Fund can be assured that this team of experts are committed to providing a continuous and growing stream of income for programs and agencies of special interest to them.

fair play by the media. The pictured and reported activity of young rock-throwers confronted by well-trained soldiers breeds anger and sympathy.

When the current generation of news and editorial writers report on the strife in the Gaza Strip and West Bank, most are unmindful of Arab refusal to accept the partition plan adopted by Israel on Nov. 29, 1947.

Forgotten is the harsh fact that Egypt, Syria, Transjordan, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon and Iraq acted out their anger by launching a war against Israel, which has continued to this day, muted only by the 1949 armistice agreement. The respite has proved so fragile that four subsequent, lethal and costly engagements cannot be forgotten.

In the present encounter, Israel has tried to end the uprising conducted by Arab youths. Success comes hard. Arabs are well-acquainted with the power of terror, and Israel has been obliged to respond day after day. The world beholds an ugly scene. Arab leaders, and those who side with them, including many Americans, are reaping a propaganda harvest.

Stuck in such a quagmire, Israel faces the possibility of still another onslaught, not just from youths who heave stones, but from the armaments of Arab nations that have refused to discuss peace face-to-face with the government of Israel.

It is dangerous and futile to hope that the United Nations, having concluded that Zionism is to be equated with racism, would be a dependable and unbiased player if cast as peacemaker. Once a power for settling international

disputes, the impotent United Nations is held in bondage by the Soviet Union, the Arab nations and some Third World nations.

Looking back over 40 years of progress, Israel has benefited by only one peace agreement, the Camp David compact engineered by the martyred Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, Israel's Prime Minister Begin and U.S. President Jimmy Carter. Throughout four decades the United States, inspired by the rebirth of the Jewish homeland and fully cognizant of the great value of Israel as a dependable ally, has made an enduring peace with clearly defined boundaries for Israel a prime foreign policy objective.

Down the years, the United States has projected the Rogers Plan and the proposals of such distinguished statesmen as Mike Mansfield, Herbert Lehman, Eric Johnston, Thomas Finletter and other thoughtful Americans.

The one hard-to-forget U.S. effort came in 1956. Egypt's Gamal Abdel Nasser, who nationalized the Suez Canal, had threatened to march into Israel. Greatly provoked, Israel, joined by France and England, blitzed Egypt. A worried President Eisenhower and his secretary of state, John Foster Dulles, pressured the three nations to be merciful with Nasser and, along the way, made a promise to Israel that was never fulfilled.

In recent times, President Reagan and State Secretary George Shultz have made commendable efforts to break the Mideast deadlock. They know that Japan lost a war and recovered, and

that Germany lost a war and recovered, but that Israel cannot afford to lose a war. In their understanding, indeed, in the concern of all who value Israel's strength as an ally, the paramount necessity for Israel is SURVIVAL in letters written large.

Today Israel is the underdog in its struggle with some columnists and in the fight to win public support, but people with a solid understanding of Arab determination to annihilate the embattled democracy in the Middle East will stand by Israel over the long haul.

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Awad Demands End to Israel

By RABBI MARC H. TANENBAUM

Two weeks ago, I received an unexpected telephone call from Mubarak Awad, the self-proclaimed Palestinian apostle of non-violence. "I would like you to convert me to Judaism," he said. Immediately he added, "I have no interest in the Jewish religion. I need to become Jewish in order to get back to Jerusalem."

We then had a civil exchange during which I told Mr. Awad that Judaism welcomes authentic converts, but re-

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Irving Kaufman To Retire After 17 Years As Executive Director Of Community Center

By PRISCILLA W. SIEGEL
Staff Writer

After 17 years as executive director of the Wilmington Jewish Community Center, Irving Kaufman is retiring. Retirement and reflection go hand in hand, and as Irv reflected on his years with the JCC the sense of nostalgia and pride of accomplishment was apparent.

Born in New York City, Kaufman holds a B.A. in sociology from Southern Illinois University, a Master's in social work from Columbia University, and an advanced degree in social welfare administration from the University of Pennsylvania. Before coming to Wilmington, he worked for 18 years with Jewish Y's in Brooklyn and Philadelphia.

When Kaufman joined the staff of the Wilmington Jewish Community Center in 1971, he was a new director in a new facility. "My mission when I came," says Irv, "was to take a new building and make it operational—to create a center that the community could support and become involved in."

Seventeen years later, Irv Kaufman can feel positive about having achieved his mission. He has seen change and growth in every area. Jewish Community membership has grown from about 800 to 1900, and the annual budget has gone from about \$300,000 to \$1,800,000, while staff size has increased to 250 people in all services, including part-timers. A number of programs have undergone substantial growth. For example, annual funds expended for senior programs in 1971 were about \$5,000—currently \$175,000 is budgeted for these. And day care services for pre-schoolers now provide for about 170 children, as contrasted to a non-existent program when Kaufman came to the Wilmington Jewish Community.

Kaufman is quick to credit the assistance and encouragement of his staff in the evolving role of the Jewish Community Center in these areas. "Toby Weiner," for instance, "was key in supporting me in the introduction of these services in the Center."

While Kaufman acknowledges staff leadership and support, past JCC presidents Connie Kreshtool (1970-72) and Judy Levy (1986-88) praise Irv for his sensitivity to the needs of the community and for his ability to respond to changes in our society. According to Kreshtool, "he had a feeling for the needs of the Jewish community as they developed, and had a feeling for the dynamics of the com-

munity and where the needs would be as we went along."

Facts, figures, and statistics sometimes sound dry and impersonal, but in this case they represent devotion, hard work and long hours. Kaufman feels strongly that the Center, as an institution, must provide the security of "being there" for those who depend upon its services. He takes pride in pointing out that during his tenure the Center was open every scheduled day; in fact, the needs of the Center often took precedence over the needs of his family.

According to Levy, Kaufman's commitment to the Center is attested to by his "longevity and stability." That the Center had had a high calibre of leadership is also indicative of Kaufman's efforts. "He spent a lot of time getting presidents interested and involved," says Levy.

Kaufman's dedication to his job stems from his deep commitment to the Jewish community. "There is no question," he says, "that I came to this work out of a sense of mission and purpose, of service to the Jewish community." He is fascinated by the concept of community, and is particularly moved by the fact that Jews in this country can freely create community institutions that serve their needs.

Again reflection on his accomplishments at the Center, in addition to the expansion of the senior programs and the creation of the day care center, Kaufman cites the facilities for

the handicapped, the memorial to the children who perished in the Holocaust, the Garden of the Righteous, Israel Expo (which attracted 25,000 visitors) and, the crowning jewel, the creation of the family campus. The campus was a dream that began in 1971, and its realization perhaps best represents Irv Kaufman's sense of mission accomplished: "I see it in the smiling faces of the people who are enjoying the family campus — it's something that can't be translated into quantifiable terms. I get joy out of knowing we have created a place in this society where an 82-year-old and a 15-year-old can play side by side — that I have helped create a viable important institution."

Looking to the future, Kaufman hopes that the Center will continue to meet the ongoing needs of the community and respond to the continuing changes in society. He sees a need for more supportive ser-

vices to families who are struggling with disarray and feels that the Center could play a greater role in helping families cope. Furthermore, he envisions the time when the Center could more effectively serve the Jewish population of the entire state, perhaps through satellite centers.

As a parting reflection, Kaufman expressed his gratitude to the staff with which he worked over the years. "I don't know how to thank all the people who worked with me. I feel good about the kind of loyalty that has come to me — that is a treasure trove."

Kaufman's fascination with Jewish institutions and community will be the starting point for his retirement career, as he plans to do research and writing in this area. He is also taking on a new family role: He has a just-born first grandson, who might inherit Irv's sense of mission to serve the Jewish community. We wish Irv Kaufman well!

Israel Hosts Concert

By CATHERINE GERSON
JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel's first Third World music festival drew some 5,000 spectators to its opening in Eshkol Park near Ofakim in the Negev on July 5. They seemed to enjoy the wide variety of musical styles offered, but not the speeches by politicians.

The performers, from Britain, France, Africa, South America, the West Indies and the United States, had the audience literally jumping as they sang along and danced into the early hours of the morning.

Among the favorites were the Torekunda Brothers from Senegal; Ziggy Marley, son of the late reggae king Bob Marley, of Jamaica; and musicians from Martinique in the French West Indies and from France.

It was a mixed crowd, mainly teen-agers and young adults, with a sprinkling of families with babies.

During a break between a French group and the "All Stars" from England, the festival organizers introduced "a very important personality" from the Foreign Ministry. It

turned out to be Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, whose presence was legitimate considering the international nature of the festival and the help he provided in organizing it. But the spectators were in no mood for oratory, as Peres had to shout to make himself heard over the whistles and screams that greeted his short speech. "During the first 40 years, Israel worked to develop its cultural rebirth and development," Peres said, "and during the coming 40 years we shall work to redeem the Negev."

Switching from English to Hebrew to French while addressing the performing artists, Peres said he hoped the musicians don't just come for this festival, but will return every year.

"It was here that the song 'Let My People Go' was first heard," the foreign minister said, "and Israel shall continue working to stop slavery and oppression. It is better to conquer the desert than develop hatred." The festival, part of Israel's 40th anniversary celebrations.

Cemetery Renovated

AMSTERDAM (JTA) — The old Jewish cemetery in The Hague has been renovated, in preparation for its return to the Ashkenazi and Portuguese congregations of The Hague, which are its joint owners.

The first section of the cemetery was inaugurated nearly three centuries ago, in 1694. During the 18th and 19th centuries, it was repeatedly expanded by the Jewish com-

munity, which bought adjoining land.

By the end of the last century, however, rapid development near The Hague used up all the land around the cemetery, bringing an end to expansion.

Many well-known Hague Jews are buried there, including painter Josef Israels. There are no burials taking place there now.

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Herut Picks Levy To Top Slate; Sharon Beats Arens For Second

By DAVID LAUDAU
JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Herut Central Committee elected David Levy on July 6 to the No. 1 slot of its 1988 election slate, as recommended by Premier Yitzhak Shamir, the party leader, who automatically tops the list as candidate for prime minister. It voted Ariel Sharon No. 2 and put Moshe Arens in the No. 3 spot.

By doing so, the 2,000-plus delegates, meeting in Herzliya, deviated significantly from Shamir's suggestion. He had stipulated that Arens, his close political associate, get the second spot and Sharon the third. But the outcome was not a rebuff to Shamir in the view of most pundits. Levy's camp struck at Arens and Sharon benefited, they said. Moreover,

Arens simply lacked sufficient supporters to defeat the combined Levy and Sharon forces.

Levy is housing minister in the present government; Sharon is minister of commerce and industry; and Arens is a minister without portfolio and, like Sharon, a former defense minister. The three are the most powerful figures in Herut, after Shamir, and have made no secret of their ambition to succeed him.

They went to the Herut convention to battle each other for the first spot, after Shamir, on the Likud ballot the voters will get on election day, Nov. 1. Herut is the largest component of the Likud bloc, which also includes the Liberal Party. The situation defused itself when Sharon and Arens announced within hours of each other that they would not contend for first place. Both men said they acted in the interests of party harmony.

That left Levy unchallenged. Shamir endorsed him, stressing at the same time that the order in which the candidates appear on the ballot would not determine his choice of Cabinet ministers, should he be called upon to form the next government. He claimed the fight for first place on the list was exaggerated beyond its importance. But he saw fit to intervene, because it had become a matter of prestige among his three top lieutenants, which threatened to lead to "disputes and discord," Shamir said.

Arens accepted his setback in good grace. He congratulated Levy and Sharon, but refused to acknowledge he may have made a tactical error by withdrawing his candidacy for first place. Under Herut voting rules, each candidate runs for a specific slot, but their supporters may cast votes for a higher place on the list.

Arens stood for the second

spot, but received 626 votes for first, where he was topped by Levy with 909 votes. The 626 votes, added to the 297 cast for Arens in second place, were not sufficient to beat Sharon, who had a combined total of 944 votes for the first and second spots.

The No. 4 place went to the popular minister of labor and social affairs, Moshe Katsav, who ran unchallenged. The fifth was won by Benjamin Netanyahu, Israel's former ambassador to the United Nations, who left the diplomatic

service last April to enter politics.

Knesset member David Magen, a top Sharon supporter, edged out Shamir's aide, Ronni Milo, for sixth place. The seventh slot went to Binyamin Zeev Begin, son of former Premier Menachem Begin.

The initial Labor Party reaction to the Herut slate came from Ezer Weizman, a minister without portfolio. He called it "extremist" with "no policy message" and "if elected to office, would lead the country perilously closer to war."

Rabbi Polirer Will Not Assume Duties At AKSE

By PAULA BERENGUT

At an emergency meeting of the Adas Kodesch Congregation on June 28, the past president of the congregation, John Elzufon, announced that Rabbi Richard Polirer would not be assuming the duties of spiritual leader of the congregation as had been announced. Polirer has decided to remain with his present congregation in Manchester, New Hampshire, for personal reasons, according to Elzufon.

Elzufon told the congregation, "We'll pull ourselves together. We'll find a new rabbi and we will prevail."

Rabbi Leonard B. Gewirtz conducted his last official services for ADSE on the weekend prior to the announcement and will now serve the congregation as Rabbi Emeritus. Howard Simon, President of AKSE, told the

congregation that Gewirtz has agreed "to help to the extent that he can" during the period that AKSE will have no rabbi and the synagogue board has agreed to "engage the rabbi on some limited basis." Gewirtz will lead the services during the High Holy Days and will be available to officiate at all life-cycle events and will lead Saturday morning Sabbath services.

Meanwhile, Simon announced, "the search process will begin again and is in place, chaired by Perry Goldlust." He said the first time around the search and interviewing process should be considered a learning experience and he felt it would make it easier the second time.

Simon said the congregation "is fortunate to have a strong group of lay people and a cantor, who can fill in some gaps that will undoubtedly occur."

Jewish Museums Are Flourishing

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The number of Jewish museums in the world is rapidly rising, as indicated by the opening of at least a dozen new institutions in the past 18 months. The new museums bring the estimated world-wide total to 300, not including the many small museums and exhibits on Jewish themes that exist, mainly in the United States, in synagogues and community centers.

According to Prof. Bezalel Narkiss, director of the Center for Jewish Art at Hebrew University, the proliferation is particularly noticeable in the United States and in West Germany. At last month's second International Seminar on Jewish Art, held at the university, Narkiss introduced representatives of some of the more unusual new museums, including institutions in

Amsterdam, Budapest, Basel and Braunschweig, West Germany.

There is not more Jewish community in Braunschweig, and the curator of the Landesmuseum there is a non-Jew. But the museum, which houses the restored interior of an 18th-century synagogue originally from nearby Hornburg, attempts to trace the flourishing as well of the destruction of Germany Jewry.

Narkiss said his Center for Jewish Art is gathering detailed, computerized information about all of the world's Jewish museums in hopes of publishing a directory. The center also plans a Jerusalem Index of Jewish Art, a project involving the documentation and computer cataloguing of all artifacts which have been made by, for or about Jews.

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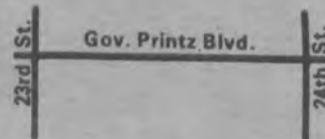
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UN Committee Returns From Middle East

By TAMAR LEVY
GENEVA (JTS) — A special U.N. committee investigating Israeli human rights practices toward Palestinians returned

last month from fact-finding mission to the Middle East with damning information, all of it obtained from Palestinians. Since the committee was set up

by the U.N. General Assembly in December 1968, Israel has refused to allow it access to the West Bank, Gaza Strip and Golan Heights, territories captured by Israel in the 1967 Six-Day War.

office in Geneva. Sene also serves this year as chairman of the U.N. Human Rights Commission here.

from the authorities when they return home.

The witnesses examined by the committee included Palestinian educators, public health specialists, a businessman, a farmer, a recent deportee from the territories and several Palestinians hospitalized with bullet wounds.

In addition to hearing testimony, the committee met with senior Egyptian, Jordanian and Syrian officials. In Amman they met also with officials of the Palestine Liberation Organization. The testimony heard will be included in the committee's annual report to the General Assembly. The committee also depends upon government communiques and numerous intergovernmental and nongovernmental sources and newspaper reports on the situation in the territories.

All were recently arrivals from the territories, where the uprising is now in its eighth month. They described curfews, school and university closures by the Israeli authorities, assaults on cultural identity, limits imposed on remittances from abroad, and restrictions of movement. They complained of inadequate medical facilities for Palestinians, and the storming of Arab homes and hospitals by Israeli troops. Most of the witnesses asked for anonymity on grounds they feared reprisals

It takes particular care to extract information from the Israeli press which has not been contradicted by government sources. The committee also takes note of statements by Israel government officials regarding policy in the territories.

The Israelis accuse the committee of a built-in anti-Israel bias. As a result, the committee takes testimony from Palestinians in Arab countries where no refutation is offered. This year the panel heard 21 witnesses in Amman, Damascus and Cairo. They spent about three days in each capital between May 21 and June 1.

The committee currently consists of Daya Perera, the permanent representative of Sri Lanka to the United Nations in New York; Dragan Jovanic, a professor of law from Yugoslavia; and Alioune Sene, permanent representative of Senegal to the United Nations

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Mideast Primer

Arabs In The Knesset

By IRV BRESLAUER

There are no Jews in the parliaments of any of the 21 nations that make up the Arab world. By contrast there are five Arabs and two Druze in the current Israeli Knesset.

The Druze have aligned themselves with the Halikud Party, which is headed by Prime Minister Yitshak Shamir and controls 41 seats. Halikud is the conservative party and apparently has taken a strong stand against giving up the occupied territories. The Arabs have two of the four seats of the Democratic Front for Peace and Equality Party, which is a long name for the Communist Party. A third Arab is a member of the Mapam or United Workers Party, which was part of the coalition but is now in opposition to the government. The Mapam, best described as an Independent Socialist Party, controls six seats.

Another is a member of the Shinui or Center Party which has three seats and is also in opposition to the government. The fifth Arab is a member of the Progressive List for Peace, whose two members, both left of center, are in opposition to the government.

It is not unusual for the Druze to be aligned with the hawkish Likud. One of the cornerstones of Druze faith is attachment to the land and they are expected to live on their land with honor and to die there with dignity. During the 1982-83 fighting in Lebanon 42 members of Israel's 45,000 plus Druze community died while serving in the Israel Defense Force.

Nor is it unusual for Arabs to align themselves with the left of center parties of the Knesset. Those parties, all in opposition to the government, take positions which range from negotiating with the Arabs in the occupied territories to outright surrender of the land without negotiation.

What is unusual, in the Middle East, is that two minority groups, the Druze and the Arabs, have a chance to be represented in the legislative body of the country in which they live. That representation is not by surrogate, but by members of the group being elected in free and open elections.

It is significant that Arabs in opposition to a government

have a greater chance to express that opposition in Israel than they do in any of the 21 Arab countries. It is significant that their activities are not repressed, even during this time of crisis for the nation. But it is most significant to note that in the Knesset of a Jewish state, Arabic is also a language of the law.

Editor's Note: Irv Breslaauer, a retired U.S. Air Force officer, lived for a year in Israel, and is coordinating the local observance of Israel's 40th anniversary for the Jewish Community Relations Council of St. Louis. The 'Mideast Primer' is a feature which seeks to clarify the complex issues of the Mideast conflict.

Jewish Agency Reduces Aliyah Operations In US

Tel Aviv (JTA)—The Jewish Agency is cutting back drastically on its aliyah operations in North America, according to Maariv's New York correspondent, Ron Dragoni, who reported that it will close nine aliyah offices in major cities by the end of this summer and will recall aliyah emissaries and other staff.

Moshe Nativ, head of the Jewish Agency's operations in North America, said offices will begin closing next month in Montreal, Toronto, Boston,

Philadelphia, Washington, Cleveland, Atlanta, Miami and San Francisco.

Nativ said that 17 out of 140 Jewish Agency representatives in the United States and Canada will be called home shortly, and more during the course of the year.

"Those who claim that there are too many aliyah envoys are correct," Nativ said. The move is expected to result in savings of more than \$1 million a year.

US Calls PLO Official's Statement Constructive But Not Authoritative

By HOWARD ROSENBERG

WASHINGTON (JTA)—The State Department has said it did not consider a statement by a Palestine Liberation Organization official advocating direct peace talks with Israel to be an "authoritative statement" of the PLO. The statement, made by PLO spokesman Bassam Abu Sharif during the recent Arab summit in Algiers, was written in a "constructive tone," State Department spokeswoman Phyllis Oakley said, adding that it also contains "some positive points."

Five Palestinian terrorist groups, including the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, have denounced the statement, and are calling for Sharif to be brought to trial before a Palestinian Court. The New York Times reported on June 22.

Oakley did not say which parts of the statement were constructive, but some of the more favorable references to Israel were that "Israel's objectives are lasting peace and security" and "no one can understand the Jewish people's centuries of suffering more than the Palestinians."

Sharif also wrote that the PLO accepts United Nations Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338, but that it has not said so unconditionally

because "neither resolution says anything about the national rights of the Palestinian people." Also, Sharif said the PLO is regarded as the representative of the Palestinian people by "every Palestinian questioned by diplomats and newsmen of the international community."

But Oakley doubted whether the statement represents "official PLO policy." She warned that "if the PLO is serious about moderating its position so as to make a positive contribution to the peace process, it can do so in an authoritative way." She added, "We have yet to see such an authoritative statement." U.S. policy is not to speak to the PLO until it accepts the two Security Council resolutions and recognizes Israel's right to exist.

Arson—

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Schoenbrun related a story of an Israeli gas station owner who caught several of his employees stealing gasoline. Presumably the gasoline would have been used to set a fire.

One of the reasons arsonist terrorism is so effective is the inability of Israel's firefighters to adequately respond. Schoenbrun says that firefighters are presently using "antiquated World War II equipment." Last year advisers from the U.S. Forestry Service went to Israel and identified the potential threat of fire. Their advice was to attain new equipment "as soon as possible." In addition, higher watchtowers are needed to earlier fire detection. Communications systems must be improved to allow firefighters to respond rapidly. A forest fire is out of control within 15 minutes.

A complete renovation of Israel's firefighting capabilities is imperative to combat Palestinian fire setting. Several models of fire engines have been recommended at a cost of \$125,000 for a smaller vehicle and \$225,000 for a larger one. They can be purchased from a nearby kibbutz that manufactures trucks, and delivery can be made quickly once the orders are placed. The sooner these machines can be acquired, the sooner the threat will be resolved. For a country the size of Israel, the loss of 35,000 acres represents a serious loss. It takes approximately 20 years to replenish lost woodlands.

The JNF is moving rapidly on both national and local levels to raise the necessary funds to purchase modern fire fighting equipment. The theme of this emergency campaign is "I Can Hear the Trees Crying." As Schoenbrun stated so emphatically, "There is a need for money, manpower, and machinery. We have manpower and machinery; only the money is lacking." In the future is the need to replant the destroyed forests.

The JNF has established an



JNF workers battle to extinguish a brush fire.

emergency fund for the purpose of raising the money necessary to purchase fire-fighting equipment.

Contributions may be sent to JNF - Emergency Fire Fund, 1315 Walnut Street, Suite 732, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107. In addition, an emergency hot line has been set up. This number is 1-800-542-TREE.




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Book Review

Yellow Wind

'An Attempt To Understand What The Other Is Going Through'

By RABBI JACK RIEMER
THE YELLOW WIND, by David Grossman, translated by Haim Watzman. Farrar, Strauss and Giroux, 216 pages, \$17.95.

"An army can fight an army; an army can't fight a people," says Shlomo Avneri, and this book, which was written before the riots began on the West Bank in December, gives grim testimony to the truth of his statement.

Had this book appeared in English translation before December, it might have prepared us to understand the riots, for it enables us to enter the hearts of the young people now throwing stones. It enables us to peer inside their psyches and to learn what they think and feel. It is not a pleasant sight.

David Grossman is a 34-year-old Israeli journalist and novelist who was commissioned by an Israeli magazine to spend a season on the West Bank interviewing Arabs on the eve of the 20th anniversary of the Six-Day War. He went because he had a sense that

most Israelis, like him, have very little idea of what life is like for the people who live just a few kilometers away.

When his report came out, that issue of the magazine sold out in just a few hours, and it became the subject of fervent debate. What Grossman reported was that behind the *kefiyah* and behind the placid expression that the Arabs wore when they came to work, there was a burning hatred waiting to explode. Now it has.

Grossman tells of his visit to a nursery in which Arab children who, like their parents, have never been inside Israel are taught to fantasize about what it is like "back home."

A 2-year-old points a stick at Grossman and says, "Bang!" "Who do you want to shoot?" the teacher asks indulgently, and the child answers, "Jews."

Grossman meets schoolteachers who tell him that their students have nightmares in which the Jews appear to them as monsters. Then he meets schoolteachers among the Jewish settlers on the the West Bank who tell him

the very same thing: that they have children who have nightmares in which the Arabs are the monsters.

To read this book is to feel both the agony of the Arabs who despise occupation and the anguish of the Israelis who are locked in unending conflict with them, a conflict that is sapping the strength, the sanity and the moral character of both peoples.

This is a deeply moral book because its author is able to perform the hardest of all acts: to understand what the other is going through.

He listens to these children who are being brought up on an unending diet of fantasy and on eternal promises of eventual return. He hears in their words an echo of the "*L'shanah Haba'ah B'Yerushalayim*," which kept Jewish souls alive for so many centuries.

He sees these refugees whom no one wants and no one knows what to do with, who have languished for so many years in dreadful camps, and he sees in them parallels to his own grandparents who

were once refugees with *peklach* on their backs wandering around Europe from one hostile land to another.

He sees these people and the indignities that they go through, the body searches they must endure whenever they cross the Allenby Bridge and all the rest, he feels for them.

And he sees the young Israeli soldiers, hardly more than teenagers themselves, who have to stand guard over them, who have to search them and subdue them, and his heart goes out to them as well, for this occupation takes its toll on them just as it does on the Arabs.

The one flaw in this book is that Grossman nowhere faces up to what may be the most realistic conclusion of his findings. If all there is on the other side is pure hatred, total hatred, endless hatred, and if there is in the Arab world no capacity to do what Grossman has done, namely, to imagine oneself into the situation of the other, if it is too late, and if the fantasy is really for a return to

Tel Aviv and Haifa and not just for autonomy and independence side by side with Israel — I almost dare not finish the sentence — then what hope is there for any kind of world peace?

In the end, peace will not be made by determining borders or by legal protocols alone. Peace will come only when enough people on both sides are able to do what Grossman has done and achieve an act of imagination and empathy.

We hope and pray that Grossman's powerful book, which is surely one of the most vivid works about what life is really like in Israel, will help the Israelis realize what life is like for the Arabs.

But even more, we do hope and pray that there will soon emerge a book like this one from the other side, that there will soon be an Arab David Grossman, who will be able to comprehend and convey to his people the dreams and the nightmares, the hopes and the fears, that the Israelis have.

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'Yellow Wind' Author Says Israelis Desire Change

By ANDREW SILOW
CARROL

NEW YORK (JTA) — Informed that three members of the Jewish terrorist underground had just received reduced prison sentences on the eve of Shavuot by Israeli President Chaim Herzog, David Grossman smiled sourly.

"It is so good that we have so many holidays," said the Israeli writer. "What about Mothers Day?"

It is a rare joke for Grossman, a novelist who has written with dead seriousness about the many kinds of extremism found on the West Bank.

The Yellow Wind, his non-fiction account of three months of frank conversations with the Arabs and Jews who live there, was a publishing sensation in Israel. It sold 25,000 copies when printed in the magazine *Koteret Rashit* and another 50,000 when published in book form in 1987. Two "underground" translations of the book have appeared in Arabic, and a third, official Arabic translation is being readied.

In the United States, an English translation has been published by Farrar Straus

Giroux to glowing reviews. On a recent visit to New York, Grossman, 34, discussed both the impact of the book and his own hopes for a resolution to what he unflinchingly calls "the occupation."

The official Israeli attitude toward the Jewish underground, said Grossman, reaffirms what he learned while researching *The Yellow Wind*. There exists, he said, a "sub-conscious and now conscious thought that there are two systems of justice and morality. 'The Jewish terrorists are not really murderers, because they only killed Arabs.' This is the message if they can be granted such amnesties so easily."

In his book, Grossman said he doubts Israel's ability to "live as a conqueror without making its own life wretched" and offers scenes of ambiguously administered justice as proof. He argues for negotiations with the Palestinians — even the Palestine Liberation Organization — to establish an independent Palestinian state.

"I'm not here to justify the Palestinians," said Grossman, admitting that he trusts neither the Arabs nor their "good will."

"In a way they are living in this web of words and hallucinations, in a non-time bubble. They are standing outside history. They have nothing, not even hope."

"But once Israel gives them something real — a demilitarized state with security guarantees for Israel — once brought back into history, they will be forced to act according to different roles."

Grossman said the effect of an Israeli offer to negotiate will either be a response to Yasir Arafat — obliging the PLO chairman to recognize Israel and denounce portions of the PLO charter calling for its destruction — or the emergence of a separate, moderate Palestinian leadership.

But are there Palestinian moderates? "We must give it a try, I know they exist, because I have met them," he said, mentioning by example Raj'a Shehade, a lawyer and writer he interviews for the book.

"These are people moved by the same things that move me and you. They have passed this era of hallucinations and dreams."

If no Palestinian leadership comes forward, he said, Israel will be able to say, "At least we tried it this way. If we have no partners for peace, if we have to fight, okay. At least we will be united again." And the whole world will know that Israel will want peace."

Grossman is under no illusions that Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir will soon make such an offer. "Nobody promises us that it's not going to last another 10 or 20 years," he said when asked if he saw the present situation changing.

But the success of his book, said Grossman, indicates that it is imperative that changes be made. "Five years ago, I would have been looked upon as a nothing. But reality changes so quickly. We can't wait for somebody to rescue us."

Five years from now, he said, "we will be negotiating with people like the Shiites, the Hezbollah, the Iranians, the fundamentalists. And they are not for compromise."

American Jews who agree with him, said Grossman, must speak out on the situation in the territories. "If silent, they support a very certain point of view in the Israeli government."

Grossman believes American lawmakers would be more willing to make Israel and the Palestinians "sit together and look into each other's eyes" if American Jews were willing to take a stand. "Silence is not indifference. If silent, you finance the megalomaniacal dreams of some of us."

Despite the success of *The Yellow Wind* and his commentary for Israel Radio, Grossman said he will continue to concentrate on his fiction.

His novel *The Smile of the Lamb* was the first Hebrew-language book set on the West Bank.

He has written non-political works too, he said, including *Rikky's Kindergarten*, a play, and *See Under: Love* a novel about Israeli reactions to the Holocaust. Both will be published in English translations early next year.

Grossman lives with his wife and two young sons in Jerusalem, and after touring the United States and Europe on behalf of the current book, he will return to his writing there.

Grossman said it is difficult to say what effect his book has had on politicians, but among the general public he sees it opening "canals and tunnels of thought that were closed because of rejection, despair, rigidity, complacency."

Yellow Wind—

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appears within the Arab world, and when it is read and responded to as widely there as this one has been in Israel, then there may be hope that Jews and Arabs can begin the dangerous but necessary journey to empathy and reconciliation and peace.

Till then, we have this book: grim medicine that must be taken.

Jack Riemer is the rabbi of Beth David Congregation in Miami. He is the editor of *Jewish Reflections on Death* and the co-editor of *Ethical Wills: A Modern Jewish Treasury*, both published by Schocken Books.

AKSE Elects President And Board

Howard H. Simon was elected president by Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation at its annual meeting on May 31. He is a certified public accountant and senior partner of Simon, Master & Sidlow, P.A.

Simon has long been active in both the Jewish and non-Jewish Communities. His activities have included serving as President of Wilmington as Lodge B'nai B'rith, Co-Chair of the Delaware Region of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, President of the Delaware Society of Certified Public Accountants, The Tannall School, the Advisory Board of Accounting Department at the University of Delaware and the Jewish Community Center.

In a statement, Simon indicated, "It has been twenty-five years since the congregation moved into its home on Torah Drive and one hundred and three years since its founding. Today Adas Kodesch provides for its members needs in education, religion and social activities much as it has for its first century. Our congregation has prospered because its members are caring, warm and friendly. We have also been blessed with some excellent leaders and a Rabbi who made the difference



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By HOWARD HAIT

Among a large number of charitable institutions in the State of Delaware stands one that demonstrates well the responsibility that we, as Jews, have toward others who are less fortunate, irrespective of whether they themselves are Jewish. The Milton and Hattie Kutz Foundation and its associated funds represent the work of a man truly interested in people with potential but who don't have the finances needed to pursue their goals.

In the mid-1950's, a small chemical company owned by Milton Kutz was bought by Du

Pont, with one stipulation that as part of the deal, Mr. Kutz would become a member of the Du Pont board. As far as any records indicate, this was the first time a Jew was named to such a high corporate position within the company. A portion of the proceeds from that sale, amounting to some one million dollars, were set aside by Kutz for the establishment of a foundation whose purpose would be to provide funds solely for "charitable, scientific, and/or educational purposes."

In his will, he stipulated that funds "shall be administered on an interdenominational

basis, it being my desire that in addition to serving the needs of the people of my own Jewish faith, nevertheless, be broad enough to cover the needs of all peoples." If scholarship grants were to be made, as Kutz stated, the object should be to provide these to "worthy students of ability who would not otherwise have an opportunity of receiving an education."

The work of the Kutz Foundation is carried out by a board, headed by Richard A. Levine, with the help of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. The president as well as three vice-presidents of the Federation also serve as part of the Foundation board, along with a number of trustees. Of the trustees, one must be Protestant, one Catholic, and one Jewish.

It is noteworthy that the Federation executive members of the board never constitute a voting majority. Robert N. Kerbel, Executive Director of the Federation, is Executive Secretary of the Foundation and a non-voting member of the board. He explained that as of today, the original capital sum of one million dollars has grown to two million dollars. The money is carefully invested in a number of financial instruments, from which the investment income is used to generate the funds needed to support the Foundation's goals.

One of the Foundation's most well-known beneficiaries is the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home. This facility is a longstanding centerpiece of the Jewish community's commitment toward care of the elderly.

Approximately 50 percent of remaining funds go toward college scholarships which are awarded, by and large, to able students in need who otherwise cannot obtain financial aid through traditional means. Schools from all over the state submit applications on behalf of students they recommend for scholarships. Fourteen criteria are used as the basis for whether or not a student should be awarded a scholarship, with the primary criterion being need and potential. For the 1988-89 academic year, some \$44,000 in scholarships have been awarded; these include ten scholarships of \$1000 per year for four years plus 34 continuing scholarships carried over from previous years. In addition, the Foundation provides financial support for Albert Einstein Academy.

The other 50 percent of available funds, Kerbel explained, is given in the form of one-time grants for various community endeavors. Those

targeted to receive grants represent a wide range of various causes and needs. Some recent recipients include WHY TV-12 (capital campaign), Planned Parenthood (AIDS counseling and screening), the United Negro College Fund (scholarship aid), and Chabad-Lubavitch of Delaware (Campus Outreach Program at the University of Delaware). In addition, the Foundation has

otherwise cannot obtain them, for whatever the reason.

In an effort to guide those who would be responsible for administering the funds of the Kutz Foundation after his death, Milton Kutz wrote in his will that, at least in terms of educational scholarships, the "primary ultimate object should be to create through education good citizens who



Hattie Kutz



Milton Kutz

contributed \$250,000 to the Jewish Family Campus and has awarded \$6,000 in rabbinical scholarships for study in Israel.

Two other funds created by the kindness of Milton Kutz are administered by the Jewish Federation outside of the Kutz Foundation. These include the Kutz Scholarship Fund which awards scholarships for special purposes and the Kutz Assistance Fund which provides loans to people who

will be liberal in their outlook on life" and who will "be interested in devoting their time to raising the standards of human life and the satisfaction of human needs." By so doing, he himself exemplified those ideals and, as a result of his humanity and care for others, was responsible for creating what is and will hopefully continue to be an example of the Jewish community serving the entire community.

El Al To Begin Flights To Warsaw

By YITZHAK RABI

NEW YORK (JTA) — A scheduled non-stop weekly flight from Tel Aviv to Warsaw began on June 21 by El Al Israel Airlines. According to El Al spokeswoman Avia Lavi, these are the first-ever scheduled El Al flights to Warsaw. The weekly flight will leave Ben-Gurion Airport for Warsaw every Tuesday and will return the same day.

The length of the flight is three hours and 40 minutes each way, and the fare is \$363 round trip.

Poland is the second East European country to get scheduled flights by El Al. The other country is Romania, the only East European country that did not break diplomatic ties with Israel after the 1967 Six-Day War. El Al is currently flying three times a week to Bucharest, the Romanian capital.

Poland does not have diplomatic ties with the Jewish state, but last year the two countries opened low-level offices in each other's countries.

The beginning of El Al flights to Warsaw is seen as part of the improvement of ties between the two countries.

David Shein, general manager for El Al, said, "We are pleased to announce this new service to Poland, particularly now during the 45th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising. More people than ever before will get the chance to explore their Eastern European roots and heritage."

According to diplomatic sources, El Al is currently negotiating with the government of Yugoslavia to begin scheduled El Al flights from Israel. If the negotiations are successful, flights from Tel Aviv to Belgrade will begin next winter.

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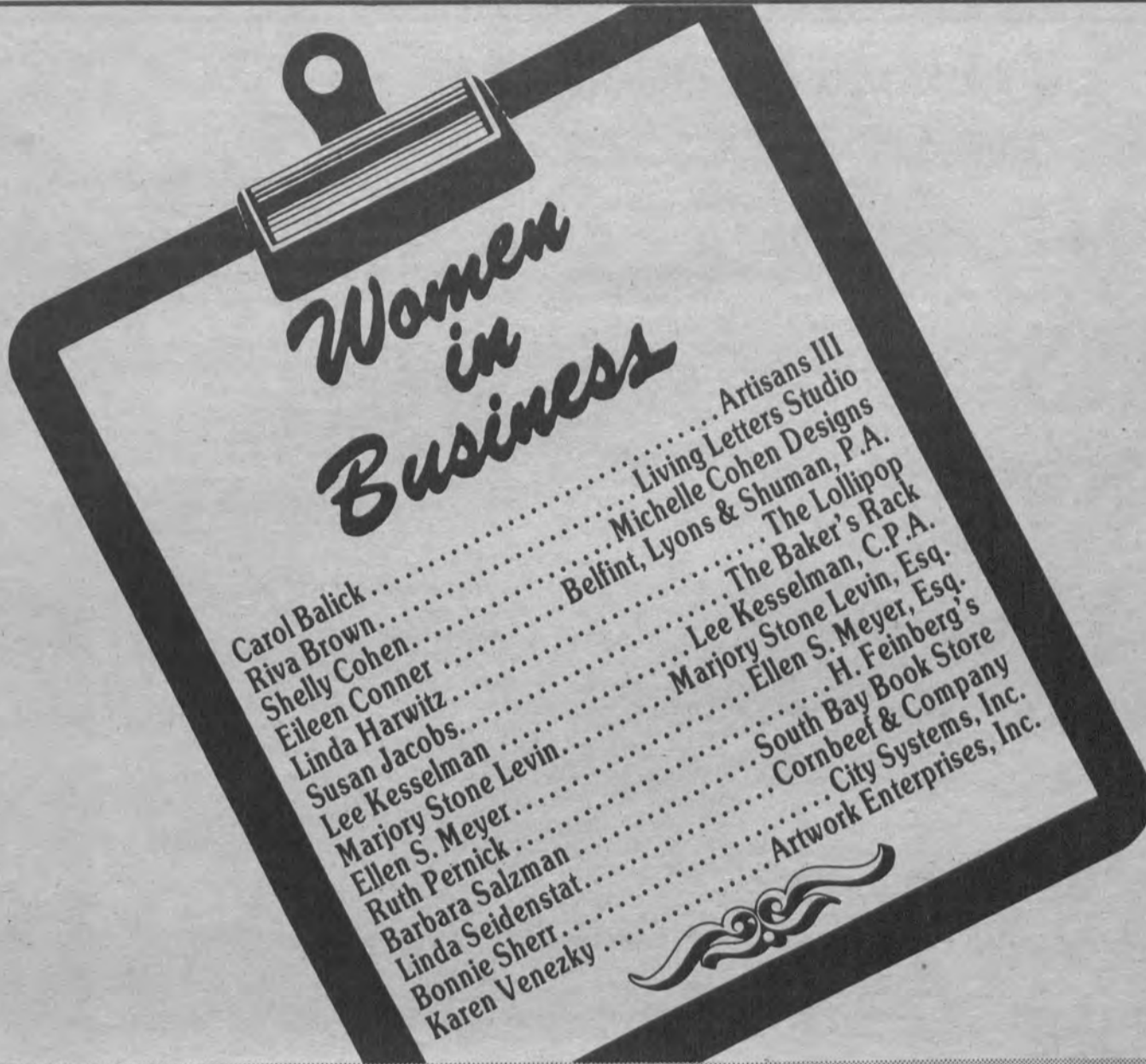
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Susan Jacobs credits getting into the baking business ten years ago with her children's demands for special cakes on their birthdays. She found herself decorating their friends' cakes and doing hors d'oeuvres and dinners as well. From her house she baked for restaurants and cooking, once a hobby, had become a business.

About five years ago Susan saw that the business, like her, just couldn't stay at home any longer, so she relocated to 1705 Concord Pike, where The Baker's Rack now produces its repertoire of over 100 cakes -- from 30 different cheesecakes to exquisite chocolate mousse confections to Susan's favorite, the classic American apple pie. Some 20 fine restaurants in Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland are graced with desserts that make the strong-willed crumble and the firm-willed helplessly melt.

Her creations are kosher as well as delicious; Susan is very careful not to compromise on kashrut or quality. "We use only the finest ingredients . . . if it says Grand Marnier, then that's

what it is."

Encouragement? You can't blame Susan's family for being supportive of even those occasional "mistakes" they get to eat at home. (Their preferences are for key lime pie and chocolate mousse roll.)

Although she presently limits herself to special orders, Susan foresees moving to service a walk-in trade. "There is a growing market for quality pastry and, more than ever, a place for well-trained, talented women in the food industry. There are now many top-notch culinary schools and that guarantee a fine career for the gifted cook." Susan Jacobs has more than a measure of talent for baking. The proof's in, well, the mousse.



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What does a nice traditional girl who has married young and raised the children do when she's ready to grow and find new, challenging involvements? Maybe, like Bonnie Sherr, she volunteers at the JCC and the Jewish Federation, acquiring organizational skills and making valuable contacts. If you are Bonnie Sherr, now co-owner and vice-president of City Systems, Inc., you start out in real

estate, handling relocations, moving into commercial properties, investing and developing.

Bonnie gravitated to real estate because, as she says, there's always "variety, challenges and something new every day." There is plenty of each in City Systems, a development company which specializes in commercial and single-family developments, as well as in certified historic buildings. One of the most exciting of her current challenges involves the new townhomes, Westhill, at Franklin and Lovering Avenues in Wilmington.

Bonnie and City Systems are always ready to see new opportunities for growth in a previously untapped

niche . . . willing to turn a negative into a positive. The rewards, Bonnie says, are great compensation for the risks and the hard work. Those rewards are both financial and something intangible, like the sense of pride and satisfaction that keeps her going.

It's good to know that Bonnie, the superwoman, takes time off. "It's a must for our family to have weekends together. Our idea of summer fun is to relax together at Bethany Beach. For myself, I am a reader and an admitted magazine and light novel junkie." Any novel written about a successful woman of the 80's could certainly model its heroine on Bonnie Sherr.



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Talking with Barbara Salzman, owner of South Bay Books, in Wilmington's Grand Opera House, you get the feeling that you are talking with someone who wakes every day knowing she'll work surrounded by what she likes most: books.

Barbara says that she always wanted a bookstore. Coming in as a partner three years ago, South Bay was already established, but, like Barbara, it hasn't stood still. Because of its unique location, there is a great demand for her place to be more than just another bookstore. There is an extensive inventory of general interest books, but South Bay specializes in "special interests with a cultural bent," such as Judaica (including Yiddish and Hebrew), music, women's studies, Latin American literature and a children's section which is among the largest in the state. A major goal of the store, says Barbara, is to become more

specialized in Jewish and children's subjects.

To Barbara Salzman, certain things make the "pretty much seven-day-a-week, 48-hour-a-day schedule" worthwhile. These include her children, who are "very proud of their mom." There are also the customers, some of whom come down from New York to shop at South Bay as well as the people at the Grand Opera House, who, she says, have been very supportive.

"It is unfortunate that many still think a woman is in business to dabble or as a hobby . . . legitimacy remains hard to acquire." In Barbara Salzman's case, we are enriched by her decision to acquire it here.



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Can you guess a person's "real life" occupation by their (somewhat) joking response to the question, "What is your fantasy career option and vacation?" "I have a house in Atlantic City and can imagine a post-retirement career as a blackjack dealer . . . I like white water rafting, hiking, and recently spent three weeks in Australia." Would you believe you are speaking with an accountant?

Lee opened her own public accounting firm in 1980, specializing in small business and individual taxation. Although she plans to keep it small and personal, that doesn't mean sitting still. She is past president of the Delaware Society of Certified Public Accountants and is currently a three-year elected member of the governing council of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, besides being founder of the Wilmington chapter of the American Society of Women Accountants.

"This is FUN!" includes math, Lee's entry into what was to become her profession. "I was always good in math. I started in bookkeeping and went back

to the University of Delaware for accounting. It's an excellent field for women, although ten to 15 years ago I still heard and was told, "businessmen won't trust a woman." Apparently undaunted, Lee Kesselman went ahead, proving by her achievements that, "women in business bring to it added dimensions of humanism, compassion, and understanding . . . Accounting, as I do it, is not only numbers, but people-contact, and that is what keeps it fun . . ."

One of her favorite projects is to set up systems for new, small businesses, get them going, and accompany them in their successes. An outstanding example of this, here, is the Delaware Theater Co.

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Bubbling with friendliness and enthusiasm, Ruth talks about every project with excitement. "Right now we are doing a condo in Naples, Florida, and a house in Cancun, Mexico.

Besides the obvious perks of variety and travel, Ruth says she loves the freedom. By consulting, there is much greater independence and flexibility than in retail, so she gets to spend more time with her family which includes her parents, son and daughter-in-law, daughter and granddaughter. She doesn't regret giving up the retail store which many Wilmingtonians

remember on 7th & Market. "Now we work out of our apartment and, of course, maintain a warehouse." It's a natural and marvelous development for our business. Small retail businesses can't operate as they did in the past, and "for my personal life I've found a husband/wife team to be natural and easy."

The biggest change since her earliest days in retail furniture is that, "people don't have formal 'don't-touch-me' rooms." Another change: Ruth now takes off for weekends at the shore. What hasn't changed is her involvement with Jewish Federation and her synagogue and a lively warm interest in everybody.



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Carol Balick is responsible for a

number of marriages between business and art. Her own shop, Artisans III, is deliberately located downtown, putting into practice her commitment to urban revitalization. Its stock is a joyful, eclectic mixture of international and local folk arts.

Carol Balick encourages other women to succeed in the business world. She firmly believes that "The American dream is available to women . . . you should trust yourself, believe in your concept, then get well informed and trained in order to be able to put it into practice."

Easier said than done? Carol points out that there are now growing support systems within the banking industry and for family arrangements

such as the extended day care programs at the JCC which didn't exist twenty years ago.

Artisans III is, in many ways, an extension of Carol's calling, or avocation, as promoter of the arts in our community. The list of past and present associations is impressive: Board of Directors of Delaware Theater Co., and the Grand Opera House, member of the Downtown Women's Improvement Corp., the Delaware State Arts Council, OperaDelaware and Wilmington Arts Commission. In all these endeavors Delaware is enriched by exposure to art and culture as reflected in Artisans III and Carol Balick herself.



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"There are options in life, nothing has to be a dead end . . . I see myself as a problem solver, and like to work with my client," says Karen Venezky who began her flourishing graphic design business 11 years ago. Artwork Enterprises Incorporated probably had its genesis in Ms. Venezky's university days' art history courses. Cognizant of the need to be practical, she worked successfully in the field of interior

design for seven years. One highlight of her design career was the Madison, Wisconsin, first-ever, sit-down McDonald's restaurant. However, back to school and in Delaware, she "found herself" with graphic design which "pulled everything together."

With an extensive background of experience, Karen was able to go right to work for herself and the rest, they say, is history-and the future. A future which Karen Venezky sees as having tremendous potential for women: "The graphic design and related fields have really opened up for us. Many women have their own agencies. Perhaps this is because a person can begin with individual skills and grow professionally

as she acquires experience, while the business grows by word of mouth. In graphic design, a woman can excel on her own merits, effort, and the strength of her individuality."

Fortunately, Karen Venezky shares her abundance of skills and efforts with the community at large (she is vice president in charge of marketing for the Grand Opera House) and the Jewish community (she is immediate past president of the Northern Seaboard Region of Hadassah, representing over 10,000 active members).

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Shelly Cohen has taken what most women do well — home decoration — to a professional level, making her business a success in just four years. Encouraged by her mother and husband, she went out on her own. Possessing a background in art (and a flair), perhaps her huge success also

has a basis in her sensitivity to people and their needs.

Instead of imposing her ideas on others, Shelly helps her clients discover what it is that they really want. It's no wonder clients become her fans and friends. "It's a special time for everyone, so I work on only a few projects at a time in order to be able to oversee it all."

Three-quarters of Shelly's projects are residential designs. However, Shelly's current project is a physician's office. Thorough from the start, she not only designs entire rooms, but will do everything from the initial space planning to the flowers on the table. She is,

however, available for consulting on an hourly basis "to get you on the right track."

Because Michelle Cohen Designs carries a full line of custom fabrics, carpets, wall coverings and window treatments, Shelly is perpetually on the move, shopping in New York and Philadelphia, attending trade shows and seminars to keep on top of current trends. At present, the most popular themes are the South Western look and Eurostyle.

Most people can do most things; it's a question of asking questions, having confidence in your abilities and always learning. Experience is the best teacher and there's always something new." We might wonder if Shelly ever stops long enough to sit on the furniture she's placed.



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Daddy's Go To Work; Mommy's Go To Law School

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In 1982, after a 15 year hiatus between receiving a B.A. from Brown University and the University of Delaware Law School, Ellen S. Meyer, Esquire, opened the firm bearing her name. Specializing in family law, domestic relations, personal injury and civil litigation, Ellen Meyer's law office is proof that you can and should have it all.

Of course, you must be wise enough

to mold a career to the family's needs. She saw this from the beginning. Off went the three-year old to pre-school, off went Mom to law school. The two older children "helped, doing homework in the library along side their student mother. Her husband, also a lawyer, "at first thought I was crazy, but once I got going he did everything to help."

The positive ramifications are seen today in a 14-year-old daughter who wants a career (actress? astronaut?) and two sons with expressed interest in the law who want career wives because, "both should strive for their maximum."

Ellen Meyer's interest in law goes

way back. "My father (who is deceased) was a lawyer. Justice and fair play have always been very important to me." Women and the legal profession, she affirms, make a good match, because they are skilled at interpersonal relationships, dealing with people and their problems, and at communicating.

With all this Ellen Meyer still managed to volunteer in service to the community through the Family Law Commission and the Commission on Women.

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Q: Linda, did you have previous business experience?

A: Not at all, my mom always wanted a

baby's clothing store. I was a nurse, but needed a change. My mother was a very young retiree with business experience — so we set out to test the waters.

Q: What was your family's reaction?

A: I simply couldn't have done it without my husband's support. The children were always covered because I had the good luck to be working with my own mother. If one of the children had a fever or a special school event I could be there for them. It's also been good for them; they've always seen me as a mother who does things outside of the home.

Q: What advice would you offer other women who want to be in business?

A: Opportunities today are wonderful. Women can do anything. It's not like in 1962 when a profession for a woman was pretty much teaching or nursing — only. If a girl said, then, she wanted to be a business major it was very strange.

Q: What are your business goals?

A: Expand the store. In fact, we'll soon be opening a shoe division. I'd also like to open a second store.

Q: Personal goals, interests?

A: I'm active in Hadassah, being the immediate past-president. In a mixture of community and family, I'm active in my brother's, Dennis Greenhouse, campaign for New Castle County Executive.

Q: How do you do it?

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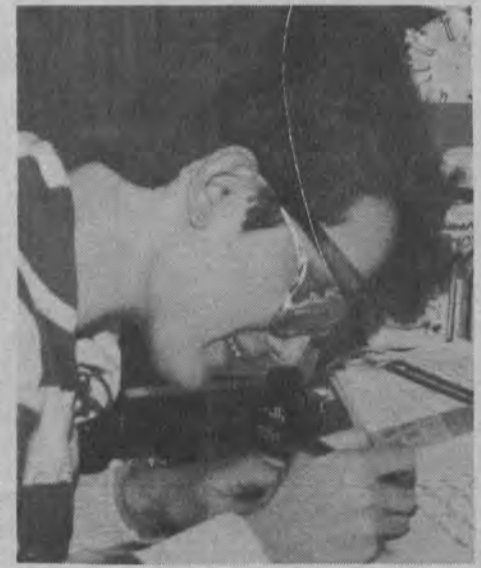
Since 1987, Riva has been in business full-time with her husband, Bill, who will be running the silk-screening part of the business, she is enthusiastic about her goals. These include increasing the studio's base of commercial clientele and relocating to larger facilities. Both of these goals are part of her efforts to see the business end of calligraphy more professionalized. For her part, she is president of the Delaware Calligraphers' Guild for the second year in a row.

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Kodesch Congregation and the Wilmington Havurah, Riva would like to see a greater public appreciation for Judaica in Delaware. "You soon realize, with Hebrew especially, that the letters are alive . . . they arrange themselves the way they please. So evocative, Hebrew characters communicate visual meaning . . . You can imagine more with them."

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Associated with the certified public accounting firm of Belfint, Lyons and Shuman, P.A., since 1973, Eileen Conner has been a director for six years. She finds that the "challenges of an ever-changing profession and working with people of all backgrounds and financial goals" add to fulfillment on the job and are what keep her in-

It All Adds Up

terested. Add to that a healthy dose of drive.

Although her uncle was a strong mentor, when she first graduated it was not easy for a woman to enter public accounting. Sexual discrimination was an open, "normal" assumption. Therefore, she started her professional career by working for the State of New York since government positions were open to female accountants. By the late 1960's, the public accounting profession opened up somewhat to females and she joined an international accounting firm in New York.

Although there's been a major tax act almost every year, Eileen Conner

keeps up with her self-imposed community obligations, sitting on the Board of Directors of both the JCC and the Kutz Home. She is also treasurer for the Carper for Congress Committee.

Busy all year round, Eileen often puts in up to 80 hour work weeks, especially between February 1 and April 15. Eileen's professional goals include keeping up with developments and expanding services for her clients. Just ask them for a balanced account of her performance.

Eileen is married to Michael Conner who is a patent attorney with the DuPont Co. They have a 14-year-old son, Eric.



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To entertain or to be entertained, it could be said, are the ladies' greatest pleasures. Linda Seidenstat claims that the busy early years of raising her young family, catering to their desires for special foods and baked goods, brought her an extra measure of fulfillment and joy. But she could never have predicted that this "labor of love"

would begin to create its own demands.

The requests of family and friends, marked the beginning of her at-home business and began to kindle within her a dream that someday she would have "a place."

In May 1986, Linda saw the dream come true with the help of her partner and close friend, Sharon Cohen, when Cornbeef & Company was born. Linda and Sharon's belief in the need for a kosher-style deli here in Wilmington was immediately vindicated. The dream-turned-reality was an instant success.

Neither Sharon's years of experience nor Linda's skills (acquired in her own

kitchen as well as organizational skills acquired as president of several organizations and three years as executive director of the Democratic State Committee) prepared them for the rigors of restaurant ownership.

Dedication gets the job done for Linda. What has to be done gets done. And it gets done the right way. Excellence is her constant endeavor.

"My life has become my business," says Linda. "My husband, daughters, parents and mother-in-law and, most of all, Joel Simon (General Manager) have pitched in to make me a success." Soon Cornbeef & company — Linda & Company, if you will — will open a second location in Branmar Plaza. The dream continues to grow.

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Marjory Stone Levine is the "legal ruler" of her office at 1300 N. Market St. in Wilmington. She has limited her practice to tax and tax-related laws for the past ten years, and for the past year she has been practicing on her own.

Originally from St. Louis, Marjory finds Wilmington a friendly town, "very liveable and an excellent place to raise children."

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The opportunity to study law presented itself in college, and, once chosen, has continued to be an avenue of both professional and personal satisfaction. "There must be an element of social worker in me . . . to care intensely. This is what keeps me going. It is terribly important . . . I want to make things better for my clients."

Although Marjory believes law to be a good field for women, there are still areas of law that remain male strongholds, she says. The attributes of a strong personality, however, are what help her to do well on her own terms. "I am assertive and a hard worker. I really like people, have a

sense of fair play, the perseverance to succeed and a flair for surviving."

Asked whether the current demand for and volume of television shows about the legal profession have any basis in reality, Marjory answers that, "Well, they are a lot of fun to watch." Fun also comes from being with her friends, reading, and travelling.

Currently Chair Designate for the Women's Young Leadership Cabinet of UJA, Marjory has been involved in Jewish affairs since 1974. She has helped with endowment work for the Jewish Federation, demonstrating how personal commitment to community can grow out of a professional background.



US Christian Reaction To Riots More 'Restrained' Than In Europe

Christian church reaction in the United States to events in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip over the past few months has been "more restrained and sensitive to the complex nature of the Israel-Arab conflict" than that of European Christian groups, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations reported last week.

A study of Christian responses to the events in Judea, Samaria and Gaza was issued at the close of the semi-annual meeting of the board of trustees of the UAHC, central body of Reform Judaism in the United States and Canada. Some 125 UAHC trustees from all sections of the country took part in the meeting at the New York's Vista Hotel.

Allan B. Goldman of Los Angeles, chairman of the board, made public the report, which was published in "Inter-religious Currents," a quarterly prepared by Annette Daum, director of the UAHC department of interreligious affairs and associate director of the commission on social action of Reform Judaism. The study attributed the differing response to the Palestinian unrest between American and European Christian churches to "two

decades of dialogue between American Jewish and Christian leadership" on Middle East issues.

"These 20 years of exchanges," the report said, "have made the critical difference in sensitizing American Christian leaders to the historical context of Palestinian frustration. Official responses to the current Palestinian-Israeli clashes by American Christian leadership, appreciative of the anguish expressed by the American Jewish community, have been much more restrained, more sensitive to the complex nature of the conflict and much more balanced than that of their European counterparts."

On the international scene, the UAHC report said, "inflammatory rhetoric and outrageous analogies are used to denounce Israeli riot-control tactics . . . European Christian communities have close ties to Palestinians and tend to view Israel through the eyes of Christian Arab representatives. There is little communication with the Jewish community to help balance their understanding."

The UAHC study cited an article by Robert McAfee Brown

in the Christian Century of April 6, which sought to set ground rules for discussing the issue. Christians, he wrote, "must unequivocally affirm the right of the State of Israel to exist and prosper" and "understand why Jews equate the State of Israel's survival with Jewish survival."

The Protestant theologian also wrote that "it follows from the prophetic tradition that Jews should speak critically of Israel's political parties, if injustice is being done. Let us note with gratitude, then," he wrote, "that in these past weeks many Jewish voices have been raised, some for the first time, to deplore the recent beatings and killings of Palestinians."

He continued, "Let not any of four words, in tone or content, bring aid and comfort to those who deny Israel's right to exist. Let our critique of Israel spring from our love for Israel, from our desire that Israel be all that it is destined to be, both for its sake and our own, so that new meaning can continue to be given to the venerable description: 'a light unto the gentiles.' Israel's light is one we will always need."

Writing in the same Protes-

tant magazine two weeks later, Monsignor George G. Higgins, an American Catholic prelate, called on the Vatican Secretariat of State to disavow an article highly critical of Israel in the March 9 issue of the Jesuit magazine La Civiltà Cattolica, published in Rome.

In that article, Israeli policy in the territories was described as "a vendetta, comparable to the Holocaust." Monsignor Higgins wrote that the author "may have compounded the harm done by his article by asserting that the article was approved by the Vatican Secretariat of State, presumably in advance of publication. "With all due respect," Monsignor Higgins wrote, "the Secretariat . . . ought to move without delay to clarify the record in this regard."

Another American Catholic who took issue with the article in La Civiltà Cattolica was Dr. Eugene Fisher, director of the Secretariat for Catholic-Jewish Relations of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. He called the magazine's comparison of Israel's treatment of the Palestinian with the Nazi Holocaust "not only absolutely wrong, but obscene . . .

especially from Christians."

While the statements by American Catholic and Protestant spokesmen and publications were less vitriolic than those of their European counterparts, the study indicated, criticism of Israel's actions was outspoken. The UAHC report noted that "too often, Christian statements lack historical context and hold Israel solely responsible for Palestinian frustrations."

In an editorial published in its February 19 issue, the U.S. Catholic weekly Commonweal argued for the application of U.S. "pressure on Israel, the Arab countries and the PLO," to negotiate a settlement. "It needs to become clear," the editorial went on, "that our \$3 billion annual package of aid (to Israel) and subsidies could be reassessed."

In an editorial titled "Israel's Lost Identity," the National Catholic Reporter blamed Israel for not allowing the Palestinians "the chance to govern themselves." It also described Israel as a "slave-turned-oppressor."

Responding to the editorial in a subsequent issue (March 4), publisher William L. McS-

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Torah Portion

Dvarim

By **RABBI CHUNI VOGEL**

The sidra of this week, Dvarim, is the beginning of the fifth book of the Torah. The Torah relates, throughout this book, how Moses reviewed with his people the various incidents of their 40 years' wandering through the desert. One of the events reviewed at length in this Sidra is the episode of Moses' sending of the twelve spies to survey the Land of Canaan. On returning from their mission, ten of them tried to discourage the Jews from entering Canaan. "It is a land that devours its inhabitants," they said.

Why did the spies succeed in frightening the Israelites with descriptions of the strength of Canaan and its inhabitants? All of them had personally witnessed the great miracles that God had performed for them at the time of their exodus from Egypt, as well as the daily miracles on their behalf in the desert. They received their bread from heaven, (the "Manna," which fell regularly), water from the "Well of Miriam" (a rock that went with them on their travels and provided water). They had seen the mighty Egyptian army perish to a man at the splitting of the Red Sea. Surely they all understood that God could perform similar miracles against the Canaanites.

Chassidism offers the following explanation of the Spies' remarks which gives us a deeper insight into their motives: The Spies claimed that the only way of life for the Jewish people was the one that they were currently living. They were completely cut off from

the outside world and were continually sustained by miraculous means. On entering Canaan, however, their way of life would change completely. They would live in an ordinary, not super-natural world, where they would have to work to sustain themselves.

Under such circumstances, one cannot be an observant Jew, the spies asserted. This is what they meant when they said "It is a land that devours its inhabitants." They implied that to live in Canaan would entail being "swallowed up" by the earth...being completely submerged and lost in the "earthly" occupations of everyday life. Religion would necessarily occupy a minimal or secondary place in such a life. Their mistake was that the supernatural life in the desert, far from being an end in itself, was merely a preparation for the

natural and worldly life in Canaan — where they would bring the ideal of a Torah-guided life to realization.

The mistake of the spies is similar to the modern claim that religion be reserved for the synagogue. True, the atmosphere in a *shulis* more conducive to worship and religious practice. The business world and one's social environments sometimes seem at odds with demands of *Yiddishkeit*.

Therefore the spies felt this lifestyle will "devour its inhabitants." Nevertheless, God's wishes were to enter the Holy Land. The ultimate purpose of Creation and religion is to live in the material world, be a part of society (not limited by it), yet refine and elevate it through a Torah-lifestyle and then the land will become a Holy Land.

Hospitals Win Permission For Liver Transplants

By **HUGH ORGEL**
TEL AVIV (JTA) — The Health Ministry has given two Israeli hospitals permission to open liver-transplant centers as soon as possible, while suspending the certification of another. Permission was granted early this month to the Hadassah University Hospital in Jerusalem and Beilinson Hospital in Petach Tikva, which belongs to Kupat Holim, the Histadrut health care agency.

Rambam Hospital in Haifa, which last year became the first

and only hospital in Israel licensed to perform the delicate surgery, will no longer do so. Rambam Hospital shut down its facility earlier this year when the head of its liver-transplant center, American-trained Dr. Yigal Kam, returned to the United States. It was on the strength of his reputation that Rambam Hospital received its original certification.

The hospital's license has been stamped "frozen" pending the return of Kam, who has officially taken a year's leave without pay. Kam had complained of a lack of cooperation from other Israeli hospitals and of the shortage of organ donors, in part due to religious beliefs.

Hadassah and Beilinson hospitals have promised to cooperate in their liver-transplant endeavors. A computer center is being set up at Beilinson to register donors and match their tissues with potential recipients. It will be linked to the Hadassah transplant center.



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How's It Going?

By ROBERTA BURMAN

Is it getting harder to live where you are now? Are the household chores becoming difficult? Do you function as independently as you did in the past? Do you find that you need help to do the things you used to do alone? Are there occasions when you feel anxious, confused, or depressed?

According to statistics, 2.3 million aged people in America have had to make long-term



Roberta Burman, Geriatric Specialist, has been a social worker on the Jewish Family Service of Delaware staff since 1977.

care plans. Should you find yourself in this position, taking a good look at how you are able to handle your activities of daily living is a good way to begin to assess your needs. Don't forget to evaluate your resources, both financial as well as the help available to you through family or friends. Are they available for your support and assistance when you have to make decisions, in case you are ill, if you need transportation, or are having difficulty doing things around the house? Will they be able to help you with ongoing or occasional care?

Think about the basics such as cleaning the house, preparing meals, personal care, shopping, medical appointments, taking medication, bills, banking, etc. Can you count on regular or occasional help with these things?

Remember that it's okay to ask for help. There's no need to feel guilty about it. It's more important to remember to let people know you need help so they can respond. If friends or family can't do it all, or if you are feeling overwhelmed with your situation, there are a number of agencies that can assist you.

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Dear Rachel,

Dear Rachel

I read your column religiously, and I know you have written about J.A.P.s and nerds, and the problems those ideas cause for teenagers. Even so, I was struck by the relatively large number of Jewish names in my son's graduating class. This is after four years of non-Jewish friends and dates because "There aren't that many Jews in the school, Mom", and "There's an unwritten rule that Jewish kids just don't date each other".

I asked my son (who feels very good about being Jewish) why he hadn't been able to find Jewish friends. He said that most of those guys didn't really identify as Jews. They were "into" sports, band, the yearbook, and so on. I feel very badly about this, for myself, my son, and those kids.

Is the Grass Greener

Dear Grass,

The biggest enemy we Jews have in a free society is not hatred but indifference. Many Jewish kids accept their Jewishness the way they do their shoe size. It's there, but it doesn't matter much. The antidote, which is contagious, is

passionate parental or adult involvement in something Jewish. Starting today.

Rachel Send letters to "Rachel, c/o Jewish Family Service, 101 Garden of Eden Rd., Wilmington, DE 19803." Names and details will be altered in published letters to protect your privacy.

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Frank M. Levy

Frank M. Levy, of Wilmington, was appointed Regional Director of Consumer Information of the International Association of

Goodhart

BARTOW, W.VA. — Ilyse R. Goodhart, a seventeen-year-old from Wilmington, is representing Delaware at the 25th National Youth Science Camp held in the eastern highlands of West Virginia June 26 to July 20.

Goodhart, daughter of Steven and Susan Goodhart, is a recent graduate of Concord High School, and will attend Pennsylvania State University in the fall, where she plans to major in mathematics. Other honors she has received include the Governor's School for Excellence Academic and an award from the American Cancer Society. She was valedictorian of her high school graduating class.

Founded in 1963 as part of West Virginia's Centennial Celebration, the National Youth Science Camp was designed to honor and encourage the nation's most outstanding high school science students by inviting them to exchange ideas with leading scientists and other professionals from academic, corporate and government worlds.

The delegates are selected, two from each state and the District of Columbia, based on their scholastic achievement, demonstrated leadership ability, well-rounded interests and intent to pursue a scientific career.

Registered Financial Planners for the Delaware Valley by president John J. Gargan, RFP. His duties will include handling inquiries regarding the association services within his region.

Levy is the owner of Diversified Financial Consultants in Wilmington. The firm specializes in family-oriented budgeting and goal planning. Levy, who is also a member of the International Association of Financial Planners and The Estate Planning Council of Delaware, Inc., has been doing this type of work for over 12 years.

Simkins

DIMONDALE, MICHIGAN — Andrea, Simkins of Wilmington, Delaware, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Alan Simkins, was top scorer for the state of Delaware in a nationwide contest sponsored by Hartley Courseware, Inc. of Dimondale, Michigan, a producer in educational computer software.

Students across the country competed by using *DISCOVER THE WORLD*, a geography-based software program. The contest required students to gather information, develop long-range strategies, and make decisions. "We had entries from schools throughout the United States," said Dianne Gnass, contest coordinator. "Age didn't make the difference. It was determination and skill."

Andrea is an eighth grader at Hanby Junior High and will attend Concord High School in September. "Andrea's spent all her free time working at the computer instead of watching the TV set," said her mother, Sandra Simkins, a computer teacher at Harlan School. "It was just great to see her so excited about this contest." Not only did Andrea have the highest score in the state, but she was also in the top 10 nationally and received a prize of \$200.

Hoffman - Ohsman

Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Hoffman, of Wilmington, announce the engagement of their son, Louis J. Hoffman, Esq., of Phoenix, Ariz., to Kathy Ohsman, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

'Being Jewish In A Gentile World' To Be Subject Of Chabad Lecture

Being Jewish in a Gentile World will be the title of the lecture in the continuing series "Judaism for the Intellectual, Sceptic and Agnostic" by Rabbi Dr. J. Immanuel Schochet. The lecture is sponsored by Chabad-Lubavitch of Delaware and will take place in the JCC Monday, August 2, at 7 p.m.

Schochet was born in Switzerland, where he received his early education. Upon the completion of his rabbinic training at Yeshiva, in Brooklyn, he took his post-secondary secular education at Canadian universities. Schochet holds degrees in religion and a Ph.D. in philosophy.

He is currently the rabbi of the Kielcer Congregation in Toronto and professor of philosophy at Humber College. He is also a visiting professor of bio-ethics in the School of Medicine, University of Toronto, and of Jewish Philosophy and Mysticism in Maimonides College, Toronto.

He is the author of 20 books and numerous articles in professional publications. He is also a well-known adversary of cults and missionaries, and is a

ORT Picnic

Women's American ORT (Brandywine Chapter-At-Large) has planned a family picnic on Sunday, August 7 from 3 to 6 p.m. at the JCC. The community is welcome. Outdoor activities and raffles will be held. A catered kosher picnic meal will be available for \$5 (adults) and \$3.50 (children over 5). Children under 5 are free. For more information and reservations, contact Connie Sugarman at 529-1177.

AEA Elects New Board At Annual Meeting

A new Board of Directors for the Albert Einstein Academy was elected at the school's annual meeting on June 7. The new President of the Board, Dr. Avrene Brandt, stated she would "continue to strive for growth and quality education" and would build a working board to accomplish this goal. Brandt has scheduled a summer session of the board, in order to set up committees for the coming year and plans to work with these committees throughout the summer.

Brandt also reviewed the past four years during which time, she noted, AEA has established credibility in the community, has produced a balanced budget, has revised

frequent guest on Canadian radio and television.

Schochet has just returned from the Ivy League Torah Study Program in the Catskills. Selected students from Ivy League colleges gather once a year for an intense six-week program consisting of Jewish philosophy, history and

Talmud. Schochet is the senior lecturer in the program.

"We are indeed privileged to have Rabbi Dr. Schochet once again. The full crowds are clear indications of his popularity," says Rabbi Chuni Vogel, director of Chabad. For more information, call the Chabad office at 478-4400.

Delaware Gratz Opens Registration

The Delaware Branch of Gratz College High School is now accepting applications for the 1988-89 school year. Eligible students are those who have completed five years of religious school or who have attended a Hebrew day school and are between the ages of 12 and 18. Classes meet on Sunday mornings and Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Gratz offers a comprehensive curriculum of Hebrew and Judaic studies including Hebrew Conversation, Jewish Ethics, Issues, History and Bible. It provides a close association with Jewish teenagers in the Wilmington area. Extracurricular social and educational activities are also an important part of the program. Gratz credits are transferable

to most area high schools and college credits are also granted.

New Hebrew conversation classes based on the Ulpan method used in Israel will be implemented for the coming school year. Another new program for students who are teacher aides in reform congregations is also planned. These students will take special courses enabling them to earn a teaching certificate and college credits.

Part-time programs for those qualifying are also offered to all 11th and 12th grade students in the community. Please call 478-5026 for more information. Gratz Hebrew High School is a constituent agency of the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

Holocaust Resource Center Awarded Grant For Materials

The Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Resource Center recently received a \$1,000 grant from the Kutz Foundation. The money is designated for the purchase of additional educational

materials such as books and videos. Two hundred fifty dollars of the grant is directed toward covering expenses related to the continued taping of Holocaust survivors' accounts.

The Center, located in the JCC library, is open Wednesday afternoons 2-5 p.m. The public is invited to both browse and borrow.

NOTE:

The Jewish Voice welcomes your contributions to its "Naches" column. To share your good news, send it typed or printed and double-spaced to The Jewish Voice, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington, DE 19803. Births, weddings, engagements, Bar/Bat Mitzvot, awards, special anniversaries, etc., will be published as soon as possible after they are received. There will be a charge of \$15 if printing a photograph is requested.

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Pinemere Camp Forms Alumni Association

Robert H. Miner, Executive Director of Pinemere Camp, has announced the formation of the Pinemere Alumni Association in response to numerous requests by Camp Alumni.

The kick-off event for the Alumni group will be held at Pinemere Camp on Sunday, August 7, at 11 a.m., during which the new Pinemere Indoor Facility will be dedicated. All former campers, staff and family campers are invited to attend.

Barbara Wagner is chairing the formation of the Alumni Association. Camp Alumni are asked to contact Pinemere Camp, R.D. #8, Box 8001, Stroudsburg, Pa. 18360. All names and current addresses of Pinemere Alumni should also be forwarded to the Camp office.

Pinemere Camp is a coeducational overnight camp which is operated by the Middle Atlantic Region of the Jewish Welfare Board.

Delawareans Participate In Hadassah Mission Celebrating Israel's Fortieth Anniversary



A Hadassah Presidential Mission to Israel consisting of over 100 Hadassah Presidents and leading members of chapters of all sizes from across the United States toured Israel in June as part of Israel's anniversary celebrations. The Mission was led by Ruth Popkin, National President of Hadassah. Popkin commented, "Despite the situation, we found Israelis justly proud of the miracles achieved during the past 40 years."

Among the Hadassah members on the Mission were Helen and Dr. Marvin Berman of Dover (above) and Cissie and Dr. Abraham Golden of Wilmington (below). Berman is President of the Lower Delaware Regional of Hadassah. Golden is Tourist Chairman of the Wilmington Chapter.



Dial-A-Jewish-Story Celebrates First Year

Dial-A-Jewish-Story, the storytelling phone line established by Chabad-Lubavitch, is celebrating the completion of one year in Delaware. "After a year of 24-hour a day, (six days a week) service, and thousands of stories told, it is really cause for celebration," said Rabbi Chuni Vogel, Director of Chabad in Delaware.

Vogel called the program a "tremendous success...an educational and entertaining way to transmit Jewish values and behavior modes to our children." He feels that education in the form of a story "is

often more effective than a classroom."

As a way of celebrating the anniversary, Vogel announced the formation of "The Jewish Birthday Club." The club, which is open to all children, can be joined by sending the child's name (and Hebrew name, if possible), address and birthdate to Dial-A-Jewish-Story, 1306 Grinnell Rd., Wilmington, DE 19803. Children will receive a certificate with their name and Jewish birthdate.

Before each birthday, a card will be sent to the children indicating when their Jewish birthdays will occur. According to Vogel, birthday contests, prizes and mystery gifts are also planned.

Vogel also noted that the number for the storytelling line has been changed to 478-1312.

Second Kosher Week Planned

Chabad-Lubavitch of Delaware is sponsoring its second "Kosher Awareness Week" in Superfresh at Branmer Plaza. The event, which drew large crowds last year, will take place Monday July 18 through Thursday July 21. The display will consist of all of the kosher products available (hundreds) to the Jewish consumer, a beautiful exhibit of model kosher animals and the koshering process, and model kitchen. There will also be available literature and information on kashruth as well as other topics. Samples of kosher food and entry to raffle will be added attractions. Children will be able to enter a special "Kosher Kontest" with prizes.

"Keeping kosher, which is a most basic and beautiful part of our belief, is getting easier every year. More companies are making their products kosher and available to the Jewish consumer," said Rabbi Chuni Vogel, director of Chabad.

For more information, contact the Chabad office at 478-4400.

Forget-Me-Not Ball Scheduled

The Gold Ballroom of the Hotel Du Pont will be the setting for the 1988 Forget-Me-Not Ball scheduled for Saturday evening, October 1. Sponsored by the Kutz Home Auxiliary, proceeds from this annual event provide services to the residents of the home which would be otherwise unaffordable.

Shir Chadash, one of the area's favorite bands, will perform. Chairpersons for this year's gala are Betty Diznoff and Marcia Evantash. For additional information, please contact Gloria Garber at the Kutz Home, 764-7000.

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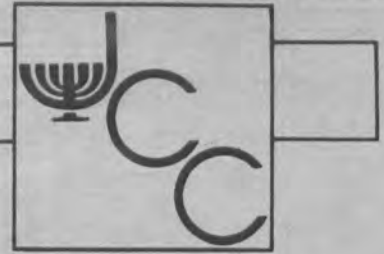
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Jewish Community Center



Baltimore Harbor Trip Planned

Have you ever visited the Inner Harbor and been surprised by the wonderful smell of spices and herbs drifting around? The JCC Senior Center is planning a trip to the McCormick/Shilling Company on Tuesday, August 16. The McCormick Company, founded in 1889 by Willabee McCormick is a well-known landmark, a world importer of herbs and spices and has been located in the harbor since 1921. The bus is scheduled to leave the Center at 9:30 a.m. and depart from the B'nai B'rith House at 9:45 a.m.

The tour will include a look at (and smell of) over 200 different spices and herbs, which are imported from 87 countries worldwide. Also included at the spice company will be an exploration of the history of the spice trade and refreshments will be available at "Ye Olde McCormick Tea House" which is decorated in replicas from the Charles II and Tudor periods.

For additional information or to register, please contact Ray Freshman, Senior Center Coordinator at 478-5660.

Israeli Girls Choir To Perform At Family Campus Amphitheater

The Jewish Community Center of Wilmington, Delaware will be hosting an Israeli girls choir at the new amphitheater of the Jewish Family Campus on Thursday, July 21 at 7:30 p.m. This Israeli choir consisting of forty-two girls, ranging in age from 14 to 19 years old is currently touring the United States and will perform in a world wide competition to be held in Canada later this year.

The Efroni (Little Sparrow) choir is from the Emek Hefer

regional high school in Israel, which was founded by its conductor Maya Shavit in February of 1980. A direct influence on the Efroni's development is attributed to the meeting with Finland's "Tapiola" choir, who visited Israel in the spring of 1981.

The Efroni performance is free and open to the public. The JCC is also offering a special Israeli dinner prior to the performance for a fee of \$5.00 for adults and \$3.75 for children. To reserve a dinner

for you or your family, call the Center at (302) 478-5660 four days prior to the event.

The Jewish Family Campus Amphitheatre is located outdoors, so please bring a blanket or lawn chair. In the event of rain, the performance will be held in the Center's auditorium. Jewish Community Center and Family Campus, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington, Delaware. Please call (302) 478-5660 for directions or additional information.

Adult Programs Successful

"The JCC has finally managed to make a dent in adult programs", according to Moises Paz, Assistant Executive Director at the Center. "Even though this department is understaffed and seeking a full time Adult Division Director and part time staff, the programs designed by Judie Drexler and the Adult Division Committee have met with great success".

Most recently, over 39 adults attended a trip to Washington, DC, and visited the Women's Museum, had lunch at the DC Post Office and toured the National Art Gallery, which featured an exhibit of the works of post-impressionist Paul Gauguin.

The Mann Summer Concert Series trips sponsored by the JCC are a sellout with trips and tickets offered to eight concerts.

Other successful programs which have been held at the Family Campus, included a Hawaiian Night attended by over 200 people and the regularly scheduled Sunday morning softball game.

The community is invited to share ideas on programming with the JCC. The Center is also interested in hearing from community members who could provide lectures, classes or entertainment. Moises Paz, Assistant Executive Director, is available to discuss these possibilities at 478-5660.

JCC Receptionist To Retire



Gerry Zelson

Gerry Zelson, receptionist at the JCC for over 16 years, is retiring in July. Gerry has been instrumental in the operations of the front office and her diverse duties have included answering the Center's switchboard, taking class registrations and contributions, directing people throughout the Center and providing tours of the Health and Fitness facilities. Due to Gerry's efficiency and organizational skills, in addition to her receptionist duties, she was asked to act as an Associate to the Membership Department, a position which she accepted willingly without questions or

reservations.

Rita Hecht, Office manager at the JCC stated "It will be a very difficult task to find someone as loyal and caring as Gerry. She is a wonderful and pleasant person who can handle any emergency or obstacle with a calm and professional attitude".

Gerry and her husband, Joe, have been Center members during her tenure as receptionist, and have participated and volunteered their time at many of the special events and programs held at the JCC.

"I am looking forward to spending time in New York with my son and his family, my daughter and best of all, with my two year old grandson, (known to Center staff as Mr. Wonderful)", was the remark Gerry made, referring to her retirement.

Family Night Specials At Campus

The JCC is planning for the following upcoming Family Night specials: Israeli Night with the "Efroni Choir" — Thursday, July 21 at the Family Campus; A Family Western Hoedown — Thursday, August 4 at the Campus Concert in the Park — Thursday, August 18 — (Bring your own picnic dinner); and Las Vegas Night — Thursday, September 1 — The Campus "Grande Finale".

Admission includes activities and dinner. Pre-registration is required four days prior to the scheduled event. For more information on the Family Campus Thursday Night Special, please call the Campus Control Desk at 478-5728.



Here are a few of the adults and children who attended the

first Thursday Night Special held at the Family Campus. This program featured a Hawaiian chicken dinner and Wilmington's Yvonne King, hula dancer. Over 200 people enjoyed non-alcoholic pina coladas and were coached in the art of hula dancing. Prizes were awarded to the best Hawaiian costumes and a good time was had by all.

CPR Course Offered

An American Red Cross Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Course will be offered on Tuesday, July 26 and Thursday, July 28 from 6 p.m.-10 p.m. The course is taught by a certified American Red Cross Instruc-

tor. The course fee is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. Registration is now being accepted at the Health and Fitness and Family Campus Control Desks. For more information, call 478-5660.

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Daimler-Benz Grants \$5.8 Million To Aid Jewish Victims Of Nazis

NEW YORK (JTA)—Daimler-Benz AG, the West German automotive giant that manufactures the Mercedes car, has agreed to make 10 million

marks (\$5.8 million) available to the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany.

The money will be earmarked

for social care programs for elderly Jewish victims of Nazism, with special priority for those used as forced laborers by German companies

during World War II, Daimler-Benz among them.

The agreement was announced last month by Dr. Israel Miller, president of the New York-based Claims Conference. He noted that "the demand for shelter or home care by Jewish victims of Nazi persecution is rapidly increasing as the Holocaust survivors age and experience greater frailty."

Miller said the funds for such care greatly exceeded the funds available. "The funds provided by Daimler-Benz for these purposes will assist the

Claims Conference in helping to respond to these unmet needs," he added.

The Claims Conference approached Daimler-Benz several years ago to pay reparations to Jewish Nazi victims compelled to do forced labor at its plants. The company refused to make direct payments to individuals, according to Saul Kagan, executive director of the Claims Conference. But it offered instead to make available funds for grants to Jewish institutions that provide shelter or home care to infirm persecutees.

Arafat Invited For First Time To Address European Parliament

By YOSSI LEMPKOWICZ
BRUSSELS (JTA) — Palestine Liberation Organization chairman Yasir Arafat has been invited to visit the Parliament of Europe in Strasbourg.

He will be there Sept. 13 and 14, when the 518-member assembly, the European Community's legislative body, is in full session.

The invitation, the first ever

to a Palestinian leader, was extended by the Socialist bloc, the largest single faction in the parliament. Rudi Arndt of West Germany, the faction leader, explained why. "After having had a very useful meeting with Shimon Peres, we thought it would be appropriate to hear Yasir Arafat's opinion, as chairman of the PLO, on the situation in the Mideast," Arndt said. Peres, Israel's foreign minister and chairman of the Labor Party, met with European Community leaders in Brussels in May.

Arndt added, "We hope that the meeting with Arafat can help us in our endeavor to find peaceful and lasting solutions to the Mideast problems, an issue on which Europe should play a more active role."

Informed sources here said Arafat will not address the European Parliament, inasmuch as he was invited by one of its factions, not by the full body.

Observers here noted that the invitation was announced a day before the parliament was scheduled to vote again on ratification of three economic and trade agreements Israel signed last year with the 12 nations of the European Community.

In a vote last March, the assembly rejected ratification. It was seen then as a calculated rebuff to Israel for its handling of the Palestinian uprising.

BBW Program Celebrates Jewish Storytelling

WASHINGTON, D.C. — B'nai B'rith Women's latest national program celebrates the ancient art of Jewish storytelling with an anthology of folk tales and stories from the Talmud, the *shtetl*, and even modern America. The stories are told by four of America's most gifted Jewish storytellers and are recorded on audiocassette tape.

The new BBW program, called "Celebrating Jewish Storytelling," is believed to be the first anthology of its kind, and is designed for use by families, schools, synagogues, Jewish community centers and senior citizens homes.

Storyteller Peninnah Schram narrates the 40-minute tape and tells stories along with Syd Lieberman, Betty Lehrman and Roslyn Bresnick-Perry, with Giora Feidman, the "King of Klezmer," providing musical accompaniment. This collection includes the simple folk of Chelm and Meshka the Kvetch, to name a few.

"Stories have always been at the center of Jewish life," said BBW President Hyla Lipsky. "We hope that BBW's anthology of stories will be a source of joy to all, and that those who listen and laugh together will feel closer than ever to the Jewish values and traditions that are our heritage from the past and our legacy to the future."

A discussion guide accompanies the program, suggesting follow-up activities. A national storyteller resource list is also included, providing guidelines for locating professional Jewish storytellers in particular areas.

The program (including cassette, discussion guide, resource list, postage and handling) from: B'nai B'rith Women, Program and Public Affairs Department, 1640 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. For Further Information contact Judy Goldbaum at 475-5191.

JCC Phillies Enjoy Successful First Season

By R.J. MAKAR

Under the leadership of JCC Assistant Health and Fitness Athletic Director Eileen Wallach, the JCC Phillies Little League baseball team completed its first season of

organized play. As a member of the Claymont Independent League, the team was made up of JCC boys and girls ranging from ages seven through nine. The team won seven games out of the twelve games played.

The team players, in

alphabetical order, were: Oliver and William Cawthorn, Paul Gevurtz, Josh and Shane Goldfeder, Becky Klein, Jonathan Makar, Danny Medwin, David Paz, Jacqlyn and Zev Rovine, Katie and Lani Salzman, Josh Schoenberg, and Steven Shea.

Parents and siblings assisting coach Wallach throughout the season included Raegan and Janine Goldfeder, Jody Gevurtz, Cherall Paz, Ron Makar, and others.

At the conclusion of the season Josh Goldfeder, Danny Medwin, and Josh Schoenberg were selected from the team to play in the league All-Star game.

An Awards Banquet will be held with awards presented to the players, followed by a special "moms" versus the "JCC Phillies" exhibition game. The team will go to a Philadelphia Phillies baseball game later in the month.



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Obituaries



Margaret B. Hertzberg

Margaret Breiner Hertzberg, 81, of Laguna Hills, formerly of Wilmington, Del., died May 31 of heart failure in Saddleback Community Hospital, Laguna Hills, Calif.

Mrs. Hertzberg worked at the Du Pont Co, in Wilmington for 43 years, retiring in 1964.

Her husband, retired Army Maj. Louis Hertzberg, died in 1983. There are no immediate survivors.

Dorothy Garfinkel Getz

WILSON, N.C. — Dorothy Garfinkel Getz, 80, of 4302 Channing Road, Brandywine Hills, Wilmington, died June 29 from injuries sustained in an auto accident in Wilson while she was en route to Florida.

Her husband, Theodore, died in 1966. She is survived by a brother, Martin S. Garfinkel of Jacksonville, Fla., and a sister, Eleanor Slovin of Brandywine Hills.

Washington Seeks Drought Advice From Israeli Agriculture Expert

By YITZHAK RABI

NEW YORK — Dr. Joseph Shalhevet, chief scientist of Israel's Ministry of Agriculture and a world expert on water and soil conservation, arrived in Washington June 25 to share with U.S. officials Israel's experience with drought situations, and how it may be applied to the drought now ravaging America's Midwest.

In an interview here shortly before he left for Washington, Shalhevet said he will meet with senators, U.S. representatives and members of the drought committee recently appointed by President Reagan, as well as various officials in the administration. Shalhevet said he will concentrate on sharing Israeli know-how on preventive measures against drought.

"Once you have a drought, the only thing to do is pray for rain," he said. "But you can take preventive steps and measures on a continued basis to avoid the damage of drought in the future," he explained.

The Israeli expert said that his discussions will include potential long- and short-term goals when dealing with drought conditions, including water conservation methods, use of effluent and saline water for agriculture, temporary means to support an agriculture environment during a drought and the handling of dry soil after a drought.

"Israel has very scarce

sources of water supply," said Shalhevet, who is also director of the Volcani Center, the agriculture research organization of the State of Israel. "We developed, therefore, a sophisticated system of irrigation which has proved itself to be the best measure against drought," he said, adding that one of his main recommendations to fight drought in America in the future will be establishment of an irrigation network.

Another long-term solution is the use of effluent water, or purified sewage water, Shalhevet said. By the end of this decade, 50 percent of Israel's irrigation will be effluent water.

Shalhevet's visit to the United States is sponsored by the American Friends of the Volcani Center. It was arranged after members of the drought committee expressed interest in hearing the Israeli expert.

Ready-Made Conviction In Mock Trial Of Israel

By JEAN COHEN

ATHENS (JTA) — A mock trial of Israel held here earlier this month ended with a swift conviction for alleged atrocities against the Palestinian people. The trial was staged by the Pan-Hellenic Cultural Movement, a front of the Greek Communist Party. There was no defense, because no respectable person here, Jew or gentile, would practice in what they called a staged farce.

The trial was held in a public garden before about 350 persons. Within five minutes after the final arguments, a three-page verdict was produced, promoting one spectator to say the author should go down in

the Guinness Book of World Records for speed-writing.

The verdict charged that Israel rules the administered territories by martial law, that the most junior officers can order punishments on the spot and that the Israelis are employing mercenaries from the United States and Canada. It also claimed that infant mortality among the Palestinians is 70 percent and that the Israeli public does not know what is going on in the territories, because the media is censored.

The highlight of the trial, which drew the loudest cheers, was the testimony of Makis Ganis, a Greek Jew who said he could prove that Zionism contains the seeds of Nazism.

Conservative Group To Appeal Kashrut Ruling

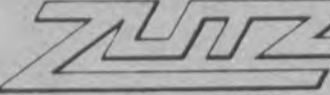
JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Conservative movement in Israel is planning to appeal the Supreme Court a decision by the Jerusalem rabbinate not to renew the kashrut certification of the movement's youth hostel on Agron Street here.

Rabbi Pesach Schindler, director of the World Center for Conservative Judaism, told the *Jerusalem Post* last week that the center adheres to the

kashrut and Sabbath laws.

It has had a kashrut certificate from the local rabbinate for the 14 years since it opened. The sudden withdrawal occurred with no explanation. The only reason seems to be that the Orthodox rabbis recently discovered that the hostel was affiliated with Conservative Judaism. Apparently, it is the affiliation, not violation of the kashrut laws, that prompted the action.

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Court Rules US Cannot Close PLO Observer Mission

By WILLIAM SAPHIRE
NEW YORK (JTA) — A federal judge has said that the United States cannot close the Palestine Liberation Organization's observer mission to the United Nations. The ruling by U.S. District Court Judge Edmund Palmieri was a setback to the efforts by the Justice Department to shut down the PLO mission.

U.S. Attorney General Edwin Meese ordered the office closed by March 21 under the 1987 Anti-Terrorism Act, which was adopted by Congress late last year and signed by President Reagan on Dec. 22. The PLO ignored the order and the Justice Department promptly sued in U.S. District Court to have the order enforced.

Steven Obus, chief of the civil division of the U.S. District Attorney's Office for the

Southern District of New York, had no comment on the ruling. He told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, however, that District Attorney Rudolph Giuliani was studying it and would consult with the Justice Department before deciding whether to appeal. The Justice Department has 60 days to appeal. The process would take the case to the U.S. Court of Appeals and eventually to the Supreme Court.

Judge Palmieri found that the 1947 Headquarters Agreement establishing U.N. headquarters in New York "leaves no doubt" that the United States is obligated "to refrain from impairing the function" of the PLO mission. The judge also said that the legislative history of the Anti-Terrorism Act does "not manifest Congress' intent to abrogate this obligation." He concluded that the Anti-

Terrorism Act does not supersede the Headquarters Agreement, although restrictions on PLO activity within the United States are appropriate, aside from application to the U.N. mission.

Under the Anti-Terrorism Act, the United States also closed down the PLO's information office in Washington last year.

This court ruling is the second legal setback in the case for the United States. On April 27, the International Court of Justice at The Hague issued a unanimous ruling that the United States must submit to arbitration over its order to shut down the PLO mission. The Reagan administration did not comply. The World Court acted on petition of the United Nations, which contended that the Justice Department's

closure order was in violation of the Headquarters Agreement.

U.N. Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar issued a short statement saying he was "gratified" by Judge Palmieri's ruling, which "demonstrates the respect of the United States court for the international obligation of the country."

A spokesperson for the U.S. Mission to the United Nations said only, "We have been informed and are studying the written text and consulting the

Justice Department on this issue."

No representatives of the Israeli Mission to the United Nations or the Israeli Consulate General in New York could be reached for comment late Wednesday afternoon. Zehdi Terzi, the PLO's representative to the United Nations, also was unavailable for comment.

(Reporters Andrew Silow Carroll in New York and Howard Rosenberg in Washington contributed to this story.)

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Tribute To US-Israel Ties In Judean Hills

Haifa — About 15 minutes before cars and buses reach Jerusalem, along the main highway from Tel Aviv, sharp-eyed passengers will note a cluster of new stone buildings on a hilltop to the left, and lower down, at the edge of the road, a pair of flags: the blue and white of Israel, and the red, white and blue of the U.S. The buildings are a solid reality, marking a unique success story in settlement of *olim*; the flags are as yet only symbols of an ambitious, even flamboyant project which, when brought to fruition, may turn out to be a major site for pilgrimages from every state of the Union.

The village is Kiryat Shearim-Telshe Stone, which began its history as a plan to move the prestigious Telshe Yeshiva from Cleveland to Israel. Cleveland philanthropist Irving Stone provided the funds to purchase 1000 dunams of a mountaintop, and construction was begun of a huge yeshiva building. However, the head of

the institution passed away, and his successor decided to remain in Cleveland. Instead, the area was developed as a town for religious residents, and the first family occupied its home in 1975. When we visited recently, it was in many respects a model of development.

The more than 200 families who live there are about 80% Americans, most of them blessed with many children. Six, seven, eight kids to the family are a norm; some families have ten and even twelve. They are all Orthodox, most in western style, and not fanatics. Telshe Stone is a commuter suburb and the inhabitants work in Jerusalem, or Tel Aviv and other cities within commuting distance. They include a number of computer experts, businessmen, airline executives, teachers, nurses. The cultural and educational level is high. Several of the residents are retired professionals.

The whole project is a tribute

to private entrepreneurship. It was done with imagination and initiative, and without government subsidies. The land is privately owned by each family. As plots are sold, and new families move in and build their own homes, this semi-affluent suburb is expected to grow and double its population.

The quiet and privacy of the Telshe Stone estate, for thus it can be termed, will be protected when the Judean Hills Foundation implements its project to construct, along the highway, a monumental symbol of the bond between the U.S. and Israel. The two flagpoles now in place mark where an American Promenade will lead along a winding road, lined by 50 marble pillars, each bearing the flag and seal of one of the 50 American states. At the apex will be a pavilion containing an exhibit of historic material which will depict, visually and graphically, the close ties which have ever bound the two countries. A waterfall and cascading stream will add an aesthetic touch to the ample, landscaped grounds.

The U.S. Ambassador to Israel, Thomas Pickering, who has visited the site and discussed the plans, sees it as "a real contribution" to the relationship between the two lands, and "a fitting commemoration of the close ties which bind the two countries."

The whole concept is ambitious, and the plans are being developed on a monumental scale. Incentive is being provided this year on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of Israel, and the 200th anniversary of the American Constitution. This will probably be the only place in the world outside the U.S. where the flags of all fifty states will fly, displayed together with the name of the current Governor, and a distinguished citizen of each State who will serve as a Sponsor or Founding Father. If enthusiasm, initiative and complete dedication count for anything, the director of the Judean Hills Foundation, Eliot J. Sherman (himself father of 10) will be able to bring the project to realization.

In the meantime, ground is being cleared at Telshe Stone for new families that are expected. And in the neighboring valley the flag of welcome has been put out by the traditionally friendly Arab village of Abu Gosh, whose members played an active role in helping the struggling Jewish forces during the War of Independence 40

years ago. Haj Mousa Abu Gosh, *mukhtar* of the village, wrote to Rabbi Moshe Sorotkin of Telshe Stone: "It is important to note that when hate and violence seem to be gaining ground among growing circles on both sides of the green line, our cooperation will provide some hope for peace-loving people for a brighter future. In fact, we can establish a model of Arab-Jewish relations based on mutual understanding and respect, equality and cooperation."

The mood is certainly in the American tradition. The place is drenched in history, and abounds with place names

from the Bible, not least among them Kiryat Yearim, where the Ark of the Covenant, with the Ten Commandments, was kept after being recovered from the Philistines. Contemporary history is marked by a statue to the late General David "Mickey" Marcus, the American who was accidentally killed nearby in 1948, while helping in the fight for independence. The magnificent view takes in the Valley of Ayalon, the Kastel, and the rolling Judean hills. In short, a magnificent location at which to mark history, or to make history, or to make one's home.

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Synagogue services for Jews throughout the Soviet Union will be enhanced this Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur by the shipment to Moscow last month of 10,000 Hebrew-Russian prayerbooks from the Appeal of Conscience Foundation. Rabbi Arthur Schneier, president of the Foundation, holds a copy of the Yom Kippur Machzor. The prayerbooks, reproduced in this country from two volumes originally published in Wilna in 1897, were sent to the Soviet Union under terms of an agreement concluded between Schneier and Konstantin Kharchev, chairman of the Council of Religious Affairs of the USSR Council of Ministers. (Photo credit: RNS)

Reaction —

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weeney, Jr. argued that the statement overlooked Arab "hatred" for Israel "as well as their acts of war and terrorism." He added: "To assume that providing a homeland for the Palestinians will bring peace to the area is wishful thinking."

Although its "Message of Concern" called for an end to the violence "by all parties," the National Council of Churches maintained in a statement that recent events "make clear that the continued occupation by Israel of the territories... is unacceptable. A statement by

the World Council of Churches endorsed the "inalienable rights" of the Palestinians, including "the right to return" to Israel within the pre-1967 boundaries, and the "right to establish their own independent state..."

In a series of letters to the news media, Joe Hale, general secretary of the World Methodist Council, accused the Israeli government of doing "unspeakable things" to the Palestinians, who he said had been "robbed... of land and human rights." Peace will come only when the Israeli government is prepared to "redress wrongs perpetrated now for several decades," he wrote.

Awad —

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jects "instant converts." No responsible rabbi in the world would preside over such a cynical and offensive act. Mr. Awad changed the subject and talked unambiguously about his so-called non-violent political agenda.

"We want a Palestinian state next to a Jewish state," he said, and without hesitating added, "But that's just for the moment. It is a temporary transition. What we really want is a secular democratic Palestinian state in which we Arabs will be the majority. There will be no Jewish flag, no Star of David, and no Hatikvah national anthem."

"Just the way the Arab-

Muslim majority have treated the Christians in Lebanon," I responded.

After more conversation, I concluded that Mubarak Awad is a political sleight-of-hand artist who has used non-violent rhetoric and symbols to cover his real program of violent aggression against Israel.

The media celebrates him uncritically as a disciple of Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King. I doubt very much whether Gandhi and King would have acknowledged the real Mubarak Awad as a legitimate disciple of their non-violent philosophy.

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Federation Approves Allocations With Restrictions—

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Stephen E. Herrmann, President of the Federation, announced that he and the executive board concurred with the Steering Committee's recommendations in all but one area. Because the magnitude of the Kutz Home's problem is not known and because the recommended allocation was a low-end estimate, Herrmann felt that the \$450,000 UJA allocation should be held at the same 80 percent release restriction as the other allocations. This, he felt, would insure maximum flexibility when the current year's allocation process is finalized (in December, 1988).

There were several points raised during the discussion of the motion as presented by Venezky and of the possible amendment as described by Herrmann.

Because of this cutback situation, both the JCC and Jewish Family Service argued that cer-

tain Jewish services within our community would be reduced.

There was serious concern expressed over the amount of money that is currently allocated to Israel. The trend over the past several years has been to steadily decrease this allocation. The debate over this issue will be addressed in the August 12 issue of The Jewish Voice.

There were questions raised concerning the decision to cut four allocations requests for a \$13000 savings, rather than to spread a similar amount among all the agencies receiving allocations. The allocations cut were the JCC, the Jewish Family Service, the Jewish Voice, and the JCRC.

In a review of the Kutz Home situation, it was noted that the boards of the Federation and of the Kutz Home are working closely at solving the financial problem. A list of potential solutions has been drafted and all possible solutions are being studied.

After some discussion there was an amendment made to the motion to approve the allocations which subjects the UJA allocation to the same 80 percent release restriction as the other allocations, with the Federation restricted to 90 percent and the Kutz Home receiving its full request. The amendment passed followed by the passage of the amended motion, with three opposing votes.

Following the vote, Herrmann thanked all Board and

Committee members who had participated in the budget and allocation process. He reiterated that the final release of the remaining percentage of the recommended allocations is dependent upon the 1988 Campaign finishing as projected and upon there not being additional emergency

demands for funds. Although Herrmann expressed hope that the Federation will be able to release the remaining percentage of recommended allocations, he warned that all agencies should be prepared to accept the 80 percent restriction and that their programming should be planned accordingly.

Israeli Schools To Teach Arabic

Jerusalem (JTA) — Education Minister Yitzhak Navon has told the Knesset that Arabic language studies will be compulsory in all Israeli high schools within six years.

The only compulsory foreign language in the high school curriculum now is English.

Arabic is offered in many schools as an optional foreign language, on the same level as French or German. In some schools, especially religious schools, Arabic is not taught at all.

Israeli Schools Mecca Pilgrimage

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Israeli government has facilitated the annual Hajj, the pilgrimage to Mecca that is the religious duty of every Moslem male at least once in his lifetime.

On Sunday, July 3, 5,300 Israeli Moslems crossed the border into Jordan to begin the two-day bus journey to Mecca, Saudi Arabia.

Fund To Rebuild Arab Homes

HOUSTON (JTA) — An American-Israeli fund has been set up to finance the rebuilding of Arab-owned homes in the West Bank village of Beita, site of an April clash between Arab villagers and Jewish settlers that left 16-year-old settler Tirza Porat dead.

The Israeli army blew up 14 of the village's houses, although an army report found Porat died from a bullet fired by a fellow settler and not from Arab stoning, as was initially reported.

Organizers of the Rebuild Beita Fund said their hope is that it "may be a step toward establishing better Israeli-Palestinian communication."

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By ROBERT AKELL

Find these hidden names in the above puzzle:

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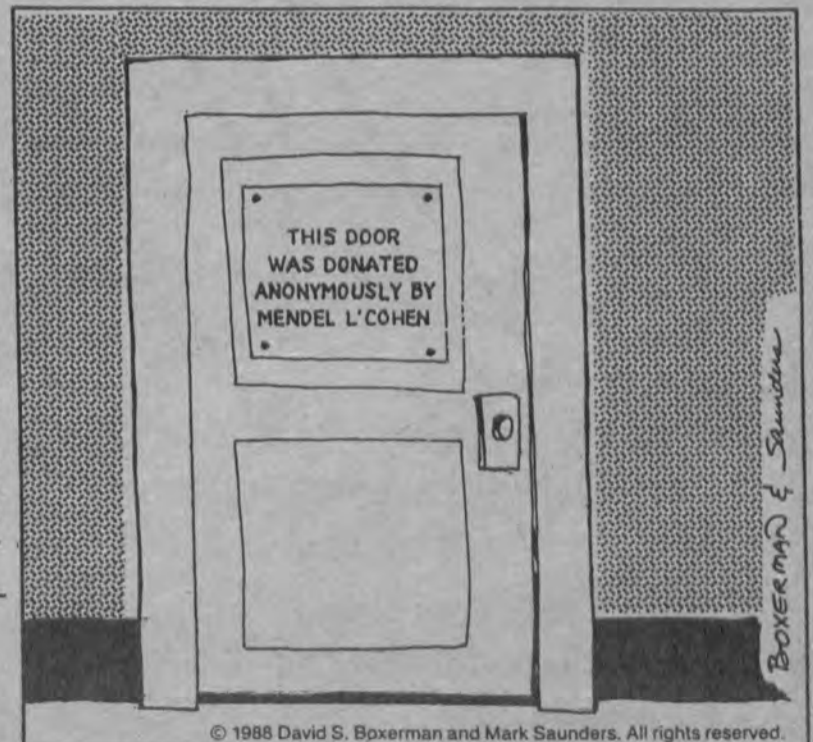
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Pope's Meeting With Waldheim —

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 tians, Jews and others were persecuted for many reasons, including their religion."

Elan Steinberg, executive director of the World Jewish Congress, declared, "The failure of Pope John Paul to make any specific reference to the suffering of the Jews while visiting the site of the infamous Mauthausen concentration camp is a matter of deep shock to the Jewish community."

"This, together with the pope's unwillingness to confront Kurt Waldheim over his Nazi past or address the historical complicity of Austria in the crimes of Hitler's Germany, are failures that constitute a tragic lost moral opportunity."

Seymour Reich, international president of B'nai B'rith, said "This kind of insensitivity is especially painful coming from a religious leader who revises history by terming the Austrian

people 'victims' of Nazi aggression, rather than collaborators, and who has twice chosen to meet with Kurt Waldheim, an unrepentant liar with a Nazi past."

Reich expressed hope for a "clarification" so that the Catholic-Jewish dialogue can continue.

Abraham Foxman, national directors of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, said he was "saddened and disappointed that Pope John Paul II, on his first day on Austrian soil, helped perpetuate the myth that Austria was a victim of the Nazis."

Foxman also objected to the fact that during the meeting with Jewish leaders, the pope "coupled two issues which have nothing to do with each other: condemnation of anti-Semitism and calling for a Palestinian state."

Chief Rabbi Eisenberg and Paul Grosz, president of the Federal Association of Jewish Communities, were among the Jewish community leaders who met the pope before his visit to Mauthausen. They described the encounter as "disappointing."

The meeting took place at the archbishop's residence in

Vienna. Grosz, who reportedly softened his originally planned remarks, at the request of other Jewish leaders, told the pope that "many Austrians have still not come to terms with their past."

He was referring to the election of Waldheim in 1986 after massive evidence was made public of his complicity in Nazi atrocities as a German army intelligence officer in the Balkans during World War II. "It is still considered patriotic to remain silent on this subject — unpatriotic to speak out," Grosz told the pontiff. He accused many Austrians of making anti-Semitic remarks about Jews who call for Waldheim's resignation.

Grosz also expressed "deep regret" that the Vatican has not acted to recognize Israel. Responding in German, the pope spoke of "a common readiness to find just and comprehensive solutions which would lead to lasting peace" in the Middle East.

The pope remarked, "The Jewish people have the right to a homeland, as any other nation according to international law, but the same goes for the Palestinian people, many of whom have become homeless refugees."



Pope John Paul II visited the former Nazi concentration camp in Mauthausen, Austria, on June 24, the second day of his Austrian journey. American Jewish leaders expressed dismay at comments made by the pope when he said the country had suffered under the Nazis and called attention to Catholics who were persecuted during World War II. He said, "In this year of 1988, I should like to particularly recall the great trials and cruel tyranny that Austria, along with other nations had to suffer in the not-too-distant past. Among the many who were persecuted for religious, racial and political reasons were large numbers of Catholics — priests, members of religious orders and lay people." Abraham H. Foxman, national director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and a Holocaust survivor, said he "was saddened and disappointed that Pope John Paul II on his first day on Austrian soil helped to perpetuate the myth that Austria was a victim of the Nazis." Foxman added, "I am disturbed and puzzled by the fact that he (the pope) seems to talk about Jewish suffering during the Holocaust only when he talks to Jews." (Photo credit: RNS)



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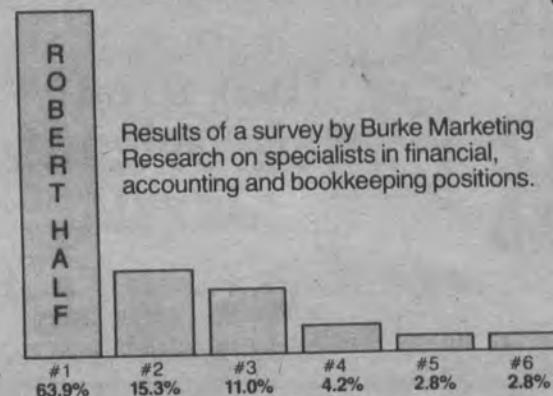


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