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Congressman Tom Lantos Speaks Candidly About Issues Affecting All Jews

Congressman Tom Lantos of California, born in Budapest and rescued during the Holocaust by Raoul Wallenberg, was in Wilmington on Sunday, June 10. He is the first and only Jewish survivor of the Holocaust to be elected to the United States Congress and is now serving his second term.

Lantos is the author of the history-making legislation conferring honorary citizenship on Wallenberg.

A hero of the Holocaust, Raoul Wallenberg saved the lives of 100,000 Hungarian Jews during World War II, including those of Tom Lantos and his wife, Annette. This measure passed both the House and Senate by overwhelming margins and was signed into law by President Reagan on Oct. 5, 1981.

A member of the anti-Nazi underground during World War II and a leader of the early post-war



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anti-Communist student movement in his native Budapest, Lantos came to the United States in 1947 on a Hillel Foundation scholarship. He received his B.A. and M.A. at the University of Washington and his Ph.D. at the University of California at Berkeley in the field of international economics. Lantos is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Lantos is currently a member of the Committees on Foreign Affairs, Government Operations, and the Aging. He serves on the Subcommittee on Europe and the Middle East of the Foreign Affairs Committee and is the sponsor of the bill introduced in the House of Representatives to move the American Embassy to Jerusalem.

While here in Wilmington, he agreed to be interviewed for the Jewish Voice by Evelyn Lobel, staff associate, Jewish Federation of Delaware.

Q: Do you feel the Holocaust has been misused or overused? How can we use the Holocaust with trivializing this traumatic event?

A: The Holocaust is a unique experience in the history of humankind and we are living at a stage now when there are still some survivors of the

Holocaust around, myself included. And we are living at a time when segments of Israel's enemies would like to see a second Holocaust. So not to talk about the Holocaust - not to do our utmost to explore how it would have happened - not to analyze the prospect of something like it happening again, would be criminal. I have my own view as to how the Holocaust came about and it relates ironically to my legislation on Jerusalem. For centuries Jews had been accustomed to being discriminated against. The form of discrimination took many shapes. They had to live in a ghetto; they couldn't own land; they couldn't serve in the military; they couldn't be civil servants; they couldn't be in the professions. They were increasingly deprived of a tremendous range of ordinary human rights. Under Hitler, this encroachment took more and more discriminatory forms until eventually Jews were not allowed to live. And what I think is true, is that some attempts, and I'm sure these were well intentioned, portrayed the Holocaust in a trivialized and inappropriate manner. But the bulk of the people

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Bush, Weinberger, Percy, Simon Address Jewish Journalists

Karen Moss, Jewish Voice editor, recently returned from the annual American Jewish Press Association meeting in Washington, D.C.

During the four-day annual meeting, the AJPA delegates participated in numerous workshops on editorial matters, layout and design, circulation and advertising, and were addressed by Vice President George Bush; Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger; Sen. Charles Percy (R., Ill.), chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and Rep. Paul Simon (D., Ill.), Percy's Democratic opponent in the November elections.

Vice President Bush extended the greetings of the Reagan Administration to the AJPA delegates at a briefing held at the Executive Office Building. He had just returned from a multination tour and had already plunged into meetings to deal with the growing crisis in the Iran-Iraq war in the Persian Gulf, which he described as being of "enormous concern" to the president.

"The president has said he will do all he could to keep the Gulf of Hormuz open," the vice president

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AKSE Cornerstone Dedication Kicks Off Centennial Celebration

By ZEV AMITI

A torrential flood of nostalgia inundated me as I stood on the fringe of a small group of adults and children at the entrance of the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth synagogue on Washington Street Extension and Torah Drive Sunday, June 3, for the preliminary centennial commemoration of Adas Kodesch.

Rabbi Leonard B. Gewirtz was most impressive as he explained the importance of a *minyán* and a synagogue in Jewish life. The children, under the leadership of Mrs. Gewirtz, were charming as they sang their hymns.

And Harvey Rubenstein was just right as the president of the congregation when he announced the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth congregation will begin to observe the 100th anniversary of Adas Kodesch Sept. 27 when the Jewish year of 5745 begins.

I thought it made so much sense to ignore the *goyishe* year and stick to the Jewish year for such occasions. I always regarded it as very peculiar for a Jewish organization, and particularly a Jewish religious organization to go by the calendar year that is also known as *Anno Domini*, if you know what I mean.

I listened carefully to Harvey Rubenstein when he made his formal announcement and it was then that an extra flood of nostalgia came over me as I whispered to myself,

"Harvey sounds very important and authoritarian but nothing like the late Louis Topkis, may he rest in peace, who used to run the old Adas Kodesch over at Sixth and French Streets, with an iron hand."

But then, the times have changed since I was a *yankelle* in the old Adas Kodesch at Sixth and French Streets back in the days when Louis Topkis was the power, when Hyman Rezits and David

Swiren were the rabbis and Julius Cohen, the *hazan*.

Standing there on Sunday, June 3, I looked particularly at the group of children and told myself they don't know what it was like years and years ago to have attended *cheder* in the basement of the old Adas Kodesch. We had no girls in our classes then. Our teachers were hard and almost ruthless, I thought then. And woe to me whenever I stepped

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Rabbi Gewirtz dedicates the cornerstone.

Can Prejudice and Discrimination Be Eliminated?



Sheldon Weinstein



Ruth Weinstein

Alexander Gross Installed As UJA National Chairman

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Alexander Gross of Harrisburg, Pa. was installed May 19 as national chairman of the United Jewish Appeal at the annual UJA National Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. He succeeds outgoing chairman, Robert E. Loup of Denver, Colo., who will now serve as chairman of the UJA Board of Trustees.

Gross assumes responsibility for directing the UJA's 1985 campaign, which raises funds in partnership with more than 600 Jewish communities nationwide. The campaign supports educational, rehabilitative and humanitarian programs in Israel, in American Jewish communities and in Jewish communities in 30 countries around the world.

"I am honored to take my place beside Robert Loup," Gross said, "who led us in 1983 to raise well over \$600 million, and in 1984 to what will be the greatest peacetime campaign in our history."

"I accept in good faith, the challenge of meeting — and with your help — surpassing this fundraising achievement," Gross told an audience of 500 Jewish community leaders.

Citing statistics which point to a decline in Jewish population in the United States since 1972, Gross called on American Jews to pursue far-reaching fundraising goals.

Gross brings to his new position almost 20 years of leadership experience in Jewish organizations and the business perspective of a chief executive officer for one of the nation's most successful retail operations.

Gross founded the Rite-Aid Corporation in 1962, and serves as its president and chairman of the board. He is also chairman of the board of Super Rite Foods, director of Hasbro Industries and Superdrug, trustee of the National American Wholesale Grocer's Association, and trustee and treasurer of the National Association of Chain Drug Stores.

The Leadership Development Program of the Jewish Federation had as its topic, "The Nature of Prejudice" on June 14 at the home of Sheldon and Ruth Weinstein.

The group discussed the causes of prejudice; how it manifests itself; how it affects children in school and play and adults in the work place.

Barbara McCloskey was the guest consultant. She spoke of the psychology of prejudice. "Society teaches us that if 'we' are good — others must be 'bad,'" she stated. Children are not born with prejudice; it is a learned concept; acting on our prejudices is discrimination. Parents, siblings and the media have the greatest influence on preschoolers. As the child grows, other relationships affect our attitudes toward others such as friends, school.

She concluded that it is much easier

to change behavior than attitudes. Since attitudes are learned early in a child's development, it is the parental role that is most important in preventing prejudice.

Barbara McCloskey is the assistant director of the Delaware Region, National Conference of Christians and Jews. She formerly was director of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Delaware. She is a native Wilmingtonian; a graduate of Duke University; married and the mother of two children.

The National Conference of Christians and Jews has developed a Steering Committee on the Psychology of Prejudice Discrimination staffed by McCloskey. They are seeking ways to educate the community to prevent prejudice and alleviate discrimination.



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told the delegates. "But we're also trying to cool things down in cooperation with our friends and allies in Europe, Japan and the Middle East."

Pointing out that the Administration's "leverage with Iran or Iraq is not strong," Bush said U.S. officials were "concerned over the 'hying' of the crisis in Washington."

Bush took note of the strategic cooperation agreement between the U.S. and Israel worked out last November between Reagan and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and reiterated the Administration's "commitment to the peace process."

In answer to a question, the vice president defended the emergency

sale of Stinger missiles to Saudi Arabia by pointing out that the U.S.-manned AWACs reconnaissance planes over Saudi Arabia had been helpful in preventing oil flow to the West from being interrupted by the Gulf War.

In his presentation to the AJPA, Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger sought to reassure the delegates that he and his department support a strong and secure Israel despite what some perceive as hostility toward Israel on his part.

Weinberger insisted that relations between the U.S. and Israel "have never been stronger," but he also defended U.S. aid to "moderate" Arab countries as contributing to overall stability in the area.

He said that the strategic cooperation agreement worked out last November between Reagan and

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UJA Super Sunday '84 Exceeds Goals

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Super Sunday '84, the United Jewish Appeal's fourth annual national volunteer telephone marathon, surpassed its goal and the results of the three previous events by raising a total of \$33,110,694, Jerome J. Dick of Washington, D.C., UJA Super Sunday National chairman, announced today.

The Jewish Federation of Delaware was one of the communities participating in this national effort. Paula Lehrer and Steve Herrmann served as cochairmen for Delaware's Super Sunday.

"On all the dates, our 37,914 volunteers in 135 communities in the U.S. obtained 276,429 individual commitments," stated Dick, a UJA national vice chairman who has led the event since it began nationally in 1981. "Their total surpassed our goal of \$33 million and exceeded last year's figure of \$30.1 million," he said. "The result is a new record for a one-day mass appeal."

Dick noted that six communities have yet to hold their Super Sunday programs which will increase the figures even further.



Paula Lehrer



Steve Herrmann

"When all the numbers are in," he said, "approximately 280,000 people will have demonstrated, by giving for Jewish life, that they share the Jewish vision. They will have lived out the Super Sunday '84 slogan, 'Share the Vision — Answer the Call,' and contributed to a final result that will be a record hard to beat — at least until Super Sunday '85."

Meanwhile, planning for next year's Super Sunday, to be held on Jan. 27, 1985, has begun with the scheduling of a series of five one-day regional training seminars for this fall, Dick said.

JEWISH FEDERATION SUMMER HOURS

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When In Rome (Part II)



Two of our objectives in visiting Rome could be met only by access to sections of the Vatican archives not open to the public. Through the good offices of Monsignor Taggart, Vicar General of the Diocese of Wilmington, and Vice Chancellor McMahon, a request had been made to the Rector of the North American College of Cardinals in Rome for assistance to us in obtaining admission. We also had a letter of introduction to the Rector, Monsignor Murphy.

The Vatican Library has a collection of about a thousand Hebrew manuscripts, many of historical and scholarly significance to which I had seen reference in my studies. A second collection, in the Vatican Museum, contains Jewish grave markers from the first to fourth centuries of the Common Era, taken from burial grounds in the port areas west of Rome, where there was a large Jewish community during this period.

Notwithstanding the efforts of the rector on our behalf, we were unfortunately not able to gain access to the Hebrew manuscripts from the officials in charge of that part of the library archives. It apparently takes three months and many more letters. But Monsignor Murphy and his staff did arrange for us to see the *lapidi ebraici*, the Jewish grave stones in the Museum.

The stones were of special interest to us because of what they told about the kind of Jewish community that existed in Rome and its environs almost two millenia ago, particularly with relation to the port city of Ostia.

Jews doubtless originally settled in the port area because of their involvement as merchants in trade with the Levant, and archeological evidence indicates a flourishing community of about 500 people, predominantly a middle class society of small tradesmen.

In the early 1960s, the ruins of a large and handsome fourth century synagogue were excavated at Ostia Antica, and it was subsequently determined that this has been built on the remains of a similar structure dating to the first century. Restoration of these remains has been under way since their discovery, and, while they are way off in one corner of the extensive archeological site of Ostia, it is well worth the effort to fight one's way through the brush to reach them. In addition to the sanctuary containing the *aron kodesch*, there are remains of a *mikveh* for ritual ablation, a study hall, a bakery for unleavened bread, and what appears to be a rabbi's study. The location of the building was near the sea, so that the water for the ritual bath might be available from a natural source.

This was truly a house of study, house of prayer, house of assembly, even somewhat a community center. A marble slab from the first

synagogue was apparently set in the floor of the later construction and is written part in Latin, part in Greek: *For the health of the Emperor. Constructed and made at my own expense*

The Ark placed for the Holy Law Mindis Faustos.

It was no less than thrilling to photograph the symbolic figures on parts of the structure: the *menorah*, the *shofar*, the *lulav*, the *etrog*, and a hollow in the right side doorpost at the entrance which may have contained a large *mezuzah*. The early construction is certainly the oldest synagogue thus far discovered in the western world, and it might possibly be the oldest found anywhere.

The stones in the Vatican Museum were of interest in what they might tell about the level of assimilation of this early community. In most of the early Jewish communities in Italy the languages utilized appear to have been Latin and Greek, more often the latter in the earliest periods. A Jewish marker of this time which we had seen several years ago in Sicily was in Greek. In what language would the Vatican's *lapidi ebraici* be written?

A pass arranged by Monsignor Murphy admitted us to a private elevator to the office of a Dr. Cicerchia of the museum staff, and we were assigned a guard who, armed with many different keys, took us through a series of gates and doors, down a barred flight of stairs to a long narrow room. There, well displayed on racks were the stones we sought, these tokens of remembrance of Italian Jews who had lived and died in the area of Rome and Ostia at the end of the Second Temple period in Jerusalem, at the time of Masada and Bar Kochba, and when Judah Ha-Nasi was compiling the Mishneh.

In the display of upwards to a 100 stones, there was not one word of Hebrew, although it was clear that these were Jewish markers. Many were decorated with the seven-branched candelabra of the Temple, some with a *shofar*, others with *lulav*, *etrog*, oil lamp and *amphora*. Some were in Latin, some in Greek. Some simple and crude, some well engraved and artistically embellished. Clearly, in this region and this period, as in other Jewish communities of the Mediterranean and Aegaeon, Hebrew was not in use enough to be used in memorial markers.

No photographs of the stones were available for us to obtain for future translation, and cameras were not allowed in this area. I wished then that I knew Greek and remembered more of my Latin. What I could translate indicated that some of the deceased, particularly those from Ostia, were lower level officials in the Roman administration.

It is difficult to say *Kaddish* in a museum.

WHAT'S HAPPENING Kayla Gavish



Looking Ahead

This month two of our major Jewish communal institutions celebrated significant milestones. The Jewish Community Center held its 50th annual meeting and the Jewish Federation of Delaware celebrated its 50th anniversary. Later this year Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation will mark its centennial.

Over the decades Delaware Jews have established institutions to meet the needs as they developed. During this time the Jewish community changed from primarily an immigrant community of small businessmen and tradespeople to a professionally-trained and highly-educated community.

Toni Young's excellent account in the *Jewish Voice* of how Delaware Jews built their agencies and institutions tells us how slow this process was.

It certainly would be much too slow for what lies ahead. These are the "good old days" when we compare them with the turbulence the future will bring. Changes are taking place at great speed in every aspect of our society. Unless our agencies and institutions design ways to deal effectively with change we may find ourselves like a houseboat made for calm and peaceful waters trying to navigate in rapids. We shall not be able to go back and trying to run faster will not get us through.

We know already that our Jewish community is years older than the general American population. This is a result of low Jewish birthrate and medical advances prolonging life.

Let's look at the JCC. When plans

were being made about 20 years ago for the new building on Garden of Eden Road we expected heavy use by children and young adults. None of us dreamed that the primary users of the JCC would be the several hundred older adults who gather there each day for a full day's activities and lunch. Would we have planned differently? You bet we would! For one thing we would have installed the elevator we need so badly to make the upper floors accessible to our older members.

The very nature of the American Jewish community is changing. For the first time in a century there is no large-scale Jewish immigration to these shores to swell our ranks. Instead we are receiving significantly large numbers of Jews-by-choice. Secondly, the Jewish population under 30 years of age is almost totally native-born.

These two phenomena are leading experts to predict that within a short time the American Jewish community will be an American-centered community. As one historian pointed out we shall have a relationship to Israel much like the Babylonian-Jerusalem relationship of two millenia ago.

For those involved in communal activities it means being sensitive to what will be demands for a shift in priorities from overseas needs to local and national needs. We shall require leadership with foresight, knowledge, and patience to recognize these inevitable changes and resolve differences and conflict. A flourishing American Jewish community will depend on it.

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Shamir is progressing and pointed out that the U.S. Navy has bought remotely piloted "drone" airplanes from Israel, which used similar spy devices to gain control of the skies over Syrian positions during the 1982 Lebanon war. The pilotless aircraft, described by Weinberger as being the size of model airplanes, are not only accurate, but also prevent pilot death or capture if manned flights are attacked.

The defense secretary said the U.S. is also planning a joint medial evacuation exercise with Israel in coming weeks, and is discussing more elaborate military exercises which may take place in late summer or early fall. He added that the Defense Department is assisting Israel in its development of a new class of missile attack boat, the Saar VI, and in the development of the Lavi fighter jet.

In answer to a question, Weinberger said he does not know why there should be antipathy toward him in the Jewish community, stating, "There is certainly none on my part."

In answer to another question on his Jewish ancestry, he said, "There is Jewish ancestry on my father's side

of which I am extremely proud." The "Jewish ancestor" has been variously described as his father, grandfather or great-grandfather.

In his remarks to the delegates, Sen. Percy, who has also been the target of criticism in the Jewish community for alleged anti-Israel stands, sought to establish that his record was supportive, going back to 1960, when as head of the Bell and Howell Corp., he opposed the Arab boycott, and in the years from the 1967 Six-Day War through the Yom Kippur War of 1973.

"My political problem arose," Percy said, "nearly 10 years ago when I decided that I wasn't helping Israel or furthering the chances for peace in the Middle East by simply agreeing with majority sentiment in either the Israeli Cabinet or the American Jewish community ... And I decided that negotiation of a settlement could not occur without fresh thinking by all the parties concerned."

In his remarks, Rep. Paul Simon, Percy's Democratic opponent, pointed out that his own support for Israel has been "100 percent and consistent" throughout his career, while that of Percy has been supportive "only one year out of six."

(Excerpted from the *St. Louis Jewish Light*.)

LETTERS to the Editor

Dear Editor:

We are searching for information on the whereabouts of any and all B'nai B'rith Youth Organization Alumni from the Greater Pittsburgh, Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia areas.

Greater Pittsburgh and Allegheny Regions of BBYO will celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the founding of AZA and would like to have a list of as many alumni as possible for their Alumni Register.

If you were ever a member of BBYO in Pittsburgh, Western Pennsylvania or West Virginia please contact the BBYO Office at the address below. Please include when you were a member, what chapter you belonged to and what you are doing now. Do not forget to include your present address.

Sincerely,
Joel Miller,
Regional Director
Greater Pittsburgh
and Allegheny Regions
B'nai B'rith
Youth Organization
Post Office Box 81026
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15217

Dear Editor:

The Jewish Federation of Allentown, Pa., has just appointed a separate board to commence plans for a group home for mentally retarded adults of the Jewish Faith. Since the number of prospective residents from the Allentown area is limited, they are willing to consider people from the greater Wilmington area.

I will be the liason with the board keeping in contact with Eva and Dr. Larry Levitt, who are on this board.

At this time, I would like to compile information on the Jewish mentally handicapped persons of any age who are ready to move to such a residential facility or who might be interested in the future. Understandably, job or workshop placement would be taken into consideration.

I can be contacted at (302) 475-8174.

Sincerely,
Judith K. Zucker
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Wilmington, DE 19810

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Editorial

Author Blasts Myth Of Palestinian Presence In Pre-State Israel

By ARNOLD AGES
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Joan Peters, author of an important new book, *From Time Immemorial*, can be compared to Balaam. Balaam, a non-Jew, was hired by Balak to curse Israel. When he gazed upon the camp of Israel, he blessed them with the words which are now a part of our Sabbath liturgy: "How goodly are the tents, O Jacob."

Peters, a non-Jew, travelled to Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon after the 1973 Yom Kippur War out of sympathy for the plight of the Palestinians and the desire to help them assert their rights against Israel. Ten years of vigorous research in British and other archival materials altered her posture. She has demonstrated that Jews did not displace native Palestinian Arabs. In fact, she shows that in the half-century prior to 1948 Arabs migrated into Jewish-developed areas of western Palestine.

Joan Peters, a former consultant to the Carter White House on Mideast affairs, claims in a monumental new book on the Mideast conflict that Arab claims about Palestinians having lived in present day Israel "from time immemorial," are no more than crude propagandistic fabrications invented by PLO and other ideologists.

In her 600-page opus, which contains massive documentation to support her thesis, Peters expresses astonishment over the fact that so many liberal democracies have swallowed the Arab propaganda line; she also indicts circles in Israel for having incomprehensibly accepted the PLO version of an uninterrupted Palestinian presence in *Eretz Yisrael*.

Peters came to these conclusions slowly but methodically after observing a curious clause in the 1948 United Nations Resolution pertaining to the definition of a Palestinian refugee. The definition had as a Palestinian refugee any one who had lived in Palestine for a minimum of two years prior to departing the country.

If the Palestinians had lived in that country "from time immemorial," (according to Arab claims) why had it been necessary to introduce such a definition into the U.N. resolution?

Peter's book answers that question — and a lot of other questions as well.

Before the questions could be addressed, however, researcher Peters found a wall of obstructionism erected against her. In trying to establish Arab population figures in Palestine from the time of the British mandate (1917) until the creation of Israel (1948) she found that British sources were confusing.

The British kept careful note of Jewish immigration into the country; they did not take similar care to record the influx of Arabs from adjacent regions into their administered territory. When they did take population samples of the Arabs in Palestine the British inevitably attributed growth to "natural increase."

By dint of indefatigable research techniques, Peters uncovered a picture of Arab demographics in Palestine totally inconsistent with the "from time immemorial" hypothesis. In fact Peters discovered that the vast majority of Palestinians who left Palestine during or before the War of Independence, immigrated to Palestine or were themselves the children of immigrants.

Between 1917 and 1948 hundreds of thousands of Egyptians, Syrians and other Arab-speaking people entered Palestine. They had two reasons: to profit from the dynamic economy spurred by the Zionist enterprise and, to assert against the Jewish population of the country an Arab presence.

Joan Peters claims that the British deliberately obfuscated the question of the Arab influx into mandatory Palestine out of a desire to repudiate the promises made to the Jewish people under the terms of the Balfour Declaration. The more Arabs there were in Palestine, the harder it would be for the Jews to invoke their justful claim.

According to the author, the idea of "from time immemorial" did not surface in Arab propaganda against Israel until fairly recent times and was given special focus only after the 1967 war when the Arab world was dispirited by their loss to Israel. Arab propagandists felt that the only way to maintain the hatred of the Palestinian refugees against Israel was to invent for them a pedigree tied to the land. That hatred was useful from the Arab's long range goal of eliminating from their midst an anomaly with which they could not live, a Jewish state.

Why the Arabs cannot tolerate the idea of a Jewish political entity in their geographical sphere is another question answered by Peters who presents a clear survey of the Muslim presumption to dominion over other groups.

Peters, a researcher who has done her homework thoroughly anticipates every objection to her thesis.

"When the Arab claim based on fraudulent "historical" devices is exposed and thus discarded, another popular argument surfaces. 'After all,' it is said, 'it doesn't matter when the 'nationalism' evolved. The important thing is that it exists; it's a violent nationalism now and the refugees — the 'Palestinians' — exist."

"Yet, a violence born of unworthy incitation, aggravated by unnatural camp conditions and deliberate indoctrination to that violence, ought not necessarily command credence or respect because it calls itself 'na-

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dealing with the Holocaust, from Elie Wiesel to the television series, and to our attempt now to build a Holocaust museum, are not only serving an enormously important function for the Jewish community, in teaching about it and focusing on it, but are serving an enormously important function for the American com-

We are living at a time when segments of Israel's enemies would like to see a second Holocaust.

munity and global community at large. So I don't agree with this critique of the Holocaust. There are specific things that I think are properly criticized, but the basic effort, and you know the bulk of the effort, is carried on by volunteers.

The Holocaust is such a uniquely horrendous experience still within the memory of man. No, I don't think the Holocaust is an elective topic. It's the number one mandatory topic.

I don't think it can be overused. There were one million children who were killed. One million children. Tell me how that can be overused. It needs to be approached with sensitivity. I think it needs to be approached with a sense of historical perspective. But, no, I think we have barely scratched the surface of Holocaust education and I think the museum will be a tremendous asset.

Q: But perhaps we should not look so to our past to give meaning to our present survival and continued existence? Can't we establish our Jewish identity on its own merit? Don't we have reason to be Jews had there never been a Holocaust?

A: I think that's true. But I think there are two experiences that bind all Jews. One is the Holocaust. The second is Israel, and I think it's very important to realize that the contemporary Jewish presence in America is a many-splendored thing, ranging from agnostics to the ultra-Orthodox and it is very unrealistic to expect any degree of uniformity to evolve in a society which itself is becoming increasingly heterogeneous. But there are two experiences that the agnostic Jew and the Reform and the Conservative and the Orthodox and the Hasid all share - that's the Holocaust and Israel. And it's very important if for no other reason than to prevent the fragmentation of the American Jewish community to have these two enormously significant facts of Jewish existence be central.

Q: You have mentioned the crucial importance of our knowing how the Holocaust could have taken place. Are there areas, today, we especially need to be aware of in order to protect ourselves within the American society?

A: You know the evidence now is beginning to be overwhelming that the American Jewish community on the whole did a pathetic job in speaking out against the Holocaust as it was happening - for a whole lot of reasons. But overriding all of the reasons was a sense of caution and timidity and in many instances, spinelessness. And I

believe the American Jewish community of the 1980s and the 1990s does not have the luxury to remain silent. That to be a Jew in America in 1984 you have to be articulate, and outspoken, and stand tall and hold your head high on all issues that concern the Jewish community whether it is Soviet Jews, which is easy, whether it is anti-Semitism, which may not be that easy, or whether it is Israel, which is the least easy. My feeling is that there is no room for silent Jews in America today. The people who would like to be silent, who would like to sort of fade into the woodwork need to be embarrassed into changing. They need to be held accountable because the price of 6,000,000 dead paid once is enough. The people think if they live in comfortable little ghettos they somehow can hide. They're wrong. The rest of the Jewish community needs to make clear to them that they're wrong, socially and in every other way. They have a responsibility to contribute and be involved heavily in the political arena which is really where the action is.

Q: Was this some of your motivation in running for Congress?

A: I am one of the few people, I suspect, who lived under a fascist police state and a communist police state and I'm in love with democracy. And I think it says volumes about the magnificence of our society, that a penniless Jewish immigrant from Hungary is given the opportunity of serving in the Congress of the U.S. So you know I feel that as long as I've got any intellectual and physical strength, I want to be part of the

There are two experiences that all Jews share - the Holocaust and Israel. And it's very important to prevent the fragmentation of the American Jewish community - to have these two enormously significant facts of Jewish existence be central.

democratic process. You could offer me the job of president of IBM or I suspect in this town I should say president of duPont, and I'd laugh at you because for me, the highest calling is to be in the public arena, where we are really dealing with the shape of our society for tomorrow and for 50 years from now.

Q: Will you comment on relations in Congress between Blacks and Jews?

A: I think they're not nearly as good as they should be. I think the principle reason is obvious. The Farrakhan episode highlighted to many Jews and non-Jews that there is a great deal of vicious anti-Semitism among segments of the Black community and there is reluctance by others to disassociate themselves from this approach. Until that takes place, I don't see much improvement, much as I regret it. It's a tragedy that the Far-

rakhan episode came to the fore. In California, for instance, I worked very hard for Tom Bradley, the mayor of L.A. who was running for governor in 1982. He would have made a superb Black governor of the largest state in the Union, with a degree of sensitivity to all issues including interracial and interreligious issues. The fact that the Tom Bradleys have faded and the Farrakhans have come to the fore is really the most serious concern I have in the realm of Black-Jewish relations. There are large numbers of Black political leaders who are among the finest that this nation can produce of any race - many members of the

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Black Caucus, many members of State legislatures, many mayors and others. Unfortunately, the anti-Semitic, the anti-Israel tone of some segments of the Black community have been thrust into the forefront of the political dialogue and the Jewish community simply will not take this anymore. It will not sweep it under the rug. It will have to be cleaned up and until it's cleaned up, I think the problems will persist.

Q: Referring back then to what you said, we Jews must speak out on this issue and not bear these remarks silently?

A: That's right. There is no way to take the "Hymie" remark or the blatant and vicious anti-Semitism of Farrakhan silently. I think it needs to be denounced publicly, clearly, articulately and incessantly.

Q: Has Jesse Jackson's campaign highlighted this anti-Semitism?

A: It didn't need to. As it evolved, it has. And his continuing refusal to denounce Farrakhan is one of the most disturbing phenomena of our presidential election.

Q: Please comment on our relationship with the Soviet Union and how that bodes for the emigration of Soviet Jews.

A: Well, in a nutshell, until U.S. - Soviet relations take a significant change for the better, the fate of Soviet Jews will not improve and I certainly do not anticipate that taking place until after the turn of the year, at the very earliest. I'm very pessimistic about the fate of Soviet Jews, in short, very pessimistic. My wife and I were there not too long ago and the situation has deteriorated since. And to expect an improvement, independent of an improvement in U.S. - Soviet relations is totally unrealistic.

Q: Is there anything American Jews can do?

A: Yes, American Jews can do something very significant, personally. Those who are financially able need to visit the Soviet Union and maintain physical contact with Soviet

Jews. This is one of the most underrated things that individual American Jews can do. Beyond that, all the activities of the various groups for Soviet Jewry I think are excellent. They need to be strengthened and intensified, but the single most important thing is physical contact. Our activities will not guarantee exit visas for Soviet Jews, but they provide a psychological umbilical cord for the Soviet Jewish community which is absolutely indispensable for their psychological well-being. They experience isolation, official anti-Semitism, ostracism, persecution, everything. And this is really the time for the maximum number of American Jews to personally visit the Soviet Union and spend days with individual Soviet Jews. I feel very deeply about it. Write and participate in all the activities of the American Jewish groups that deal with Soviet Jews. Individual visits won't do anything along official lines but they will maintain the morale of Soviet Jews which is in very bad shape.

Q: Do you foresee any kind of improvement in the near future between the U.S. and Soviet Union?

A: Oh, I do. I think it's a question of time. I think almost irrespective of who will win the presidential election, come next year, there will be opportunities for easing the tensions. So I'm not pessimistic about that. But I'm very pessimistic about the next six months.

Q: What do you think of the current relationship between the U.S. and Israel?

A: On the whole, it's excellent. We have a number of specific problems which come up from time to time largely because of the nefarious activities of the Arabists in the State Department. The most recent ones being the use of the Memorial Day weekend and the alleged sudden Iranian threat to Saudi Arabia to send 400 Stingers to the Saudis. The Saudis already have all of the most up-to-date military equipment that they could possibly use. They could sweep the skies over the Persian Gulf with what we have already given them, even previous to the Stingers. The Stinger is not a military weapon. It's a terrorist weapon, and I only hope and pray that none of the 400 will get into PLO or other terrorist hands. It was an outrageous move. The second, I think, is the outrageous approach of

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the State Department to the Jerusalem bill, because the Jerusalem bill tries to rectify a long-standing discriminatory feature of U.S. foreign policy. There are 134 countries with which we have relations. In 133, our embassy is in the

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Congressman Tom Lantos —

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capital. In the case of Israel, it's not in the capital. And as we started to talk about how things lead to the Holocaust, this is a blatant act of discrimination and when I'm told that we've had it for eight presidents, well, for 23 presidents, women did not have the right to vote! So the fact that under eight presidents we have yielded to this discriminatory pressure. So I think on the whole, relations are ex-

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cellent. We have strategic cooperation involving a good economic and military aid package; we are moving toward a Free Trade Area which is very important. I think the Administration is beginning to recognize the enormous importance of Israel in the region for the whole region, as the only democratic island of stability and military strength; but, we have problems all the time because there are negative forces at work - pro-Arab business groups, pro-Arab factions within our government, both in the State Department and National Security Council, under Weinberger in the Pentagon, and this once again highlights the importance of the need of the Jewish community to be vigilant, and to speak out. To be vigilant is not enough. It's not enough to know that something horrible is happening. You've got to stand up and take the abuse and the danger and the expense and the cost and the burden and the pain and speak out.

Q: Are your colleagues in Congress still convinced that the status of Jerusalem is negotiable or subject to debate?

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A: I think the majority of my colleagues understand that it is not, but it's a long way from that to being willing to take the specific step. The only step the U.S. can take is of moving our own embassy there.

Q: What is your opinion on the Camp David Accords? Do you feel this is still our most viable avenue? Do we have any other options?

A: It's the only avenue and I think it's critical that the U.S. continue to adhere to it and I think it's critical that the U.S. call Egypt's attention to Egypt's violations of the Camp David

Accords which are many and frequent and disturbing including vicious anti-Semitic propaganda in the Egyptian press, which of course is a government controlled press. Mubarak has been a great disappointment. We visited Mubarak in Cairo sometime back about a year and a half ago and he sounded very different, but he has changed his tune. He has become a very disturbing phenomenon. Unfortunately, we have seen that what Mubarak says and what Mubarak does are two different things. We had to learn it the hard way. I met with him several times and he is very charming and very reassuring personally and very disturbing in terms of his actions. I still don't believe there will be war between Egypt and Israel, but Mubarak is very cynical in his approach. He has gotten all he wants to get out of Camp David. He got back his land; he gets American economic aid, and he wants to shy away certainly from the Camp David spirit and in fact violates the letter of the Camp David Accords. But flawed as it is, there is no other game in town. It really is still the best and the only way to go. At the highest level, there is still this conviction but I think the Arabists

It is a blatant act of discrimination that the American embassy is not located in Jerusalem.

in the State Department are ready to undermine it.

Q: Please tell us of the status of the search for Raoul Wallenberg.

A: There is really nothing going on today. But we are in court today. His family is suing, with our support, the Soviet Union for 39 million dollars, one million dollars for each year of captivity. But this is more to highlight the issue. The whole Wallenberg issue has really been my wife's issue and she gets all the credit for bringing it to the attention of the public, for pushing the legislation. When we started, Wallenberg was totally unknown.

Q: What future concerns should we have on the issue of prayer in our public schools?

A: The issue is really dead for now. We always have to be concerned though. We have to be vigilant in preserving the pluralistic character of our society and preserving the non-discriminatory character of our society. And this issue is, certainly, part of that struggle.

New Kutz Home Leadership

New officers and directors were elected at the annual meeting of The Milton & Hattie Kutz Home held on Sunday, May 13. Serving one-year terms as officers will be the following: Norman J. Shuman, president; David S. Hefter, Marilyn H. Levin and Theodore C. Zutz, vice presidents; Doris S. Kane, secretary; and Arnold A. Budin, treasurer.

Elected to three-year terms as

directors of the Home were the following: Gloria Fine, David Frankel, M.D., Cissie R. Golden, David S. Hefter, Ronna Hochman, Henriette Miller, Asher Rubin and Linda S. Schiffer.

In recognition of her long, dedicated and distinguished service, Phyllis Cobin was elected to honorary membership for life on the Home's board.



Newly-elected president of The Milton & Hattie Kutz Home, Norman J. Shuman, addressed the Home's annual meeting held on May 13. A partner in the accounting firm of Belfint, Lyons & Shuman, he has served the Home as treasurer and vice president prior to election to this office. Shuman was appointed to the Kutz Home board as a representative of the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

Dateline

Man In French Psychiatric Hospital Claims Israel Forgot Him For 35 Years

By EDWIN EYTAN

PARIS (JTA) — A man who says he was sent to France for medical treatment by the Israeli army in 1949 has just been released from a French psychiatric hospital after 35 years.

According to 54-year-old Yosef Amzallag, he was sent to a French hospital after having served seven months in the Israeli Defense Force. Since then he seems to have been forgotten by all, he says.

Amzallag, who was released last week by the Saint Albain Hospital in central France, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency: "I don't know how all this happened. I still consider myself an Israeli soldier."

The Israeli Consul in Paris, Joel Gilat, said the military authorities and the Ministry of Interior are trying to trace Amzallag's origin and verify his story.

Amzallag was released after a Tel Aviv restaurant owner, Elie Ronnen, who learned of his story when it was published in the Israeli daily, Yedioth Achronot, took up his case. Ronne, who was in Paris on his way back to Israel from Morocco, contacted the hospital.

Kibbutz Ideal For Closing Social Gap, Integrating Youth

NEW YORK, (JTA) — The kibbutz is the ideal supportive setting for a long range program aimed at closing the social gap in Israel and integrating Oriental Jewish youth into Israeli society, according to Dr. Ivan Fran, a Ph.D. who is an education specialist in Pittsburgh.

British Extradite 2 Neo-Nazis

By DAVID KANTOR

BONN, (JTA) — Two West German neo-Nazis, just extradited from England, were ordered held in custody by a Karlsruhe federal judge last week pending trial.

The accused, Walter Kexel and Ulrich Tillmann, spent 11 months in a British jail before they were extradited to stand trial in West Germany for politically motivated acts of violence. They are charged specifically with participation in a series of bomb attacks on residential quarters of American service personnel in the autumn of 1982. Two U.S. soldiers were seriously wounded in the bombings which took place in Butzbach, Frankfurt, Giessen and Darmstadt.

Jewish Welfare Board Surveys JCC's Programming Needs

Editor's Note:

One of the 32 communities participating in the JWB survey was our own JCC. On March 21, representatives from JWB visited Wilmington to meet with our local leadership to share common concerns and to discuss methods of strengthening the Jewish content in our local educational activities. Sessions were held all day involving lay and professional leadership from the JCC, Jewish Federation rabbis, synagogue leaders and our Jewish educational institutions.

See page 14 for a local report on the survey, which emphasizes where we in Delaware should go from here.

NEW YORK, N.Y.—Morton L. Mandel, Cleveland industrialist who is one of the nation's top Jewish communal leaders, presented the findings of a study conducted by the JWB Commission on Maximizing the Jewish Educational Effectiveness of Jewish Community Centers at the recent JWB Biennial Convention in Boston.

Mandel, a former president of both JWB and the Council of Jewish Federations (CJF), is Commission chairman; JWB Executive Vice-

President Arthur Rotman is study director.

The intensive, 18-month study has involved leaders of Jewish Community Centers, Jewish Federations, Jewish education bodies and the rabbinic in 32 communities throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Mandel explained that the study was necessary "to help JCCs find ways to reach their top effectiveness as Jewish educational agencies."

"The rates of assimilation and intermarriage are rising alarmingly," Mandel said. "There are growing concerns over Jewish continuity."

"Jewish education and Jewish educational experiences in the informal settings of the JCC may have a part to play in insuring that continuity. The Jewish Community Center has the potential to be a 'platform for Jewish survival.'"

In a recent interview in *The Jerusalem Post*, Mandel noted that Jewish Community Centers "are the only all-community institutions where Jews from a variety of backgrounds go voluntarily."

"Hundreds of thousands of Jews go to JCCs. They have

an excellent potential for heightening Jewish awareness, identity and involvement."

Mandel told his *Jerusalem Post* interviewer that "the Commission has held consultations so far in 32 communities and talked not only with JCC leaders but also with representatives of synagogues, federations, bureaus of Jewish education and other agencies."

Summing up his first impressions of the North American community visits, Mandel told the *Jerusalem Post*, "the Jewish educational programming in JCCs that we discovered is more widespread and on a higher level than we originally thought—and the Centers want to do more."

"There is a tremendous amount of creative work being done out there, and this can spread throughout the Center network."

In connection with the North American study, the JWB office in Israel convened two meetings of educators and Community Center officials to discuss ways of integrating Israeli themes into JCC programming in North America.



Rabbi Ira J. Schiffer

Rabbi Ira Schiffer Is New RAD President

In a unanimous vote last month, Rabbi Ira J. Schiffer of Temple Beth El in Newark was elected to serve as president of the Rabbinical Association of Delaware. According to past president, Rabbi Peter Grumbacher of Congregation Beth Emeth, the election of Rabbi Schiffer to the post of RAD president is particularly significant because "This is the first time the rabbi of Temple Beth El has become chairman of the RAD...Up to this time only the rabbis of the Wilmington congregations have

served in this capacity.

"His colleagues congratulate him and his congregation," continued Grumbacher, "for he is truly deserving of the honor!"

Schiffer, who received his ordination in 1981 from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Philadelphia, began serving as rabbi of Temple Beth El while he was still a rabbinical student. Recently, he was instrumental in having the synagogue's affiliation officially changed from Conservative to Reconstructionist.

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Cornerstone Dedication —

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out of line so much as to send the *melamed* squealing on me to my parents. They would take over with the strap where the teacher left off with his switch.

I also remembered how delighted I used to be attending Friday night services so that I could belt out with fervor *Le cho dodi* and later, go up to the *bima* and sip the wine as it was handed to me by the *shamus*, Mr. Shore, after it had been blessed.

The symbol for the forthcoming centennial of Adas Kodesch was the 1907 cornerstone of the *schul* at Sixth and French Streets. I shuddered when I realized that I had started my Jewish education in the Adas Kodesch *cheder* only seven years after the new *schul* was built to replace the building that the congregation had been using since late in the 1890s.

The 1907 cornerstone was dedicated Aug. 18, 1907 with Rabbi Isidore Rosenthal of Lancaster, Pa., as the speaker.

Strangely enough, Rabbi Rosenthal was a Reform rabbi who knew only two well that he was addressing an Orthodox congregation when he said,

"There is only one Judaism and the G-d of that faith has protected you in past ages and protects you today under the stars and stripes of the glorious republic."

He also referred to what was then considered to be the Zionist flag and said,

"The flag of Zion which you see floating here today, may beckon some of you back to a reunited and happy Zion."

According to Rubenstein, a wide variety of commemorative programs are being planned, including Delaware Jewish historical reviews, plays, concerts, discussions and special dinners.

The synagogue was the first permanent Jewish house of worship in the state.

The congregation merged with the Chesed Shel Emeth congregation in 1957. That congregation was originally established in 1915 at 229 Shipley St.

The combined congrega-

tions built a new synagogue on Washington Street Extension in 1963 and sold the Sixth and French streets building to the Wilmington Housing Authority. The authority demolished the structure as part of an urban renewal project on Wilmington's East Side.

"As the centennial of the Adas Kodesch was approaching," Rubenstein explains, "we decided to rededicate the old cornerstone as a symbol of continuity in our history of Jewish worship in Delaware."

The Adas Kodesch congregation was not the first Jewish group of worshippers in Wilmington, but it was the first to survive to this day.

Its first place of worship was on the second floor of William Valentine's feed store at 309 W. Front St., with Bernhard Wolfson as president.

Later, the congregation moved to other rented quarters at the southwest corner of Third and Shipley streets.

In 1898, the Adas Kodesch congregation collected enough money to buy the old Zion Lutheran Church building at the southwest corner of Sixth and French streets, as it permanent house of worship.

So it was there that the Orthodox Jewish congregation finally settled. In a few years, it raised additional funds for the design and construction of a far more elaborate building on the Sixth and French streets site. The building was dedicated in 1908.

As the East Side of Wilmington in the vicinity of Sixth and French streets began to change radically, the congregation decided it was time to move.

So in 1961 a building-fund drive was started with \$250,000. Two years later, the amount reached \$650,000 and, as a result, the present synagogue on Washington Street Extension was built and dedicated.

Today the synagogue of the Adas Kodesch-Chesed Shel Emeth has become one of the important centers for Jewish culture, community meetings, and for the study of Judaism.

Gerald Blum Is Delaware's Small Businessman Of The Year

By KAREN MOSS

"It was the highest point of my life...anything after this will be gingerbread," commented Gerald Blum after meeting with President Reagan at the White House last month. Blum is the recipient of Delaware's 1984 "Small Businessperson of the Year Award" and recently returned from a special White House ceremony and reception honoring him and other small-business owners during Small Business Week.

Judges selecting candidates for this honor evaluate each individual's personal ethics and integrity as well as the success of his or her business. Blum, however, declines to discuss details on his "humanitarian point of view" because he feels it cheapens what he does. He isn't looking for credit, and he isn't looking for thanks, but as his wife Jinx puts it, "he's never said no to a reasonable request for a good cause."

"Look," he exclaimed as I pestered him for details, "When my grandfather came over from Russia, if people didn't help him he never would have made it."

Blum, a 56-year-old Wilmington native presides over Take-A-Break Vending and Coffee Service, a \$2 million-plus business with 28 employees, two divisions, an 18,000-square-foot building in Browntown and 17 trucks on the road. He started his business 20 years ago with nothing, and ran it from the garage of his Bellefonte home. When he realized after six months that it was unfair to his neighbors to bring freight trucks into a residential area, he rented a store near his home. He paid \$80 rent a month, but at the time "it seemed like \$8000." Those were difficult times, he admits. "I was chief cook and bottle washer." He credits much of his success to "finding a good wife."

Blum was instrumental in developing a national coffee service association 12 years ago, and served on its board of directors for two years. He has just completed two years heading the ethics and standards committee for the same organization. He serves



Gerald Blum

on the board of directors of the Delaware State Chamber of Commerce and the Better Business Bureau, and belongs to many other local civic and

business groups.

Along with Jerry and Jinx Blum, all three of their sons: Harry, Alan and Ronald, are part of the business.

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JCC 50th Annual Meeting

Nan Lipstein Elected President Of Center, Bernard L. Siegel Receives Harry Cohen Leadership Award

The 50th annual meeting of the Jewish Community Center, held on Sunday, June 4, unanimously elected Nan Lipstein as president of the Center for the 1984-85 year. In accepting her election, Lipstein thanked Marvin Shepard, the outgoing president, for the achievements of his administration and spoke of her strong commitment to the volunteer leadership that is the vital ingredient for future growth of Center programs and services. She directed her attention to the future of the JCC Day Camp program and asked the young families of the community to share in the growth of that program. Lipstein further emphasized the expansion of current Jewish educational programs at the Center to "a full roster of exciting Jewish educational events to which our entire community could respond."

The Harry Cohen Leadership Award, the Center's most prestigious award, honoring Harry Cohen, this community's most outstanding philanthropist, was presented to Bernard L. Siegel. Frank Chaiken, a past president of the Center, and Sadie Toumarkine, daughter of Harry Cohen and also a

past Center president, presented the award. Chaiken spoke of Siegel's many achievements on behalf of the Jewish Community, "as a past president of the Jewish Federation, Campaign chairman, member of the National Board of the Council of Jewish Federations, United Jewish Appeal, and HIAS, and a life member of the Kutz Foundation Board, his contributions to Jewish life spanned both the local Jewish community, the national Jewish community, and Israel." Siegel was presented with a plaque that read:

Harry Cohen Leadership Award
to
Bernard L. Siegel
For meritorious service to the Delaware Jewish Community and its institutions, and a lifetime of caring and dedication to the strengthening of Jewish life here and in Israel.

Martin Lubaroff was presented with the Board Member of the Year Award for many years of

dedicated service to the Center.

Dan Tanzer received the Barbara Weiner Young Leadership Award, and will represent the Center at the next Jewish Welfare Board Biennial.

Art Trickey was honored as the Staff Member of the year, in recognition of his 24 years of service to the Center.

Sarah Goldstein and Sarah Berman were honored for their contributions to the Center's Senior Center program.

In addition to Nan Lipstein, the following Board members and officers were elected for the terms and positions designated: Arnold Kneitel, vice president; Judy Levy, vice-president; Martin Lubaroff, vice-president; Margaret May, vice-president; Eileen Conner, treasurer; Steve Ladin, assistant treasurer; Steve Herrmann, secretary; Joan Bour, assistant secretary.

Board members for the term ending June, 1987: Alan Schoenberg, Gail Budin, Faith Goldman, Gary Holob, Steve Ladin, Sol Peltz, Marcia Tucker, Judy Levy, Miriam Edell, Al Horowitz, Stuart Nemser, Steve Medwin, Robert Silber, Denise Lieber.

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Silverman Golden Anniversary

Sylvia and Isadore Silverman celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 10, 1984 in a unique double celebration. A dinner was given in their honor by their children on Friday, June 8 at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Synagogue, followed by services and an Oneg Shabbat in their honor. On Sunday, June 10, the couple's grandson, Mark Keil, was married to Judy Fridovich, exactly 50 years to the day after his grandparents' marriage - a very happy coincidence.

The Silvermans have devoted many years to community activities. Mrs. Silverman was president of Mizrahi Women, is a Life Member of Hadassah and has been active in the Sisterhood. She also enjoyed serving as homeroom mother for her children's classes often.

Mr. Silverman was active in scouting, having been Scoutmaster of Troop 28 at the YMHA for many years. "His boys" include two generations of Wilmington's finest; he takes great pride in his scouts, as they both do in their family. Mr. Silverman has also served as treasurer and vice-president of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth and is currently a life member of the board of directors. He is a recent recipient of the Senior Scouter of the Year Award by the Del-Mar-Va Council of the Boy Scouts of America and of the Order of Merit Award in 1952 for his services to the Del-Mar-Va Council of the Boy Scouts of America. A testimonial brunch was given in his honor by Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth to benefit Yeshiva University in 1978.

Both Sylvia and Isadore are members of the Adas Kodesch Choral Group.



Isadore and Sylvia Silverman

They have four daughters: Barbara S. Keil (Mrs. Charles K.) and Vivian Halberstadt, both of Wilmington; Sheila Freeman (Mrs. Stephen A.) of Miami, Fla.; and Lea E.S. Jaffee (Mrs. Bruce L.) of Bloomington, Ind. There are seven grandchildren and one great grandchild, all of whom attended the celebration.

Beth Emeth School News

REGISTRATION

Congregation Beth Emeth Religious School is now accepting registration for the 1984-85 school year. New students may register for kindergarten thru ninth grade in our Sunday department and for aleph thru dalet in the Hebrew department.

Call Suzanne Paul, director of education, at 762-5858, to register or to get further information.

FACULTY

Beth Emeth's Religious School faculty will be losing two teachers at the end of this school year. Shelley Hodak, a teacher in both the Hebrew and Sunday departments, is moving to Florida with her family. Pat Simon, a teacher in our Sunday department, has assumed new

responsibilities at her job with American International Life Assurance Co. and feels that she cannot devote the time needed to be an effective teacher. Both teachers will be greatly missed.



Shown here is the first cancellation in Hebrew and English ever authorized by the U.S. Postal Service. It is used on a commemorative envelope.

Oy Vey!

Boy Meets Girl (With A Little Help From Mom)

By HELEN GOLDBERG

Once upon a time, while browsing thru a local cooking equipment store on a beautiful day in August, I overheard a young homemaker ask a question that the salesgirl could not answer. I felt that I could be of help, so I told her that I could give her a number or call for the answer to her problem. She took out her notebook, and it dropped and she said, "Oy Vey." I said, "Oh, you're one of Ours?" She said, "Can't you tell?" (Answering a question with a question - that's proof!) Diplomatically I asked, "Was your husband just transferred here?" (The accent was not local.) "No, I'm not mar-

ried. I'm a student at a local graduate school."

"Oh, do I have a fellow for you!" And I pulled out a picture of my son! We exchanged phone numbers, and I told her that if he did not call, I still would like her to join us for *Yom Yov* dinner a few weeks away.

As usual, he wouldn't call, but the dinner invitation was fine with her. *Yom Tov* night, he opened the door for her and "she walked into his heart."

They were engaged and then they were married.

The moral of this tale - when the right one comes along, she will walk in your front door.

Volunteer Profile: Johanna Heimann

Johanna Heimann is our unsung heroine of Pioneer Women. Soon after she came to Wilmington in 1940 she joined Pioneer Women and it didn't take long to become active. I remember one cold winter we rented a store on the East side without heat and her husband, Arthur, brought us a little heater and we stayed there for a week selling rummage. All through the years she has always helped packing, picking up and *schlepping*.

She has held every office and is currently our treasurer, a post that she held for the past 15 years. She is chairman of our annual dance which was held this spring, also something that she has been in charge of for many years. She and her side partner Esther McDonald cover the city selling tickets and raise 80 per cent of our quota.

Although we now have a small membership, we are directly affiliated with Pioneer Women NaAmat the largest organization for women in Israel, who support a network of educational and social services for women, youth and children throughout Israel, including



Johanna Heimann

1000 child care nurseries, vocational high schools, legal aid centers and community centers.

Johanna Heimann has helped in every project and is indeed a devoted worker. She and her husband Arthur have recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

If you would like to share your *simcha* with the community, send a typewritten article to The Jewish Voice, 101 Garden of Eden Rd., Wilmington, Del. 19803. Enclose, along with the article, a check for \$10 for an article, or \$15 for an article with a photo. Checks, which are tax deductible, should be made out to The Jewish Voice.

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The Pioneer Women will hold their annual donor at the Dupont Country Club, on June 20 at 5:15 p.m. Esther McDonald is chairwoman, assisted by Johanna Heimann, Selma Schwartz, Dorothy Bronstein, Henrietta Hirsch, Ann Arlick and Esther Shapiro.

Our quota has been successfully filled and over subscribed.

The "Chen" pin has been

designed by Moshe Zabari, artist in residence at the Jewish Museum in N.Y.C. "CHEN" in Hebrew means beauty, it also symbolically represents the number "58" the same number of years that Pioneer Women Na'Amata has supported services for women, youth and children in Israel. The beautiful "Chen" pin is for contributors of \$500 in one fiscal year.

EDR Sponsors Jewish Deli Night

Emmanuel Dining Room resumes its International Nights this month, with Jewish Deli Night, Sunday, July 1. The dinner will feature such items as borscht, pastrami, corned beef, roast beef, kugels, knishes and much more. Don't cook on Sunday night! Instead, come to a delicious deli dinner, complete with entertainment, and support a very wor-

thwhile ecumenical effort.

Dinner seatings are at 4 p.m., 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$7.50 per person. For tickets or reservations, please call 652-3228 during the day or 652-7010 in the evening. Takeouts are available and there is ample parking. Jewish Deli Night will be held in the spacious dining room at 121 N. Jackson Street, Wilmington.

Summer Institute On Alcoholism And Drug Abuse

The 13th Summer Institute on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse will be held Monday through Friday, July 23-27, in Clayton Hall on the University of Delaware Laird Campus in Newark.

Sponsored by the University's Division of Continuing Education, the Bureau of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse,

Newark Hadassah

The Newark Chapter of Hadassah installed its new officers for the 1984-1985 organizational year on June 11.

Linda Oster was installed for a second term as president of the Newark chapter. Vice presidents installed included: Sandy Schwartz, fund raising; Rochelle Katz, membership; Carol Barnett and Leslie Darden, programing; Lynda Bell, treasurer; Diana Gelman, corresponding secretary; Claudia Bock, recording secretary; Jane Altshuler, financial secretary; Nedda Barth, education.

the Delaware Council on Alcoholism and the Bank of Delaware, the institute will explore the theme "Challenge to Personal Change."

Topics to be discussed include nutrition, counseling and interaction skills, Gestalt movement therapy, exercise physiology, building resistance to stress, optimizing recovery and personal effectiveness and worksite health promotion.

Dr. Elizabeth Bowen, who will lead a workshop on nutrition, also will be keynote speaker at a banquet, scheduled at 6 p.m., Monday, July 23. Interested persons may attend the banquet only for \$13.50.

Cost of the entire institute is \$153.50. For more information on workshops, telephone (302) 421-6109 or (302) 421-6210.

For a brochure or additional information on registration and the banquet, contact Matthew M. Shipp in the University's Division of Continuing Education, telephone (302) 573-4435.

Organizations in the News

Havurah Summer Institutes

Chicago, Illinois and New Paltz, New York will each be the site of an extraordinary week of total Jewish community living this summer, when the National Havurah Committee sponsors its Summer Institutes at North Park College in Chicago, July 25-29, and at the State University of New York at New Paltz, Aug. 13-19.

The Havurah Summer Institutes, which attract people from around the United States and Canada, will offer classes, seminars, open forums and various model services to assist members of havurot - small, self-directed Jewish groups and minicongregations - and others, to acquire skills in textual study, Jewish ritual and other areas of Jewish thought and living in a non-denominational setting.

"The Havurah Institutes are unique in their appeal to the diverse members of the Jewish community," commented Peggy Brill, chairman of the Chicago Institute. "The Institute is planned with concern for Jewish families and singles alike. The children's program is an integral part of the Institute, not just a babysitting service. Intergenerational exchange occurs naturally, as the program is geared toward bringing together people with common interests regardless of age."

Elaine Cohen and Professor Robert Goldenberg, co-chairmen of the New Paltz Institute, emphasized the participatory nature of the events. "Several hundred Jews at all levels of Jewish knowledge, who share a desire for an active and meaningful Jewish commitment, will study and

celebrate together," said Cohen. "In the havurah tradition, all Jews have something to teach and something to learn from one another." "Our teachers study in each others' classes," added Professor Rosenberg, "and our students have opportunities to teach in their own areas of expertise. We all struggle with Jewish tradition together, to find our way of living in Judaism and in the modern world."

Jewish art is another integral part of the Havurah Institute program. Participants will have the opportunity to join a chorus or a drama group, to explore arts, crafts and dancing, and to enjoy films and performances of Jewish artists.

Reflecting the considerable range in background and preferences of the community, Shabbat will be celebrated with a variety of services, which will offer numerous opportunities for Torah reading, discussion, singing and religious expression.

Participants at the Havurah Institute will also be able to enjoy swimming, tennis, team sports and other recreational activities.

Since 1979, the National Havurah Committee has brought together Orthodox, Conservative, Reform, Reconstructionist, non-affiliated havurah members and other Jews seeking Jewish renewal, learning and inspiration.

All persons interested in attending the Havurah Summer Institutes may write to The National Havurah Committee, 2521 Broadway, Room 25, New York, NY 10025.

Pinemere Camp Will Honor Robert H. Miner

Pinemere Camp will honor Robert H. Miner on Aug. 5 for 25 years of service as Pinemere Camp's executive director. All present and past board members, previous staff, as well as those adults who fondly remember their experience as Pinemere campers are invited to share in the *simcha*. Visitors are welcome at Pinemere Camp in Stroudsburg on Aug. 5, after 10:30 a.m. Refreshments will be served.



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Obituaries

Katherine B. Soss

Katherine B. Soss, of 7917 Hayden Drive, formerly of Deerpark, Wilmington, Del., died of natural causes May 28 in St. Mary's Hospital, Knoxville, Tenn. Her age was not disclosed.

Mrs. Soss was active in Democratic politics in New Castle County, Del., and worked in the New Castle County Tax Office before retiring many years ago. She was a member of the Women's Democratic Club of Delaware and Congregation Temple Beth Emeth on Lea Boulevard.

Her husband, Joseph, died about 20 years ago. She is survived by two daughters, Miriam Gerstine of Arden, Del., and Bernice Soss of Knoxville; a son, Dr. Sheldon Soss, also of Knoxville; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services and burial were May 29 in Knoxville.

Samuel Evans

Samuel Evans, 86, of Greenwood House Home for the Jewish Aged, formerly of 1415 N. Harrison Street, Wilmington, Del., died of a stroke June 1 in the St. Frances Medical Center, Trenton, New Jersey.

Mr. Evans owned Evans Wallpaper Co. at Ninth and Jefferson streets in Wilmington and did private paperhanging jobs in the area before retiring about 20 years ago. He moved to New Jersey 10 years ago.

He was past president of Farband, a Jewish fraternal organization.

His wife Katie, died in 1971. He is survived by a daughter,

Frances Strickberger of Morrisville, Pa., a sister Lillian Katz of Brooklyn, N.Y., six grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday June 1 from the Schoenberg Memorial Chapel. Interment was in the Montefiore section of the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road. Shiva was observed at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Strickberger, 27 Noreen Drive, Morrisville, Pa. In memoriam the family suggests contributions to the Greenwood House-Home for the Jewish Aged, 53, Walter Avenue, Trenton, N.J. 08618.

Ida Spiller Canter

Ida Spiller Canter, 92, of the Kutz Home, 704 River Road, died June 1 in the Riverside Hospital.

She was a member of the Workmens Circle Branch 69 of Wilmington.

She is survived by two sons, George Spiller of Palm Beach, Fla. and Sol Spiller of Los Angeles, Calif., a daughter Beatrice Simon of Wilmington; and five grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Graveside services were held June 3 on the Montefiore section of the Jewish Community Cemetery Foulk Road.

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

Sara O. Stalberg

Sara O. Stalberg, 94, of 1300 N. Harrison St., died of kidney failure June 2 in the Memorial Division.

Mrs. Stalberg studied at the School of Social Service in Philadelphia and worked as a medical social worker in Philadelphia and New York City hospitals. In 1959 she retired and moved to Wilmington. She served with the Quartermaster Corps in the Army during World War II.

In the 1960s she was active in the Delaware Multiple Sclerosis Society as a volunteer, visiting and counseling victims of the disease in their homes. The society honored Mrs. Stalberg several years ago with the annual Bronze Hope Chest Award for the society's outstanding volunteer. She

was a member of the Kutz Home Auxiliary and worked as a volunteer at the Economy Shop, sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Delaware, until 1980.

Her husband, Dr. Samuel Stalberg, died many years ago. She has no immediate survivors.

Funeral services and burial were private.

In memoriam contributions may be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Society, 28-B Trolley Square, Wilmington 19806, or to a charity.

Mary Bessie Goldfeder

Mary Bessie Goldfeder, 70, of the Kutz Home, 704 River Road, died of heart failure June 5 in Riverside Hospital.

Mrs. Goldfeder was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom. She was a resident of Wilmington for about eight years.

She is survived by a son, Jack of Ardencroft; two brothers, Harry Grundstein of Dunnellen, Fla., and Sidney Goldstein of Brooklyn; and five grandchildren.

Graveside services were held June 8 in the Montefiore section of the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road.

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

Dora Gottschalk

Dora Gottschalk, 72, of the Chateau Orleans Apartments, Shipley Road, died of cancer June 8 in the General division.

Mrs. Gottschalk was a member of the Machzikey Hadas Congregation in Claymont and a member of the Wilmington Senior Center.

Her husband, Alexander, died in 1957.

She is survived by two daughters, Erika Bilon of Claymont and Ruth Stobin of Hollis, N.Y.; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held June 10 at the Machzikey Hadas Cemetery in Minquedale.

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

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By
Simon Steinberg



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Most Hebrew words are accented on the last syllable. Words accented on the next to last syllable will be marked accordingly.

- 1 ah - between hat and hall
- 2 oh - as in more
- 3 ee - as in need
- 4 ah - between pen and pain
- 5 oo - as in soon

Favorite Recipes Needed

As part of our ongoing cooperative venture with the Jesse Cohen project, we are working on a Partnership Cookbook. If you would like to participate (and we're sure you will) write down your recipe along with a short autobiography and send it either to the Federation of

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Editorial -

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tionalism - is no more a legitimate excuse for the attempt to destroy one small Jewish state than the 'repatriation' of other refugees around the world would be seen as reason for the destruction of any other state."

"Throughout the Mandate, the British attempted to gain peace by appeasing intimidation and terror. It was a self

imposed intimidation to a perception of oil-power and force that the Western powers by themselves in fact evoked. Yet others are considering a similar course. But the lesson ought to be clear by now that the West's continuation of the protracted British policy of submission has not brought a peaceful life. As Winston Churchill cautioned in 1939, "the acts that we engage in for appeasement today we will have to remedy at far greater cost and remorse tomorrow."

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He served as JFD general campaign chairman in 1979 and was a recipient of the Braunstein Leadership Award in 1970. Paul Fine has played an active role in United Way campaigns and was recently elected to their board of directors. He has served as a JCC vice president and also serves on the Advisory Panel of Hospice.



Paul Fine

People In The News

Bernie Sachs Retires From Economy Shop

After two and a half years of devoted service, Bernie Sachs recently retired as manager of the Federation Economy Shop. It was indeed a pleasure and a privilege to have been associated with such a sincere and hard working individual.

Bernie was instrumental in developing our new furniture department, upgrading the merchandise and increasing sales and net profit. Fortunately for all of us he has by no means given up his affiliation with the Economy Shop. Bernie and his wife Jean will continue to volunteer their services on a regular basis.

The staff of the Shop, the volunteers, the many customers who became his friend and I will miss him.

Harold Levitt



Kaufman Recognized By United Way

Irv Kaufman, executive director of the Jewish Community Center, has recently completed his term as president of the Council of United Way Agency Executive Directors. Kaufman was recognized by United Way leadership as having played a major role in the development of a more positive working relationship between the Council and the United Way.

Under Kaufman's leadership, the Council played a vital role in bringing to the attention of the United Way the important concerns and issues that command the attention and resources of the community social agencies, and to which additional attention had to be paid. More recently, the Council sponsored a volunteer recognition event that gave recognition to the important role played by



Irving Kaufman

volunteers in the social agencies in their provision of services to the community. Over three hundred persons attended the dinner at Clayton Hall honoring the agency volunteers.

Robert Akell Is Honored By AICE

Robert B. Akell of Green Acres has been honored by election to the rank of Fellow of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. He recently retired as principal consultant in the Engineering Department of Du Pont.

Akell is well known nationally and internationally

for his work in solvent extraction. He was chairman of the International Solvent Extraction Conference in Denver, Col. and is co-editor of a book on the subject now in press.

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Where Do We Go From Here?

By AHARON EZRIEL MYLAR

The august Jewish Welfare Board Commission on Maximizing Jewish Educational Effectiveness of Jewish Community Centers completed its 18-month study. Some 32 cities throughout the United States were visited in day-long sessions covering many major communities from A (Atlanta) to W (Wilmington).

And what do you think they found? After all the discussion with "leaders of Jewish Community Centers, Jewish Federations, Jewish education bodies and the rabinate" they concluded that JCCs should...

- exercise their potential as a platform for Jewish survival.

- encourage their professional and lay leaders to meet regularly with leaders of other Jewish institutions in the community.

- place greater emphasis on their role as Jewish educational institutions.

- promote a Jewish "ambience",

- etc., etc., etc.

Sound like "motherhood and the flag?" Wilmington leaders could have saved them all that time and money; we're already doing all or most of these "shoulds"... and it is not enough. How in H— do we go from here to where we think we want to be?

Perhaps that's why the JCC established a vice president for Jewish Education for the first time. This new position will be empowered to take action through every JCC department starting from Early Childhood through Youth, Adults and the Senior Center... yes, even Physical Education. With over 1700 member units we reach the broadest audience of affiliated, unaffiliated, and a group of why-can't-you-just-leave-me-aloners. We have Center facilities that are on a par with any United Way Center in Delaware. We represent Community in the fullest definition of the term. But are we really Jewish?

There are rank and file JCC members including some on the JCC board who feel that an open admission policy somehow conflicts with our desire to remain a Jewish



Aharon Ezriel Mylar
(Arnold M. Kneitel)

Community Center. Not at all. It further intensifies the need to heighten Jewish awareness and Jewish commitment and Jewish education at every level... with every means at our disposal.

What do we plan to do? You may not have noticed, but it already started. We're going to build a new Jewish environment, "O sing unto the Lord a new song", Psalms 96:1). We're going to build a new Jewish *RUACH* (spirit) by continuing our practice of answering phones with a cheery "shalom" and expect to have you respond likewise. We're going to have Jewish music properly amplified and fill our facilities to give warmth to our cinderblock hallways. We're going to start each JCC board meeting and function with a D'var Torah and a singing of the JCC theme song, *Hinai Matov Umanaim*. Lecture series and special educational events are currently being planned with Gratz. And every opportunity throughout the year... Jewish Book Month, Jewish Music Month, the holidays and festivals... will see a heightened activity that will be geared to what you want and, perhaps sometimes, what you may not think you want.

If the JWB Commission on Maximizing Educational Effectiveness at JCCs finally comes through with concrete ideas on how we can reach our goal of being a Jewish Community Center, that'll be fine. We use their suggestions and programs. In the meantime let's follow the sage advice of our late, beloved educational mentor Harry Bluestone who used to end his letters with, "Let's get on with the job, God should live and be well."

All the nachas fit to print.

MAZEL TOV TO ALL THE NEW PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS
CHERYL AND CRAIG LEWKOWITZ had a daughter May 28.

SUSAN AND JEFFREY BLAU had a daughter May 23.

SIMMY AND HENRY LEVIN, and **ELEANOR AND HAROLD CHASE** have a new granddaughter Elizabeth Levin born to their children Susan and Joel Levin of Plainfield, N.J. on May 25. Elizabeth has an older sister Melissa who is 3 years old.

MARRIAGES GALORE!
MONA R. KLEINMAN of Wilmington will wed Steven A. Shapiro of Littleton, Colo. shortly.

KAREN FINK, daughter of Dr. Fred & Heli Fink wed John William Howland of Fairfax, Va. June 2. The bride is a student at the Alexandria Hospital School of Nursing. The couple will reside in Fairfax, Va.

June 10 at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, **MARK KEIL**, son of **JUDGE CHARLES & BARBARA KEIL** wed Judith Lisa Fridowvich, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Irwin Fridovich of Durham, N.C. The bride and groom will be living in Cambridge, MA next year & will be graduate students at MIT.

FAITH JOAN SEIDEL, daughter of **PHYLLIS AND BARRY SEIDEL** married Mark Carl Hepler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hepler recently at the Hotel du Pont. The couple will live in Newark.

MARLA LEVY, daughter of **MELVIN AND MARSHA LEVY** recently got married.

SUSAN MILLER, daughter of **DR. ALFRED AND BOBBIE MILLER** recently got married.

ROBERT FRIEDBERG, son of **RALPH AND ELAINE FRIEDBERG**, recently got married to Beverly. Robert and Beverly just graduated from the School of Dentistry Medical College of Va.

MAZEL TOV ON YOUR ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS
RALPH LEVINE is 75 years young.

GERDA AND SIEGFRIED LEVY celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary May 16. They were originally married in a civil ceremony in Amsterdam, Holland, and later were married by Rabbi Jacob Kraft at a religious ceremony in their home in Wilmington.

CONGRATULATIONS AND MAZEL TOV
KAREN VENEZKY was elected Organization Vice President of the Northern Seaboard of Hadassah.
STACEY MALLORY GOLIN, daughter of **MYRON AND BARBARA GOLIN** has made Dean's list at Widener U., and has been inducted as

president of Phi Sigma Sigma Sorority, President of Alpha Chi, and also inducted into Omicron Delta Epsilon and Phi Gamma Mu. Her brother **MARK** graduated from Muhlenberg College.

LYNNE MILLER, daughter of **DR. & MRS. ALFRED MILLER** placed 3rd in the state Spanish I competition.

DEBORAH LONGWILL, daughter of **BARBARA AND RICHARD LONGWILL**, recently graduated from George Washington U.

STEPHEN KATES, son of **DR. GILBERT & EILEEN KATES** was graduated from Northwest University Medical School. He will be going to a residency in Orthopedic Surgery at the U. of Rochester Medical School.

PAUL LIPMAN, son of **ED & RACHELLE LIPMAN** was graduated from Muhlenberg College. His brother, **MARK**, was just graduated from R.E.T.S. Electronics School.

TAMMY ROBIN ABRAMS was graduated from West Chester U. and **LAURENCE ABRAMS** was graduated from U. of De. They are the children of **HERB AND BARBARA ABRAMS**.

RIVKA INI graduated from the U. of De.

DAVID J. FRESCHMAN, son of **RAY AND MORRIS FRESCHMAN** graduated from U. of De. Business & Economics School.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS AND INTERESTING TIDBITS

DANIELLE AND IRVING GROSSMAN entertained the French ambassador to the U.S. Bernard Vernier-Palliez & his wife Denise at the Rodney Square Club at a dinner held in his honor.

MARGARET AND HAROLD MAY, and **JEFFREY GROSSMAN** were guests.

MARGARET MAY has video tape of the wedding of her daughter Suzanne to Daniel Wagster II at the Hotel Dupont May 12. If interested in seeing it, call Margaret.

ED ABRAMSON, a physicist for the Du Pont Co., recently starred in "George Washington Slept Here" at the Wilmington Drama League.

PAULA LEHRER AND ELAINE PENN are in the current production of "Gigi" at the Candlelight Music Theatre.

LOTTIE GROSS was one of 27 volunteers honored for their outstanding service by the Retired Senior Volunteer Program of New Castle County at a Recognition Reception. The volunteers honored served in public and private non-profit agencies throughout New Castle County during the past year.



FIRST ORDAINED WOMAN RABBI IN REFORM MOVEMENT... RICHMOND, VA. - Beverly J. Lerner, 33, above, is the first ordained woman rabbi to be hired within the Jewish Reform Movement to head her own congregation, a post she took up at the congregation Or Ami in Richmond in July 1981.

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Annual Gala Kutz Home

Dear Jewish Community,

Please consider this a love letter, containing big and exciting news for you! The Milton and Hattie Kutz Home is having their annual Kutz Home Gala, presented by the Women's Auxiliary on Saturday evening, Sept. 15, at the beautiful, floral-scented and decorated Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, Pa. The co-chairwomen; Sandy Berg, Phyllis Greenberg and Arlene Margulis are really looking forward to greeting you there. Beginning with cocktails at 7:30 P.M., followed by a sumptuous dinner buffet, there will be dancing all evening. Get out your good duds (not formal) and please come join us. The following people are very hard at work doing all kinds of things for your benefit. Let's recognize them in advance, and thank them for their efforts:

Invitations: Joan Lehrfeld; Dinner Arrangements: Renee Spiller; Decorations: Micki Edelsohn; Telephone: Susan Hefter; Addressing: Ellen Dwares; Mailing: Doris Heisler; Reservations: Florence Green; Acknowledgements: Doris Kane; Liquor: Ralph Friedberg; Calligraphy By: Ellen Koniver, Dennie Leber.

Be assured that the wonderful ladies and gentlemen living at the home will really benefit from your attendance, as the auxiliary always gives something important and worthwhile for their welfare with the profits. You have three choices of contributing this year; be a benefactor for \$250, a patron for \$200 or a sponsor for \$150. Take your pick - any which way, we'll be very happy to hear from you. Better yet, we would love to see you there! Many thanks.

Fondly,
Lois Stape
Publicity Chairwoman



Jewish Family Service of Delaware

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

The Most Important

By Arnold Lieberman,
Executive Director



The last issue of the "Voice" presented an excellent chronicle of 50 years of the history of our Delaware Jewish community. Our agency reflects the changing times by the nature of the help that our clients seek from us. Through the years, both general and specific patterns and trends have emerged.

In general, early Jewish agencies in Delaware had names that included "welfare" and "charity" and generally provided monetary and material aid. By 1960, the name, Jewish Family Service, and focus of the agency reflected professional counseling services and that remains our main thrust.

This year we note the continuation of two general trends that have been obvious the past few years: more aged people and their families are seeking our help and we are receiving more requests for specific kinds of service, information and referrals. In 1978, we served 70 cases involving elderly clients, which represented 32% of our total counseling cases. In 1983 we served 263 such cases representing 50% of our total cases that year.

It is no longer news to anyone that our elderly population is growing as are their needs. This is reflected nationwide without regard to geography, race or religion. It should also not surprise anyone that more people need specific concrete services. Both areas accurately reflect the current condition of our society.

The requests for specific, concrete services cover a wide range with the most common relating to home-care, finances, housing, employment, and health care. We provide direct service in some of these cases, but for the most part we direct and link up people with the available services they require. Informing people about the needed service and how to obtain it has become a major service of our agency.

The pressure of caring for an elderly parent or parents brings many adult children to our agency seeking help. This could involve home-care, a change in living arrangements, placement in a nursing home, or better understanding their relationship with their parents.

We still get requests for help with marital relationships, parent-child relationships, and the individual adjustment of people of all ages. However, with the increase in service to the aged, the above categories now represent barely half of our counseling cases, whereas in the past they represented at least two-thirds of the total.

These are the trends, and we note and study them for learning and planning purposes. However, each and every request for help that we receive is considered and treated as the most important one, since it is just that to the person in need of help. Anything that you are concerned about will also become our concern if you call us at 478-9411.

Dear Rachel

Dear Rachel,

We have lived in many places, large and small, with small and large Jewish populations. Everywhere we have gone, we have been made to feel welcome. People have gone out of their way to invite us to dinner, to join organizations and sisterhoods; in short, to ease the transition into a new Jewish community. And, in fact, it works. Within a few months of moving, we have always had new friends and acquaintances and a social life that made us forget we were hundreds or thousands of miles from "home."

In all the months we have lived in Wilmington, we have yet to receive a personal invitation of any kind. We've gone to a couple of organizational meetings, where everyone said they were glad to meet us, and then - nothing. The non-Jewish community has been very forthcoming; I think the Welcome Wagon was on my doorstep a week after we arrived. What's the matter with the Jewish community here? My husband's work may take us elsewhere at any time, and I would hate to take away the impression that Wilmington is the coldest Jewish community in the U.S.A. Tell it like it is, Rachel; this community needs to hear it!

Newcomer

P.S. Don't rake up that business about "native" Wilmingtonians being clanish; the newer people haven't been any friendlier.

Dear Newcomer,

Are you listening, Wilmington?

I have heard horror stories of people not being contacted by the organized Jewish community for several years after coming to Wilmington. However, I hold these people responsible for not making the effort to reach out to the community on their own. If they really wanted to affiliate with the Jewish community,

they would have made some effort of their own to reach out.

However, you have made the effort to make yourself known to us, and we, as a community, have failed you. People who are less determined than you could easily be lost to the Jewish community if they feel unwanted. A Jewish Welcome Wagon should not be hard to develop. In fact, the Jewish Federation has been trying to locate the people who have "fallen through the cracks;" please call them if you know of a newcomer (478-6200). We obviously have a long way to go.

All this, however, does not solve your problem. I suggest that you seize the initiative once more and invite a few people over. While organizational life slows for the summer, people's desire for relaxing entertainment could be just what you need to break into Wilmington's social circles.

Thank you for sharing.

Rachel

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Exposing the Anti-Israel Campaign On Campus

"Today's college students are the targets of an anti-Israel campaign unprecedented in scope and magnitude, being waged on our campuses by foes of the Jewish state," finds an AIPAC study of campus political activity. Moreover, "the backbone of this anti-Israel effort" is comprised, not of dissident Americans, but of visiting foreign students from Arab countries.

In an eye-opening study entitled *The AIPAC College Guide: Exposing the Anti-Israel Campaign on Campus*, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) looks at 100 colleges and universities across the country and examines the elements which make up the effort to delegitimize the Jewish state on America's campuses. The 200-page publication is the first full-length analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of this campaign, and what is being done to fight it.

The study describes the campus campaign as one unlike other student movements, because the constituency which propels it is made up primarily of visiting Arab students from countries still formally at war with the State of Israel. Relatively few Americans are involved. In general, "the amount of anti-Israel activity on a given campus tends to correlate with the size of the foreign Arab contingent enrolled." And, according to the study, this contingent is growing. In the last 20 years, the number of students from Arab countries studying in the U.S. has multiplied a hundred-fold, as the wealth of the Arab countries has grown.

The study also reveals that of the small number of American students actively involved in the campaign, the majority are individuals with a far-left orientation, well outside the mainstream American student community. To enhance their credibility, the campus foes of Israel use a small group of expert propagandists and pro-PLO academicians to deliver their

anti-Israel message.

The campaign is targeted at America's youth. AIPAC reports that college students are "assaulted by a barrage of propaganda which is hostile not only to the policies of a given government of Israel, but also to the very right of the Jewish state to exist." The campaign seeks to influence college students before their perceptions of Israel, the Arab-Israeli conflict, and U.S. interests in the Middle East are fully developed. "Israel's enemies recognize that every future Member of Congress, every future State and Defense Department official, every future member of the media, and virtually every future community leader, at some point studies on an American campus," says AIPAC. "The anti-Israelis know that they must target these students in particular if they are going to be successful in undercutting the relationship between the United States and Israel."

Students from pro-Israel homes are a particular target of the campaign. The anti-Israel forces hope to convert or at least neutralize those individuals on campus who would otherwise become America's future pro-Israel leadership.

The study concludes with a prescription for defeating the anti-Israel campaign on campus. An effective response involves exploiting the intellectual and structural weaknesses of the campaign, supporting and enhancing the existing pro-Israel campus infrastructure centered in the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations, and strengthening and expanding AIPAC's presence on campus, through the Political Leadership Development Program (PLDP).

This study is the seventh in the series of "AIPAC Papers" analysing various aspects of the U.S.-Israel relationship. For more information, write or call the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, 444 North Capitol Street, N.W., Suite 412, Washington, D.C. 20001, (202) 638-2256.

Here's what the study has

to say about the University of Delaware:

U. of D.

At the University of Delaware, a group calling itself the Campus Friends of Palestine (CFP) has mounted a vigorous campaign against the state of Israel, although the 1983-84 school year has witnessed a decline in its activity. The CFP has brought occasional anti-Israel speakers to Delaware, including two recent visits by Hatem Husseini, Deputy Permanent PLO Observer to the United Nations, but has yet to command a significant student following.

Following the Sabra and Shatilla massacres, the CFP held an anti-Israel protest rally on Yom Kippur, which was preceded by a "Peace Service" led by Reverend Robert Andrews of the United Campus Ministries. According to the *News Journal*, Reverend Andrews has gained a reputation on campus "for his epousal of the Palestinian cause and frequent attacks on Israel."

In recent years, Delaware's B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation has made a concerted - and largely successful - effort at outreach to various campus groups. This includes recent overtures to the school's Arab student population, and an attempt to establish an intergroup dialogue with Muslim students on campus.

The Hillel has also been successful in alleviating some of the tensions that have developed in the past between certain parts of the pro-Israel and Christian communities at Delaware. Working with Hillel is a small but committed group calling itself Friends of Israel, which has brought several speakers to campus, including an AIPAC professional in October 1983.

Delaware is a relatively quiet campus when it comes to the Middle East issue, though tensions revolving around Israel have at times been high. A non-confrontational Hillel, backed by a recent influx of pro-Israel students, is now in a strong position to solidify support for Israel on campus.

Refusenik Update

RIGA ACTIVIST CHARGED

Thirty-three year-old physicist ZAKHAR ZUNSHAIN was charged with "defaming the Soviet state" under Article 183-1 of the Latvian Criminal Code, which is equivalent to Article 190-1 of the Russian code. The charge carries a maximum of three years in a labor camp. The Jewish activist is being held incommunicado in Riga.

Meanwhile, Zunshain's wife, Tatyana, and her brother were attacked in the street by "hooligans." She was thrown to the ground and her pocketbook taken away, while her brother was warned not to interfere in "Zhid affairs." "Zhid" is derogatory Russian term for "Jew."

According to sketchy details received, the homes of seven religious families in Odessa were searched. Phylacteries and other Jewish materials were confiscated. In one home, Mezuzot were removed and all books taken.

POC VLADIMIR KISLIK returned to Kiev after being released from a work site in the Ukraine, where he had been sentenced to "labor for the national economy." Waiting eleven years to join his wife Evgenia, and son Maksim, in Israel, he plans to renew his application to emigrate. The forty-nine year-old physicist served one year in a labor camp and two years working "for the national economy" on unsubstantiated charges of "malicious hooliganism."

Eighteen refuseniks from Leningrad and Riga sent a letter to *Izvestia's* Editor-in-Chief, protesting the portrayal of Jews and Israel in the official government newspaper. "Prejudices against Jews formed over thousands of years," they wrote, and being "carried over to Jews who live both in Israel and outside its borders." Among the evidence cited was a particularly virulent article on the war in Lebanon printed in July 1982 and authored by the paper's political commentator, V. Kudryavtsev.

The refuseniks pointed out the "such slander" is outlawed by the Soviet Constitution, which prohibits "any propagation of racial or national exclusiveness, hostility or scorn." Among the signatories were Riga refuseniks ZAKHAR ZUNSHAIN, LEONID UMANSKY and ALEKSANDR BALTER, and Leningraders YAKOV GORODETSKY, ABA TARATUTA and LEONID KLEINMAN.

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