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## Violation Of Jewish Teachers' Rights: A Case History

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Sometimes principle triumphs over expediency, and for Jews, this becomes extremely important.

The newspapers of July 18, 1986 quietly reported that the State of Delaware's Board of Education had voted 5 to 1 the day before to mandate that an in-service day for teachers in Kent and Sussex Counties be changed from Monday, Oct. 13 to Friday, Oct. 10. (This, by the way, coincided with what the districts in New Castle County had already scheduled.)

In 1986, Oct. 13 is no ordinary day. Government employees honor Christopher Columbus with a day off, and Yom Kippur falls on that day, which is why the following events take on such relevance for Jewry everywhere.

Late in June, 1986, Phyllis Levitt, chairperson of the English Dept. at Dover High School, noted that

an in-service day for teachers was scheduled for Oct. 13. Thinking that this was a simple oversight because most school policies attempt to schedule special events so as not to conflict with religious holidays, she brought it to the attention of her school superintendent Edward W. Goate and other district administrators.

She also informed her husband Irving Levitt, assistant secretary of the Jewish Federation and newly appointed Jewish Community Relations Committee chairperson for Southern Delaware. She called the president of the D.S.E.A. (Delaware State Education Association) and Mrs. Galloway and Dr. Jack G. Nichols of the State Dept. of Public Instruction. Since New Castle County arranged to avoid a conflict and had the in-service day scheduled for Oct. 10, she assumed that the lower counties would switch once apprised of the situation. During the interval from June to July 16, the Levitts asked the Jewish Federation executive director, Robert

Kerbel, to look into the matter. He contacted Superintendent of Schools William B. Helen Foss, secretary of education in nor's office.

However, all of the superintendents of Kent and Sussex Counties met the week and in spite of a recommendation from change, they voted unanimously to keep day, Oct. 13 date. Their rationale was were only a handful of Jewish teaching districts anyway, and those teachers could the inservice training at some other time said that students would be better served were not an instructional day. Nevertheless, administrator had the courage to break ranks with his peers on principle.

The levels of policy formation are clear. The State Board of Education establishes the school calendar and has final jurisdiction in these matters. But the State Board, recognizing that there could be a need for minor adjustments on a local level, has permitted districts to apply for such adjustments. After the Kent and Sussex Administrators decided to hang tough, Phyllis Levitt persisted with equal tenacity built of growing frustration with the system.

She enlisted the help of Helen Foss, called local Jewish school teachers, including Pat Shuirman of the Capital School District. Levitt called R. Jefferson Reed, newly appointed member of the State Board, and a Dover resident. Reed told her that he thought that Oct. 13 was a poor choice for an in-service day. Jack G. Nichols, director of School Services at the Dept. of Public Instruction, returned Levitt's call and insisted that the local superintendent's vote had settled the matter. Nichols also advised that the State Board was meeting the next day and that getting this issue on the agenda was impossible since the board had not received a written

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## Peres Assesses Meeting With Hassan

NEW YORK, (JTA) — Israeli Premier Shimon Peres told a group of ethnic leaders and journalists from the United States that his meeting with King Hassan of Morocco will enhance the prospects for a more normalized peace between Egypt and Israel, it was reported by Lester Pollack, president of the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York, who with Malcolm Hoenlein, JCRC executive director, led a special mission to Israel.

Peres told the mission participants at a 40-minute meeting in the Prime Minister's office last Friday that "Until now, Egypt was an orphan in the Middle East." The meeting with Hassan, he added, could only serve to improve Egypt's position in the Arab world and will serve to negate widespread skepticism with regard to Israel's ability to find talking partners among Arab leaders.

Peres, Pollack reported, stressed the importance of sharing Israel's message with the full spectrum of ethnic groups in the United States. In the discussion that followed, the Prime Minister touched on a number of sensitive issues raised by the American visitors.

### Israel's Relationship With South Africa

On Israel's relationship with South Africa, Peres underscored Israel's long-standing position that it could never accept apartheid and condemned all forms of racism and bigotry. However, Peres explained, that among the reasons Jerusalem does not terminate diplomatic relations with Pretoria is Israel's interest in protecting the small but significant Jewish community in South Africa.

Peres went on to assert that Israel's trade with South Africa, largely in coal and diamonds, totals less than one percent annually of Israel's foreign trade. He also categorically denied that Israel has any military ties with the regime in Pretoria.

### Other Issues Discussed

On other foreign policy issues, the Prime Minister was hopeful that diplomatic relations will be established with the People's Republic of China. He cited the Chinese for their identification with strong family and educational values and their industriousness.

Peres also noted that Italian Prime Minister Bettino Craxi has reversed his favorable opinions of



### HASSAN MEETS PERES

IFRANE, MOROCCO — Moroccan King Hassan II, shown in a 1985 file photo, met with Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres July 21-23. The leaders agreed to have further contacts, but King Hassan stressed that the talks had produced no agreement between the two countries. Several Arab countries and the PLO denounced the meeting. RNS Photo.

the PLO over the past few months in the wake of Jordan's break with the terrorist group. Peres said that Craxi "is ready to be instrumental" in his proposed economic plan for the Middle East in an effort to avert fiscal disaster in such countries as Egypt and Jordan "before they become like Bangladesh."

Much closer to home, Peres asserted that Syria's role in international terror is more subtle than Libyan involvement but no less active. "They are more prudent than they have been in the past," Peres stated, "but if they can get away with it they will do it."

## POLITICAL FORUM TO BE HELD ON SEPT. 8 Meet the Candidates - Be Informed

The Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah and the Jewish Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation announces the annual Political Forum to take place on Monday, Sept. 8, 1986, 7:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 101 Garden of Eden Road.

Ruth Kerbel, Hadassah Chapter program vice president, stated that the candidates will be available at an informal coffee at 7:30 to be followed by the program at 8 p.m.

The program will feature the following candidates:

Office	Democratic Nominees	Republican Nominees
U.S. Congress	Thomas Carper	Thomas Neuberger
State Attorney General	Charles Oberly	Dallas J. Winslow, Jr.
State Auditor	Dennis Greenhouse	Tom Wagner
State Treasurer	Bonnie Benson	Janet Rzewnicki

The moderator for the program will be Leslie Balick. Jack Blumenfeld, chairman of the Jewish Community Relations Committee will co-chair the program.



## ISRAEL THROUGH MY EYES

Ze'ev Golin



### Brotherhood Of Anglo Saxons

RISHON LE ZION — Jews are identified as Jews in almost every country in which they reside. The exception is Israel. Here we are known according to our country of origin.

These days the rest of Israel tends to lump Jews from Great-Britain, Ireland, Canada, the USA, Australia, and New Zealand together under the term "Anglo-Saxon." Despite differences in culture, wealth, and education, English speaking Jews are viewed by Israelis in pretty much the same light.

"Anglo-Saxons" are seen here as the successors to the German Jews, who brought to Israel city planning, modern business practices, and the cream cake. We are expected, almost to a man (or woman), to bring new standards of efficiency and scientific know-how to Israel. Therefore, it has been the dream of the Jewish Agency to convince a large share of the 6½ million "Anglo Saxons" to make *aliyah*.

So far up to 150,000 of us have come, less than 2½ percent of our numbers. Only England has sent a significant percentage of her 400,000 Jews to Israel. Israelis shrug their shoulders and say that they cannot provide the standard of living to which we are accustomed. The rate of American Jews returning stateside — about half — seems to confirm this.

Those who stay often manage, to some extent, to live as they did in the "old country." This can be seen in cities with a large English-speaking population. An example is Rehovot, whose 80,000 residents include a large intellectual and scientific community from the West.

In Rehovot, one often hears English spoken in the streets: American and English immigrant societies are active. Along Herzl street, the main thoroughfare, western immigrants or tourists will find much to make them feel at home: English language bookstores, western-style restaurants and snackbars, and elegant gift and clothing shops. In fact, the hamburger stands or the kosher Chinese restaurant constitute a night out for many "Anglo-Saxon" volunteers on nearby *kibbutzim*.

Nearby Rishon-Le-Zion, by contrast, has relatively few English speaking immigrants among its 130,000 residents. Shops are geared more to down-to-earth, everyday needs of young Israeli families. There aren't any restaurants that would cause a volunteer on Kibbutz Yavneh to take the next bus north.

A large visible "Anglo-Saxon" community adds prestige to places like Rehovot; creating a greater demand for living space among western immigrants with good jobs and plenty of money. A decent three room apartment in Rehovot costs \$60,000 compared to \$45,000 for a similar one in Rishon-Le-Zion.

Jewish immigrants from English-speaking countries tend to stick together, because it is hard to adjust

to life in Israel. Besides the nerve wracking differences in everyday life, there is the difficulty of mastering basic Hebrew. It's not surprising that we often seek out English-speaking fellow sufferers. As a result, differences among the various English-speaking groups are forgotten.

English Jews, for example, tend to view their American brethren as loud, naive and spoiled. After a few weeks in Israel, however, the Londoner discovers that the Philadelphian also has a passion for order, privacy, and a decent cut of meat. Revelations like this can result in marriage: it makes weeping in one another's arms legal.

My London-born wife is not the only Brit ever to give up her pledge never to marry a Yank. Two of her English-born cousins have married New Yorkers. An ex-Londoner we know, a staunch critic of everything America, recently married a woman from Northeast Philadelphia.

Remember how the American experience united the Yiddish-speaking Jews from Hungary, Poland, Russia, Rumania and Lithuania? Now it's the Israel experience that's creating an English-speaking *lands-manschaft*.

## ON THE OTHER HAND

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### The Campaign Against Israel—New Subtleties

Up until about 1973 the campaign against Israel in this country was simply and directly stated: The Arab world opposed the presence of the Jewish state in the Middle East and was determined to drive it out. There would be no negotiation, no peace, no compromise, no acceptance. Americans had to choose between the Arab nations and these Jewish interlopers who had stolen their land.

While this approach had the merit of candor, it didn't work in the United States. To begin with, Americans had a clear admiration for this spunky little nation that had withstood the aggressions of 150 million Arab enemies surrounding it. Repeated attacks against Israel by forces superior in numbers of men, tanks and planes, and backed by the enormous oil-derived wealth of the Arabs had failed to bring her to her knees. Moreover, Americans felt more comfortable with the open democratic society of Israel than with the feudal monarchies and dictatorships of the Arab attackers. Finally, the idea of aiding or even allowing the slaughter or displacement of several million Jews, many of them survivors or children of survivors of the Holocaust, and others

refugees from repression in Arab countries, was morally repugnant. Poll after poll showed that Americans would have none of it.

Faced with failure, the Arab activists hired the best political advisors and public relations agencies money could buy in the United States, and, as a result, a new approach with new subtleties has been adopted over the past 12 years or so. It has been much more effective, even making some inroads among American Jews, particularly young people on campuses.

The first step has been to redefine the participants in the dispute. No longer is it the Arab world against Israel; it's Israel against the Palestinians. David has become Goliath. No matter that for over three decades the Arabs have used the Palestinians as pawns in their drive to eliminate Israel refusing to absorb them into their vast and affluent lands, as Israel absorbed an even larger number of Jewish refugees from Arab countries. No matter that there exists already what is essentially a Palestinian state, Jordan, four times as large as Israel, whose little king refuses to accept the refugees from the camps for fear of losing his crown. The great propaganda material, nonetheless, remains: film footage of the refugee camps in Gaza and Lebanon, crying women and children contrasted with the healthy and dominant Israeli military. Why won't the Israelis let these poor people have their place in the sun? Why won't they let them come "home"?

The second step in the campaign to drive a wedge between the American people and Israel has been to pit the funds committed for economic and military support for Israel against domestic needs. Never mind that even at its highest level, the cost of support to Israel is over 25 times smaller than the cost of supporting NATO and six times smaller than our military aid in the Far East. Never mind that Israel's position as a staunch and strong ally in the Middle East saves us the need for pinning down a major force of ours to counter the Soviet threat in the Persian Gulf area. Never mind the invaluable information we receive from the Israelis on Soviet technology captured from Syria and others. Here's an example of the kind of radio spot used by the National Association of Arab Americans (NAAA) in October, 1983, to defeat Congressman Clarence Long:

*Is it fair to America?*

*At a time when there's less for all Americans, when unemployment affects millions, when we are suffering the tragic effects of Israel's invasion of Lebanon, why is it Congress wants to give \$2,600,000,000 to Israel? Altogether, over the past 10 years, Israel has obtained some 22 billion US tax dollars in gifts and low-interest loans, and at this rate will get \$44*

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## Campus Question Box

*We invite you to send your questions to the Voice.*

**Q.- My friends and I were sitting at the campsite pool and discussing the plans for the Family Campus. We disagreed on the question of whether the new Family Campus would permit families to use the pools at the same time during the day as the camp was in session. Could you set us straight?**

**A.-** The plans for using the new Jewish Family Campus are still being formulated. One of the major interests is developing the Aquatic Center in a fashion that will maximize the opportunities for everyone in the community to get as much "pool time" as possible. Obviously with a 400-child day camp on site some priority time will have to be given to their swim needs. We are planning to visit a number of Jewish Campus sites where both day camp and community useage takes place at the same time. Based on those visits and our further discussions we will develop our own plan.

**Q.- I have been a member of the Wilmington Jewish community for a long time. I remember when the Center was planned. Many of us were asked to invite friends and neighbors to our homes to discuss our ideas about the future Center building. Will this be done for the Jewish Family Campus?**

**A.-** Your question comes just at the right time to announce that beginning in the fall we will be holding informal meetings in people's homes throughout the community to gather their ideas and give them all the facts about the Family Campus. While we will have a formal announcement of this plan, anyone interested in holding such a gathering in their home, or attending one, can contact Toby Weiner, campaign director, at the Jewish Federation, 478-6200.

**Q.- A few years ago my parents passed away, and since then I have been interested in making a modest gift to a community institution on their behalf. The Family Campus, because it will benefit our whole community, seems to be a place where I would like to direct my gift in memory of my parents. It would only be a modest gift. Can it be done?**

**A.-** Most assuredly, the Family Campus Campaign Committee would be pleased and honored to know of your interest and a representative would meet with you to discuss your gift in confidence. The Committee has prepared a listing of honorials and memorial opportunities to meet the varied interests of people in our community. We appreciate your consideration of the Family Campus as a place to memorialize your parent's memory.





Joshua Schneider (kneeling), Michael Glazier (R), and friend looking at plans for new campus.



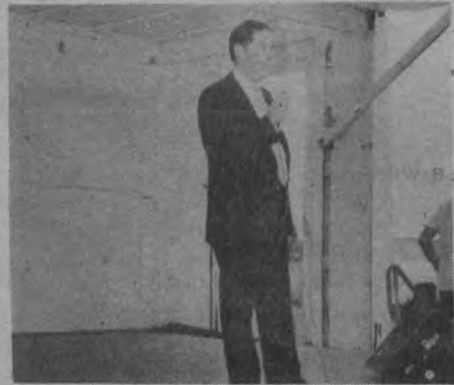
Crowd at puppet show.



Lena Gross & other seniors enjoying the event.

## Community Celebrates Kickoff For Campus Campaign

More than 600 members of the Jewish community came out last month to show their support for the new Jewish Family Campus. The kick-off rally, held on the grounds of the new campus, brought young and old together in a mass community celebration which included clowns, skateboard demonstrations, and a concert by the Belles of Peace. This was the first public announcement of the campaign. Plans for the campus were prominently displayed and very enthusiastically received. Many families attending the event were third generation users of the Seller's estate, and were excited to learn about a future site which will bring the entire community together for communal events, family gatherings, organizational programs, Jewish holiday commemorations and celebrations.



Martin G. Mand, JFD President, welcoming crowd.



Judy Levy, JCC president, receiving pennies from day campers Jeff Bell, Jessica Imber, Anika Mamberg and Francine Simmons. Toby Weiner, campaign coordinator in back.



Irving Morris, campaign co-chairman, addressing crowd and grandson, Jonathan M. Zakheim.



Gabriel Simon, Jason Resh, Jessica Simon, Mathew Resh watching puppet show.



Playing bridge - Ben & Rose Stolper, Elsie & Barney Hool, and Sol Fink kibbitzing.



# Just Who Is Lyndon LaRouche?

Who is Lyndon LaRouche? Even after the Illinois primary, close to 80% of American adults still cannot identify him. There are those who insist that he is just a kook who blames the drug trade on the Queen of England.

Some LaRouche literature maintains that the ADL, American Jewish Committee and the JCRC are the controllers of a "multi-million dollar professional kidnapping and confidence network." In other LaRouche publications, one prominent Jewish leader is described as an "organized crime figure" and others are linked to drug running. He was quoted in the *Washington Post* as saying, "there is a hard kernel of truth in the *Protocols of the Elders of Zion*." He advocates mandatory testing for AIDS, and that all AIDS victims be incarcerated.

He has been called controversial by some, dangerous by others. Yet, his followers are confident—only Lyndon LaRouche can save humanity from ultimate disaster.

## The Philosophical Journey of Lyndon LaRouche

Born in 1922, LaRouche was a conscientious objector during World War II, joined the Socialist Workers Party in 1949, even adopting the name "Lyn Marcus" (from Lenin and Marx). In 1968, his followers, using the name "SDS Labor Committee," were among the leaders of the Columbia University strike. Splitting from the SDS, he set up the National Caucus of Labor Committees. In the mid 70's, he sharply veered to the political right, and currently describes himself as a conservative Democrat.

## The LaRouche Network of Organizations

LaRouche operates under many names, including: National Democratic Policy Committee (not affiliated with the Democratic Party), United States Labor Party, International and National Caucus of Labor Committees (ICLC & NCLC), Club of Life, Fusion Energy Foundation, National Anti-Drug Coalition, Committee for Fair Election, European Workers Party, the Humanist Academy and the Lafayette Foundation for the Arts and Sciences.

## LaRouche Sponsored Publications

Publications associated with LaRouche include *New Solidarity*, *The Campaigner*, *Fusion*, *Executive Intelligence Review*, *Investigative Leads*, *The Young Scientist*, *Dope Inc.*, and *War on Drugs*.

Headlines in *New Solidarity* include: "Indict the Israeli Cabinet for Nuremberg Crimes," "For Peace in the Mideast, Dump the Jewish Lobby," "Zionist Lobby Plans Summer of Violence," "The Anti-Defamation League-Joint Distribution Committee: British SIS's Zionist Gestapo," "Begin's Model" Hitler and the Big Lie" and "The Truth About German Collective Guilt." A recent issue called for a "death sentence" against Neal Sher, director of the U.S. Department Justice's Office of Special Investigations, and Brooklyn DA Elizabeth Holtzman.

It is no wonder that a decision of the

Supreme Court of the State of New York stated (in an opinion resulting from a suit brought by several LaRouche affiliates against the A.D.L.):

"Plaintiffs have continuously expressed highly critical views about prominent Jewish figures, families and organizations, such as the A.D.L. and B'nai B'rith and have connected them with plaintiffs' critical views on Zionism, Zionists, Mid-East foreign policy and international policies. Plaintiffs have linked prominent Jews and Jewish organizations both in this country and abroad with the rise of Hitler, Nazis and Fascism, and international drug trade..."

At a minimum ... the A.D.L. can form an honest opinion that the plaintiffs are anti-Semitic."

## Other Tactics

LaRouche organizations pursue many legitimate functions, including commercial (e.g. printing and computer firms). However, his adherents utilize tactics that have been characterized as unconventional, and criminal allegations have resulted from related activities.

LaRouche affiliates function under a myriad of constantly changing names. For example, in 1982, it was LaRouche's Lafayette Foundation for the Arts and Sciences that sponsored a birthday tribute in Honor of Heinrich Heine." The organization approached YM-YWHA's in the New York Metropolitan area, urging them to cosponsor this event. Several centers nearly accepted since they were unaware of the underlying philosophy of the sponsoring organization. While the tribute was billed as a "cultural" event, panel discussions dealt with such topics as "The Need for a Positive Culture for Israel." A memorial concert for Nahum Goldman arranged by the Foundation served as a forum to promulgate LaRouche's views. Prominent Jewish publications included stories promoting such events.

In the past, charges that some LaRouche adherents attempted to intimidate and harass opponents across the country have arisen.

In Boston, a grand jury is looking into various other charges. The Office of the United States Attorney in Boston, recently submitted an affidavit to the Federal District Court stating that investigations into allegations of credit card fraud by LaRouche 'operatives': "indicate an extensive nationwide pattern," and that the activities included "hundreds of unauthorized charges apparently totaling hundreds of thousands of dollars." Spokesmen for Mr. LaRouche deny all charges of wrongdoing.

The Federal Election Committee notes in connection with several loan transactions that they, "raise serious questions as to the legitimacy of the committee's reporting of contributions and loans." In 1982, the LaRouche Campaign admitted submitting "false and misleading information" to the Federal Election Commission.

## The Infiltration of the Political Process

Many observers were shocked when two virtually unknown candidates identifying themselves as followers of LaRouche won designation for statewide office in the Democratic primary in Illinois. In fact, the electoral victory of individuals associated with Lyndon LaRouche's National Democratic Policy Committee (NDPC) in Illinois should be no surprise.

Lyndon LaRouche first ran for president in 1976 and candidates associated with LaRouche have entered campaigns around the country since 1974 without garnering much attention. LaRouche qualified for \$526,000 in federal matching funds as a presidential candidate in 1980. In New York, NDPC affiliated candidates entered the New York City Mayoral primary in 1981 and the statewide Senatorial Primary in 1982, receiving 161,012 votes.

The Community School Board in Washington Heights was the central battleground in 1983. The Committee to Save Our Community and Schools, a coalition of concerned Washington Heights community groups, residents, religious leaders and public officials banded together to fight Lyndon LaRouche and his constituents. In an attempted bid for control of that neighborhood's school board, the LaRouche organization placed nine candidates espousing its views on the ballot. The Committee issued widely circulated material exposing the NDPC school board slate. The NDPC published identical literature, substituting the names of NDPC candidates. Many voters were understandably confused.

Nevertheless, these efforts for community education paid off. Out of 15,000 votes cast, only 340 were for the most successful NDPC candidate.

In 1984 LaRouche presidential campaign was well financed. In addition to qualifying for almost \$185,000 in federal matching funds, Mr. LaRouche's campaign was supported by \$7,000,000 in private contributions. Increasingly generous financial support is accompanied by isolated but strong pockets of support in many areas of the country. The Heritage Foundation estimates that the NDPC spent \$25-30 million in its election efforts on behalf of the close to 2000 candidates it fielded around the country.

The chairman of the NDPC claims that they will field 146 candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives, 14 for the Senate, 7 gubernatorial candidates and more than 600 for the state legislature and other party posts. In New York State, Gubernatorial candidate Judah P. Rubenstein and Senatorial candidate Webster Tarpley have announced their affiliation with the NDPC. Gerald Mullins and Herbert Hutchinson have announced their intention to run for Congressional seats on Long Island, and the NDPC reports it will mount a full slate of candidates in New York.

## Conclusion

In a campaign speech in 1979, Lyndon LaRouche called on his followers to "end the rule of irrationalist episodic majorities, of British liberal notions of 'democracy'" and replace it with a "class dictatorship in fact."

The victories in Illinois, and the resulting publicity indicate that LaRouche is succeeding in advancing his goals. The Heritage Foundation puts it succinctly: "Perhaps the most dangerous aspect of the LaRouche network is its ability to adapt to whatever coloration is best able to hide its real nature at any given moment. Through its fronts and publications, it continues to influence thousands of Americans, who have no inkling of the bizarre and viciously anti-Semitic conspiracy theories that underlie its philosophy."

Most Jewish organizations are tax exempt organizations, and run the risk of losing their tax exempt status if they intervene in political campaigns on behalf of, or in opposition to any candidate. However, such organizations:

- can distribute educational, non-political, material to their members. This background paper is an example of such educational material. However, no distribution should be undertaken during a time period that would directly affect an electoral campaign;

- should strongly advocate that their members know the candidates for every office. Individuals, acting as such, can also urge those in our society traditionally offering information on the electoral system, including elected officials, the political parties, the media, PAC's, trade unions, and local citizen's committees, to play a role in informing the electorate about the background of all candidates;

- their leaders and their members should carefully examine everything that they are asked to sign or endorse. Many cults use multiple front groups in order to lure endorsements that would tend to grant them legitimacy.

*This background information was prepared by the Synagogue Council of America and the New York JCRC. Material included in the LaRouche Sampler which appeared in the July 25 issue of the Voice was prepared by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.*

## DEADLINE

The next issue of The Jewish Voice will be published FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5. The deadline for stories and photos is noon, MONDAY, AUGUST 25. Material should be sent or brought to the Jewish Voice office at the Jewish Federation of Delaware, 101 Garden of Eden Rd., Wilmington, 19803. (302) 478-6200. All articles must be typed, double spaced.

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request. She told Nichols that the Jewish community would be at the meeting whether formally on the agenda or not, and that a position paper would be distributed.

Levitt then contacted the *Delaware State News* and called the governor's office. By 6:15 p.m., Nichols called Levitt to inform her the issue would indeed be on the agenda.

On Thursday, July 17, the representative group which included Irving Levitt, Sanford Solomon, Pat Shurman, Lawrence Klepner and Julie Tollin met at the State Board meeting in Dover, and began handling out their position paper.

It was, however, before the meeting even began that Dr. Keene informed the group that as State Superintendent, he was recommending to the Board that the in-service date be changed to Friday, Oct. 10. As the formal meeting began, Keene introduced a request from the Delaware State Education Association (DSEA) on behalf of the change, and in an unprecedented action, the State Board voted 5 to 1 to override the unanimous decision of the local superintendents and change the calendar.

Keene argued that it was unfair to Jewish teachers and insensitive to the Jewish community to schedule an in-service day on the holiest day in the Jewish calendar. Keene pointed out as well that since the in-service was

designed to improve teaching skills and that 35 hours of training had been mandated by the legislature for this school year, it was not fair to schedule an in-service on a day that would automatically prevent Jewish teachers from participating. Charles E. Welch, president of the State Board, stated that this issue was essentially one of principle. He then asked for the motion.

It was then that R. Jefferson Reed raised his hand to speak against the motion. Reed pointed to the Caesar Rodney School District where a large number of Federal employees would have Oct. 13 off. With school in session, parents would be inconvenienced, and unable to plan family outings. Then, Reed went on to say that there were only three Jewish teachers in the C.R. District and that none of them were very religious.

The only way that Reed could presume to know about teachers in the C.R. District would be if he had been briefed by officials of that District. (C.R. has been notoriously unwilling to meet with Jewish downstate groups in the past, so that these revelations were not totally unexpected. They were merely extraneous, unfair to their Jewish teachers, and in bad taste.)

For a school board member to assess the degree of religious commitment of teachers whom he doesn't even know stretches the meaning of

the word "chutzpah." Even if he knew them all personally, it would still be an act of bad taste.

The basic issue at hand had nothing to do with religious zeal or adherence to ritual, or even how many observe the Jewish holidays.

## The Issue Was One Of Principle And It Was Settled On Principle

Dr. Keene, President Welch and all his colleagues except R. Jefferson

Reed are to be congratulated for overriding the stiff necked autocrats who pass for responsible school administrators in Lower Delaware.

There is one other lesson for the Jewish community: Eternal vigilance is the price we pay for freedom.

## Other Hand -

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billion in the next 10 years.

*This is not fair. This is outrageous. Congressman Clarence Long of Baltimore County is at the forefront of this "more for Israel" campaign. Call Clarence Long at the House Appropriations Committee and ask him why he wants more for Israel when there's less for America.*

Starting in August, 1985, the NAAA has been running newspaper ads as well, each focusing on the theme, "Is it fair to Americans?." Here are some of the headlines used, each followed by a 15 to 20 line punchy text:

*While America's farmers go bankrupt, Israel seeks billions more in US aid.*

*While American aerospace workers lose jobs, our taxes finance Israel's aircraft industry.*

*American taxes pay for the "good life" in Israel.*

*While American college students face aid cuts, Israel seeks billions more in grants.*

*While America's poor face aid cuts, Israel seeks billions more.*

*While retirees face cuts in Social Security, Israel seeks billions more.*

*While elderly Americans face sharp Medicare cuts, Israel seeks billions more in aid.*

*While veterans face whopping benefits cuts, Israel seeks billions more in aid.*

From a local interest point of view, the NAAA has targeted Senator Arlen Specter for their hit list in his upcoming reelection bid in Pennsylvania, and they have already run a few radio spots.

In sum, the campaign against Israel has moved to a new level of sophistication. The goals are still the same: pull America away from Israel and eliminate Israel. Nothing's changed there — only the technique, and there's no shortage of money to back it up.

## Delaware State News Responds:

The following editorial appeared in the *Delaware State News* in Dover on July 18.

### A Vote For Intolerance

The state Board of Education Thursday had the sensitivity and the good sense to move a mandatory in-service day for teachers from Yom Kippur, the holiest of Jewish holidays.

The state's calendar committee does not schedule teachers to work on Christmas. Neither should it require followers of a mainstream religion to choose between their faith and their job on Yom Kippur.

Each county had the option to change the mandatory in-service day. New Castle moved it from Oct. 13 to Oct. 10, but Kent and Sussex county superintendents voted unanimously not to change the teacher training day.

That they had the opportunity to change the date but refused to is troubling, since those who made the decision are educators. It doesn't matter that there may be only a few Jewish teachers downstate. The American tradition is respect for the rights and beliefs of minorities.

## A Different Point Of View

The following letter to the editor was published in the July 20 editor of the *Delaware State News*

### In-Service Day Decision Was A Confusion Of Priorities

Delaware law provides 180 school days for students and five additional in-service days for teachers. For the last several years downstate school districts have chosen to place one of the five in-service days for teachers to be concurrent with the federal Monday holiday in October.

Thus, many students and parents have the same day off, but it is a workday for teachers. Oct. 10 and Oct. 13 will be workdays for teachers in 1986. One of the days, however, would be a student holiday.

The basic question is: Which date would be best for students to be off? Since this Oct. 13 is a federal Monday holiday and is also the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur), it is obvious that the students and parents celebrating the Day of Atonement should prefer the student holiday on Oct. 13 rather

than Oct. 10. It is also logical to have the students off on the 13th since many of their parents in the community are also off due to the federal Monday holiday.

Delaware law provides up to three days of paid leave for teachers, which may be used for religious holidays. With the switch in calendar dates from Oct. 13 to Oct. 10, all that has been accomplished is that teachers commemorating Yom Kippur will be taking paid leave on Monday, Oct. 13, a day which students are expected to attend school, instead of taking paid leave on an in-service day. All teachers who desire to take Oct. 13 as a religious holiday with pay may do so whether it is an in-service day or a student day.

Are we really suggesting that an in-service day is more valuable for teachers than an instructional day is for students? If so, someone has his or her priorities mixed up.

F. NIEL POSTLETHWAIT,  
Superintendent  
Caesar Rodney School District

## Policy On Religious Neutrality In Schools

It is the position of the Red Clay consolidated School District that the public schools must be religiously neutral. Therefore, the policy of this district is that, as far as is practical, all actions taken by the District will not favor, or appear to favor, one religion over another or over no religion.

Specifically:

1) School calendars, including parent oriented activities, shall be planned to avoid conflict with religious holidays whenever possible.

2) Student absences from school activities for religious holidays shall be treated as an excused absence. Employee absences shall follow applicable rules and regulations.

3) The overall impact of any school program and cultural presentation shall be religiously neutral. Some portions of a program may include items based on religious tradition as long as the overall effect is one of religious neutrality.

4) Material that reflects on the historic role of religion in our society may be included in courses as long as it is presented in a totally neutral manner.

5) All school breaks scheduled around religious holidays shall be referred to in a neutral manner, e.g. winter break, spring break, etc.

*Editor's note: This policy on religious neutrality in school is the first such statement issued by any school district in Delaware.*

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# Housing Choices For Elderly Is Symposium Topic

"Where Will You Live...Housing Choices for the Older Person," will be the subject of an all-day symposium which will be held on Sunday, Sept. 21, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center. The symposium is being sponsored by the Task Force on Aging of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. The objectives of the symposium, according to Pearl K. Bregman, chairperson, are to create an

awareness of the housing and service needs of the Jewish elderly in Delaware, to learn how they are currently being met, and to discuss the alternatives that exist for our Jewish community.

Guest speakers for the symposium will be Dennis Day-Lower, director of the National Shared Housing Resource Center and Ruth Breslow-Young, director of the Jewish Council for the Ag-

ing in the Washington, D.C. area.

As our Jewish population grows older, the Federation must look to new ways of providing the services and housing that will be needed. This symposium is just such an endeavor. Community members are urged to attend this symposium, and join in the discussion of "Where Will

You Live...Housing Choices for the Older Person."

Members of the committee working on this Symposium include Asher Rubin, Bobbie Tomases, Judy Topkis, Joan Wachstein, Helen Rubin, Libby Zurkow, Donald Parsons, Naomi Klein, Dr. Charles Levy, and Arnold and Gail Budin.

The symposium is made possible by a grant from the Milton and Hattie Kutz Foundation. A registration fee of \$5 which includes the cost of lunch is required. Registration will be limited to the first 75 registrants.

For further information call the Federation office, 478-6200.

## Annual JFD/BCC Fun Day Held

The 17th annual Brandywine Country Club/Jewish Federation of Delaware Fun Day was held on Wednesday, July 23 with almost 100 members and their guests attending. Chairman for the day, appointed by Club President Sylvan Taub, was Herme Bloom, ably assisted by Robert Kauffman, and by Charles Twer, Jewish Federation volunteer. The funds raised by the event are, as usual, turned over to the Federation campaign.

The schedule for the day included a morning and an afternoon golf tournament with shot gun starts and a

brunch in between. The evening festivities, attended by the golfers and also non-golfing members consisted of cocktails and hors d'oeuvres followed by dinner. All meals were under the direction of Alice Dyke, Brandywine Country Club manager.

Tournament winners of the day were:

Team Net: First - Harry Shooster, Don Shooster, Michael Silverman, Dr. Howard Wilk; Second - Harry Levin, Len Dwares, Nat Goldman, Bob Chalpin; Third - Dr. Leonard Hershon, Frank Chaiken, Bruce Cohen, Pete Peters.

Team Gross: First - Craig Shlott, Mark Grossman, William Pressman, Dave Weiner.

Individual: Longest Drive - Hole #2, Bruce Cohen; Closest to Pin - Hole #13, Herme Bloom.

"We are very pleased by the ongoing commitment demonstrated by the Brandywine Country Club members, and we look forward to many more years of mutual cooperation," commented Federation President Martin G. Mand. "The entire Jewish community," he continued, "benefits from Fun Day activities."

## Historical Data Being Collected, Documented And Catalogued

Scholars will soon be able to make use of a previously untapped wealth of historical data about Jewish life in the United States now being collected, documented and catalogued by members of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, it was reported this week.

Dolores Wilkenfeld of Houston, Texas, president of NFTS, said that 63 Sisterhoods at Reform synagogues in 25 states were already taking part in an archival project sponsored by the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati.

The Sisterhoods are systematically gathering material of historical interest in the form of old congregational records, publications, genealogies, photographs, memoirs and diaries, newspaper clippings, written and oral histories and other memorabilia. These will be sent to the American Jewish Archives and the Center for the Study of the American Jewish Experience of HUC-JIR, which will make them available to historians, scholars, researchers and writers.

"We expect to complete our role in this historic project by the end of next year," said Constance Kreshtool of Wilmington, who is heading the

Sisterhoods' participation in the program. Kreshtool is the immediate past president of NFTS.

"The growth and development of the American Jewish community is surely one of the most remarkable and significant stories in the history of our country and our people," Kreshtool said. "There is no doubt that present and future scholars will

be greatly indebted to congregations that preserve their records, maintain archives and make them available for historical research," She added:

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# Rabbi Sue Levy Assumes Her New Duties At Beth Sholom

By KAREN G. MOSS,  
Editor

Rabbi Sue Levy begins her position as rabbi at Congregation Beth Sholom in Dover this month amidst a flurry of attention. She is the First State's first female rabbi, and the third rabbi in Delaware to be ordained from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, both of which make her somewhat of a celebrity.

Levy expects to have to overcome some of the "newness of the experience of people seeing a woman on the bimah," but doesn't anticipate facing any obstacles simply because she's a woman. Reluctantly she acknowledges that her arrival at Beth Sholom was destined to attract more attention than the similar arrival of a male rabbi.

"I hope that very soon the novelty will wear off," she says, "and people will discover that I'm not nearly as good as all the best things people have said about me and not nearly as bad as the worst."

Levy believes that any new rabbi coming into a congregation has to earn a relationship of trust. "That's not something that comes automatically to any rabbi, male or female."

Her status as the third Delaware rabbi to be ordained from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College also makes her unique. The RRC, a relative newcomer on the scene, has ordained fewer than 100 rabbis since its inception in 1968. By comparison, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (Reform) opened its doors in 1875 and both the Jewish Theological Seminary (Conservative) and the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary (Orthodox) have been in existence since 1886. Together, the three bodies have ordained thousands of rabbis. In a state that is home to only five rabbis, it is noteworthy that more than half of them received their rabbinical training and ordination from the Reconstructionist College.

As a teenager, Sue Levy knew that she wanted to be a rabbi when she grew up. Close personal ties to her congregational rabbi throughout her childhood and teenage years made the rabbinate seem accessible. He was "the rabbi" as well as a family friend, she recalls.

Levy was enthusiastically involved in her synagogue's youth movement, which provided her with her first taste of organizational Jewish life. She liked what she saw, and attributes her love of Yiddishkeit to her youth group involvement.

Growing up in the Reform tradition she was exposed from an early age to rhetoric which espoused equality for men and women in religious life. "I was a somewhat naive child," she says. "I didn't realize that they weren't quite ready to go the whole distance at that time."

By the time the Reform movement was willing to "go the whole distance," Levy had two babies in diapers. That was in 1973. Five years later she was beginning to despair of her dream ever becoming a reality when a good friend challenged her with some irrefutable logic.

"I can't possibly do anything so crazy," she told her friend while the two were sitting beside the pool at a local swim club. "It will take 10 years, I'll be 45 before I finish...the whole thing is sheer idiocy."

"In 10 years you'll be 45 whether you accomplish anything or not," her friend replied.

Levy showed up in the dean's office two weeks later.

She decided to "test the waters" by returning as a part-time student. Everything went smoothly, and after her initial trial

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semester she embarked on an eight-year course of full-time study which took her from refresher courses in Hebrew at Gratz College to a master's degree in religion at Temple University to ordination from the RRC this past spring. All of this was on top of working as a student rabbi, teaching at Gratz and raising a family. Her husband, a self-employed baker, has been very supportive. He hopes to set up shop in Dover.

Understandably, Levy's achievements have met with mixed reviews from her two daughters, ages 18 and 17. Initially they were intrigued by the idea that Mommy was studying too. Four years down the road, when their mother was accepted into rabbinical school they were "enormously excited and momentarily very proud."

"Like all children everywhere," Levy recalls, "that wore off very quickly and the next day I was just their mean old mother again."

"Since then," she adds, "it depends on any given day



Rabbi Sue Levy

when you ask them. If I can take them shopping, meet them at their trains, and do all of the things that go with being their mother, they're very proud. On a day when things are too hectic and I can't do all of that, then they're normal kids and would rather that I be their mother."

Both daughters have strong Jewish identities. One considers herself a Reform Jew and is very active in synagogue youth group activities. The other attended Gratz and identifies with the Conservative movement.

Their mother, a Reconstructionist, considers herself very fortunate. When Levy returned to school, both Reform and Reconstructionist schools were accepting

women. Now, even the Jewish Theological Seminary (Conservative) accepts female candidates. When asked why she selected the Reconstructionist school over Reform, she replied, "I'm probably one of the luckiest human beings in the world. Their school was in my backyard, and they were there for me when I needed them...I was fortunate, because it is possibly the school best suited to my own Jewish sentiments."

The Reconstructionist philosophy views Judaism as an evolving civilization. "You're Jewish 24 hours a day, seven days a week," says Levy, "and the way in which you think about business and politics, childrearing and all of those

things has to reflect on your Jewish orientation."

She cherishes an anecdote about a brotherhood sermon she once heard. The speaker, a Roman Catholic priest, had said, "What Jews and Christians have in common, is not so much what happens on Friday night, Saturday morning or Sunday morning, but it's apathetic Monday mornings."

"Those three words, 'apathetic Monday mornings,' will stay with me the rest of my life," says Levy. "I think it's the absolute antithesis of what Judaism's all about."

At Beth Sholom, Levy will have to create a synagogue environment in which Reform, Conservative, traditional and Reconstructionist Jews will all feel comfortable. It's a challenge she is eager to embrace.

She hopes to blur some of the delineations and help everyone feel part of one people—a distinctly Reconstructionist concept. She prefers not to focus on differences, on what she terms "hyphenated identities." She would much rather talk about the warm welcome, the hospitality and the enthusiasm she's already received from her new congregants.

"I have a basic conviction that at the heart of the matter, Jews have much more in common than they have that divides them," she says. "I would like to try to persuade people in the Jewish community to care more for one another, not to highlight the differences. Rather than saying, 'today we're doing something Reform, tomorrow we're doing something Conservative'...to say instead, 'how wonderful, we're doing something Jewish.'"

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# Kutz Auxiliary Plans Family Bazaar: Hanukkah In August

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Shoppers can get a head start on their Hanukkah gift lists, since resident-made articles, exotic jewelry and other items will be for sale. There will also be a "White Elephant" sale, for which contributed items are being collected. For information on the "White Elephant" sale,

please call Laura Ciporin, 478-4733.

In addition, there will be a bake sale and delicious hot dogs and snow cones for sale. Other cooling refreshments will be free.

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Chairperson of the family bazaar is Verna Schenker, assisted by co-chairpersons, Mutzi Bellak, Helen Goldberg and Ida Goldstein. For further information on the family bazaar, call the Home at 764-7000.



**NEW WARPLANE**

**LOD, ISRAEL** — Israel's new Lavi fighter-bomber is displayed for the first time July 21. The plane is not expected to be ready for full service for five years, although its maiden flight is scheduled for September. The U.S. government has provided nearly \$1 billion for the plane's development and has expressed concern over costs. Lavi is Hebrew for Lion. RNS Photo.

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## The Lavi Rolls Out

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rence fail, to carry the fighting to them.

Israel remains one of a handful of countries which build aircraft. It is a heavy burden for such a small country but, in Israel's case unavoidable. No Israeli planner can forget the experience of 1967 when France's DeGaulle, to improve relations with Arab states, impounded 50 Mirage jets built to Israeli specifications and already paid for. (The planes eventually went to Egypt and Libya.)

But the decision to construct the Lavi represented more than bleak necessity for Israel. The United States sells Israel F-15's and F-16's, now the backbone of the Israel Air Force. Washington is more than an arms supplier; linked to Jerusalem by political and moral as well as strategic bonds, it is an infinitely more reliable ally than Paris ever could have been. And with some major Lavi components being purchased in the United States — and more than 100 American subcontractors working on the project — America benefits as well.

The Lavi project will be the largest industrial undertaking in Israel's history. It has been compared, because of its possible technological spin-offs and economic stimulus, to the Apollo space program in this country.

Nevertheless, there is controversy. Pentagon officials have argued that the Lavi, partially funded by U.S. aid, will be more expensive than Israel estimates. Israel disputes the Pentagon figures, explaining that some of the numbers are based on American, not Israeli, production costs. Some Israelis worry that spending on the new plane could limit funds

for the Army and Navy.

But there is no doubt that Israel must have a "next-generation" fighter-bomber in the 1990's. The costs are high but the rewards potentially much higher. The Lavi is getting close scrutiny; it also has earned the backing of Prime Minister Shimon Peres, Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin and the national unity government. It should be evaluated on its own merits, by those whose security it will defend.

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# U.S. Plans To Give Jordan \$4.5 Million In Economic Aid

By DAVID FRIEDMAN

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The United States plans to provide Jordan with \$4.5 million in economic aid to be used for "developmental projects on the West Bank," the State Department announced last month.

"This is the first time" the U.S. has provided such funds "directly to Jordan," State Department spokesman Bernard Kalb said. He said that up to now all U.S. funds to improve "the quality of life" for the West Bank have been appropriated through the West Bank Fund which is administered by private international voluntary organizations. The appropriation for

the current 1986 fiscal year was about \$9 million.

Kalb said that Congress was notified Thursday, July 31 that the \$4.5 million is being taken from unspent funds in the 1986 foreign aid program. He rejected the implication that by providing the funds the U.S. was supporting Jordan's claim to the West Bank.

"The United States has long supported efforts to improve the life of Palestinians in the occupied territory," Kalb said. "The government of Jordan has embarked on its own efforts to improve the quality of life of the inhabitants. The U.S. believes such efforts are essential for

developing a climate supportive of the peaceful settlement of the Arab-Israel conflict."

This is why the U.S. wants to make "a contribution" to the Jordanian projects on the West Bank, Kalb said. He said examples of the Jordanian projects are expanding school systems, working with women's cooperatives, water delivery systems and agricultural products.

It was unclear whether Israel had been notified in advance of the State Department announcement. The announcement came as Vice President George Bush was in Jordan for talks with King Hussein.

The move could be seen as a U.S. effort to shore up Hussein's standing on the West Bank in the hope that Palestinians can be found willing to join the King in negotiations with Israel.

Earlier this year, Hussein blamed Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasir Arafat for the failure of his year-long efforts to put together a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation. However, most West Bank Palestinians have sided, at least publicly, with Arafat against Hussein.

## AKSE Religious School

AKSE Talmud Torah and Pre-Aleph classes for the 1986-87 school year will begin on Sunday, Sept. 7. Jr. Congregation services for the Talmud Torah will begin on Shabbat, Sept. 6. Bikkurim/Confirmation classes begin on Sunday, Sept. 14. Now is the time to register your child(ren) for classes if you have not already done so.

The Pre-Aleph program of the AKSE Religious School consists of three grade levels: Hebrew Play Group for children 4 and 5 years of age; Grade one for children 6 years old and/or entering first grade; Grade two for children 7 years old and/or entering second grade. Grades one and two meet on Sunday mornings from 9-11 a.m. One class for the Hebrew Play Group meets on Sunday mornings from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; a second class for the Hebrew Play Group meets on Wednesday afternoons from 1:10-3 p.m. Enrollment in each of the Hebrew Play Group classes is limited to 11 students.

The Talmud Torah Department consists of five grade levels, Aleph through Heh (third grade through seventh grade). In all classes, students receive instruction in Bible, Jewish history, modern Hebrew, festivals, Israel, the history and content of Jewish prayers, and the chanting of our liturgy. The curriculum in all subject areas is well defined and structured according to grade level. There is a cohesive, progressive five-year course plan for every subject taught. The Bikkurim/Confirmation course of study is for eighth, ninth and 10th grade students. The courses for 1986-87 will be: Life Cycle of the Jewish People, Jewish Ethics and Philosophy, Current Problems Facing Jews Today, and Great Jewish Debates and Dilemmas.

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tant and faculty advisor and Helen Gordon, administrative director. Members of the faculty are: Rabbi Leonard B. Gewirtz and Jack Vinokur for the Bikkurim/Confirmation Department; Rivka Ini and Iris Vinokur for the Pre-Aleph Department; Faith Brown, Ann Jaffe, Vivian Goldberg, Gail Weinberg, Rivka Ini, and Scott Slomowitz for the Talmud Torah Department. Cantor Morris Markowitz continues as bar/bat mitzvah instructor, and Stewart Slomowitz continues as the leader of Jr. Congregation services.

Registration forms may be picked up at AKSE Synagogue, Washington Blvd. and Torah Drive, or you may call 762-2705 and a form will be mailed to you. Children of non-members are welcome at AKSE religious school. However, tuition rates are substantially higher for non-members than for members.

If you have questions, or would like more specific information call Helen Gordon, administrative director at 762-2705.

## Beth Shalom Religious School

Plans are now underway for the 1986-87 school year. Registration is being taken in the school office for the kindergarten and Primary Department which is a one-day-a-week program for 5, 6 and 7 year olds (first and second graders).

Children who are 8 years old and/or going into the third grade in the fall of 1986 should register for the Aleph class of the Elementary Department, which meets three days a week.

All pupils presently enrolled in the kindergarten and Primary Departments will automatically be registered in their succeeding grade level.

In response to the popularity of the Pre-School Lunch and Learn for 3 and 4-year-olds, registration has already begun for a continuation of the program in the fall. For further information about all programs, call Arlene Davis, education director, at the synagogue office, 654-4462.


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# Tisha B'Av 5746

*When I shall leave this earth, when I shall have gone, who will, in spite of the murderers, see that Yiddish carries on?....*

*Who will continue the golden chain of our great Sabbath and festival Jews?*

This question is the subject of a poem by the Yiddish poet, David Sfar, on behalf of the Holocaust generation. "Who will continue the golden chain?" Our generation has seen a resurgence in number of "Sabbath and festival Jews," but very, very few Jews in America observe Tisha b'Av, the ninth day of

the Hebrew month of Av. And yet, according to our calendar, it is a major fast day, with stringent regulations equivalent to those for Yom Kippur.

And, because Tisha b'Av falls in the summertime, few of our religious school children learn of it unless they are at religiously oriented camps run by the Orthodox, Conservative or Reform movements. Because the kids don't pressure their parents, and because most adults are virtually unaware of the existence of this Jewish calendrical observance, people feel little guilt in ignoring Tisha b'Av—despite the

energetic and creative efforts of the rabbinate to preserve the day in its traditional forms or revive it by using new modes and themes.

What are we observing on Tisha b'Av? We are making instances of Jewish tragedy, a remarkable number of which are associated with this date or, at last, with this season. (If you stop to consider that wars are most often fought during summer months, this coincidence is actually not all that surprising.) As Edward Greenstein notes, "all the catastrophic events that have been identified with the ninth of Av did not, of course, really occur (exactly) on that day. But it is the mythic power of this day of national hurt that has attracted, so to speak, so many of the disasters that have befallen the Jews."

So, in the Mishnah (200 C.E.), the Rabbis recorded five events that occurred on the ninth day of Av. The first was the Israelites' tearful acceptance of the false report about the Land brought back by ten of the twelve scouts sent out by Moses (the two accurate reports, the minority view, were presented by Joshua and Caleb). As a result, according to tradition, not only was it "decreed against our fathers that they should not enter into the Land," but God also told

them, "You wept without cause; therefore I will make this an eternal day of mourning for you." It was at that time decreed that the Temple would be destroyed on the 9th of Av and our people go into exile. (How does this accord with the doctrine of free will?) The First and Second Temples were destroyed at this time (by Nebuchadnezzar, in 586 B.C.E., and by Titus, in 70 C.E.). Bar Kokhba's last fortress, at Betar, fell on Tisha b'Av, and the city of Jerusalem plowed over by Hadrian in 135 C.E. (who established a Roman city, Aelia Capitolina, on the site). Hadrian's decree against the Jews forbade all visits by Jews to Jerusalem, except for one day a year, Tisha b'Av, at which time—upon payment of a heavy toll—they were permitted to go to the site of the destroyed Temple and pray. Over the years, these sorrowful visits to the only remaining section of the wall of the outer courtyard of the Temple gave the wall its name: to our people, it is the Western Wall; to those who mocked us, it was the "Wailing Wall," where Jews came to mourn.

In 1290, on Tisha b'Av, King Edward I signed an edict

banishing all Jews from England. In 1492, on Tisha b'Av, the Jews were expelled from Spain.

In 1938, Hayyim Schauss wrote (in *Festivals of the Jewish Year*), "It is not surprising, then, that every woe that befell Jews on that particular day was tied up, in the Jewish mind, with the general woe and misfortune that came with the day...Even in our own day a great catastrophe is bound up with Tishoh B'Ov. It was on that day, in 1914, that Russia ordered the mobilization of her armies and the World War started; a year later there was an evacuation of all Jews from the border provinces of Russia. It marked the beginning of a great catastrophe for Jewish life in East Europe (a time of pogroms, massacres, dire poverty and, as a result, an attempt by many to emigrate) and Jews of that region still remember that their misfortunes began on Tishoh B'Av."

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# Israel Comes To The University Of Delaware



Seth Bloom (L) and his friend Zary Rosenfeld.

## By SETH BLOOM

When I enrolled at the University of Delaware as an out-of-state undergraduate I was very excited about making friends from different states. For my first two years at the University of Delaware I felt as though I was attending the University of Long Island and the University of New Jersey. I became well aware of vital information

such as which are the true "five towns," and where each town in New Jersey is in relation to the infamous New Jersey Turnpike. However, my best friend at the University of Delaware was not from Long Island, New Jersey, or even the United States, but was the University of Delaware's only foreign student from Israel.

Zary Rosenfeld started at

the University of Delaware as a 22-year-old freshman. After high school he fulfilled his three year service and went an extra year to Officers School to become a Lieutenant. Although Zary fully plans to live in Israel, he decided to study in the United States to improve his English and learn American Business strategies. When I met Zary the first question I asked him, as everyone else immediately asks him, is "why did you come to the University of Delaware?" Actually, Zary heard about Delaware from a colleague of his father's, but when he looked on a map he decided that Delaware was the perfect place to be in the United States - centrally located between New York, Philadelphia, and Washington D.C.

Of course it took a while for Zary to understand everything in America. My favorite story goes back to when he first arrived at the University of Delaware. Everyone kept asking him if he had a roommate, and Zary would reply that he would clean the room himself. This went on for a few months until some brave soul told Zary that he misunderstood them; they didn't want to know if he had a "room-maid," but a room-MATE. Dealing with the University of Delaware's bureaucratic red-tape was an ordeal for Zary, but no less of an ordeal was trying to figure out what a secretary meant when she said "OKEY-DOKEY." Poor Zary couldn't find that word in his Hebrew-English dictionary.

All in all though, Zary did

become somewhat Americanized. He was a resident-assistant for Pencader Hall for two years, and became involved in various clubs, including Hillel. He learned to drink and even enjoy beer, he figured out what it actually meant to "turn a light on," and he even learned what okey-dokey meant. Since he could only go home for winter break, Zary would usually stay with friends during school breaks. Of course he could always find a "Nice

Jewish Girl" to bring him home at Passover.

Zary graduated in June with a B.S. in Marketing. He will return to Israel in August, and will drive around Haifa with a University of Delaware decal on his car. When people ask him "What's DELAWARE?," Zary will only have nice things to say.

*Seth Bloom, a 1986 graduate of the University of Delaware, is a staff associate at the Jewish Federation of Delaware.*

## Jewish Journalist Bumped Twice

By KEVIN FREEMAN

NEW YORK, (JTA) — *The Jerusalem Post's* Washington correspondent, Wolf Blitzer, bumped and then un-bumped from the press entourage travelling with Vice President George Bush, received final word that he will not be welcome in Jordan.

Blitzer was to have joined the press contingent travelling with the vice president in Jordan during Bush's 10-day three-nation tour of the Middle East, which included stopovers in Israel and Egypt.

Blitzer, an American citizen and accredited White House correspondent, had originally been invited by Bush to join the press group, only to be told at the last moment that he would not be welcome in Jordan.

But Blitzen then received a call Tuesday from Bush's press secretary travelling with the entourage in Jerusalem, Marlin Fitzwater, telling *The Jerusalem Post* reporter that "arrangements" had been made with Jordanian officials to allow for Blitzer's participation in the Jordanian stop of Bush's tour.

Blitzer was to have caught a plane Tuesday night from Washington to New York to connect with a flight that would bring him to Jordan.

But he told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in a

telephone interview that late Tuesday night he received a call from *Jerusalem Post* editor Ari Rath, who had been informed by Craig Fuller, Bush's chief of staff, that Jordan had reversed its decision to allow him into that country.

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## Jewish Family Service of Delaware

Jewish Family Service is a constituent agency of the Jewish Federation of Delaware and a member agency of the United Way of Delaware.

### Keeping A Balance

By Arnold Lieberman,  
Executive Director



An ongoing problem on which we constantly focus is the public misperception of our agency. This is by no means a local problem; community misunderstanding of Jewish Family Service agencies is a major problem nationally.

The following quote is from a presentation at the 1985 Annual Meeting of the Association of Jewish Family and Children's Agencies: "Too many of the general public, as well as some members of Federation and United Fund budget committees and boards of the agencies, tend to downplay casework services and see the caseworkers as glorified welfare workers, placing children in foster homes, finding housing for the poor and aged, and giving financial aid. They are often surprised to hear that agencies charge fees; that some agency services are covered by Blue Cross or other insurance companies; or that staffs have special skills in group, family or individual psychotherapy. This distorted image has to be changed by board and staff members by continuous interpretation to funding bodies and the general public."

The overall point of the presentation was that agencies should have a balanced program of services that can serve the various segments of our population. This is what we attempt to provide through our services and we are constantly reviewing this balance.

Our current services include individual, couple and family counseling; Jewish Family Life Education; concrete services, limited financial assistance; volunteers

visiting Jewish patients in state institutions; and a socialization program for handicapped people. These services reach a broad spectrum of our population who are in need of them.

Our counseling and services to the aged and their families are the major programs of JFS. Counseling services reach all segments of the population, and in 1986, over a dozen clients who came for individual psychotherapy had their services covered by health insurance. All of these services are provided by Licensed Clinical Social Workers.

Recognizing that all clients who come to us are not requesting casework or therapy, we also offer certain specific services as well as material or financial assistance. These services are provided by our Social Worker and Case Aide staff.

Jewish Family Life Education involves group programs that are preventative, educational and therapeutic, and meet the needs of various segments of our population. These programs are provided by staff who possess the skills needed to work with people in groups.

Our other services reach special groups such as institutionalized Jewish people and handicapped individuals.

We have provided psychotherapy to a Jewish corporate manager and assisted a Jewish family living on Disability to purchase a used refrigerator on the same day. Our services are broad and are not geared to any one level of our population.

If you are not sure what we can do, please call us at 478-9411 and find out.

### Dear Rachel

Dear Rachel,

My husband's ex-wife has a busy professional and social life, and seems to regard us as convenient babysitters. Recently she has begun (without notice) to drop off my 10-year-old stepson on our doorstep every Friday night, instead of the usual every other weekend. We live in a small, two bedroom townhouse. The bedroom that started out to be my stepson's is now our two daughters' room, and "Brian" complains of feeling as though he has no place in our house when he visits. He says he feels "unwanted."

Unfortunately, Rachel, he is right. He puts a terrible strain on our marriage when he comes, and he is not the kind of role model I want for my girls. "Brian" resents having to keep Kosher, calls holiday celebrations "a waste of time" or "stupid," and generally makes life unpleasant for us with his obnoxious behavior. Although I would be happy to never see him again, I know this isn't realistic. What can you suggest to make life easier vis-a-vis "Brian" and my husband's ex-wife?

Sandwich

Dear Sandwich,

If you can step back for a moment, I think you will realize that "Brian" is caught in an even tighter "sandwich" than you are. Everyone (his biological mother, his father) finds him an excess burden. His mother is creating her own life personally and professionally. You and your husband have begun a new family with your daughters. "Brian" is permanent fifth wheel, and he feels it.

People whose needs are not met often behave obnoxiously in an attempt to get what they need or want. I therefore suggest that you make greater efforts to meet Brian's needs. If Brian needs a place to call his own, let him decorate the wall above his sofa bed. Small tokens of caring go a long way (a favorite food served because he is there; a library

book on a topic that interests him). Perhaps his behavior will improve once he feels that someone cares about him.

There seems to be an ongoing struggle between the two ex-spouses, something which is not uncommon. She is still angry at him for the failures in their relationship both before and after the divorce. She "wins" by upsetting him and getting him angry too. The one thing that she has that can still hurt him is Brian. Your best bet, and Brian's too, is to get him out of the middle of this fight. You can do this by denying her the victory she seeks: upsetting you. The two of you need to assume that Brian will be there every weekend, and plan accordingly. Run your errands early, cook for five, and make Brian feel welcome when he is dropped on your doorstep. Under no circumstances should you allow her to draw you into an argument. Not only will this deprive her of her satisfac-

tion, it will make Brian feel good too. Sooner or later, she will get tired of the game. She will probably try other plays and games since she will still be angry. If you need a helping hand in coping with this, utilize a therapist's services. Good luck.

Rachel

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## Obituaries

### Louis 'Smoke' Steinberg

Louis "Smoke" Steinberg, 74, of 614 W. 27th St., was dead on arrival Monday, July 28, at Wilmington Hospital after an apparent heart attack at home.

Mr. Steinberg was manager of Rosbrow Liquors at 317 N. Market St. for 35 years. He retired in 1979.

He was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom and Deborah.

He is survived by his wife, Edith R.; and a sister, Dorothy Klein of Meriden.

Services were at Schoenberg Memorial Chapel, 519 Philadelphia Pike.

Interment was in Montefiore section of Jewish Community Cemetery, Foulk Road.

In memoriam the family suggests contributions to Deborah Hospital Foundation, in care of Betty Abrahams, 8127 Society Drive, Claymont 19703.

### Yetta Balick

Yetta Balick, 83, died Wednesday, July 30 in the Kutz Home, 704 River Road.

Mrs. Balick was a homemaker and a member of the Pioneer Women.

Her husband, Israel, died in 1984. Surviving are a son, Sol of Coffee Run; a daughter, Marjorie Gruverman of Needham, Mass.; five grandchildren and a granddaughter.

Services were in Schoenberg Memorial Chapel, 519 Philadelphia Pike.

Interment was in the Workmen's Circle section of the Jewish Community Cemetery, Foulk Road.

In memoriam the family suggests contributions to the Pioneer Women, care of Mrs. Arthur Heimann, 207 W. 37th St., Wilmington, Del. 19802.

### Barbara H. Protigal

Barbara H. Protigal, 55, of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., died Saturday, Aug. 2 in Vasar Hospital.

Mrs. Protigal, who was born in New York City, lived in Delaware for 22 years. She moved to Poughkeepsie in 1974.

She is survived by two sons, Andrew of Columbia, Md., and James of Poughkeepsie; and a daughter, Stacy Protigal of Poughkeepsie.

Services were in temple Beth-El, 118 Grand Ave., Poughkeepsie.

Interment was in Union Field Cemetery, Queens, N.Y.

In memoriam the family suggests contributions to the American Cancer Society, 1708 Lovering Ave., Wilmington, Del. 19806.

### Celia Sack Swirsky

Celia Sack Swirsky, 86, of the Kutz Home, 704 River Road, formerly of Malden, Mass., died there Sunday, Aug. 3.

Mrs. Swirsky was born in

Russia. She lived in Massachusetts until 1981, when she moved to Wilmington. She was a lifetime member of Hadassah, a member of the Malden Hebrew School Auxiliary, and the Order of the Eastern Star.

Her husband, Israel, died in 1984. She is survived by a daughter, Ruth Fentin of Webster Farm; two brothers, Abraham Sack of Clemmons, N.C., and Joseph Sack of Hartford, Conn.; a sister, Ida Morse of Brookline, Mass.; three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were in Beth Israel Cemetery, North Reading, Mass.

In memoriam the family suggests contributions to the Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Wilmington, Del. 19809.

### Rose Bass

Rose Bass, 92, formerly of Philadelphia died Saturday, Aug. 2 in Martins Run Care Center, her residence for the past four years.

Her husband, Alex, died more than 20 years ago. She is survived by two sons, Leonard Silver and Alvin Silver, both of Philadelphia; a daughter, Sissy Berlin of Wilmington; two brothers, Abraham and Mark Kohn, both of Philadelphia; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held in Roosevelt Memorial Park, Philadelphia.

## What Happened On Aug. 12, 1952?

*"But, how was it that I had not heard of their 'liquidation'? That the world had not heard of it? In our newspapers, in our news magazines, had there been no mention of this massacre? We had heard in general about Stalin's anti-Jewish measures, of arrests and exiles, closing down of Jewish institutions, publications of cultural strangulation, but how had this enormity, the mass execution of the leading Jewish poets and novelists in the Soviet Union escaped world attention?"*

Meyer Levin,  
New York (1973)

This year marks the 34th anniversary of a tragic day for world Jewry, one which has virtually been unrecognized. On Aug. 12, 1952 Soviet Premier Josef Stalin committed the ultimate act of his quest to eradicate Jewish culture and Jewish life in the Soviet Union.

For a short while after the 1917 "Declaration of Rights of the Peoples of Russia," was signed by Lenin, Jewish Cultural institutions flourished throughout the Soviet Union. In the 1920s and 1930s, however, Soviet Jewish culture was threatened when the soviet government eliminated assistance programs and promoted official efforts to discourage and eliminate Jewish identity.

The 1940s and 1950s became known as the "Black Years" for Soviet Jewry. By 1949 the thriving Yiddish culture which had enjoyed 11 daily Yiddish newspapers, over 60 weeklies and journals, Yiddish theatre and publishing houses had been virtually suffocated. The campaign to crush Jewish life and Jewish culture became more brutal in 1949 when more than 431 Jewish artists, writers, and musicians disappeared into the Gulag.

The fate of the most prestigious of the Soviet Jewish writers was reserved for the summer of 1952. The trial which resulted in "The

Night of the Murdered Poets" began on July 11, 1952. Among the 25 accused were renowned Jewish academics physicians, and the leading Jewish poets and writers in the USSR. They were charged with being "rebels" and "agents of American imperialism" who wanted to separate Crimea from the Soviet Union and to "establish their own bourgeois national Zionist republic." The verdict was "guilty"; 24 were sentenced to the death penalty, and one woman served a long prison term. On August 12, their death sentences were carried out in the cellars of the Lubyanka Prison in Moscow. However, their executions were not acknowledged for years and their bodies were never recovered. Only a decade later, during the Khrushchev "thaw," some writers' wives were sent a slip of paper telling about their husband's "liquidation" but with no explanation other than it had been done "under a bad time."

The two and half million Jews in the Soviet Union today are literally starving for Jewish culture and Jewish education. Tokenism persists throughout the Soviet Union. For the past 35 years not one Jewish school has been permitted in the Soviet Union. Only one Yiddish newspaper is published in an area with less than 13,000 Jews. There's one token Yiddish magazine with a Soviet circulation of only 12,000 Jews. The so-called "Moscow-Yeshiva," which is over 15 years old, consists of a handful of over-age students, and has yet to graduate one rabbi. Less than a handful of students have been allowed to study in the seminary of Budapest, the only rabbinical school in Eastern Europe.

The list of token gestures for the Jewish population of the Soviet Union unfortunately continues. Such tragic events as "Yahrzeit-The Night of the Murdered Poets," must not be forgotten.

### To the Community:

*My family and I would like to express our gratitude to the entire community for the way the untimely death of my beloved wife Sharon was handled.*

*Our family has received so many condolence cards and calls, that it would be just an impossible task to acknowledge them all. It was gratifying to realize how many people took the time and the effort to comfort our family in this time of need.*

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## Joseph Rosenthal Honored By Delaware State Bar Association

Joseph A. Rosenthal was the recipient of the Delaware State Bar Association's First State Distinguished Service Award last month. The award, presented to Rosenthal by former Chief Justice Daniel L. Herrmann, is the highest honor the Association can bestow upon a member.

Rosenthal is the youngest person to have ever received this award. A graduate of Yale (1953) and Harvard Law School (1956), he is a prominent leader in the private sector of the Delaware State Bar. According to his partner, Irving Morris, "his 27 years...of steady accomplishments as a scholarly lawyer have earned him the respect of his peers and the confidence of the judges in what he advocates."

In 1981, when cutback in Federal funds for legal services threatened to seriously impair delivery of quality legal services to the poor, the Delaware State Bar Association commenced a project, DVLS, to fill the void. "Quietness and integrity coupled with a perseverance to complete the task before him and a record of selfless devotion to good causes brought his name to the fore immediately," says Morris.

Rosenthal accepted the responsibility without hesitation, quickly and effectively mobilizing the private bar and attorneys in public service. Recently, he played a leading role in securing better quarters for the service and successfully collaborated with Delaware Law School to enlarge a student clinic, greatly increasing the capacity of DVLS to render legal services to the needy. Rosenthal still presides over the organization. In the best tradition of pro bono service, Delaware Volunteer Legal Services has become the largest law firm in Delaware, with over 290 participating attorneys, or a fourth of the Delaware bar.

As head counsel in the long



Former Chief Justice Daniel L. Herrmann (right) presents the Delaware State Bar Association's First State Distinguished Service Award to Joseph A. Rosenthal.

trial before Judge Schwartz in the relief phase of the integration cases, Rosenthal was one of the few in the forefront of the effort to put an end to segregation. His community activities have also included extensive involvement with the Delaware Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union as well as the Delaware Skating Club.

Joseph Rosenthal "exemplifies the key element of the First State Distinguished Service Award," says Morris, "namely, public service to the community."

## Liora Beer Receives Fulbright Award

Liora Beer, daughter of Marcus and the late Ruth Beer of Wilmington, has received a Fulbright award for a period of six months during the 1986-87 academic year.

A sculptor and jewelry designer, Beer will spend six months in Germany studying art and lecturing under the new U.S. Bavarian Artists' Exchange program.

Beer received a bachelor of fine arts in metals in 1980 from Boston University's artisanry program. The degree was the culmination of a decade during which she immersed herself in the study of art and design. She attended Parsons School of Design and the School of Visual Arts, both in New York, during the early 1970s. She studied painting at the San Francisco Art Institute, Massachusetts College of Art and Windham College in Putney, Vt.

Since graduation she has taught classes in jewelry and metals at Endicott College and Massachusetts College of Art. She also designs and crafts one-of-a-kind jewelry on commission.

Beer's artistic endeavors have taken her into costume design and illustration. She also spent time in Australia in 1979 as a visiting metalsmith. Her work has been exhibited in close to a dozen exhibitions in Massachusetts, as well as an international exhibition of innovative interpretations of the bracelet in Pforzheim, West Germany.

A sabra, Liora Beer comes from an accomplished fami-



Liora Beer

ly. Her brother Rafael recently served as official Olympics photographer and has

developed and patented a computerized camera system known as a lasograph.

Liora's mother, Ruth, was responsible for introducing Montessori kindergarten teaching methods in Israel. She also taught Hebrew at Congregation Beth Emeth for many years.

Liora's father, Marcus, lived in Austria and Romania before emigrating to Israel in 1934. In Israel he joined the Haganah, developed and built arms and fought to create a Jewish State. He was decorated for the arms he built for the British during World War II.

Liora's maternal grandfather, Rabbi Ephraim Zev Levy, directed a Yeshiva in Berlin and was responsible for the formation of Shevat Tzion, the first German congregation in Tel Aviv.

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## Former Wilmington Residents Honored

Olga Zak and Michael Kagan have the philosophy that a wedding is an event for grandparents. Although they both live in Massachusetts, it was important to the young couple that Michael's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Barnard Marks, be present, so they brought their July wedding to them. The Marks, formerly of Wilmington, live at Martins Run Life Care Community in nearby Marple Township in suburban Philadelphia. Martins Run is the only Jewish-oriented Life Care Community in the United States.

The bride's mother, grandmother, and other guests traveled from Israel to attend the wedding. Other guests came from as far as Minnesota, Massachusetts, New York, California, and Hawaii. During the ceremony which was held in the chapel at Martins Run, the rabbi made frequent special mention of the couple's marvelous tribute, love, and devotion to their grandparents in choosing to have the wedding at the retirement community.

Olga and Michael Kagan live in Cambridge, Mass. Olga, who immigrated from Russia in 1976, works as a computer programmer for Tufts University. Michael is a graduate student at MIT's Sloan School. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Kagan reside in Newton, Mass. Mrs. Kagan's maiden name is Marks.

Mr. and Mrs. Marks lived in Wilmington for 31 years prior to moving to Martins Run Life Care Community. He was a senior research associate in the Plastics Department at DuPont and his wife, Jeanette, was an active volunteer in Wilmington Jewish groups and worked in the Wilmington School System.

Martins Run, located on 22 acres in suburban Philadelphia, has 200 garden apartments and features independent leisure living, lifetime health care security, a 60-bed on-site medical center, Kosher restaurant-style dining and a full schedule of social, cultural, and religious activities.



L-R: Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Kagan (groom's parents); Barnard Marks (groom's grandfather & resident of Martins Run, Mrs. Marks was unavailable for photo); Bride's mother, stepfather, and grandmother (all from Israel); Bride & groom in front, Olga and Michael Kagan.

## Wilmington B'nai B'rith Lodge 470 Installs New Officers



B'nai B'rith Installs New Officers. Standing (L-R): Bert Braunstein, treasurer; Abe Lubin, secretary; Norman Salus, vice president; Allen Heisler, president, SEPADEL Council. Seated (L-R): Jack Levine, chaplain and immediate past president; Luis Dorfman, president.

Wilmington B'nai B'rith Lodge 470 installed new officers on June 29 with a brunch program at the Wilmington Hilton. Luis Dorfman received the presidential gavel and pin from outgoing president Jacob Levine as Allen Heisler, president of the Southeastern Pennsylvania - Delaware Council of B'nai B'rith District 3, officiated. Other new officers for 1986-1987 are Norman Salus, vice president; Abraham Lubin, secretary; and Bertram Braunstein, treasurer. Levine, as immediate past-president, will serve as lodge chaplain.

The installation program was emceed by Lodge past-president Herbert Cohen. Also participating in the program were past-presidents Arthur Fentin, Morris Levenberg, and Asher Rubin.

Jacob Levine, in his address to the lodge members and guests, pointed out that much of the work done by B'nai B'rith in the Wilmington area goes unpublicized. He mentioned several specific examples about the Anti-Defamation League, B'nai B'rith Youth Organizations, and Hillel at the University of Delaware. Levine also noted that, after a period of viewing the lodge as a "half empty glass of water," it is now "half full."

Dorfman addressed the future of the lodge. He emphasized that to continue to build on the solid foundation already in place within the lodge, there are four priority

areas for the coming year. The highest priority is to attract new young members into B'nai B'rith, because it is the young member who will carry on. The second priority is to provide an attractive offering to the young members, something to make them happy and proud to belong to B'nai B'rith. Thirdly, the lodge must take an active role in building bridges with the other Jewish organizations in Wilmington. "We must scratch each others' backs," said Dorfman. "We are a circular chain of inter-related links. A weak link means a weak chain, and weak chain is a weak community." The fourth priority for the next year is to improve communications with the lodge members. "It is our responsibility to reach out to you," Dorfman told the member-

ship, "and when we do, it is your responsibility to give us a hand."

In addition to the installation ceremonies, lodge service awards were presented to Dr. Steven Chamish for service with the Aza Youth Chapter in Wilmington, Henry Heiman for work with the Anti-Defamation League, Benjamin Miller for service on the Lodge Sunshine Committee, Asher Rubin for continued service with the B'nai B'rith Senior Citizens House, and Eugene Wolinsky for coordinating the Christmas Volunteer Service Program with St. Francis Hospital. A special award was presented to Jean Levine for her years of continued efforts and outstanding work behind the scenes of many lodge activities.

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