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Israel Bonds To Honor Finkelsteins



Rona Finkelstein



Nisson Finkelstein

A unique statewide tribute to Drs. Rona and Nisson Finkelstein, a couple long involved in Jewish and secular, cultural, educational, civic and political activities throughout Delaware, will be held at a reception and dinner, 5:30 p.m., Sunday, April 9th at Congregation Beth Shalom, 18th and Baynard Blvd., Wilmington.

The tribute staged on behalf of State of Israel Bonds, which provides investment funds solely for Israel's economic development needs, is a cooperative effort of five synagogues, Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, Beth Emeth Congregation, Beth Shalom, Beth Shalom, and Temple Beth El, and the Jewish Federation of Delaware, according to tribute chairpersons Yetta and Frank Chaiken.

Serving as honorary chairpersons are Gov. Michael N. Castle, Harry and Mimi Haskell, Jr., and Sen. William V. Roth, Jr. The Finkelsteins will receive Israel's coveted "City of Peace Award," for dedication and leadership in Jewish life.

Nisson, a Bostonian and graduate of Harvard and M.I.T., joined Bausch & Lomb in 1950 and served as research and development director, then served as vice president for research and engineering with General Dynamics Corp., before moving to Dover in 1964.

In Delaware, he founded and was president of ILC
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Fines To Receive Award From NCCJ



Paul and Gloria Fine

"For their role in bringing diverse groups together for the betterment of our community Gloria and Paul Fine and Evelyn and James Sills will be honored" by the Delaware Region, National Conference of Christians and Jews at the Annual Award Dinner to be held at the Hotel Du Pont on April 5, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Paul and Gloria Fine initiated and are funding the "Vision of Hope Project," a long range program which encourages and assists twenty junior high school children to attend college. Mr. Fine additionally has recently been chosen by Governor Castle to serve as President of the State Board of Education, and he was the 1988 General Campaign Chairperson for the United Way of Delaware and currently serves as Chairman-elect of that organization's Board of Directors.

Fine is a past President of the Jewish Federation of Delaware and is currently a member of its Board of Directors. Gloria Fine is a social worker and, until recently, was Investigative Coordinator for the State Child Protective Services. She is also a past member of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Family Services, the Jewish Federation of Delaware and the Milton and Hattie Kutz Homes.

James and Evelyn Sills have also made significant contributions to the Delaware community both on the local and state-wide levels.

The Delaware Region NCCJ, a civic organization for the advancement of justice, amity and peace, each year honors those individuals whose outstanding achievements demonstrate a commitment to the organization's ideal of bringing together diverse religious, racial, ethnic, socio-economic and community groups through cooperation, education and interaction.

Regional Executive Director Evelyn Lobel stated, "We applaud the best that 'Partnership' can bring to our effort toward achieving a humane and harmonious community, and we honor these two couples for their efforts to build bridges, to make connections that enable so much more to be accomplished. When business and education, when politics and social work, when religious and civic groups can join hands, we are strengthened. Gloria and Paul Fine, Evelyn and Jim Sills, show by example and endeavor what can be."

For dinner reservations (before March 31) or further information, call the Delaware Region NCCJ office at 655-0039.

Arens, Shevardnadze Hold Warm Talks Play Down Differences

By DAVID LANDAU

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel and the Soviet Union are "in the process of building a foundation of understanding," Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Arens said in Cairo on February 22 after a meeting for more than three hours with his Soviet counterpart, Eduard Shevardnadze.

Both diplomats acknowledged that their discussion at the Soviet ambassador's residence did not resolve the wide substantive differences between their respective countries over the Middle East peace process. They stressed to reporters, however, that theirs is an evolving dialogue, and they pledged to continue it on the ministerial level and the level of experts.

Both ministers gave the impression that such contacts could be expected soon. But it was not immediately clear when and where Israeli and Soviet experts would meet and what their mandate might be.

Arens returned to Jerusalem after the meeting, while Shevardnadze remained in the Egyptian capital for an evening session with Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasir Arafat. Moscow's warm relations with Arafat and its insistence that the PLO have a role in the Middle East peace process is fundamentally at odds with Israel's policy.

Arens and Shevardnadze chose not to dwell on their differences, but conveyed the sense that their talk was conducted in an atmosphere that was both businesslike and warm. It was "an open, frank and



Israel's Foreign Minister, Moshe Arens (left) is greeted by Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze at the Soviet embassy in Cairo on February 22 before the start of their meeting which lasted for three hours. (Photo: RNS)

honest dialogue," the Soviet foreign minister said, but it would be "naive" to expect the two countries to reach agreement on all points.

"Without goodwill on Israel's part, there can be no solution of the conflict," Shevardnadze observed. "That is one aspect of reality." He added, significantly, that without the Soviet Union, there could be no peace process either.

Arens reiterated Israel's demand for direct talks with the Arabs. He cited as an example to be followed the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty. The

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OPINION

Editorial: The Rushdie Controversy

Following the recent publication of Salman Rushdie's "The Satanic Verses," Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini has called for the author's death because the book, he says, blasphemes Islam by caricaturing the prophet Mohammed. The Rushdie affair is a lesson in just how successful terrorism can be.

The goal of terrorism is to undermine society, to produce fear, and, through that fear, to cause society to question — and reject — the very values for which it stands.

There has been a death threat made on the life of the author. The author has been forced into hiding, probably for the rest of his life. Book stores have refused to stock the book. Several book stores have been fire bombed, apparently as a result of the stores' stocking the book. Politicians have been slow to take official stances, possibly because political hostages sit helplessly in Iranian prisons.

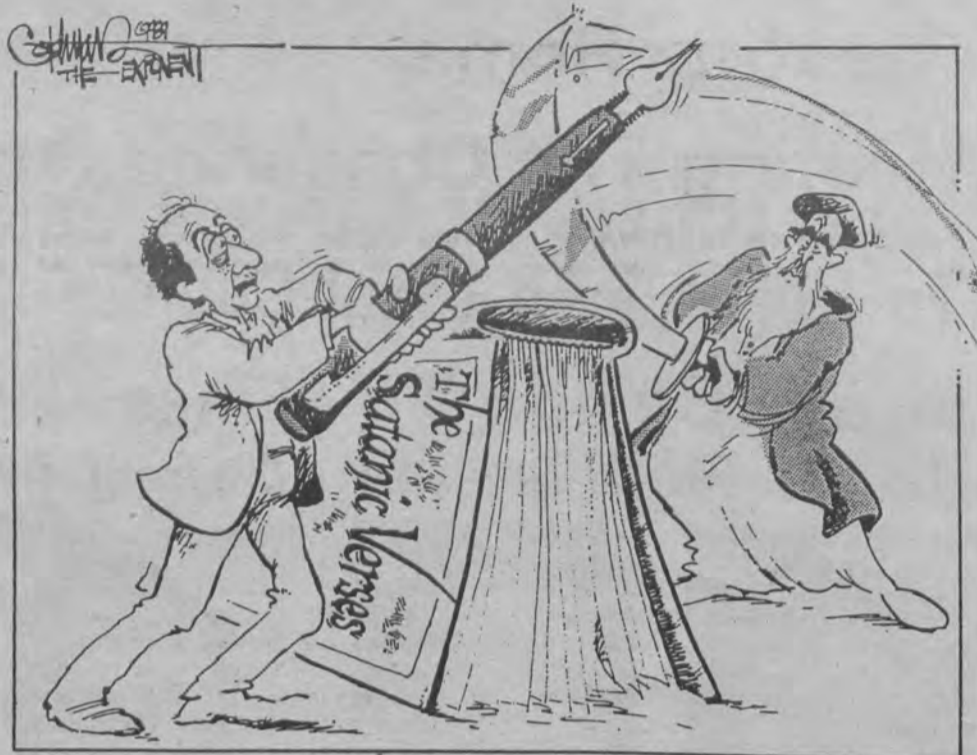
The news media has frequently likened the Rushdie controversy to the U.S. Christians' denunciation of "The Last Temptation of Christ" a few months ago. However, although both works might be insensitive, blasphemous and insulting to some people's beliefs, that is where the similarity ends. Christians across the country wrote letters of protest and protested within their constitutional rights. No studio head was threatened with murder. No theater was bombed.

While most Americans would call Rushdie's right to publish his work a First Amendment issue and most Westerners will denounce censorship, endorse democratic values and talk all they want about creative and intellectual freedom, we are taken by surprise and offended by these Muslim zealots, whose threats are not to be taken lightly.

Israel, on the other hand, must understand this Muslim mindset and live surrounded by it. Israel must walk a fine line between Western values and the deep passions of the Muslim world.

Israel is not surprised by the affair because Israel knows so well things that Westerners do not understand. Usually the Muslim fanatics' barbarism slips by almost unnoticed by most of the world. Iran, for example, has sent young boys into mine fields to clear the way for its soldiers. Iraq, without regard for international law, used chemical weapons on Iran and on its own Kurdish citizens. Israeli soldiers, captured in previous wars, were often hacked to death before cheering Arab troops. These things tend to pass unnoticed by the West.

The road which Israel travels is surely a lonely one — until an issue such as the Rushdie affair pairs us up briefly as fellow travellers. We Westerners would do well to keep this event in mind when we speak of solutions to the unrest in the Middle East. There will be more needed than the two sides getting together. Fanatical ideology will be a problem no matter what the negotiation scenario. Moslem extremism will always have a problem dealing with an unconquerable entity in its world vision. That's always been a problem and it will be a problem for a long time.



Should Voice Publish 'Noah's Ark'?

This issue of *The Jewish Voice* includes a four-page supplement for children called "Noah's Ark." This supplement has been published in the first issue of every month since Rosh Hashanah.

In the beginning, *The Jewish Voice* tried, unsuccessfully, to solicit sponsors for this supplement. When no advertiser came forward, we made the decision to let the Voice budget absorb the expense in order to continue to offer "Noah's Ark" to our readers.

Now, eight months later, we are ques-

tioning that decision. There have been no opinions of this supplement expressed to us, either pro or con, during these months. We have no way to gauge whether our readers are reading and enjoying or simply ignoring it. So we must ask you to help us decide.

The Jewish Voice looks forward to hearing from its readers on all issues of interest to the Jewish community. But this time it is soliciting opinions: Is "Noah's Ark" something our community newspaper should continue to run? Only you know the answer.

Letter to the Editor

Encouraged By Report On Tikkun Conference

It was a pleasant experience to read Irv Levitt's report about his attendance at the *Tikkun* conference held in New York City this past December (February 10). While his was a brief report and focused mainly on the lively conference discussion about the current Israeli situation, there was a note of relief in his report that for Jewish liberals, a new set of Jewish voices are now available to be heard and that "the long sleep is over."

My readings about that Conference and in the magazine *Tikkun* that sponsored the conference confirms Irv Levitt's report that *Tikkun* has in the brief time of its publication declared its independence from the current thinking and political behavior of the official American Jewish Community. For the progressive and activist elements in the Jewish Community the search for alternatives is long overdue. As of now that

search has a current that is swifter than its depth, but that too, *Tikkun* promises, will change with time.

It is especially encouraging to read the new young Jewish voices in *Tikkun*, who occasionally show their impatience and weariness with the "salt and pepper beards" who repeatedly bring nostalgia from their past liberal political struggles, rather than focusing on current social issues.

Those who follow *Tikkun* know that it harbors a minimum of desire to "sentimentalize the Jews" either in their history or in their tradition. Rather they hope to create a Jewish social politic where now exists an abundant but mostly silent private liberal sentiment that needs transformation into a public behavior reflective of our historic moral tradition.

Irving Kaufman

The Jewish Voice welcomes signed letters from its readers on subjects of interest to the Jewish Community. For verification purposes, include home address and phone number (day and evening). The more concise a letter is, the less likely it will need to be condensed. A name will be withheld upon request. Send letters typed double spaced, to *The Jewish Voice*, 101 Garden of Eden Rd., Wilmington, DE 19803.

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OPINION

The Kutz Home: Meeting The Challenge Of An Aging Delaware

By CAROLYN B. SILVERMAN

All you have to do is pick up a newspaper or watch TV and someone will be forecasting "the graying of America" in the 1990's. As post-World War II babies reach retirement age, we will see an aging population explosion, the shock waves of which will have far-reaching effects on American society, the economy and the services we provide our elderly — services which are already strained. In America, the fastest growing segment of the population is made up of those over 85!

In Delaware, where we already have a large proportion of older citizens compared with other states, the number of people over 85 years old will double in the next 20 years! The "good news" is that more of us will survive to advanced age, but the "not-so-good news" is that those of us who live longer will need far more assistance than is currently available in our community.

The Milton & Hattie Kutz Home is gearing up to meet future needs of Jewish elderly. The Home's physical

facility, a source of pride to the Jewish community, is nearly thirty years old and was originally designed to be a residence for the elderly. Of necessity, it has become a skilled nursing home, providing care for residents who suffer from a wide range of chronic medical ailments and the mental changes associated with the aging process.

"Skilled care" means the Home has increased the number of nursing personnel on duty, their skills and services to meet the increased physical, emotional and social needs of its residents. The Kutz Home was the first Delaware nursing home to develop a program of psychiatric services and one of the first to designate a special care unit for residents suffering from Alzheimer's Disease and similar disorders. And the Kutz Home maintains its unique Jewish ambience; its policies and spirit of care are thoroughly grounded in Jewish values and traditions.

Unfortunately, while the demand for the Home's services grows, the nationwide shortage of essential nursing per-

sonnel to deliver those services worsens and with its costs mount. At the same time, the demand for care by financially needy elderly has increased drastically but restricted funding from Delaware's Medicaid Program has caused operating deficits at the Home. These have been met with generous support from the Jewish Federation in the form of increased allocations. And through this crisis the Home has adjusted operations without sacrificing the quality of care and services so vital to our growing aged population.

But the Home and Jewish Federation cannot solve this crisis alone. This is a complex issue involving funding sources, public policy, maintenance of old facilities and the development of new ones. As an example of one broad community effort, the United Way and its member agencies which serve the elderly, the Federation, concerned community leaders and citizens are rallying together to pursue near-term changes in Delaware's Medicaid Program, whose insufficient funding is the principal

cause of operating deficits.

A planning study by a nationally known expert on nursing homes and other services to the aging, has confirmed that there is a growing need for the Home's services, but in order to survive the present critical period, the Home is considering ways to accommodate aging people who require nursing home care as well as those who do not. This may involve extensive renovation and expansion of the existing facility or development of a new site for the Home.

Medical and nursing professionals have long recognized that the Kutz Home provides superior geriatric care, but the Home must change to manage the effects of a growing aged constituency. Through coordinated short-term actions, well planned long term directions and community support, the Home can continue to respond as Delaware and the Jewish community have come to expect — with love and skill.

(Carolyn B. Silverman is President of The Milton and Hattie Kutz Home.)

On Defining 'Jew'

By MARTIN H. SABLE

Special to The Jewish Voice

Historical authenticity justifies the continued inclusion of offensive Jewish terms in Britains *Concise Oxford Dictionary*, according to its editor's recent pronouncement. How do other Gentiles around the world label Jews? The Swedes have a word, *oskattbar*

(worth a Jew's eye), indicating pricelessness, while categorizing Jews as usurers and profiteers. Most nations, including the hospitable Dutch, say "Jew-baiting", and the Russians belie their hatred. Consulting foreign-language dictionaries under "Jew" can be a revelation.

The French say *Juiver* (to Jew) when they mean "to dupe in selling." The most scholarly French dictionary confirms perennial French anti-Semitism: "A Jew, a usurer after gain. What a devil! What a Jew, what an Arab he is!" Here, they don't favor Arabs. Even the renowned French author Victor Hugo was not immune: in his play *Hernani*, we find "to be as rich as a Jew. To be very rich." (To Rumanians, equally anti-Semitic, "jewing" signifies cheating, deluding, duping, pickpocketing and swindling).

Juddenpak may sound like "a pack of Jews", but it means "Jewish rabble", immigrant Polish Jews speaking broken German. Curiously, both *Juddenpak* and "Jewish shop" occur in a German dictionary published in Luxembourg. Several characterize Jewish schools as sites of confusion, e.g., "The place is a roughhouse." A provincial German usage for "tit for tat" translates literally: "you strike my Jew, I strike your Jew", obviously derived from a childhood game. What a sociological message!

Germans say *Judeln* (to speak and act like a Jew), but in a different vein, *Stolz auf sein Juden sein* (to be proud of being a Jew). Finally, they wax historic, defining in lengthy sentences Jewish persecution, a euphemism for the Holocaust, and indicating as culprits millions-murdering anti-Semites and Fascists. Inexplicably, "German" was omitted here.

Languages are paradoxical: *Hungarian* and *Serbo-Croatian* (i.e., Yugoslavian) lexicons list "Jew-baiting" and "Jew-broker", concealing their infamous animosity, whereas the more tolerant *Italians'* dictionaries overflow with epithets, many from the 1600's. To cite from a 1545 edition: "Trade suggests a rogue, a scoundrel, thieving, deceitful, stubborn, haughty, intolerable, traitorous, savage, a Jew!" A more modern curse: "Jew! Jew swine! (or swine Jew!)" Geographic proximity explains the occurrence of *swine* in *Italian* and *Spanish*; why the "pig word" is absent from other nations' dictionaries is the question. Even Jews shout *chazir!*

Marranos, as we know, were forcibly converted Spanish and Portuguese Jews who lived (and died) during the Inquisition. In *Cassell's Spanish-English English-Spanish Dictionary*, *marrano*, the noun, means "pig, hog, dirty

man..."; the adjective, "dirty (obscure: cursed, excommunicated); pejorative: Jewish." The most authoritative Portuguese source does not use "pig" to define *marrano*. Given the linguistic affinity of *Spanish* and *Portuguese*, one might well ask why? In Portuguese, *marrano* means "excommunicated or impure person." The Portuguese *Novo Michaelis Illustrated Dictionary* offers figurative equivalents for "a Jew" and "to Jew." A Jew is "a currency speculator, and a person fond of (shady) business." "To Jew" translates as "to cheat, trick, mislead, seduce, etc." An added entry, "to Jew down", signifies "to make an advantageous transaction, to haggle over, drive a hard bargain, connive, collude, dupe..." Although appearing in a Portuguese source, these three usages are cited as prevalent in the United States! (How true, then, the saying: "vigilance was ever the price of liberty").

Japan is the latest entrant in anti-Semitic book publishing, despite the lack of a Jewish population. *Kenkyusha's New English-Japanese Dictionary* provides Japanese reciprocals for Jew-baiting, jewing, Jewish calendar and Jewish holidays.

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Creative Giving

A 1987 IRS ruling has made it possible for persons with a charitable intent but little cash to make a gift of a remainder interest in their residence, vacation home, other property or raw land. Donors can give a percentage of their home or other property to the Federation Endowment Fund and obtain a current year tax deduction while they continue to live in the house. When the owners die and/or the property is sold the promised payment is made.

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This is just one example of the planned giving vehicles that produce tax benefits to the donor and financial benefits to a charitable institution. For more information consult your tax advisor or call Connie Kreshool, Endowment Director, at 478-6200.

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Moral Implication Of Steinberg Trial

By RABBI MARCH TANENBAUM

There remains something deeply unsettling about the Joel Steinberg trial. I'm not talking about the legal decision itself. The democratic virtues of the jury system again worked effectively. What troubles me is that the central moral and social issues that this entire tragedy represents seems to get confused with the technical legalisms.

Look at the moral magnitude of this human drama. Two apparently intelligent, highly educated people — Steinberg and his lover, Hedda Nussbaum — became sucked into a culture of drugs, becoming human roots who unfeelingly engaged in people-battering, and in helping to fatally abuse Lisa, their adopted child. That is one of

the starkest and cruelest morality plays of our times, played out over and over again across the country without publicity glare.

The social and human issues should not be forgotten with yesterday's headlines. We should be pursuing relentlessly how our social agencies and schools can be helped to intervene in such obvious tragedies. What can all of us do to transform our culture in demythologizing the chicness of drugs? How can we teach better and demonstrate by personal example the precious value of each human life?

The trial is over, but these critical ethical issues must remain before us, if civilized life is to prevail over domestic barbarism.

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Shamir Gives Mitterrand 'Much Food For Thought'

By EDWIN EYTAN
PARIS (JTA) — President Francois Mitterrand and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir remained firmly grounded in their respective, widely divergent positions on Middle East peace, following a two-

and-a-half-hour meeting at the Elysee Palace last month.

Nevertheless, the atmosphere between them was described as "very friendly." Mitterrand told Shamir as he left, "You gave me much food for thought." But a senior spokesman was quick to point out that it did not mean the French president has altered his views on the Middle East.

"France cannot avoid taking into consideration the latest developments, but will do nothing which could hurt Israel's interests," the spokesman said. He was referring to changes in the position of the Palestine Liberation Organization. Israel insists no changes have taken place. That was a major point of disagreement between Mitterrand and Shamir.

The Israeli leader, who was in France on a three-day "working visit," told reporters that he and Mitterrand had explained their respective views, each taking into consideration what the other had to say.

Mitterrand told Shamir that the PLO recognized Israel at the November 1988 meeting of the Palestine National Council in Algiers. He asked Israel to reciprocate and take a realistic approach. The French presi-

dent also stressed at several points in their conversation that "it is an illusion to think that force can put down the Palestinian uprising in the territories." He said only a political settlement would end the *intifada*.

Shamir elucidated on Israel's refusal to have any contact, direct or otherwise, with the PLO. "The PLO has not changed either its terror tactics or its basic aim — Israel's destruction," he insisted. To Mitterrand's argument that even the United States has opened a dialogue with the PLO, Shamir retorted, "America has made a serious mistake, and we hope it will correct its stand."

At no point did the Israeli leader ask Mitterrand directly to cancel his projected meeting with PLO leader Yasir Arafat. But he argued vigorously that any European contacts with the PLO were counterproductive. Mitterrand said no final decision has been made to meet Arafat.

NY Federation Opens Hot Line For Abused Women

NEW YORK (JTA) — With the death of Lisa Steinberg here sparking greater concern and awareness of child abuse in the general public, the Jewish community has reacted to the problems of domestic violence in Jewish families. Lia Steinberg was the illegally adopted daughter of Joel Steinberg, who was found guilty last month of first-degree manslaughter in her fatal beating.

The Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services Center for Family Violence has activated a telephone hot line for abused women and children, backed by professional counseling and referral services in six of its Brooklyn offices.

The project, which was selected to pioneer in Brooklyn because of its high density of Jewish families, initially required \$40,000 in funding, \$30,000 of which came from New York's United Jewish Appeal-Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, and \$10,000 from the Lavenburg Foundation, administered by UJA-Federation.

"There's a common misconception that Jewish homes are immune to wife and child abuse," according to Dr. Janet Geller, director of the center. "But there is domestic violence in 15 to 19 percent of Jewish homes."

The center, with the help of 10 social workers and psychologist, provides counseling and full information about the problem as well as group support from fellow victims, advocacy services, legal help and financial aid. The center attempts to contact victims through synagogues and community centers, as well as workshop sessions, brochures and mass mailings.

"We are always aware that children who witness abuse are also victims and that both the women and the men involved need help," Geller added.

Dvar Torah

Vayikra-Shabbat Zakhor - March 18

Removing Our Masks Of Silence On Domestic Violence

By BOB GLUCK

Masks conceal, masks reveal. It is a profound Talmudic teaching that on *Hag Purim*, one should become unable to distinguish between "Blessed is Mordechai" and "Cursed is Haman" (B.T. Megillah 7b). Although we tend to see Mordechai and Haman as polar opposites, this tradition teaches that it is not always possible to distinguish between the two, between good and evil. At times, Mordechai looks like Haman, and Haman looks like Mordechai. But, if everyone can look virtuous, who needs to take responsibility for wrong done?

Agatha Christie tells a story about a crime that occurs on a trans-continental train. Detective Poirot must discover the identity of the perpetrator. When all possible suspects are gathered together, no one is willing to confess guilt or offer information. The truth is that the crime was a group effort. *Everyone* in the room had participated. *Everyone* had conspired to mask the truth.

This week's Torah portion, *Vayikra*, prompts the question posed by Agatha Christie's tale. What are the consequences "if it is the whole community of Israel that has erred and the matter escapes the notice of the congregation?" (Lev. 4:13) Or, as Rashi understands the verse, "if the matter escapes the notice of the communal leaders?" The wrong done is *unwitting* (Lev. 4:22), and concealed by *everyone* involved. Traditional commentators suggest the misdeed was a blemished sacrificial offering or the unintentional performance of a prohibition of the Torah. For us, it could mean a misguided communal policy or a way of life that injures others — where most or all people *unwittingly* stand by, wearing masks of blissful ignorance.

Not long ago, it was considered impossible that alcoholics and drug addicts might be Jews. We are no longer blissfully ignorant. We know the truth — we are not immune. While painful to our pride, this realization has freed our community to offer a lifeline to those who need it. It was an *unwitting* error to deny the reality of alcoholism amongst Jews, yet it was an error that hurt many of our loved ones.

There is another mask we wear: the denial of domestic violence among Jews. It is now known that many Jewish women — and children and older adults — silently suffer from the humiliation, physical injuries, and economic loss caused by physical and emotional abuse. Between 20 and 50 percent of all marriages in the U.S. — including Jews — contain at least one act of physical violence, mostly perpetrated by men. These realities fly in the face of our communal mythology that depicts Jewish men as powerless victims and Jewish women as controlling victimizers. Neither stereotype is true. Jewish men are not in our hearts Haman, but neither are all of us Mordechai with our loved ones. The truth is that Jewish men beat their wives.

Our rabbis have consistently spoken out about abusive behavior for at least 1300 years. Unlike the leaders mentioned in our Torah portion, they *have* been aware of the misdeeds in their midst. Many, like Joseph Caro, author of the *Shulhan Arukh*, have vigorously protested, advocating strong punishment. It is only in recent years that contemporary Jews have displayed similar courage, by speaking out against this evil in our midst. There are now shelters and counseling programs for abused women run under Jewish auspices, as there are in the society at large. Counseling exists also for men who are abusive.

It is not a *shanda* (shame) to speak out about abuse. Neither is it easy, because fear, collective silence, and conventional values of "family privacy" have long discouraged victims of violence from speaking.

Our Torah portion provides a guide for correcting communal errors (Lev. 4:14-21). First, one made the truth known, calling it by name. Secondly, the leaders performed a communal healing: the elders placed their hands on a community sacrifice, to be offered by the Priest. In this way, expiation was made and the community was forgiven. Former errors gave way to new directions.

In modern times, while we no longer find expiation through sacrifice, our communities can take the first step by speaking out against domestic violence. A range of activities can support victims of violence and their families. These can include adult education about abuse, and fund raising for local battered women's programs. Synagogue support services for members who are homeless can be extended to families in transition out of abusive situations. Synagogue sanctions can be developed which restrict an abusive husband's access to ritual honors (*aliyot*) or holding of office until he agrees to accept responsibility for his misdeeds and seeks help.

The closing lines of the Torah reading for this special Sabbath, *Shabbat Zakhor*, calls us to remember perpetually Amalek (Deut. 25:17-19). We are to recall those who, in ancient times, caused great injury to our people. Amalek was a nation who attacked Israel from behind, preying especially on the weak and frail. Domestic violence is an Amalek of our day. In order to remember this Amalek, we must be willing to face the truth, to end our silence.

(Bob Gluck, MSW, a member of the P'nai Or Havurah in Philadelphia, who will graduate from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in June. He serves as congregational rabbi and as student intern at CLAL.)

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Senator Biden Addresses Annual NJCRAC Plenum

Staff Report

Senator Joseph R. Biden was one of the speakers at the closing session of the annual four-day National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council (NJCRAC) Plenum held in Washington, D.C., last month. The subject of his speech, "And None Shall Make Them Afraid - Unenumerated Rights and the Constitution." Biden cited Micah, Greco Roman law and the Magna Carta as the early sources of our basic human rights, which in time were included in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.

Biden said, "The common thread of the Court has woven through our jurisprudence during the past 65 years is that there are certain aspects of in-



Senator Joseph Biden

dividual liberty certain intimate personal and family

choices that the government, the majority can not take away. The Court has recognized in the words of Justice Louis Brandeis, that the Constitution reserves to the people, 'As against the government, the right to be left alone...'"

Commenting on the power of our nation, Biden noted, "nothing distinguishes America from our adversaries around the world, from ayotollahs to the Supreme Soviet, more than our celebration of individual liberty and creativity."

Commenting on the fact that we stand on the threshold of a technological revolution, Biden warned that, "we are about to confront some of the most highly contentious and fundamental debates of our history These debates will

challenge us to adopt our social, economic, and political institutions to new needs and new purposes."

Biden ended on an optimistic note, predicting that this will be achieved "without sacrificing the values and liberties our nation was created to preserve and expand."

Also addressing this plenum session was Yale University president Benno Schmidt, who warned that politicians who seek to introduce religion into public life "are playing with fire." He left no doubt that he included President Bush in his condemnation for his effort during the presidential campaign last year to make the Pledge of Allegiance "a kind of

basic barometer of national patriotism."

Schmidt said that James Madison, author of the Bill of Rights, "left us no greater gift than to take religion and sectarian strife ... out of our public life." He praised NJCRAC and other groups that monitor such dangers on the local and national scene and strive to ensure that "our treasured religious freedom" remains "in the church, temples and around our dining tables, where they belong."

Joining the speakers on the platform were Vice Chancellor Jack B. Jacobs, Vice Chair, NJCRAC and Stephen E. Herrmann, President of the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

(JTA contributed to this report.)

Three Jewish Scientists Work On Cure For AIDS

By JENNI FRAZER

London Jewish Chronicle

LONDON, Feb. 26 (JTA) — Three Jewish scientists are leading the development of a new drug that may provide hope for people with AIDS.

Professor Raymond Dwek, 47, of Oxford University's Exeter College heads the Oxford Glycobiology Unit, which developed the drug, dubbed Oxaid. Dr. Gary Jacob, 41, of New York, is director of the Searle support group, which works with the unit. The research is supported by Searle Pharmaceuticals, a subsidiary of the Monsanto Co. The third scientist is Dr. Abraham Karpas, 51, who holds dual Israeli-British nationality and is assistant director of research at Cambridge University's clinical school.

Karpas, a virologist, was the first person to identify the AIDS virus in Britain. He is testing the new compound.

Oxaid has been patented by Oxford University. It has been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for testing on people in the United States. The tests are scheduled to start in a few weeks. "In a test tube, it's a cure," Dwek told the *Jewish Chronicle*.

But Jacobs explained that Oxaid works by altering the coating of the virus that causes AIDS, or acquired immune deficiency syndrome, an invariably fatal disease. "It breaks the cycle of viral replication, and therefore the virus does not go on to infect other cells," he said.

Possible side effects will not be known until after several months of testing. The only anti-AIDS drug currently available, known as AZT, is said to have a high toxicity level. Jacobs said he believes the new drug will increase the life expectancy of people with AIDS. "I wouldn't call Oxaid a cure, but it could be used to keep the disease in check," he said.

Blumenfeld Elected To NJCRAC Executive Post

Jack Blumenfeld was elected to a three-year term on the Executive Committee of the National Jewish Community Relations Council (NJCRAC) at its annual plenum, held last month in Washington, D.C. He has chaired the Jewish Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware since 1985.

A graduate of the State University of New York at Albany, Blumenfeld received his law degree from Yale University in 1977. He is a partner in the Wilmington law firm of Morris, Nichols and Arsh.

Since 1985 Blumenfeld has served on the Board of Directors of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. He currently serves that board as secretary. He chaired the JCRC's Interfaith Task Force from 1983 to 1984. Since 1987 he has been a member of NJCRAC's Church/State and International Concerns Commissions.

Vice Chancellor Jack B. Jacobs has just completed his term as Vice Chair of NJCRAC, having served for six years on its Executive Committee. Jacobs will continue to serve that committee ex officio and will also so-chair NJCRAC's Committee on Judicial Appointments.



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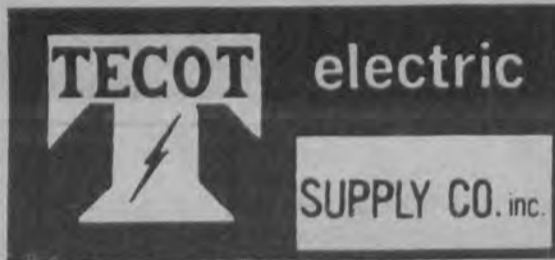
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Likud Sweeps Municipal Elections; Kollek And Lehat Easily Re-Elected

By HUGH ORGEL

TEL AVIV (JTA)—Labor was trounced by Likud in mayoral and town council elections on February 28. The voter turnout was uncharacteristically low, except in the Arab sector, where emergent Moslem fundamentalist factions scored strong gains (see box).

As expected, Mayors Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem and Shlomo Lehat of Tel Aviv were easily re-elected. The outcome of the mayoral race in Haifa, however, was unclear.

Likud and religious party candidates prevailed in six major cities and many smaller localities previously held by Labor, in what appeared to be a reprise of the November 1 Knesset elections. Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir claimed national as well as local significance for the results. He said they made clear to the world that the Likud party and its ideology are the dominant factor in Israeli politics.

Vice Premier Shimon Peres, the Labor Party leader, claimed Shamir was misreading the results. But he was clearly unable to mollify middle- and lower-echelon Labor politicians, who demanded an investigation into the debacle and a "house cleaning" by the party. Internal moves to unseat the present leadership began after Labor was edged out by Likud in the Knesset race last November. They were doubtless given new impetus by this election's setbacks.

Many critics in Labor say if the Party cannot reverse its losses and block advances by Likud, it will remain out of power for decades to come.

More immediate concerns were expressed over the Histadrut elections in six months. Labor has dominated the trade union federation since its founding decades, before Israel's independence. But current trends do not auger well.

A case in point is the port city of Haifa, a bastion of Labor strength during the more than 40 years since independence.

The Likud mayoral candidate, Rami Dotan, was claiming victory, in what Likud has derisively called "Red Haifa." With the final results still unclear by March 1, Dotan boasted that he had "taken the red out of Haifa" and replaced it "with the blue and white", Israel's national colors.

But incumbent Laborite Arye Gurel insisted that the "Labor flagship" would remain in his hands.

Labor was upset in most of its other traditional strongholds. Ramat Gan, Beersheba, Petach Tikva, Ashdod and Holon all elected Likud mayors. Likud and religious party candidates took over their town councils, as well. The only important Labor victory was in Rehovot, where the Likud mayor was beaten.

Jerusalem's immensely popular Mayor Kollek won reelection with about 58 percent of the votes. His Labor-backed "One Jerusalem" list won the City Council, but with a reduced majority. Kollek's victory was widely viewed as personal. He is one of the most widely admired political figures in Israel and its only mayor of international renown.

The voter turnout in

Jerusalem was only 44.5 percent. Turnout was an almost invisible 3 percent in East Jerusalem, where Arab voters were under severe pressure from Palestinian nationalists to boycott the elections.

Labor also is crediting the personal popularity of Likud Mayor Lehat for his landslide re-election in Tel Aviv. Lehat took about 51 percent of the vote to 22 percent for his Labor challenger, Natan Wolloch.

Laborites point out that Lehat is probably the most dovish of Likud politicians and has spoken out against his party's positions on the administered territories. "Tel Aviv was a personal, not a Likud victory," Peres stressed.

But Likud also won 41 percent of the City Council vote, compared to Labor's 22 percent. The religious bloc made a major gain there, too. It won nearly 15 percent of the council

seats, up from 9 percent. Lehat acknowledged that he would be forced to form a coalition with the religious parties. But he vowed to preserve Tel Aviv's largely secular and liberal character.

Countrywide, voter turnout averaged only 48 percent in Jewish localities, even though Election Day was a national holiday. That was attributed to sunny springlike weather that sent thousands of Israelis to the beaches instead of the lines outside the polling stations.

Not so in the Arab sector, where voter turnout averaged an unprecedented 80 percent. It soared to 90 percent in Umm El-Fahm, the second largest Arab city in Israel. There Moslem fundamentalists known as the Islamic bloc ousted the incumbent Communist Party for the first time. The fundamentalists made similar advances in all other Arab localities.

In Umm El-Fahm, Islamic Victory Creates Disbelief And Uncertainty

By GIL SEDAN

UMM EL-FAHM, Israel, (JTA)—The weary representatives of the various parties, sitting at a conference in the mayor's office here, kept rechecking their figures, rubbing their eyes, and uttering time and again: "It is unbelievable, just unbelievable."

Indeed, as election returns poured in from polling stations in Israel's second largest Arab city, the data seemed unreal. The victory of the Islamic bloc was sweeping. One ballot after another showed a victory of some 75 percent for the fundamentalists, which would ultimately give them 11 out of 15 seats on the town council.

It is a meteoric rise, out of the blue. The Islamic bloc is a newborn political baby, hardly known in the Israeli political arena until now. And yet, in a knock-out election campaign, the Moslems managed to put an end to the 14-year rule of the Democratic Front for Peace and Equality, a front for the Hadash Communist Party.

Umm El-Fahm, whose population numbers 25,000, was not the only Arab locality where the Moslem fundamentalists won a sweeping victory. They also took over Kafr Kasim, in the central region, and Kafr Kanna, in Galilee. And they became the second strongest party in the partly Christian town of Nazareth.

In short, Moslem power became a few factor in Arab-Israeli politics and not even their most enthusiastic supporters predicted such a victory, euphoria was in the air from the early morning hours Tuesday.

In fact, hatred of the Communist administration seems to have been a chief motive for the massive support for the Islamic bloc.

After years of frustration with both Labor-led and Communist-led municipalities, the local population seems to have finally found an alternative, which had proven itself in local volunteer projects. But Israeli leaders had a different interpretation. A number of public figures, including Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, Vice Premier Shimon Peres and Ehud Olmert, the minister in charge of minorities, expressed concern over the rise of Moslem fundamentalists.

Olmert issued a statement warning Israel's Arabs not to be caught by the web of Moslem fundamentalists, who are "hated throughout the world." He warned them they might tip the delicate balance between Jews and Arabs in the country.

The truth is that no one really knows who is behind the movement that took over Umm El-Fahm. It was formed about 10 years ago under the leadership of Sheik Raed Salah Mahajneh, and has since engaged itself industriously in social projects. The election campaign was effective in its simplicity. The message was: "Islam is the solution."

Sheik Raed Salah Mahajneh, the leader of the Islamic bloc in Umm el-Fahm, is only 30. He is a graduate of the Islamic College of Hebron and, until now, an unknown figure in Israeli politics.

The authorities and the Moslems are now eyeing each other suspiciously, each not quite certain how the other side might react. The test case will be March 30, the day when Israel's Arabs commemorate Land Day, a day of protest against the government's policy toward Israel's Arabs. It remains to be seen how Umm el-Fahm will behave on that day under a Moslem leadership.

For Kollek, Sixth Mayoral Victory Presents Range Of New Challenges

By GIL SEDAN

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Teddy Kollek was re-elected as mayor of Jerusalem in last month's municipal elections, but he is not rejoicing.

The capital, considered a stronghold of Likud, gave Kollek an overwhelming vote of confidence with 58 percent of Jerusalemites voting "Teddy" as their mayor for his sixth term in office. But Kollek's own

special ticket, the One Jerusalem party, lost its longtime 17-seat majority in the 31-member City Council.

This loss was caused in part by the strong showing of the Citizens Rights Movement-Shinui list, which supports Kollek but chose to run separately. Moreover, Kollek also failed to get the two council mandates the Arabs customarily gave him in prior

elections. Only 3 percent of East Jerusalem Arabs turned up at the polls, after Palestinian nationalists called an election boycott.

During the next five years, Kollek will have a rougher time running Jerusalem than ever. As tensions among the diverse city's various groups grow, Kollek's party will have to govern with a lean 11-seat presence in the City Council — a drop even the worst of pessimists had not projected.

And so the man who somehow kept peace between religious and secular, Ashkenazi and Sephardi, and Arab and Jew, is now faced with a position he had hoped he could avoid: a coalition with the religious parties, who won big and now seek to change the religious status quo. The five religious lists — Agudat Yisrael, Shas, Degel Ha Torah, National Religious Party and Emunah Women — will together have 12 representatives on the City Council, a result of demography and organizational talents.

Kollek, for his part, promised that local youth would not have to "emigrate" to Tel Aviv on Friday nights because of a lack of entertainment on Shabbat. But Kollek is also a political realist. He knows that with religious representation of 40 percent, one must reach an understanding with the religious bloc.

A week after the municipal elections, it is still unclear which way the new coalition will go. Kollek is likely to try to form a coalition with the more



Jerusalem's long-time mayor Teddy Kollek casts his ballot on February 28 in the municipal elections. Kollek easily won a re-election but lost his majority in the city council (Photo: RNS)

moderate religious lists — NRP, Emunah and Degel Ha Torah.

Partnership with the extremes in both directions presents problems. In an initial reaction following the election, Kollek specifically ruled out a coalition with CRM, which has led the fight against "religious coercion" by the Orthodox. The mayor charged the party had been "divisive and did not speak the truth."

The local Shas leader, Rabbi

Nissim Zeev, known for his radical views against Arabs, gave an ultimatum for joining a coalition with Kollek: He would support the mayor only if movie theaters were closed on Friday nights and the status quo on religious observance was rolled back to what it was two years ago.

But despite these misgivings, quiet negotiations are continuing with these groups as possible partners.

Supreme Court Hears Menorah/Creche Case

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court heard oral arguments last month in a case that will decide the constitutionality of a Chanukah menorah and a creche placed on public property.

The case, the first of its kind to be heard by the high court, stems from a situation that arose in 1987 in Pittsburgh when a menorah was placed on the Pittsburgh City-County Building and a creche was placed inside the Allegheny County Courthouse.

Attorneys for the County Allegheny, the City of Pittsburgh and Chabad, the Orthodox Jewish organization, are requesting that the high court overturn a decision by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit in Philadelphia last March, which ruled that the establishment clause of the First Amendment barred the erecting of religious symbols in, on or near government buildings.

Attorney Nathan Lewin, representing Chabad, told the Supreme Court justices that the placement of the menorah is intended "to demonstrate to the citizens of Pittsburgh its respect for minority religions."

Peter Buscemi, representing Allegheny County and Pittsburgh, told the justices the "menorah is part and parcel of the holiday season as it is celebrated in the city of Pittsburgh."

The American Civil Liberties Union, which brought the original legal action along with the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, petitioned the Supreme Court to affirm the lower court's ruling barring the symbols. American Jewish Congress and the American Jewish Committee filed "friends of the court" briefs supporting that position.

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Making Merry On Purim

By DVORA WAYSMAN

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(WZPS) "Eat your bread with joy, drink your wine with a merry heart," the Bible tells us (Eccles. 9:7) and there is no festival more joyous than Purim. It falls on the Hebrew date 14 Adar, except in Jerusalem where it is celebrated one day later. 15 Adar is known as Shushan Purim, recalling the fact that the Jews who lived in the Persian town of Shushan continued to fight their enemies on 14 Adar, then celebrated their victory a day later. It was ordained that towns in Israel with ancient walls dating back to the days of Joshua should celebrate Purim on 15 Adar.

For those of us fortunate enough to live in Jerusalem, the celebration goes on for two days. On 14 Adar, *mishloach manot* (gifts of fruit, cookies, cakes, sweets and nuts) are delivered to friends living outside Jerusalem, and the next day similar packages are prepared for family and friends at home as well as the poor. Both days we enjoy seeing the streets filled with miniature Queen Esthers and Mordechais, brides and batmen, clowns, columbines and cooks, as the children dress up for what is the nearest thing Israel has to Carnival.

In the *kibbutzim*, also, there is great gaiety — music, dances,

theatrical performances, beauty queen competitions, games and fun. Purim is a merry, uninhibited holiday — the one festival where you are permitted to drink "Ad lo Yada . . ." until you cannot tell the difference between "Blessed be Mordechai" and "Cursed be Haman," the hero and the villain respectively of the Purim story (Megillah 7b). That is how the giant fancy dress parade held each Purim in Tel Aviv came by the name *Adloyada*.

For those interested in gematria, the two Hebrew phrases "Blessed be Mordechai" and "Cursed be Haman" have the same numerical value of 502, which is perhaps an excuse also for the confusion, helped along with lots of intoxicating beverages for a people with a reputation for sobriety.

Actually, the obligation to become intoxicated at Purim is the only instance in the whole of Jewish literature that recommends such action, and even then most commentators state that it doesn't need to be taken literally. In classical sources of Judaism, there are opposing views on alcohol, with some stressing the danger to morals of drinking wine, while other sources advocate it almost as a religious duty.

In ancient Israel, wine was the intoxicating beverage because grapes were plentiful, whereas in Babylon they were

scarce, so beer was the popular drink.

Occasionally Jews took upon themselves the vow of a Nazirite — one who lets his hair grow long, avoids contact with the dead and abstains from strong drink. Some Rabbis believed such a person to be holy, while others denounced him as a sinner for denying himself wine that is God's gift to mankind (Ta'anit 11a).

The priests in the Temple in Jerusalem had to abstain from wine before performing any service, and there is a ruling that a teacher who drinks even a little wine must not give decisions in Jewish law because his mind is not clear enough for balanced judgment. The prophet Isaiah wrote of drunken orgies:

"But these also reel through wine and stagger through strong drink . . ."

But to add to our own confusion, Psalm 104:15 praises "wine to gladden the heart of man . . ."

Most Jews in Israel restrict their indulgence of wine to making *kiddush* and *havdalah* on Shabbat, to the four cups at the Passover seder and an occasional glass with a festive dinner. But it is good to have one day a year for fun; a day to let our hair down, even in the synagogue.

So make merry, be happy . . . it's Purim. *L'chaim!*



Two young girls in clown costumes attend a Purim celebration in Jerusalem's Liberty Bell park. (Photo: WZPS)

Ancient Purim Story Teaches Lesson Of Freedom

The merriest and most fun-filled of Jewish holidays lands with a bang of the gragger this year on the evening of March 20, or the 14 Adar II on the Jewish calendar. The holiday of Purim dates back to the year 486-465 B.C.E. to the reign of Xerxes, King of Persia (now Iran), who is known to Jews as Ahashverush in the Scroll of Esther.

"When the month of Adar comes about, our joy increases," the rabbis say, and it is this joyous spirit that permeates the celebration of the holiday. But the story of Purim — which is a delight for young and old — is also a story of freedom from oppression with the downfall of Haman, the evil advisor to King Ahashverush who sought to annihilate the Jews. Haman's conniving plot failed because of the intervention of Queen Esther, the King's wife and cousin to Mordecai, a leading

figure in the Persian Jewish community.

Dr. Alvin I. Schiff, executive vice president of the Board of Jewish Education of Greater New York, explains that although the tale is set in ancient Persia, it has relevance for today: "Purim serves to uplift those who are oppressed by showing that there is always a potential for eliminating wickedness. Historically, Haman wanted to destroy the Jews in all 127 provinces of Persia. Fortunately, with great commitment to the cause of freedom, the Jewish community of Persia was saved."

Purim, or lots, refers to the lots Haman drew to determine the date of the extermination of the Jews. Ironically, the day Haman picked for the persecution of the Jews became his own doomsday. Through a royal edict, Haman was hung on the very gallows he erected for Mordecai's execution.

The most important religious practice of the holiday is the reading of the Scroll of Esther, which publicizes the miracle that saved the Jews from destruction. When Haman's name is reached during the public reading, children respond by foot-stamping or using graggers and noisemakers to blot out any mention of his name.

In Crown Heights in New York, as well as in Jerusalem, children parade down the streets in a variety of costumes. Generally, the costumes represent the leading figures of the holiday: Ahashverush, Esther, Haman, and Mordecai.

Charity and holiday food are also part of the spirit of Purim. One is required to give charity to at least two people during the course of the holiday, and exchange gifts with friends. Families partake of a festive meal and it is also customary to

eat hamantashen, triangular cakes filled with prunes or poppy seeds. The name literally means Haman's pockets, and

some say it is a reminder of the wicked Haman's three-cornered hats, popular in those days.

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This book contains stories and activities for children up to age eight. It is imaginatively illustrated with photos of children enjoying the holiday.

The Five Megillot and Jonah, A New Translation, Jewish Publication Society, \$8.95.

You can follow the Megillah reading at the synagogue in this elegant volume with the modern Jewish Publication Society translation. This book also includes the text of the Song of Songs which is read on Pesach.

PASSOVER BOOKS

Once Purim is over, a Jewish family's thoughts turn to Pesach. Where will the seder be? Who will come, what will be served? Many preparations such as cleaning and cooking cannot be done until the weeks closer to the holiday. Now is not too early, however, to choose *haggadot* to enrich the seder.

Just as we honor the festival by setting the seder table beautifully and by wearing fine clothes, so to it is especially fitting to read the seder from an attractive *haggadah*. There are a variety to choose from. If no single *haggadah* seems right for all your family and guests, consider that everyone doesn't have to use the same edition. Since every complete *haggadah* will have the same text in the same order, seder participants can follow in different versions. Children will enjoy an illustrated *haggadah*; an older guest may prefer a *haggadah* with large print; some people want more commentary, some less. Having several different *haggadot* at the table can enliven the seder. If participants compare different illustrations, translations, and notes, they will discover different interpretations of the seder, which will lead to questions and discussions. These extensions of the



seder are desirable, even essential, since the *Haggadah* tells us, in the paragraph right after the *Ma Nishtana*, "the more one tells the story of the departure from Egypt, the more praiseworthy one is."

To make the best selections for your family, there's no substitute for looking at the books yourself, but to whet your appetite, here are some of the titles that will be available at South Bay Bookstore.

The Art of Jewish Living: The Passover Seder, Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, \$13.95.

This book is a complete how-to-do-it guide for getting ready for Passover plus the text of the *Haggadah*.

Art Scroll Youth Haggadah, Mesorah Publications, \$10.95.

This is an intelligently illustrated *haggadah* with the complete text in very clear Hebrew print, a simplified translation, and some commentary.

The Family Haggadah, Kar-



Ben Copies, \$3.95; available with cassette tape for \$10.95.

This is a simplified seder service that includes modern readings as well as discussion questions and activities.

The Diasporah Haggadah, \$14.00.

This is a complete text of the *haggadah*, without commentary. It includes an English translation and a complete transliteration of the Hebrew text.

Passover Haggadah, edited by Morris Silverman, Prayer Book Press, \$5.95.

The Passover Haggadah, edited by Nahum Glatzer, Schocken, \$3.95.

Both of these *haggadot* feature straightforward presentations of the complete Hebrew text, adequate English translations, and a minimum of commentary. They are affordable and suitable if you want every seder participant to have the same *haggadah*.

The Children's Haggadah by Silbermann, Philipp Feldheim Press, \$15.95.

This *haggadah* is an English version of a classic that appeared in Germany between the World Wars. It has the complete text in easy to read large print, and a readable translation. Its unique feature is illustrations with moving parts.

The Me-am Loez Haggadah, Maznaim Publishing Corporation, \$6.95.

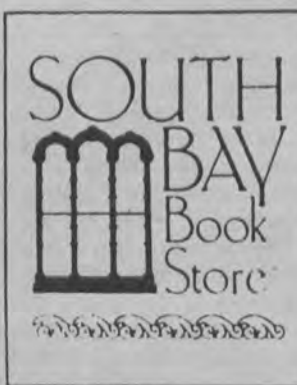
This spiral-bound *haggadah* has clear print and a readable translation. The commentary at the bottom of each page is taken from a Ladino commentary first published in 1700. It is a marvelous source of insight, well worth studying in advance of the seder.

The *haggadah* tells us that we must regard ourselves as if we ourselves had gone out from Egypt. But we have an advantage. The Children of Israel did not know when they would leave Egypt, so they had no

time to prepare, not even to bake bread for the journey. We, on the other hand, know that we will leave Egypt on Wednesday night, April 19, so we can not only clean and cook; we can study our "travel guide," the *haggadah*. Consider reading a *haggadah* with your child as a bedtime story during the weeks before Pesach. Both children and adults will enjoy the seder more if they know what to expect and are prepared to participate.


Have a merry Purim and a happy headstart on Pesach!





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Not-For-Profit Repairs



By **ROBERTA BURMAN**
B.S., M.A.

Since Spring is the time for home improvements, it gives me the opportunity to share information about resources for home repair for the elderly.

For graying America, and for the handicapped, it is becoming increasingly burdensome to find dependable, reliable, and affordable assistance. All of us shop for contractors from time to time, but when you are on a fixed low income, minor or major home repairs are often out of reach. Nevertheless, when something breaks or is crumbling, it has to be fixed. Most tradesmen charge \$35 to \$55 just to visit your home. A good handyman to fix this or that is hard to locate.

To meet the needs of seniors in Delaware, there are several options for service at reduced

rates. The work is usually done by skilled volunteers and professionals, with an emphasis on preventive maintenance. Many of the "employees" from these agencies are college students, retirees, moonlighters, etc., who are willing to work for a lower-than-average rate, or for free. According to Kathryn Canavan of the *News Journal*, "They're not doing it with a sense of making money. They're doing it with a sense of helping the community." These people are flexible enough to do a little bit of everything when they go to your home.

If the recipient is indigent, some programs have materials that are donated by individuals and business people in the community, so the recipients get the job done free.

Canavan states, "There are government agencies that assist with low or no interest loans. The payments can be regular or, if the homeowner doesn't have enough money to make payments, they can be deferred indefinitely.

"In some cases, the homeowner never makes a payment. The government gets it's money, after the homeowner dies, from the estate when the home is sold. Only the principal is collected.

"If your income is low

enough to qualify for a grant to pay part of your fuel bill, you probably also qualify for free storm doors, windows, caulking, glazing, and insulating."

Whatever needs fixing - the old roof, the faucet drip, the cracked window, the broken door lock, the sagging porch, I suggest you try one of the following agencies:

- Homefront Home Improvement Program, Visiting Nurse Association of Delaware, 323-8200
- H.O.M.E. Home Oriented Maintenance for the Elderly, Lutheran Community Service, 654-8913
- Prison Fellowship, 368-2813
- Weatherization Program and Fuel Assistance, Catholic Charities, Administrator NCC, 654-9295, Kent 674-1782, Sussex 856-6200.
- Low and No Interest Loans, Delaware, New Castle County, City of Wilmington, 571-4057
- Operation Home Fix Up, New Castle County, 571-HOME
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If you need help in making arrangements, you can call Jewish Family Service to advocate for you at 478-9411.

Dear Rachel,

Dear Rachel,

My son wants to go to the Purim carnival as Queen Esther. What should I do?

ANSWER,

If your prince wants to be queen for a day, let him.

Dear Rachel,

My kids insist on going to the synagogue for Megillah reading. The noise is deafening, and I end up a nervous wreck. What should I do?

ANSWER,

Buy earplugs.

Dear Rachel,

My daughter is dating a non-Jewish boy from a very fine family. I discourage her, but my husband feels it's okay. What should I do?

ANSWER,

Tell your husband that he is in fine company. Then suggest that he dress as Mordechai to your daughter's Esther this year. Look where she ended up!

Dear Rachel,

There is someone in my office who makes fairly frequent references to "you people." To say the least, it gets my hackles up. What should I do?

ANSWER,

Tell him/her the story of Purim, with special emphasis on the fate of the last guy who called us "a certain people."

Dear Rachel,

I have started the custom in my family of serving the cuisine of a different exotic Jewish group for each holiday. My children are refusing to eat all this "weird" food. Should I give up or persist?

ANSWER,

Any kid who can eat Haman's hat and ears can try a new food along with traditional fare. Try emphasizing desserts.

HAPPY PURIM!

RACHEL

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Innovative Programs Help Provide Housing

By **SYBIL ZEFTEL**

The Community Development and Housing Division of New Castle County has been taking an innovative approach to provide additional affordable housing for low and moderate income county residents. They are using an assortment of programs with federal funds and private partnerships to increase and improve both rental units and units for purchase.

There are two programs which may be of special interest to county residents: Home Share and Housing Overhaul Made Easy (H.O.M.E.)

The Independent Living Home Share Program matches low-income individuals with homeowners who have extra

living space. Participants include the elderly, the handicapped, single parents and college students. The home provider must live in New Castle County outside Wilmington or Arden. This particular program benefits both elderly homeowners and low income persons needing affordable housing. Services include outreach, networking, referral, screening and follow-up counseling for the partners. Home Share had made a total of 18 matches involving 42 people in its first year of operation.

H.O.M.E. is an affordable home repair loan program designed to enable qualifying home owners to make necessary repairs and home improvements to their proper-

ties. H.O.M.E. helps moderate income homeowners repair heating systems, plumbing, electrical service, roofs and structural problems. Wilmington Trust and the Department of Community Development and Housing have formed a partnership to provide necessary funds at low interest rates. It is also possible to get help in converting a residence to add an apartment for rental housing.

Persons interested in more details on these programs should contact N.C. County Community Development And Housing at 571-7660.

(Sybil Zeftel is the chairman of the Jewish Federation's Domestic Issues Task Force Subcommittee on Housing and the Homeless.)

Federal Court Rules Against Anne Pollard

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (JTA) — U.S. Magistrate Janice Symchych denied requests by Anne Pollard for an independent medical examination and transfer back to the federal prison medical facility in Danbury, Conn., on March 1. Symchych also denied Pollard's requests for a further hearing, a furlough and a writ of habeas corpus.

In another major setback for Pollard, the magistrate ordered reinstatement of the 24-hour watch on the prisoner that had

been lifted temporarily last month. The watch was imposed when Pollard arrived at the Federal Medical Center prison facility in Rochester, Minn., in January.

Pollard's lawyers argued that the watch added an element of stress to what they described as her already deteriorated medical condition.

Judge Harry MacLaughlin will review the magistrate's findings to decide if Pollard will get a further review. Pollard is serving two concurrent prison

terms for being an accessory to her husband, Jonathan Pollard, who was convicted of spying for Israel.

She suffers from biliary dyskinesia and gastroparesis, two medical conditions that doctors have described as causing great pain. On February 16, Anne Pollard testified on her own behalf for the first time since she was imprisoned on March 4, 1987. She told the court that she had not been receiving proper medical attention.

Pollard was removed abruptly last month from a Danbury hospital to be taken back to the Federal Medical Center in Rochester.

**Let Off Steam
Write A Letter To The Editor**

GOP Repudiates Duke

David Duke, former grand wizard of the Klu Klux Klan, recently won a seat in Louisiana's State Legislature despite endorsements from President George Bush, former President Ronald Reagan and Republican National Committee (RNC) Chairman Lee Atwater supporting Duke's opponent.

Subsequently, the RNC unanimously passed a resolution to deny aid and assistance to Duke, repudiate him and his views, and reaffirm the Party's stand on equal rights.

Rep. Bob Livingston (R-LA), whose district includes the New Orleans suburb Metairie which Duke represents, cautioned people not to "read anything into this race that isn't there. This race does not foreshadow a sea change of opinion toward intolerance in Louisiana."

In 1986, Duke outlined his plan to relocate America's "Unassimilable Minorities" so that "both they and the Majority can have the freedom to work out their own destinies, to recapture their old ways of life and to develop new ways without further mutual interference and conflict." Under his plan, all American Jews would be relocated to "West Israel" in Long Island and Manhattan. Some Jews will be inconvenienced by the move, but "they will probably not add up to more than 2,000,000, a smaller number than the 8,000,000 Americans sent overseas in World War II ... not to mention the 3,500,000 Palestinians displaced by the

Jews of East Israel," Duke explained.

Duke has called the Holocaust "a historical question to be debated" and has labeled the words on the Statue of Liberty a "disgusting proletarian poem by a Marxist-Jewess."

Over the last few years, some Democrats who were also members of the Lyndon

LaRouche organization, won state primary elections in Michigan and Illinois but were defeated in the general elections. The Democratic Party repudiated them and no other LaRouche member has been elected to state office since them.

(Reprinted from the Near East Report.)



David Duke waves to supporters as he arrives at his campaign headquarters on February 18 after winning a runoff election against John Treen. The victory gives Duke, a former Klu Klux Klan Grand Wizard, a seat in the Louisiana legislature. Duke won in spite of a letter from President Bush endorsing his opponent, a recorded radio message from former President Reagan and a letter from the Archbishop of that diocese in the local Catholic newspaper urging people not to vote for him.

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Teen Scene

BESTY Is Back

BESTY is changing rapidly due to a lot of upcoming events and a strong, interested board. Some of the new changes include planned local events for every month till May. On February 5, BESTY had a bakesale at Temple Beth Emeth in order to raise a hundred dollars for Mitzvah Corps. Mitzvah Corps is a four-day camp in New York State for Guatemalan and El Salvadoran refugees, sponsored by MAFTY (Mid-Atlantic Federation of Temple Youth).

We are also having other fundraisers throughout the winter. February 11, BESTY went to a Sweethearts Dance in Potomac, Maryland, along with hundreds of other youth groups, which are all part of MAFTY (Delaware to North Carolina).

BESTY is proud to announce our new advisors, Roxanne and Peter Kline. In honor of

them we had an installation dinner at Temple Beth Emeth on February 5. The dinner consisted of an Italian meal along with BESTYites and their parents.

Every year it is a BESTY tradition to go bowling with Rabbi Grumbacher. This event has not been scheduled yet, but, it will take place sometime soon.

Our April event will take place on the 24th. A hot tub party has been arranged at the Weisbergs' house. Bring a bathing suit, change of clothes, and towel!

This past December, Winter Institute was held at Camp Harlam on the 26-30 in Kunkletown, Pa. The theme was "Back to the Future of Judaism." This conclave was very successful because of lot of new members of MAFTY are now part of all the fun. Six members of BESTY attended

This page is written by teens for teens.

the conclave and thoroughly enjoyed it!

Towards the end of the Winter other MAFTY events are scheduled. On March 2-4 the Northern Central Subregional will be held in Alexandria, Va. Also, Spring Conclave will be located in Baltimore, Maryland, on April 27-29.

It is never too early to sign up for any events listed above. If you are interested in BESTY contact President, Joy-Dara Ellick (478-6471) or Vice-President, Tara Barasch (478-2010). The membership fee is \$15 and all transportation is free.

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 Fees: \$235.00
 A complete course schedule will be sent to all registrants. For a "Score More" brochure, contact Shelley Gitomer, Teen Program Coordinator.

Purim Party

(Grades 7 & 8)
 Purim is "party-time" at the JCC. Bring a friend and join us for a smashing good time. Dress in your favorite Purim costume and bring a dinner. Hamentashen will be served for dessert. We will play games such as Pin the crown on King Ahasuerus and talk about the holiday. Date: Tuesday, March 21, 1989 Time: 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Fees: \$5.00 Registration Deadline: March 15

Harlem Globetrotters Game

(Grades 7-12)
 Get ready for hilarity, hoopla and side-splitting shenanigans. Date: Sunday, March 19, 1989 Time: 12:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Fees: \$30.00/Members, \$35.00/Non-Members Registration Deadline: March 8

Jr. Teen Council

The Teen Department of the Jewish Community Center plans and organizes activities and events for the Teens of Delaware. The Jr. Teen Council meets every other Tuesday to discuss the programs, help advertise them, and come up with ideas so the teens can get what they want.

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I.S.I. - This stands for Israel Summer Institute. It consists of six weeks traveling in Israel. Some of the places the tour visits are Jerusalem, Eilat, Tel Aviv, and Galilee-Golan. You may also visit a kibbutz, and archaeological dig or an Israeli's home.

I.C. - This stands for International Convention. The election of new international board members takes place during this one week summer program.

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מלוני

(Me-lo-nee) - My Dictionary



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(mahl-kah ah-mee-tzah)
a brave queen

מלך עשיר
(meh-lech ah-sheer)
a rich king

ארמון גדול
(ahr-mone gah-dole)
a big palace



איש חכם
(eesh chah-chahm)
a smart man

איש רשע
(eesh rah-shah)
a wicked man

סוס לבן
(soose lah-vahn)
a white horse

Remember the Amalekites

On the Shabbat before Purim, Jews read a special Haftorah about King Saul's battle with the Amalekites (Ah-mah-leh-kites). On Purim day, the Torah portion that is read is about the Israelites' battle in the desert with the Amalekites. Who were the Amalekites and what do they have to do with Purim?

Esau, Jacob's brother, had a grandson named Amalek. Amalek's tribe lived in the desert. They were nomads, which means they didn't live in one town or city, but traveled from place to place. The Amalekites came from this tribe.



After the Israelites crossed the Red Sea leaving Egypt, the Amalekites attacked them. Being a cruel people, they first attacked the weak and defenseless Israelites at the end of the march. (In any march or race, the most able people are in the front and the weakest, who are trying to catch up, are in the back.) Though the Israelites won the battle, they did not completely destroy the Amalekites. Later, the Israelites were told to always remember what Amalek did when they came out of Egypt.

Throughout the years, there were other times when the Amalekites fought against the Israelites. During the time when Saul was king, the Amalekites kept raiding the land. The prophet Samuel told Saul that God wanted him to destroy all of the Amalekites and everything they owned. The Israelites, led by Saul, defeated the Amalekites. Some survived but most were killed in the battle.

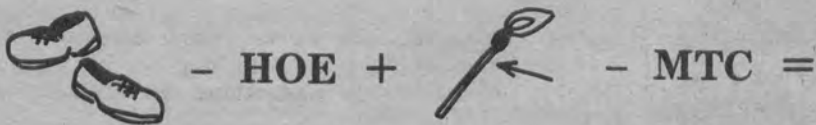
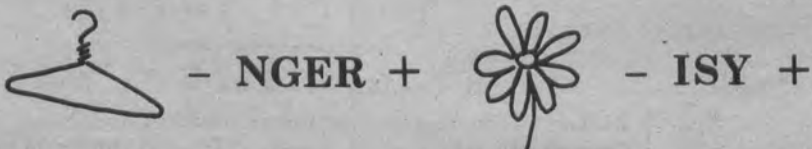
Saul, however, did not obey God. He took the best of their animals and he spared the life of the king of the Amalekites, Agag. God was furious that Saul did not follow orders. Saul asked for forgiveness. The prophet Samuel then killed Agag.

What do these two stories have to do with Purim? It is said that the leaders of the evil-doers who attack the Jewish people come from the Amalekites. It is said that Haman's ancestor was the king of the Amalekites, Agag. (It has even been said that Hitler must have come from the Amalekites because he was the most evil of all people.) We are told to remember the Amalekites and to "blot out from the human heart the cruel Amalek spirit."



Rebus - (Ree-boose) ריבוס

What was Queen Esther's Hebrew name?



- Answer on next page.

A Tradition Of Fast Thinking

My father was a very friendly man, who liked almost everybody. He sent cards and letters for birthdays, bar mitzvahs, and graduations. He thought nothing of traveling great distances to drop in unannounced on a friend.

My mother tried to get him to call ahead, but discussion was useless. My father would say, "That's the way I was brought up." He couldn't imagine a situation when someone might not be delighted to see him.

He was just as likely to bring guests home without warning. This made things difficult for my mother, who was a good housekeeper and proud of her cooking.

Once, on Purim, my father arrived at dinner time with four unexpected guests. They weren't friends; they weren't even relatives! Where he found them or why they were invited, we never found out.

Because of the holiday, my Aunt Mollie, Uncle Jerry, and cousins Robert and Eddie were already there for the Purim seudah (feast).

We were facing a crisis. There simply wasn't enough food. This had happened before and my mother had managed, but this time was the worst. My father didn't understand or want to understand the problems of running a kitchen. There was no point in talking to him. He'd only say, "That's the way I was brought up."

It was Sunday evening and the stores were closed. This was in the years before frozen foods were available. This called for desperate measures.

My mother called the three kids aside. There was only enough if everybody didn't eat. We were told to let the meat course pass us by and fill up on the bread and vegetables. We were thrilled with the game plan.

When the pot roast was passed around the table, we were ready. "No, thanks. I'm full," said Robert. My father glared at him. He could only be full from eating junk and eating junk was a crime in our house.

Next, it was my turn. "No, thanks. I don't like pot roast." That took my father by such surprise that he didn't say anything. I loved pot roast and he knew it.

"Me, too," said Eddie. We didn't know whether that meant that he was full or didn't like pot roast but, in any event, the platter also passed him by.

"Mother," started my father, "What is . . ."

"Pass the potatoes, please," interrupted Mother, and the conversation shifted. Everyone was served and we got through the meal.

Then Mother and Aunt Mollie disappeared into the kitchen to prepare coffee and dessert, but the problem was the same: not enough.

We were having hamantashen. Hamantashen have a triangular shape and are impossible to cut without having them look chopped off. We would have been better off if Aunt Mollie had made one of her pineapple upside-down cakes, which could have been cut into a trillion pieces.

Mother and Aunt Mollie came out of the kitchen with the coffee and dessert. They had solved the problem. Jews have lived by their wits throughout the centuries. A tradition of fast thinking had developed.

Mother served the coffee and dessert. "Naturally, you children, who haven't eaten your main course, don't get any dessert!"

Tricked! By my own mother!

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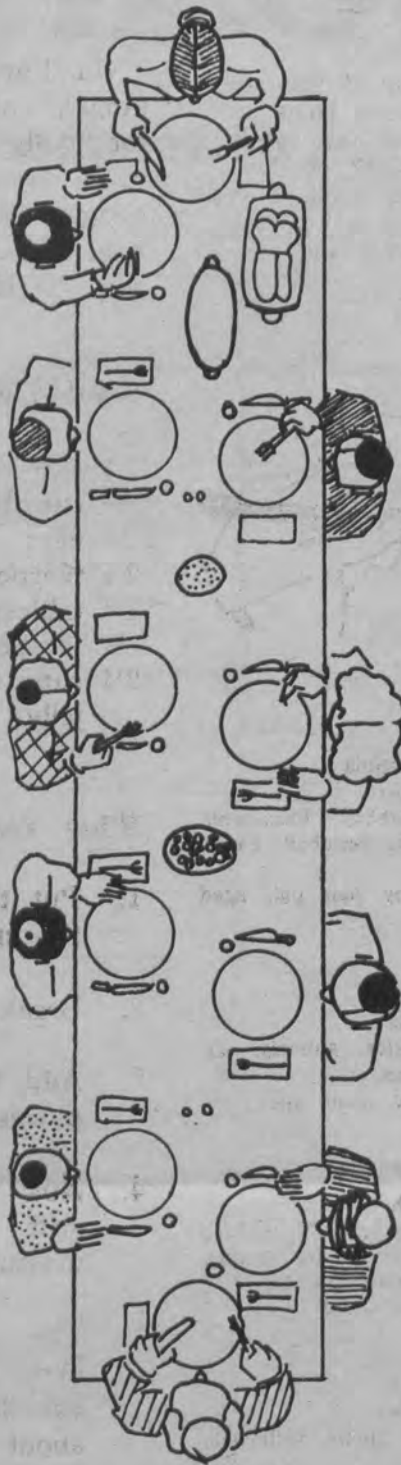


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Jumble


Purim is celebrated on the 14th day of the Hebrew month, Adar. That date never falls on what day of the week?

To find out, unscramble the words below:

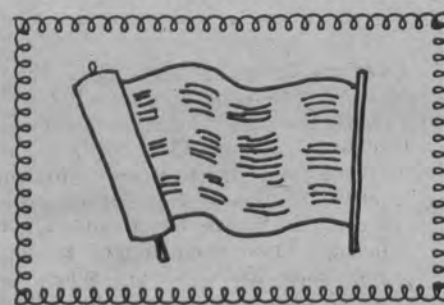
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Now unscramble the circled letters to find the answer to the question.



Answer To Rebus

Hanger - nger + daisy -
- isy + shoes - hoe +
match - mtc - **Hadassah**

Answers to Jumble

Both, sail, tuba, Shabbat.

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חברים לעט

(Chah-veh-ræem L'et) - Pen Pals

בתיאבון

(B'teh-ah-vone) - Good Appetite

Dear Readers:

Here are some readers who would like to hear from you! If you are 6-12-years-old and want a pen pal, you may fill out the form below or write to one of these names. To send a letter to one of the names listed below, first write your letter. Put a stamp on a blank envelope with your return address. Put your letter and the stamped envelope in another envelope. Address that envelope to: the name of your pen pal, c/o NOAH'S ARK, 7726 Portal, Houston, Texas 77071. We are sorry that we cannot print every letter we receive.

- Kanga

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Garwood, New Jersey
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Likes baseball, basketball, ice hockey, soccer, and Tiger Cubs.
Wants a boy pen pal, aged 6-9.

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Stamford, Connecticut
Age: 7 Grade: 2nd
Likes piano, swimming, soccer, and animals.
Wants a girl pen pal, aged 7-8.

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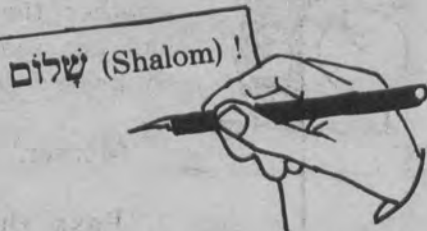
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Wants a girl pen pal, same age.

David Byers
Andover, Massachusetts
Age: 9 Grade: 3rd
Likes art, gym, music, football, and board games.
Wants a boy pen pal, same age.

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Prairie Village, Kansas
Age: almost 10 Grade: 4th
Likes piano, bike riding, art, reading, and writing.
Wants a girl pen pal, aged 8-11.

Becca Fass
Beloit, Wisconsin
Age: 10 Grade: 4th
Likes talking, sleepovers, parties, boys, rock and roll, reading, sports, and shopping.
Wants a girl pen pal, same age.



Paul Weinberger
Huntington, West Virginia
Age: 10½ Grade: 5th
Likes Nintendo, baseball, basketball, pizza, gum, bikes, baseball cards, and swimming.
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Nicole Rohn
Wiggins, Colorado
Age: 11 Grade: 5th
Likes books, little kids, animals, science, and cute boys.
Wants a girl pen pal, same age.

Lisa Stein
Deerfield, Illinois
Age: 11 Grade: 5th
Likes piano, ice skating, TV, talking on the phone, roller and ice skating, mail, food, boys, and shopping.
Wants a girl pen pal, aged 10-11.

Elissa Barnes
Woodmere, New York
Age: 12 Grade: 7th
Likes music, clothes, phone, volleyball, and TV.
Wants a boy or girl pen pal, aged 10 or older.

Shana Rosenthal
Englishtown, New Jersey
Age: 12½ Grade: 7th
Likes swimming, music, soap operas, TV, and talking on the phone.
Wants a girl pen pal, same age.

Susanna Fater, a girl, aged 12
Mikahil Fater, a boy, aged 7
Chernomoarskaya Koronga 27-B/69
Odessa, Ukrainian SSR, USSR
Susanna and Mikhail are refuseniks (Jews who ask for permission to leave the Soviet Union and are refused). They need letters to know you care about them. When you write, write like you would write to any pen pal. Do not write anything about them being refuseniks or anything bad about the Soviet Union. Send a picture if you have one. (Needs an overseas, air mail stamp.)

What You Need:

- 1 cup sugar
- ½ cup butter
- 2 eggs
- 2½ teaspoons baking powder
- 4 tablespoons milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2¼ cups flour
- jelly



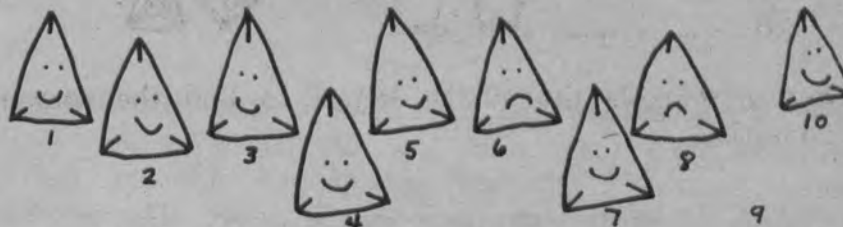
What You Do:

1. Put the sugar and butter in a bowl. Mix together until it's creamy.
2. Break the eggs in a small bowl and beat slightly.
3. Add the eggs to the sugar and butter. Add the baking powder, milk, and vanilla. Mix well.
4. Now add the flour and mix again until the dough is stiff. Cover the bowl and put it in the refrigerator overnight.
5. The next day, take the dough from the refrigerator. Dust some flour on a cutting board where you can roll out the dough. Using a rolling pin, roll the cookie dough about ¼ inch thick. If the dough is sticky, add a little more flour.
6. Using a round cookie cutter (or a glass rim), cut out the cookies. Place ½ of them on an ungreased cookie sheet.
7. Using a spoon, drop a small dab of jelly (about ½ teaspoon) in the middle of each cookie. Now take the rest of the cookies and place them on top of the others. Press the edges together gently with your fingers. Continue until all of the cookies are "sandwiched".
8. Sprinkle sugar lightly on the top of each cookie.
9. Bake in a 350 degree oven for 15 to 20 minutes, or until the edges begin to turn brown. This recipe makes about 18 to 20 cookies.



Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Age: _____ Grade: _____
 Likes: _____
 Wants a pen pal who is: (check) a boy _____ a girl _____ aged _____

Why was the 6th hamantash afraid of the 7th?



Because seven ate (eight) nine.

Who Is A Jew?

Mazal tov (congratulations) to Tara Uddoh, 12-years-old, from Hudson, New York. Tara is the winner of the "Who is a Jew?" contest.

To enter the contest, readers were asked to write their definitions of "Who is a Jew?" To win this contest, the rules stated there would be no right or wrong answers. Tara's entry was drawn from all others to find the winner.

Here are some interesting answers:

"A Jew is someone who believes in only one God; someone who puts someone else's needs before their own, who is kind and considerate. People of other religions are sometimes like this, too, but one way in which Jews are much different is the special bond between them . . ."

- Alison Shapiro, 11
New Bedford, Ma.



"Someone who is caring, helpful, and nice. A Jew is a kind person, no doubt about that!"

- Neil Helbraun, 8
Highland Park, Ill.

"God is a Jew."
- Jessica Schocker, 6
Altoona, Pa.

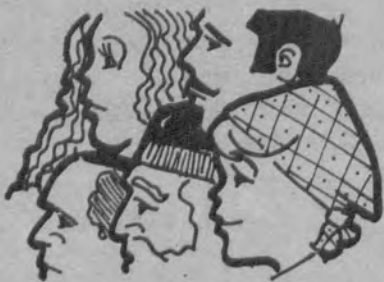


"A Jew has a Jewish mom."

- Henry F. Oppenheim, 6
Kings Point, N.Y.

"Someone who studies and learns the Jewish way, and keeps it in their heart forever."

- Sarah L'Italien, 10
Manchester, N.H.



"... As you might have noticed, I used one word in my paragraph many times. The word is 'different'. That just shows what Jews are: different."

- Stephanie Solomon, 10
Pickerington, Oh.

In Israel, a Jew is defined as someone whose mother is Jewish or who converted to Judaism. This is also the definition used by Orthodox and Conservative Jews in other countries. Reform Jews consider a person a Jew if either the mother or the father is Jewish.

For the past few months, Jews around the world have been concerned that Israel may change its definition. Right now, it looks like this will not happen, although the issue may come up again some time in the future. The purpose of Israel's definition is only to decide citizenship, not really to decide who is a Jew. Anyone meeting Israel's definition can become a citizen immediately.

משחק

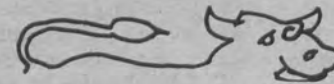
(Mees-chahk) - Game

Hamantashen is baked dough, shaped like a triangle, and filled with a sweet jelly or poppyseeds. Its name comes from two German words: mohn, which means poppyseed, and tashen, which means pockets. The cookie used to be called mohntashen, or a pocket filled with poppyseeds. The word "mohn" sounded like a rhyme for Haman. Since we eat it during Purim and we say it's shaped like Haman's hat, Jews changed the name to hamantashen.

In Israel, hamantashen are called אוני הזמן, ozenei (ohz-nay) Haman (Hah-mahn).

The cow on Noah's ark has a question for you. What does ozenei Haman mean? To find out, cross out every C, O, and W.

W H O A M C W A O N W S E C A O W R W S



Haman's ears

מה ההבדלים? (Mah Hah-hehv-deh-leem) What Are The Differences?

There are at least five differences between the two pictures below. Can you find the differences?



The coat, kephah, necklace, dress, and Megillah scroll are different.

Dori Dubin was always joshin'.
She'd set records with food she was noshin'.
A world's record she broke,
Cause she ate 'til she choked
On the fifty-fifth hamantashen!



Adas Kodesh Annual Concert To Feature Soprano, Ruth Golden

By SARAH F. GOLDSTEIN

The Eighth Annual Concert of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation will be held on Saturday evening, April 1, at the synagogue and will feature the young leading soprano of the New York City Opera Company, Ruth Golden.

Selected by *Opera News* as one of "16 Young American Singers on the Rise," Soprano Golden is winning critical acclaim in opera, on the concert stage and in recital. "Ruth Golden, her soprano lovely, radiant and lofty in its reach, was a commanding presence in this role," wrote the critic of the *San Francisco Chronicle* after her performance of the Fairy in the United States premiere of Stephen Oliver's "Beauty and the Beast" with Opera Theatre of St. Louis. Of her Mimi, in New York City Opera's 1988 production of "La Boheme," *The New York Times* commented that her "singing was done in a pure and liquid legato..."

During the 1988-89 season, Golden will be heard with the New York City Opera as Natalie in "The Merry Widow," Mimi in "La Boheme," Micaela in "Carmen," and Zerlina in "Don Giovanni." She also performed with the Company when they toured to Orange County in California. In addition, she is appearing with the Eliot Feld Ballet in the Brahms "Liebeslieder Waltzes."

Singing since age five, Golden made her commitment to opera at seventeen with her first opera, "La Boheme," at San Francisco's War Memorial

Opera House. "It affected me deeply and made me realize that that's what I wanted to do," she says. "When I found that I could put my love of classical music together with my love of theatricality and singing, and that's called opera, then that, for me, was it." Since then she has had a special affection for Mimi in "La Boheme," which she will sing in her Canadian Opera debut in June of this year.

Another favorite role is Marguerite in "Faust." Her last-minute appearance in that role brought her instant recognition. In July of 1987, at Lincoln Center, just three hours before curtain, the scheduled soprano was forced to withdraw because of illness, and Golden learned she would sing the lead on opening night in the New York City Opera's production. Without the usual several weeks' preparation working with staging, props, sets, costumes, etc., she stepped into the role of Marguerite, for which, she says, "The last ten years of my life prepared me and I rose to the challenge."

In October of 1987 Golden appeared in a "Live from Lincoln Center" performance as first lady in "Die Zauberflote." Other engagements during the 1987-88 season included Mozart's "C minor Mass" with the Choral Arts Society at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., and Poulenc's "Gloria" at the Orange County Performing Arts Center in California.

In the 1986-87 season, Golden performed Micaela in

"Carmen" with the New York City Opera both in New York and California. In recital in Pasadena, she performed the world premiere of Bryon Adams' "Nocturne." In recent seasons Golden has also appeared with the Washington Opera, Lyric Opera of Kansas City, Long Beach Opera and Arkansas Opera Theatre, in addition to over 100 appearances in several touring productions.

Golden's New York recital debut in Merkin Concert Hall prompted *The New York Times* to say, "Miss Golden possesses a bountiful soprano voice, excellent diction and a sure sense of pitch which made for a spontaneous and charming performance." In May 1985, she made her Carnegie Recital Hall debut. Her recital debut as a Young California Artist led to engagements with the Aspen Music Festival, Southern California Brahms Festival, Arnold Schoenberg Institute, and the Edward McDowell Foundation. Additional recital appearances have included San Francisco, Baltimore, Indianapolis, Los Angeles and Chicago.

Among Golden's recent orchestral appearances are the Mozart "Solemn Vespers" at the Los Angeles Music Center, Berlioz' "Nuits d'Ete" with the Springfield Symphony, St. Margaret in Honneger's "Jeanne d'Arc au Bucher" with the Pasadena Symphony, and Bach's "St. Matthew Passion" with the Aspen Music Festival.

Golden is the recipient of a 1987 George London Career Development Grant from the

National Institute for Music Theater. Since her debut with the New York City Opera, she was awarded the Musician's Emergency Fund Career Development Grant. PBS is currently preparing a documentary film on her career and rise to stardom.

A graduate of the University of Southern California with a Master of Music in Voice, Golden also spent two summers performing under the guidance of Martial Singher at the Music Academy of the West. She has also studied with Elisabeth Schwarzkopf and Gwendolyn Koldofsky.

Assisting Golden will be Levering Rothfuss. During his career, Rothfuss has collaborated with such distinguished artists as Licia Albanese, John Alexander, Marilyn Horne and Carol Neblett. Born in Missouri, Rothfuss currently lives in New York City where he combines an extensive performing career



Ruth Golden

with private teaching and coaching.

General admission for the concert is \$14 in advance and \$15 at the door. The concert and a Meet-The-Artist Reception is \$20 per person. Tickets may be obtained at the synagogue office and by calling (302) 762-2705. Adas Kodesch is located at Washington St. and Torah Dr. in Wilmington.

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Mother Wonderful's 'Sumptuous Sabbath'

By ETHEL G. HOFMAN
Special to the Jewish Voice

"I'd like to be a Leo Tolstoy... but I keep being pushed towards Fannie Farmer."

So says Myra Chanin, a Philadelphia *balabosta* who, through television and books, has introduced Americans to real Jewish cooking — and made it irresistible by adding her particular brand of wit and humor. Her personality contains a giant dollop of old-fashioned chutzpah, as demonstrated by her Federal Expressing two of her cheesecakes to the producer of Hour Magazine in California. The result? Chanin is now a regular on the TV program.

She wasn't always inclined towards food or eating. In fact, her mother and grandmother considered her a "juvenile Jewish anorexic" and cooked day and night to concoct treats for her. Chanin's recollection is slightly different. "I was a 400-pound three year old," she says in all seriousness. And as far as cooking for herself, it wasn't until she was out of the nest and in her own apartment that she latched on to good cooking as a means to keep the guys around. (Singles, take note.)

It worked. At age 33, she married Alvin Chanin. But they almost didn't live happily ever after. With a divorce on the horizon, she launched her culinary career, creating the character of "Mother Wonderful." She marketed



Myra Chanin, also known as Mother Wonderful, will be speaker at the April 9 Hadassah Donor Brunch.

cheesecakes (pina colada and triple chocolate, to name just a few) to local restaurants, and sales skyrocketed. This success led to her first book *Mother Wonderful's Cheesecakes*.

Now Chanin, still married to Alvin ("We made up," she explains), has turned her talents to a videotape, *My First Jewish Cooking Video — The Sumptuous Sabbath*. Fans who are accustomed to her wit (sometimes acerbic but never malicious) may be surprised at Chanin's mild, toned-down approach.

But as a teaching tool, the tape accomplishes what it sets out to do: show the principles of cooking traditional dishes like grandmother used to make.

As any old-fashioned grandmother would tell you, there's more to Jewish cooking than following the written recipe.

Textures, taste and "secret" techniques are all part of the cooking process. You must be able to see what a mixture looks like: Is it pliable? How do you form a braid?

The 75-minute video opens with Chanin's welcome. "Nu, lomir reddem fun fraylich zachen! Und vuhs geet Yidden mehr fargeneegen vee a geschmacken erev shabbes vechereh?" ("Now, let's talk about happy things! And what gives Jews more pleasure than a delicious Sabbath dinner?") Interwoven into the cooking demonstrations are beautiful theme music, family customs and history.

To demonstrate the dishes featured in a traditional Shabbat dinner, Chanin and Ben Pearlman, a Houston film-producer, searched for guest cooks, and came up with an interesting group. There's the "Challah Lady," 76-year old Lillian Gothelf, who taught herself to make challah and bagels when she moved to a small Louisiana town with no Jewish bakery. White haired and comfortably "zaftig," Gothelf is a down-to-earth cook with a "challah muscle" from years of kneading. Her comments on each step are as close as you'll get to having your own grandmother in the kitchen with you.

No Shabbos meal is complete without gefilte fish. And to demonstrate, Linda Walters, wife of Houston's Reform Rabbi Roy Walters leads us through the preparation and

cooking. Celia Greenstein of Toronto brings another shortcut food into Jewish cooking. Chicken cutlets dredged in potato latke mix are Greenstein's kosher answer to chicken fried steak.

It's an unwritten law that a Shabbat meal must have at



least two super desserts. Cathy Jankovic, a Houston caterer and chocoholic, makes meringue mushrooms and a raspberry sorbet. And

Chanin's Arugula Kugelah is worth the purchase of the tape. Delicious and tasty, this dish will appeal to the traditional as well as to "cocooning yuppies" (who else but a gourmand or a comedienne would think of that combination?)

The *Sumptuous Sabbath* recipes, with the exception of the challah, of course, may be cooked for Passover. Enclosed with the video is a brochure containing all of the recipes prepared by Chanin and her guest chefs.

The videotape is available for \$29.95 from Notraif Productions, Studio at the Lakes, 2401 W. Bellfort, Houston, TX 77054, or by calling 1-800-338-4828, or from Hamakor Judaica, P.O. Box 59453, Chicago, IL 60659, telephone 1-800-426-2567.

(Editor's Note: Myra Chanin will be the featured speaker at the Wilmington Hadassah Donor Brunch on Sunday, April 9, at 10:30 a.m. For more information on this event call Suzy Grumbacher at 764-8050.)

Museum Seeks Holocaust Objects

NEW YORK (JTA)—The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum is continuing its search for objects that document the persecution of European Jewry during World War II.

Among the "object survivors" it is seeking are those that document Nazi crimes, life in the camps and ghettos, arm-

ed and spiritual resistance, the American response, rescue efforts as well as efforts to build life anew after the Holocaust.

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Hillel Director Visits Jews In Soviet Union

By BRANT ROSEN
Special to
The Jewish Voice

From January 29 to February 9, I (accompanied by Michael Cohen, a fellow rabbinical student) went on a unique tour of the Soviet Union. The trip had a specific motivation: to take advantage of new Soviet openness by visiting smaller towns in the Ukraine — previously inaccessible — which reportedly had sizable Jewish populations eager for contact with other Jews.

It has been the conventional wisdom of the Soviet Jewry movement that there are two "kinds" of Soviet Jews: the ones who wish to emigrate in order to practice Judaism more freely, and the ones who wish simply to remain and assimilate into Soviet society. Recently however, as *glasnost* has opened up more and more opportunities for emigration, we have found that our old conceptions of Soviet Jewry are largely inaccurate. That is, there are a significant number of Soviet Jews who desire, for their own reasons, to remain in the Soviet Union while asserting their Jewish identity. We were very interested in meeting these Jews, to learn about their motivations, find out their specific needs, and look into ways in which we, as American Jews, can help.

The Ukraine is an area rich with Jewish history. It is part of the "Jewish heartland" of Eastern Europe, where much cultural and religious creativity flourished in the centuries preceding WW II. We were amazed to find that many of the towns of the Ukraine, even after their virtual decimation in the Holocaust, still retained significant Jewish populations.

The opportunities afforded us by our newly-found access to these areas are numerous. In the first place, we saw many small villages — previously *shtetlach* — in which a handful of older Jews still live. This offers us the ability to gain direct oral histories of Jewish life in these areas as well as accounts of the Holocaust years. The few stories which we did hear (given our feeble understanding of Yiddish) were simply amazing. Unless these stories are gathered and recorded before this generation is gone, they will be lost forever. If Yiddish and Russian speakers were sent into these areas to hear and record the testimonies of a very vital era of Jewish history, the stories could be saved.

Moreover, we found that many of the younger Jews in the larger towns harbor a genuine thirst for Jewish education. In the town of Uman (where Rav Nachman of Bratslav is buried) we visited with a Jewish family who told us that there are approximately 300 Jews in the town — and though there is no synagogue or minyan, there are many Jews who desire to learn Hebrew.

The situation is even more remarkable in the larger cities of the Ukraine. We learned that in cities such as Kharkov, Chernovzy, and Chelmitiski, where there are literally thousands of Jews, there are the tentative beginnings of a Jewish



A Russian couple in the synagogue in Vinnitsa writes the name of a relative who is ill, in order for Brant Rosen (right) to say a *misha berach* during the Friday morning service.

renaissance. Many cities have newly-built Jewish community centers and ongoing classes in Judaism, Hebrew, and Yiddish. In Odessa — once the Jewish cultural center of the Ukraine — we met with a family who had just received permission to open a Jewish cultural club.

It is important to note that these new beginnings are still tentative. Though we in the West hear primarily about Jewish activity in cities such as Moscow or Leningrad (such as the recent and highly publicized opening of the Moscow Jewish community center), there are many more cities in the Soviet Union which are not receiving the attention and resources they do desperately need.

For instance, the Ukrainian city of Nipro-Petrovsk has 60-70,000 Jews. Previously closed to visitors, the city is now being advertised as a tourist area. There are two Hebrew teachers who teach a class of 30 students once a week in the synagogue. They need books such as *siddurim* and Bibles badly, yet to date they have been visited by only one American Jew.

During our debriefing with Soviet Jewry Council leadership in Philadelphia, we expressed our feelings that future missions to the Soviet Union could be more productive if, rather than visiting individual families, the visitors were to spend several weeks in one of these smaller cities to help with the educational activity which is just emerging. We were told that this approach would be both feasible and even

desirable.

It became increasingly clear to us, as we met with various families, that Soviet Jews are tired of being patronized by Americans who typically visit for an hour, shower them with gifts and then move on. Soviet Jews are real individuals who have a genuine desire to learn more about their heritage and could benefit from our Jewish experience.

Many of the Soviet Jews with whom we met told us that they were unsure about the future of *glasnost*. This sentiment was expressed to often that we were left feeling that the idea of sending a "teacher" to spend a lengthier period in one particular place is neither overly ambitious nor merely idealistic.

Gorbachev has set some formidable ambitions for the next three years, and many feel that if he does not deliver on them within that time (and few think he can), then all of the current reforms could be rolled back. We left the Soviet Union with no doubt that it is vital to act now to aid the new educational opportunities currently being afforded Soviet Jews.

This trip will be the subject of a community presentation, "Soviet Jewry After Glasnost," to be held on Wednesday, March 15, at 7 p.m., in the Ewing Room of the Student Center at the University of Delaware. For more information, call the University of Delaware Hillel office at 453-0479.

(Brant Rosen is the University of Delaware Hillel Director and a student at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Philadelphia.)

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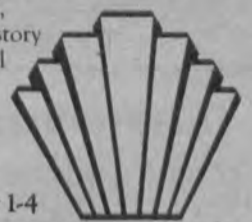
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Beth El Kallah To Include Speaker On Jews, Sleuths And Problem Of Evil

Naches

Gladstone

The Volunteer Firemen of New Castle County presented an award and honorary membership to Shaul Gladstone at their monthly dinner meeting on March 9. The resolution notes his involvement and desire to serve the county.

Weiner

Dr. and Mrs. Ben Weiner of Claymont, announce the engagement of their daughter, Shelly J. Weiner, to David M. Barash, son of Dr. and Mrs. Harvey Barash, of Madison, Wisconsin. Both Shelly and David are cantorial students at the Cantor's Institute of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. A June 1990 wedding is planned.

Gratz Youth Conference Scheduled

"Jewish Humor," "Living As A Jew In A Non-Jewish World" and "Japs, Jocks and Other Stereotypes" will be among the workshops to be featured at the first Jewish Youth Conference slated for Sunday, March 26, from 1 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Mandell Education Campus of Gratz College, 7605 Old York Road, Melrose Park, Penn.

In addition to an afternoon of workshops, the conference will be highlighted by an expo on Jewish youth groups, an Israeli dinner and a dance featuring Israeli and American music.

Participation in the workshop program is free. The cost of the dinner and dance is \$7.

A bus from Wilmington will leave the JCC at noon and return at 9:15 p.m. All Delaware Jewish teenagers 13-18 years old are invited to attend.

For registration and information, contact Delaware Gratz at 478-5026.

On Friday and Saturday, April 28 and 29, Rabbi Gustav Buchdahl will lead a kallah at Temple Beth El, Possum Park Road, Newark. His topic will be "Jews, Sleuths and the Problem of Evil."

At Friday evening services, Buchdahl will present background material and on Saturday, at a luncheon following services, he will speak about specific Jewish cops and detectives.

Buchdahl has served Temple

Emanuel of Baltimore since his ordination from Hebrew Union College in 1963. He has also earned a Master of Liberal Arts degree from Johns Hopkins University. The rabbi chairs the Inter-marriage Task Force for the Baltimore Board of Rabbis and serves on the board of the American Jewish Congress as well as on the Ethics Committee of the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

His published poems include "Kristallnacht" and "On Jor-

dan's Other Side," and he has co-authored a ketubah which is in wide use. Buchdahl is a cousin of Rabbi Peter Grumbacher, rabbi of Congregation Beth Emeth in Wilmington.

This event is being co-sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Delaware and is open to the community. Call the Beth El office (366-8330) for more information or to register for the Saturday lunch and program.



Rabbi Gustav Buchdahl

Reading At Y Poetry Center

The Y Poetry Center is pleased to feature three local writers reading from their work on Sunday, March 19, 3 p.m., at the Gershman YM&YWHA Branch of Jewish Community Centers, Broad and Pine Streets, Philadelphia.

J.T. Barbarese, currently instructor of English at the Friends' Select School is author of *The Blue Moon* and *New Science*. His articles, reviews and poems have appeared in numerous literary journals and magazines.

Fleda Brown Jackson teaches English at the University of Delaware and was recipient of the 1987 Delaware Arts Council Individual Artists Fellowship. *Fishing With Blood*, her first book of poems

was published in 1988 by Purdue University Press.

Marilyn Lois Polak, poet, journalist, editor, teacher and radio personality writes a weekly celebrity column for *The Philadelphia Inquirer*. She is author of *Facing The Music* and frequently performs her

poetry on TV, radio and in colleges, festivals, cafes and libraries.

Admission is \$3, Y Members; Senior Adults and Students \$2.50; high school students are admitted free. Call (215) 545-4400, ext. 243, for more information.

AEA Students Conduct Service

In cooperation with Congregation Beth Shalom, the students at Albert Einstein Academy conducted the Saturday morning services at Beth Shalom on February 25. The students in Kindergarten through Grade 6 prepared the entire service under the direction of their Judaic studies

teachers, Collete Ben David, Eta Knepler and Amira Silber. Each grade was responsible for a section of the service as well as the D'var Torah.

Eleanor Weinglass, principal of AEA, chanted the Maftir and the Haftarah.

At the conclusion of the service, Rabbi Kenneth Cohen, endorsed Hebrew day school education, and Albert Einstein Academy in particular. He

challenged the Delaware Jewish community to acquaint itself with the school.

AEA's goal is to offer its students a bilingual education which combines Judaic and secular studies, allowing the students "to prepare for participation in their future religious as well as secular communities," according to Weinglass.

Holocaust Film Shows How Italians Helped Save Jews

While the Holocaust evokes mostly pictures of Poland and Germany and of Jews mercilessly murdered, it doesn't usually bring to mind pictures of Italy. And, although Italy was aligned with Germany during the war, a film called "The Righteous Enemy" might serve to explain why not.

The film is about how Italian non-Jews helped Italian Jews survive the Holocaust. Nearly 7,000 Italian Jews died during

the Holocaust, but more than 38,000 — or 85 percent of the Italian Jewish population — survived due to the help of Italians who were not Jewish, according to the Philadelphia regional office of the American Jewish Committee.

"It is an important story for both the Jewish community and the Italian community," said Robert Seltzer, assistant director of the local AJCommittee. "It is important for the world to know that in a time where there was a lack of morality, there were people who retained their integrity. Something special happened in Italy."

"The Righteous Enemy" was made by Joseph Rochlitz, the son of a Holocaust survivor who was protected by Italian soldiers. It was released in 1987 and contains contemporary interviews, German and Italian newsreels and film from the Adolph Eichmann trial to tell its story.

The film was shown in February at the National Museum of American Jewish History, sponsored by the American Jewish Committee. It will be shown again on March 19 at the Alumnae Hall Theater of Immaculata College. The program will be sponsored by the Sons of Italy, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The film will be shown free of charge. For more information, call (215) 647-4400.

AEA Searching For Slogan

The Albert Einstein Academy is searching for a slogan, a one-line motto or catchphrase that will capture the essence of what Delaware's only Jewish day school means to the community, according to Eleanor Weinglass, principal of the school. The contest is open to all members of the community, whether or not they are or have ever been involved with AEA.

Weinglass suggests that the slogan might reflect one or more of the following aspects of the school: the importance of Jewish children having a solid Judaic background to insure their knowledge and commitment in the future; the benefit of having Jewish education during the day when children are better able to concentrate; the ability to apply and integrate Jewish values to secular concerns and teachings; the value of having children see that being Jewish is a way of life while living in a secular, assimilated society; or

the school's acceptance of different denominations of Judaism.

The person or family submitting the winning entry will be awarded a gift certificate for a free 8 by 10 color portrait from Olan Mills Studio in Wilmington.

Entries should be submitted written or typed on a plain piece of paper. Any number of entries on a page is permissible. A separate sheet should contain the name, address and telephone number of the entrant(s). Entries should be sent to Albert Einstein Academy, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington, DE 19803.

All entries must be received by March 31, 1989, when a panel of judges comprised of members of the AEA Board of Directors, the Jewish Community Center and the Jewish Federation of Delaware will select the entry that best fits the personality of the school.

'Soviet Jewry After Glasnost'

Brant Rosen, Hillel Director at the University of Delaware, will report on his recent trip to the Soviet Union on Wednesday, March 15, at 7 p.m., in the Ewing Room in the University's Student Center. The report, "Soviet Jewry After Glasnost," will include a slide presentation. A discussion will follow the report.

Rosen and a fellow rabbinical student went in the Soviet Union last month and visited small towns in the Ukraine (see article Page 19).

The presentation is open to the community. For more information, call the University of Delaware Hillel at 453-0479.

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AEA Alumni Sought

Albert Einstein Academy has recently instituted an alumni association and is looking for students who have attended the school at any time during its 18 year history. The association is compiling an updated mailing list for its newsletter. Anyone who has attended AEA or knows of anyone who did and has since moved away from Wilmington should contact Ruth Ann Kauffman at (302)764-4483.

Community Purim Celebrations AKSE Purim Carnival

The Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth Religious School will hold its annual Purim Carnival on Sunday, March 19, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the synagogue, Washington Boulevard and Torah Way.

Children's activities will include face painting, jewelry making, a duck pond, carnival wheel, ball throw, bean bag and ring toss games. Benzo the Clown will perform magic and balloon tricks at 11:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Raffle tickets will be sold in advance as well as at the door and drawings for prizes will be held during the day.

Beth El Plans 'Hamantaschen Hop'

On Saturday evening, March 18, the social committee of Temple Beth El is planning the "Hamantaschen Hop" complete with a deli supper, disc jockey, and "local" talent show. Call the office at 366-8330 for more information.

Temple Beth El's Purim Carnival will take place on Sunday, March 19, at 10:30 a.m. The Judaica Shop will have a complete line of gift items available for sale including special ideas for Passover and Hagadot. There will be games and prizes for the children. Lunch will be served beginning at 11 a.m. and will include hamantaschen. The community is welcome to attend.

The Megillah Reading will take place on Sunday evening, March 19, at 6:30 p.m.

Chabad Plans Annual Purim Celebrations

Chabad-Lubavitch of Delaware will again sponsor its annual "Purim Champagne Community Dinner" at the JCC on Tuesday, March 21, at 5:45 p.m. The Dinner will be preceded by a Megillah reading at 5 p.m. for those who didn't have the opportunity to hear in the morning. The Dinner will include singing, jugglers and dancing, with Purim costumes optional but encouraged. The cost of the Dinner is \$9 per single, \$18 per couple, \$28 per family and reservations must be made as soon as possible by calling the Chabad office at 478-4400.

Chabad will also sponsor a "Downtown Megillah Reading" on Purim day, Tuesday, March 21, 12:30 p.m., at the law offices of Morris, Rosenthal, Monhait and Gross in First Federal Plaza. There will be megillot, graggers, Shalach Manot (traditional Purim gifts), hamantaschen and

A book sale will feature a wide assortment of books of Jewish interest for children and adults. Magillahs for Purim and Haggadahs for Passover will be available in quantity. The A.K.S.E. Sisterhood will be selling freshly baked hamantaschen. Its gift shop will be open during the carnival and will have a complete selection of Passover items for sale. A Kosher lunch, including pizza, eggrolls, potato knishes and dessert will be available during the afternoon.

Advance ticket sales will be held Tuesday, March 14, and Wednesday, March 15, during religious school hours. Advance tickets will be sold at five for \$1; tickets sold at the door on March 19 will cost 25 cents each. The event is open to the community.

Beth Emeth Sisterhood Bakes Hamantaschen

The Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Emeth will bake Hamantaschen, in preparation for the Purim holiday, at its March 14 luncheon meeting. Rosalie Abelman, Marge Maerov, Selma Seitz and Gussie Seres will demonstrate their individual techniques beginning at noon in the synagogue's auditorium.

Participants will have a chance to sample the baked goods following the Sisterhood meeting.

For luncheon and complimentary child care reservations, call Carole Bernstein at 475-6259.

light refreshments. No reservations are needed for this event.

Chabad will also hold a "Grand Purim Blast" for students at the University of Delaware, at the Chabad House, 630 Lehigh Rd., Monday evening, March 20, at 6:45. The Megillah will be read followed by a Purim celebration. Parents wishing to send Shalach Manot to students on campus, can use the Chabad United Purim Service (U.P.S.). For reservations and more information, call Chabad at 478-4400.

Chabad volunteers will distribute hundreds of Shalach Manot to students, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, the Kutz Home, and prisons, "in order to bring the beautiful Purim spirit to all. The message is clear. We want everybody to feel part of the Purim festivities," said Orvahl Vogel, program co-ordinator.

Parents Of North American Israelis, Inc.

The Philadelphia Chapter of Parents of North American Israelis (PNAI) will hold its next meeting on Sunday, March 12, at 1:30 p.m. at Lower Merion Synagogue, 123 Old Lancaster Road, Lower Merion, Pa. Guest speaker will be Rabbi Abraham Levine, Rabbi of Lower Merion Synagogue, whose topic will be "A Tzaddik in our Time." His

talk will be based on a book on the life of Levine's grandfather, Aryeh Levin, who lived in Israel.

PNAI was founded more than 15 years ago by Dr. Nachum Weissman of New York, in order to assist children who have made Aliyah (immigrated to Israel). The organization has

grown to more than 40 chapters in North America (U.S. & Canada), with about 3500 member families. Philadelphia has the largest chapter with about 260 member families. Meetings are held four times a year, and a picnic is held every summer. The chapter newspaper Hagesher (Hebrew for "The Bridge") is issued prior to each meeting.

Until recently, membership has been limited to parents of children who have made Aliyah. However, at its last meeting, it was voted that associate membership be extended to grandparents, siblings, and children whose parents have made Aliyah. Also included in this group will be former members whose children have returned.

All regular members and those qualified to be associate members are welcome to attend the meeting. Refreshments are served prior to the meeting. Anyone who cannot attend, but who is interested in hearing more about PNAI, should contact Miriam Goldstein at 215-233-5081.

NCJW Luncheon Scheduled

The National Council of Jewish Women will hold a luncheon meeting on Wednesday, March 22. The program will feature Ramon Adolfo, a singer who also accompanies himself on the guitar. Adolfo is from Monterrey, Mexico, and has played in hotels in Acapulco. A

member of Congregation Beth Emeth, Adolfo is married to Dr. Ilene Krems and performs on weekends at the Coyote Cafe. The lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m. at the home of Audrey Katz, 710 Kilburn Rd. Reservations should be made by calling Ari Bodnar, 479-9655.

Hadassah Life Membership Shabbat Is March 17

The Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah will hold its Life Membership Shabbat on Friday evening, March 17, at 8 p.m. at Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth Synagogue, located at Washington Street and Torah Drive.

Members of the organization will participate in the service. On that evening Life Members will be honored, as a way of showing Hadassah's apprecia-

tion for their lifetime commitment.

Refreshments will be served following the service. The community is welcome to attend.

Beth El Schedules Trip To Boro Park

Temple Beth El and the Newark Committee of Jewish Federation is sponsoring a trip to New York City's Hassidic Community on Sunday, April 9 for teens in grades 8, 9, & 10 and adults. This is a guided day-long tour. A chartered bus will leave Beth El at 7:30 a.m. and return at 7 p.m. Call the Beth El office (366-8330) for additional details.

Jewish Film Festival

Levy & Goliath, a hilarious new comedy from the director of *The Mad Adventures of Rabbi Jacob*, makes its Philadelphia premiere on Saturday, March 25, 8 p.m. and Sunday, March 26, 3 p.m. Screenings take place at the Gershman YM & YWHA Branch of Jewish Community Centers, 401 South Broad Street, Philadelphia. Director Gerard Oury enjoys making trouble for rabbis and exposing innocence to corruption and making it come out triumphant. Saturday evening screening features Archie Perlmutter, speaker with this wildly funny film.

Call (215) 545-4400, ext. 243, for information and tickets. Admission is \$7.50 on Saturday evening and \$5.50 at the matinee. Discounts and group rates are available.

DEL PEP

The Parkinson's Disease Educational Program of Delaware will meet on March 19 at 1:30 p.m. at the Church of the Covenant, 503 Duncan Road, Wilmington. Following the social half-hour, the film "Moment to Moment: Living with Parkinson's" will be shown.

The meeting is open to all interested members of the community and is free of charge. Informational material on Parkinson's will be available. For further information about the support group call 475-4641.

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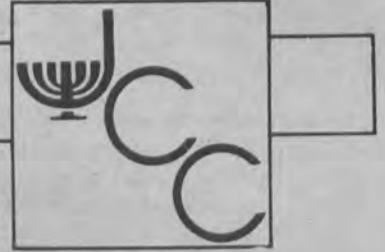
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Camp JCC Information Night Held

Parents of potential JCC summer campers attended an Information Night on Thursday, March 9, at the Center, to learn about the program planned for the upcoming 1989 camp season. "Our Camp Committee and staff are so excited about the 1989 program that we can't wait to share it with parents and campers," said Moises Paz, Assistant Executive Director of the JCC and Camp JCC Director.

In addition to the Information Night, Paz noted that material would be mailed to the community which would further describe the program.

The special program for parents opened with a camp skit and featured a slide presentation highlighting the

camp's history. Refreshments were served.

Paz and JCC Executive Director David Sorkin were on hand to answer parents' questions on fees, programming, bus schedules and routes.

Eileen Wallach, Camp JCC Program Director, was excited about the upcoming camping season. "We're planning a superb camping season, and after meeting with the parents, we're even more convinced that this will be the best camp experience ever!"

During the year Wallach serves as Assistant Director of Recreational Services at the JCC. She holds a B.S. in Health and Physical Education as well as a Master's in Health. Wallach says she loves to work

with children. "I get tremendous satisfaction in knowing that a child has learned something from me or that I've made a small change in his or her life that's made it better or richer," she said.

Wallach commended the JCC Camp co-chairs, Dr. Paul and Cindy Imber, on their commitment to the camp. "Their involvement is integral to the camp's success," she said.

With camp staffing a priority, trained teachers, professionals and specialists will be utilized in camp this summer, according to Paz. To help facilitate staffing, a staff recruitment program is scheduled for Sunday, March 19, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the JCC. The JCC is looking for 11th and 12th graders to serve as junior counselors, and is also looking for college students, teachers, professionals and qualified specialists. Prospective camp staff attending the March 19 program should be prepared for an interview that day. Camp staff is offered complimentary use of all JCC facilities throughout the summer, Paz said.

Wallach noted that although many former camp staff members are scheduled to return, there are still openings for specialists in arts and crafts, nature, dance, Judaic education, theater, aquatics and sports. Anyone interested in applying should pick up an application in the JCC office or call Wallach at the JCC at 478-5660.

Community Children Invited To Join In March Kidspac

Themes for the spring vacation programs offered at the JCC will be "American Bandstand" for grades 4 through 6 and "Challenge of the Network Stars" for Kindergarten through third grade. The spring vacation for public and some private schools will be Friday, March 24, through Friday, March 31.

The JCC has made these programs available to the entire community by inviting the students of all synagogue religious school programs.

According to Janine Goldfeder, a supervisor in the Children's Division of the JCC, "this is the first time the JCC is offering separate age-appropriate programs during a Kidspac vacation week."

The older group will participate in a variety of music, sports and games, while the younger ones will compete in various sports events. Both programs will include a cookout on one evening and the older children will be treated to a late night at the movies, at the JCC.

Pre-registration for these programs is required and may be made through the Child and Family Division office at the JCC. For more information, call the JCC at 478-5660.

Spring Concert Series Set



The Adult Division of the Jewish Community Center will present a two-part Spring Concert Series in March and April.

The Delaware Brass Quintet will open the concert series on March 15 at 7 p.m. The Quintet was formed six years ago and has performed a variety of programs. Each member has extensive performing experience in solo and ensemble repertoire. The Delaware Brass Quintet members are Alan Hamant, trumpet; James Hala, trumpet; Francis Orval, horn; Jay Hildebrandt, trombone; and Alan Start, tuba.

Also, Marie Christine Delbeau will perform a classical piano recital on Wednesday, April 12 at 7 p.m.

These programs are free of charge and open to the entire community. For more information, call Lynn Greenfield at 478-5660.

JCC Trip To National Gallery—Cezanne Exhibit

The JCC is offering a private guided tour of The National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., featuring the exhibit, "Cezanne: The Early Years, 1859 - 1872," on Wednesday, April 5. This exhibit comes to the National Gallery from the Royal Academy of Arts in London and is the first to examine the formative years of Paul Cezanne, a key figure in the impressionist and post-impressionist movements.

Robert Silver, an Art History lecturer and instructor at the Academy of Lifelong Learning, will provide a pre-trip lecture and slide presentation address-

ing the early works of Cezanne on Wednesday, March 29, at 7 p.m. The pre-trip lecture is free of charge.

The exhibition in Washington presents seventy-one works by Cezanne.

The fee for admission to the National Gallery and the private guided tour is \$20 for members and \$36 for non-members and includes transportation costs. Call the JCC at 478-5660 for more information about the pre-trip lecture and/or the trip to the National Gallery in Washington.

Passover Cooking Class

The Jewish Community Center will offer a Passover Cooking Class on Sunday, April 9, at 1:30 p.m. Under the direction and guidance of Sandy Lubaroff, who, for the past 11 years has been a partner in a local catering business, the class will prepare a Passover meal consisting of potato and chicken patties, spinach and matzah casserole, tossed salad with italian dressing and lemon pie with meringue crust for dessert.

Recipe variations, suggested lunch and dinner menus and a recipe for Russian meat borscht will also be included.

The fee for members is \$15 (\$25 for non-members) and pre-registration is required. Call the JCC at 478-5660 for more information.

'Yiddish Expressions'

The JCC will present a three-part lecture series entitled, "Yiddish Expressions", throughout the months of March and April.

Max Rosenfeld of the University of Pennsylvania will discuss American Yiddish Literature on Tuesday, March 28. Itzek Gottesman, also from the University of Pennsylvania, will discuss Yiddish Theatre on Tuesday, April 4, and on April 18, Gottesman will address the topic of Yiddish Folklore.

All three programs will begin at 7 p.m. and will be held at the Jewish Community Center. Pre-registration is required for all programs and the fee for the entire series is \$8 for members and \$16 for non-members. Individual program fees will be \$4 for members and \$6 for non-members.

Contact the JCC Front Desk at 478-5660 for registration information.

Jewish Great Books

The Jewish Community Center offers members of the community the opportunity to participate in The Jewish Great Books Discussion Group which meets at the Center on the third Thursday of each month, at 7:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 16, and will feature a discussion of Henry Roth's book, "Call It Sleep."

New members are welcome to join this group. For more information, contact Rona Finkelstein at 478-7598 or Lynn Greenfield, Director of the Adult Division, at 478-5660.

'Personal Financial Planning'

Have inflation, interest rates and taxes made managing your money more challenging than earning it? A four-part series, entitled "Personal Financial Planning" will include lessons on how to organize and accomplish strategic goals, suitable investments, planning for retirement and how to choose financial advisors.

The first session, "Personal Financial Planning," will be held on May 4, followed by a session on "Long Term Care" on May 11. On May 18 the subject will be "Life Insurance Recommendations" and on May 25 participants will learn

about "Numismatics," which is an explanation, discussion and question and answer session about rare U.S. coins, which is the number one long-term investment according to various investment professionals.

The Personal Financial Planning programs will be held at the JCC at 7 p.m. The fee for the entire series is \$8 for members and \$3.50 for each individual session. Pre-registration is required for each program. This seminar is made possible by Diversified Financial Consultants of Wilmington, Delaware.

Elementary Bridge Course

Tom Bishop, a local bridge instructor, will offer an eight week Elementary Bridge Course, specially designed for the beginning bridge player. Bridge hands will be set up to reflect subject matter relevant to the lesson and poster boards will supplement the lessons. The course is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, May 3, and will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center. The fee for the center members is \$25 and \$35 for non-members. A student bridge book is required for all participants and may be ordered upon registration. The cost for the bridge book is \$2.

For registration information, call the JCC Front Desk at 478-5660.

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Teacher Attends Conference On Holocaust Education In Washington

By JOEL F. GLAZIER
Special to
The Jewish Voice

Two hundred fifty teachers, scholars and survivors of the Holocaust recently attended a conference in Washington, D.C., exploring "Why the Growing Interest in the Holocaust Today?" The conference was sponsored by the American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors, the Jewish Labor Committee and the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council.

Ninety of the conference participants were American school teachers, who, during the past four years, had attended a

three-week summer fellowship program in Israel. An atmosphere of camaraderie pervaded many of the workshops, where teachers from 25 states shared their ideas and lessons during the President's Weekend Holiday from February 18 to 20.

Along with working sessions on teaching strategies, participants were addressed by a host of prominent scholars and personalities including Israeli Ambassador Moshe Arad, Benjamin Meed, President of the American Gathering of Survivors and Isaiah Kuperstein from the United States Holocaust Memorial Council.

Perhaps the speaker who drew the greatest attention was retired professor Jan Karski of Georgetown University. Karski, 75, had been a courier for the Polish Underground, was twice smuggled in and out of the Warsaw Ghetto and was a witness to the conditions and exterminations of European Jews in 1942. He secretly made it to London and Washington to report directly to Winston Churchill's and Franklin Roosevelt's government officials in 1942 and 1943. His ignored main message, he said, was that the "exterminations must stop."

Karski commented to the

conference on his missions that, "humanity was not prepared for what happened to the Jews. Jews were totally helpless—with no country, no government, no representatives in the allied world." He added, "Jews are abandoned by governments but not by humanity."

Karski challenged the teachers to insure that the present generation of non-Jews "be taught of the humane righteous gentiles, so they understand to live by loving their neighbor." "Youth shouldn't lose their innocence," Karski insisted.

In his keynote address, Raul Hilberg, professor of political

science at the University of Vermont and world-renowned scholar of the Holocaust, spoke about rediscovery of the Holocaust. He called the Holocaust an "act of rebellion" and said that for years no one spoke about it, information died in the hands of American and British officials, and only recently have Holocaust survivors developed the psychological readiness to speak about the events that occurred.

"But in 1978 something happened in the United States," said Hilbert. "There was a docu-drama on TV about the Holocaust and suddenly the floodgates opened. There were books, observances, courses, synagogue and church programs and the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council was formed. It was as if something new had been discovered called 'the Holocaust.'"

Hilbert suggested that the post-Vietnam generation of students and researchers demand "moral certainties and a real definition of good vs evil which was missing during the Vietnam conflict." This definition, he said, could be found in the Holocaust and he urged continued development of curricula and courses on the topic.

"The uniqueness of the Holocaust is the crux of the issue," Hilbert concluded. "After 40 years the Holocaust is still being discovered and for our purposes it shall be discovered again and again and again."

Dr. Michael Berenbaum, representing the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum (currently under construction in Washington, D.C.), specifically criticized the recent U.S. Department of Education's rejection of an acclaimed Holocaust school curriculum, "Facing History." Berenbaum said, "We do not accept this rejection of a highly regarded plan of study because it does not give equal time to Nazi and KKK philosophies." The lack of "equal time" was the reason given by the DOE for rejecting its use in the nation's schools.

The Fifth annual Summer Fellowship Program on Holocaust and Jewish Resistance will be held this July in Israel for American public school teachers.

(Joel Glazier, a teacher at Gunning Bedford Middle School in Delaware City, is a member of the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. He attended the Holocaust Summer Fellowship Program in 1988.)

Gorbachev's Policies Face Stiff Opposition

NEW YORK (JTA) — The liberal policies of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev that have brought about a fundamental change in Soviet attitudes toward Jews face fierce opposition from conservative groups there, foremost among them being the anti-Semitic organization call Pamyat (Memory). It is dedicated to reversing Gorbachev's *glasnost* (openness) and *perestroika* (restructuring) policies, which it regards as a conspiracy of Jews, Masons and Westernizers.

A 26-page booklet, titled "Pamyat: Hatred Under Glasnost" was issued here last month by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

In a preface to the report,

Burton Levinson, ADL's national chairman, said despite the far-reaching changes in Soviet life under Gorbachev, "the phenomenon of Pamyat suggests the triumph of liberalization in the USSR is by no means assured." He said the membership of Pamyat, which was established in 1980, is estimated in the thousands, and some of its activists and supporters include prominent Soviet scholars and writers.

ADL noted that in 1987, Pamyat leaders were granted a two-hour audience with then Communist Party boss in Moscow, Boris Yeltsin. Dimitri Simes, a contributor to the ADL booklet, said that was without precedent for a protest

group in the Soviet Union.

Levinson said the booklet is intended to serve three purposes: to provide a full picture of the situation facing Soviet Jewry; supply the context for the ongoing debate in the United States over policy toward the USSR; and present a perspective to evaluate current trends within the Soviet Union.

Pamyat boasts of the role it played in defeating Vitaly Korotich, editor of the popular liberal magazine *Ogonyok*, in the recent elections to the 2,250-member Congress of Deputies.

The Western news media quoted one Pamyat supporter in Moscow as saying, "We

need deputies who will protect us against destructive Zionistic forces."

The ADL report cited a sample of Pamyat literature which alleges that Jewish "internationalists" allied to Masons spearheaded the destruction of traditional Russian culture during the 1920s and '30s; that Jews who are active in the Soviet arts and media are trying to "contaminate" Russian culture; and that Soviet Jewish emigres "defame" the Soviet Union from abroad.

It contains an introduction by former refusenik Nata Sharan-sky, a Soviet Jewry activist living in Israel, as well as articles by Soviet affairs scholars of Pamyat propaganda.

JNF Must Redraw Map Of Israel

By WILLIAM SAPHIRE

NEW YORK (JTA) — The Jewish National Fund of America said last week that it expects a temporary injunction restricting its use of a map of Israel in fund-raising activities to be lifted when it submits a new map for court approval "in a week or 10 days." According to Stuart Paskow, JNF's director of communications, that will clear the land reclamation and afforestation agency of all charges brought against it by the Ad Hoc Committee for Jewish Survival in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, Gaza and the Golan.

Paskow told the *Jewish Telegraphic Agency* that New York State Supreme Court Judge Shirley Fingerhood has dismissed four of the six charges brought against JNF by the ad hoc committee, which supports the concept of a "Greater Israel." The charges dismissed had to do with fraud and misrepresentation, Paskow said.

But on February 21, Fingerhood granted a motion to restrain JNF from using a map of Israel that included all of its annexed and administered territories. The judge agreed with the ad hoc committee that the map was

"misleading," but it does not reflect JNF's policy of not allocating funds for projects beyond the "Green Line," the name commonly given the boundary between Israel proper and the administered territories.

Michael Teplow, a spokesman for the ad hoc committee, said it initiated the legal action last October to restrain JNF "from continuing the use of their misleading ads and a return of past donations obtained through misrepresentation."

Paskow said the entire action was initiated in pursuit of a political agenda by groups

associated with Israel's right wing. He noted that Teplow is president of Tehiya USA, a group that supports Tehiya, a right-wing opposition party in Israel. Paskow said the ad hoc committee wanted the judge to force JNF to allocate 10 to 15 percent of its budget to projects in the West Bank.

Teplow said he was "not at liberty to know or state" whether such a request was discussed during settlement proceedings handled by law firms for the two parties. But he said the committee would be "very much satisfied" if JNF began allocating a "reasonable percentage" of its funds to territories beyond the Green Line.

Paskow appeared to rule out that possibility. "JNF does not do work in the territories and has no plans to work in the territories. And no amount of pressure from any outside constituency will force us to do so," he said.

Jewish Vote Decisive In Chicago

CHICAGO (JTA)—Chicago's Jewish community, whose votes were instrumental in electing the city's first black mayor, played an important role in

helping make Chicago the first city to unseat a sitting black mayor with a white challenger on February 28.

Richard Daley, son and

namesake of the late political boss, received more than 83 percent of the Jewish vote in the Democratic primary, according to exit polls, allowing him to easily defeat Acting Mayor Eugene Sawyer.

It was the Jewish vote that had been the margin of victory for Harold Washington in 1983, when he became Chicago's first black mayor.

The strong support shown Daley by Chicago's Jewish community was to a great extent a sign of displeasure over Sawyer's handling of the "Cokely affair."

Last May, tapes surfaced in which Steve Cokely, an aide to Sawyer, outlined his anti-Semitic views, including the assertion that Jewish doctors in Chicago were injecting black babies with the virus that causes AIDS. An uproar ensued, but six days went by before Sawyer finally moved to fire Cokely.

Maccabiah Hoping To Include Soviet Athletes

TEL AVIV (JTA)—Jewish sportsmen and women from the Soviet Union may be allowed to participate in the 13th Maccabiah Games this summer, the first time Soviet Jews would take part in the quadrennial Jewish Olympics. The international organizers of the quadrennial games, now meeting at Kfar Maccabiah in Ramat Gan, are hoping that the Soviet authorities will not bar their attendance, in light of Mikhail Gorbachev's policies of *glasnost*.

Michel Green, chairman of the European Maccabi, told the meeting that Soviet Jews

have been holding their own little Maccabiah in a Moscow suburb. He said his branch of the organization has invited 50 Soviet Jewish athletes to make the trip to Israel.

Other first-time participants at this year's Maccabiah in July are expected from Cuba, Hungary, Singapore, Hong Kong, Portugal and South Korea. The "Bar Mitzvah Maccabiah" will be the largest ever, with more than 3,500 sportsmen and women from 40 countries joining 1,000 Israeli athletes to compete in 29 sports.



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Jewish Geometry

Flask And Oil Thought To Be 2,000 Years Old



This 2,000-year-old flask was unearthed near the site of the Dead Sea Scrolls and contains oil believed to be the same as that used to anoint the ancient Israelite kings. The flask was unveiled at Hebrew University last month. The balsam oil contained within the flask was used in religious rites of the kings of Judah. The kingdom of Judah, comprising of the southern tribes of the biblical Hebrews, lasted from 935 to 586 B.C.E. (Photo: RNS)

Jerusalem — A clay flask containing a rare oil some 2,000 years old — of the same type possibly used in anointing the kings of Judah — has been discovered in a cave in the Qumran area near the Dead Sea by researchers from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem's Institute of Archaeology.

The finding of the oil, taking into consideration its antiquity, the quantity found and its excellent condition of preservation, makes this an archaeological discovery of unique proportions.

A chemical analysis of the oil, carried out by research scientists at the Hebrew University's Casali Institute of Applied Chemistry, has shown it to be unlike anything known today.

By analysis of what is known of the period, the archaeologists believe that the oil may have its origin in the ancient persimmon plant (known in Greek as balsamon), which was treasured throughout the Roman world for the fragrant ointment derived from it. There

are those who believe that it also was used to anoint the kings of Judah. The persimmon of antiquity is not considered to be synonymous with what is called the persimmon tree today, whose fruit is raised and sold in various countries, including Israel.

The flask found in the desert cave was discovered by a team of archaeologists headed by Joseph Patrich, of the Hebrew University's Institute of Archaeology and Haifa University. Patrich said it was a vessel commonly used for storing small quantities of household oil and is typical of the Herodian period (1st century C.E.)

The flask was found well hidden in a pit about three feet deep within the cave and was wrapped in palm leaves. In the middle of the flask, which has a spherical shape, is a tiny hole. Apparently, it served the purpose of making it easier to pour the oil from the flask. The hidden location and the careful manner in which the flask was wrapped indicates that it was hidden purposefully, thereby lending credibility to the theory that this indeed very well could be a cache of precious persimmon oil.

The flask was found full of oil up to the small hole in its side.

The mouth of the vessel was closed with a small stone, which was held in place with some dried oil which had turned into solid material.

The excavations in the Qumran area are part of an extended investigation of Judean and Samaritan caves being conducted by Patrich since 1983 under the auspices of the Hebrew University's Institute of Archaeology. In the course of the project, a number of cave hideouts have been discovered, some of which were reachable only by using mountain climbing and rappelling techniques.

Israeli Panel Approves Settlement Ending Taba Dispute With Egypt

By DAVID LANDAU
JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Inner Cabinet voted 9-1 February 26 to ratify an agreement ending Israel's 7-year-old dispute with Egypt over Taba. The documents approved were signed at Taba earlier in the day by Israeli and Egyptian representatives, and by a U.S. official who served as witness.

The agreement deals with the formalities of Israeli access to the tiny beach enclave on the Gulf of Aqaba after it reverts to Egyptian sovereignty, as well as customs, currency and other technical matters. Those items and the precise location of the final border marker were left open when an international arbitration panel awarded Taba to Egypt in September 1988. The issue went to binding arbitration because Israel retained its claim on Taba after it evacuated all of Sinai in 1982.

Also left to be settled by the two parties was disposal of the Israeli-owned Avia Sonesta Hotel and the Rafi Nelson Vacation Village, two popular resorts that are Taba's only tangible assets. The technical talks at Taba and the bargaining over the resorts, which took place in Cairo, were successfully concluded the previous week.

The Egyptian Tourism Ministry will pay \$37 million plus a share of future profits to the hotel owner, Eli Papushado. He and his senior staff will continue to manage and operate the five-star luxury resort on a 20-year contract with the Egyptians. The agreed price for the less posh vacation village is about \$3 million,



Israel and Egypt ended a seven-year dispute by signing an agreement on February 26 which returned the seaside resort of Taba to Egyptian control. Nabil El Arabi (left), Egypt's chief negotiator, shakes hands with his Israeli counterpart, Foreign Ministry Director Reuven Merhav (center). U.S. State Department legal advisor Abraham Sofaer is at right. The agreement was approved by Israel's ruling inner cabinet with only one dissenting vote, that of Industry Minister Ariel Sharon. Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Foreign Minister Moshe Arens cited the agreement as evidence of Israel's good faith in dealing with friendly Arab states. (Photo: RNS)

which goes to the heirs of its founder, the late Rafi Nelson.

Under the agreement, Israeli visitors will need passports but no visas to enter Taba. They will be able to use shekels, the Israeli currency, while staying there. There will be no formal customs inspection at the border, only "random checks of suspicious persons."

The signatories to the agreements were Reuven Merhav, director general of

Israeli Foreign Ministry, and Nabil el-Arabi, legal adviser to the Egyptian Foreign Ministry. The United States was represented by Abraham Sofaer, counselor to the State Department.

Arabi called it "a happy moment" and said the agreement was "a credit to both countries." Merhav expressed hope that it will become "a springboard for strengthening mutual confidence between us."

Quayle Sympathetic To Orthodox

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Orthodox Jewry, which recently announced it would press its viewpoints and issues in Washington, has found a sympathetic ear in the Bush administration. Rabbi Moshe Sherer, president of the Agudath Israel of America, reported that Vice President Dan Quayle displayed great sensitivity to concerns of Orthodox Jews in the United States at their recent meeting in the White House.

According to Sherer, this was demonstrated on the issue of abortion, the main focus of their conversation. Although Agudath Israel and the Bush administration are squarely in the "pro-life" camp, he said the vice president agreed with the Orthodox position that the law should permit an abortion where an individual's religious beliefs would require one, for example where necessary to save a mother's life.

Other issues discussed at their meeting included Israel's security, the plight of Jews in lands of oppression and the importance of preserving the independence and vitality of Jewish education in the United States.

"Dan Quayle obviously has a strong sense of commitment to fundamental principles like religious freedom, economic opportunity, strong families and stable communities," Sherer said. "These are the values that made this country great and have enabled Orthodox Jewry to grow and flourish on these shores," he said.

Shamir Says He'll Be Flexible About Camp David

BY DAVID LANDAU

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has indicated that he will be flexible and listen to all points of view on the Middle East peace process. He told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee on February 27 that while the Camp David accords must be the cornerstone of any peace settlement, he does not have to hold strictly to every letter of the 1978 agreement signed by Israel, Egypt and the United States.

"I am not a dogmatic person. I stick to the Camp David accords, but this does not mean sticking to every word and every comma, because things have changed with the time," Shamir told the committee. He was responding to complaints from both left- and right-wing members. Yossi Sarid of the dovish Citizens Rights Movement advised Shamir not to go to Washington in April with "that same old lady, Camp David."

Geula Cohen of the ultranationalist Tehiya Party and Likud Knesset member Uzi

Landau expressed concern that Washington might force Shamir to yield to concessions. The prime minister responded, "One cannot escape. I must face the questions and ideas which wait for me in the United States, even if they contradict my own beliefs."

He gave the committee a detailed briefing of his talks with French President Francois Mitterrand in Paris last month. The two are at extreme odds over the peace process. Mitterrand is pressing for an international conference under U.N. auspices, with the Palestine Liberation Organization participating.

Shamir has forcefully ruled out any Israeli contact with the PLO. He said Israel would negotiate with elected Arab representatives in the administered territories. In the absence of elections, he proposed that the Arab countries could form a "temporary Palestinian representation" that would join in the negotiations.

Jews Disappointed Over Failure To Remove Convent From Auschwitz

By SUSAN BIRNBAUM

NEW YORK (JTA) — International Jewish groups expressed their disappointment last month over the failure of the Roman Catholic Church to meet an agreed-upon deadline to move a convent to Carmelite nuns out of their home at the Auschwitz death camp. This failure has further postponed an interreligious conference that was planned on the history of Church anti-Semitism, the Jewish representatives say.

On February 23, members of IJCIC, the International Jewish Committee on Interreligious Consultations, met in New York to discuss the passing of

the previous day's deadline for the nuns' move.

Following several recent church statements admitting an alternative site to the camp was not ready, IJCIC noted "with deep regret that the commitment undertaken by leaders of the Roman Catholic Church to representative of the Jewish communities in Europe and solemnly spelled out in the 'Geneva II' accord of February 22, 1987, remain unfulfilled."

"We give them the full time allowed them according to the agreement they signed two years ago," Rabbi A. James Rudin, chairman of IJCIC, said. "We waited until a full two

years had expired."

Reports from Europe said that one of the agreement's signatories, the archbishop of Krakow, had sent a pastoral letter indicating the nuns would move. He gave no date for the move, the problem the Jewish leaders have been citing all along.

The nuns were supposed to have been relocated by February 22 to another site away from the camp, according to the agreement signed exactly two years ago in Geneva by nine European Jewish officials and nine Catholic officials, including four cardinals.

Warning Of 'Refugee Emergency,' Senators Propose Doubling Quota

By DAVID FRIEDMAN
and
SUSAN BIRNBAUM

WASHINGTON, March 1, (JTA) — A bill to double the number of refugee slots for Soviet emigrants to 50,000 was introduced in the Senate on March 1 by Sens. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) and Robert Kasten (R-Wis.). "A refugee emergency has now developed in the flow of Jewish refugees and others from the Soviet Union," the two senators said in a statement.

By the end of this month, the flow of Soviet emigrants is expected to reach the ceiling of 25,000 set for refugees from the Soviet Union for the 1989 fiscal year, which began last October 1, Kennedy and Kasten said.

The refugee ceiling has actually been increased from 18,000 by President Reagan before leaving office in January by taking quotas that were expected not to be used by refugees from Southeast Asia.

The bill provides an extra \$150 million to pay for the processing and resettlement of the additional refugees. The funds are to be taken from the \$665 million appropriated for states absorbing a large number of refugees. Kennedy and Kasten

said that it is expected that only \$70 million of these funds will actually be used by the states in the 1989 fiscal year.

The senators hope that their legislation will be passed on an expedited basis. "We would like to put it on the fast track," said Michael Myers, a staff member of the Senate Judiciary subcommittee on immigration and refugees.

In a letter urging support from their fellow senators, Kennedy and Kasten warned, "If funds are not found by April, refugees will be turned back, left to languish in Rome at great cost in care and maintenance, and the voluntary agencies involved in the program will be forced to close down."

The Bush administration has been wrestling with the problem, and is expected to propose legislation creating a new class of immigrants. This would do away with the present system of admitting some people through the attorney general's parole authority. But, like those who come on parole, these people would not be entitled to government aid.

Jewish groups maintain that all Soviet Jewish emigrants should be allowed into the United States as refugees. But

since the budget crunch and increased emigration last year, Soviet Jews have been treated on a case-by-case basis, rather than automatically receiving refugee status.

Meanwhile, Soviet Jewish emigration declined for the second straight month, totalling 2,425 in February, according to figures provided Thursday by both the National Conference on Soviet Jewry and the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews.

The two organizations

reported that 308 of the Jews, or 12.7 percent, went to Israel, compared to 7.3 percent in January. UCSJ also reported that 549 non-Jews left the Soviet Union on Israeli visas in February. A total of 2,796 Jews left the Soviet Union in January, and 3,652 emigrated the month before, according to the National Conference.

Strober also said he found it "interesting to note" a perceptible rise in the percentage of emigrating Soviet Jews op-

ting to go to Israel.

This rise is significant in face of the thousands of Soviet Jews stranded in Ladispoli, near Rome, hoping to obtain permission to come to the United States as refugees. The increase could indicate that a growing number of Soviet Jews are choosing to go to Israel, now that they are encountering difficulties going to the United States. But "one month doesn't make a trend," Strober advised.

UJA 'Passage To Freedom' Drive To Raise \$75 Million For Refugees

By ANDREW
SILOH CARROLL

NEW YORK (JTA) — The United Jewish Appeal has officially launched a special campaign to raise \$75 million to resettle Soviet Jews in the United States and Israel. The campaign, to be called "Passage to Freedom," was formalized last week at a meeting of UJA campaign officers and the head of agencies most severely affected by an enormous influx of immigrants.

Specific plans for the campaign remain sketchy, but are expected to be worked out among various Jewish fundraising and service agencies over the next few weeks.

The first major events of the campaign could begin as early as the first week in April, according to Raphael Rothstein, vice president of UJA, who provided details for the new campaign. The campaign is a response to the largest Soviet Jewish emigration in 10 years. If emigration levels reached in January and February are maintained through the rest of the year, more than 30,000 Jews could be let out of the Soviet Union in 1989.

Local Jewish federations are often responsible for most of the services needed by Jewish immigrants, from English classes to housing to health care. "Passage to Freedom" thereby becomes the first campaign in the memory of many fund-raisers in which the UJA will be collecting funds to be redistributed for domestic needs.

Local federations are not bound to take part in the campaign, but most of the close to 180 federated communities in the United States are expected to do so, according to UJA's Rothstein. "There's a sense of responding to a historic challenge and responsibility," he said. Three communities — Los Angeles, New York and San Francisco — have already

begun special efforts to raise resettlement money.

The leadership of the Jewish Federation is currently discussing the feasibility of such a campaign locally.

Details of the "Passage to Freedom" campaign will be refined at a meeting March 16 of the planning committee, headed by Marvin Lender of New Haven, Conn.

UJA Campaign For Soviet Jews Called Exploitation Of Zionism

By CATHRINE GERSON

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Speakers from several factions in the Knesset attacked the United Jewish Appeal on Monday for launching a fund-raising campaign that "exploits" the name of Israel on behalf of Soviet Jews who have no intention of living here. Their anger was directed at UJA's recently announced "Passage to Freedom" campaign, a special effort to raise \$75 million to cover the costs of resettling large numbers of Soviet Jews in the United States and Israel.

Ephraim Gur of Labor, who emigrated from Soviet Georgia as a teen-ager in the early 1970s, called the effort a "sabotage of Zionism."

Israeli lawmakers are frustrated that 90 percent of recent Soviet Jews emigrating on Israeli visas have chosen to "drop out" — that is, live elsewhere than Israel. The Israelis say special efforts on their behalf only encourage the trend.

But Immigration and Absorption Minister Yitzhak Peretz implied that gaps in absorption services provided to new immigrants were partly responsible for the high drop-out rate. He called the deficiencies in such services "astounding."

Half of the money raised by the special resettlement campaign is earmarked for the Jewish Agency's absorption facilities in Israel.

Peretz said Monday that he would fight the gap between theory and practice in the absorption of immigrants. He pointed out that the government had yet to act on recommendations to give immigrants sums of money and instructions upon arrival so that they could take care of their own needs.

Instead, the government continues to maintain a network of expensive, and some say ineffective, absorption centers.

Peretz, of the Orthodox Shas party, said "the trick is not to resign, but to fight." He was referring to his own resignation as interior minister in the last government, after Israel's High Court of Justice ruled to allow a Reform convert to be officially registered as a Jew.

Meanwhile, the World Zionist Executive called on world Jewry to stop funding services for Soviet Jewish emigrants in Ladispoli, Italy, who are awaiting entry to the United States and other countries.

The Executive recommended that the facilities there be closed immediately. Israelis are embarrassed by reports that more than 7,000 Soviet Jews are choosing to languish in Italy rather than settle in Israel.

Fifty Years Ago In Jewish History

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JEWIS REPORTED CONSIDERING PROPOSAL FOR BI-NATIONAL STATE IN ARAB FEDERATION

LONDON, March 6 (JTA) — The News-Chronicle reported today that a plan envisaging a bi-national state in Palestine, in which Arabs and Jews would cooperate on the basis of ultimate numerical and political equality, was being considered by the Jewish Agency, and if approved would be submitted to the Government as the Jewish alternative to the British proposal for an Arab-controlled state.

BRITAIN GIVES ARABS, JEWS WEEK TO AGREE BEFORE IMPOSING SOLUTION

LONDON, March 8 (JTA) — The British Government has decided to announce its final plan for settlement of the Palestine problem if indications of an agreement with the Arabs and Jews are not forthcoming within a week. It was learned today after a Cabinet session. Simultaneously, War Secretary Leslie Hore Belisha announced in the House of Commons that provisions would be made for stationing more troops in the Holy Land, where the military concentration has already reached its post-war peak.

68 REFUGEES SET OUT FOR CHILE TO TAKE UP FARM WORK

MONTEVIDEO, March 9 (JTA) — A group of 68 German-Jewish refugees departed for Chile today with the government's permission to settle as farmers. The group had been refused admission by Uruguay when they arrived on the liner Conte Grande and were about to be returned to Germany when the Chilean Government granted visas. Meanwhile, 25 refugees who arrived here yesterday on the German Ship Cap Arcona were not permitted to land.

EINSTEIN AT WORK ON NEW PHYSICAL THEORY

PRINCETON, N.J., March 13 (JTA) — Prof. Albert Einstein, who will be 60 years old tomorrow, disclosed today that he was at work on a new theory which might afford a solution of the problem of a single unifying force in physics. He said he discovered the solution a year ago and was now engaged with two collaborators in "developing the results to a point where they could be checked by experimental facts." In a birthday statement, the exiled German Jewish scientist expressed pleasure at the prospect of becoming an American citizen next year.

SUICIDES, ARRESTS MARK ANTI-JEWISH DRIVE IN NEW NAZI AREA: PRAGUE SHOPS SEIZED

LONDON, March 16 (JTA) — A sweeping anti-Jewish drive was under way today in Germany's newly occupied territories of former Czechoslovakia, as Chancellor Adolf Hitler added Slovakia to his previously-acquired "protectorates" of Bohemia and Moravia.

Israel Bonds Inaugurates Soviet Jewry Campaign

NEW YORK (JTA) — In the hope of attracting more Soviet Jews to Israel, a special State of Israel Bonds effort to help provide funds for employment opportunities and housing for expected Soviet Jewish immigrants has been announced. Martin Stein, a former national chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, will serve as national chairman of the bond drive, which will begin on Purim, March 21, and end on the last day of Passover, April 27.

The campaign was prompted by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, who called on the Israel Bonds Organization "to conduct your own special effort to assist us in providing employment opportunities, housing and mortgage funds for Soviet Jews expected in Israel, as well as for other immigrants and discharged soldiers."

All Israel Bonds buyers, according to David Hermelin, the organization's international

campaign chairman, will be asked to purchase an additional Israel Bond above their regular purchases, to provide funds for Israel's Development Budget, which would increase employment opportunities for new immigrants.

A similar bond campaign was held in 1972, when the organization helped make possible the settlement of a large influx then of Soviet Jews.

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Obituaries

Ethan Levi Seidel
BELLEVUE, Wash. — Ethan Levi Seidel, the three-week old son of Daniel and Laurie Seidel of 15616 S.E. 11th Ave., formerly of Claymont, died February 19 in Children's Hospital, Seattle.

Besides his parents, Ethan is survived by a twin brother, Noah, a brother, Joshua, and a sister, Rosalie, all at home; his maternal grandparents, Mier and Clemence Varen of Mercer Island, Wash.; and paternal grandparents, Thomas and Ruth Seidel of Claymont.

Leah E. Cheitlin
NORTH MIAMI, Fla. — Leah E. Cheitlin, 83, of 19305 N.E. Second Ave., formerly of Wilmington, Del., died February 23 of heart failure at her daughter's home in Wilmington.

Mrs. Cheitlin was a member of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, Wilmington, and its choral and dance group. She was a member of Hadassah and Mizrahi Women and past president of Farband.

Her husband, Charles H., died in 1988. She is survived by two sons, Daniel Cheitlin of Devonshire, Wilmington, and Morris Freshman of Graylyn Crest, Wilmington; a daughter, Phyllis Garfinkel of Liftwood

Estates, Wilmington, with whom she was staying; 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, Wilmington.

Sylvia Maisel
PLANTATION, Fla. — Sylvia Maisel, 81, of Plantation, formerly of Wilmington, died February 26 of heart failure in Universal Medical Center.

Mrs. Maisel moved to Florida about 15 years ago.

Her husband, Rubin, died in 1985. She is survived by a brother, Henry Katz of New Orleans.

Sara Jane Blechman
GEORGETOWN — Sara Jane Blechman, 63, of 311 Carolyn St., died February 28 of a heart attack in Milford Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Blechman was a member of American Legion Auxiliary of Georgetown, Sussex County Chapter of Deborah, Sisterhood of Beth Shalom Congregation, Dover, Eastern Shore Weavers Guild, Salisbury, Md., and the Delmarvelous Quilters Guild. She volunteered at the Georgetown Library.

Her husband, Melvin, died in 1983. She is survived by two

sons, Mark of Long Valley, N.J., and Steven of New Castle; two daughters, Rachel Morley of Simsbury, Conn., and Elaine Long of Elkton, Md.; and eight grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Sussex County Chapter of Deborah, Georgetown.

Harry Rudnick
Harry Rudnick, 92, of Leader Nursing Home, formerly of 301 Milton Drive, Brandywine Hills, died March 5 at the home.

Mr. Rudnick founded the Harry Rudnick & Sons Auction Co. in Galena, Md., in 1940. He retired in 1960 and moved to Wilmington. He was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom; the Elks Lodge, Wilmington; and a charter member of Brandywine Country Club.

He was an Army veteran of World War I.

His wife Rose Fisher Rudnick, died in 1976. He is survived by three sons, Milton of Oneida, N.Y., Frank of Chestertown, Md., and Joseph of Wilmington; a daughter, Phyllis Ross of Claymont; 13 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to charity.

First Yeshiva In 60 Years Opens In The Soviet Union

NEW YORK (JTA) — The Judaic Studies Center, the first institution of its kind in the Soviet Union in 60 years, opened officially in Moscow on February 22. Its founding father, Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz, a world-famous Talmudic scholar from Jerusalem, welcomed the first class of 80 students enrolled in the three-year course of study.

Messages were read from Israeli President Chaim Herzog and U.S. Secretary of State James Baker. "We welcome the changes in the Soviet Union which have led to this center being established," Baker said, "and we will look forward to hearing of your further progress."

The center, located in a facility of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, is affiliated with the Academy of World Civilization, established by the academy's vice chairman, Evgeny Velikhov. It is, however, an independent institution, funded by the New York-based Aleph Society, a private, non-profit organization that supports

Steinsaltz's worldwide educational activities.

The center, located at 16 Kropotkinskaya Street, will train a new generation of rabbis, scholars and teachers to minister to the needs of Soviet Jews. It is the first rabbinical seminary in the USSR since formal religious education was banned by the Bolsheviks in 1917.

Steinsaltz credited the historic policy changes in the Soviet Union for the center's existence. He stressed that the Soviet authorities have affirmed the sole responsibility of the Aleph Society to select students and faculty and prescribe curriculum and study materials. "The tremendous interest among Soviet Jews in the opening of the Judaic Studies Center is like the prophecy of Isaiah fulfilled: 'The children you thought you had lost shall say to you ... make room for me to enter,'" Steinsaltz said.

The initial student body, selected by Steinsaltz, will attend day and evening classes

for the next seven weeks. The students will be required to take courses in Talmud, Hebrew, Jewish law, the Bible and philosophy. Electives are offered in Aramaic, music, paleography and Jewish ritual art. Four American and Israeli rabbis and scholars comprise the faculty for the first semester.



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AJCongress Dismisses Current Options For Mideast Peace In Current Report

By ANDREW SILOW
CAROLL

NEW YORK (JTA) — A major Israeli think tank has rejected nearly all the options for settlement of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict currently being considered in Israel — from the left wing's call for a Palestinian state to the far right's proposal for complete annexation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

In their place, the Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies of Tel Aviv University has proposed an extended "confidence-building process" — to last as long as 10 to 15 years — during which Israel would not reject the eventual creation of a Palestinian state, nor the Palestinians demand the state as inevitable. The center's conclusions on six options for peace, but not its own proposal, are the results of a nearly yearlong feasibility study sponsored by the American Jewish Congress. The findings were to be released on Thursday.

AJCongress is calling the 235-page study, "The West Bank and Gaza: Israel's Options for Peace," the most comprehensive and up-to-date of its kind since the Six-Day War.

The Jaffee Center, founded in 1977 and directed by reserve Maj. Gen. Aharon Yariv, has gained a reputation for providing non-partisan research grounded in strategic and demographic reality. Its staff includes military strategists, political scientists and economists. The center does not have the influence with the current Israeli government that, say, conservative ideologues at the Heritage Foundation once had with the Reagan administration.

In addition, AJCongress lost much of its leverage with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir after it issued a policy statement in September 1987 urging Israel to end its rule over the 1.5 million Palestinians in the territories. The organization remained critical of Israeli policy during the early stages of the Palestinian uprising.

Nonetheless, AJCongress hopes the study, which lists the more mainstream Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith as a co-sponsor, will have to be taken into account in all future discussion of the Middle East. "The study is intended to be descriptive, rather than prescriptive," said Phillip Baum, associate executive director of AJCongress. "The purpose was not to promote a point of view, but to present a serious examination of all scenarios available. This should provide a common basis for common discourse on the peace process."

The study finds that of six main options currently on the Israeli public agenda, all contain elements making them unacceptable to the Israelis, the Palestinians or both.

Maintaining the status quo, for instance — a course currently being pursued by the Israeli government as "the least of all evils," according to the study — is clearly untenable. By continuing its rule over the territories, Israel and its army would continue "to enjoy the strategic depth provided by the West Bank." The costs, however, would include the growing radicalization of the Palestinian Arabs, growing domestic discontent and in-

creased strains in U.S.-Israel relations.

But the remaining five options — divided between two "unilateral" and three "compromise" measures — seem equally unpromising. Each founders either on Israel's concern for its military security or the Palestinians' unflagging desire for complete independence.

A unilateral annexation of the territories — official policy of the Tehlya and Moledet parties — "would begin a spiral toward war," according to the study. In order for Israel to retain its Jewish character, annexation would mean either completely denying Palestinians political rights or "transferring" them to neighboring Arab states.

Either move would create a violent Palestinian reaction and possibly lead to war with other Arab nations. In addition, "the U.S. would disassociate from Israel," and American

Jewry "would be increasingly alienated."

The second unilateral option examined is an Israeli withdrawal from most of the Gaza Strip — In essence, the creation of a Palestinian "mini-state" behind a fenced and mined border. By relinquishing responsibility for a vast and growing Arab population, the study argues, the option would be acceptable to the Israeli majority, including Arab citizens.

However, the Gaza mini-state, hostile and destitute, would owe Israel nothing in return for its independence, and "could turn into a Lebanese-style base for terrorism and chaos."

Among the compromise solutions are the two held by Israel's rival political blocs, Likud and Labor.

Shamir's Likud bloc has called for a narrow autonomy set-up for Palestinians. Grounded in the Camp David accords,

this option would turn all local matters over to an autonomous Arab administration. Whether that autonomy would extend to control over the land itself spells the difference between "narrow" and "deep" autonomy options.

But Palestinians would reject either option unless it was seen as an interim arrangement leading to an independent Palestinian state, the study says. Unless autonomy talks included that commitment from the Israelis, they "most likely would neither encourage better Arab-Israeli relations nor reduce friction and violence."

The Palestinians would most likely also reject the Labor Party's long-cherished "Jordanian option" — that is, a Jordanian-Palestinian federation in which responsibility for the territories' defense, internal security and foreign affairs rests in Amman.

Jordan, too, has grown cool

toward a plan that threatens the sovereignty of its king: Hussein is a Hashemite Arab, not a Palestinian, and he is loathe to bring into his kingdom a population of 1.5 million Palestinians.

Israel should also think twice, suggests the study, before setting the stage for a huge, Palestinian successor state to the east.

Finally, the study dismisses a Palestinian state, "virtually the only choice of Palestinians," because of the opposition of most Israelis and the real threat of Palestinian aspirations for a "Greater Palestine." "Certainly without extensive transition stages to test Palestinian intentions," the study concludes, "Palestinian statehood is potentially extremely risky, from a security standpoint, and is as dangerous for the fabric of Israeli society as is annexation."

Baker: U.S. Opposes Mideast Conference Now

By REINHARD ENGEL
VIENNA (JTA) — U.S.

Secretary of State James Baker on Tuesday rejected Soviet calls for a Middle East peace conference, saying such a gathering would be "counter-productive at this time." He made the remarks at his first meeting with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze since assuming office in January. Their meeting was described as friendly, despite a number of differences on policy matters.

The two men are here for an East-West conference whose major goal is a three-stage reduction in non-nuclear weapons and military personnel in Europe. There will also be discussions on human rights.

Baker said the human rights situation in the Soviet Union had improved through last December — when Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev visited New York. But since then, not very much has happened, the secretary of state said.

The hour-long meeting between the two men took place without the presence of aides. Following that, arms control experts were called in to participate.

Baker told his Soviet counterpart the United States was not ready to go along with an international conference on the Middle East. Instead, the Bush administration favors direct talks between Israel and the Palestinians, he said.

Baker told Shevardnadze that as far as the Middle East is concerned, "more work at the ground level" has to be done before a peace conference can be organized. Diplomacy was not intended to be dealt with in front of television lights, he added.

Diplomatic sources later said the two had stuck to generalities, as both parties realized that no specific details could be discussed before Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's visit next month to Washington. Baker said he would meet with Shevardnadze in Geneva in May to resume their discussion.

The East-West conference was opened here officially by Austrian President Kurt

Waldheim. This duty brought him some relief from his general isolation.

During the recently concluded, 35-nation Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, no foreign minister came to visit Waldheim, who has been ostracized for his apparent link to Nazi wartime atrocities. This time, at least four top diplomats will be paying courtesy calls at the Hofburg Castle.

Shevardnadze visited Waldheim on Monday, after seeing Chancellor Franz Vranitzky. Shevardnadze did not specify his reasons for the visit, not did Italian Foreign Minister Giulio Andreotti, who also saw Waldheim on Monday. The foreign ministers of Hungary and Cyprus have also announced they intend to see the Austrian president.

As for Baker, he called rela-

tions between the United States and Austria excellent. But he would not discuss the U.S. decision to place Waldheim on its "watch list" of undesirable aliens. Alois Mock, Austria's vice chancellor and foreign minister, said that this designation, which bars the Austrian head of state from entering the United States, is the only shadow over U.S.-Austrian relations.

U.S. Labor Zionist Leader Charges Shamir Not Serious About Peace

NEW YORK (JTA) — An American Zionist leader believes that there will be no Israeli peace initiative in the Middle East "as long as Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and his Likud party control Israeli foreign policy." That charge was made by Menachem Rosensaft, president of the Labor Zionist Alliance, in an article published last month on the op-ed page of *The New York Times*.

Rosensaft was one of five American Jews who met with Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasir Arafat in Stockholm last December.

After that meeting, "right-wing Israelis and their acolytes in the American Jewish establishment immediately denounced us as 'willing dupes,'" the writer recalled. In his case, he claimed, he was almost drummed out of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, of which he is a member.

Rosensaft's view that the Shamir regime and peace are entithetical is based on his contention that Likud and its adherents have no intention of bargaining for peace with the Arabs. "Israelis like Prime Minister Shamir and Foreign Minister Moshe Arens believe that the Jewish people have a God-given right to all of the biblical 'Land of Israel,' which they define as including the West Bank and Gaza Strip," he wrote.

"The principles and platform of their Likud party preclude even the slightest compromise

with respect to any part of the land between the Mediterranean and the Jordan River."

Rosensaft maintained that Likud's "hard-line views have little to do with security concerns." He said its leaders "understand that the very act of talking to the PLO implies an acknowledgement of precisely those Palestinian nationalist aspirations that are incompatible with their absolutist vision of a 'Greater Israel.'"

According to Rosensaft, it is "naive to think that Mr. Shamir will present a credible peace proposal when he visits Washington this spring. More likely, he will put forward yet another public relations scheme designed to deflect attention from his intransigence," he wrote.

The writer credited Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres of the Labor Party with sup-

porting the principle of trading land for peace. But he did not mention the fact that both of these leaders have criticized the U.S. move to open a dialogue with representatives of the PLO.

Rosensaft cited recent polls that show a slim majority of Israelis support talks between their government and the PLO. "Neither the Palestinians nor the Bush administration should be misled into believing that Mr. Shamir's views accurately reflect Israeli public opinion," Rosensaft wrote. He observed that Shamir heads a government elected "before Yasir Arafat's dramatic recognition of Israel at Stockholm and Geneva in December 1988." In his view, "there is still hope for a genuine peace process, but it depends on the ability of pragmatic moderates on both sides to displace the ideologues."

Arson Partly Caused Forest Fires

By HUGH ORGEL

TEL AVIV (JTA) — One-third of the forest fires that devastated over 35,000 acres of land in Israel last summer were deliberately set and apparently were terrorist acts, according to a ministerial committee report just released. The committee was formed to investigate the unprecedented incidence of forest and grass fires in Israel in 1988. A total of 141,695 dunams were burned, nearly four times the figure for 1987, when 37,827 dunams

went up in flames. A dunam approximately equals a quarter acre.

The data gathered by the committee point to organized acts of arson. The report noted that the Arabic news media and leaflets exhorted the Arab population to use arson as a weapon in support of the Palestinian uprising in the administered territories.

The committee admitted, however, that the cause of half the fires remains unknown.

On Defining Jew —

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Scholarly and detailed, the Japanese have modeled it on Western dictionaries, hence the inclusion of pejoratives, whereas neither of the large 1975 Chinese wordbooks checked contains offensive terms, despite the People's Republic of China's traditionally anti-Israel policies.

The Russians coined the word *pogrom*, proof of their innate hate-kill mentality. Like the Chinese, Russians' shrewd attention to linguistic matters is well-known and apparent: definitions only for "Jew" and "Jewish" appear in the *Oxford English-Russian Russian-English Dictionary*, and in Kenneth Katzner's similar work, both authoritative sources. What is not present, verbal abuse and calumny, can fill volumes.

Poles and Russians share anti-Semitism, but Poles are not as linguistically discreet. In the New York-based Kosciuszko Foundation's *English-Polish Polish-English Dictionary* (volume 1, page 529), "jewing" is defined by a saying which portrays the Jew, large-nosed, as a bird: "if a bill is due, he pecks at your skin with his beak (in time, he is pacified, dove-like)." In a learned, guilt-sharing effort, the British *Longman's Concise English Dictionary* refers to "jewing" as "to get the better of financially, especially by hard bargaining." Ah, back home again, familiar English words!

What have we learned in this international dictionary tour?

The world's nations have created a wide variety of disparaging Jewish appella-

tions and characters. "Jew" is an active verb, not merely a noun. Anti-Semitism is no longer confined to the Western world; the recent spate of Japanese Jew-books may have been inspired by Arab propagandists operating worldwide in all forms of media.

A sage once advised a

Finkelsteins —

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Industries and directed development of the Apollo Space Suit program which facilitated lunar landings and space walks. In 1966, he was president of the United Way of Central Delaware and in 1971-72 chaired the Urban Coalition of Wilmington.

His long and productive involvement in Jewish communal life has included service as campaign chairman and president of the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

In 1976, Nisson and his family traveled to Russia to visit and support Soviet Jewish activists. His interest in Jewish education led to service as president and board member of the Albert Einstein Academy. He has, since 1979, written an op-ed column in *The Jewish Voice* under the pen name of N. Even-Or.

Dr. Rona Finkelstein, born in Rochester, N.Y., graduated from Connecticut College and earned her PhD in philosophy at the University of Rochester. In Dover, she taught at Delaware State College and chaired its department of

neophyte aspiring to understand the world, to begin with his native land. For us, the ingathering here of people, world-wide, explains American anti-Semitism. And just as some Gentiles anywhere depict Jews negatively, they likewise reveal their own sinister natures to all, including benevolent people of all races and religions everywhere.

(Dr. Martin H. Sable recently retired as Professor at the University of Wisconsin. He is an expert in Librarianship and Latin American Studies as well as in Hebrew and Spanish. He has published many reference books and journal articles and is an editorial board member of two library journals and an encyclopedia adviser.)

Federation task force on needs of the Jewish aged.

The couple has been devoted a lifetime to scholarship and communal concerns.

The invitation to the Israel Bonds Tribute Dinner reads, "There are always some people who seem to have a natural talent for communication and a special gift for helping others achieve a better understanding of the world in which they live. Such are the Finkelsteins."

The Finkelsteins are the parents of two sons and the grandparents of four.

Arens, Shevardnadze —

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10th anniversary of its signing in Washington will be observed on March 26.

Israeli correspondents reported from Cairo that the Soviets indicated privately that they could be flexible on their longstanding demand for an international peace conference with the participation of the PLO. They seemed to show interest in Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's apparent readiness to accept a peace conference under the aegis of the two superpowers, the United States and the Soviet Union, the correspondents said.

They are also listening to proposals by some Israelis, notably Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin, for local elections in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Arens and Shevardnadze met in Paris last month at an international conference on chemical weapons.

Arens was accompanied at their Cairo meeting by Deputy Foreign Minister Binyamin Netanyahu; Yeshayahu Anug, deputy director general of the Foreign Ministry; and Arye Levin, who heads the Israeli consular delegation that has been in Moscow since last summer.

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