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Beth Sholom Reaches Out To Black Community



Lawrence Klepner
President, Congregation
Beth Sholom

are investigating the cause of the fire, but their report has not yet been released.

Rabbi Rosner contacted the NAACP the day after the fire. He and the executive board of the synagogue acted quickly after they had determined that an act of assistance to people in need would be a proper response based on Jewish law and tradition.

Relations between Blacks and Jews nationwide have been strained. In Dover, however, ties between these two groups have been strengthened during the past three years. Several meetings have been held to discuss common concerns. A joint seder was held at the Whatcoat Church, and the South African and Russian embassies in Washington were picketed to protest the plight of South African Blacks and Soviet Jews.

According to Rabbi Rosner, the NAACP has not yet accepted or rejected his offer. He believes that the important point to remember, whatever their decision is, is that the offer was made with alacrity and sincerity.

Rabbi Jacob Rosner has offered the facilities of Congregation Beth Sholom in Dover as a temporary meeting place to the Dover chapter of the NAACP. This offer was proffered after the NAACP's office burned down last month. Dover fire officials and the State Fire Marshal's office



SUPERPOWER LEADERS MEET

GENEVA - President Reagan smiles as he talks to Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev outside the villa Vleur D'Eau at Versoix near Geneva, Nov. 19. The two state leaders met here for their first round of talks. Religious leaders gathered in Geneva to take part in a prayer vigil for nuclear disarmament. (RNS Photo)

Editorial

What is the Jewish Voice?

The question arises time and time again... just what is the *Voice* and who determines its nature?

After careful consideration, the editorial committee concluded that the purpose of the *Jewish Voice* is to offer a medium for *independent* expression primarily for and by the Jewish community; a true partnership of staff and readers for the publication of appropriate news, information, education and free discussion.

The editorial committee is well aware that the Jewish Federation of Delaware assumes responsibility for publishing the *Voice*, and we will do all in our power to help the Federation achieve its worthy goals through the effective use of the publication. We believe this can be best accomplished by the proper balance of Federation news and other editorial matter. However, to publish a truly independent voice of the entire Jewish community, we feel that the editorial content cannot be dominated or controlled by any special interest group, including the Federation.

The objectives of the *Jewish Voice* are:

- to constantly improve the paper in all its aspects,
- to encourage more communications from readers including open discussion and debate of current events and cultural topics,
- to encourage greater participation by the younger people in the community,
- to increase interest and circulation by reaching out to all Jews - locally and regionally,
- to give greater editorial consideration to the Jewish role in matters affecting the entire community: Jewish and non-Jewish,
- to increase advertising revenues.

The editorial committee and staff are determined to constantly enhance the *Jewish Voice*; to make the paper a shining example of quality journalism. Since *your* voice is an essential part of this development, we must have your support and participation.

A panel of the paper's committee members and staff will be available to solicit your comments. The meeting date and time will be announced in the next issue.

Editorial Committee
Edwin Golin, Chairman

A Shocked Washington Waits For Explanations

Reprinted from the *Jerusalem Post*
By WOLF BLITZER
Post Washington Correspondent

The Pollard espionage affair has become not only a source of major embarrassment to Israel and its supporters in the U.S., especially in the Jewish community and in Congress, but also potentially very damaging to the entire fabric of American-Israeli relations.

Almost everyone in Washington agrees that things clearly would get worse for Israel unless the Israeli government quickly got its own act together. U.S. officials started to spread the word that Israel was actually stonewalling, apparently refusing to fully cooperate with Washington in the investiga-

tion despite earlier promises to that effect.

The State Department last week issued a sharp statement expressing "distress" that this "case of espionage against the U.S., in which Israeli officials are involved, has occurred."

Spokesman Charles Redman said that although Israeli authorities have assured the U.S. of "their willingness to cooperate, they have not yet provided the full and prompt cooperation we requested a week ago."

Regarding published accusations in Israel that the U.S. is similarly involved in spying activities against Israel, Redman said "there have been reports in the Israeli press that our U.S. assessments of Israeli defence capabilities have

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ISRAEL ISSUES

Ze'ev Golin

Who Is A Jew —
What Price Compromise?

RISHON LE ZION — Not all that many years ago, either one was Jewish, or one was not. In order to be Jewish you had to be born of a Jewish mother or convert via the *mikvah* and a real or symbolic circumcision. The issue was not a burning one among our people, and certainly the non-Jewish world paid little attention.

Now, however, the issue is very controversial among Jews - and the rest of the world is watching with a great deal of interest.

Are the Falasha from Ethiopia "authentic" Jews? Definitely not, say many of the ultra-Orthodox, especially the Ashkenazim. Jewish without a doubt, say secular and many modern Orthodox Israelis. In the middle, we find the chief rabbis. A middle position you say? Is there something between being and not being a Jew? The rabbinate explains that the Falasha are probably Jewish, due to their long, lonely and painful identification with our people; but we have to make sure.

The doubt arises as a result of the Falasha's two millenium of isolation; until very recently they were cut off from the rest of Jewry. The oral law - the interpretation of the Torah, accepted, developed, and studied by observant Jews from the Arctic Circle to southern Arabia --- never penetrated into Ethiopia. The Falasha developed their own interpretation of the Torah. Many practices, taken for granted by both Ashkenazim and Sephardim, were unknown to them.

The major concern of the rabbinate is divorce. There is no clear evidence that the Falasha procedure for divorce involves the husband giving, and the wife accepting a written bill of divorce. Without proper divorce procedure, according to Jewish law, children born of a later relationship are illegitimate. A *mamzer* is permitted to marry only another illegitimate child. Thus the rabbinate is concerned that some of the Falasha might not be able to marry without passing the taint of illegitimacy to their children.

Many religious officials also fear that non-Jewish Ethiopians may have passed for Jewish in order to escape their trouble-plagued land. There are

unconfirmed reports of non-Jews found among the Falasha. Upon their discovery, they supposedly were placed in non-Jewish institutions.

As a solution to the Falasha's status, the Rabbinate has ruled in favor of immersion in the *mikvah* (the ritual bath) without requiring *hatafat dam* (symbolic circumcision.) The *mikvah* symbolically removes one's past impurities. Such an act, say the rabbis would bear witness to the Falasha's acceptance of Jewish law as interpreted by the Talmud.

Such a solution strikes me as being more political than religious. If one is proven to be a *mamzer*, no dip in the *mikvah* can remove the onus. If one's Jewishness is doubtful, *mikvah* without symbolic circumcision for males is insufficient. What then is the rabbinate's real motivation?

It is apparent that the rabbis have been motivated by fear. On the one hand, declaring the Falasha non-Jewish and requiring symbolic circumcision would provoke serious unrest. On the other hand, declaring them Jewish beyond any doubt would sever the fragile relationship between the mainstream Orthodox.

In the end the Rabbinate came up with a decision that pleased almost no one.

As Agudat Yisrael's esteemed Rav Eliezer Shach pointed out, if a rabbinical court decides someone is Jewish, he needs no ceremony to confirm the fact. If there is any doubt, he must go the whole route, including ritual immersion and a real or symbolic circumcision. One can understand the ultra-Orthodox refusal to accept the Falasha as Jewish. The lack of Jewish legal tradition, in their opinion, makes for sufficient doubt.

I vote with the ex-chief rabbis Shlomo Goren (Ashkenazi) and Ovadiah Yosef. They believe that the Falasha are "Jewish in the full sense of the word." They have never considered themselves to be anything else, and have endured much suffering as a result. To ask them to undergo symbolic "purification" is a humiliation that lacks logic.

As one religious Knesset member put it: "They are our own flesh and blood."

Dover Ecumenical Thanksgiving

The 11th annual community Thanksgiving service, sponsored by the Delaware Association of Christians and Jews, was held on Nov. 27 at Wesley United Methodist Church in Dover. This Thanksgiving eve tradition attracted a significant cross section of the capital city community, and represented a positive fellowship toward good will and understanding among all people.

Service participants included Rabbi Jacob Rosner of Congregation Beth Sholom, Dover; Rev. George God-

frey, Wesley Church; Rev. Gregory Howe, Christ Episcopal Church; Rev. Larry Blevins, representing the Association; Rev. C. V. Holmes; and Larry Klepner, president, Congregation Beth Sholom. Guest speaker was Rev. R. W. Coleman, chaplain, Delaware State College.

An informal reception followed at Grace Fellowship Hall.

Charlotte Zaback, a member of the Delaware Association of Christians and Jews assisted in arranging the program.

ON THE OTHER HAND

N. Even-Or



Jerusalem

For each of us there are certain sights, sounds, experiences which, no matter how oft repeated, have a great emotional impact on us. For me, at the top of the list is driving up the road that leads to Jerusalem.

It comes, of course, at the end of a long and tiring journey. I've been cramped for hours without number in the none-too-roomy seat, my legs pretzel-ed under the tilted back of the seat in front of me. Too many trays of El Al kosher have been plunked on the miniscule table and dutifully devoured, whether through gluttony or boredom. The asinine film has come and gone. I've read until cross-eyed and then, unsuccessfully, tried to doze. I've discussed Talmud and politics with the delightful old rabbi next to me; who is retiring to Israel. I've *davened shachrit* in the vibrating tail section of the plane at 30,000 feet as the sun rose. And now, as the tape plays *Hava Nagila*, the wheels touch down to the applause of the passengers, we disembark (what a strange word), and file through Israeli customs to pick up our baggage.

It is a beautiful sunny afternoon that washes away our fatigue in the joyful balm of having arrived, amidst the smiling exuberant throng of Israelis welcoming relatives and friends. A few minutes of negotiation with the car rental people (my Boston-accented Hebrew is always good for a few giggles) and we are on our way in the bumper-car traffic patterns of Israeli drivers. And then my excitement begins to rise: I am on my way up to Jerusalem.

The road we travel is modern, and yet it is very ancient. Our people have been "going up" to Jerusalem for centuries, for millenia. The macadam is new, the contours perhaps different, but we are passing the way our ancestors passed for the three pilgrimage festivals of Pesach, Shavuot and Sukkot, and for bringing their sacrifices to the Temple. There are many roads to Jerusalem: the Damascus road, the Jaffa road, many roads sharing one common characteristic - they all go up. To go to Jerusalem is *aliyah*, going up.

There is another *aliyah*, the *aliyah* of being called to the reading of the Torah. This, too, is going up, going up spiritually as well as physically. There is, for me, something of an *aliyah* to the Torah in going up to Jerusalem. It is not strange; every time we open the ark to remove a Torah we sing, "For out of Zion shall go forth the Torah, and the word of God from Jerusalem." I was taught that when you are called to the Torah you must go quickly, by the shortest route; when you leave, you go slowly, by the longest route. That is my feeling during my *aliyah* to Jerusalem. I want to rush to the Torah.

On the slopes by the sides of the road, as we approach the city, are the rusting hulks of vehicles; monuments

to the desperate battle in 1948 to keep open the road to Jerusalem. Under siege in the city then were 100,000 Jews, cut off by the attacking Arab troops. Again and again the Haganah broke through the blockage to bring food, water and medical supplies to the defenders of the city. Jerusalem has never come easily to our people, nor has it been easily held. The price has been high. We have never backed off from paying it.

During the days to come we walked the streets of Jerusalem, old Jerusalem and new Jerusalem. We saw the now completed resurrection of the Jewish Quarter, which we have followed with excitement in previous visits, the Jewish quarter which was so viciously reduced to rubble and desecrated during the 19 years of Jordanian occupation.

There is a new excavation beautifully developed for visitors in the old Jewish Quarter, complete with a presentation of slides. Archeologists have unearthed the remains of a house that was buried in the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in the year 70 of this era. Because of the coins found in the ruins, the dating of the fire has been precisely fixed as the year 70. We know from Josephus' writings that the residents of Jerusalem held out for a month or two after the destruction of the Temple. The people of this house must have viewed with horror from the windows the destruction of their Temple. The floor is covered with arrow heads and there is the remnant of a spear in the house, testifying to the fierceness of the battle which ended in the slaughter of all the inhabitants of Jerusalem. A woman's arm was found clutching a stairway, trying to escape from the fire and slaughter. Jerusalem has never come easily to our people, nor has it been easily held. The price has been high. We have never backed off from paying it.

As I walk the streets of Jerusalem, I think of those foolish people in the glass menagerie on the East River, and Washington, and the great capitals of the world, those foolish people who talk about the "question" of Jerusalem. There is no "question" of Jerusalem. Jerusalem is the eternal capital of Israel, of the Jewish people. It always has been. It always will be. It is a place in which all are welcome who come in peace to worship, each in his own way. It is the city where my people walked 1000 years before there was a Jesus, 16 centuries before there was a Mohammed, a city in which the followers of that Jesus and that Mohammed can worship today in dignity, in a dignity which neither of them allowed my people in past periods of their control.

Jerusalem has never come easily to our people, nor has it been easily held. The price has been high. We have never backed off from paying it.

May the Lord bless you out of Zion and may you see Jerusalem in its goodness! Amen, v'Amen!

Super Sunday '86 Set For Jan. 19



Betty Diznoff



Miriam Edell

fort are Betty Diznoff, Miriam Edell, Kevin Gross and Richard Stat. Jo Anne Rosenfeld will chair the Lower Delaware telethon.

In addition to raising funds to improve the lives of thousands of Jews here, in Israel and around the world, Super Sunday's concentrated effort helps raise community consciousness of Jewish needs and concerns.

Thousands of volunteers in Federations across the country will be joining together in this all-out telephone drive to reach more people and raise more money in a single day than ever before. More people will participate in Super Sunday than in any other national event of the 1986 United Jewish Appeal Campaign.

The five Super Sunday co-chairpeople hope to involve a record number of community members to raise the funds needed to support Jewish needs here and abroad, and are confident that this year will be the most successful Super Sunday ever.

Betty Diznoff served on the Kutz Home Auxiliary "Forget-Me-Not" Ball Committee this fall. Over the last eight years she has held numerous leadership positions with the National Council of Women. She also volunteers at Tatnall School.

Diznoff, who holds a B.S. in pharmacy from the University of Michigan, is married to Barry Diznoff. The Diznoffs have two daughters and are members of Congregation Beth Shalom.

Miriam Edell is a past recipient of the Braunstein Young Leadership Award. She is a board member of the Jewish Community Center and past board member of Jewish Family Service. She is a member of the board of directors of the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home and past vice president of the Albert Einstein Academy. A graduate of the Jewish Federation's Leadership Development Program, Edell holds a B.A. from Albright College and an MSS from the Bryn Mawr College School of Social Work and a J.D. from Delaware Law School.

Edell is married to Dr. Steven Edell and has three daughters. The Edells are members of Congregation Beth Shalom.

Kevin Gross, an attorney with Morris and Rosenthal, P.A., received his J.D. from American University Law School and his B.A. from the University of Delaware. He is a member of the American Bar Association and the Delaware Bar Association. His community activity centers around involvement with the American Jewish Committee.

Gross is married to Lauren Greenberg Gross and is a member of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation. The Grosses have a son and daughter.

Richard Stat is a board member and co-chairperson of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, Delaware Region. He is also a member of the Wilmington Rotary Club.

Stat is president of Industrial Sales and Factoring Corp., a family owned investment and venture capital firm. He is the developer of several local properties including One Commerce Center in Wilmington and the 67-acre New Castle Farmers Market on the Dupont Highway. He also does independent consulting.

Stat and his wife, Linda have two sons. His father, Lewis, has been successfully engaged in numerous ventures, including the initiation of the Bank of Delaware building on Delaware Avenue. Lewis Stat is a past Federation Campaign chairman.

Jo Anne Rosenfeld is chairing the Lower Delaware Super Sunday drive for the second year in a row. She has held several leadership positions in Hadassah, and is currently president of the Lower Delaware Chapter of Hadassah. Last summer, she organized and directed Camp Shalom, a Jewish day camp funded by the Jewish Federation of Delaware and based at Congregation Beth Shalom.

Rosenfeld served as Torah Fund chairperson for her sisterhood this



Kevin Gross



Richard Stat

year, and is a past member of the Federation's Lower Delaware Committee.

Rosenfeld holds a degree in elementary education from Emory University and volunteers her services as a tutor in elementary schools. She and her husband, Bill, have two sons.

Vigil For Soviet Jewry Nov. 19



Father Fletcher Lowe of Immanuel Episcopal Church gives the benediction. On the platform, L-R, are: Wendy Weiss; Gov. Michael N. Castle; Stanley B. Balick, chairperson, Task Force on Soviet Jewry; hidden behind the podium, Rabbi Peter Grumbacher, Congregation Beth Emeth; Sister Jeanne Cashman, director, Office of Justice and Peace, Catholic Diocese of Wilmington; Robert Weiner.

Jewish Federation Board Actions Of Nov. 21

- Approved budgets of Jewish Federation, Jewish Voice, Jewish Community Relations Committee and the Jewish Community of Delaware Endowment Fund for 1985-86.
- Authorized sale of donated real estate.
- Approved participation of governmental leadership in an American Jewish Congress Conference in Jerusalem.
- Urged Jewish community's increased participation in the United Way campaign.
- Received report of the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations.
- Received Jewish Community of Delaware Endowment Fund report.

Super Sunday — it's a day of involvement for every Jew in Delaware. Super Sunday '86 will take place on Sunday, Jan. 19 at the main office of Patterson and Schwartz through the efforts of Judy Levy, in downtown Wilmington, and at the offices of B. Gary Scott in Dover through the efforts of Dolores Knopf. On that day, close to 150 volunteers will contact more than 2000 households to enlist their support for the Jewish Federation of Delaware's 1986 Campaign.

Chairing the New Castle County ef-

Editorial

After The Apology

Reprinted from the *Washington Jewish Week*

Israel's inaction of the of the past week had threatened to make a bad situation worse. But now we welcome the Israeli apology, as well as the tone and content of statements made by the cabinet and the prime minister in his conversation with Secretary of State George Shultz.

We hope that the quick acceptance by the American administration of the apology means that the public relations fallout of the Pollard affair can be contained.

We remain disturbed by the significant errors in judgment committed by some person or persons in Israel. At a time when Israel is receiving \$5 billion in American aid and invaluable political support, when Israel and the U.S. are enjoying an unprecedented period of harmony and developing strategic cooperation, it doesn't make sense to spy or to importune an American Jew to betray the U.S.'s trust.

Americans want to know: Was it an operational decision or a political one? And at what level of the Israeli government was it made? If it was made without the knowledge of Israel's big three — Shimon Peres, Yitzhak Shamir and Yitzhak Rabin — then how can a decision of such importance be made without the participation of Israel's political leadership?

When CIA abuses were discovered in the '70s, naive Americans sought to establish pristine moral guidelines for intelligence operations. Responsible citizens of a democracy know that intelligence gathering is not a neat business.

But neither should it be a reckless one. Civilian, i.e. political, oversight can contribute significantly to the security of the nation.

So, too, in Israel. Indications are that there are reckless and amateurish forces within Israeli intelligence agencies, and they should be rooted out. The Knesset Defense and Foreign Affairs Committee must take back into its hands the supervisory role that was either neglected or withheld from it. It is structurally dangerous for a democracy to allow such operations to proceed without political oversight.

Since there can well be political consequences to the Pollard affair, it would be advisable for Israel to appoint a parliamentary or independent commission to look into the matter, to clear the air and to address the substance of the problem.

There can be no objections on the grounds of national security. Both the post-Yom Kippur War Agranat Commission and the post-Sabra and Shatila Kahan Commission carefully fulfilled the public's right to know without compromising national security.

The arrest of an American Jew for allegedly spying for Israel has made many American Jews squirm. After all, we don't like it when others raise the issue of dual loyalty; we feel comfortable with our two loves of America and Israel, just as a man feels comfortable loving his mother and his wife.

We needn't squirm, nor need we be embarrassed. Loyalty to America and a commitment to Israel are fully compatible — except in the minds of those who would commit or importune treason.

Debate At CJF General Assembly

Single vs. Multi-Issue Community

By DAVID FRIEDMAN

WASHINGTON — Whether it is dangerous for the Jewish community to be considered a single-issue group, primarily interested in Israel, was debated at a session of the 54th General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations here last month.

The issue was discussed by Hyman Bookbinder, director of the American Jewish Committee's Washington office; Marshall Breger, former White House liaison to the Jewish community; and Thomas Dine, director of the America-Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC).

"Support for Israel is indeed the highest single priority on the Jewish agenda and nobody should feel the slightest embarrassment or awkwardness or guilt in proclaiming this priority," Bookbinder declared.

But, he stressed, "Israel's cause is in substantially good shape today not because of the two-and-a-half percent of Americans who are Jewish and have demonstrated their support for Israel, but because another 50 or 60 or 70 percent of non-Jewish Americans have manifested this support."

For this reason, Bookbinder argued, Jews have to support issues for the general good, not only because they are right, but by doing so the Jewish community gains sympathy and allies for its own causes, including Israel.

Problem Of 'Guilt-Free' Political Activity

But Breger, now chairman of the U.S. Administrative Conference, charged that Jews want "guilt-free political activity" in which they can participate in the political process "but not with people we don't like." He said Jews want to take moral stands rather than engage in practical politics.

In addition, Breger said that Jews diminish their political leverage by "not focusing on priorities." He said that when Jewish groups meet with a

political leader they bring up whatever issue is of immediate importance. He said making everything a "life and death issue" confuses politicians and the Jewish community must learn to set priorities.

Bookbinder rejected the "guilt-free" charge. He said Jewish tradition has always been not only to help fellow Jews but others as well. He noted that general issues impact on Jews, too, pointing out that a cut in the social security cost-of-living allowance would effect thousands of elderly Jews.

Dine said that AIPAC's job is to focus on the issue of Israel and how other foreign policy issues affect the Middle East and the peace process.

He said support for Israel has grown in Congress and noted the overwhelming majority in the Senate and House who supported delaying an arms sale to Jordan until March 1 and are ready to reject the sale if no progress is made in the peace process.

Reiterating his often made call for Jews to be politically active on the local, state and national level, Dine said Jews can demonstrate their political clout by rewarding their friends.

Urges Jews To Win New Friends

Breger urged Jews to concentrate on winning new friends especially in the South and Southwest and conservative Senators and Congressmen for their views, Jews should try to meet with them. He said they will have a better understanding of Jewish concerns and they can be moved on issues, although probably not all the way many Jews would want.

Bookbinder said that he welcomed the support for Israel from such conservatives as Sen. Jesse Helms (R.N.C.) who formerly were not favorable to the Jewish State. But he said at the same time, Jews should not desert the many liberals and Democrats who for years were the mainstay of support for Israel in Congress.

Endowment Fund: The Goose That Donated The Golden Egg

"As my parents planted for me, so do I plant for my children"

Gerald S. Frim, Esq.
JFD Endowment Director

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Endowment Fund —

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 ment Fund-owned philanthropic fund. At maturity, the donors will probably be just ready to retire on a fixed income. This would normally mean that their charitable gifts would be cut. However, they would have \$113,000 in proceeds from the Zero Coupon Bond in Philanthropic Fund. They will be able to recommend gifts from their fund which will effectively replace their annual charitable gifts. The family will have a named memorial to their good works which will

perpetuate their support of the Jewish community and its institutions. With a relatively small outlay of resources, this family has provided our Jewish community with a significant resource for the future.

Be a charitable goose — by donating one small golden egg now, our community will benefit from its offspring many, many times over. There are many ways for you to benefit from Zero Coupon Bonds, both personally and through charitable contributions. To find out more about Zero Coupon Bonds or Endowment giving in general, please call me at the Jewish Community of Delaware Endowment Fund: 478-6200.



AT THE CAMPAIGN INAUGURAL
 (L-R): Martin G. Mand, Joan Specter, Senator Arlen Specter, Senator William V. Roth, Jr., Stephen H. Herrmann, Stephen Spiller, Renee Spiller.

Inaugural Campaign Event A Huge Success

Speaking to a standing room only group of guests, Senator Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania opened the 1986 campaign of the Jewish Federation last month.

This inaugural event, chaired by Steve and Renee Spiller, was held at elegant and historic Buena Vista. The event was unique in that no dinner was served, spouses were invited and there was no public announcement of contributions. There were many in attendance for the first time.

Senator Specter, accompanied by his wife, Joan, was introduced by Senator William J. Roth, Jr. of Delaware. Specter spoke of the importance of Israel to the United

States, the congruence of their purpose and the necessity for keeping Israel strong economically and militarily.

Stephen Herrmann, chairperson of the Campaign, stated that the campaign is completely organized with all divisional chairpersons in place. Both he and Martin G. Mand, president of the Federation, spoke of the great local and Israeli needs that needed to be funded. Mand also emphasized the need to unify our community by inter-agency and organizational cooperation.

More funds were raised in this one evening than at any other time since the Yom Kippur War of 1973.



Jewish Federations from the U.S. and Canada sent leadership award winners to the 54th general assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations in Washington, D.C. last month. David Gutin of Philadelphia, chairman of the CJF Leadership Development Committee, (center) is seen greeting Braunshtein Leadership Award winners Steven and Rhoda Domchik. (Photo by Robert Cumins)



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Sid Kessler Honored By JCC Board Of Directors

When the JCC building was completed in 1970, few members of the proud community that cut the ribbon on opening day, understood the full nature of the building they were dedicating to serve the Jewish community. The prize-winning structure was a modernist's dream-wide corridors, open expanses, automated mechanical heating and air-conditioning systems and thousands of cubic yards of poured concrete gave promise of years

of satisfactory usage for the community and its members. Only a few, Sid Kessler was one of them, understood that all buildings need constant "loving" attention. He also realized that unlike industrial or corporate buildings for which realistic and timely maintenance budgets were developed, the JCC as a communal social agency would concentrate more of its dollars into programs and services and less into ongoing preventative maintenance. Under these conditions, constant vigilance must be given to the building and its workings. For 12 years, as a member of the JCC board of directors, its executive committee and chairman of the Center's Building and Grounds Committee, Kessler kept the blazing spotlight on the maintenance needs of the JCC. His was a "hands-on" approach: he studied working drawings, slid on his stomach in crawl spaces, climbed roof



Sid Kessler

ladders, sloshed through flooded basements, suspended himself over disabled sump pumps, hammered, machined parts, responded to fire and police calls in the dead of night and drew up elaborate preventative maintenance programs for the building.

Under his direction, the first feasibility study was

completed for the utilization of the land immediately behind the Center for a Family Park, and it was on the basis of his efforts that the current Family Park plans are being developed. He supervised the construction of the Center's racquetball and tennis facilities and the replacement of the gym roof and floor in the recent repairs to the building, and has recently submitted to the Center's Executive Committee a plan to fully automate by computer the Center's energy usage for major reduction in the Center's energy costs.

Sid and Charlotte Kessler are moving from Wilmington after 29 years of residence. An engineer and director of operations for Thiokol, he is moving to Cape Cod where he will undertake a second career in construction and land development.

The Kesslers are extensive users of the Center's facilities. Charlotte, an avid swimmer, completed her 1000 miles of lap swimming in the Center pool a few years ago and is well on her way to her second thousand mile goal. Their three sons, Eddie, Steve and John were all present at the Center a few years ago when their father received the Harry Cohen Leadership Award for his committed leadership.

As his legacy, Sid Kessler

leaves behind a decade of JCC board leadership who have been educated about the maintenance needs of the JCC facilities. His saying "pay me now, or you'll pay me later" is a familiar phrase around the board table when decisions are being made about the Center building, its repairs, refurbishment and maintenance.

His untiring and devoted efforts for more than a decade have helped fulfill the promise of the JCC building when it was opened for public use more than 14 years ago. Under his guidance, the building, its facilities, are safer, more adequate and more maintenance-free than they were when the building was opened. The tens of thousands of users who annually come through the Center's door, as well as the entire community, are in his debt for that effort. He will be missed.

Kessler was honored at the JCC Board meeting on Monday, Dec. 2 and was presented with a gift from a grateful board for his long-standing efforts on behalf of the Center.

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Kutz Home Admissions Process Streamlined

By THEODORE C. ZUTZ, Admissions Committee chairman

Many people have commented that it is a difficult and time consuming process to gain admission to the Kutz Home. In truth, the application is not hard to fill out, the wait for admission has grown shorter and there is a good deal of assistance available for the applicant and his or her family.

When a person applies for admission to the Home, we must gather certain information on their need for medical and nursing care, requesting these clinical details from the physician. We also like to involve the applicant as much as possible, interviewing this person, touring the Home with them and inquiring about their needs, interests, life history, etc. Our social worker, Jackie Guttenplan, is the person who works with applicants and their families, and she is very flexible in her hours, making evening or weekend appointments if necessary. Jackie can also visit the applicant if he or she is at another nursing home or in the hospital.

There is no charge for filing an application to the Home. Neither is a contribution required as a condition of admission, although applicants

and their families are welcome to make tax-deductible contributions to the Home.

The Home admits applicants who can benefit from the services of the Home, regardless of their ability to pay for this care. Where an individual may be unable to pay the full cost of care (currently \$1,860 a month) it is necessary for the family to provide a confidential financial disclosure so that an accurate determination can be made of how much assistance will be needed. The Home participates in the Medicaid program and receives allocations from the Jewish Federation and United Way of Delaware, which help subsidize those who are unable to pay fully for their care. Over 60% of the Home's current residents pay less than the actual cost of their care.

While applicants for admission to the Home used to wait for as long as a year for a bed to become available, the wait is now much shorter - sometimes only a matter of days from the time an application is completed. In addition to admitting people for long-term care, it is now possible for the Home to provide short-term or convalescent care when beds are available.

To discuss application and the services of the Kutz Home, please call Jackie Guttenplan at 764-7000. She and others connected with the Home will be happy to assist in any way they can.

Correction
Shifrah Drukker is the daughter of Hanna and Alexander Drukker.

Being Jewish At Christmas

"Being Jewish at Christmas," a program celebrating the American Jewish heritage in song and story, will be offered Wednesday, Dec. 25, at the National Museum of American Jewish History, Independence Mall East. Musicians and folklorists Saul Broudy and Mike Miller will perform



Saul Broudy

throughout the day, beginning at 1 p.m.

Best known as an instrumentalist for his harmonica playing, Saul Broudy accompanies himself on guitar, singing a repertoire that ranges from serious folk music, bluegrass and country-western to blues and rock 'n' roll. He has played in clubs and coffeehouses, at colleges and on contract stages throughout the United

States, Canada and Great Britain. As a sideman, he has accompanied such artists as David Amram, Utah Phillips, Jim Ringer and the late Steve Goodman. He holds a doctoral degree in folklore from the University of Pennsylvania.

Mike Miller, classically trained as a composer, is the creator of a nationally televised choral work celebrating the 25th anniversary of the State of Israel, the graduation Mass of Melrose

Academy and a series of dances and folk songs that have found their place in contemporary Israeli culture. A collector of songs and prose as well as a composer, he has toured four continents, gathering a rich repertoire of tall tales and fables, stories, legends and jokes. His first love is the traditional Russian and American Jewish music and stories he grew up with.

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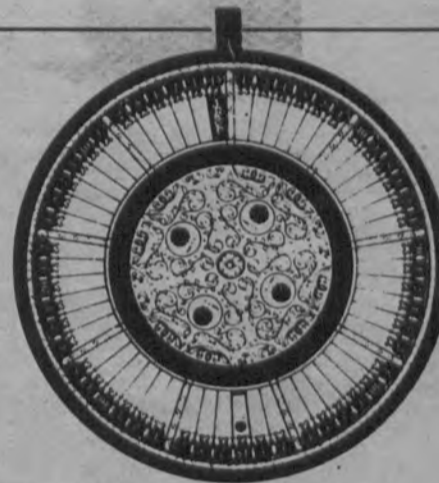
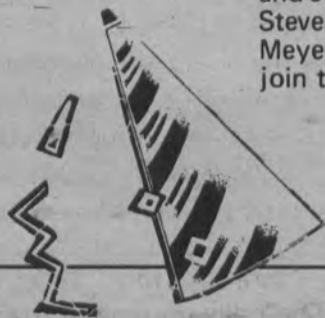
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- Marilyn & Richard Levin
- Judy & Allan Levy
- Susan & Steve Gleich
- Renee Spiller
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- Leah Tenenbaum
- Karen Rovine
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- Marcia Tucker
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GUIDELINES ON RELIGION AND THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

POLICY STATEMENT

THE FIRST AMENDMENT - SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE

Religious freedom and liberty, one of the cornerstones of American democracy, is protected against government interference or encroachment by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution. This Amendment states in part as follows:

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof...

Decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court over the years have defined and reaffirmed this Constitutional guarantee in relation to the public schools of the nation.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS MUST BE RELIGIOUSLY NEUTRAL

The principle that public schools shall be religiously neutral has been established and accepted in a long line of Supreme Court decisions. The Supreme Court has defined "religiously neutral" as refraining from:

- promotion of any and all religions;
- expressions of opposition or hostility to religion;
- showing preference for one religion over another.

Accordingly, public schools must be committed to preserving the principle of Separation of Church and State as a safeguard of religious freedom for all Americans.

SCHOOLS MAY TEACH "ABOUT" RELIGION

Public schools should take cognizance of religion and its role in our society. Programs which teach *about* religion and its role in the social and historical development of civilization do not violate the religious neutrality of the public school. Schools, however, should avoid religious observances, devotions, or celebrations. In no event should any student, teacher, or public school staff member feel that his or her own beliefs or practices are being questioned, infringed upon or compromised by programs taking place in or sponsored by the public schools.

NEUTRALITY IS SOUND EDUCATIONAL POLICY

Religious neutrality is not only mandated by the Constitution; it is also sound educational policy. Introduction of religion into the schools can only serve to make some children uncomfortable. Religious celebrations often force children to choose between participating in the celebration or isolating themselves from their classmates by not participating. The U.S. Supreme Court has long recognized the great pressure on children to conform with their peers. Accordingly, schools should avoid practices which operate to single out and isolate the "different" pupils and thereby serve to embarrass and harass those children who wish to be excused.

(Contact the Jewish Federation for Court citations supporting this policy statement.)

SIX SUGGESTED PUBLIC SCHOOL PRACTICES

I. SCHOOLS MAY TEACH ABOUT RELIGION AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Factual and objective teaching about religion should be distinguished from religious indoctrination which is forbidden in all public schools:

- Intercultural programs focusing on the role that religion has played in history or the development of society are generally acceptable and desirable in a multi-ethnic society.
- Programs should be encouraged which educate students about the principle of religious liberty, as one of the central elements of freedom and democracy in America.

II. THE TOTAL EFFECT OF MUSIC PROGRAMS SHOULD BE NON-RELIGIOUS

A musical program prepared for and presented during school hours should not be, nor have the effect of being, religiously oriented or a religious celebration. While individual religious pieces of music may be performed for their musical value, the total effect of a music program or concert should be non-religious. However the study of religious music as part of a music appreciation course, or as part of a study of various lands and cultures, is appropriate.

III. STUDENT EMBARRASSMENT SHOULD BE AVOIDED

Teachers may explain the meanings of religious holidays provided every effort is made to obtain adequate and authentic information on matters pertaining to religion. Teachers should avoid the potential embarrassment of asking students to explain their own religious practices or observances, or to bring religious objects to class as a basis for a discussion of holiday observances.

IV. RELIGIOUS PROGRAMS MAY NOT BE HELD UNDER PUBLIC SCHOOL AUSPICES

Religious programs, holiday observances or celebrations, under public school auspices, whether on or off school premises, whether optional or compulsory, violate the First Amendment and should not be held. In this context, the following do not belong in the public schools:

- A worship service or religious ceremony of any kind, regardless of whether or not conducted by a clergyman.
- Religious symbols - defined as any object which portrays, recognizes, or suggests the existence of a supreme being or deity; e.g. Nativity scenes, crosses, Stars of David, Buddhas, etc.
- The presentation of religious dramas as part of a holiday celebration or observance.

V. JOINT HOLIDAY OBSERVANCES ARE EQUALLY UNDESIRABLE

Joint celebrations (Christmas-Hanukkah, Easter-Passover) only serve to introduce more improper religious observances into the public schools. This tends to place holidays in competition with one another, thus distorting each holiday as a distinctive religious experience in its own right.

VI. RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS ARE EXCUSED ABSENCES

A pupil's absence from school on a religious holiday should be recognized as an excused absence, without penalty on scholastic or attendance records. So as not to penalize students for their religious observance, the scheduling of examinations, assemblies, field trips, graduation exercises, and other special events, including school-related programs for parents, should be avoided on religious holidays.

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Montefiore Mutual Benefit Society

The Montefiore Mutual Youth Camp, the Jewish Benefit Society, Delaware's oldest ongoing Jewish organization, again this year made sizeable contributions to each of the five synagogue religious schools of Delaware. Checks were presented at a multi-congregational breakfast at Congregation Beth Emeth. Checks were also given to Gratz High School, Albert Einstein Academy, the JCC Family Service, the Emmanuel Dining Room, the Kutz Home, the Delaware Hospice, and the United Way of Delaware.

Alan Schoenberg gave a short talk on the goals and the History of the society. Jack Brodsky, president of the Montefiore Mutual Benefit Society then made the presentation of the envelopes to the recipients.

Chuckles

A derivative of nudnik, recently coined, covers the special category of pedantic or pedagogical bores: *phudnik*. What is a *phudnik*? "A nudnik with a Ph.D."

A proud young *chachem* (know it all) told his grandmother that he was going to become a doctor of philosophy. The *bubbe* smiled proudly: "Wonderful. But what kind of disease is 'philosophy'?"

Little Benny was watching his mother bake cookies. He stood there for a long time, then said, "Mamma, why don't you ask me something?"

"What should I ask you, *in mitske derinnen*?" (in the middle of everything)

"You could ask me, 'You want a cookie, Benny?'"

Jablonsky sent up a cry of rapture when he won first

prize at a lottery. A *kibitzer* asked him, "What made you pick a number like 63, anyway?"

"It came to me in a dream!" cried Jablonsky. "I dreamed I was in a theater, and on the stage was a chorus of sevens — each dancer a number 7, in a line, exactly eight 7's long! So I chose 63."

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Jablonsky chortled, "So O.K., you be the mathematician!"

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Gal Shifron Visits Delaware Gratz

On Tuesday, Oct. 29, the "School and Community Service" elective received Gal Shifron in their class. Shifron, director at the Jewish Community Center of Senior Services and Adult Education, addressed the students on our Jewish tradition of care for the elderly (*hiddur p'nay zaken*) and suggested possibilities for their active participation in this area. The students were informed about services on the national, state and local levels from both historical and legislative perspectives. Our thanks to Gal Shifron for indicating some of the ways our elders' needs may be met, with our help.

Spy Scandal —

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been obtained covertly or illegally. That's not the case. Those assessments were made in the course of our longstanding defence relationship and intelligence exchanges with the government of Israel."

The evidence released so far by U.S. governmental investigators, as presented in preliminary court hearings and in the news media, points directly to officials at the Israeli Embassy in Washington as having accepted hundreds of stolen documents, stamped "top secret," from Pollard.

ABC News identified Ilan Ravid, an embassy science attache, as Pollard's alleged contact in Washington. Ravid and another Israeli science attache at the consulate in New York, Yosef Yagur, suddenly flew back to Israel earlier last week. Their return home, widely reported in the U.S., dramatically added credibility to the allega-

tions against Israel.

According to FBI special field agent Eugene Noltkamper's testimony on Nov. 27 before Judge Patrick J. Attridge in U.S. District Court in Washington, Pollard, 31, has confessed to having been paid by his Israeli "controllers" \$2,500 a month for the last year and a half.

During that period, the U.S. naval analyst also received two trips to Europe, the FBI agent said. He was accompanied by his wife, Anne Henderson-Pollard, on the second trip, which included a stopover in Israel.

There was widespread shock in Washington as the

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case unfolded. U.S. officials expressed amazement that someone in the Israeli government had apparently authorized the payments to Pollard.

Whoever was responsible, these officials insist, should be severely punished for clearly going beyond the accepted standards of behavior in intelligence collection between the two countries.

"Family just doesn't do this kind of thing," commented *The Washington Times* in an editorial. President Ronald

Reagan, also clearly puzzled, was quoted as having asked Secretary of State George Shultz: "Why are they doing this?"

Both sides, over the years, have snooped against each other. The U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv simply assumes that Israeli intelligence is trying to intercept some of their communications — just as the Israeli Embassy in Washington makes the same assumption against the U.S. intelligence community.

The Washington Post, in an editorial, also pointed out that it should not have come as a surprise that Israel was spying on the U.S. "No doubt, people consumed by the sense of living on a narrow security margin find it difficult to forgo an activity that they think might widen that margin," it said.

But what is very unusual in this Pollard case — and what clearly goes beyond the limits of the mutually-accepted and longstanding rules of the game — is the actual recruitment of and payment of a secret intelligence agent. For years, both countries have abided by an agreement to bar such activities. Why risk the already very close military and intelligence cooperation by going after the relatively marginal details that are not officially shared?

That is why administration officials, congressmen and senators, American-Jewish leaders, journalists and many others are shaking their heads and asking how Israel could have been so "stupid" in using someone like Pollard to get sensitive intelligence information.

The reports of Pollard's have bragged for more than a decade since college — that he was working for the Mossad have been highly publicized in the American news media.

All of this certainly does not enhance the reputation of U.S. naval intelligence either. In Washington people are wondering aloud how Pollard could have received top secret U.S. security clearance given his personality and his background.

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Answers To Important Questions Regarding Day Schools

From time to time questions arise about the Hebrew day school concept. For the next three issues, Albert Einstein Academy would like to answer those questions.

Question: In a Hebrew day school, my child would be spending half his time on secular studies. Will not his general education suffer accordingly?

Answer: Not at all. Despite the time limitations, a Hebrew day school offers a full, enriched program in its General Studies Division, taught by highly qualified teachers.

The Day School Movement has existed for some decades now and graduates of such schools have a clear record of success in higher general education, winning more than

their share of scholarships and other awards. We can do no better than quote from a talk by Abraham Ribicoff, one-time secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, at a banquet for a day school in St. Louis, Missouri:

"These boys and girls go on to high school and they are more than equal with their fellow students who do not go to a day school. They go on to colleges and they will win scholarships and they will receive awards and honors in overwhelming numbers. Their records are outstanding and fantastic in comparison with those who just receive a secular education. These students receive an education not only of science and history and mathematics, but

it is an education of morals, it is an education of religion, and it is an education of spiritual qualities that mean so much to us as a people for the last four thousand years."

Question: I am afraid that my child will suffer in everyday life from lack of contact with the "outside world." How will he get along with people who are racially and religiously different?

Answer: The Day School is far from a new institution, and the experience of the older schools definitely indicates no need for fears on this ground. In an article printed in *Commentary*, published by the American Jewish Committee, Milton Himmelfarb, doing a careful neutral study of the Day School Movement, answers this question:

"A few years ago an astute researcher found that as far as he probed, the day school children he interviewed were fully committed to intergroup liberalism, among the other articles of the American creed. Every piece of research I have seen confirms that there is no difference in intergroup attitudes between day school and other Jewish children of similar background."

Parenting Dilemma - Help!

The Albert Einstein Academy P.T.A. and the JCC Children and Youth Department are cosponsoring two separate three-month series on parenting.

One series will deal with children from kindergarten through sixth grade and will focus on topics such as: When is a problem really a problem? understanding children's non-verbal behavior, and the effects of a death in the family on the surviving children. This series will meet on Sunday, Jan. 5, Feb. 2, and March 9 from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center.

There will be swim and gym activities for all K-6th graders of the parent discussion participants. The cost is \$9 per family if you register for all three sessions or \$4 per family for each Sunday session.

The second series will deal with children from fourth through eighth grades and will focus on discussions of when is a problem a problem, children who break the law, and the desperate youngster. This series will meet on Sunday, Jan. 26, Feb. 23, and March 30 from 9:45 - 11:30 a.m. at the Jewish Community Center. The fee is \$2 per family for each Sunday session.

These sessions are being led by Harris Winkelstein, Ph.D., a licensed child and adolescent psychologist.

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Insurance

By Arnold Lieberman,
Executive Director



On a fairly regular basis, both board and staff members of our agency report that people say to them, "No one knows that Jewish Family Service even exists, let alone know what you do."

This is difficult for us to understand since, in any given year, we come in contact with between 25% to 40% of the total Jewish population of our state. We serve directly about 1,500 Jewish clients a year. For the past seven years, an agency column has appeared in almost every issue of *The Jewish Voice* and our "Dear Rachel" column has appeared in every issue for the past five years.

Our staff and board members speak, both formally and informally, to groups of varying sizes throughout the year, and our board sponsors Oneg Shabbats at various synagogues.

I have come to believe that people generally know about our agency, but would prefer not to think about it unless they need us. I have begun to think of Jewish Family Service as not unlike insurance - you want to know it's

there, but you hope you will never have to use it, and you do not really think about it until the occasion arises.

This concept is certainly more comfortable to me, but it in no way reduces our need to continuously remind the community of our existence and availability in time of need.

Prevention or early identification of a potential problem is difficult to sell to the public. In other areas, dramatic, frightening examples have been found to be most effective. A picture of a lung ravaged by cigarette smoking or bodies piled beside a wrecked car as a result of drunken driving have made their points.

Most of what we deal with does not lend itself as directly to a cause and effect illustration. However, a parental relationship that is beginning to disintegrate, in some cases may result in tragic consequences to all the members of the family. A youngster who is beginning to let his school work slip and is spending more time in his room may, in some cases, wind up in much more serious trouble.

We attempt to appeal to people on a reasonable, logical basis. Our goal is to remind them about what may happen and how they may prepare for it by knowing what to do. At least by our community assuring that Jewish Family Service is available, we are making sure that we all have an "insurance policy" that can pay dividends if the need arises.

To use your policy, simply call 478-9411.

Dear Rachel,

This has been a terrible year for me. My mother has always been a busy, social person, even at 79 years old. In the last year, her liver has begun to go bad, she has had some heart problems, and she has become very shaky on her feet. She has also become depressed, and she is often on the phone (long distance) complaining to me how her life isn't worth living any more. I have rushed to see her three times in the past five months because she sounded like she was falling apart or, God forbid, dying. I have avoided a couple of other trips by calling her doctor direct and by making long distance arrangements for a girl to come in and clean the house twice a week. I still feel terribly guilty about not doing my best for her but it's hard for me to leave my job or my family. Is there a way out of this dilemma, knowing that I want to be a good daughter, and knowing that I have a life down here?

Disturbed Daughter
and Mother

Dear Disturbed,

Long distance caring has become a problem for many Jewish families because both adult children and their parents are so mobile. Fortunately, our desire to care for each other is not diminished by distance. But you, and many others like you, are caught up in the practical difficulties of judging the needs and providing physical and emotional help to someone far away.

First, you must understand that it is moral, ethical, legal, and Jewish to meet your own and your family's needs. If you consistently fail to meet your needs you will end up feeling angry, guilty and helpless. You are entitled to say "no" to your mother's explicit or implicit demands if you can't go see her.

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Dear Rachel

honoring parents and helping them wherever possible. But Jewish law recognizes the limitations that many children have in coping with parents' needs. You are permitted to delegate the care you can't handle to someone else.

You can try involving others who are on the spot (neighbors, paid professionals and helpers, volunteers, community resources such as family and geriatric services), as well as other family members. Many large cities also have freelance social workers who can do evaluations and coordinate services for people like your mother.

Jewish Family Service is interested in starting a support group for adult children of aging parents. If you are interested, call us for further information (478-9411).

In the meantime, accept the practical limits of what you have to offer your mother. Be sure to give generously what only you can offer - the concern and care of a loving daughter.

Rachel

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Obituaries

Bertha Shusterman

Bertha Shusterman, 84, of the Kutz Home, 704 River Road, formerly of Philadelphia, died Thursday, Nov. 21 at the nursing home.

Mrs. Shusterman was a homemaker and member of Congregation Beth Shalom and The Workmen's Circle.

Her husband, Benjamin, died in 1971. Surviving are a daughter, Jean Drowos of Colony North Apartments; a son, Herman of Angela City, the Philippines; 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services were held in Schoenberg Memorial Chapel, 519 Philadelphia Pike.

Interment was in in Mount Sharon Cemetery, Springfield, Pa.

In memoriam the family suggests contributions to Congregation Beth Shalom, 18th Street and Baynard Boulevard, Wilmington 19802, or to the Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Wilmington 19809.

Mabel M. Schlanger

Mabel M. Schlanger, 77, of 8601 Society Drive, B'nai B'rith House in Claymont, died Saturday, Nov. 30 in Tilton Terrace Nursing Home, 801 N. Broom St., Wilmington.

Miss Schlanger graduated from Wilmington High School and was a 1932 graduate of Temple University, Philadelphia, receiving a degree in music and education. She sang as a hobby and was a member of the Temple University Alumni choral group, which sang with the Philadelphia Orchestra under Eugene Ormandy in the 1950s. She also sang in the Beth Emeth choir.

She worked an an interviewer for the Delaware Labor Department in the unemployment division and later worked as a civil servant for the Veterans Administration and the Internal Revenue Service.

After her retirement in 1972 from the IRS, she was involved in volunteer work. She was a resident and officer of the Tenants Council of the B'nai B'rith House and was active

in the senior center of the Jewish Community Center. She was a member of the B'nai B'rith and Beth Emeth Congregation sisterhood.

She is survived by a sister, Muriel S. Ettliger of Philadelphia.

Graveside services were held in Lombardy Cemetery, Concord Pike.

In memoriam the family suggests contributions to the Wilmington Chapter of Deborah, in care of Mrs. L. Steinberg, 114 W. 28th St., Wilmington 19802.

Rae Fink

Rae Fink of Silver Spring, Md., died Saturday, Nov. 30 at her winter home in Sunrise Lake, Fla.

She is survived by her husband, Harold; a son, Jack of Wilmington; a daughter, Jill Schlessinger of Willingboro, N.J.; and four grandchildren.

Services were held in Levine's Funeral Home, 7112 N. Broad St., Philadelphia.

Interment was in King David Memorial Park, Cornwell Heights, Pa.

In memoriam the family suggests contributions to charity.

Freida Feldman

Freida Feldman, 84, of Presidential Apartments, City Line Avenue, Philadelphia, died Wednesday, Dec. 4 in Thomas Jefferson Hospital.

Mrs. Feldman, a homemaker, was a member of Hadassah and of the Deborah Medical Auxiliary.

Her husband, Milton, died in 1963. She is survived by a daughter, Marilyn Levitsky of Wilmington; a son, David of Cherry Hill, N.J.; a brother, Harry Simon of Florida; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services were held in J. Levine & Sons Memorial Chapel, 7112 N. Broad St.

Interment was in Mount Sharon Cemetery, Springfield.

In memoriam the family suggests contributions to Beth Emeth Congregation, 300 W. Lea Boulevard, Wilmington 19802.

Stephen Littman

Stephen Littman, 28, of 2111 Pasternak Place, Village of Coblestone, died Wednesday,

Dec. 4 in Christiana Hospital.

Mr. Littman was a self-employed jeweler. He moved to Newark from London, England, about a year ago.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara A. of Newark; and his mother, Marie Littman, a brother, Neil, and his maternal grandmother, Rose Solomons, all of London.

Graveside services were held in the Montefiore section of the Jewish Community Cemetery, Foulk Road.

In memoriam the family suggests contributions to charity.

Edith Labovsky

Edith Labovsky, 68, a nurse for more than 45 years, died Thursday, Dec. 5 in Wilmington Hospital.

Mrs. Labovsky was a graduate of Albert Einstein Hospital's school of nursing in Philadelphia.

She moved to Seaford around 1940 when the Du Pont Co. started its nylon plant there. Her husband is a retired Du Pont engineer, and Mrs. Labovsky worked as a private nurse.

A year later she moved to Martinsville, Va., when Du Pont started another nylon plant there; she worked at the Martinsville Municipal Hospital and as a staff nurse in several Boy Scout and Girl Scout camps. She also organized special nursing classes in infant and child care in response to the wartime shortage of doctors.

In 1956 the Labovskys returned to Wilmington and Mrs. Labovsky became a staff nurse at the Memorial, Delaware and Riverside hospitals, respectively.

She moved to Switzerland in 1963, where she organized a group of American nurses living in Switzerland to work as volunteer nurses in the Canton of Geneva Hospital. During her six years in Switzerland she engaged in social work and founded the English Speaking Jewish Community of Geneva Sisterhood, which later evolved into what is today "Groupe Israel Liberal."

She returned to Delaware in 1969 and for the next 13 years she worked as a school nurse at Stubbs, Mary C.I. Williams, Bancroft and Drew-Pyle elementary schools.

She is survived by her husband, Joseph; two daughters, Micki Edelson of Wilmington and Lora Meyer of New York City; a son, Stephen of New York City and three grandsons.

Services were held in Temple Beth Emeth, 300 Lea Blvd.

Interment was in the family plot in Machzikey Hadas Cemetery, Minquadale,

Aaron Lessin

Aaron L. Lessin, 66, of Delray Beach, formerly of Wilmington, died Thursday, Dec. 5 at home.

Mr. Lessin was a corporate vice president for Gaylord's department stores for more than 25 years. He retired in 1984.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II, serving in military intelligence in the Pacific theater. He was a member of B'nai B'rith and B'rith Shalom.

He is survived by his wife, the former Beatrice Novack; a son, Barton M. of Mount Pleasant, Mich.; a daughter, Carol Levin of Sherman Oaks, Calif.; and a brother, Sydney Lessin of Delray Beach, and five grandchildren.

Services were held at Schoenberg Memorial Chapel, 519 Philadelphia Pike, Wilmington.

Interment was in Machzikey Hadas Cemetery, Minquadale, Del.

In memoriam the family suggests contributions to the

American Cancer Society, 1708 Lovering Avenue, Wilmington 19806 or to Hadassah International.

Reba Fried

Reba Fried, 74, of 2409 Society Drive, Presidential Towers, died Monday, Dec. 9 in Parkview Convalescent Home.

Mrs. Fried was an office manager with Miller Bros. furniture. She retired in 1976 after 30 years.

She is survived by a son, Alan of Brandywine Apartments, and two sisters, Lillian Shur of Presidential Towers, and Rosalind Riebman of Willow Grove, Pa.

Services were held in Schoenberg Memorial Chapel, 519 Philadelphia Pike.

Interment was in the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth section of the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road.

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

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Beth Emeth Confirmation Kallah

By JULIE SCHNEIDER,
President

1986 Confirmation Class

On Friday, Nov. 15, the Beth Emeth confirmation class of 1986 departed for the Treadway Inn in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. We were beginning a weekend retreat of fun, learning, and getting to know each other just a little better. After arriving and get-

ting settled in our individual rooms, we met and conducted our Friday night service, ate dinner and, before curfew, had a fun game of Trivial Pursuit - Jewish, of course!

On Saturday, after breakfast, we proceeded to have our Saturday morning service. Throughout the service, we would stop and analyze different passages in order to get a better understanding of what we were reading. Later in the day we had free time when we could go swimming or enjoy numerous other activities, or speak with our guest speaker, Rabbi Irwin Goldenberg, of Temple Beth Israel, York, Pa. With the closing of Shabbat, we had a Havdalah service and later, for fun, we watched some movies.

Sunday morning brought with it our departure, but not

before class elections were held. Our officers are: president, Julie Schneider; vice president, Mollie Weiner; secretary, Nina Miller; treasurer, Jason Strassner.

We left the Treadway Inn knowing more about Judaism and ourselves, and looking forward to Shavuot.

IRSTA

During the weekend of Nov. 8 through 10, three cadet aides from Beth Emeth Religious School - David Kaufman, Erik Paul, and Stephanie Margolin - attended the IRSTA Conference at Hebrew Union College's Cincinnati Campus. IRSTA is the Institute for Religious School Teaching Assistants.

The theme for the weekend was "Teaching the Holocaust: An Experimental Encounter." We attended five workshops which combined learning about the Holocaust with teaching methods.

We attended services, including a Senior Sermon, in the HUC Chapel. We also participated in "Mixers" on Friday, visited the Plum Street Temple, and bowled on Saturday and did lots of eating. We met teachers' aides from the United States and Canada. We also visited the HUC's Collection of Rare Books and Archives. This article, and all Congregation Bulletins, are preserved there.

Most importantly, we had great leaders: Rabbinic students Eve Ben-Ora, Joe Black, Rabbi Gary Zola, and others.

We have brought back many resources to help the Religious School Program, and we will be telling the other Beth Emeth cadet aides about our experiences.

We extend our thanks to Congregation Beth Emeth for its financial support and to Suzanne Paul, director of education, for letting us go.

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Wednesday, Dec. 18

7:30 p.m. Jewish Community Center

Film Series

Tuesday, Dec. 31

9:00 p.m. Jewish Community Center

New Year's Eve Party

Sunday, Jan. 5

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Cooking In Delaware

By SYLVIA L. PANITZ

In less than two weeks we will be at the end of another year. It hardly seems possible that a year has passed since we sat in front of the TV watching President Reagan's second inauguration on that bitter cold day in January. It was so cold that the parades had to be cancelled. Before we knew it, we were wondering what to do with the leftover *matzoh* from Passover. Suddenly the grass started growing and it was time to start mowing again. School was over and the long, hot summer disappeared into a few weeks. Parents worked hard getting their kids ready

for camp and before they knew it the kids were on their way home. The college kids were off to buy new jeans saying that next summer they needed a job with more income. College living is expensive!

School started and anyone turning 16 this year was interested in only one course - driver's ed. The shofar sounded and then it was time to prepare for Sukkot. Next we were making plans for Turkey Day. Now we are about to put away the Hanukkah menorah for another year. It seems that as we get older, the years get shorter.

For those of you planning small end of the year get-togethers the following recipes might be useful. Ralston has put out a new cereal, Almond Delight and I have used it to make the cheese ball below.

Almond Fruited Cheese Ball

1 package (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened
 1/4 cup raisins
 1/4 cup flaked coconut
 1 can (8 oz.) crushed pineapple in unsweetened pineapple juice, drained
 1/2 teaspoon almond extract
 2 cups Almond Delight cereal, crushed to 1/4 cup, divided. Measure crushed cereal in measuring cup.

In small bowl of electric mixer combine cream cheese, raisins, coconut, pineapple, almond extract and 1/2 cup cereal. Mix well. Refrigerate at least 30 minutes. Form into ball. Just before serving, roll in remaining 1/4 cup cereal. Serve with crackers or fresh fruit. Makes 1 1/2 cups.

Sardine Spread

2 (3 or 4 oz.) cans skinless, boneless sardines
 2 hard boiled eggs
 Juice of 1 lemon
 4 TBSP salad dressing

Chop eggs and sardines fine. Add other ingredients and mix well. Refrigerate for 1 hour. Serve on crackers.

Sardine Cheese Balls

1 cup sardines (skinless and boneless)
 3 oz. cream cheese
 1 1/2 tsp. mustard
 1 tsp. lemon juice
 Pinch salt and pepper
 Chopped salted nuts

Drain oil from sardines. Mash sardines with fork; add cream cheese and mix until smooth. Add remaining ingredients except nuts and mix well. Form into small

balls and roll in finely chopped nuts. Makes about 20 appetizers.

Grapefruit Sections And Honey

2 grapefruits, peeled and sectioned
 3/4 cup honey
 1/4 cup flaked coconut
 Arrange grapefruit sections in spiral fashion on large plate. Drizzle honey over the sections, then sprinkle with the coconut. Chill until ready to serve. Yields about 20 sections.

Grapefruit Dip

1 cup sour cream
 1 TBSP honey
 Juice of 1 grapefruit
 Mix together until smooth and creamy. Good for dipping chips, fresh vegetables. Yields 1 cup.

Onion Dill Dip

2 1/2 cups plain yogurt
 1 pkg. onion soup mix
 1 TBSP. minced parsley
 1/4 tsp. garlic powder
 1 tsp. dill weed
 Dash pepper

Combine all ingredients. Chill at least 1 hour to blend flavors. Makes 3 cups. Serve with vegetables such as carrots, celery and cauliflower. ENJOY!

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Organizations in the News

'God Language' Discussed At Beth Emeth Sisterhood

Yvette Rudnitzky will lead a discussion group on "God Language" on Dec. 17 at 7:30

Tri-State Jewish Singles

The Tri-State Jewish Singles invite all Jewish singles in the area to a holiday dance on Saturday, Dec. 14 at Beth Shalom, 18th & Baynard Blvd., Wilmington, De. Festivities are from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30, with music, *noshes*, cash bar and socializing. The tab for the evening is \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members. Reservations will be very much appreciated. Please call Garee Lisansky, 764-5651 after 6:00 and let her know that you will be attending. Members and non-members will be welcomed.

For those who have not joined the group as yet, come on Dec. 14 and sign the ever-growing membership list.

p.m. at Temple Beth Emeth, in the temple lounge. She will be using as a starting point the essay by Rita Gross: *Steps Towards Feminine Imagery of Deity in Jewish Theology*. This may be found in the book *On Being a Jewish Feminist* by Susannah Heschel. Copies of the essay can be found at the Temple office. Try to read the essay or the book before the meeting.

Rudnitzky will lead the group discussion looking at language and imagery surrounding our concept of God and where if any is the voice and presence of the feminine. She will begin with the premise that language defines reality and conditions on how we develop our thinking and feeling self. Where is the feminine presence in Judaism? Where are our stories, our values? Come and seek to discover together. It is open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Beth Shalom Sisterhood Hosts Fashion Show



Carol Kohn Stands in the doorway narrating the fashion show.



Model Rita Klepner

Congregation Beth Shalom Sisterhood had a marvelous turn out on Oct. 13, for their annual paid-up membership silver tea hosted by Mrs. Steven Schwartz, membership chairperson. The members were treated to a fashion show by Impressions of Dover, owned by Carol

Kohn. Models were Rita Klepner, Cheri Bragg, Deanne Bolasny, Julie Kohn, and Dolores Knopf.

Sisterhood general meetings are held at Congregation Beth Shalom, Queen Street, Dover, on the first Wednesday of each month. For more in-

formation regarding membership, please call the synagogue at 734-5578.

AKSE Centennial Book Going To Press

Anyone who did not attend the congregational dinner celebration may purchase a Centennial Commemorative Book for \$36. Order and payment must be received in the AKSE office by Dec. 18, 1985.

Books will be ready for distribution in mid-January. For further information please call Roberta Woloshin, 798-4848.

Women's American ORT

A special showing of the well known film, "The Link and the Chain," will be the highlight of the December general meeting of Women's American ORT, Brandywine Chapter-at-large.

The program will take place on Thursday, Dec. 19, at 7:30 p.m., at 133 Jade Drive, Wexford.

Anyone wishing to attend should bring a small \$3 gift for a holiday grab bag. For further information please call Ilene, 478-2098, or Vicki, 478-7237.

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Birth

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Engagements

Judy Gold of San Francisco, daughter of **Renee** and **Sidney Gold** of Venter, N.J., formerly of Oak Lane Manor, is engaged to **Manny Bustos** of San Francisco. A March wedding is planned.

Marjorie Andrade, daughter of **Juliana** and **Manuel Andrade** of Bridgewater, Mass. is engaged to **Robert L. Hewitt**, son of **Ellie** and **Bert Hewitt** of Wilmington. A September wedding is planned.

Carol Sue Levin, daughter of **Diane** and **Harry Levin** of Wilmington is engaged to **Max Kay** of Scottsdale, Ariz. An April wedding is planned.

Judith E. Kreston, daughter of **Carolyn** and **Donald Kreston** of Wilmington is engaged to **Brian Glantz**, son of **Lisa** and

Murray Glantz of New York. A September 21 wedding is planned.

Wedding

Steve Mandel, son of **Stella** and **Zoltan Mandel** of Wilmington, was married to **Elisabeth Lesser**, daughter of **Donna** and **Edward Lesser** of Bedford Hills, N.Y. on Nov. 10 in South Salem, N.Y. The couple will live in West Islip, N.Y.

Mazel Tov

Michael B. Rosen was recently elected to Alpha Omega National Honor Society at Hahnemann University School of Medicine, Philadelphia. He is the son of **Sandra** and **Frank Rosen** and the grandson of **Dorothy Bronstein** all of Wilmington.

Yvette Rudnitzky of Wilmington was elected vice-president of the Delaware National Organization for Women.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Helen S. Balick, Delaware's lone bankruptcy judge since 1974, has been reappointed for a 14 year term by the Third Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia.

By Desmond Ryan
Reprinted from The Philadelphia Inquirer

In "The Jazz Singer," the film that launched the sound era in 1927, Al Jolson plays a cantor's son who plunges into the American mainstream by marrying an Irish girl and pursuing show business ambitions.

In "The Cantor's Son," the plot follows the same familiar line until it's decision time. Then the young man, seeing the error of his ways and the pressing need to retain his identity, waves farewell to the Statue of Liberty that has greeted millions of Jewish immigrants. He returns to his *shetl* in the old country and settles down with a Jewish girl.

Besides inaugurating a cinematic revolution, "The Jazz Singer" had a lesser-known consequence. Immigrant Jews with little or no English were cut off from the talkies and a minor and still unsung genre — the Yiddish film — sprang up to meet their special needs.

Almonds & Raisins is a celebration of a short-lived and still relatively little-known phenomenon in American movies. Between 1927 and 1940, Yiddish filmmakers produced 300 movies

Film: Helping Jewish Immigrants To Cope

Review

ALMONDS & RAISINS ***
Produced and written by Russ Karel and David Elstein, directed by Russ Karel, edited by Christopher Barnes, narrated by Orson Welles and distributed by Teleculture.
Running time: 1 hour, 30 minutes
Parent's guide: No MPAA rating (nothing offensive)

that catered astutely to the yearnings and fears of the new arrivals.

The documentary, which opened a one-week run Dec. 6 at the Roxy Screening Room, assembles clips from the films themselves and the reminiscences of participating actors such as Herschel Bernardi. The narration by Orson Welles is a model of clarity and insight into the reasons for both the prosperity and the passing of Yiddish film.

The film's apt title conjures bitterness and sweetness and describes the feelings of many immigrants — not just Jews — at what they found after they passed through Ellis Island. The streets of New York were not paved with gold, but lined with peddlers' carts. For the Jews who came in such numbers to the tenements of the East Side, there was one hope. If

they could not escape the grinding poverty, they could at least make life better for their children.

In the sentimental melodramas that were the staple of the Yiddish cinema, the recurring theme is family love triumphing over separation. As Miriam Kressyn, an actress who appeared in several of the films notes, the appeal was blunt and to the point. The movies addressed an audience who felt ambivalence toward the old and new worlds. They escaped persecution at the expense of a way of life they cherished. The most intriguing sequences in "Almonds & Raisins" deal with the dilemma of assimilation that is central to the Jewish immigrant experience.

"The Cantor's Son" is but one of the films quoted that sounded a note of defiance and insisted on maintaining a separate identity. Ironically, Yiddish cinema and its arguments flourished as Jews named Mayer and Goldwyn asserted their control in Hollywood. In the end, the assimilation so many of the Yiddish films criticized took place, and the reason for their existence disappeared.



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Hanukkah

By LOUISE F. WEALTH

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To stock up impliments of destruction
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The holy scriptures. There it tells us to do
As we would have done to us.
And these instructions from Lord God
Tho ancient: are applicable and righteous
This day as long ago.
And Hanukah reminds us of the bravery
And will of our ancestors for us too we know.
And that the freedom we now enjoy and forever
Was dearly bought. Then we must be more
Humble in dealing with one to another.
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Louise Wealth, a Wilmington octogenarian, is a member of the JCC Senior Center.

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Some helpful hints for shopping this year were given by three of Maxime's local managers. Butch Duncan (Wilmington location), Ginny Yearsley (Morgantown location), and Lorraine Hurd (Dover location) were all in agreement on hard-cover bestsellers for gifts.

The Mammoth Hunter by Jean M. Auel (a novel by the author of *The Clan of the Cave Bear*), *Texas* by James Michener, and *Lake Woebegone* by Garrison Keillor were the biggies on all of their lists. Lorraine and Butch also suggested *Secrets* by Danielle Steel and *Elvis & Me* by Priscilla Presley. Ginny and Lorraine also felt that *I Never Played the Game* by Howard Cosell and *Fit for Life* by the Diamonds would also be appropriate for Christmas gift-giving.

From the soft-cover selection, first choice of all three managers was *The Bachman Books* by Stephen King. Ginny and Butch also pegged *The Sicilian* by Mario Puzo as being a popular book this season, while Lorraine chose *Love & War* by John Jakes and *The Talisman* by Stephen King and Peter Straub as her favorites.

In the magazine department, there was unanimous agreement again that all of the holiday magazines would sell fast, so get into the stores early for these. Ginny believes that *Colonial Homes & Southern Living* will top the list, while Lorraine said not to forget *Playboy* magazine, with its special calendar being a perfect Christmas gift for the bachelor on your list.

Of local interest in Delaware, *Winterthur* by J.E. Cantor, *Delaware Small Wonder*, text by Jane Vessels; *Wilmington: A Pictorial History* by Carol Hoffecker, and *Dover: A Pictorial History* by G. Daniel Balgg would make ideal gifts, according to Butch and Lorraine. Also, *The First State: An Illustrated History* by William Henry Williams was just released December 1, and should be a treasured new edition in any home.

And in Pennsylvania, Ginny said *Chester County: A Traveler's Album* by Eugene DiOrio and *The Four Seasons of Chester County* by Red Hamer should sell especially well this Christmas.

Calendars are big on the lists of all three managers, including the Delaware calendar (published by Maxime's Books), *Miami Vice*, and *Ansel Adams*. These make great stocking stuffers, too!

And for those on the road, you may want to give a tape of a bestseller from the audio department, including *In Search of Excellence*, *Nothing Down*, and *Dianetics*.

For a coffee table display piece, an excellent gift would also be *The Decoy as Art* by James A. Warner and Margaret J. White. James Warner is also the author of *The Gentle People*.

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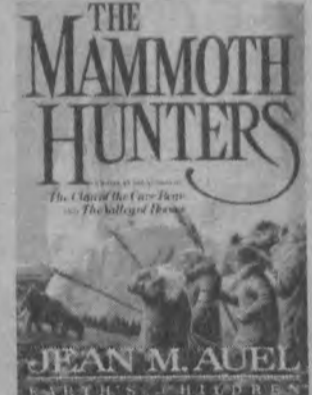
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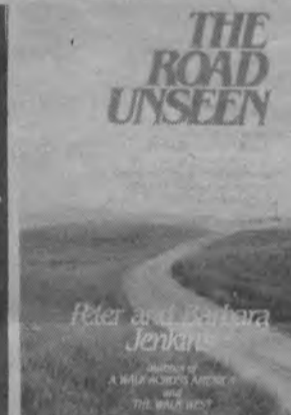
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