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Survivor Recounts 1944 Meeting with Halina Wind Preston in Russian Liberated Lvov

By **BONNIE FALCHUK**
Reporter, Jewish Voice

On November 15 - a brilliant and balmy Sunday afternoon - Dr. Leon W. Wells drew an audience of over 200 listeners to the University of Delaware's Trabant Center Theater to hear his eyewitness account of survival in the Holocaust, a story intertwined with that of a young woman named Halina Wind, who reminded him of his own murdered older sister Ellen Lea.

In recounting his story, Wells told the audience that he was breaking a decades-long silence about the Holocaust because Halina Wind Preston's husband George and her son David had asked him to be this year's Halina Wind Preston Memorial Lecture speaker. "And how can I say to David: no?" he asked, smiling.

Following Connie Kreshool's opening remarks and David Lee Preston's introduction, Wells began to speak about his experiences, following roughly the same chronological sequence as in his memoir *The Death Brigade*.

Wells survived the Janowska concentration camp near Lvov in Poland, the only person in his 70-member extended family to outlive the war. Ironically, he was the one his family worried most about, since for a time he was the only family member in a camp. After escaping twice from the camp - the second time as part of a revolt - he was able to hide in a small basement-like structure under a barn owned by a Pole named Kaiwinski. Twenty-two Jews were already hiding there, when Wells and his buddy Korn joined them for what turned out to be eight months.



Attending the recent Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Memorial Lecture are, L-R, David Lee Preston, Dr. Leon W. Wells, guest lecturer, and George Preston.

After Lvov was liberated by the Russians, a dazed Wells walked around on bloody feet unaccustomed to wearing shoes. Days later he met a man who had survived for 14 months in a tiny cave in the sewers under Lvov with a group of others, including Halina Wind.

Survival in hiding depended on helpers, and often entailed a high degree of risk for those who would provide food, water, and sometimes even air for the people in hiding.

Often, the removal of daily waste was equally important, since it could lead to detection. In Halina Wind's situation, the helper was a sewer worker, and for Wells it was a farm family. There were never any guarantees that the hiding Jews would survive, but there were often hidden costs. In Leon Wells' situation under the barn, the hidden problem was that the Kalwinski's beloved youngest son had to be sent to live elsewhere, since children could so easily spill secrets. "Who

were these people" asked Wells, "who could sacrifice family to save strangers?"

Mrs. Preston, who died 16 years ago, shared this gratitude for those who did not refuse to aid their fellow human beings. At the time of her death, she was working to develop a permanent Garden of the Righteous Gentiles after she had already established a temporary one at the Jewish Community Center in the early 1980s. After Preston's death, Dorothy Finger and Harriet Wolfson helped bring her ideas to completion, and in 1983, the nation's first Garden of the Righteous Gentiles was dedicated at the Jewish Community Center.

Academic research of late has also focused on those who helped and rescued Jews. This year's eighteenth annual conference on the Holocaust at Millersville University in Pennsylvania was dedicated to the topic of righteous Gentiles. Keynote speaker Eva Fogelman posed such questions as: Were righteous Gentiles and other rescuers especially idealistic? How were they distributed among the professions and by age or gender? And how can this best be investigated?

Dr. Wells told the audience on Sunday that most helpers or rescuers were simple working people.

Other questions posed at the lecture revealed the varied concerns of the audience, which appeared to be a mix of all ages. When asked to comment on "Schindler's List," Leon Wells surprised listeners by stating he hadn't seen it. "It is hard personally

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GA Delegates Find New Meaning in Israel-Diaspora Relationship

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Thousands of Diaspora Jews witnessed with their own eyes the gulf that divides them from their Israeli counterparts, but they also caught a glimpse of a bridging solution.

North American Jews participating in the 67th General Assembly of the UJA Federations of North America found that meaningful discussion between Israeli and Diaspora Jews may be the key to buttressing the relationship.

Delaware delegates to the GA included: Barbara Schoenberg, JFD president; Judy Wortman, JFD executive vice president, and lay leaders Debbie Kraft Cohen; Andrea and Scott Feinman; Reiko and Barry Kayne; Lelaine Nemser; and Karen Venezky.

The theme of this year's G.A., as the event is known, is, "Many People, Many Roads, One Heart." But another multiple — many voices — more aptly describes the activity going on at Jerusalem's International Convention Center, where 5,000 participants from North America and Israel gath-

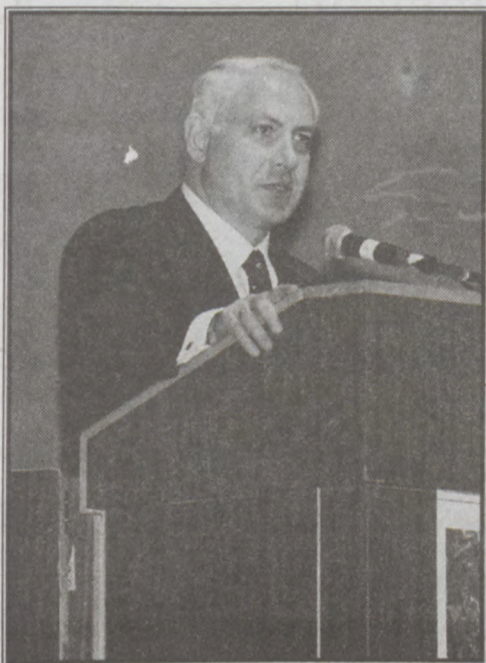
ered this week for the largest annual meeting of Jewish communal leaders.

The event's setting — this is the first G.A. to be held outside of North America — has also renewed many participants' conviction that federations in North America must make cultural exchange with Israelis a high priority.

Through two-person panel discussions and face-to-face meetings, the American and Canadian Jews overflowing the conference rooms in the sprawling white stone complex here had the chance to hear Israeli points of view and present their own conceptions of Israel. They have also had to confront Israelis' perception of American Jews — and sometimes their disinterest in American Jews altogether.

The "major gap" between Israel and the Diaspora, said one panelist, Rabbi David Saperstein, exists because many Israelis — and many North American Jews as well — don't care about the disconnection.

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Israeli Prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu, greets General Assembly of UJA Federation of North American delegates in Jerusalem earlier this week.



You can help this Ethiopian child celebrate Hanukkah with his Israeli and Russian peers by contributing to the UJA Federation Campaign. Do a mitzvah today. See page 6 for the story.

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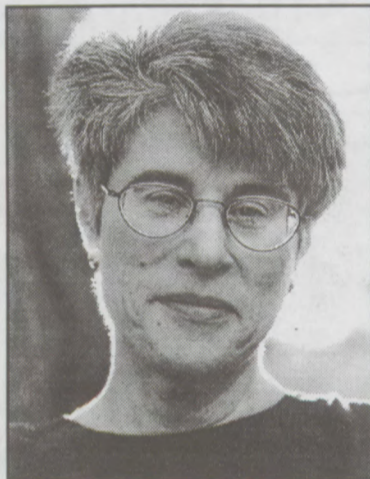
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Talmud Professor to Lecture in Wilmington

Dr. Judith Rebecca Hauptman, Professor of Talmud of The Jewish Theological Seminary of America, New York, will be the guest lecturer at Congregation Beth Shalom, as part of this year's Jacob Kraft Educational Foundation program. On Sunday evening, December 6, 1998, Dr. Hauptman will discuss "Old Texts, New Reading". The foundation was founded in 1988 in memory of Rabbi Kraft, who served as spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Shalom from 1930 to 1987. The foundation furthers Rabbi Kraft's devotion to learning by funding a diversity of educational programs for the congregation and the community.

Dr. Hauptman is a graduate of

Barnard College, where she received a B.A. in Economics. She earned a Bachelor of Hebrew Literature in Talmud from the Seminary College of the Jewish Theological Seminary, and also received her M.A. and Ph.D. in Talmud from the seminary's graduate school. Dr. Hauptman's professional career has been devoted to teaching, lecturing and writing on various aspects of Judaica, with an emphasis on Talmud and Rabbinics. Her special interest is the position of women in ancient and modern Judaism. In addition to serving on the faculty of the Jewish Theological Seminary, she has also served as Visiting Instructor in Talmud at the City College of New York, and as Assistant Professor of Talmud at



Dr. Judith Hauptman

Hebrew Union College (New York).

Dr. Hauptman has written extensively on issues of Talmudic law and

on women's issues in Rabbinic and modern Judaism. Among her published articles in a variety of scholarly and general publications are :

"Images of Women in the Talmud", "Patrilineal Descent—An Examination of the Issue", "Abortion: Where We Stand", "Women in the Conservative Synagogue", "Judaism and a Just Economy" "Of the Sanhedrin,

Seminary and Yankee Stadium". Her recent book is *Rereading the Rabbis, A Woman's Voice*, (Westview, 1998).

Dr. Hauptman is the recipient of numerous awards and grants, including:

The Louis Ginzberg Fellowship, and several JTS Summer Research Grants. Dr. Hauptman is married to Milton Adesnik, Professor of Cell Biology at the NYU School of Medicine. Together they have three sons.

Dr. Hauptman's lecture on December 6, will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the synagogue, 18th and Baynard Boulevard.

There is no charge for the lecture. For more information, please call the synagogue office (302) 654-4462.

G.A. Convenes in Jerusalem

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"The ability to engage in dialogue, the sense of common interest is key to American Jewish identity," said Saperstein, who is director of the Washington-based Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism. "As American Jews, we are defined by the nature of this dialogue," he said.

But as North American partici-

pants discovered, Israelis have a completely different idiom for discussions of identity.

Haim Arzan, from the northern Israeli town of Afula, told his North American discussion-mates, "We are the same people. I recognize that you care. I respect your opinion."

But, he said, living in Israel is difficult and tense. "There you see it on TV. Here, you feel it."

Many G.A. participants were surprised to learn, for example, that many Israelis "feel more Israeli than Jewish," as Shiva Ben-Yemini put it.

At a time when many American federations are turning inward to attend to the exigencies of maintaining interest in Jewish life and Jewish philanthropy; the G.A.'s session seemed to suggest that the

issues might best be addressed cross-culturally, through such programs as organized trips to Israel, professional exchanges and social justice and philanthropic partnerships.

Representatives from local federations that have linked up with Israeli cities through programs such as Partnership 2000 reported tremendous success in developing

personal and professional connections between the communities.

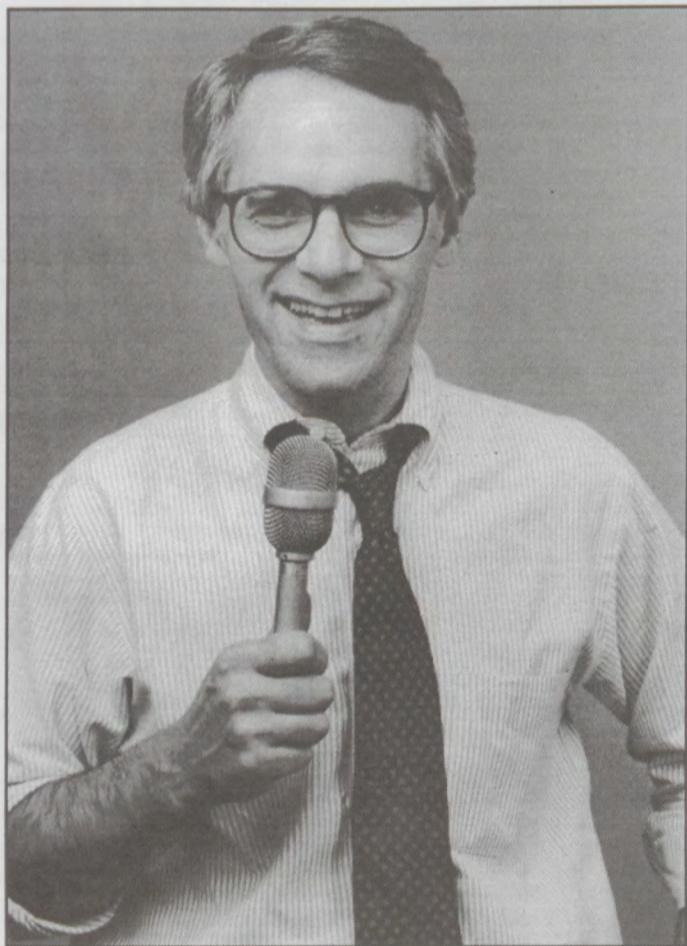
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OPINION

Remembrance

By CONNIE KRESHTOOL

It was truly a surreal experience...my whirlwind tour of Jewish Berlin and the commemoration of the 60th anniversary of *Kristallnacht* in that city.

I had grown up during the dark days of the Holocaust. One of my early childhood memories is the admonition from my parents who occasionally gave me a few coins to buy a toy in the local 5 & 10 "to never select anything marked 'Made in Germany.'" As the years passed and Hitler's plan to make Germany *judenrein* was set into place and enlarged to destroy the Jews of Europe, Germany became for me the symbol of total evil. When World War II ended and the full extent of the cruelty and inhumanity of the Germans was revealed my feelings of revulsion for the country were only reinforced.

In 1950 when my brother-in-law, who had left Germany for Cuba in 1939 as a thirteen year-old, came into our family he constantly reminded us of the Germans' hatred of the Jews. Dear Wally would often point to a Volkswagen on the street and comment that we could never be certain that the Germans

had not used the skin of Jews for its upholstery. As the decades passed he hardly softened his attitude.

So like many of my generation with deep-seated feelings about Germany it has always been difficult for me to think about traveling there. But when I received an invitation to attend the International Humanitarian Award Dinner of the World Union for Progressive Judaism to be held in Berlin on the evening following the Jewish community's 60th anniversary of *Kristallnacht* I decided to accept.

I arrived in Berlin on Monday, November 9, 1998. It was cold and raining. Unfortunately, I was a little too late to attend the Service of Commemoration of Pogromnacht (the word used by the Germans in place of *Kristallnacht*) at the Rykestrasse Synagogue where Germany's President Roman Herzog and newly-elected Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder; Israel's Chief Rabbi Meir Lau and other dignitaries were the speakers.

But I was present late in the afternoon as thousands of Berliners marched silently in the dark from Wittenberg Place (where Jews had been assembled by the Nazis for



Connie Kreshtool

transport to concentration camps) to the Jewish Center on Fasener Street. They filled the street forming a vast sea of umbrellas in front of the platform erected beside a large memorial wall inscribed with the names of death camps and mass grave sites.

The President of the Jewish Congregation of Berlin, Dr. Andreas Nachama, and the president of the Berlin Chamber of Deputies, Dr.

Herwig Haase, participated in the program. With my very limited knowledge of German I heard them call out the names and ages of those who had lived and worked on that street and on that night sixty years ago had been taken to Wittenberg Place and deported to concentration camps. The speaker said that with the "Route of Remembrance" the Jewish community had reclaimed their street.

It was a mournful scene. As the heavy rains fell and the trains of the elevated railway a few hundred yards away rolled by the cantor chanted *El Male Rachamin*. From my vantage point a few steps above the crowd of umbrellas I was suddenly reminded of the last time I had been among thousands holding umbrellas against a heavy rain. It had been at the dedication of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum five years ago. Then and in Berlin were not the Heavens weeping for the millions who had perished at the hands of Germany's Third Reich?

It was with the cantor's recitation of the *Kaddish* that I realized that the people who had assembled in the street were not Jews for they were

all silent. It was only then that I began to weep.

The next day I toured Jewish Berlin which is located mainly in East Berlin seeing the sites where Jewish institutions are literally rising from the ashes. There are ten thousand Jews in Berlin today. They include Jews who remained after the DP camps were closed, Jews from the former Soviet Union, Israelis and those working for foreign companies...almost none are German Jews.

On November 9th and 10th there was very heavy coverage of the anniversary of *Pogromnacht* in newspapers and on television. It included the events of the day as well as old films showing the rampaging Nazis as they broke windows and set fire to Jewish Synagogues and places of business. This year along with this obvious commitment to remember the Nazi horror and to learn from it there were also the voices of those who felt that it was time to move beyond the shadow of the Holocaust. It is this that is causing consternation among German Jewish leaders as a new postwar generation of Germans comes to power.

RABBI WRITES

Informed Faith and Reason in Judaism

By RABBI LEONARD B. GEWIRTZ, Rabbi Emeritus AKSE

"Science without religion is lame, Religion without science is blind" Albert Einstein

The Thirteen Principles of Faith by Rambam, R. Moses Maimonides (1135-1204) were written by the "Great Eagle" in his commentary on the Mishnah, in the tenth chapter of the tractate Sanhedrin. They were condensed into 13 single sentences, one sentence to a principle. They are included at the close of the Shaharit, daily morning liturgy. In the fourteenth century, these principles were the inspiration for the religious poem, *Yigdal*, recited daily in the morning service after the Adon Olam.

The Thirteen Principles of Faith by Rambam are a rational statement of Jewish Faith, wherein informed faith and reason are harmonized. These principles are elucidated in greater detail in his commentary, wherein G-d is called the First Cause, cause of all causes, without Whom there could be no existence, no being; He is the Foundation of all being. The Rambam uses reason to explain the existence of the universe, caused by the power of G-d.

In the Halakhic fourteen volume work, *Mishneh-Torah*, Rambam begins the first volume, *Fundamentals of the Torah*, as follows:

"The fundamental principle and pillar of all science is to know that

there is a First Being . . . This Being is the Lord of the entire universe . . . He caused the celestial spheres always to revolve . . ." Like Aristotle, Maimonides defines G-d as the "unmoved mover."

The vast written sacred tradition of Judaism is a harmony between informed Faith and Reason, and is expressed in three major forms of sacred literature.

1. **The Halakhic - Ethical Tradition:** based upon the Pentateuch, the Divine **Written Torah**; Hazal, the Talmudic Rabbis, gave us the **Oral Torah** in the Mishnah and Talmud. The Geonim (6th - 9th centuries) began to write the earliest codes of Torah law. (Amram Gaon, Sherira Gaon, and Saadya Gaon) Then the Rambam, based upon the Geonim and Rabbi Isaac Alfasi, composed the greatest code of Torah Law, *Mishneh-Torah*, the only code on all the sacred laws of the Torah. In the 15th century, Rabbi Joseph Karo first composed his commentary on Rambam's 14 volumes of Torah law, then authored the *Shulhan Arukh*, the comprehensive code of Jewish living in four sections.

These include the laws for daily life of the Jewish person: laws for rites of passage, for Sabbath and Festivals, marriage and divorce, for business and commercial activities, civil law, home and family life, doctrines of faith and heresy. Based upon these codes of law, a Responsa literature has developed from the 10th century to our present day, which in a legal and rational manner apply Tal-



Rabbi Leonard B. Gewirtz

mudic-Ethical law to new situations and changing patterns of Jewish Life.

2. **The Philosophic Tradition:** began with the Wisdom of Solomon, the Book of Maccabees IV, and Philo, who attempted to harmonize Judaism with Greek thought in the 2nd century B.C.E.

This philosophic tradition flourished in the Middle Ages, beginning with Rabbainu Saadya Gaon (892-942); Rabbainu Bahya ibn Pakuda (1100-1156) a Neo-Platonist Rabbi Yehudah HaLevi, opposed to Aristotelian thinking, great poet, author of the famous *Kuzari*; Rabbi Abraham ibn Daud (1110-1170) rationalist and Aristotelian and great influence on Rambam; Rambam (1135-1204) the "Great Eagle," was an Aristotelian. He was the Master

in Halakhah and Master in Philosophy. "From Moses to Moses, there arose none like Moses." Rabbi Levi Ben Gerson (1288-1344), Gersonides, great mathematician and astronomer, also great Talmudist and commentator on Pentateuch. His works were translated into Latin. His philosophic masterpiece is second to Rambam, called "The Wars of the Lord." Rabbi Hasdai ibn Avraham Crescas (1340-1410) went beyond Rambam in accepting Aristotle's theory of the eternity of matter. His chief work is "Light of the Lord."

Last to be mentioned is Rabbi Joseph Albo (1380-1444). He reduced Rambam's Thirteen Principles to three: Existence of G-d, Reward and Punishment, and Revelation of the Torah. He wrote, "Book of Principles."

All the Jewish medieval Philosophers accepted the doctrine of Divine Revelation; prophecy as a unique Jewish endowment; a rational explanation of the Mitzvot, Commandments of the Torah. They defended the concept of the immortality of the soul and that we are endowed with the power of reason and understanding and free to choose between good and bad.

The **philosophic tradition** became an example for thinkers of later generations to harmonize informed faith and reason.

3. **The Mystical Tradition:** accepting the Halakhah, borrowing from the Philosophic Tradition, and influenced by the Aggadah and con-

ception of *Sh'khinah*, the indwelling Divine influence, the mystic thrust sought a deeper, **inner** spiritual experience in Judaism.

The founder of the Mystical Tradition was R. Shimon bar Yohai, who began the mystical documents of the *Zohar* (200 C.E.), the Kabbalistic text completed by R. Moshe ben Shem-Tov de Leon (1250-1305). Around this Aramaic text, there developed a large literature with a new theory of Creation, which occurred in four degrees: 1) Atzilut Emanation; 2) Briyah Creation 3) Yetzirah Formation; and 4) Assiyah Making.

These mystics sought to bring the Creator closer to His creatures. The Biblical concept of Creation was vague - "And G-d said, "Let there be light." The G-d idea of Creator was awesome and distant, as King of the Universe, the *Adon Olam*: The mystic mind asked What is the nature of this Universe that makes it possible for the human creature to have a relationship with the Creator? In addition to their theory of creation, they developed their original idea of the availability of G-d through their theory on the doctrine of **emanation**. **The Ten Intermediaries**, the Ten Sephirot. They said, G-d is *Ain Sof* - without end and without beginning, beyond human comprehension. The *Ari ha Kadosh* called Him, *Kel Hamistater*, the **Hidden G-d**. But for human comprehension, we call His representation *Keter*, crown, and below this **emanation**, lie **Wisdom, Understand-**

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EDITORIAL

The Next Campaign

The recent elections proved the pundits wrong when they claimed that voter apathy and disgust with the goings-on in Washington would keep voters away from the polls. While there is still a large percentage of Americans that did not vote, the final figures were not nearly as low as predicted. In some races the margin of victory was less than 100 votes which shows how important each voter can be. To be sure, Jews are more politically involved than the American public generally. Many whose grandparents and great-grandparents lived in countries where they had no rights, learned very early that they have a responsibility as Americans to be part of the political process by voting, supporting political candidates and even running for office. This has been borne out by election results that show Jews vote in numbers greater than their neighbors do. Jews are significant contributors to political campaigns which many attribute to their age-old

tradition of giving to causes they believe in. Nationally, Jews hold elected office at all levels of government. Here in Delaware, Karen Venezky won reelection to New Castle County Council and Jack Markell was elected State Treasurer. We congratulate both on their success.

Now that the election campaigns are over it is time to think about that other campaign which is so important to the vitality of the Jewish community. Soon the 1999 Annual Campaign of the Jewish Federation of Delaware will be in full swing and your campaign contribution will be important to its success. With your contribution you connect to the Jewish world helping Jews in Delaware, in Israel and around the globe. With your contribution you help insure the survival of our people, our culture, our traditions. This is a campaign in which we all can be winners.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the editor:

While I appreciate the front page coverage given to my article about Partnership 2000, I believe the headline put on the article was misleading. Our partnership involves the entire state of Delaware and connects us with the agricultural region of Tamar as well as with the city of Arad.

Furthermore, although the article was printed as one unit, the second section was a separate article written by Rabbi Ellen Bernhardt and the third section was an article written by Marlene Milunsky.

Thank you for allowing me to correct these items.
Toni Young

Parshat HaShavua - Toldot

The paths of Esau and Jacob were set out even before birth. Their future personalities were already present in their embryonic stage. Would this not confirm that the first gestures of a human being indicate the tendencies which will be manifested throughout his or her life? From the tenderest age, the child conceals the adult. The art of the educator is to understand the makeup of the youngster and to use it to make the child a worthy member of society. It does no good to suppress an attitude or to impose any other. Only through infinite patience and perfect understanding can one guide, advise and help the young person.

Rabbi S.R. Hirsch



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Voice Box

"This was an election in which the intimidation tactics of the far-right conservative religious forces did not seem to pay off."

Michael Lieberman

Washington counsel for the Anti-Defamation League

"Corruption is a Jewish trait worldwide. Jews are well known for their intense love of money and its accumulation. The way in which they get hold of that money does not interest them in the least."

Naser Ahmad, writing in the Palestinian Authority Daily, Al-Hayat Al-Jadida

"We are all here at the GA (General Assembly) for one universal purpose - for tikkun olam (making the world a better place)."

Ellen Freedman

GA Delegate from Toronto

Super Sunday '98 Spirit Award Given to JCC Board



Caryl Marcus-Stape, JFD Super Sunday co-chair, presents a plaque to the Jewish Community Center board of directors. This is in commemoration of the JCC's achievement in obtaining the highest percentage of board participation in Super Sunday '98. Pictured are (left to right): Richard Stat, JCC president; Caryl Marcus-Stape, JCC & JFD board member and JFD Super Sunday co-chair; Ron Cohen, JCC board representative to Super Sunday committee; Dan Klein, JCC past president; and Jeff Metz, JCC executive director.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Russia to draft law on extremism

MOSCOW (JTA) — Russia is drafting a law to ban political parties that support political extremism, the nation's justice minister announced. The move came after the lower house of Parliament refused to censure a Communist lawmaker's anti-Semitic remarks. But it remains unclear whether the drafted law will make any specific mention of anti-Semitism.

Travel advisory still in effect

WASHINGTON (JTA) — A U.S. warning advising citizens to avoid traveling to Israel, Kuwait and Palestinian self-rule areas issued last week in anticipation of a military strike against Iraq remains in effect, the State Department announced Tuesday. "Private American citizens may want to consider departing" Israel, said the warning which was issued recently. The language used is among the mildest travel warnings issued by the State Department.

Netanyahu addresses General Assembly

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told a gathering of over 3,000 Jewish leaders from North America in Jerusalem that massive aliyah and Jewish education are the keys to "securing the future of the Jewish people." He told the 67th General Assembly of UJA Federations of North America that "the People of the Book have become the people who cannot even read the book." Israel has budgeted \$5.1 million to fund education in the Diaspora for the first time this year.

Greece to help Holocaust museum

ATHENS (JTA) — A book published by the Greek government on the history of Greek Jews includes documents from the talks between the Allies and Switzerland that led to a 1946 agreement on looted Nazi gold. The publication of the book came as the Greek Foreign Ministry is sending 25 crates of documents to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington.

Young Jewish leaders go to Prague

PRAGUE (JTA) — Czech President Vaclav Havel appealed to a group of young Jewish leaders to continue their support for the revitalization of the Czech Republic's Jewish community. Havel's comments came during a meeting with the heads of UJA Federations of North America's Young Leadership Division, which was on a mission to Prague before traveling on to Israel. Of the 350,000 Jews living in 153 communities throughout Czech lands before the Holocaust, an estimated 20,000 to 30,000 survived. There are currently some 1,300 registered members in the Prague community.

While in Prague, the group delivered a Torah to Beit Praha, the only synagogue in Prague that holds mixed-gender services, during a special Sabbath morning service last Saturday.

Swiss document to be late

NEW YORK (JTA) — The release of a report on assets in Swiss banks left over from the Holocaust era expected to be released by the end of the year will be delayed by about six months. The commission, which is headed by former U.S. Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker, is investigating dormant accounts in some 63 Swiss banks.

Yisraels granted citizenship

NEW YORK (JTA) — A family of black Americans that converted to Judaism under Conservative auspices was granted Israeli citizenship. Elazar and Sara Yisrael, their four children and two grandchildren arrived in Israel on aliyah several months ago but were not granted automatic Israeli citizenship. The Masorti, as the Conservative movement is known in Israel, attributed the delay to the fact that the family is black and that they converted under the aegis of a non-Orthodox movement.

Makashov crisis deepens

MOSCOW (JTA) — The lower house of the Russian Parliament rejected a resolution censuring a Communist lawmaker for anti-Semitic remarks he made at public rallies last month. But the Duma did adopt a resolution denouncing ethnic hatred that did not explicitly mention Gen. Albert Makashov.

Vandals attack in Czech town

PRAGUE (JTA) — Vandals spray-painted the words "Death to Jews" and Jewish stars hanging from gallows on headstones in a cemetery in an eastern Czech town late last week. A plaque marking the site of the town's former synagogue was also found covered in graffiti, as was a memorial to Jewish girls used as slave laborers during World War II. The vandalism came just days after a teen-age skinhead was arrested and charged with stabbing a Czech Jewish soldier in Prague.

Conservative preschool to open in Israel

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The mayor of the southern Israeli town of Kiryat Gat joined leaders of Chicago's Jewish community in laying a cornerstone for what will be the first preschool center run by Conservative Jewry's Masorti movement in Israel. The Suzanne Crown Goodman Preschool is a project of the Continuum Program of the Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago, the Israel Education Fund, the Masorti movement and the Jewish Agency for Israel, which is holding its annual assembly in Israel.

Russian tycoon alleges plot

MOSCOW (JTA) — A leading Jewish tycoon in Russia accused a general in Russia's domestic security service of conspiring to kill him late last year. In a letter published in the Russian newspaper Kommersant Daily, Boris Berezovsky, who survived an assassination attempt in 1994, also said the Federal Security Service is covering up the plot. As a result of Berezovsky's letter, an investigation into the 1997 attempt has been reopened.

Germany mourns its Jewish soldiers

BERLIN (JTA) — A German Army official laid a wreath at the graves of Jewish soldiers killed during World War I as part of a nationwide day of commemoration in Germany for soldiers killed in action. Wreaths were also laid at the Jewish cemetery in Berlin. Meanwhile, police arrested 16 neo-Nazis between the ages of 15 and 24 who disrupted commemoration ceremonies at a cemetery in the eastern German town of Jena by waving Nazi flags.

Trials scheduled for January

MOSCOW (JTA) — A Lithuanian judge said the trial of a suspected Nazi war criminal would begin in January. Kazys Gimzauskas, 90, was the deputy chief of the Lithuanian security police in Vilnius during World War II. Gimzauskas, who denies he committed any crimes, says he is too ill to stand trial.

Meanwhile, the trial of a former concentration camp commander is scheduled to begin in Croatia in January, according to his lawyer. Meanwhile, two witnesses in the trial of Dinko Sakic, who was extradited to Croatia from Argentina earlier this year, said they were too frightened for their safety, and mistrustful of the trial, to travel to the Croatian capital of Zagreb to testify.

Dutch paper upheld on Anne Frank

NEW YORK (JTA) — A Dutch court ruled in favor of a newspaper that published newly discovered pages of Anne Frank's diary in August. The Swiss-based Anne Frank Fund had charged that Het Parool had committed copyright infringement and should apologize for quoting the newly found pages.

Contest unveiled in Argentina

BUENOS AIRES (JTA) — An international contest was opened for the design of a memorial square marking the former site of the Israeli Embassy in Buenos Aires. The Hatikvah project will commemorate the March 17, 1992, bombing of the embassy that left 29 dead and hundreds wounded.

Insurers to set up fund

LONDON (JTA) — Six European insurance companies agreed to deposit a total of \$90 million in an escrow account as proof of their intent to settle claims by Holocaust victims and their heirs.

The decision to establish the fund, with \$30 million to be paid within the coming weeks and the remaining \$60 million by June 1999, came during a marathon 1-hour meeting in London of the newly established International Commission on Holocaust Era Insurance Claims. The executive director of the World Jewish Congress, Elan Steinberg, called the move a "historic achievement to the credit of the insurance companies."

ADL office names winners

NEW YORK (JTA) — The Central and East European office of the Anti-Defamation League announced the winners of a national high school art contest held to commemorate the 60th anniversary of Kristallnacht.

First prize went to 17-year-old Alexandra Szeredi for a work that depicted a baby with a tiny swastika in its right eye. More than 500 high school students from all over Austria entered the contest, which was endorsed by the country's political and church leaders.

First book fair planned

NEW YORK (JTA) — Poland's first Jewish Book Fair will take place next week in Warsaw. Seven Polish publishers will display Jewish-theme books at individual stands, and there will be another stand for several other publishers.

The event is sponsored by the Ronald S. Lauder Foundation, a New York-based foundation dedicated to fostering Jewish education, and the Polish Jewish magazine Midrasz.

Memoir spotlights Holocaust

NEW YORK (JTA) — A new book sheds light on life in Germany during the Holocaust. "I Will Bear Witness" is the diary of the years 1933 to 1941 written by Victor Klemperer, a Jewish-born Protestant and professor at the Dresden Technical University.

Klemperer survived the 12 years of the Nazi regime in part because he was married to an "Aryan."

Frank case becomes musical

NEW YORK (JTA) — A new musical about the lynching of a Jewish businessman for a 1913 murder of an Atlanta teen-ager opens in New York.

"Parade" retells the story of Leo Frank, who was pulled out of jail and lynched by a mob after Georgia's governor commuted his sentence for the murder of Mary Phagan at a pencil factory. Frank was given a posthumous pardon in 1986.

Ellis Island exhibit opens

NEW YORK (JTA) — Ellis Island is the subject of a photography exhibit at the National Building Museum in Washington. The images by Larry Racioppo focus on the decaying buildings of the monument's hospital complex, rather than the newly restored main immigrant building. About 10 percent of the 12 million immigrants who came through Ellis Island were detained at the hospital before they were admitted into the United States.

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An Ethiopian Cry For Help Reaches Delaware

The following letter was sent to the Jewish Federation office recently. Excerpts are printed below - please read carefully!

My Dear Friend,

My name is Setegn Zemene Gubaw. I am writing to you as a fellow Jew to inform you of the problems of my people. We are Beta Israel - that is Ethiopian Jewish. We are 2112 families (about 9000 people) in Addis Ababa on our way to Israel to join our families and the rest of Jewish people. We are now in great distress.

We have been driven from our villages by our neighbors. They are afraid we have evil eye (they call us insulting name of Budei) and tell us to leave for Israel. All families have different stories but all are similar. Many people we had our house burned by the Christian. Others our ox and cattle was killed by local people. Some of us have been beaten and shot with guns or hand grenade bombs in our houses.

Mostly our families have gone to Israel so we are weakest in our villages. Mostly we run away in the middle of the night with nothing to sustain our families. We run to Addis Ababa - that is the capital of Ethiopia - for there is no other place for us and we need help from Israel Embassy to go to our family in Jerusalem.

We keep Shabbat and don't eat any forbidden foods. We have many people sick with no medical clinic and no money for private clinic and many are close to dying. Our children and we cry in the nights because we are far from our family in Jerusalem and we do not know how our future will be. Our children have no school and we have no

chance to get job or place to grow crops to feed our family. But we need you to help our situation because you are Jewish like us... Please help us in any way you can.

We are of Jewish people and will never disgrace you. Even you can come to Ethiopia and visit our situation. We need help. Even to pay this postage we must give up our

meal.

Yours faithfully,
Setegn Zemene Gubaw

Are you thinking of cutting your gift to the UJA Federation Campaign?! Who in the world do you think would be most affected? You may be assured that Setegn appreciates your support of Jewish brothers and sisters in

Ethiopia through the annual campaign. The State of Israel and the Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) are once again attempting to extricate Ethiopian Jews from this dangerous situation. To find out how you can help, call Bernie Greenberg at 302-427-2100, ext. 16. Now, more than ever, **no gift touches more lives.**

Dr. Leon Wells recounts his story of survival

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for me to see anything about the Holocaust," he said.

Born on March 10, 1925, Wells was old enough to avoid immediate liquidation and young enough to have the stamina and resilience to survive the conditions of camp life. One of the worst horrors was his stint in the Death Brigade (*Sanderkommando 1005*), where he had to help dig up and carry to a huge outdoor pyre the bodies of thousands of Jews who had been murdered and hastily buried. When this task was completed, newer victims were led in endless lines directly to the pyre and shot there. Of course, the members of the Death Brigade knew it could always be their turn next.

Wells not only survived, he was able to see his memoir *The Death*

Brigade published in March 1946 in Poland, and to be graduated from Munich's *Technische Hochschule* with a Ph.D. in engineering in 1949. Then he came to Lehigh University in the States on a scholarship.

When his book appeared in Poland it was one of the very first eyewitness accounts of the camps and led to his being a witness at both the Nuremberg and Eichmann trials.

In time, his book made it to America, first published in 1963 by the Macmillan Company under the title *The Janowska Road*, and later reappearing under its original name when published by Alexander Donat's Holocaust Publications in 1963 and 1978.

After surviving the unrelentingly inhuman conditions of the Holocaust, Wells says simply, "I wish they were right," adding that it

sometimes seems unbelievable to him that he was one of seven children born to his parents, and a member of a large extended family. "Could it have happened? Did I have such a big family?" he asked quietly.

He recounted that he sometimes has nightmares in which his whole extended family is fleeing ahead of him, running and falling at last into a ravine.

Following the lecture, a workshop for teachers was held by educators Dr. Margaret Crouch, Joel Glazier and Karen Wallace.

Dorothy Finger, one of 15 workshop participants, said, "It was wonderful.. It was really great."

"The clock is ticking," as David Lee Preston noted in his introduction, "and the sands are running out for us to hear the truth." There is indeed an urgency if we are to hear the words of survivors while

these words are still clothed in the voices of the men and women who passed through the gates of the Holocaust Kingdom, to use publisher Alexander Donat's name for the horrific universe of the camps.

For Leon Wells, there is an urgency to bear witness not only for himself, but for others who were murdered and silenced so brutally. "I am standing before you," he said, "with my brothers and sisters, my parents and grandparents."

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Seaside Community Holds Torah Weekend

The Seaside Jewish Community of Rehoboth Beach celebrated a glorious Torah weekend November 6 and 7. Led by Rabbi Robert Layman from Philadelphia, the congregation held a Friday evening Shabbat service, a Saturday morning Torah celebration, and a Saturday evening Havdalah service. The Torah is on permanent loan from the Torah Bank in New York.

The newly established congregation has acquired not only a Torah but also an Eternal Light donated by Taube and Jack Carpenter in memory of Taube's grandparents, Taube and Harry Orkin. The light, which is about 100 years old, originally

belonged to Harry and Isaac Orkin, brothers who had emigrated from Russia and settled in Milford, Delaware. The lamp had been packed away in an attic until Jack Carpenter found it 28 years ago. Now, thanks to the generosity of the Carpenters and their family, the lamp will be put to good use.

Many members of the congregation participated in reading from the Torah including Michael Miller, a great grandson of the Orkins, Rachelle Grossman; Rosalyn Fried; Cara Chichi; Marty Mand; and Harry Meyerson.

Also present at the Torah weekend were Pastor and Mrs. Manion who for the past two years have

graciously given a home at the All Saints' Episcopal Church to the Seaside Jewish Community and now will house the Torah also.

Marty Mand who is past president of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, the Kutz Home, and Beth Shalom of Wilmington and his wife Shelly summed up the feelings of the congregation: "We came down from Wilmington today to show our support for this wonderful moment."

President Lynne Chichi expressed the gratitude of the entire congregation and welcomes inquiries. Call Lynne at 302-644-2209 and leave a message. She will be happy to return your call.

Rabbi Writes

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ing and Knowledge: the acronym HaBaD.

As you descend in Sephirot, you

move from higher spirituality to more corporeality, to finally, Malkhut, to the world of matter and creatures of this planet. This spiritual universe

relates the person to the Ain-Sof-Infinite Lord of the Universe.

Prof. Joel Primak, cosmologist at U. of California, draws an analogy between the first seconds after the **Big Bang**, of the "inflation" of energy that expanded faster than the speed of light to form atoms, stars, galaxies, suns, planets and compares that to the theory of Sephirot and the formation of matter.

The theory of Sephirot is not concerned with cosmology! It is concerned with pure Spirituality and degrees of lesser spirituality, to the formation of our planet and the person's connection to the Ain-Sof through prayer, contemplation, isolation-Hitbodedut and ultimately to D'vaikut-attachment to Supreme Spirituality. The soul of the person, Neshamah, can rise above the body to be attached to the Adon Olam.

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Realizing a Vision: 'Hebrew Speaking' Guide Dogs for the Blind

By RUTH HEIGES

(WZPS) For many years blind and visually impaired Israelis were forced to consider the expensive option of traveling abroad to acquire a guide dog who, of course, could only understand commands in English. This option, therefore, was only feasible for a very few people.

Thanks to the vision and determination of Noach Braun, an Israeli guide-dog trainer and mobility instructor, Norman L. Leventhal from the Soviet Jewry Council of Greater Philadelphia, and the combined efforts of the Jewish Guild for the Blind and Lions International, the Israel Guide Dog Center for the Blind, a US tax-exempt organization which supports the school and training center in Israel, was established.

Suitable dogs are put with adoptive families until deemed ready to begin the six-month training course, which includes riding escalators in busy malls, traveling on buses, going out into jostling crowds, banks, restaurants, grocery stores - every conventional, real-life environment where they will be expected to serve their future owners. Then comes the exciting and moving moment when future owners and their designated dogs meet and learn how to work together as a team.

Thanks to the Center, by the end of 1998, about 100 Israelis will have achieved their personal independence.



Mottie Barzilai, together with his guide dog Charlie, a "graduate" of the Israel Guide Dog Center for the Blind, alights confidently from a city bus. WZPS photo by Yigal Pardo.

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In his book, *Jewish Wisdom*, Rabbi Joseph Telushkin writes "few Jews are aware that the Ten Commandments include a law legislating kind treatment of animals, the Fourth Commandment, which ordains the Sabbath, mandates that 'the seventh day is a Sabbath unto the Lord your God: you shall not do any work, you, your son or daughter, your male or female servant, or your cattle.'" Other Biblical and Talmudic references call for the compassionate treatment of animals. From ancient times through the 19th Century animals were a necessary part of daily living. Today animals are prized as pets providing companionship and security. The Delaware Humane Association has undertaken the responsibility for caring for stray animals and finding homes for them.

Last summer, a stray black shepherd mix living in a local corporate park and surviving on snacks of

crackers and cat food offered by the corporate park employees found shelter at Delaware Humane Association (DHA). Named Rio by DHA staff, her x-rays showed hip dysplasia and that she was pregnant. A few short weeks later the thin, but stabilizing dog gave birth to eight puppies. From Danube to Brandywine to Mississippi, they all sport river monikers in honor of their mother. Rio's puppies are now leaving for a good home. Rio, who's a friendly dog despite her early ill treatment, is looking for a good home too.

Rio's situation shows a small glimpse of the pet overpopulation problem in Delaware. In 1988, DHA will help over 1,000 animals find new homes, while New Castle County alone euthanize over 9,000 unwanted pets. Founded by a group of private citizens in 1957, DHA is an animal shelter with a difference; DHA cares about each

individual animal in its care and the community it comes from. In addition to providing quality temporary housing and care for each animal it takes in, DHA also has a commitment to enhancing public health through its free and low-cost rabies inoculation clinics, educating children and adults on animal health and humane issues, and providing companionship to nursing home residents through its popular pet therapy program. These activities reflect DHA's mission: to provide temporary housing to homeless animals, prevent cruelty and suffering to animals, reduce pet overpopulation, and educate the public about animal and humane issues.

DHA's no-kill policy stipulates that animals won't be euthanized to make room for other animals. This means that sometimes the shelter cannot always accept all the animals that are dropped on its doorstep. Each animal is given a


name, medical care, a soft bed, and individual attention.

To provide quality care for this number of animals, DHA relies heavily on the work and generosity of volunteers, from assisting with

dog and cat care, cleaning kennels, socializing dogs and cats, presenting humane education programs, and staffing fundraising events.

One such volunteer is Jo Miller, **Continued on page 16**

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-Create an endowment fund to perpetuate your commitment to the Jewish community of Delaware and to Jews around the world. This can be done with cash, securities, insurance, real estate or by bequest.

For additional information concerning the Jewish Federation of Delaware Annual Campaign contact Bernie Greenberg at 427-

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legal or other tax advice. Individuals are urged to consult their professional advisors when considering charitable giving transactions.

Jewish Teens Invited to Israel

By **DINA KRAFT**

JERUSALEM (AP) — Hoping to strengthen ties between world Jewish communities and the Jewish state, a group of philanthropists have unveiled an ambitious project to bring Jewish teens on all-expenses-paid trips to Israel.

Private donors, charitable organizations and the Israeli government are pushing to raise \$300 million over the next five years to kick off

the "Birthright Israel" project by 2000.

The money will be used to pay for airfare and 10 days of educational programs in Israel for any Jewish person in the world between the ages of 15 and 26, organizers said.

Charles Bronfman, co-chairman of the Seagram Company who helped launch the project, said it was his way of helping young Jews

reconnect with their heritage.

"This is where it all started," Bronfman told The Associated Press. "It gives them a chance to look at Israel today, modern Israel and gives them past, present, and hope for the future."

Bronfman was in Israel for the General Assembly, the annual meeting of North American Jewish leaders, who are convening in Israel for the first time.

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
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The Rosenthal Collection is a group of artists and craftspeople who work under the direction of sculptor Gary Rosenthal. This popular line of Judaica uses a rare combination of sculpted mixed metals and richly colored fused glass.

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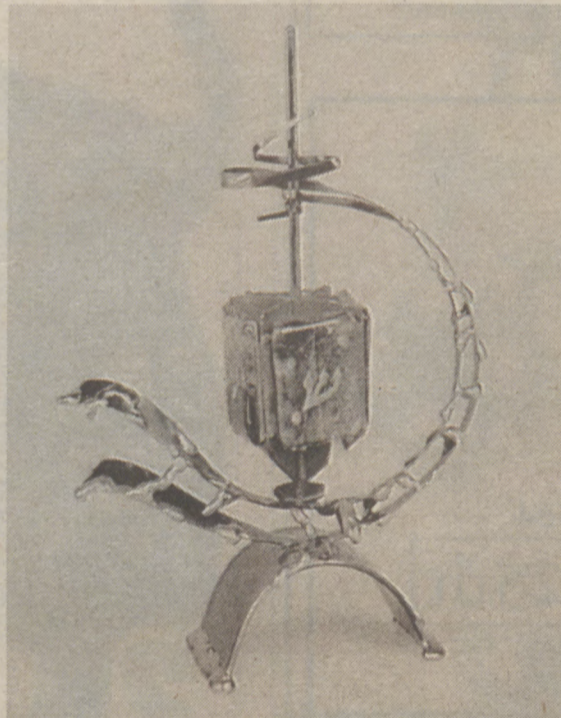
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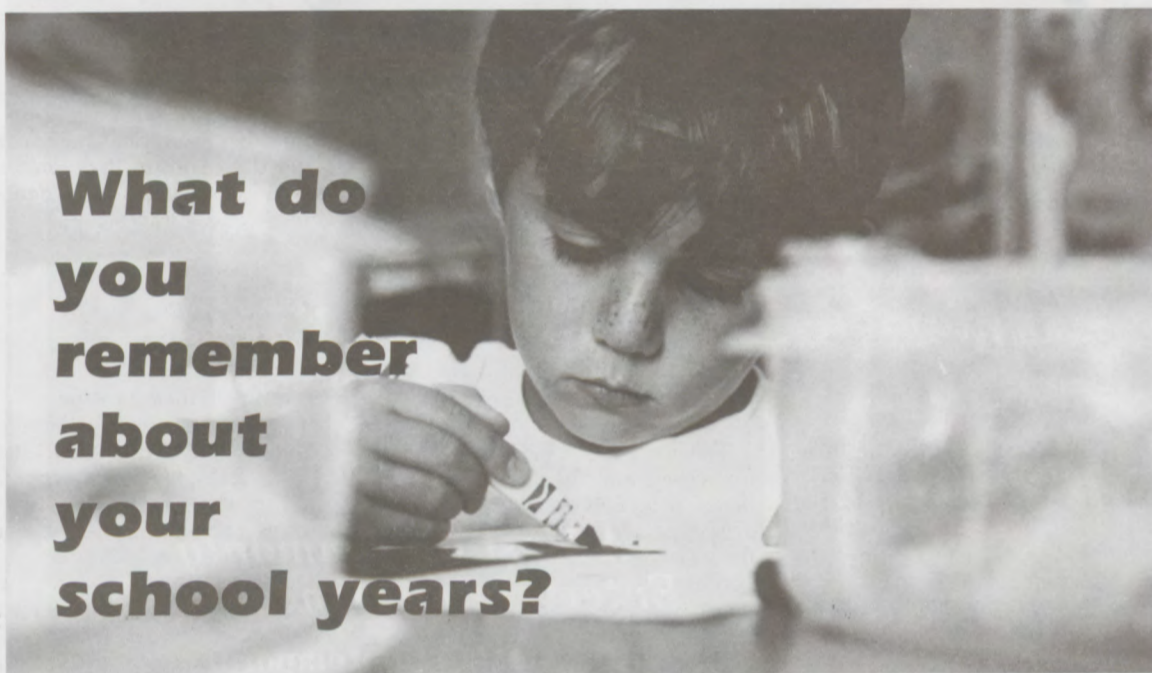
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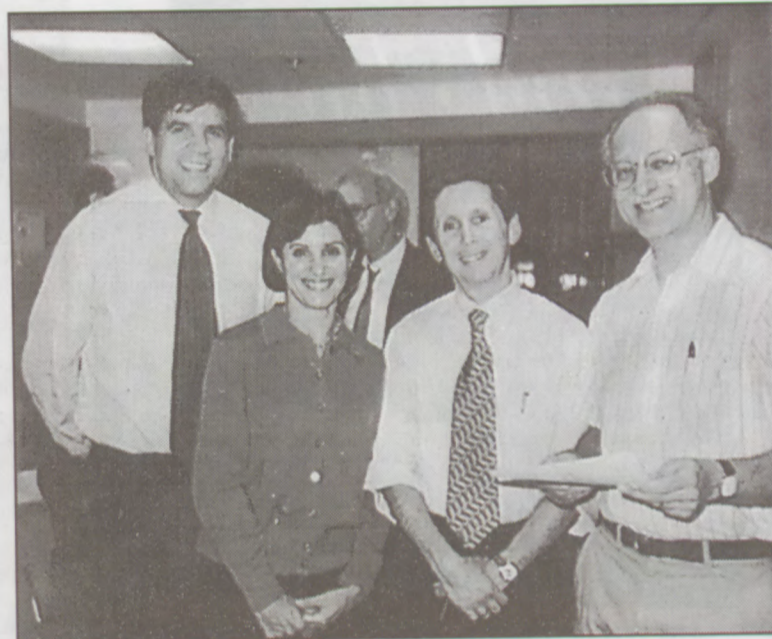
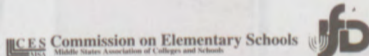
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At a recent meeting for the Investors in Education Annual Campaign are (L to R) Seth Bloom, AEA Chair of Fundraising, Barbara & Neal Cohn, Annual Campaign Co-Chairs and Jonathan Nepris, AEA Chair Major Gifts.

Albert Einstein Academy Annual Campaign Begins

Albert Einstein Academy is pleased to announce the kick-off of its Investors in Education Annual Campaign. AEA, the Hebrew day school of the Brandywine Valley, has an enrollment of nearly 120 children and has witnessed tremendous growth in recent years. The school serves children and their families from pre-kindergarten through sixth grade. As the Academy moves into its 29th school year, many positive changes have been taking place, including a recently revitalized physical plant, an in-depth review of curriculum and instruction and an expansion of its institutional mission.

Barbara and Neal Cohn serve as co-chairs of the annual campaign, Vice-chairs include: Laura and Irving Becker, Micki and Lanny Edelsohn, John Elzufon, Elaine and Ralph Friedberg, Debbie and Charlie Goodman, Rachel and Todd Harad,

Cheryl and Ralph Jacobs, Nancy and Bob Kauffman, Philip Klein, Karen Morris and Alan Levenson, Jonathan Nepris and Myrna Ryder and Barbara Yalisove.

A campaign closing event will be held on Sunday, January 24, 1999 at the home of Irving and Laura Becker. All donors of \$250 and over will be welcome to attend this special event.

Rabbi Ellen Bernhardt serves as the head of school and Sam Blumberg is the president of the board of trustees. Seth Bloom is the chair of Operation Fundraising and Jonathan Nepris is the chair of Major Gifts and Endowments.

For more information about Albert Einstein Academy or to make a contribution to the annual campaign, please contact Debbie Nachlis, director of Community Relations at 478-5026.

Local Woman Leads Regional Council of Reform Synagogues

Joan Wachstein of Wilmington, Delaware, was elected president of the Mid-Atlantic Council, Union of American Hebrew Congregations, at its recent Biennial Convention in Richmond, Virginia. The Mid-Atlantic Council with offices in Washington D.C. includes the Reform congregations in Delaware, Maryland, Washington D.C., Virginia, North Carolina and the eastern parts of West Virginia, Tennessee and Ohio.

Wachstein has held many leadership positions in the Mid-Atlantic Region. Currently she also serves on the board of trustees of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and is chairperson of its Committee on Older Adults. She has recently been appointed a UAHC Outreach Fellow.

In Delaware Wachstein is currently president of The Milton and Hattie Kutz Home and serves on



Joan Wachstein

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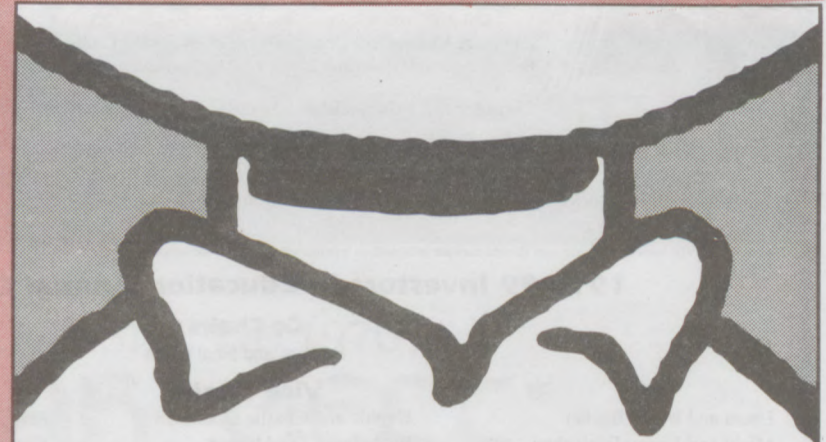


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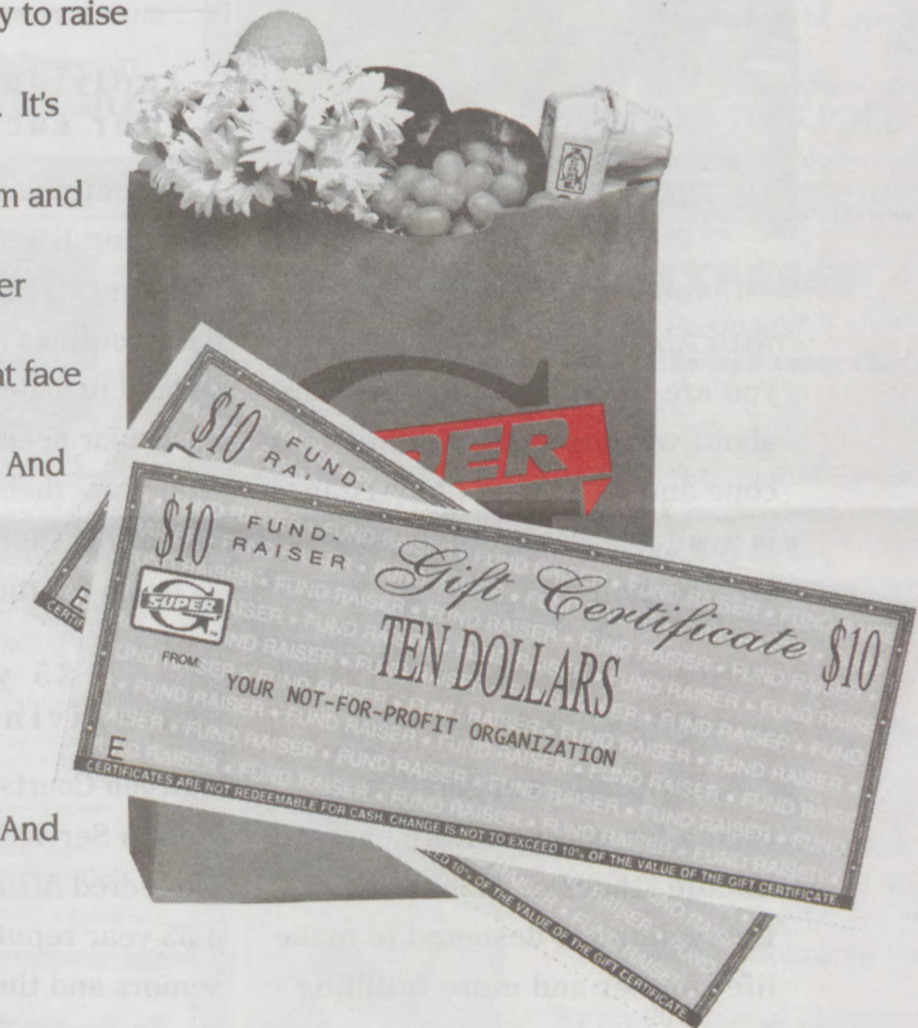


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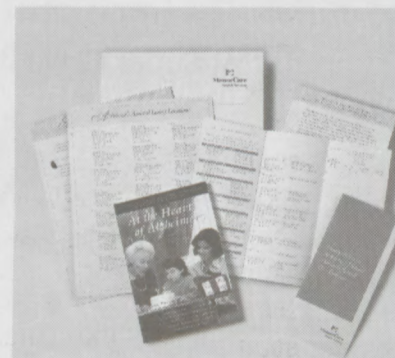
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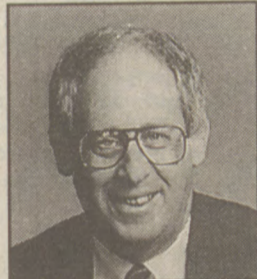


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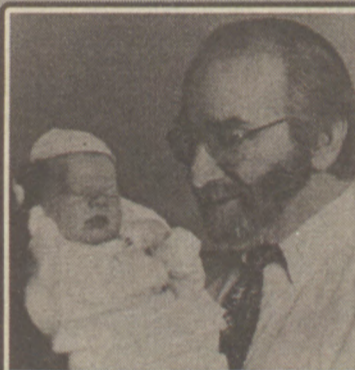


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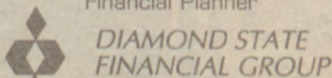
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retired pediatric nurse and member of Temple Beth El in Newark. After retiring, Jo wanted to give something back. She comes to the shelter twice a week, with the staff depending on her like an employee. She escorts the dogs to their runs and socializes and exercises them. "The animals don't demand anything," says Jo, who has four dogs of her own. "They'll take you the way you are. You get back so much more than you give."

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getic dog to be your running companion? Do you want a quiet lap dog? Would a pair of cats fit your lifestyle better? How much room do you have? How much time do you have for exercising? Exercise, play, and attention are important to the emotional health of your dog or cat.

What type of animal is right for my family?

If a family wishes to adopt a new pet, it's best to get everyone involved in the decision. Families can consider adopting a pet when they have young children, but parents need to be aware that it will require extra time and attention to supervise child/pet interactions. Children need to learn that pets are a daily responsibility.

Are there any family members with allergies?

Discuss your allergy management plan with your family doctor before selecting a pet, and take a hard look at whether getting a pet is the right thing to do for both the animal and the family.

What services are available to take care of my pet when I travel?

Family members, friends and neighbors may be pleased to take care of your pet for a few days in their home. If this option is not possible, boarding facilities from one day to an extended period of time are available in many communities. There are also pet sitting services which offer care and feeding of your pet in your home by experienced personnel.

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Are you willing to make a long-term commitment?

Adoption means you are responsible for the animal for its lifetime. This is the bottom line. For a dog, this could mean 10 to 15 years. For a cat, up to 20 years.

In a nutshell, research breeds and breed characteristics and let your heart guide you, but make an intelligent, well-researched decision that's right for your life circumstances.

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This article was written by Sally Sims, DHA, and Connie Kreshool.

Rabbi Schindler Denounces Threat From CIA Head

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, president emeritus of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations has denounced as "outrageous" a warning by George Tenet that he would resign as director of the Central Intelligence Agency if Jonathan Pollard, the Israeli spy now serving a life sentence, is released from prison. The warning was reported in a front page story in *The New York Times* on Nov. 11.

The past head of Reform Judaism said that while Pollard had

committed a crime by passing classified information to Israel while serving as a naval intelligence analyst for the U.S., and deserved punishment, the life sentence was a violation of the principle of "equal justice under the law." He said the penalty exceeded even that meted out to most of those Americans who spied for enemies of the U.S.

Rabbi Schindler is currently president of the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture and a vice president of the World Jewish Congress.

Young Jewish Singles Hold Weekly Volleyball

Young Jewish singles of Delaware, a social group for Jewish singles in their 20's and 30's, sponsors a weekly volleyball and dinner sampler every Wednesday at 6 p.m. at the Wilmington, Delaware J.C.C. The volleyball game begins at 6 p.m.,

followed by dinner at 8 p.m.

For more information, to be put on the group's mailing list, or for the location of the dinners, call: Phil Gross (302) 652-6688 or the Jewish Community Center (302) 478-5660.

Young Jewish Singles To Hold Hanukkah Bash

Young Jewish singles of Delaware, a social group for Jewish singles in their 20's and 30's, will hold an annual Hanukkah bash Saturday, Dec. 12 at 8 p.m. at the Wilmington, Delaware J.C.C. The event will include food, music, beer, and beverages. Come meet

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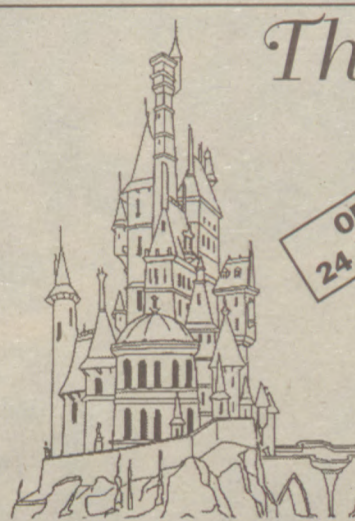
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JCC NEWS

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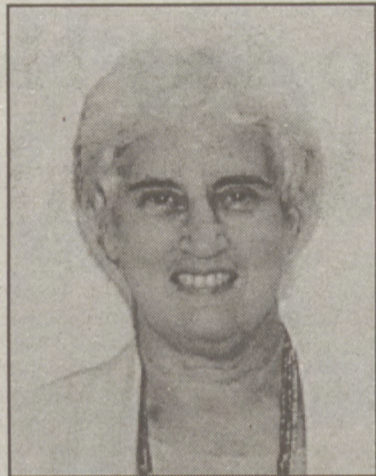
ONE WOMAN'S OPINION

Paintings by David Levitt Now on Exhibit at Rodney Square Library

By PAULA SHULAK

Several issues ago, I reviewed for you the Collage of Cultures Exhibit organized by Phyllis Levitt under the auspices of the Dover Art League. This exhibit will be showing in our area in December at the Wilmington Library and in January and February at Bellevue State Park. I again urge you to take a few moments out of your day (particularly if you have a downtown lunch hour) to see it. But right now there is a different exhibit at the Rodney Square Library which is also worth your stopping by; ironically, it too is a Levitt creation! No, this time it is not Phyllis but her son David, who has mounted an exhibit and it is his unique talent which is on display. I had a chance to view the exhibit and talk with David for a while on opening night to get a better understanding of his work.

It is obvious after a short while that David is very much influenced by Dali and similar modern artists. Faces are his forte and he has produced some very evocative acrylics and watercolors highlighting the human face and using bold colors and brushstrokes to get his message across. In particular, I found his painting entitled MULTIPLICITY a fascinating study. The six angular, piercing faces which stare at you could represent the many faces of society or the many parts of oneself clinging together to form a whole. It is a provocative watercolor.



Paula Shulak

I winced a bit as I read the title HOLY TRINITY on another painting wondering how a good Jewish boy came to create a work like this but when I talked to David, he explained that the three images in that painting focus for him the multiple nature of the self and the need for harmony among our various persona. The dominant overseeing self has to manage the others so that things stay normal. David explained that he gets his inspiration from ideas he finds in literature and philosophy and from his upbringing, a heritage gained from parents Irv and Phyllis as he grew up in Dover. His intent in his paintings is to say something about how to live experientially.

In a lovely painting entitled FRUIT OF THE EARTH, David attempts to show that we come from the earth organically and we must care for the earth as a consequence. It is a painting which had a good deal of religious significance as I viewed it and reminded me of the second paragraph of the Shema. I am not sure if this was part of David's inspiration but he did state that the work was meant as a religious symbol. Again the theme of warring sides to the

human psyche is evident in his painting titled SALVADOR which he explained contains a searing face on one hand and a docile one on the other, both of course overseen by a stronger third self depicted also. David believes that his works reveal that the world is good and life is good. As he said, "My paintings are just irreverent enough to be religious!" I agreed with him wholeheartedly when I viewed his work called THIRD PRAYER FROM THE SUN, which

is a play of light and shadow, majestically ethereal looking almost like a mask, but obviously very significant to the artist in his search for truth and faith in both man and God. The show also contains a number of pen and ink drawings which were, to my mind, all right but nowhere near as fascinating and beautiful as the others I have described. Take the time to see this exhibit if you can; I think you will enjoy the fresh, new approach David Levitt brings.

NACHES

Kajsa Brown Named National Merit Semi-Finalist

Kajsa Brown, of New Castle, Delaware, and Hamden, Connecticut, has been named a National Merit Semi-Finalist. From the over one million students who took the PSAT in 1997, approximately 15,500 were named National Merit Semi-finalists.

Kajsa is the daughter of Dr. Donald and Dr. Mary Brown and the granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. Sam Harris of Wilmington and Mr.

& Mrs. Fred Brown of New Castle. Kajsa is a senior at Hamden High School and the Educational Center for the Arts in New Haven, a mag-

net school for the artistically gifted students. Kajsa formerly attend the Tower Hill School and Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth.

Debbie Weinstein Weds David Paulson

Debbie Weinstein, daughter of Ruth and Sheldon Weinstein, married David Paulson of Newton, Massachusetts on Sunday, Nov. 1 in

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ISRAEL AT 50



Delaware's Connection To The Holy Land My Aliyah from Wilmington

By MICK WEINSTEIN

It's a long way from Wilmington, Delaware to my living room in Jerusalem - geographically, least of all.

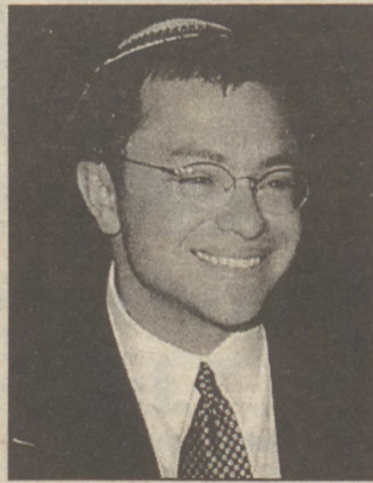
I like to think that despite my admittedly unusual life-path, my journey is not entirely without precedent. After all, the first Jew himself, Avraham, follows the call to "go forth from your land, and from your birthplace, and from your father's house to the land (of Israel) that I will show you" (Genesis 12:1) - and this before Avraham undergoes any clear spiritual development. Why was it necessary for the founder of the Jewish People to pack his bags, uproot, and resettle in a new land, a new culture, far away from his familiar, familial surroundings? What is the message to all Jews after Avraham regarding the relationship between their hometown community and the Land of Israel?

In Wilmington I was fortunate enough to be raised in a home with significant Jewish content and pride.

Israel was often a topic of conversation at our dinner table, and my parents' and sister's trips to Israel were fondly recalled. But the thought of traveling (let alone moving!) to Israel never entered my mind until those truth-seeking days of college. Allow me to share two pivotal personal moments in the form of journal entries:

a) Rosh Ha-shana/Yom Kippur 1990: prayer services at Beth Shalom what do these words in the prayer book really mean?! ... what do prayer and God mean, for that matter?! ... are these days a mere community obligation (as so many appear to experience them), or a potential framework for profound, even cathartic spiritual experience? Will I ever have a chance to address these questions, ever meet people who can help me answer them?

b) Gulf War, 1991: here in Ann Arbor, Michigan, I've opposed the massive American military buildup against Saddam Hussein...why shed blood and spend billions for narrow corporate interests? ... but when the



Mick Weinstein

Scud missiles start falling on Tel Aviv, I ask myself: what am I first and foremost - an American or a Jew? As an American, I favor withdrawal....as a

Jew, a heavy strike against this generation's Haman. What if the situation were different, and the American military weren't working in

Israel's camp, but, God forbid, against Israel - could I in good conscience remain in America, and still consider myself a serious Jew?

Five years later, I have reached some resolution regarding these matters. My interest in living a richer Jewish life brought me to Israel. Here and only here, I found the resources to begin answering the first question - what truly defines the Jewish people, where is our wisdom, literature, history, and spiritual depth? My answer: Torah, in all of its brilliant, enigmatic, ancient and modern expressions. A body of thought and law - our law - which is passionately lived, not merely conceptualized, and nowhere studied and lived more fully than in Israel. On Friday afternoon the streets around our home are filled with families walking to shul at the onset of Jerusalem's still, golden Shabbat days...right now, the sound of hammers constructing succot is prominent - to nearly every home, a *succah*. Why would a Jew want to live anywhere else?

Regarding the second question: six

months ago I became a proud Israeli citizen. Now, marrying an Israeli does make this transition considerably smoother, but the adjustment to Israeli life has left this Wilmingtonian more than once longing for Wintertur green, relatively safe roads, and generally civil Delaware behavior. I, like all American immigrants, will miss many aspects of America, and my never become (or desire to become?) fully "Israeli" as defined by the locals. Social and economic challenges are great here, but my community is far less consumption-, prestige- and television-obsessed than most American Jewish communities, a tradeoff I'm happy to accept.

In Israel, our radio and TV stations were blacked-out in deference to Yom Kippur. Imagine not even knowing that it's "the Christmas season" for lack of any public indication whatsoever...and you'll begin to understand why I want to raise my children here, with no mixed messages,

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Jewish Short Stories to Hit Public Radio Airwaves

By TOM TUGEND

LOS ANGELES, (JTA) -- A new series of Jewish short stories featuring the voices of Hollywood celebrities will soon air over the National Public Radio network.

Authors represented in the 18-hour series, which will begin in December, range from Yiddish masters Isaac Bashevis Singer and I.L. Peretz to modern novelists Cynthia Ozick and Philip Roth and younger writers such as Allegra Goodman.

Leonard Nimoy is the series narrator. Readers include Hollywood stars Ed Asner, Richard Dreyfuss,

Elliott Gould, Julie Kavner and William Shatner.

Not all of the talent is Jewish. Charlton Heston of "The Ten Commandments" will again be the voice of Moses, but this time as Moses Herzog, Saul Bellow's classic 20th-century Jewish intellectual.

The series will have an edgier and more contemporary tone than its popular 1995 predecessor, "Jewish Short Stories From Eastern Europe and Beyond," says Sarah Spitz, spokeswoman for radio station KCRW in Los Angeles, which produced both programs.

OBITUARIES

ANNA SIKORA

Anna Sikora, 91, of 1210 Greenway Road, Forwood, Brandywine Hundred, died Saturday, Nov. 7 in Kutz Home for the Aged.

Mrs. Sikora co-owned and managed Sikora Hardware and Sikora Electric, both in New York City. She retired in 1962 after 39 years. A native of Poland, she immigrated to the United States in 1911.

She moved to Delaware in 1992. She was a member of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth congregation, Wilmington, and Hadassah. Her husband, Louis, died in 1962.

Survivors include a son, Martin of Langhorne, Pa.; daughter, Charlotte Levin of Forwood; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Contributions may be made to Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, Wilmington.

ERNA SIMON

Erna Simon, 85, died Wednesday, Nov. 11 in the Kutz Home,

Bellefonte, her residence for several months.

Mrs. Simon was a homemaker. She was a member of Machzikey Hadas Congregation. Her husband, Leslie Simon, died in 1989.

Survivors include a daughter, Aurelia Muleh of Wilmington; sister, Ibi Akos of Budapest, Hungary and three grandchildren.

Contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders of the Kutz Home.

MAGDA JONAS

Magda Jonas of Lake Worth, Florida, died on November 5, 1998, in Wilmington, Delaware. Survivors include her son, Steven Jones of Wilmington, Delaware; her daughter, Dr. Agnes Jonas of Chicago, Illinois; her brother, Paul Wittman of Hollandale, Florida, and four grandchildren. Her husband, Eugene Jonas, died in 1997. Memorial contributions may be sent to The Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Wilmington.

New Pre-School at Congregation Beth Sholom



Sandra Cahn To Speak At Lion Of Judah Dinner

By BERNIE GREENBERG

If Disney can produce a sequel to the "Lion King" (going straight to video), then the Jewish Federation of Delaware can announce its annual Lion of Judah gathering with similar fanfare - how about Lions in Winter?!

OK, maybe we're missing Nala and Mufasa, but we have a wonderful group that will gather Tuesday, December 1, 1998 at the "den" of Connie Sugarman for the annual JFD Lion of Judah Dinner

in conjunction with the 1999 UJA Federation Campaign. Connie is the Chair and host of this year's affair.

Sandra (Sandy) Cahn will be the keynote speaker, and she brings a wealth of leadership experience to Delaware by way of New York. She is Chair Emeritus of the New York Business & Professional Women's Campaign, and she was National Chair of the UJA Business & Professional Women's Council from 1993 to 1996. In that role,

she was responsible for 56 Business & Professional Women's Divisions throughout the United States, several of which she helped develop.

Sandy has recently started a term as 1999 Chair of the UJA Federation's Manhattan Women's Campaign Division, is Northeast Region Chair of UJA's National Women's Campaign and serves on the Board of Directors of UJA/Federation of New York.

She will discuss the positive effects that thousands of women are having across North America, from the largest cities to smaller communities. The recent International Lion of Judah Conference in Washington, D.C. attracted over 1,200 women from the U.S., Canada and Israel to celebrate the importance and effectiveness of all Lions of Judah. Delaware was represented by Phyllis Aerenson, Ruth Weinstein and Toni Young.

The Lion of Judah dinner is open to those women who make a voluntary contribution of \$5,000 or more to the UJA Federation Campaign. Please call 302-427-2100, ext. 16 for reservations and information regarding the Lion of Judah annual event.



Sandra Cahn

Israel At 50

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speaking Hebrew, and studying midrash and Talmud - their own literature - well before Salinger and Shakespeare. They should know they are Jews first, and only secondarily affiliated with a modern nation-state, no matter how beneficent is has been toward us.

Regarding Jews in America, and Wilmington specifically, I harbor nothing but hope and genuine concern. The way I see the American Jewish world, there are essentially only two groups: serious Jews - regardless of their congregational affiliation - and lackadaisical Jews. My hope: that the serious American Jews find a way to live their lives and teach their children with knowledge and love for Torah, our very lifesource. Those who are lackadaisical regarding their Jewishness, to our tremendous dismay, probably will not have Jewish children, and almost certainly won't have Jewish grand-

children. To be painfully honest, I am very skeptical concerning their Jewish future in today's open America.

And from where my concern? How unfortunate it is even among the serious Jews in a typical region like Delaware, so few have ever visited Israel, participated in a traditional Shabbat meal with an observant family, cracked our Hebrew language, or identified deeply and consistently with the intellectual and spiritual giants of our people's history. The Jewish will is clearly there, but I'm troubled by the question: From where will you draw your strength to express and regenerate your seriousness?

So back to Avraham - why the divine call to leave his Wilmington, to seek growth and national destiny in Israel? Maybe the lesson is as follows: serious Jews must question that which is conventional and accepted in their Jewish community, and develop a personal path - physical or

otherwise - toward rich Jewish study, Jewish observance, and support for the Jewish people. One cannot passively accept that which is presented to him or her in the name of Judaism. My personal path brought me in the footsteps of Avraham - to Israel, to the world of the yeshiva and Torah. It is not the only path, and I do not claim exclusive license to define Jewish meaning. But may we all make 5759 a year of real growth along our own paths, a year to bring Israel - the State of Israel, the People Israel, and the heritage of Israel - closer to our hearts and minds.

Editor's Note:

Originally from Wilmington, Mick, 28, has lived in Israel for the past 5 years. He is now living with his wife of 8 months, Hila, in Jerusalem. He is a rabbinical student studying at Yeshivat Har Etzion in Alon Shvut. He is the son of Ruth and Sheldon Weinstein of Wilmington.

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DECEMBER

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Thursday 3 Congregation Beth Shalom, Lunch and Learn 3-5 year olds, 12:30-1:30 p.m. Call office, 654-4462 to register.

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Sunday 6 Kraft Education Foundation

presents 7:00 p.m. Dr. Judith Hauptman.

Thursday 24 AKSE sponsors deli dinner

& bingo night. The community is invited to attend a deli dinner and bingo night on December 24, 1998 at 6 p.m. in the social hall of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth. Prizes will be given to bingo winners. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children ages 5-12. Reservations are needed by December 21. Please call the synagogue office 762-2705.

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Young Jewish Singles Holds

Weekly Volleyball. Young Jewish singles of Delaware, a social group for Jewish singles in their 20's and 30's, sponsors a weekly volleyball and dinner sampler every Wednesday at 6 p.m. at the Wilmington, Delaware J.C.C. The volleyball game begins at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 8 p.m.

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Nosh on some of your favorites at Richie's Deli...
Featuring latkes, knishes, steak sandwiches, subs, falafel, chicken nuggets and more. Food will be served all-day-long by our notable Celebrity Volunteers.

Do a little Chanukah shopping...
Gifts, Judaic items, artwork, toys and special one-of-a-kind merchandise will be on display and available for purchase at our gift and craft bazaar.

Take a chance with our Choopla raffle...
Buy a raffle ticket or two and you could win some great prizes, goods, services and fitness! All proceeds from the raffle will benefit JCC programs.

Just for the kids...
Age-appropriate games and activities will be offered throughout the day. Jump on the typhoon moon and catch a balloon or try your hand at one of our challenging high strike, fuseball or ping-pong booths.

Membership savings...
We will be offering \$100. off all new memberships and if you join the JCC at Choopla, you can take a chance on "Balloon for Bucks" for extra savings!

