

## Black American college execs visit Israel

NEW YORK (JTA) — Students at Israeli universities may soon be joined by a number of African American classmates from predominantly black American colleges.

That was the hope expressed by the presidents of seven black colleges and universities, all members of the United Negro College Fund consortium, who recently spent a week in Israel visiting their Israeli counterparts.

The trip, which took place last month, was underwritten by the Israeli government and the United Negro College Fund.

It was part of what one Israeli consular official described as an effort to reach out to a range of ethnic and religious groups and help them understand that "politics is not everything."

"We have to make sure people understand who is behind the headlines as well," said Ephraim Ben-Matityahu, Israel's consul for academic affairs in the United States.

Creating connections through black colleges "will enable us to trickle down impressions to the grass roots of future generations of opinion makers in the black community," he said. "Too often our dialogue stays at leadership level."

This trip of black college presidents, while the first of its kind under Israeli consulate

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## Jackson accepts Israeli invitation

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The Rev. Jesse Jackson has accepted his first-ever official invitation to visit Israel, according to Jackson and an Israeli Embassy official.

While no date has yet been set for the visit, it will probably take place sometime within the next year, both parties said.

The invitation was extended by Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin at a meeting with Jackson last week in Washington that both sides termed positive.

Jackson last visited Israel in 1979, but on that occasion he requested the visit, after having been invited to the West Bank, Syria, and other parts of the Middle East.

"This is the first time I've ever been invited" to visit Israel, Jackson said in an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

The Israeli Embassy official, Avi Granot, counselor for church and ethnic affairs, who attended the meeting, said that Beilin invited the African American leader to visit Israel to witness the changes that have taken place there over the last 13 years.

The meeting, which Granot called "pleasant" and Jackson called "very beneficial," lasted an hour and a half, longer than expected.

The eight participants at the meeting, including Jackson and his aides, former Civil Rights Commissioner Mary Frances Berry, and Beilin and his aides, discussed the "situation in the Middle East," Granot said.

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## Israel deports Palestinians



Israeli soldiers in one of 22 buses December 17 carrying 415 alleged Hamas and Islamic Jihad activists and accomplices to the Lebanese border where Lebanon refused them entry. Removal of those Palestinians following the abduction and murder of Nissim Toledano, the border police sergeant-major, was supported by 91 per cent of Israelis, a poll published in Israel reported. All photos RNS PHOTO/Reuters



Palestinian deportees performing noon-time Muslim prayers in the no-man's land that separates Lebanese troops from Israeli troops.



Israeli Arabs approach the Lebanese border crossing as they try to carry food and medicine to the deportees. The caravan was stopped at the crossing and not allowed to pass.



Foreign Minister Shimon Peres gestures to UN Special Envoy James Jonah December 27 as they shake hands for the press at the start of their meeting. Israel agreed January 7 to allow officials of the International Red Cross to fly over Israeli-controlled territory to see the 415 evacuees. The move was announced just before a second U.N. envoy arrived to underline a December 18 Security Council resolution calling on Jerusalem to take back the deportees. Following the Red Cross visit, ten Palestinians deported in error were returned.

## Community response high for upcoming JFD campaign plans

With the countdown on for Campaign Week '93, the Delaware Jewish community has responded with great enthusiasm to the variety of events scheduled on behalf of the 1993 COMMUNITY Campaign.

"Response to Campaign Week '93 activities has been incredible," commented Seth Bloom, JFD Acting Executive Director.

According to Bloom, the concept of Campaign Week '93, was introduced to create a heightened sense of visibility and presence for the COMMUNITY Campaign.

The week of campaign activities, administered by the Jewish Federation of Delaware, will benefit the Jewish communities of Delaware, Israel, and the world, through support of cultural, educational, humanitarian, and social services.

The official kick-off of the week will feature New York Governor Mario Cuomo at two events, Sunday, January 31. Governor Cuomo will address the Chai Society Brunch for donors of \$1800 or more to the 1993 COMMUNITY Campaign, at the Hotel du

Pont Gold Ballroom.

Following the brunch program, Governor Cuomo will be the keynote speaker at the Community-Wide forum to be held at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth at 3 p.m. Registration is limited for both events and should be made immediately by calling the Jewish Federation of Delaware at 478-6200.

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## Peace talk participation unsettled

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON (PNR) — Palestinians have done nothing to build Israel's confidence that an agreement between them can be reached in the near future even though Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has pledged to freeze Jewish settlement on the West Bank, says Israeli Ambassador Zalman Shoval.

"Palestinian negotiators have not issued one appeal to the Palestinians to stop the violence" in Israel and the territories, Shoval said at a meeting with editors and reporters of The Washington Times January 5.

The Palestine Liberation Organization while not directly represented at the Middle East peace talks here but guides the Palestinian delegation has said the negotiations recessed December 17 will not be resumed unless Israel reverses the deportation of 415 Hamas and Islamic Jihad activists that followed the killings of six Israeli soldiers and border police.

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## Rabin wants Arab aid to Hamas to halt

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has urged the U.S. administration to bring about a halt in funding by Arab Americans of Hamas Moslem fundamentalists in the administered territories, according to reports here.

Pro-Hamas supporters are concentrated in Arab communities in Virginia and California, according to a weekend report on Israel Television by Ehud Ya'ari, a highly regarded Arab affairs correspondent.

Other media reports say Washington has already informed Israel it has no legal recourse against the activities of a Hamas leader in Virginia, Sheik Moussa Marzouk.

American authorities have also taken no action against a leader of the more radical Islamic Jihad fundamentalists.

Sheil Omar Abdul Rahman, a leader of the Islamic Jihad in Egypt, is currently in the United States.

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Brian Rosen meets Rabbi Alter Macher at Chabad's Chanukah Puppet Show.

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## Opinion

## Think Jewish ...

"Think Jewish ... and imagine what more we can accomplish."

This theme for the 1993 COMMUNITY Campaign was purposely selected as a challenge for all of us, which should be given serious consideration. When we think Jewish, we feel Jewish, and when we feel Jewish, we act Jewish, and when we act Jewish we fulfill the foundations of our People such as Tzedekah and Klal Yisrael zeh le zeh — all Jews are responsible for one another.

During Campaign Week '93, we will all have the opportunity to think, feel, and act Jewish through a variety of programs being conducted on behalf of the 1993 COMMUNITY Campaign, most notably New York Governor Mario Cuomo at two events on Sunday, January 31.

Let's all "Think Jewish ... and imagine what more we WILL accomplish!"

## A new year, new leaders

As January 1993 brings inaugurations of new government leaders, The Jewish Voice Salutes President Bill Clinton, Delaware's U.S. Representative Mike Castle, Governor Tom Carper and Wilmington's first black mayor, Jim Sills.

We wish them success in all the challenges that lie before them. We hope that the constituents they represent will continue to support them and we hope that healthy dialog between those represented and those representing will be forthcoming.

## THE JEWISH VOICE DEADLINE

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## Letters to the Editor

## Community support for Alzheimer's

## EDITOR:

I read with interest the Jennifer Reynold's article in the December 18, 1992 issue of the Voice on a local family that is coping with Alzheimer's Disease. It is important that your readers know what resources are available in our community. Within the Federation family of agencies, Jewish Family Service and the Milton & Hattie Kutz Home have considerable experience in assisting older people and their families in locating needed care.

Coincidentally, Jewish Family Service and the Kutz Home are cosponsoring a symposium on care of older people with Alzheimer's and related disorders on January 28, 1993 at the Home. There will be no charge for attending this program, but you must register by calling the Federation at 478-6200.

Jewish Family Service's professional counselors are able to help families plan to meet the needs of their aging family members, and to gain access to community-based services that can help sustain the older person at home for as long as possible. These include counseling, adult day care, and home-health care. When a nursing home is necessary, there is a variety of good facilities from which to choose. The Kutz

Home has for many years had a special wing for Alzheimer's patients and provides care under the supervision of its psychiatric consultant.

Ms. Reynold's article does a service in pointing out that families of Alzheimer's sufferers must often try a variety of different living arrangements, first attempting to provide the necessary care and supervision in the home, then moving to assisted living and/or nursing home care as the disease progresses. Each case is different and no one "prescription" is of benefit to all. Families attempting to meet the needs of a relative suffering from Alzheimer's or one of the other dementias need all the help they can get — from physicians, social service agencies and nursing homes.

We are fortunate in Delaware to have an impressive array of services to help older people and their families in coping with the problems that Alzheimer's Disease presents. With these resources, it is possible to make the best of an unfortunate situation, finding the optimum combination of facilities, finances and professional care to fit the individual.

Daniel G. Thurman, Executive Director  
The Milton & Hattie Kutz Home, Inc.

## Arab owners have rights, too

## EDITOR:

It is completely inconceivable that almost all newspaper articles written about Jews purchasing buildings in the "Moslem Quarters" of the Old City of Jerusalem, ignore the opinions and justified wishes of the Arab owners of the buildings in question.

These Arabs are being forced to continue to "live" in substandard housing in the crowded and filthy alleyways of their quarter. Don't Arabs, as well as Jews, have a right to sell their homes to the highest bidder and improve their living conditions for themselves and their children?

I am most certain that many of them would welcome the opportunity to cash in their chips and move on, but they are being prevented from doing so by both Arabs and Zionists, especially by those who emigrated from Europe to Israel after World War II, who still insist that the status quo of the Old City be main-

tained. Giving Arabs equal rights, means giving them the right to leave as well to remain.

If the Jewish state really seeks a lasting peace with her Arab neighbors, then she must be willing and ready to trade land for peace, nothing else will ever do.

I have said on and off the air, and in my written articles time and time again, that I am and always will be unequivocally and totally dedicated to the full security and survival of the Jewish state and its brave people. But I reserve that right to tell the truth about the politics of Israel, whenever I believe it becomes necessary.

For I am a proud born Jew, and whatever Israel does, good or bad, they are doing it in my name, whether I like it or not.

Am Israel Chaj

Sigmund (Ziggy) Gorson  
Wilmington

## Opinion

# American groups respond to deportations

By LARRY YUDELSON

NEW YORK (JTA)—For the first time since December 17 by the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations won approval from organizational leaders in a conference call that lasted less than 10 minutes.

That is a change from the days of Yitzhak Shamir's Likud government, when there were often heated arguments over how far to defend Israeli actions American Jewish groups might find distasteful.

The Conference of Presidents statement declared: "We believe that all Americans who support the cause of peace in the Middle East and reconciliation between Arab and Jew will understand the reasons for Israel's action."

While that falls short of an outright endorsement of the Israeli move, it is far more supportive of Israel's position than might have been the case had Shamir's government carried out the same deportations, according to several organizational leaders.

"We would have demonstrated some consensus, but not as strong," said Abraham Foxman, national director of the Anti-Defamation League. "There was a greater level of organized Jewish community support than you've had in recent years."

Said an official of another organization, speaking on condition of anonymity: "If Shamir had done this, there would have been an almost hysterical reaction within certain segments of the community."

Robert Lifton, president of the American Jewish Congress, one of the organizations most critical of Shamir's policies, and "it's not a question of which government is in power; it's a question of which objectives."

Given that Rabin's objective is to advance the peace process forward rapidly, the deportations have to be understood as assuring the Israeli public that he will take whatever steps are necessary to assure their security, said Lifton.

"If the government was not moving on the peace process, and this move was seen as being the beginning of mass expulsions," leading to transfer of Arabs outside the territories, there would be "no question about the reaction

of the Jewish community," Lifton said.

Still, as an organization "that has consistently stood for human rights," the AJCongress has not applauded the deportations as such, neither condemning nor condoning them.

Lifton feels on much firmer grounds explaining the reasons behind Israel's decision, which was made in the aftermath of a string of murders by the Islamic fundamentalist Hamas movement.

"What Israelis understand is that Hamas is extending Iran's hegemony over the entire region," he said. "It's not just a narrow, localized terrorist group, but part of an overall plan to subvert the countries in the area, financed, supported and trained by Iran, with a view to establishing fundamentalist control over the region."

This explanation of Israel's aims — while not fully justifying the means as being wise or effective — was reiterated by most Jewish groups and was most pithily summarized by the headline of a subsequent Conference of Presidents statement:

"Shed no tears for these murderers — sympathize instead with the victims, Jew and Arab alike, of Hamas violence."

Foxman of the ADL explained his group's reluctance to back the Israeli move outright.

"Deportations is a colored word. It brings back a lot of memories. It's a very difficult concept for the Jewish people," said Foxman, who is a Holocaust survivor.

"When it happens, there's understanding. And I guess the word that's missing is support, and there is support, but nobody's jumping up and down saying, 'I'm glad Rabin did it'."

Jewish groups "support it as a last resort, in sorrow and in pain," he said.

One who did announce support put it in a similar context.

"I felt of the three choices Israel had, this was the least problematic," explained Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of Reform Judaism's Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Given the choices of doing nothing, or blowing up houses and imposing long jail terms, "this was the middle ground," he said.

In this, Schindler followed the lead of Cabinet members from Meretz, Labor's dovish coalition partner, which is also allied with the Reform movement in the World Zionist Organization.

"I have the utmost confidence in (their) integrity," he said.

The Reform leader admitted to some second thoughts, in light of the furor that erupted after Lebanon refused to accept the deportees.

An official of one Jewish organization that endorsed the consensus position privately called the Israeli move "the damn stupidest thing."

"The Rabin government is what so many of us were hoping for, and now he's done something that would be expected by a Shamir government," the official said, adding: "But the alternative of condemning him and weakening him is worse."

This discomfort with the action may well explain the near gusto with which several organizations, including ADL, the American Jewish Committee and the Rabbinical Council of America, criticized U.S. support for a U.N. Security Council resolution strongly condemning Israel for the deportations.

"What the Security Council failed to acknowledge, with at least tacit support of the United States, was the extraordinary nature of the threat to Israeli society and to the Middle East peace process posed by Hamas and Islamic Jihad, and the extraordinary restraint shown by Israel in confronting that threat," AJCommittee leaders wrote in a letter to U.S. Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger.

One organization that might have been expected to condemn the expulsions was American Friends of Peace Now. In Israel, Peace Now sponsored a rally against the deportations.

But the American body, while issuing a statement from the Israeli parent organization, did not itself take a position.

"Peace Now in Israel," said Mark Rosenblum, political director of the American Friends group, "has totally supported the necessity of fighting Hamas and terrorism. The question is whether Rabin's chosen way of fighting the war was

effective.

"We're very much of the view that there isn't much evidence that collective punishment, in general, and deportations is an effective instrument in crushing terrorism," he said.

The Israeli Peace Now position was echoed by the New Jewish Agenda and by Michael Lerner, editor of the left-wing magazine *Tikkun*.

Lerner held no brief for Hamas. "I hate these people, I don't respect them one inch," he said.

But he differentiated his stand from the Conference of Presidents line. "They're saying, 'We understand the reason for the Israeli action.' I'm saying the action was stupid because it strengthened Hamas' standing in its struggle" with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

"What's going on is a struggle between the PLO, who want a peaceful resolution, who are struggling for negotiations for a demilitarized Palestinian state, against the other guys, who say, 'Forget it, there is nothing we can do in relationship with Israel except to die gloriously in an armed struggle,'" said Lerner.

On the other end of the spectrum, groups that offered outright support of the Israeli move included the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America and Americans for a Safe Israel.

B'nai B'rith issued a statement expressing its "guarded support" for the expulsions. Less than three hours later, the organization sent out the statement again, but this time the word "guarded" was erased.

But Dan Mariaschin, the organization's director of international affairs, said, "I wouldn't read too much into that."

## Quotes of Note

Arab and Palestinian "leaders" think they've captured the world's sympathy following the collapse of the intifada against Israeli forces in the territories. They hope that pictures of more than 400 Palestinians deported to Lebanon, now living in tents on Lebanese territory but within Israel's proclaimed security zone, will increase pressure on Israel to take them back and/or make concessions in the laborious peace negotiations. That will happen only if public opinion is misinformed about who these deportees are, what groups they belong to, the activities in which those groups are engaged and their ultimate objective.

Cal Thomas, Sunday News Journal

Presidents and prime ministers talk solemnly about how many miles Israel must give up... But they never ask that Arabs first give up Holy War, Holy Hate, Holy Embargo, Holy Laws against Unholy Jews, the weapons that have made peace impossible... Sometimes even Israelis wearily accept the unacceptable as unchangeable... But as long as Holy War against Israel is accepted as virtue in Islam, by definition there can be no peace between Arab and Jew except a pause between wars... Bill Clinton could be the first President to say that for peace Arab governments must first call off Holy Hate totally and publicly... They must tell their people that Israel is equal in rights and permanence to any Mideastern state...

A.M. Rosenthal, The New York Times

# Rabin had no choice, say Israelis

By NECHEMIA MEYERS

When I heard the radio broadcast in which a woman outside the Lod home of the murdered border policeman screamed into the microphone — "we are all panic-stricken" — I knew that Rabin had no choice but to take drastic measures against the Hamas and the Islamic Jihad.

At first the Prime Minister tried to avoid such measures, telling Israeli citizens that they should simply "clench their teeth" and stand firm in the face of Arab terror. But it soon became clear that such a policy was unacceptable to the overwhelming majority of people here.

Whatever Israel's overseas critics may say,

the expulsion order was actually the mildest measure that Rabin could have taken in the circumstances. Indeed, in the eyes of many, he has not gone far enough; demands are still being heard for mass executions of terrorists and/or for the Army to shoot every stone-thrower in sight.

Even a prominent business executive who has consistently voted for the Labor Party told me: "I have always detested Sharon and everything he stands for. But this time — when he demands a no-holds-barred war against the terrorists — maybe he is right."

Another traditional Labor voter to whom I spoke said he was fed up with a situation "where I can't let my kids go out to play on their own or drive anywhere without making sure that my doors are locked and I have my pistol with me."

That man was probably overreacting. But his gut feelings cannot be ignored, nor can the cumulative impact of the chillingly successful Hamas ambushes of Israeli soldiers.

To be sure, there are still some people here who question the expulsion, be it on humanitarian or utilitarian grounds. They include "Ha'aretz" columnist Gideon Samet, who argues that "no matter how painful recent events have been, they are, in fact, simply a repetition of things that have happened before... The only solution to our problem is — as it has always been — a political settlement with the Palestinians."

Another "Ha'aretz" columnist, who signs himself Paulus, reaches the same conclusion: "The Israeli Government has no alternative but to reach an agreement with the Palestinian

delegation at the bilateral talks. Only in that way can it effectively counteract Hamas influence in the Territories."

Such opinions are certainly worthy of attention. Less so is the criticism from other countries, and particularly from Israel's immediate neighbors, who face an even graver threat from Moslem extremists than does the Jewish state. Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, for example, has already hanged some of those extremists and will, if necessary, hang more. So last week, when critics argued that his use of force against them would only trigger more violence, Mubarak testily replied: "I refuse to heed the advice of those who want us to let such people run wild, to let them take over. We will never permit that to happen."

Rabin could hardly have put it better.

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## LOCAL

*What is important?***An interview with Rae Gershtein**

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Chas Salkin of Dover recently informed the Voice of this article in a national magazine, the Hebrew monthly, LaMishpacha, by Odeda Rozental. Dov Seidel has translated the article.

A month ago, I read an article in the brochure of the Smithsonian Museum about an interesting place in Delaware by the name of Arden. It was written that a woman of 93, one of the pioneers in the place, is doing further work of various kinds there; she is directing a branch bank in the town, and is also connected to the local theater. Her name is Rae Gershtein, and she is a Jew. The theater building in Arden is named after her.

I decided to visit her, and to hear about her life. She asked that I not come on Wednesday, because then she is busy with folk-dancing, Jewish and other kinds. She has had a role for each of the last 44 years in the Gilbert and Sullivan operas that the local theater presented.

I came on Tuesday. A tiny woman opened the door and asked that I come in to her office—a small room on the side of the house, which served as a branch of the local bank—and she began to tell me:

"My father arrived in the United States from Russia, and my mother

from Germany. They didn't have a common language except for Yiddish, in the beginning, and even it, they spoke in a different dialect. Therefore, we only spoke English in the house—all 12 of the children. My father's view was "free." He didn't want flags and symbols, and we even didn't celebrate Jewish holidays. Neither did he want diplomas and other certificates. Therefore, after I finished my studies in the "radical library" in Philadelphia, where my father worked as the guard of the building—I was then 14—I was sent to work in an office. "I fell in love with my boss, who was a widower, married him, and raised his son. Together, we brought into the world two more children.

"During all these years, even when

I was raising my children, I didn't stop working. In addition to my work, I studied dance, and participated in the city dance group. Together, we put on many shows—opera, ballet, plays."

Here Rae finished her story, and suddenly her eyes gazed off into the distance: "You know what father used to call me?" and without waiting for my reply, answered "Rocheleh... that's what he called me, using my Hebrew name..." She again spoke, in a whisper: "Rocheleh."

Suddenly it seemed that her Hebrew name was more important to her than anything else, even the theater which bore her name. And I thought in my heart: she didn't celebrate Jewish holidays, yet for her there still remains her Hebrew name.

**Greenbaum Scholarship awarded**

Dr. Leo ZefTel, chairman of the Greenbaum Scholarship Committee of the Jewish Community of Delaware Endowment Fund, announces that Ann R. Landis has been awarded a scholarship for study at Ben Gurion University of the Negev during the Spring 1993 semester.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Landis of Newark and is a graduate of Glasgow High School.

Presently she is a sophomore at the University of Delaware where she is majoring in foreign languages and Jewish studies. Landis is a vice-president of the Hillel Student Center and teaches Hebrew in the Chabad program.

The Endowment Fund is administered through the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

**Public Menorah lighting**

Warming up for the recent annual Dreydel Championships at the Public Menorah Lighting at Christiana Mall sponsored by Chabad Lubavitch of Delaware.



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LOCAL

# ORT storytelling



Forty parents and children enjoyed a half hour of stories and songs in honor of Jewish Book Month at the Concord Pike Library December 9. This event was sponsored by Brandywine Chapter of Women's American ORT and was open to the community. ORT members shared some of their favorite stories with the children. Rebecca Fisher, children's librarian displayed books of Jewish interest and distributed a handout of Jewish books available at Concord Pike Library. Marga Hirsch, ORT member, compiled a source sheet on where to get Jewish books for the home. The Brandywine Chapter plans to make this an annual event.

# Grant application for Jewish study

The Anna E. Finger - Ruth F. Gordon Memorial Trust will accept requests for cash grants of up to \$1,000 for the promotion of the study of Judaism and Jewish culture.

The Trust was established in 1968 by Louis J. Finger and Abraham J. Gordon in memory of Finger's mother and sister and Gordon's wife. The Trust will provide funding for programs or for the participation of individuals in programs relating to the study of Judaism or Jewish culture including, but not limited to, Hebrew language, Bible, Jewish literature, religious customs and ceremonies, theology and Holocaust studies.

The current Trustees of the Trust are Richard A. Levine, Robert Jacobs and Steven D. Goldberg. The Trustees will consider financial need as a substantial, but not controlling, factor in evaluating grant requests. Likewise, the Trustees will afford a preference to programs or individuals affiliated with Congregation Beth

Shalom of Wilmington. Recipients of individual grants or scholarships will be expected to share their experience as part of an event open to the community.

The trustees anticipate making grants totalling \$1,500 for calendar year 1993 on or before March 31, 1993. Grant applications should be directed in writing prior to January 31, 1993 to Richard A. Levine, Secretary, Board of Advisers, Anna E. Finger and Ruth Gordon Memorial Trust, c/o Congregation Beth Shalom, Inc., 1801 Baynard Boulevard, Wilmington, Delaware 19802.

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## Panim El Panim

Face to Face with JFD

# Hanukkah celebration at Kutz

The Kutz Home was brightened by more than the candles on a menorah this Hanukkah. The brightening touches came from the many works of art displayed at the Home's Student Art Show. Over one hundred

paintings, drawings and sculptures were submitted by students from religious schools at Congregations Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, Beth Emeth and Beth Shalom, and from Albert Einstein Academy and Gratz He-

brew High School. The exhibition was held on Sunday, December 20, 1992. Winners in various age categories were announced, and the Beth Emeth Youth Choir gave a special Hanukkah performance.

Prize winners in the kindergarten through third grade category were as follows: The first prize went to Katie Levine, 2nd grade at Beth Shalom; second prize to Max Kursh, kindergarten at Beth Emeth; third prize to Ben Zusman, first grade at Albert Einstein; third prize to Jamie Levitt, first grade at Beth Emeth; and fourth prize to Danny Balick, second grade at Beth Emeth.

In the fourth through sixth grade category, the first prize winner was Matthew Weiler, fifth grade at Beth Emeth; and second prize winner, Ilicia Gamiel, a fourth grade student at Beth Emeth. In the seventh grade



Beth Emeth Youth Choir

and above, all winners were from Gratz. These were David Ames (first prize) and Jesse Fox (second prize). Third prize honors were shared by Ashley Lange and Josh Wilges.

In announcing prize winners, the Home's president, Donald F. Parsons, Jr., acknowledged the contributions of MBNA Bank, N.A., whose art department designed the flyer announcing the art show, and Concord Mall, which partially underwrote the prizes that were gift certificates to

be used at any of the Mall's stores. The Beth Emeth Youth Choir, whose Hanukkah appearances have become a tradition at the Kutz Home, was thanked for a spirited performance. Parsons also thanked the Auxiliary of the Milton & Hattie Kutz Home and the Mortimer B. Wachstein Fund which also contributed to the prizes. Performers from the Beth Emeth Youth Choir and entrants in the Student Art Show received a special mug to commemorate the event.

## Harry Cohen Foundation

The Harry Cohen Foundation, represented by Sadie Toumarkine, gave \$16,330.86 to the Jewish Federation of Delaware at a recent board meeting, a 1991 distribution from the Foundation.

Mrs. Toumarkine, trustee of the Harry Cohen Foundation and the daughter of the late Harry Cohen, reported that with this 1991 distribution, the JFD has received \$341,556.15, The Kutz Home \$271,163.28 and the Jewish Community Center \$300,240.41. This is a total of \$868,959.84. The JCC has received in addition to these distributions an initial \$75,000 for the building and to



Harry Cohen

date for the campus \$103,617 for a total of \$478,857.74.

Harry Cohen was one of the founders of the Wilmington Jewish community. During his lifetime he devoted his time, energy and finances to the betterment of the Jewish community, locally and in Israel.

Dr. Steven A. Dombchik, upon receipt of the donation from Mrs. Toumarkine, expressed the gratitude of the Federation board and for the continuing commitment of her family to the Delaware community that is demonstrated through the Foundation's financial support of community institutions and the JFD annual campaign.

## JFD will develop annual report

### Donors to COMMUNITY Campaign Recognized

For the first time in nearly 20 years, the Jewish Federation of Delaware will print an Annual Report in 1993 which will feature the community's highlights of the year and recognize all donors to the COMMUNITY Campaign in the Community Honor Roll.

"Since we are truly a 'publicly held organization' it made great sense to our Board of Directors that we should print an Annual Report to share with our 'shareholders'," commented

Steven A. Dombchik, JFD President. "We accomplish so much in a year and will proudly share an overview with the community later this year," Dombchik added.

The COMMUNITY Campaign Honor Roll will identify all contributors by the following categories (individual contributions by a husband and wife will be acknowledged in both names in the category of the combination of both contributions):

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All donors will be notified of the Campaign Honor Roll when their contributions are confirmed, and will be offered the opportunity to not be included in the

Annual Report if they wish.

For further information, contact Seth Bloom, JFD Acting Executive Director, 478-6200.

## Estate planning for children with special needs

All parents are concerned with securing and protecting the interests of their family members. Parents of special-needs children have particular concerns. Special-needs children are those with disabilities that may impair their ability to lead functional, independent and secure lives as adults.

Estate planning for special-needs individuals should begin at an early age and continue periodically as circumstances change. Special attention should be placed on the possibility of a "special-needs trust" that provides funds to meet these needs without impairing the individual's ability to gain support which may be available from federal and state programs.

The Jewish Family Service and legal consultants knowledgeable about estate planning for individuals with disabilities are resources for more information.

## Campaign countdown

(Continued from page 1)



Freeman



Korey



Gruber



Godwin



Cuomo



Hoelein

The week prior to Governor Cuomo's events, donors of \$10,000 or more will attend the newly re-established Dinner of Commitment, Saturday, January 23, 7 p.m. at the Rodney Square Club. Malcolm Hoenlein, Executive Vice President for the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations, will be the keynote speaker. Irving Shapiro is Dinner Chairperson.

As part of Campaign Week '93 all six of the primary local beneficiaries of the COMMUNITY Campaign will host an event on behalf of the campaign.

On January 28, the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home and Jewish Family Service will co-sponsor a Symposium on Alzheimer's Disease. The 7:30 p.m. program, to be held at the Kutz Home will feature Dory Blau, M.S.W., Director of Services to the Aged and their Families, Jewish Family Service; Lanny Edelson, M.D., Neurology Associates; and Susan Kopunek, R.N., Program Director for the Evergreen Center for Alzheimer Day Treatment Program. There is no charge for this event.

The Jewish Community Center has scheduled an Intergenerational Dinner to be held on behalf of the 1993 COMMUNITY Campaign, Wednesday, February 3. The 6 p.m. dinner, open to all ages will feature entertainer Jackie Pack.

Other agency events scheduled for Campaign Week '93 include a Community-Wide Teen Dance, Saturday, February 6, sponsored by Gratz Hebrew High School. Philadelphia DJ "UNIQUE" will be featured at this event. Proceeds from refreshment sales will benefit the 1993 COMMUNITY Campaign.

Hillel at the University of Delaware in Newark has scheduled a Bagel Brunch for when students return to spring semester for February 21.

Albert Einstein Academy has expanded Campaign Week '93 into an entire month of activities related to tzedakah. Students have been collecting money which they will donate.

They will be taking a field trip to the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home to see another beneficiary of the COMMUNITY Campaign in addition to their school. Finally, on February 7 school children grades K-6th from the entire community have been invited to AEA's Tzedakah Tsunday Funday which will be a series of activities reinforcing tzedakah and of course, super fundraises.

AEA Board member and parent, Connie Sugarman, is chairperson for AEA's Campaign Month.

In addition to these agency events, Campaign Week '93 will feature a Comedy night at Sheraton Suites, February 4, 6-9 p.m. The FunRaising Comedy Reception, sponsored by the JFD Young Leadership Cabinet, is open to young adults "20 something and 30 something." The evening will include hors d'oeuvres and entertainment by WMMR on-air personality Pat Godwin and Borshht Belt comedian Mickey Freeman.

On Friday, February 5, internationally known author and columnist Ruth Gruber will be the keynote speaker for two events. At 12 noon, Gruber will address Delaware's Lion of Judah Luncheon for women donating \$5,000 or more to the 1993 COMMUNITY Campaign, at the University and Whist Club. In the evening, Gruber will be the keynote

speaker for the New Castle County Federation Shabbat to be held this year at Temple Beth El in Newark. The 8 p.m. service will include participation by all four New Castle County congregations.

Human Rights activist Dr. William Korey will be the featured speaker for Southern Delaware's Federation Shabbat service, 7:30 p.m. at Congregation Beth Shalom, Dover.

Campaign Week '93 will conclude with Super Sunday, the annual community wide phone-a-thon where over 100 volunteers will call on their friends and neighbors for their support of the 1993 COMMUNITY Campaign.

Volunteers are still needed for the three phone shifts at Patterson-Schwartz Realtors, the New Castle County headquarters, at 9:15 a.m.-12 noon, 11:15 a.m.-2 p.m., and the evening shift (YLC) 6 p.m.-9 p.m. as well as the Southern Delaware Super Sunday, 9 a.m.-12 noon at B. Gary Scott Realtors, Dover.

"The beneficiaries of the annual fundraising drive have taken a leadership role with the campaign to reinforce the community effort while helping to assure a successful campaign," said Bloom. "I hope every member of our community participates with at least one of the events and demonstrates their commitment to the Jewish people of Delaware, Israel, and the world through their generous contributions."

Registration for Campaign Week activities is filling quickly. For further information about Campaign Week '93 activities, see pages 10-11 for event details and registration, or call Seth Bloom at the Jewish Federation of Delaware, 478-6200.

NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL

# Israeli free-trade zone wins support

By LARRY YUDELSON

NEW YORK (JTA) — Advocates of free enterprise in Israel have won a crucial victory in their battle to create a tax-exempt industrial park.

Israeli Finance Minister Avraham Shohat this week announced that he supports the plan and will submit the necessary legislation to the Knesset.

Shohat's decision has pleased American Jewish investors sponsoring the project, who say their plan will create 20,000 jobs badly needed by Israel.

If the plan overcomes the substan-

tial remaining hurdles — including approval by the Knesset — it will create a manufacturing enclave in which Israel's voluminous tax and labor regulations would not apply.

"What has happened is a miracle," said Robert Lowenberg, president of the Institute for Advanced Strategic and Political Studies, a Jerusalem-based think tank that promotes free-market economics and provided the idea for the project.

"Israel has a rather thick bureaucracy," said Sy Syms, who heads the New York-based Israel Export Corp.

sponsoring the project and is a former chairman of the State of Israel Bonds organization.

"It's a question of whether or not the ministers and bureaucrats in the government can see the good and welfare of creating free export zone jobs," said Syms, chairman of Syms Corp., the New York-based clothing retailer.

Shohat's endorsement of the project came in the face of opposition from senior officials in his ministry and the Bank of Israel. He apparently rejected fears that the zone would create unfair pressures on local industries, and would offer unfair benefits to its investors at the expense of regular investments in the Israeli economy.

Proponents of the free-trade zone argue that foreign investors currently receive benefits that outweigh the tax revenue Israel eventually collects from them.

The Israeli government would make no investment in the proposed zone and would collect no taxes from it other than income taxes on those employed there.

"Many (existing Israeli) industries are not profitable," said Larry Silverstein, one of the 27 investors in the Israel Export Corp. "They require enormous subsidies to keep them running. It's a methodology that's terribly wasteful."

Under the plan, the Israel Export Corp. would purchase several hundred acres of land, on which it would build an industrial park.

The corporation would finance the infrastructure, including roads, buildings, electricity and communications facilities for the park. It would then rent out space and facilities to other companies, which would manufacture for the export market.

"Thirty to 40 American companies have expressed interest," said Syms, who said he envisioned a mixture of 80 percent biomedical and other high-technology firms and 20 percent apparel manufacturers in the park.

The total investment in the zone is estimated at \$750 million. The investors have promised that within 14

months, they will create the 20,000 jobs.

The investors, who include real-estate magnate Robert Tishman, New York financier Ludwig Jesselson and Cleveland industrialist Morton Mandel, a former president of the Council of Jewish Federations, say that behind the investment lies another form of Zionism.

"This would be a profit-making venture, but the real rationale is that this is the State of Israel. We've all been so deeply involved in the fabric of the Jewish community for many, many decades. This is something we feel firmly about," said Silverstein.

For decades, successful American Jewish businessmen have tried to do business in Israel, only to be discouraged by the bureaucratic hurdles.

## Jewish groups share in inauguration week events

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Jewish groups will be among those hosting the whirlwind of parties, receptions and fundraisers in Washington next week as President-elect Clinton is sworn in to office Jan. 20.

The public liaison division of the Presidential Inaugural Committee is sponsoring a luncheon Monday for members of various ethnic groups, including the Jewish community.

The co-chair from the Jewish community is Hyman Bookbinder, the retired longtime Washington representative of the American Jewish Committee who is also on the board of the National Jewish Democratic Council.

The public liaison division is the inaugural committee's link to 19 constituent groups, including ethnic groups.

Also Monday, the National Jewish Democratic Council, a group formed to build Jewish support for the Democratic Party and its candidates, is hosting a fund-raising breakfast for newly elected Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.).

The American Israel Public Affairs Committee is holding a by-invitation-only breakfast briefing Tuesday with members of Congress and, possibly, a member of the Clinton administration.

Another Tuesday breakfast is being sponsored by Americans for Peace Now, and will honor Clinton transition officials Peter Edelman and Sara Ehrman. Edelman is the group's co-chair and Ehrman is on its board.

The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum is hosting a private tour of the museum for about 100 contributors Tuesday morning. Co-hosts of the function include Stuart Eizenstat, a vice chair of the National Jewish Democratic Council, and Mark Talisman, director of the Wilmington Action Office of the Council of Jewish Federations.

And on Inauguration Day itself, prominent Washington fund-raiser Esther Coopersmith is hosting a breakfast for Democratic leaders, including Ehrman, who was in charge of outreach to the Jewish community during Clinton's run for the presidency.

## Jewish women make appeal

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON (PNR) — Two Jewish women's organizations have sent identical letters to Barbara Bush and Hillary Clinton asking them to urge the U.S. Government and other United Nations members to press for inclusion of "mass rape" as a war crime and to "use all measures necessary" to provide humanitarian assistance to Bosnia.

The letter charged "the Serbian army" with committing "savagely atrocious" against women and girls in Bosnia and Herzegovina and that "50,000 women have been brutally raped."

Judith Hertz, president of Women of Reform Judaism-National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods and Rabbi Jody Cohen-Gavarian, co-coordinator of the Women's Rabbinic Network, signed the letter.

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## NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL

## Briefs

## Presidents Conference urges vigils for Israeli missing in action

A call for Jewish organizations throughout the country to conduct vigils and other events in behalf of Israeli servicemen missing in action or held captive in the Mideast has been issued by the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

Noting that some Israel Defense Force members have been missing for more than 10 years and that

"their fate continues to be shrouded in mystery," the umbrella body of 50 national Jewish organizations said: "For the sake of the families of these men — for humanity's sake — we are asking the American Jewish community to focus attention on the plight of the missing Israelis who are alive and to demand the return to Israel of the remains of those whose death has been determined with certainty.

Recent reports appear to confirm that Captain Ron Arad, missing since his Phantom jet fighter was shot down near Sidon, Lebanon, in 1986 is alive and being held by Iranian-backed Shi'ite militants in Lebanon.

Three IDF soldiers — Zachary Baumel, Zvi Feldman and Yehuda Katz — have been missing since June 11, 1982, when a savage tank battle was fought at Sultan Yakub in the Lebanese Valley. To date, no solid information had been forthcoming from Syria regarding their fate.

The death of two other Israeli soldiers — Rahamim Alcheh and Yosef Fink — kidnapped by members of the Hizbollah on February 17, 1986, has now been established with certainty. Israel's demand of Iran that they be returned to Israel for burial thus far has not been met.

"Despite efforts by the U.S. Administration and United Nations Assistant Secretary General Jean-Dominico Picot, as well as gestures made by Israel in releasing certain Arab prisoners, the problem of Israel's captives and missing soldiers is no closer to solution," said Shoshana S. Cardin, Presidents Conference chairman. She added:

"The fate of these hostages is a humanitarian issue of the highest order. For instance, in all his years of captivity, Ron Arad has not had the benefit of a single visit from the Red Cross or any humanitarian organization. We call on Iran, the country most closely connected to the kidnapers to bring about the return of Ron Arad to his family.

### Ambassador Milton A. Wolf to head JDC

Ambassador Milton A. Wolf, who represented the U.S. Government in Austria during the Carter Administration, has been elected the eleventh President of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Inc. (JDC). At a meeting of the Board of Directors held in conjunction with the organization's Annual Meeting, outgoing President Sylvia Hassenfeld was also elected JDC's new Chairman of the Board. *From the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.*

### Germany moves against right-wing extremism

BONN (JTA) — Two former members of the National Democratic Party, a neo-Nazi group, were charged last week with espionage and subversive activities. The state prosecutor in Munich said the defendants, whose names have not been released, were agents of Stasi, the notorious secret police of former East Germany. The defendants, a married couple, had worked for more than 20 years with Messerschmitt-Bolkow-Blohm, Germany's most important arms producer. In the state of Hesse, meanwhile, the Finance Ministry has ordered the removal of copies of two neo-Nazi publications from a state-owned-and-operated spa in Bad Nauheim, some 20 miles north of Frankfurt. In Cologne, more than 200,000 people held a huge vigil in the town center last Saturday to show solidarity with foreigners living here and to condemn violent attacks against them.

### Court delays posting of Israeli ambassador

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel's High Court of Justice has delayed the posting of Ambassador-designate Itamar Rabinovich to Washington, pending hearings on a challenge to his appointment. The court on Tuesday issued an injunction barring Rabinovich, a prominent academic and Israel's chief negotiator with Syria, from taking up his post until it rules on a petition by Gonen Segev of the right-wing Tsomet party. Segev's petition came in the wake of disclosures that Rabinovich recently paid an indemnity to the tax authorities. Rabinovich issued a public statement through his tax lawyer last weekend emphasizing that he had made the payment as a goodwill gesture and was probably not even required to do so. Attorney Pinchas Rubin said Rabinovich, ignoring his lawyer's advice, insisted on making the payment for money he had earned some years ago in the United States.

### Committee backs bill to lift ban on PLO contacts

JERUSALEM (JTA) — An Israeli parliamentary panel has taken a big step toward lifting a blanket ban on meetings with Palestine Liberation Organization officials. But while agreeing to end the prohibition, the Knesset Law Committee on Tuesday watered down provisions of the bill before sending it back to the Knesset floor for its second and third readings. Under the amended draft, civil servants will need prior authorization to meet with "representatives of terrorist organizations," and the ban will continue to apply to meetings with representatives of three Moslem fundamentalist groups: Hamas, Islamic Jihad and the Hezbollah. Despite the amendments, which were introduced by the opposition, committee Chairman Dedi Zucker of the left-wing Meretz bloc expressed confidence the bill would be approved by the full house.

### World's largest menorah lighted in Washington

WASHINGTON — The world's largest menorah was lighted on America's famous elipse between the White House and the Washington Monument for the 14th annual time on December 20 as the U.S. Army Band played joyous music including Chanukah tunes for dancing children and adults. The electrically lighted menorah, 30 feet tall and 18 feet broad, is erected annually by the Lubavitcher movement. The program was communicated by satellite to Lubavitcher celebrations in New York, Paris, Moscow and Jerusalem. *From Washington correspondent Joseph Polakoff.*

### Italy urges curricular changes

ROME (JTA) — Italy's government has called for a broad revision of school curricula in order to instill anti-racist values in students. "In our schools we should study more Primo Levi and less Manzoni," Prime Minister Giuliano Amato told a news conference Monday, referring to the late Italian Holocaust survivor and the 19th-century Italian novelist and poet Alessandro Manzoni. On Monday, Education Minister Rosa Russo Jervolino issued a message to all schools "to say no to intolerance and anti-Semitism." She said she was issuing the plea especially because "the past months have been repetitions in this country and Europe of episodes of racism and resurgences of anti-Semitism, which give rise to fears of a recurrence of the specters of the past."

## Syria warned

NEW YORK (JTA) — Two prominent senators have warned Syria that its halt in issuing travel visas to its Jews, along with other recent policy moves, threatens closer U.S.-Syrian relations.

Sens. Charles Grassley (R-Iowa) and Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.), also cited as threats to bilateral ties Syria's recent refusal to meet with U.S. officials to discuss terrorism, the increase in terrorism from Syrian-controlled Lebanon and the continuing Syrian support of groups such as Islamic Jihad, Hezbollah and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

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NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL

# Jewish financier gives to relief

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF  
 WASHINGTON — Hungarian-born financial wizard George Soros who in mid-December pledged to give \$100 million to help scientists

and research in the former Soviet Union has announced a gift of \$50 million for relief of the destitute in war-torn Bosnia-Herzegovina. At a news conference in London

December 18, a week after his amazing donation to aid the former Soviets, Soros said the relief money will be distributed through the United Nations' refugee agency. The gift for Bosnia-Herzegovina eclipses all other private and most public contributions to the mainly Muslim people of the former Yugoslav republic.

"We all know that what is going on in Bosnia today is genocide," Soros told the news media. "I feel it particularly strongly because as a Hungarian Jew, I was myself a potential victim of the Holocaust. My heart goes out to the people who are being raped, pillaged and murdered just because they are Bosnia Muslims.

The *Washington Post* reported Soros saying he made nearly one billion dollars for the investment funds he manages by speculating last September against the British pound when the European currency markets were thrown into turbulence. It said London newspapers have dubbed Soros, who is 62, "the man who broke the pound."

"That windfall from currency speculation has contributed to my personal fortune and, therefore, has increased my ability to do philanthropic work," The *Post* quoted Soros. He told The *Post* in an interview that while he has had philanthropic interests for some time, his personal income has increased so rapidly that he now feels able to give much larger sums of money.



## Rescue from Civil War

As battles for territory and political power spread throughout the former Soviet Union, the Jewish Agency is rescuing Jews from civil war and flying them to safety in Israel.

Hundreds of Jews from Abkhazia, the breakaway region of the Republic of Georgia, have reached Israel on freedom flights funded by UJA/Federation Operation Exodus. Most recently, 54 Jewish refugees from Sukhumi, capital of Abkhazia, arrived in Israel on a special Jewish Agency flight.

In Tajikistan, the Moslem republic bordering Afghanistan, civil war has erupted between the communist government and the anti-communist "democratic" forces who have formed a coalition with the Moslem fundamentalists. The situation in Tajikistan has been described as total chaos. With Operation Exodus funding, the Jewish Agency is rescuing hundreds of Jews from Dushanbe, capital of Tajikistan.

From United Jewish Appeal.



Jews rescued by the Jewish Agency from civil war in Dushanbe, Tajikistan (a Moslem Republic of the former Soviet Union), arrive in Israel thanks to Operation Exodus funds. Photo UJA/D.R. Guthrie

## Briefs

### Panel recommends compromise on highway site

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A compromise appears to be in the works over a controversial highway site in Jerusalem that has pitted haredim, or fervently Orthodox Jews, against city officials, government archaeologists and residents of a northern neighborhood. A ministerial committee has recommended that the path of the highway at French Hill be moved about 25 feet west to accommodate haredi opposition to the disturbance of ancient burial caves accidentally uncovered at the site. The compromise would leave intact four of the Second Temple period tombs. A fifth lies under the newly proposed route. Police Minister Moshe Shahal said the contents of this 2,000-year-old cave would be moved, with or without the approval of the haredim — if necessary, under police protection. Haredim have staged violent demonstrations in recent weeks to protest archaeological investigations of the tombs.

### Music

(Continued from page 12)

I remember when the young Streisand appeared with Judy Garland in a live telecast in the 1960's. Streisand recalls that Garland clutched her hand and held on tightly during their duets. The word is that the aging Garland was scared that Streisand was upstaging her.

As for Whiting's reaction to Callaway: "She's a wonderful talent and we've been good friends for seven years." Whiting has advised and coached the younger singer. At a restaurant afterwards, Whiting told me that she thinks Callaway's is the best voice to come along since Streisand's.

Adding to the pleasure were the staging and arranging by Whiting's companion, Jack Wrangler, who also joined in an enjoyable duet and trio.

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The music of Andrew Lloyd Webber has been in the air even more than usual during the past two weeks.

His "Aspects of Love" played one week and now his "Jesus Christ Superstar" is preparing to open January 20 at the Merriam Theater in Philadelphia. "Aspects" is his most recent musical, written in 1989. "Superstar" is his second — a piece written as a conceptual LP album around 1970 and later adapted into a stage show.

What a contrast! His version of the life of Jesus is witty, satirical fun. His stage version of the "Aspects of Love" novel, for which he wrote the music and the theatrical book, is solemn and ponderous. I won't say that his talent has dried up. After all, his next-to-most-recent show was the successful, "Phantom of the Opera." Let's just say that "Aspects" was a miscalculation.

The two biggest flaws that I see in the play are, first, the leading female character, and second, a total lack of wit.

I've heard Lloyd Webber speak of his admiration for Rodgers and Hammerstein, and particularly their "South Pacific." He was remember-

ing Mary Martin and Ezio Pinza's electrifying meeting in that show when he wrote and composed the meeting of Rose and Alex in "Aspects."

Why doesn't their meeting convince us? Because Rose must bowl us over, as she does young Alex, with her passion and her volatility. And there is none.

It's hard to buy the premise that a teenage boy and his sophisticated fiftyish uncle would both fall madly in love with this woman, and that both would remain obsessed with her over a period of years. There's nothing in the writing that indicates such extraordinary magnetism. Perhaps if the part were played by Madonna...? But neither Sarah Brightman in London and New York, nor Linda Balgord here could perform such magic.

Not in appearance, voice nor body language did Balgord convince us that she is irresistible. It was impossible to believe the premise and to emphasize with the lovers.

The original production's Barrie Ingham as the uncle is the only likeable character. He also sings the show's best number, "I Want to be the First Man You Remember." It is a lovely song, worthy of Rodgers and Hammerstein. It is much more charming than the oft-repeated "Love Changes Everything."

Lloyd Webber sometimes seems to like melodrama. Witness "Phantom" and his work-in-progress, "Sunset Boulevard." He composed "Aspects" in that style, as if it were a melodrama, with throbbing violins, pounding drums and clashing cymbals. The problem is that "Aspects" is at best a romantic comedy, not a melodrama. It cannot be taken seriously.

David Garnett's novel acknowledges the absurdity of the situation. The show would have been improved if Lloyd Webber had laughed at some of the melodramatic predicaments. But he is so solemn, so serious. I can't wait to revisit the lightness and the humor of "Jesus Christ Superstar."

If Lloyd Webber could find wit in the story of a crucifixion, why oh why couldn't he find any in "Aspects of Love?"

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Chairperson: Irving Shapiro

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*Black Tie Optional*  
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**THURSDAY JANUARY 28**

**SYMPOSIUM ON CARE: Older People with Alzheimers or Related Disorders**  
6-8 pm • *Milton and Hattie Kutz Home*

Co-chairpersons: Susan Jonas, Barbara Greenfield, Joan Wachstein  
Co-sponsored by Jewish Family Service and The Milton and Hattie Kutz Home

**SUNDAY JANUARY 31**

**CHAI SOCIETY BRUNCH**  
12 noon • *Gold Ballroom, Hotel DuPont*  
Keynote Speaker: **MARIO CUOMO**, Governor of New York  
Chairperson: Leslie Goldenberg

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**COMMUNITYWIDE FORUM: Campaign Week Kick-Off**  
3 pm • *Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth*  
Keynote Speaker: **MARIO CUOMO**, Governor of New York  
Chairperson: Ellen Koniver

\$10 per person at the door  
\$7.50 in advance

**WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 3**

**INTERGENERATIONAL DINNER**  
6-8:30 pm • *Jewish Community Center*

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Chairperson: Steve Kleiner

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**LION OF JUDAH**  
12 noon • *Univers*  
Featuring: Ruth Gruber  
Chairperson: [unclear]

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**NEW CASTLE COUNTY FEDERATION**  
8 pm • *Temple B'nai Shalom*  
Speaker: Ruth Gruber, author  
Chairperson: Pe [unclear]

**SOUTHERN DELAWARE FEDERATION**  
7:30 pm • *Congregation Beth Shalom*  
Speaker: Dr. William Korey, author  
Chairperson: Bob Cry [unclear]

# Calendar of Events

## SATURDAY FEBRUARY 6

**COMMUNITY-WIDE TEEN DANCE**  
 7:30 pm • Jewish Community Center  
 Chairperson: Dan Tanzer  
 Sponsored by Gratz Hebrew High School  
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## SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7

**TZEDEKAH TSUNDAY FUNDAY**  
 3 pm • Jewish Community Center  
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**NEW CASTLE COUNTY SUPER SUNDAY**  
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**SOUTHERN DELAWARE SUPER SUNDAY**  
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 Chairperson: Bob Crystal

## SUNDAY FEBRUARY 21

**UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE BAGEL BRUNCH**  
 12 noon • NEW Hillel Student Center  
 Chairperson: Miriam Gelfand  
 Sponsored by Hillel at the University of Delaware

## FRIDAY FEBRUARY 5

**LION OF JUDAH LUNCHEON**  
 noon • University and Whist Club of Wilmington  
 Chairperson: Ruth Gruber, author and foreign correspondent  
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**NEW CASTLE COUNTY FEDERATION SHABBAT**  
 7 pm • Temple Beth El, Newark  
 Chairperson: Ruth Gruber, author and foreign correspondent  
 Chairperson: Peter Kline

**UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE FEDERATION SHABBAT**  
 7 pm • Temple Beth Sholom, Dover  
 Chairperson: Ruth Gruber, author and foreign correspondent  
 Chairperson: Bob Crystal

## FEBRUARY 9 - FEBRUARY 25

**COMPLETION PHONE-A-THONS**

JANUARY 31 - FEBRUARY 7



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Attendance at each event is limited. Reservations will be processed on a first-come first-serve basis. Early reservations are suggested.

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**CHAI SOCIETY BRUNCH** \$22/person Total \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) attending: \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMUNITYWIDE FORUM** \$7.50/person Total \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) attending: \_\_\_\_\_

**INTERGENERATIONAL DINNER**

Children 3-12 and Seniors \$5.

Adults \$10. Children under 3 FREE Total \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) attending: \_\_\_\_\_

**YLC FunRAISING RECEPTION** \$8/person Total \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) attending: \_\_\_\_\_

**LION OF JUDAH LUNCHEON** \$15/person Total \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) attending: \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMUNITYWIDE TEEN DANCE** \$3/person Total \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) attending: \_\_\_\_\_

**TZEDEKAH TSUNDAY FUNDAY** \$3/child Total \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) attending: \_\_\_\_\_

**NEW CASTLE COUNTY SUPER SUNDAY** I/We will help! (indicate shift/s)

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**COMPLETION PHONE-A-THONS** I/We will help!

Volunteers: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Date(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**UD BAGEL BRUNCH** No Charge

Name(s) attending: \_\_\_\_\_

## Arts and Entertainment

### Words & Music:

# Margaret Whiting and Ann Hampton Callaway

By STEVE COHEN

A great musical name from the past and a great one from the future came together in a benefit concert last Sunday at the Zellerbach Theater in Philadelphia.

Margaret Whiting and Ann Hampton Callaway performed in a review called "An Evening With Ann & Margaret" to raise money for Action

**Steve Cohen, journalist and former broadcaster for National Public Radio, is a freelance writer for The Jewish Voice. He resides in King of Prussia.**

AIDS, an organization that provides counseling and companionship for AIDS patients. The audience was small, probably due to the snow and ice, but those who came are able to treasure a memorable event.

You may think it insensitive to call Miss Whiting a name from the past. But the woman who made famous "Moonlight in Vermont," "It Might As Well Be Spring" and "A Tree in the Meadow" in the 1940's would agree that she is unlikely to duplicate those hits in the coming years. She pleases listeners with her renditions of old songs, many of them written by her Hollywood father, Richard

Whiting ("Too Marvelous for Words," "My Ideal.") She does them very well in her warm, familiar style, transposing only the high endings of some of the songs.

Miss Whiting's importance today is due to her work at the O'Neill Theater coaching and encouraging younger cabaret singers, as well as to her own performances. Thanks are also due her for asking Anne Hampton Callaway to be her co-star in this review.

Miss Callaway appeared only once before in the Delaware Valley, two seasons ago with the American Music Festival Theater at the Hotel Atop

the Bellevue. She has been honored recently by the Manhattan Association of Cabarets as best singer/instrumentalist and best singer/songwriter.

She has beauty, a sensually appealing voice of great range, and an engaging stage presence. She accompanies herself on the piano, and many of the songs she sings are her own compositions. Her "I'm Too White to Sing the Blues Blues" was hilarious, and her ballad about the loss of a lover was heartbreaking.

Among her outstanding vocals composed by others were "I'll Walk Alone," "I Don't Want to Walk Without You," "Don't Rain on my Parade" and "People." Since these last two were Streisand hits, it's inevitable to think of comparisons between Streisand and Callaway. Miss Callaway comes out favorably even in this tough analogy. She is a success now; she is sure to be a star of the future.

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## Come Laugh With



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### Free tickets to "Lost in Yonkers"

A pair of free tickets to Neil Simon's "Lost in Yonkers" awaits a reader who sends us the correct answer to our trivia question concerning the playwright.

The Tony Award-winning play is currently at the Playhouse in Wilmington. We have a pair of tickets available to next Saturday's performance (January 23).

Just tell us the name of Neil Simon's first Broadway play. It starred Hal March as a Jewish man who is being pressured into marriage by his parents. March's role was played by Frank Sinatra when the play was made into a movie.

Send the answer on a postcard addressed to THE JEWISH VOICE, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington, DE 19803. Please send your card promptly (or drop off at The Voice office) so we may draw the winner and notify him or her by Wednesday, January 20. Please list your name, address, and day and evening phone numbers.



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Books

# "Faith in a Searching Soul"

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** In a recent meeting of the Rabbinical Association of Delaware, the members agreed to submit on a regular basis book reviews to *The Jewish Voice*. Following is the first of their submissions. The Voice thanks them for their time.

A review of Ira F. Stone's *Seeking the Path to Life: Theological Meditations on God and the Nature of People, Love, Life and Death*. Woodstock, Vermont: Jewish Lights Publishing, 1992, 107 pages, \$19.95.

By **RABBI HERBERT A. YOSKOWITZ**

Congregation Beth Shalom, Wilmington

When noted Jewish personalities have written of their religious struggles over a trauma in their lives, their words and their struggles have been received positively. Rabbi Harold Kushner's response to his son's death from the rare malady, progeria, was titled, *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*, and became a best seller. Responding to his mother's stroke, and resultant prolonged absence of speech, Rabbi David Wolpe wrote, *In Speech and Silence*, which has been well-received within the Jewish community. Add to this genre of books Rabbi Ira F. Stone's first published book, *Seeking the Path to Life*.

The attraction of this type of literature is a response to a great need of our time. We seek the advice of specialists of the soul who have suffered to guide us on how not to succumb to moods and emotional pain.

From people who have suffered, we crave insights about the nature and needs of their souls, to draw on their wisdom so that we can find relief from our distress and discover deep satisfaction from our lives. We want authentic purpose and meaning. If we must face fear and pain, how can we emerge from our crises with the capacity to adapt to new life situations and to direct powerful inner forces for our benefit and for the benefit of others.

Ira Stone takes his reader into his life which he describes not as a movement from life to death but as its opposite: "I have experienced and continue to experience my life as a passage from death to life, with God as the agent of vital transformation" (preface, xiii).

One year after Rabbinic ordination, Ira and Annie Stone's prematurely born twin sons died, one son after only a few days of life, the other son after a few months. While Ira and Annie Stone served as "teachers of

appropriate Jewish mourning ritual," he realized only many years later that "it was a teaching job whose toll on me I wouldn't acknowledge for a long time to come" (p. 13).

About a decade after his sons' deaths, while attending a Rabbinic retreat, Ira Stone began to write essays on theological subjects. He found that he was dealing with a view of life heavily influenced by the deaths of his sons and with his need to affirm the purpose of his own life as he led a congregation and participated with his wife in the raising of their three children. The result of this search for affirmation is a series of meditations that are easy to read, yet thought-provoking.

Throughout *Seeking the Path to Life*, the author interjects his own experience. After the death of his sons, reading books and praying to God were easier than meeting other people or confronting himself. "Prayer and study are easy. Loving is not. Confronting anger is not. Living with sadness is not" (p. 39).

From his struggles, a personal theology emerged. The task of choosing life was not relegated to regaining the supremacy of his life force after the death of his twin sons but "a daily task, even an hourly task." The "sense of being alive was directly related to my strength at keeping myself open to God's Presence and that my sense of being dead was a blocking out of God" (preface xiii).

This is not an easy task, even for a believer. Stone finds that "Death is not a once-and-for-all proposition. It is a daily tide in the human spirit which, at a certain point, overwhelms the individual and is final" (p. 7). There is a constant stress within him to eliminate death. With the end of death itself would come the end of what is "the ultimate separation between God and us — mortality. It is the goal toward which all of life is directed" (p. 77). The reader may wonder how deeply the writer's view is influenced by the absence of his sons and his wish that they had grown to maturity.

The vehicle for the expression of Rabbi Stone's theology is a series of meditations on subjects of everyday life such as "The Problem of Evil," "The Messiah and the Resurrection of the Dead," "Sexuality," "Anger," "Sadness," "War," "The Soul," "Suffering," "Miracle," "Marriage and Divorce: Intimacy and the Death of Intimacy."

Many of these meditations are under 150 words. Few exceed 250. They are well written; each can evoke reflection, discussion and debate.

Stone hopes that these meditations will be used as he has utilized them with his congregation, Temple Beth Zion-Beth Israel, in Philadelphia: "As a preparation for prayer, a way of reminding oneself what is at stake in prayer. Or they can ... extend the very opening up to life that liturgy ought to facilitate" (preface xiv).

Some of the author's views about life's challenges are fascinating. The differences between generations, the author proposes, result from the different ways the generations view their physical selves. Adults fear their mortality while young people have a delusion of immortality. These diverse views are irreconcilable in our normative world. Should our world progress so that we become worthy of the presence of the Messiah, this difference between generations will vanish. "Only redemption, an act of God through the life of the Messiah, can break the cycle of generational misunderstanding" (p. 96).

Who is the Messiah? Stone's interpretation is clearly presented. The Messiah is one so blessed that no death is possible in his life. He will be so righteous that, though he is mortal, there will be no absence of God's presence, even for a moment, in his life" (p. 16). Stone's meditations are suffused with this aspiration of feeling God's presence as a constant in his life and in the life of all people. For him that is the purpose of prayer: "to

focus our attention on the choice before us, to remind us of the possibility of overcoming those moments-of-death in our life which close us off from ourselves, from others, and from God" (Preface xiv).

This book is a successful attempt at fusing theology which the author defines as "the way in which human beings reason toward an awareness of God" (p. 105) with the author's account of his struggle to remove layer upon layer of that which separates him (and by extension others) from God when encountering death. He has turned to religion to search out the deeper meaning of his life and of his struggle. Concern for his soul and for the souls of others have not led to retreat from the modern world but to immerse himself in it. His is a success story of one who looked after his own soul. In his

searching, he discovered how to nurture his own soul back to health and to cultivate a desire to share his theological views and soul-searching with others.

In his brief but insightful theologi-

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# Synagogue Life

## The joys of Yiddish music

The third lecture in the Congregation Beth Shalom Adult Education Series, "Ashkenaz: The World of our Ancestors," will take place on Sunday, January 17 at 7 p.m.

Dr. Marsha Bryan Edelman will speak on "The Joys of Yiddish Music." She will survey the origins and major themes of Yiddish music in Eastern Europe and the United States. An accomplished vocalist, she will also demonstrate examples of this

music with original recordings.

Dr. Edelman is Associate Professor of Music at Gratz College, Philadelphia, and coordinates the graduate program in Jewish Music at Gratz College.

She is also active as a choral singer, conductor of various vocal and instrumental ensembles, and currently Associate Director of the Azmir Choral Foundation. Dr. Edelman is author of *A Bibliography of Jewish*

Music and numerous articles on Jewish music and Jewish education.

Dr. Edelman has a B.A. in Music from Barnard College, and a B.A. in Jewish History and education and M.A. in Sacred Music from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. She also has a Ph.D. in Music and Music Education from Columbia University.

Admission is \$5 at the door or by the Series pass. The lecture will take place at Congregation Beth Shalom, 18th and Baynard Boulevard, Wilmington.

## Bringing meaning to the Bar Mitzvah

By DAVID M. GLAZIER  
Wilmington

It is almost a year since final preparations were made for my Bar Mitzvah, which was March 28, 1992. During these final stages of planning, I asked my mother how much it costs to put a flower arrangement on the Bimah. She hesitantly answered, because she thought it was a strange question coming from a soon to be 13 year old.

I explained we hear so much about the homeless and hungry people around the holidays but some concern for these people seems to drop off in March. I then mentioned I would rather have a basket of food on the Bimah instead of flowers because the food could be given to the hungry instead of throwing out the dead flowers a few days after my Bar Mitzvah.

We took this idea to our Rabbi's, who both thought it was a great idea. After approval from the Rabbi's, my mom went to visit the designer at the flower shop. The designer also liked my idea. She and my mom picked out a large container which they agreed would look nice sitting on the Bimah.

My mom started food shopping for canned and boxed foods of all shapes, sizes and food categories that would look good in the basket. About a week before my Bar Mitzvah, my mom took these food items to the designer at the flower shop.

The designer then placed the food



David M. Glazier

in the basket, covered it with a clear wrap and finished it off with a large bow with streamers.

The final product was beautiful and useful instead of the usual basket of flowers which would have been only beautiful.

A classmate from my congregation heard about my food basket and did the same at her Bat Mitzvah. My good friend is going to be Bar Mitzvah in January and is also doing the food basket on the Bimah.

I am hoping that this story will reach other Bar and Bat Mitzvah students and that they will also have this beautiful and useful basket of food on the Bimah on their Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

I also hope they will feel as good about doing this good deed as I did.

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## The Rabbi Writes

### Synagogues of Europe

By PETER H. GRUMBACHER  
Congregation Beth Emeth

In a recent issue of our synagogue's newsletter, *The Orbit*, I requested that congregants send photographs of European synagogues to me for possible display during the commemoration of Kristallnacht, "The Night of Shattered Glass," November, 1993.

It occurred to me that there might be others in our Jewish community who have such photographs of Houses of Worship they might have belonged to before that infamous night of November 9 and 10, 1938 when soldiers and thugs torched the synagogues and destroyed businesses all over Nazi Germany marking the true beginning of "the Final Solution."

It will be fifty-five years since that night. Those who experienced it will never forget the fear; the sadness they felt has been described as overwhelming. Many young boys had known the joy of Bar Mitzvah; brides and grooms longingly remembered their *chuppah* in the splendor of these magnificent sanctuaries; the music of Lewandowski and Sulzer had been heard reverberating through the pew-lined Temples inspiring congregant and visitor alike.

It has been said that no other

period of Jewish history saw the majesty of such architectural splendor. In one night, with laughing and jeering crowds, spectators encouraging the carnage, the skies of Germany were blackened with the smoke. The broken glass of destroyed businesses was joined with the charred remnants of *sifrei Torah*, *siddurim* and other sacred objects cherished by those communities for generations.

My father sent me a photograph of his synagogue in Wiesbaden; a former congregant now residing in Florida mailed three photographs of his synagogue in Nuremberg.

This nation, now again in the middle of xenophobia and unspeakable madness, was the home of millions of Jews, scores of gorgeous synagogues. They are no more, yet it behooves us to remember as best as we can. The visual reminders of German-Jewish glory are, I know, in the homes of many of you. Won't you consider sharing them permanently or temporarily?

I would like to encourage you to inform me of the photos you possess, how you might agree to bring them to me for display. Just call me at Congregation Beth Emeth, 764-2393, or write me at 300 W. Lea Boulevard, Wilmington, DE 19802.

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## Synagogue Life

## The Jewish dilemma?

By ROSALIND SHOR

The first time I ever heard the term "Jewish Dilemma" I was puzzled as to its meaning. To paraphrase Gertrude Stein, a Jew is a Jew is a Jew.

My parents, my grandparents, my husband's parents and their parents were never bothered with the so-called problem of a "Jewish Dilemma." Anyone born of a Jewish

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mother has an inescapable obligation — to affirm, attest and augment his Jewishness.

My husband's and my experience living as the sole Jews in non-Jewish neighborhoods has perhaps always been *beschert*. In the early years of our marriage we lived in a hamlet whose eastern boundary borders the Great Road in Princeton, NJ.

The minister of the hamlet's only church, a Dutch Reform Congregation, knocked on my door one day. Thinking he was a Fuller Brush man I told him brusquely to go away. It was Friday and I was busy preparing for Shabbos. When he introduced himself I apologized and invited him in.

He had come to thank me for the tickets to a concert in Princeton which we could not attend. At a neighbor's suggestion I had left the tickets at his doorstep with a note saying we hoped he and his wife might enjoy the concert which a conflict in invitations precluded our attending.

I offered Mr. Smith (his real name) a glass of kosher wine and lifting my own glass said "L'Chaim" before I sipped it. He wanted to know what that meant. We launched into a discussion of Judaism after he asked me if I didn't feel "left out" of things in the community.

Left out? I laughed heartily. No, I told Mr. Smith, the richness, the wisdom, the depth of Jewish tradi-

tion, Jewish history, Jewish ritual were so magnificent that I honestly felt it was they — the goyim — who were "left out."

He asked if I would be willing to talk to a Sunday School class at the church some time. It was shortly before Succos and I told him I would be delighted to do so if he could agree to have the class visit our Succah afterwards. He did.

When I spoke to the class the children, ranging in age from about 12 to 13 or 14, listened attentively and afterward the group came to our house. My husband, yarmulke on his head, pronounced the blessing over the wine, translated it for the youngsters and as they munched happily on cake, cider and other treats he explained the significance of the holiday.

"Why it's just like Thanksgiving!" one of the boys exclaimed.

Thereafter, the entire village knew about the Shors, and we were frequently invited to the social doings at the church and homes of various individuals. When we declined to partake of non-kosher food we were treated with understanding and re-

spect. One woman who had invited us to dinner at her house actually bought new pots and utensils to cook and serve the fish which we assured her we could eat!

The Jewish Dilemma? It doesn't exist for the Jews who take the time to investigate his own priceless heritage.

This past Christmas we volunteered at the Jewish Geriatric Home in Cherry Hill. A dilemma did present itself — Christmas Day 1992 coincided with Friday. I was unable to light my Sabbath candles since we were asked to help out in the kitchen until well past candle-lighting time. Rabbi Melvin Glatt, the deeply spiritual chaplain who conducts services at the Home, answered my questions according to Halacha concerning this problem.

To those of my fellow Jews who imagine that they are faced with a "Jewish Dilemma" at Christmas time or any other time of the secular year, I offer a simple solution. Instead of trying to imitate the Christian ritual, perform a Mitzvah. The Christian greatly respects the Jew who respects himself.

## Shabbaton in Boro Park

By BRYNA RAPPAPORT

Wilmington

At about noon on Friday, December 11, 25 students from Beth Shalom Religious School, Arlene Davis, Educational Director, Dina and Alan Lipschultz and Bryna and Jay Rappaport, left for an extra-special Shabbaton in Boro Park, a Hassidic (Orthodox) area of Brooklyn.

After a long bus ride (due to a storm) over (finally) bridges that had been closed, we arrived as the siren blasted indicating the beginning of Shabbas. Luckily, there is an 18-minute grace period after the siren. It was during these last minutes, everyone arrived at their host families.

We all had a delicious Seudah Shel Shabbat (Shabbas meal) with our hosts. Later in the evening the boys were able to meet with the Bobover Rabbi at their Synagogue while the girls got together for games, conversation and Oneg.

Regardless of the wet snow, everyone was up early to attend services on Saturday. The boys/men met at one synagogue and the girls/women met at another. Of course, all synagogues are built so that the women sit upstairs. They are not to sing to be heard by the men and they are not invited to the Kiddush after the ser-

vice. The whole idea is that the men should not be distracted by the women!

After services, everyone returned to his/her host family for a scrumptious Shabbat Seudah always consisting of cholent among other things. At 2:00 there was an Oneg Shabbat with food (again), games, songs and discussions with Rabbi Katz. Of course, the boys were at one place and the girls at another. At 4:00 each group moved to another home for a terrific Seudah Shlishit, with, of course, more food, games, songs and fun.

At 5:20 the boys davened Ma'ariv and Shabbat ended. Everyone knew it ended because cars began to move and phones began to ring!

At 7:30, there was a super Melaveh Malkah at the Boro Park Y...with dancing (all kinds including the electric slide!) ball games, table games and the last installment of a story by the Rabbi and all topped off with pizza.

We all fell into bed after a relaxing (!) Shabbat.

The next morning (Sunday) after breakfast, we thanked our hosts and met at the "Y". Then we spent time shopping for bagels, potato knishes, pickles and other such delicacies

(someone even bought flowers to take home to his Mother.)

We then met our bus and the plan was to visit Ellis Island. However, upon arriving there, we found out that the high tides from the storm would necessitate cancelling all boats to Ellis Island for the day. Our alternate plan was to go to the Southside Seaport to see a film about immigrant arrivals in New York.

However, upon arriving there, we found the museum in which the film was shown, was closed because the basement flooded due to the storm. Luckily a volunteer tour guide saw our group and, after explaining our situation, she made special arrangements for us to tour the Peking clipper ship, moored at the pier right where we were. It was a very interesting tour and still allowed 20 minutes of last minute shopping.

We left at 3:00 for an uneventful ride home after a weekend filled with learning and lots of wonderful memories.

## God, Zionism and Reform Judaism

Reform rabbis, scholars and lay leaders assembled recently in Glen Cove, New York, to participate in a discussion of "God, Zionism and Reform Judaism."

This conference was the first attempt by leaders of Reform Judaism to define a religious and theological relationship to the State of Israel. Co-chairpersons of the Conference were Constance S. Kreshtool, member of Congregation Beth Emeth, and a Vice-chairman of the Association of Reform Zionists of America, Rabbi Stanley Davids of Temple Emanu-El of Greater Atlanta and Professor Leon Jick of Brandeis University.

Scholars who presented papers included Rabbi Jonathan Magonet of the Leo Baeck College in London, Rabbi Dow Marmor of Holy Blossom Congregation in Toronto, Rabbi Richard Hirsch of Jerusalem, Professor Ellen Umansky of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York City, Rabbi

Peter Knobel of Beth Emet the Free Synagogue in Evanston, Illinois, and Professor Jick.

The two issues which dominated the discussions were:

Is it a *mitzvah* to be passionately involved in Israel in a religious tradition that does not accept Torah as literal Revelation?

Can Reform Judaism reconcile its universalist outlook with the particularistic, nationalist doctrines of Zionism?

In summing up the discussions Rabbi Davids observed that "our goal is to move our connection to the Land of Israel from a reflex of historical necessity to a profound religious commitment. While we cannot call for the end of the Diaspora, nor pray for such an outcome, we will seek every opportunity to strengthen the bonds linking God, the Jewish people and Zion."

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# Announcements/Events

## Volunteers needed for reform program

The Project for Domestic Reform, a community-based coalition comprised of both community members and professionals who are concerned about violence in the home, is seeking volunteers to act as advocates for female victims.

Chief judge of Family Court, Vincent J. Poppiti, has asked the Project to organize a pilot volunteer program to assist victims of domestic violence negotiate the court process. Volunteers will act as advocates for these women, will refer them to proper community agencies for assistance, and will work to help empower them to take charge of their lives.

Training of volunteers will take place the mornings of March 1, 3, 8, and 10 from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Family Court. Volunteers must make a commitment of attending all the training sessions and a further commitment of 4 hours a week for one year.

For more information, call Helen Rubin at 302-478-0838.

## Study group meets Mondays

Chabad Lubavitch announces the formation of a new Lunch N' Learn study group to meet in Wilmington every Monday.

The group will begin with Tractate Bava Metziah and will be led by Rabbi Chuni Vogel, director of Chabad Lubavitch of Delaware.

For more information call David Margules at 302-651-3115.

## Beth Shalom Sisterhood meets

Dr. Steven Fertig will be the speaker at the Wednesday, February 10, meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Congregation Beth Shalom Sisterhood, 18th and Baynard Boulevard, Wilmington.

Dr. Fertig will discuss the Five Vital Signs of good health and "Determining the state of your well being."

Dr. Fertig is a graduate of Syracuse University and the New York Chiropractic College. He is a certified team chiropractor and works with sports injuries and fitness programs.

The meeting is free and open to the public. A dessert buffet will follow the program.

For more information, contact Danna Levy at 478-7853.

## Singles, 35-54, form new group

Single adults, ages 35-54, who are interested in coming together for recreational, social, cultural, religious and educational activities are forming a new organization.

A meeting is planned for January 21, at 7:30 p.m. at the Wilmington Jewish Community Center.

For more information contact: Maria Fisher, 368-5900, or, Barbara Schneider, 478-5585.

## Erlick to speak at Beth El

Lisa Cain and Matt Denn, co-chairs of the Political Action/Missions Committee of the Young Leadership Cabinet of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, announce a program entitled "Political Developments in the United States After the Elections and Their Effects on Israel."

The program will take place on Sunday, February 21, at 9:30 a.m. for breakfast and 10:30 a.m. for the speaker. There is a \$4.00 charge for breakfast. The event will be held at Temple Beth El, 301 Possum Park Road, Newark, Delaware and is being co-sponsored by the Men's Club of Temple Beth El.

The featured speaker is Al Erlick, the managing editor of the *Jewish Exponent* for the last twenty-one years. Erlick has won journalism awards for a series of editorials on the search for peace in the Middle East.

For further information, call Lelaine Nemser at 478-6200. The program is open to the community.

7:30 p.m., guest teachers from the rabbinic and lay community.

•Jewish Laws and Customs, 7:30 p.m., teacher: Lex Vega.

•Beyond "Shalom" — A course in conversational Hebrew as well as a review of Hebrew reading skills in the siddur, 8:30 p.m., teacher: Faith Brown.

In addition to the above classes, two other courses will be offered:

•Medical Ethics, Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., January 6-February 10, teacher: Rabbi Gewirtz, (Fee: \$12 non-members; no charge to members).

•Decoding the Synagogue Service - Do You Understand What You Pray? Sunday, 11 a.m., January 10-March 21, teacher: Gail Tolpin. (Fee: \$3 for materials).

There is also a weekly Talmud class with Rabbi Gewirtz taught on Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m.

For further information on these and other classes in the "Learn at AKSE" program, call the shul office, 762-2705.

All courses and programs are open to the entire community.

## Adas Kodesch offers classes

The adult education committee of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth has announced its new course offerings for 1993 which began on January 6.

The following classes will meet Wednesday evenings through March 24, (Fee: \$25 non-members; no charge to members):

•Jewish History for Grownups,

## Discussion

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The papers, responses and comments will be published in a special journal by the Association of Reform Zionists. It is planned that the issues raised at the conference will be studied and examined in all gatherings of the Reform movement from congregational meetings to international conferences.

## Business

### Rosen

Fredric M. Rosen, C.P.A., has joined G. Harry Papaleo, Jr., C.P.A., and Linda L. Chelf, C.P.A. to form Papaleo, Rosen & Chelf, P.A., Certified Public Accountants.

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## Dear Rachel

Dear Rachel,

I got the pictures from my bar mitzvah. Right in the middle of most of them is the ugly face of this weird guy my mother was going with then. My mother is mad at me because I don't want to help her pick out pictures for the album. I don't care about the stupid album. All I want is a couple of pictures with my real Mom and Dad, without any boyfriends and girlfriends. Who's bar mitzvah is it?

Divorced Son

Dear Son,

Parents get divorced from each other, but they are permanently your parents. Pictures of the bar mitzvah are mementoes of a very special occasion, so family pictures really ought to be of permanent family members. On the other hand, bar mitzvah photos are also a picture of what your family is like at this time. Does your family sometimes feel more like a revolving door than a permanent fixture?

Your mother is not a mindreader. You need to let her know how you feel, and why you feel the way you do. She may be thinking that you are being stubborn, when you actually have a legitimate concern.

With so many changes in your parents' lives, it is sometimes hard for them to remember that you have to adjust to each of the changes they make. If you help them understand your needs, they can continue to be good parents while they build two separate families for you.

Rachel

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## Jewish War Veterans participate in events



Jewish War Veterans, Department of Delaware, members (left to right) Herb Abrams, Harry Lubin, Irv Chernicoff, Sy Donner, Bernie Schaffer, and Sam Geller join in the annual Memorial Day wreath-laying ceremonies at the Delaware River Twin Bridges Veterans Memorial Plaza.



Harry Lubin, Commander, Harry Fineman Post 525, Jewish War Veterans; Betty Lubin, Deputy Vice Commander, Department of Delaware, Cantor Norman Swerling, Chaplain - Department of Delaware; and Dennis Newhouse, New Castle County Executive and son of Bernard Greenhouse, Senior Vice Commander, participate in the annual Memorial Service at the Veterans Memorial Wall in the Delaware Jewish Community Center.

### Adas Kodesch Square Dance February 27

The Sisterhood of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth will hold its 8th Annual Square Dance and Dinner in the Synagogue Social Hall on Saturday, February 27.

Caller Elmo Troiani will lead new and familiar dances. Dinner will be served at 7:15, followed by the dance and dessert at a cost of \$12.50 per person. Admission at 8:15 for the

dance and dessert is \$7 per person. Reservations are necessary. Groups of 6 - 10 may reserve a table. Call Sharon Berry, 475-3004, or Rhonda Lehr, 475-0573 before February 22.

### Scholarships to Israel

Rabbi Peter H. Grumbacher, chairperson of the Kutz Foundation Israel Allocations Committee, announces the availability of scholarships for young people considering spending the summer of 1993 in Israel.

This is primarily for students in grade ten and up who are participating in summer programs organized by national and international Jewish organizations. Those young people interested in more formal programs in Israel — for a semester or a year — may also apply for financial assistance.

The deadline for applying is March 15, with decisions to be made in April. Call Rabbi Grumbacher at 764-2393 or write to him c/o Israel Allocations Committee, Congregation Beth Emeth, 300 W. Lea Boulevard, Wilmington, DE 19802 for pertinent forms and information.



Honorary membership in the Jewish War Veterans of the United States is conferred on eleven year old Evan Littman by Harry Lubin, Commander, Harry Fineman Post 525; in grateful recognition of his dedicated service at monthly Bingo games conducted for patients at the VA Hospital, Elsmere. Littman, the grandson of Samuel Wenzel, Department of Delaware Quartermaster, is assisting with these parties - hosted by JWV volunteers; a service which JWV has provided continuously for over forty-five years.

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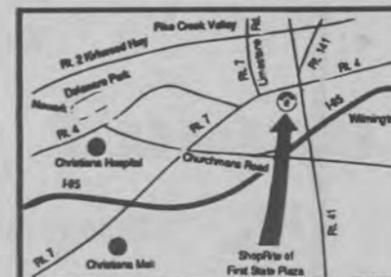
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## Sunday \_\_\_\_\_ 10

**Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Emeth, Wilmington**, breakfast meeting, 9:30 a.m. featuring guest speaker Yvette Rudnitzky, a feminine therapist, speaking on "Reinterpreting Eve in the Garden." She will also discuss her personal involvement in "Feminism and Judaism." For reservations call Lisa Alper at 477-0321 by January 5.

## Friday \_\_\_\_\_ 15

**Young Jewish Adults of Delaware Synagogue Drop-In** at Temple Beth El (Reconstructionist), 301 Possum Park Road, Newark. Services

begin at 8 p.m. Following the service, members will go out for food and drink. Call Roz Sherman for more information: (302) 762-2739.

## Sunday \_\_\_\_\_ 17

**Men's Club of Temple Beth El, Newark**, breakfast meeting, 9:30 a.m. featuring guest speaker Emily M. Barnett, executive director of the Interfaith Housing Task Force, speaking about the background of the task force and the community and financial partnerships that have been working effectively in the area.

**Parents of North American Israelis, Philadelphia Chapter**, meeting 1:30 p.m., Kaiserman Branch JYC, City Line and Haverford Avenue, Philadelphia. Program: Morton Klein, president of American Zionist Federation on "How to Fight Anti-Israel Propaganda." For more information contact Nita Quint, 215-877-2105.

## Monday \_\_\_\_\_ 18

**Youth and Family Department of the Wilmington Jewish Community Center - Martin Luther King's Birthday - School's Out Day** programs, 7:15 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. Varied activities include indoor swimming, gym sports and day trips. Children need to bring a Kosher lunch; snack provided. Cost is \$20 for JCC members which includes early morning and late day care, if necessary. Pre-registration is required. For more information call Michael Grossman at 478-5660.

## Tuesday \_\_\_\_\_ 19

**Jewish Community Center, Wilmington - Jewish Great Books Discussion Group**, 7:30 p.m., free of charge. Selected chapters of "A Living Covenant" by D. Hartman. For more information call Rona Finkelstein at 478-7598.

**The Children's Center of the Wilmington Jewish Community Center - Toilet Learning Program**, 7:30 p.m. Dr. Debra Zussman, pediatrician in private practice will discuss signs of toilet learning readiness, indicators to look for and practical tips. Free to JCC members, \$4 for non-members. Pre-registration is required. For more information call Jane Hormadaly at 478-5660.

## Thursday \_\_\_\_\_ 21

**Fitness Center of the Wilmington Jewish Community Center**, Visual Screening, 9 to 11:30 a.m. Dr. Michelle Medwin will host this screening of visual acuity, estimate near and farsightedness and administer a glaucoma test. Free of charge. Pre-registration is required. For more information call A.J. Lipstein at 478-5660.

**Jewish Community Center, Wilmington - Singles 35 to 54 Organizational Meeting**, 7:30 p.m. Single adults who are interested in coming together for recreational, social, cultural, religious and educational activities are invited to attend. For more information call Marla Fisher at 368-5900 or Barbara Schneider at 478-5585.

## Saturday \_\_\_\_\_ 23

**Women's American ORT Brandywine Chapter** at large is presenting "A Night at the Races" at 8 p.m. - an Off, Off Track Betting Extravaganza, for a night of fun, games, food and more. Tickets in advance are \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members, \$5 more at the door. For more details call Judi Rosenberg at 478-8336.

## Sunday \_\_\_\_\_ 24

**Youth and Family Service Department of the Wilmington Jewish Community Center - Club 34 Obstacle Course and Treasure Hunts**, 2 to 4 p.m. For children in grades 3 and 4. The cost is \$4.50 for JCC members and \$6 for non-members. Pre-registration is required at the Front Desk. For more information call Elyse Greer at 478-5660.

## Monday \_\_\_\_\_ 25

**Senior Center of the Wilmington Jewish Community Center - Fraud and Other Con Games**, 10:30 a.m. Myrna Ryder, Director of Family Life Education at Jewish Family Service will present this A.A.R.P. program. Learn how to avoid some of the most common frauds, scams and swindles and receive important tips. Free of charge and open to the community. For more information call Ray Freschman at 478-5660.

## Wednesday \_\_\_\_\_ 27

**Senior Center of the Wilmington Jewish Community Center - Candlelight Dinner and Slide Presentation**, 5:30 p.m. Sarah Goldstein will share her collection of slides from

her tour of Hungary and surrounding areas. Transportation available and advance reservations are required. Holiday donation requested. For more information call Ray Freschman at 478-5660.

## Thursday \_\_\_\_\_ 28

**Recreational Services Department of the Wilmington Jewish Community Center - Racquetball League Lesson I: Techniques**, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 for JCC members and \$20 for non-members. Pre-registration is required. For more information call Ellen London at 999-1898.

## Sunday \_\_\_\_\_ 31

**Recreational Services Department of the Wilmington Jewish Community Center - Tenth Annual Snowball Run, 1 Mile "Fun" Run**, 10:30 a.m., 5 Mile Run, 11 a.m., 5K Walk, 11:01 a.m. Costs are \$10 for pre-registration by January 28, \$12 for post-registration with t-shirt by 10:15 a.m. on day of race and \$8 post-registration without t-shirt by 10:15 a.m. on day of race. Long sleeve t-shirts to the first 300 registered runners. Prizes, refreshments and awards ceremony following race. For more information call Eileen Wallach at 478-5660.

## Ongoing

**B'nai B'rith Klutznick National Jewish Museum**, 1640 Rhode Island Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, 202-857-6536, exhibit through mid-February: Stone, Wood, Oil and Water: Sculpture and Painting by Sy Greser, Leon Bibel, Paul Fux, and Chaim Nahor. Special display of Hanukkah menorahs, newly acquired as part of Museum's permanent collection.

**National Museum of American Jewish History**, 55 N. 5th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 215-923-3811 exhibit: "The American Jewish Experience." Reopening of the Museum's permanent exhibition with new artifacts about Jewish settlement in this country from 1654 to present.

**National Museum of American Jewish History**, 55 N. 5th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 215-923-5984, exhibit through March 15: "From Saloniaka to Curacao: A Sephardic Odyssey." Prepared by Gratz College focusing on the archives of Isaac Emmanuel (1899-1972), a Sephardic scholar and rabbi who authored works on the history of the Jewish communities of Curacao, the Caribbean, and his native Salonika, Greece.

**Young Jewish Adults of Delaware** coed Volleyball on Wednesdays in the Wilmington Jewish Community Center gym beginning at 6 p.m. Games are non-competitive. Admission is \$1 for JCC members, \$2 for non-members. Call Mike Schenk for more information: (215) 558-3781.

**Jewish Community Center Art Gallery** features a series of graphic art works by African American artist James Newton, Professor and Director of Black American Studies at the University of Delaware, January 15-February 28 in tribute of the Martin Luther King Holiday and Black History Month. For more information call Sharon Richman at 478-5660.

## Peace talks

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Shoval said he is "cautiously optimistic" the ninth round of the talks that followed the Madrid conference in October 1991 will be opened in February although no date has been set by the parties. He suggested that an early meeting between President Bill Clinton and Rabin "would be a good idea" to get the talks going again.

Shoval, who is leaving Washington February 5 and is to be succeeded as ambassador by Prof. Itamar Rabinovitch, former chancellor of Tel Aviv University, said about the deportation that Israel "is dealing with a major security problem" in trying to halt violence by the Palestinian extremists.

"Muslim fundamentalism is a serious danger," he said. "We are the first country to deal with it." He felt

temporary expulsion was "the best way to deal with them."

Meanwhile, UN Secretary General Boutros Ghali said in a letter to the UN Security Council January 5 that "there is in my opinion no alternative to the safe and immediate return to the occupied territories of all those deported," the Israeli newspaper Haaretz reported.

Ghali also wrote that should Israel not comply with UN resolution 789, which calls on Israel to return the 415 Hamas and Islamic Hihad activists, "I may have to recommend in my report that the council consider taking further steps to ensure that its decision is respected."

Haaretz interpreted that last remark as a threat to use sanctions against Israel. Ghali has been described in news media as abrasive and not constructive in his duties.

## Rabin

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The blind Moslem leader, who preaches in Brooklyn and New Jersey, has reportedly been involved in incitement to murder of tourists in Egypt and of Egyptian leaders. He has been tied to El Sayyid Nosair,

who is serving a prison sentence for crimes associated with the murder of Rabbi Meir Kahane, leader of the anti-Arab Kach movement.

Jerusalem has also asked Washington to exert pressure on Saudi Arabia to stop transfer of funds to Hamas activities in the territories.

## Jackson

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The discussion did not include the issue of the Palestinian deportees, according to participants.

"We discussed the significance of keeping all parties at the bargaining table in the Middle East," Jackson said.

Participants also talked about "the need to build and broaden ties between blacks and Jews in this country

as part of a basic social justice movement," Jackson said.

Other topics at the meeting included South Africa, the Holocaust, and Jackson's efforts to help Syrian Jews leave their country.

In recent months, Jackson has reached out to the Jewish community in an attempt to build closer ties, holding well-publicized meetings with Jewish groups.

## College execs

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sponsorship, was not the first interaction some black colleges have had with Israeli efforts.

In the last few years, two black colleges — Wilberforce University, in Wilberforce, Ohio, and Bethune-Cookman College in Daytona, Fla. — held Israeli cultural days.

According to United Negro College Fund Vice President Alan Kirschner, "We're looking to widen the programs with other colleges, and develop linkages with other Israeli universities."

Each of the presidents on the Israel trip voiced interest in hosting an Israeli cultural day at his college or university, and several are being planned for the next academic year, said Kirschner, who is Jewish.

Myer Titus, the president of Phi-

lander Smith College, a 935-student Methodist liberal arts college in Little Rock, Arkansas, said that he will be exploring the possibility of student and faculty exchanges, and opportunities to connect with the Jewish community in his area.

"At this point there is no relationship with Jews in Little Rock. Now I will work myself at that relationship," he said.

It was the first visit to Israel for most of the college and university presidents, and they came back, said some, with a deeper understanding of political tensions in the region.

They were there during the kidnapping and murder of Israeli border policeman Shmuel Toledano by Hamas and the subsequent deportation of 415 Moslem fundamentalists to southern Lebanon.

According to Julius Scott Jr., president of Paine College, a 700-student institution in Augusta, Georgia, "We sensed the tension from both sides, and understand the difficulties faced by people who really can't allow themselves to be pushed around."

And, said Scott, who described himself as left-of-center when it comes to Palestinian-Israeli issues, "Some of us were saying if the Israelis weren't that cruel they wouldn't be here."

"Our sensitivities were deepened to understand and appreciate the plight of Israel in terms of its own continuity," he said.

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## Obituaries

### David Pack, Milford poultry producer, dies at 87

David Pack, 87, a retired Milford businessman and community leader, died January 10 of heart failure at Milford Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Pack, of 610 Parson Thorne Apartments, Milford, a native of New York City, moved to Delaware just before World War II. With his brothers, he founded Sussex Poultry Co., which became known as Delmarva Poultry Co.

Throughout the 1940s it was the largest business of its type and the first to use vertical integration from the feed mill, growing operations, processing and distributions of a market-ready product.

The company received a certificate of merit for the part it played in the production of food for the armed forces during World War II.

In the book, "Delaware, A History of the First State," Mr. Pack was identified as president of the Poultry

Institute and a widely recognized leader in the poultry field.

He was a founder and contributor to Congregation Beth Shalom in Dover.

He participated in the development of a minor league baseball team in Milford in the 1940s, "The Milford Red Sox," of the Boston baseball organization.

He was a former member of the board of directors of Milford Memorial Hospital, and was a founding member of Shawnee Country Club. He was a Master Mason in Temple Lodge 9, AF&AM, Milford. He was a member of Milford Rotary Club and a past member of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

His wife, Rene B. Pack, died in 1981. He is survived by two sons, Ronald D. of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and Richard D. of Lewes; a daughter, Virginia P. Young of

Milford; three brothers, Harry of Greenville, Michael of Lakehurst, New Jersey, and Louis of New York City; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

#### Paul Sayer

Paul Sayer, 86, of Wilmington died at Riverside Hospital, Wilmington, where he was a patient.

Mr. Sayer was president of Sayer Brothers, a laundry and linen service at 18th and Market streets, Wilmington, retiring when the store was sold in 1982.

He was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom and its Men's Club for more than 60 years, and a 50-year member of B'nai B'rith Lodge 470, Wilmington.

He is survived by his wife, Matilda "Tillie," a son, Marvin S. of Arden; a daughter, Mitzi Cheitlin of Devonshire; three brothers, Leon, Coleman, and Alvin, all of Wilmington; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Congregation Beth Shalom, Wilmington.

#### Jack M. Horden

Jack M. Horden, 91, of the Kutz Home, Wilmington, died in Riverside Hospital December 26.

Mr. Horden was born in Russia. He was controller of the Jewish Education Committee of New York for over 30 years.

His wife, Esther Finkelstein Horden, died in 1986. He is survived by two sons, Martin M. of Wilmington; Joel H. of Israel; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

The family suggests contributions to Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Wilmington 19809.

#### Sarah R. Citron

Sarah R. Citron, 91, of Wilmington, died January 7.

Born in Poland, Mrs. Citron was a homemaker. She was a member of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth and its Sisterhood and Mizrahi Women.

Her husband, Abraham H. Citron, died in 1966.

She is survived by a son, Irvin M. Citron of Teaneck, New Jersey; a daughter, Helen M. Gordon with whom she lived; four grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Instead of flowers, the family sug-

gests contributions to Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, Washington Boulevard and Torah Drive, Wilmington, DE 19802.

#### Ethel L. Simon

Ethel L. Simon, 83, Wilmington, died January 7, at home.

Mrs. Simon was born in Philadelphia and moved to Wilmington in 1934. She was a member of Hadassah, the Kutz Home, the Jewish Community Center of Greater Wilmington, and the Brandywine Country Club.

Survivors include her husband, Albert L. Simon at home; two sons, Samuel J. Simon of Dania, Florida, and Robert E. Simon of Overland Park, Kansas; a sister, Anne Krueger of Ann Arbor, Michigan; and five grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Delaware Hospice Inc. or The Kutz Home.

**Stella Adler**, the last remaining acting member of a legendary family of Yiddish stage and screen performers and a world-famous teacher of Method acting, died of heart failure

December 21 at her home in Los Angeles. She was 91. Adler, who spoke and taught with dashing grandeur and imperiousness, could coax an actor to tears or shame and then use those emotions to better the performance. Among her students were Marlon Brando, Warren Beatty and Robert De Niro. Her entire family performed: her famed parents, Jacob Adler and the former Sarah Levitsky, were leaders of the Yiddish Art Company and were considered the leading Yiddish stage tragedians in the United States.

**Rabbi Alexander Shapiro**, a leader of Conservative Judaism, died December 10 in Philadelphia of heart failure. He was 63. Shapiro had been the spiritual leader of Oheb Shalom Congregation in South Orange, New Jersey, since 1972. He rose to national prominence in 1985, when he was elected president of the Conservative movement's Rabbinical Assembly. That year, after a long history of supporting equal rights for women in the pulpit, Shapiro was able to welcome the first woman into the 1,000-member rabbinic organization.

## Naches

#### Breverman

Charles and Rebecca Breverman announce the birth of their son, Asher Betzalel, born on November 29.

Grandparents are David and Evelyn Dragiff of Sun City, Arizona, and Harry and Sophia Breverman of Phoenix, Arizona.

Aunts and uncles are Rabbi Joel and Fredi Rembaum of Los Angeles and Matthew and Jill Dragiff of Jacksonville, Florida.

#### Kreston

Deena and Bob Kreston of Wilmington announce the birth of Jeff's sister, Stacey Nicole, on December 27, 1992.

The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Cohen and Mr. and Mrs. Donald M. Kreston, all of Wilmington.

The great-grandparents are Mrs. Anne Abramov, Mrs. Edna Cohen and Mr. and Mrs. N. Burton Levy, all of Wilmington.

#### Ufberg-Weinstein

Dr. and Mrs. Hal Ufberg of Wilmington announce the engagement of their daughter, Judi, to Dr. Edward Weinstein.

A June wedding is planned.

### Rabbi Stone

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cal meditations, Rabbi Stone does not shy away from controversial issues, but leaves the reader with unanswered questions. For example, he comments on health but does not indicate his view of God's role in the healing process — Is illness outside the power of God's influence? (p. 50) He writes that "Evil, being death, is neither from God nor under HIS control" (p. 15). In this view, God is not omniscient. It is not clear in the author's theology from which source does evil come? However, even when

I questioned Rabbi Stone's theology as I read this book, or when I disagreed with him, he got me thinking which is another asset of this book.

Of-times, our minds go off on their own and seem to have no relevance to the physical world. Or there is so much focus on the materialistic life that we forget about spirituality. *Seeking - The Path to Life* is anchored in our world and is spiritual, a combination for which the author is to be lauded. This book is well worth reading. It is a valuable guide for those looking for a spiritual compass in a world where the needs of the soul are too often neglected.

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