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Albright Visits Middle East

By JORDAN SOPINSKY
Editor of The Jewish Voice

As The Jewish Voice goes to press, U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright embraced Israel's demand for a Palestinian assault on terror at the start of a Middle East mission meant to breathe life into crippled peacemaking.

Albright, who was meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, launched her first trip to the region in office with what she called a "straightforward message" from President Bill Clinton. The message: support for Israel's security.

"We are with you in your insistence that the Palestinian Authority fulfill the responsibilities and obligations it has undertaken," she said in a statement shortly after her arrival. "And we are with you in the determination that those who commit terror will not succeed now or ever in preventing the possibilities of peace between Israel and the Palestinians and throughout the Middle East from becoming a reality."

Albright will have met Arafat on Thursday, September 11, in the West Bank town of Ramallah (after The Jewish Voice has gone to press). U.S. officials have no expectations of any peace breakthrough.

Netanyahu has so far dismissed as "cosmetic" the Palestinian Authority's round-up of dozens of suspected militants in the West Bank just before Albright's arrival.

Albright came face-to-face with the reality of the violence on a visit with President Ezer Weizman to injured victims of recent and past suicide attacks at Jerusalem's Hadassah hospital.

In the West Bank town of Nablus, Palestinian protesters from the militant Hamas group and other radical factions burned a U.S. flag to mark Albright's trip, accusing Washington of bias in favor of Israel. The protesters handed out flyers of the Statue of Liberty with Albright's head. The statue was holding a sword plunged into the body of a bleeding man. The bleeding man was said to represent the Palestinian people.

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Dinner of Commitment



Photo by Morris Ari

The Dinner of Commitment, held at the home of Connie and Michael Sugarman on Sunday,

September 7 marked the opening of the 1998 UJA/Federation Campaign.

Front row - left to right: Karen Morris, Marvin Gilman, Muriel Gilman, Ruth Weinstein, Charlotte

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Hillel Hires New Director

By JORDAN SOPINSKY
Editor of The Jewish Voice

"Let's do it!" she said.

"Do what?" this reporter asked.

"I want these students to dream," she replied. "I want them to tell me what they always wanted to do," explained Reneé Shatz, the new University of Delaware Hillel Director. "And I want to make it happen."

She completed four internships while working on an undergraduate degree in psychology and later, a master's in Jewish communal service. She worked as an Adult Services Director and an interim Hillel Director during the past two and a half years. She won two Jewish Communal Service awards as well as scholarships from Jewish War Veterans and B'nai B'rith. And she is listed in Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities for 1990 and '91.

The busy Reneé Shatz, clad in skirt and blouse, confided that she will not be dressing up for work much longer. "I'll be in jeans and a T-shirt. And I won't be behind this desk. I'll be out there," she says, motioning with her thumb toward the window behind her. "I'll be in



New Hillel Director Reneé Shatz. Photo: JDS

the dorms and the student center."

Reneé's enthusiasm for Jewish communal work spans roughly a dozen organizations, though Hillel is obviously her favorite. "There is a camaraderie in Hillel. It's an energetic environment," she said.

Linda Oster, who served as Acting Director of Hillel since January, said, "I can feel very comfortable knowing that the students at Hillel are in good hands and good leadership." Linda now serves as the chair of the Personnel Committee and co-chairs fundraising along with Dr. Bennett Epstein.

Support for Hillel was recently given a thank-you in the form of a dedication of a room. The office in

Hillel's 47 West Delaware location in Newark was dedicated in honor of B'nai B'rith Lodge 470 for their continued support. Roughly 40 students and a dozen members of the lodge, as well as some community board members, enjoyed a Sunday brunch together.

Community support for Hillel has come in a variety of other forms as well. It is a beneficiary agency of the Jewish Federation of Delaware and it also relies on students' yearly dues. There are now about 250 registered members of Hillel out of a Jewish student population of 1800-2000 some of

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JFD Names New Campaign Director

By JORDAN SOPINSKY
Editor of The Jewish Voice

Judy Wortman, Executive Vice-President of The Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD), has announced that Bernard Greenberg has been named the new JFD Campaign Director. "I am delighted that he has agreed to join our staff and move to Delaware," she said. "He is a dedicated professional and more importantly, Bernie is a mensch."

Mr. Greenberg possesses a background in public relations, community affairs, computers, and special events. He most recently served the New Jersey Region's JNF as their Area Director by directing fundraising efforts, handling publicity, and cultivating a lay leadership. Prior to his position in New Jersey, Bernie was the JNF Pennsylvania East Region's Campaign Associate.

Bernie replaces Lelaine Nemser. "Lelaine did an outstanding job and I hope to continue the growth of our Campaign," Bernie said. "I look forward to working with JFD lay leaders and staff as well the Delaware Jewish community to make sure our message is heard."

Bernie, his wife Allison, their sons Samuel, Zachary, and Benjamin are "strong believers in



Bernard Greenberg

'Klal Yisrael,' Bernie said. "We anticipate becoming actively involved as soon as we move permanently to Delaware."

Bernie will participate in this year's Tri-State Jewish Professionals Leadership Program, a year-long communal leadership training seminar held at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. It is sponsored by the three Jewish Federations: Delaware, Greater Philadelphia, and Southern New Jersey.

How do you measure up to a 14-year-old-kid?



The liturgy of the High Holy Days tells us to use this time to judge our behavior over the last year. 14-year-old Gena Goldman, who's been battling internal and external scars from his mother's ongoing abuse, has been delivering UJA Federation Campaign food packages to a few of the poor elderly Jews in the former Soviet Union, when he isn't in school or laid up himself. Considering that we can only feed 70,000 of the some 300,000 who need it: How does your contribution measure up? The UJA Federation Campaign is at the heart of a sacred Jewish trust to build, strengthen and care for our community around the world. Keep that trust. Make your increased gift today.

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Dan Ashbel: New Consul General for Region

In August 1997, Dan Ashbel assumed the post of Consul General of Israel for the Middle Atlantic region, which serves the jurisdictional area of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Delaware, Kentucky, West Virginia and southern New Jersey.

Consul General Ashbel was born in 1949 in Tel Aviv, Israel. He grew up in Haifa. He served in the Israel Defense Force until 1971.

He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1975. Mr. Ashbel has served in Israel's embassy in Bonn, Germany as First Secretary for Cultural Affairs and Media, in Vienna, Austria as Counselor and Deputy Cultural Minister, and in London, England as Spokesman and Press Counselor.

When Mr. Ashbel returned to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Jerusalem he became the head of the Director's Office of the Center for Political Research. He served as Chief Assistant to the Spokesman of the Foreign Ministry and was in charge of Israel's Assistance and Cooperation Programs in the Central Asian Republics (the former USSR). Just prior to coming to Philadelphia, he served as Director of the Western European Division.

British Jews Mourn Princess Diana

LONDON, Sept. 8 (JTA) — In what is being called "an unprecedented gesture of tribute," Britain's Jews joined their countrymen — and the world — in paying respects to Princess Diana.

Chief Rabbi Jonathan Sacks — who declined to attend Diana's semi-state funeral service because it occurred on Shabbat — instructed all members of the Orthodox United Synagogue, the country's main synagogue body, to "join in the national mood of remembrance," his office said. He also wrote a prayer for her, which began: "Almighty God, we come before You today, sharing in the grief of the British people and the world, at the untimely and sudden death of Diana, Princess of Wales."

It was recited in synagogues when the ceremony for Diana started at Westminster Abbey on Saturday morning. Sermons were dedicated to her memory and synagogues observed a national silence at the end of the Abbey service.

The chief rabbi had previously joined the tens of thousands of British people — and foreigners — who signed the book of condolence at St. James's Palace, where her body had laid in rest prior to the funeral. He also wrote personally to the Princess of Wales' two sons, Princes William and Harry.

Meanwhile, Israeli flower exporters shipped an extra 5 million flowers to Europe, especially Britain, to meet a growing demand from those mourning the princess. Chaviv Ha'aze, marketing director of the Israeli Flower Board, said Israel usually exports about 10 million flowers to Europe during the first week of September, but that sales had risen to 15 million.

New Immigrants to Israel Find Jobs Via Internet

Launched on Israel's Independence Day in May 1997, the Jobnet is the brainchild of the AACI — the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel — and Jacob Richman, a former resident of Brooklyn, N.Y.

Richman's free listings over the years of high-tech jobs compiled from newspaper ads have helped many potential immigrants and native Israelis find work in Israel.

Hoping to promote aliyah and to assist those already living in Israel in their job search, Richman and the AACI joined forces about a year ago.

Armed with a plan that would encourage Israeli companies to advertise their job openings, the team received two start-up grants for the project: \$60,000 from Israel's Ministry of Science and \$179,000 from the SAMIS Foundation of Seattle.

Founded by Sam Israel, SAMIS funds Jewish continuity projects in Washington state and Israel.

Since its inception on the World Wide Web three months ago, the user-friendly site — www.jobnet.co.il — has attracted 240 companies that have listed hundreds of jobs in both English and Hebrew.

Categorized by field, the jobs range from computer programmer and systems engineer to chauffeur and radio disk jockey.

Any company wishing to list its openings on the Web site pays a fee ranging from \$75 to \$225, depending on the number of positions it lists.

Access to the site by job-seekers is free.

U.S. Jewish Groups Rally Against Arafat

By **MATTHEW DORF**

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9 (JTA) — With Jewish groups, as well as members of Congress across the political spectrum having rallied against Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat in the wake of last week's triple suicide bombing in Jerusalem, many mainstream Jewish groups are using rhetoric usually employed only by the greatest critics of the peace process.

At the same time frustration has mounted on Capitol Hill that the United States has yet to put its own anti-terrorism house in order.

This anti-Arafat backlash comes as U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright began her first Middle East mission against the backdrop of Israel's government

announcing that the peace process was dead unless Arafat took immediate action against terrorists.

One organization that has been supportive of the peace process, B'nai B'rith, has called on the United States to stop all contact with the Palestinians, including CIA participation in Israeli-Palestinian security talks.

"The Palestinian Authority has become like a rogue state in a position which can be likened with those states that the United States has ceased all contact with," said Tommy Baer, president of B'nai B'rith.

"Perhaps Arafat is not the right person" to lead the Palestinians to peace, Baer said in a interview hours after the attack on Ben Yehuda Street, which claimed the lives of five Israelis and wounded

more than 190.

That kind of language has been familiar to Morton Klein, president of the Zionist Organization of America, who has spearheaded American Jewish opposition to the Oslo accords.

"There's been a significant shift of people openly stating that Arafat is the villain here and he continues to be the terrorist we hoped he was not," Klein said.

But one Jewish official was not ready to declare that such a shift has taken place.

"We're not necessarily seeing a turn to the right," said Martin Raffel, associate executive vice chairman of the Jewish Council for Public Affairs, formerly the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council.

Ties with Croatia: Not All Israelis Endorse It

By **NAOMI SEGAL**

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Word that a country will establish diplomatic relations with Israel is generally welcomed as a sign of decreased isolation for the Jewish state.

But in the case of the former Yugoslav republic of Croatia, the applause is far from unanimous — and much of the criticism focuses on the country's leader, President Franjo Tudjman.

During a formal ceremony in New York that capped an agreement reached late last month, the two countries officially forged diplomatic ties.

The move came after Tudjman said he plans to visit Israel and apologize for his nation's persecution of Jews during World War II.

Tudjman's nationalist policies are viewed by many as an attempt

to rehabilitate the fascist Ustashe regime that ruled Croatia as a Nazi puppet state during World War II.

He drew particular fire in 1996 by declaring that he wanted to rebury the bones of Croatian fascists at a Yugoslav-built memorial to the thousands of Jews and Serbs slaughtered at the Ustashe's Jasenovac concentration camp.

Croatia had 25,000 Jews before World War II, most of them prosperous and largely assimilated. Some 20,000 were killed by the Nazis or the Ustashe regime.

Croatia this week decided to cede to Holocaust survivors its share of gold held by the Tripartite Commission, which is charged with returning Nazi-seized gold to European central banks. Britain, France and the United States agreed to freeze the gold while they review evidence that some of

it was stripped by the Nazis from concentration camp victims.

The Israeli government's decision to establish ties with Croatia came under sharp criticism from Labor Knesset member Yossi Beilin, who said Tudjman had yet to fully repudiate writings which cast doubt on the number of people killed during the Holocaust.

Beilin said that when he was deputy foreign minister in 1995, he turned down a request by Croatia to establish ties, saying Israel would only do so if Tudjman removed anti-Semitic sections from his 1989 book, "Wastelands of History."

Israeli officials viewed the book as anti-Semitic, and Tudjman subsequently issued a revised English version under a new title, "Horrors of War," from which the most controversial parts were dropped.

Senator Specter Calls for U.S. Shift in Mideast Policy

Saying that the Palestinian Authority is waging a "one-sided war against Israel," Senator Arlen Specter, representing neighboring Pennsylvania, called for a "fundamental shift in U.S. policy" toward the Mideast on September 9.

Pointing to recent acts of Palestinian terrorism and attendant threats of more Hamas violence, Senator Specter said in his Senate-floor speech, "the brutal fact of life is that there is no peace process."

Senator Specter described Yasser Arafat's refusal to take a hard line with Hamas terrorists as evidence of his effort to build a hostile Palestinian army on Israeli territory.

"Some were concerned that the Oslo Accords would create a Trojan horse — a concealed military force within Israel. That hasn't

happened. Instead we have a visible horse: a 30,000-man Palestinian police force — really an army — equipped with sophisticated weapons and headed by a man who stands accused of planning terrorist acts on Israeli citizens."

In response to Arafat's "totally unsatisfactory" refusal to use the full range of his power to discourage terrorism, and to address the direct threat which the Palestinian leadership constitutes toward Israel, Senator Specter is calling for an immediate and unconditional end to U.S. and other aid to the Palestinian Authority.

Toward this end, Senator Specter is calling for the U.S. to encourage its allies to join in cutting off aid to the Palestinians forthwith.

Additionally, Senator Specter

called for the U.S. to rule out future dealings with Chairman Arafat. "To continue to deal with Arafat is counter-productive and foolish. If he's the best we have to deal with, then their best is not good enough. After extensive dialogue with moderate Palestinians for more than a decade, I believe there are others who could do a better job than Arafat. Certainly none could do worse."

Citing the "profound effect" of President Clinton's visit with Syrian President Assad in October, 1994, Senator Specter also called for the personal intercession and involvement of the President in both the Israeli-Palestinian and the Israeli-Syrian dialogues. Senator Specter said the President's personal effort is needed to rebuild the climate for negotiation between the parties.

EDITORIAL

Elul: A Time for Preparation

The Hebrew month of Elul serves a dual function in the Jewish year. While it is the last month on the calendar and the month before Tishrei, the month in which we observe Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, Elul also sets the tone for the coming year. It is at once the end and the beginning because the manner in which one provides completion to anything is directly related to the quality of its renewal.

Throughout the pages of this issue of The Jewish Voice, we note that Elul 5757, for Delaware's Jewish community, sees new faces and new ideas. Among other items, we see a new Campaign Director for the Jewish Federation of Delaware, Bernard Greenberg; a new Hillel Director at the University of Delaware, Renée Shatz; and a rededication at the Kutz Home in honor of the people who committed themselves to creating an even nicer environment for our elderly population. These changes, having been planned and organized with eyes set on the future, will serve the community's interests and goals in this coming year as well as in future years.

It is with these preparations, as well as others, that Delaware's Jewish community will be prepared to embark on a new year. Although Elul is a time for introspection and evaluation, it is not a somber month. On the contrary, it is characterized by feelings of love and closeness to all Jews everywhere, to Torah, and to G-d. With this in mind, it is our hope that the preparations that are being made find appropriate expression and guidance, and that a truly sweet year will be in store for all.

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VOICE MAIL

To the Editor:

A fortunate audience heard John Loftus speak in Wilmington. He is returning on December 10th as reported in the Jewish Voice, and I encourage our community to hear the important message he brings to us.

Mr. Loftus is a dynamic speaker, and while

the Adult Institute of Jewish Studies certainly hopes you will register for a course or two, the minimum registration fee is well worth it just to hear our guest speaker.

Peter H. Grumbacher Rabbi Congregation Beth Emeth

To the Editor:

The most recent edition of The Jewish Voice, published by the Jewish Federation of Delaware, informs its readers that the Adult Institute of Jewish Studies (AIJS) will sponsor a lecture by author John Loftus on December 10th at the Jewish Community Center in Wilmington. My reaction to this item is one of disappointment and outrage.

In 1994, Mr. Loftus and Mark Aarons published The Secret War Against the Jews: How Western Espionage Betrayed the Jewish People. The book received no reviews in academic or intellectual journals, or in The New York Times. This was for good reason. The authors claim that over the past eight decades the major powers have repeatedly taken covert action to bring about the destruction of Zionism and Israel. They support this contention with literally hundreds of references to anonymous and undocumented interviews with former CIA agents. They freely speculate on the basis of this "information" in order to arrive at their conclusions.

The reviewer for Publishers Weekly, a journal for libraries, concluded that if this book is to be believed, "over the past 50 years, virtually every Jew in the world has been the subject of electronic surveillance by

the British with the assistance of American intelligence." As a child, I learned about right-wing Christian conspiracy theorists who believed that Jews were behind a Communist plot to dominate the free world. Now apparently the shoe is on the other foot, and it is Jews who are being asked to entertain analogous propaganda.

I read the pages that discuss the assassination of UN mediator Count Folke Bernadotte of Sweden in Jerusalem by Jewish terrorists in 1948. The man who rescued at least 20,000 Scandinavian Jews from the death camps is slandered as an anti-Semite, with no documentation offered. Loftus and Aarons imply that he fully deserved to be murdered for proposing a partition plan not acceptable to Zionist extremists.

The truth about Bernadotte can be found in two meticulously researched books: Amitzur Ilan's Bernadotte in Palestine, 1948, and Kati Marton's A Death in Jerusalem (although the latter is seriously flawed at an ideological level). Any reader can evaluate the credibility of Loftus and Aarons after reading these books.

David Green Bear, DE

To the Editor:

The people of the world owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to various Jewish groups and citizens for their persistence in tracking down Nazi war criminals and in letting the world know who cooperated with the Nazis in hiding their money. Justice aids in healing.

At the same time let us remember that in every generation, from every religious and cultural background, come a minority of brutal, vicious, and sadistic personalities who, in their personal and family relations, act like the Nazis. Also, all of us, at times, in the

microcosm, can act partially like the Nazis, so we must be on our moral guard at all times.

But the greatest healer is hope. So everyone should read Man's Search for Meaning by Viktor Frankl. Frankl was a prisoner in a Nazi concentration camp for 3 years. His entire family was killed by the Nazis. The book is a diary of how he survived but much more. It tells us that if we love other people — all people — we can survive any problem!

Edward T. O'Donnell, Jr. Wilmington, DE

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OPINION

Jewish Culture: Alive and Kicking in Newark



By PAULA SHULAK
The Jewish Voice Editorial
Committee Member

To the perceptive Delawarean, a cultural metamorphosis has been quietly taking place during the last few years in the Newark area. The latest evidence of this is the upcoming production at Temple Beth El of a very Jewish romantic comedy called BEAU JEST written by James Sherman. A hit off Broadway several years ago, it will be presented on Saturday night, September 20 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, September 21 at 7 p.m. at the Temple on Possum Park Road.

How did the "shul" in Newark, Delaware

get to the point where it can offer a production of this calibre? For a long time, Newark was the forgotten frontier of Jewish life in our state, a place where you would send your son or daughter to attend the University, but otherwise not the seat of major artistic endeavor of any kind, especially the Jewish variety. The change started slowly at Beth El, almost 4 years ago.

With the blessing of Rabbi Kaplan, a small group of us decided to plan a creative Shabbaton. With nothing more than the basic idea that we wanted to provide a unique, artistically and spiritually enlightening weekend, I wrote a creative service based on the theme of Dreams and Visions, which for the first time incorporated music, drama and dance into the Friday night and Saturday morning liturgy. Little did I know that this vision would blossom into a full-blown artistic program which now supports an 18-person volunteer choir, a full-fledged Klezmer Band replete with strings, woodwinds, brass, and drums, and an ambitious theater troupe.

As organizer of our first Shabbaton, I worked with another congregant, Allison Kaplan, who is an accomplished dancer and she, realizing that my theater background coupled with her dance expertise was not enough, invited Jennifer Zinn to join us and provide the third leg of the stool - musical

excellence. We practiced with our small group of synagogue members, but at almost the last moment we decided we needed some more help. And voila, Jen's husband Michael Zinn, came to the rescue. (It didn't hurt that Michael is a Professor of Music at the University of Delaware.) Suffice to say that our second annual Shabbaton, which I wrote based on the theme of Miracles, included a small choral group which Michael organized, a one act play directed by congregant Leslie Reidel (also a UD Professor in the field of Theater), and a much larger number of participants.

Last year, the third Shabbaton included visual art, music, drama, and dance and was based on the theme of The Jewish Life Cycle (as written by Allison). In the spring we hosted a Holocaust Commemoration (also written by Allison) which featured poetry reading, music and Holocaust art.

The most beautiful part of what has happened in the last four years is not so much that we have added to the creative life of our area but that we have opened a door to synagogue activity for a multitude of people

who might never have joined, much less participated in the life of the Jewish community. They have found a welcome niche in the temple and are using their talents and abilities in a totally new way, to beautify syna-

gogue activities.

Once we had established the choir as part of our Shabbaton, Michael proposed that we could expand and use a choir to enhance other programs at the Temple. Remember, these are not trained musicians (with a few exceptions) - they are simply congregants who love to sing. Using the new melodies produced by fresh young American Jewish composers such as Debbie Friedman and Doug Cotler, the choir has performed on High Holidays, at our healing service, at the Holocaust program and this year they have been invited to participate in two B'nai Mitzvot ceremonies.

Not satisfied with just adding choral music to the scene, Michael fulfilled a long-held dream of his and also began a klezmer band, soon named Thread of Blue (after the blue threads in the tzitzit which have been newly adopted by many of our congregants). The band has grown by leaps and bounds and has appeared on many occasions including Purim, Simchat Torah, at a Hillel concert in Mitchell Hall and at the Holocaust program; this year they are "taking the show on the road" and are already booked at two B'nai Mitzvot parties, both for members and non-members.

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The Rabbi Writes:

Process of Dialogue Necessary for Religious Harmony

By Rabbi MOSHE GOLDBLUM
Congregation Beth Shalom

Sometimes the obvious should be stressed for in many instances its implications are not thoroughly appreciated. It took the Catholic Church a half century to finally give diplomatic recognition to the State of Israel. The Southern Baptist denomination did not hesitate to declare that all of their funds gathered for conversion purposes were going to be spent on a major endeavor to convert Jews. The NAACP is disturbed at this moment for in its history members must admit that many Jews served as both founders and national Board Members in the years in which the organization arose to assume national importance. During the

years in which quotas were a major consideration both groups failed to understand one another and relationships were virtually severed.

In the Middle East, religion is costing lives as well as money. The Moslems believe that their religion gives them both privilege and obligation to occupy all of the land of that part of the world. Whether it is Jerusalem or the land west of the Jordan River, it all belongs to the Moslems because Islam has been the dominant religion there for the past more than a thousand years. What happened two and three thousand years ago when Judaism was the dominant religion there is not an important consideration to the Arabs. Islam, in the eyes of the Middle East, took over all power and posture from

former religions and the claims of earlier civilizations are of no consideration.

The time has arrived for the process of dialogue to become the most important program of all religions and beliefs. Jewry throughout the world is quite happy with the dictates of its faith. But it also gives the right to every other faith to nurture its followers and to cause them to live better human lives. Judaism makes a special claim on Jerusalem because it was the first to proclaim Jerusalem as its spiritual and political capital in the time of King David. Israel conquered the ancient city in 1967 after being attacked in two previous wars in which they had to fight for their very lives. Israeli Jewry immediately returned to the Western Wall of the

Temple, a place which was off limits to them since 1948. They immediately granted permission to the Arabs to visit and hold services in the two great Mosques which were on the Temple Mount. Christians were given immediate access to the churches of Jerusalem and Bethlehem and Jerusalem was united and made into a "City of Peace."

The time has arrived in which religions must converse with one another as equals. We must cease being political and practical problems to one another. Those who are still aggressive in relating to other faiths must be convinced that heaven or Olam Habah is open to all. Convincing one's self that only one faith has the key to the door may deprive that person of entering at all.

What Is Meant By Israeli Settlement Activity?

By DAVID BEDEIN
Special to The Jewish Voice

A full week before U.S. Secretary of State Madalene Albright's first official visit to Israel and the Middle East, the Israeli press was widely reporting that President Bill Clinton and many Jewish organizations have asked Israel to restrain "settlement activity" as a gesture to advance the peace process.

This leads to a question: What does Clinton mean when says "settlement activity"? Let us examine three widely accepted definitions:

First, the Geneva Convention definition: "Areas that Israel has taken by force." Most recently, a coalition of international human-rights organizations took out ads in all of the major Israeli newspapers in which they quoted the conventions that forbid any nation from settling their citizens in areas that were taken by force or military action.

That would mean that the areas that the Israel Defense Forces conquered in 1948 beyond what the United Nations in 1947 had allocated for the new Jewish state would be considered lands gained in illegal "settlement activity."

That would mean that Israel now conducts illegal settlement activity in Ramle, Beersheba, Nahariya, Tzfat and Lod, let alone Jerusalem, which the U.N. declared an international city.

In other words, the Geneva Conventions would view any plane that takes off or lands at Ben Gurion International Airport in Lod as participating in "settlement activity."

Second, the standard U.S. State Department and Canadian foreign ministry definition: "All areas taken by Israel in 1967." The U.S. State Department and all major foreign ministries around the globe, along with Israel's Arab political parties,

define Israeli "settlement activity" as all areas taken by Israel as a result of the 1967 Six-Day War, especially Jerusalem, which Israel annexed immediately after the war.

Thus far, Israel has settled 185,000 Jews in nine Jerusalem neighborhoods, all of which followed the 1949-1967 Jordanian restriction that forbade any Jewish residency or Jewish tourism in these areas, including the Old City of Jerusalem. There are now more Jews than Arabs in the areas of Jerusalem formerly under Jordanian control. No major country in the world recognizes Israel's sovereignty in Jerusalem. That includes the United States.

Perhaps that is why new U.S. legislation that recognizes Jerusalem as Israel's capital carefully deletes any reference to Israeli sovereignty over Jerusalem. In addition, Israel has settled 145,000 Jews in the West Bank districts of Judea and Samaria along with

Katif near Gaza, with another 14,000 of its citizens in the Golan Heights, conquered from Syria in 1967 and formally annexed in 1981.

Third, the Israeli Peace Now definition: The Peace Now movement, nominally affiliated with the Israeli political parties of Meretz and Labor, distributes a map of settlements it opposes, carefully excluding Jerusalem. Peace Now opposes further Jewish housing development contiguous to Arab neighborhoods in Jerusalem.

Having defined the term, we can have no question about it: Israel is showing no signs that it will stop its "settlement activity."

(David Bedein is media research analyst and bureau chief of the Israel Resource News Agency, located at Beit Agron International Press Center, Jerusalem. website magazine: www.israelvisit.co.il/BehindTheNews.)



Young Newcomers to Be Welcomed to Community

The Young Leadership Development Alliance will be hosting an informal kick-off brunch on Sunday, September 28 to welcome young newcomers to the Delaware community. YLDA is a committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware for young Jews from their late twenties to their early forties.

The brunch provides an opportunity for newcomers to meet other young Delaware Jews, learn about the Jewish community and the Delaware community at large. Families are welcome. The brunch begins at 10:30 a.m. at a member's home. YLDA is asking for a \$3 contribution per person/\$5 per family to help defray the costs. For more details, or to RSVP, please call the Jewish Federation of Delaware at 302/427-2100.

Along with welcoming newcomers to the community, YLDA provides diversified programming for young Jews. In the past year, programs incorporated the social, educational and volunteer goals of the organization. Successful events

included an evening out at Harry's, which brought together over 40 young Jews to learn about the organization. In time for Passover, the group sponsored Saul Wachs, an internationally renowned Jewish Scholar, who spoke about how families can get more meaning out of Passover by going beyond the Maxwell House Hagaddah. At the beginning of spring, over 20 members of the group met at the Kutz Home to clean up the courtyard, in hopes of making it a brighter spring for the residents.

YLDA also helps to organize Super Sunday. The past year's Super Sunday was one of the highest fundraising Super Sunday's in recent history. YLDA was instrumental in adding five new super sponsors, along with motivating volunteers, ensuring proper facilities and publicizing the event.

For the 1997-1998 year, YLDA has planned additional social, educational and volunteer programs. For more information or to RSVP, please call the Jewish Federation of Delaware at 302/427-2100.

Karen Venezky Elected to One of National VP Slots of Hadassah

By JORDAN SOPINSKY
Editor of *The Jewish Voice*

Karen Venezky of Newark, Delaware, has been elected a National Vice President of Hadassah.

Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, is the largest women's volunteer organization in the United States. It supports four major projects in Israel — Hadassah Medical Organization, Hadassah Israel Education Service, Youth Aliyah and Jewish National Fund, as well as National Young Judaea both in the U.S. and in Israel.

Karen was Coordinator of the Communications Division, Chair of the Strategic Planning Department and Chair of its Targeted Programming Task Force before taking on her new duties. Previously, she was National Chair of the Communications Department. Karen has been a member of Hadassah since 1965 and a Life Member since 1970, following in the footsteps of her grandmother and mother.

Elected in November of 1992,



Karen Venezky

and re-elected in 1994, Councilwoman Venezky is one of two women on the seven-person New Castle County Council. She is also a member of *The Jewish Voice* Editorial Committee.

"With Karen's creative leadership and experience in the general as well as Jewish community, as well as her long-time association with Hadassah, she will be a strong asset to the national board," said

Suzy Grumbacher, President of the Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah. Karen is dedicated to Hadassah's mission and the Wilmington Chapter is very proud that she has achieved this position."

Karen has served on the Board of Directors of HIAS, the Council of Jewish Federations Public Relations Awards Committee, the Board of Directors of the Jewish Federation of Delaware; the Public Relations Committee of the American Cancer Society (Delaware Division); the Newark Day Nursery Marketing Committee; the Marketing Committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware and as vice-president and chair of the Marketing Committee of the Grand Opera House, Delaware's Performing Art Center.

Louisa Cohen, a member of the President's Council, who first met Venezky while working at the Southern Jersey Chapter said, "She certainly deserves the position. She's brought many of her talents to Hadassah."

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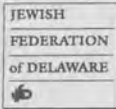
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JCRC to Meet September 17

The Jewish Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JCRC) will meet on September 17, 1997 at 5:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center. The committee will discuss the work of its public education and state issues subcommittees, including initial discussions of the issue of educational vouchers in the State of Delaware. The committee will review the work of its Subcommittee on Mission and

Process, which is setting up procedures for the JCRC to follow when it speaks for Delaware's Jewish community. Finally, the committee will attempt to formalize its past policy stances on school prayer in order to create a long-term policy for approval by the Jewish Federation board of directors. For more information about this meeting or the work of the JCRC, call Dan Weintraub at 302-417-2100, ext. 17.

Jewish Historical Society Display at JCC

During the months of September and October visitors to the Jewish Community Center can view a display titled "First State Simchas." This display, created by the Jewish Historical Society of Delaware (JHSD), features items from simcha celebrations such as weddings, bar/bat mitzvahs, etc. relating to the Delaware Jewish Community. Items range from the latter part of

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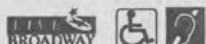
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Two Courses to Examine National and Local Issues at Adult Institute of Jewish Studies

By **JORDAN SOPINSKY**
Editor of *The Jewish Voice*

Two of the courses offered at this year's Adult Institute of Jewish Studies will offer community members information and material related to Jewish concerns on a national as well as a state-wide level. An analysis of the 1990 National Jewish Population Survey and an examination of Jewish life in Delaware are being presented to the community, along with many other courses, thanks to the sponsorship of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, agencies, synagogues, as well as the Institute's committee, chaired by Arnold Harris.

The 1990 National Jewish Population Survey remains one of the most widely analyzed and discussed study in American Jewish

history. Dr. Vivian Klaff, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice at the University of Delaware, will, in one of the courses offered at this year's Adult Institute of Jewish Studies, discuss and analyze this controversial study.

The course, "The American Jewish Community: The Move from Jews by Force to Jews by Choice," is designed to describe the historical, social, and demographic development of the Jewish population. It will focus on the characteristics of the immigrants and the problems associated with the process of integration and assimilation into the social and physical structure of the country.

The course will also analyze basic social and demographic char-

acteristics of the Jewish population of the 1990s and offer glimpses of the early 21st century. Current sociological issues such as group continuity and identity will be dis-

cussed. In addition, strategies and ideas presented by Alan Dershowitz, J.J. Powers, and Eliot Abrams as well as other religious and secular community leaders will be reviewed.

"Jewish Life in Delaware," taught by David Margules, Esquire, aims to address questions, in a discussion format, which will be aimed at exploring what individuals can do to strengthen Delaware's Jewish community and the quality of the Jewish community.

What are the economic and per-



Professor Vivian Klaff: analyzing the Jewish population.

Photo: JDS

sonal costs of living "Jewishly" in Delaware? What role can agencies such as the Jewish Federation of Delaware and the Jewish Community Center play in the strengthening of our community? What are the relative benefits of Hebrew School and Day School educations? These are some of the

questions which will be asked.

This year, the Adult Institute of Jewish Studies will be offering two course locations, Temple Beth El and the Jewish Community Center. The fee is \$15 per person (tickets can be purchased at the JCC front desk) for two courses, which includes admission to "American Secrets," a lecture scheduled for December 10 at 7:30PM at the JCC. Attorney John Loftus, formerly a prosecutor with the Justice Department's Nazi War Crimes Unit during the Carter and Reagan administrations, will discuss the "Top Secret" documents he discovered which reveal that the Nazis he had been assigned to prosecute were working for NATO intelligence.

Toumarkine Family Education Series

The Toumarkine Family Education Series will kick-off this fall at the Jewish Community Center with a special program entitled "Systematic Training for Effective Parenting" (STEP). This program features a series of nine sessions focusing on behavior, emotions, encouragement, communication, responsibility and decision making. Lauren Pokras from Jewish Family Services of Delaware will lead these interactive sessions. The STEP program begins on September 22 and continues through November 24, 1997. The cost is \$90.00 for JCC members and \$120.00 for non-members.

Two other programs, also geared toward family education, are being offered during the month of September. The first program, "How to Encourage Children to Read - A Library Introduction" is free of charge and will be held on Wednesday, September 24 at 9:15 a.m. This session will focus on early reading activities specifically designed for young children. The second program, "Language Development in Young Children" will be held on Friday, September 26 at 9:30 a.m. This session will include talking activities and great books to read and make to encourage children to learn to talk. The cost for this program is \$4.00 for JCC members and \$7.00 for non-members. Elly Alexander will lead both of these educational programs.

Watch for information on other Toumarkine Family Education Series programs being offered throughout the Fall at the JCC. Program topics will include "Kids and T.V. Alternatives," "Building Self Esteem in Young Children," "The Importance of Play for Infants and Toddlers," "Siblings: The Rivalry, the Bond" and "Using Positive Discipline with Young Children."

Registration for these programs can be made at the JCC Front Desk. For more information, contact Susan Gentry, JCC Children's Center Director, at (302) 478-5660.

Charitable Remainder Trusts Offer Significant Tax Benefits

By **JOSEPH M. NICHOLSON, ESQ.**

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With the Dow Jones Industrial Average at all time highs, many people have experienced large unrealized gains in the stock market over the past few years. Many others have held real estate for many years, and have a low tax

basis and high values in such property. At this point you may desire to sell such appreciated assets but are reluctant to do so because of the capital gains taxes that would be incurred. The recent capital gains tax relief notwithstanding, the Charitable Remainder Trust should be considered, as an estate tax planning tool that can be utilized to address this issue, as well as

to provide other important tax benefits. Benefiting a favorite charity is always rewarding, but it is even more satisfying when both the charity and the donor's family benefit. The following example illustrates how a Charitable Remainder Trust can be utilized in your tax planning.

Assume you were savvy (or lucky) enough to have purchased 1,000 shares of stock in a technology company for a dollar a share, and that stock is now worth \$100 a share. The stock pays little or no dividends. If not for the fact that you would incur a 20% capital gains tax on the sale of the stock (leaving you with just \$80,000), you would be inclined to sell the stock and invest the proceeds in income producing assets, such as a bond paying 8%, so that you would receive annual cash flow of \$8,000. However, after the taxes are paid your cash flow is reduced to \$6,400 (8% x \$80,000).

By using a Charitable Remainder Trust you can accomplish your goal — and more. You would establish such a trust, and gift the appreciated stock to the trust. Under the terms of the trust, you would retain the right to receive a specified amount of the income from the trust for the rest of your life, with a charity of your choice receiving the assets in the trust upon your death. Under the tax laws, the trust can sell the appreciated stock, without paying capital gains tax. Upon doing so, the trust could then invest the entire sales proceeds in income producing assets, such as an 8% bond, thereby increasing your current income. The trust could also invest in a number of different investments, thereby achieving

greater diversification as compared to your previous investment of 1,000 shares of a single stock.

What's more, you may be entitled to an income tax deduction for federal income tax purposes for the value of your charitable contribution. The value of your charitable contribution would not be the full \$100,000 of transferred stock, since you are retaining an income interest in the proceeds, i.e., the right to receive the income from the property for the rest of your life. However, the charitable contribution could be substantial (for purposes of this example, let's assume it is \$30,000, which is the \$100,000 value of the stock transferred to the trust, less the \$70,000 present value of your 8% income interest. The actual calculation is based on IRS tables. The exact value of the retained income interest is dependent upon your life expectancy. Moreover, upon your death, your estate would also be entitled to a charitable deduction for U.S. Estate Tax purposes equal to the value of the property in the trust that is received by the charity at that time. (It should be noted that the charitable income tax deduction in a given year may be limited to a certain percentage of your adjusted gross income for federal income tax purposes, but any excess deduction is available for future years.)

Compare this to the result of simply selling the 1,000 shares of stock. In that case, you would have retained only \$80,000 of your pre-tax sales proceeds of \$100,000, and that \$80,000 would earn \$6,400 of interest each year (8% of \$80,000). By using a Charitable

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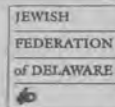


Micha Feldman, Director of the Jewish Agency Mission in Ethiopia, visited and spoke with Delaware Jewish community leaders during the week of September 1. He has held the position since 1990.

Born in Rishon L'Tzion to immigrant parents, Feldman returned to Germany with his family in 1957. While there, he established the "Habonim" Zionist Youth Movement of Germany. In 1964, he returned to Israel. Following his military service, he worked as a youth counselor in the Ben Shemen Youth Aliyah Village.

In 1970, he was appointed director of absorption centers and kibbutz ulpanim in the Jewish Agency. From 1982 until 1987, he was coordinator of the Ethiopian Aliyah Project, in 1988, he was appointed director of the Ethiopian Aliyah Section. He was one of the chief architects of the Operation Solomon airlift which rescued 14,000 Ethiopian Jews and brought them to Israel in 36 hours.

A Jewish Agency emissary in Germany and San Francisco, Feldman attended Hebrew University and earned an undergraduate degree in education and general history. Photo: JDS



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UJA Federation Campaign Hits The Road

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The Delaware Jewish community has supported the UJA Federation Campaign for many years, and the needs remain in the coming year 5758. With the high holidays being late this year (October), the 1998 UJA Federation Campaign "vehicle" has already started its engine with the recent Dinner of Commitment and visit by an Israeli emissary.

•Following the yomim tovim, look for the Campaign to shift into high gear with the Chai event scheduled for Sunday, November 2, 1997. This will be followed by Super Sunday (January 18), JFD Shabbat (January 30-31) and the Community Wide Event (March 29).

In addition, a Campaign Kick-off will be held Thursday, September 25 at the Jewish Community Center featuring a UJA speaker and Campaign Road Rules for 1998.

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For information on the upcoming events as well as ways in which you may assist the UJA Federation Campaign, please call the Jewish Federation of Delaware at (302) 427-2100.

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JFS Hires Social Worker

Sharon Fisher is a graduate of the Bryn Mawr College School of Social Work and Social Research, and holds a Masters of Social Service. In her last year at Bryn Mawr, Sharon served as an intern at Jewish Family Service and the Jewish Community Center where she assisted in resettling newly arrived Jewish-Russian refugee families, coordinated volunteer services, provided counseling, home visits, and crisis intervention for seniors and refugee families, and developed programs for the Senior Center. As part of her internship at the J.C.C., Sharon developed crisis intervention policies and a procedure manual which were eventually adopted for use by J.C.C. nationwide.



In addition to her social work degree, Sharon earned a Masters in International Communication at American University in Washington, D.C. and a Bachelor of Science in Art Education at the State University College in Buffalo. She has been an exchange student to Japan and Italy, has taught English as a Second Language and Japanese, and is a mother of two children ages 11 and 8.

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Remainder Trust, you could receive \$8,000 per year in interest rather than \$6,400, because the entire amount of the sales proceeds from the stock would be reinvested (the trust having avoided the payment of capital gains tax). Further, by transferring the stock to a Charitable Remainder Trust you are entitled to a \$30,000 income tax charitable deduction in the year of the transfer to the trust, which would give you an after tax benefit of \$10,800, assuming you are in the 36% tax bracket (and disregarding for purposes of this example certain limitations in the Internal Revenue Code that may impact on the availability of tax deductions for high income individuals).

There are two types of Charitable Remainder Trusts, the Annuity Trust and the Unitrust. Under the Annuity Trust method, the donor receives a specified amount each year, which may not be less than 5% of the initial fair market value of the property placed in trust. No future contributions can be made to an annuity type of trust, although the donor would be free to establish a second trust if he or she so desired. Under the Unitrust method, the trust pays you an annual amount based on a fixed percentage of the fair market value of the trust's assets as determined each year (again, at least 5%

of the fair market value). With the Unitrust, future contributions can be made to the trust. It should be noted that with respect to both methods, the greater the value of the interest retained, the smaller the amount of the charitable deduction.

While the above example assumes that the grantor will retain a life interest in the trust for his or her life, a grantor may also establish a joint and survivor Charitable Remainder Trust so that the retained income interest will be paid for as long as either spouse is living. However, the value of an income interest for two lives will be greater than for one life, so the value of charitable deduction will be less.

Of course, a Charitable Remainder Trust is not for everyone, but it can be a useful estate planning tool that provides significant benefits for the grantor and his family. As you might expect, there are detailed rules that are beyond the scope of this article that should be considered with your financial and legal advisors.

(For more information about Charitable Remainder Trusts and other ways to increase the benefits of your charitable giving, please contact the Director of the Jewish Fund for the Future, Marc Shandler at 427-2100, ext. 19 for a free consultation.)

Albert Einstein Academy Opens With Record Enrollment

On September 4, 1997, Albert Einstein Academy began its twenty-seventh year with a record enrollment of 126 students in grades Geshur (transitional Kindergarten) through sixth grade.



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Matthew Sokolov and Julia Mondros, both in Geshur (transitional Kindergarten) point to the name of their school.

Albert Einstein Academy is located on the campus of the Jewish Community Center in North Wilmington, is a constituent of the Jewish Federation of Delaware and is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.

Prostate Cancer Awareness

A Prostate Cancer Awareness Breakfast is being held at the Zallea Auditorium, located at the Jewish Community Center, on Wednesday, September 24, 1997. Breakfast will be served at 7:30 a.m. and the program will begin at 8:00 a.m.

Panelists will include Dr. Andrew Glick, Urologist and Dr. Joseph Ravalese, Radiation Oncologist. The breakfast program is free of charge and open to the community. This program is being sponsored by Zeneca Pharmaceuticals, American Cancer Society, Jewish Family Service of Delaware and the

Jewish Community Center.

Advance registration is required by Wednesday, September 17th by calling the Jewish Family Service of Delaware Office at (302) 478-9411.

The American Cancer Society has joined a national petition drive asking President Bill Clinton and the U.S. Congress to commit to increased federal funding for prostate cancer research. Please see Suzanne Rodriguez, JCC Fitness Center Coordinator, to sign the petition or for additional information.



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Book Review:

The Desire to Be Seen And Heard

Judaism Since Gender
 Edited by Miriam Peskowitz
 and Laura Levitt
 New York City
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 1997
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By YVETTE RUDNITZKY
Special to The Jewish Voice

Reading this collection of 25 essays is like witnessing a very intense conversation between academic colleagues who are committed to Judaism and the teaching of Jewish Studies. While this eavesdropping is very interesting it does not make for easy reading. The essays are provocative and demanding; the language mostly dense and scholarly. Yet having said this, I would still urge those readers interested in Judaism and feminism to peruse this collection. This collection struggles from a

number of dimensions to address women's desire to be seen and heard within Judaism.

The essays have both male and female authors and are like 'intellectual adventures' — thought experiments that risk the comforts of certainty for a different way of understanding how the whole of Judaism, religion, culture and tradition is a gendered construction.

The challenge these essays offer is to look beyond maleness as the only frame of referencing for viewing historical events within Jewish history. The educators in this small volume, in various ways and from different dimensions all are addressing the counterpoint to the central notion of androcentricity or maleness, that is, the marginalization of femaleness within Judaism. They posit that the 'marginalization of women,' in effect, main-

tains a masculine intellectuality over what we know and how we come to know it.

What we know of Judaism has until most recently been created and transmitted through a well developed but singular male perspective. Is there a Jewish women's history? How would it look and sound? What would be emphasized and valued? A Study of Judaism that is critical demands a more articulated and nuanced look at gender difference within this seemingly seamless view called Jewish history.

Speaking just to this point is a lovely essay called When The Women Came To Shul. In just a few short pages the author captures the changing role of late 19th century American women's participation in synagogue life by looking at a particular architectural modifi-

cation done to the American shul. This structural change was the removal of the grilled or lattice worked barrier that surrounded the balconies of the women's galleries. Another essay, Other Tales, Museum Objects, Women and Jewish Knowledge highlights how Jewish ritual objects can be used to vocalize the "unvoiced history of Jewish women." Here the author describes how a tour guide, sensitive to the invisibility of Jewish women in history, creatively uses the display objects in her local Jewish museum to raise the consciousness of others on this issue. The writer argues that since we have only begun to recall Jewish women's experiences, we must use whatever resources we have at hand to recover women's histories. Beloved artifacts can be the starting point.

All in all this small book of essays does have an important mission — to heighten our awareness of the need for gender analysis in all that we think and write about ourselves as Jews. That does not mean to merely insert women, stir, and mix but to truly investigate, study and reclaim women's experience for the historical record. Additionally it means to further study and understand the complex role gender plays in shaping categories of knowledge, tradition and power.

Women in particular should recognize that they have a vested interest in knowing how these three categories, knowledge, tradition and power combine to deeply affect our lives. Reconceptualizing male and female contributions to Jewish life and culture is nothing less than struggling toward a greater and more inclusive truth.

Words & Music:

Preserving the Past, Preparing for the Future and Laughing (Right Now)

By STEVE COHEN

The Jewish Voice Entertainment Reporter

A resident of Wilmington is the artistic director of one of the nation's most important theater companies. He's Ben Levit and the company is the American Music Theatre Festival, based in Philadelphia.

The AMTF's mission is to preserve the best of music theater's past and to develop forward-looking works of art. Marjorie Samoff is the founding general director, and Levit works with her, planning and supervising all productions.

Levit, 47, grew up in nearby South Jersey where his parents owned Town & Country Plant Food. Ben became a stage director at the American Shakespeare Festival and the Mark Taper Forum in Los Angeles, and director-in-residence at the prestigious Playwrights Horizon in New York.

When Ben's father became ill, Ben moved back to this area to manage the family business. Hearing that he was living nearby, Samoff tapped Levit for the AMTF post. Ben's dad passed away, the business was sold and Ben is back doing theater work full time. He lives with his two sons and wife, Mia, an accomplished ceramic artist.

He feels that one of the most important parts of his job is developing relationships with artists. Just as certain New York impresarios have taken chances by developing a body of work from talented writers like Terrance McNally, Donald Margulies and William Finn, so should Levit and the AMTF. This takes a long time, a lot of workshops and an investment of



L to R: *Beau Jest* cast members Jeff Herst, Bill Spinn, Aileen DeFroda, Carl Shulak, Joan Brandt and Norman Freeman.

Beau Jest, a romantic Jewish comedy by James Sherman, will have its Delaware premier at Temple Beth El in Newark on Sunday, September 20 at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, September 21 at 7:00 p.m. A humorous story of how one Jewish family confronts interfaith dating and marriage, *Beau Jest* is directed by Paula Shulak, a Temple Beth El congregant and seasoned director of numerous community theater productions. The six member cast, also drawn from Temple Beth El, includes Aileen DeFroda, Bill Spinn, Jeff Herst, Carl Shulak, Joan Brandt and Norman Freeman.

Called a "light, sweet romantic comedy" by the *Chicago Tribune* and "well crafted" by the *Wall Street Journal*, *Beau Jest* has appeal for all ages and all ethnic groups. Tickets cost \$10 for adults and \$5.00 for students and are available at the door. For more information, call Temple Beth El at 366-8330.

money — but it's crucial to the future of American theater.

Developing relationships with performers is important too. At present, the Delaware Valley supports few full-time local actors and almost no singer-dancer-actors. There's plenty of musical talent here and it's Levit's mission to create enough paying work to keep them here and to maintain a local pool of performers.

The AMTF is currently working on a joint project with Opera

Delaware — one of those long-range enterprises that we just discussed. It's a piece called *Billy and Zeldia* by composer Tina Davidson and it's tentatively targeted for performances in Wilmington and Philadelphia during the 1998-99 season.

The AMTF's famed cabaret series is resuming later this month in a new home at the Barclay Hotel on Rittenhouse Square. K T Sullivan is the first of this year's divas. Another aspect of AMTF has

been neglected recently: the revival of classic Broadway musicals. Levit revealed that it's been a recurring subject of discussion. One possibility is to mount concert performances of old shows, as Manhattan's Encores series does. Another more-costly option is to return to the AMTF's original policy of full stage revivals.

Public opinion has been skeptical of the \$30 million plan to renovate Philadelphia's Academy of Music and, until last week, I was one of the skeptics.

But after touring the building with a safety hat while work was going on — and talking with engineers and foremen — I see that the work at Broad & Locust streets is helpful for future audiences and performers.

The building of a new concert hall — with its own big fund-raising drive — and this project are not mutually exclusive. The new hall won't be ready for the orchestra for a few years anyway, so why not fix up their present home now? And opera and ballet will need the improvements in the old hall which will remain as their home.

I saw many exciting improvements in progress at the Academy during my walk-through.

The new audience floor is level from side to side, rather than sagging in the middle, making for better sight lines. The new stage is level, rather than raked, making it better for dancers. The orchestra pit has been mechanized to move up and down to four different levels: in the basement for storage, pit level for opera and ballet, parquet level for audience seating at orchestra concerts, and stage level to create an optional thrust stage. There are new seats, a new stage

lift and on-stage piano lift and new steel supporting columns.

The Academy renovation and restoration is in the fourth of a five year project. \$24 million has been raised towards the \$30 million goal to prepare it for the Twenty-First Century.

Considering the Academy project, you might wonder if anything similar is needed at Wilmington's historic old Grand Opera House. Spokesmen for that institution, home of the Delaware Symphony and many other musical events, assure me that Wilmington was several years ahead of Philly in that department. The Grand Opera House has already undergone similar improvements.

The Grand Opera structure has been improved, the stage and pit have been modernized and spotlights have ingeniously been installed in the ceiling.

Temple Beth El in Newark is about to present the theater comedy *Beau Jest* as a fund-raising project for the synagogue. Performances are Saturday, September 20 and Sunday, September 21 at the temple auditorium.

Beau Jest is a good choice for a Jewish group because it's a comedy about a young Jewish woman and her relationships. She's in love with a guy who's not Jewish and she's afraid to let her family know. So she hires an out-of-work young actor who looks Jewish to pretend to be her fiancée. But actually he's Italian and his presence creates even more complications.

The comedy, written by James Sherman, has been popular in main-stream theaters in New York, Philadelphia and elsewhere. It's a light, sweet romantic comedy.

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NEWS

Helen Gordon to be Honored by AKSE

On the first day of Rosh Hashanah, Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation will recognize Helen Gordon with a special hour. The endowed honor program, now in its seventh consecutive year, honors "pillars" of the congregation who have worked for the benefit of the Shul. At Rosh Hoshanah services, there will be a testimonial and the presentation of a certificate of honor to the honoree. Those wishing to help recognize the honoree will be able to "endow" the honor by their contributions to AKSE.

Helen's contributions to AKSE have been, first and foremost, as a teacher. With Helen as Principal and rebetzen Gladys Gewirtz as Faculty and Curriculum Advisor, the AKSE Talmud Torah became well-known for excellence. Helen has also been a tutor to many Bar and Bat Mitzvah students. As the Women's Tefillah Group at AKSE has grown, she has taught Torah trope and davening to many women and has provided countless Torah reading tapes.

Helen has compiled the annual Yiskor books for many years. She has been a longtime member of the AKSE Choral Group. She has served on numerous other committees. And she is now in her fifth year as V.P. of Administration, a volunteer position requiring a large commitment of time and effort.

For information about helping to "endow" Helen's honor, please contact the AKSE office at 762-2705 before Sept. 17.

Children's Shabbat Services

Beginning September 13th, there will be a new Children's Shabbat service at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth. It will be called Kids' Tefillot, and will take place every 2nd and 4th Shabbat of the month, from 10:30-11:15 a.m. The service is designed for 4-7 year olds, but those with younger children can give it a try. If so, please be sure to be available as a helper for your child.

The service will be led by Scott and Cindy Slomowitz and will include many different enriching activities such as: Storytime, Games, Singing, Puppet Fun, Shabbat/Holiday activities, Dancing and much more.

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List of Suicide Bombings Against Israel Since Accords Were Signed Is Long

By MITCHELL DANOW

NEW YORK, Sept. 7 (JTA) — Following is a list of suicide bombings carried out against Israel since it and the Palestinians signed peace accords in September 1993. It does not include the numerous drive-by shootings and stabbings. The death tolls refer only to the victims and do not include the bombers. This list includes the most recent bombing on September 4, 1994.

April 6 — A 19-year-old member of Hamas carries out a suicide car-bombing at a bus stop in the northern Israeli town of Afula. Eight people are killed and more than 50 are wounded.

April 13 — A Hamas suicide bomber detonates an explosion aboard an Israeli commuter bus in the central town of Hadera. Five Israelis are killed, another 30 are wounded.

Oct. 19 — A Hamas suicide bomber sets off an explosion on a Dan bus traveling north along Dizengoff Street in the heart of Tel Aviv's shopping district. The blast kills 22 people and wounds 42 others.

Nov. 12 — A Hamas suicide bomber riding a bicycle detonates

an explosion at an army check-point near the Netzarim settlement in Gaza. Three Israeli soldiers are killed, 11 others are wounded.

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Jan. 22 — Two Palestinian suicide bombers detonate explosions at the Beit Lid intersection between Netanya and the West Bank town of Tulkarm, killing 22 and wounding about 60. Islamic Jihad claims responsibility.

April 9 — A suicide bomber belonging to Islamic Jihad drives his explosive-laden van into an Egged bus near the Kfar Darom settlement in the Gaza Strip, blowing up the bus. Seven Israeli soldiers, along with American student Alisa Flatow, are killed in the bus explosion.

Two hours later, a Hamas suicide bomber attacks an Israeli convoy near the Netzarim settlement, blowing up an Israeli border police jeep. He succeeds in killing only himself. More than 50 people are wounded in both attacks.

July 24 — A suicide bomber blows up a Dan bus outside Tel Aviv's 40-story Diamond Exchange, killing six and wounding 32. Hamas claims responsibility, saying one of its members from the West Bank carried out the attack.

Aug. 21 — A Hamas suicide bomber detonates an explosion on the No. 26 bus in Jerusalem's northern neighborhood of Ramat Eshkol, killing four people and injuring more than 100. Among the dead is American Joan Davenny, 47, a teacher at a Jewish

school in Woodbridge, Conn. Nov. 2 — Two suicide bombers detonate explosions a minute apart near two buses in nearby locations in Gaza. Eleven Israelis are lightly wounded in the first attack, none in the second. The attacks are

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Hillel

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whom are from Delaware. Funds create the sort of activities Renée hopes to initiate. She wants to develop a Freshman Council, a Team Hillel for intramural sports, a graduate student program, and social action outlets. Community Board President Janice Selekmán

said, "I look forward to all kinds of exciting events and for Hillel's continued growth."

"We are very excited to have a new director," said Mindy Albert, a senior studying psychology and President of the Student Board. "Renée has come to us with new ideas that we hope to implement this year."

Jewish Culture

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In the realm of theater, as I have already said, Beth El will present its first full-length production of a Broadway show on September 20 and 21. BEAU JEST was originally presented in Chicago in 1990 where James Sherman honed his craft as a member of the Second City Company. Beau Jest was a particular hit with Jewish audiences and is ready made for a synagogue production. Where better to present a play which includes a Shabbat dinner and a seder as part of the action and yet is as contemporary, funny and thought-provoking as any Broadway show you can imagine? Dennis Zacek, Artistic Director of the Victory Garden Theater in Chicago has said, "BEAU JEST is a play in which Judaism might be considered to be a major theme and yet, I think the play is far more concerned with the behavior that exists between parents and their children."

As director of BEAU JEST I am delighted at the talent which I have found in the congregation, from actors and actresses to lighting experts, set constructors and decorators and stage management. It is impressive to see the auditorium turn into a theater and to watch

people's creative energies flow. We are hopeful that our audiences will come from every corner of the community, both Jewish and non Jewish so we can share our artistic flowering. If you attended and were moved by the Holocaust program, please come back and join us for an entirely different but equally creative evening of theater.

Don't think for a moment that Beth El has reached the limits of our creativity. Plans for the coming year call for the Choir to participate in a Newark area Thanks-giving service; the klezmer band has a full schedule ahead of it and, in the spring we will have an ambitious Performing Arts Gala featuring a tribute to the Jewish performing arts. What has happened at Beth El is not totally new in Delaware, but this is the first time any creative Jewish endeavors have originated in the Newark-area and the enthusiasm and participation they have engendered is beyond expectations. Judaism is a living entity and in the words of the prayer book, "Ashreinu, mah tov chelkenu u'mah naim goraleinu!" "How goodly is our portion, how pleasant our lot, how beautiful our heritage!" It is wonderful to witness the burgeoning of the creative Jewish spirit in our midst!

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OBITUARIES

SYBIL BERGER

Sybil Berger, 76, of Wilmington, died September 2 at home. Mrs. Berger's husband, Herman, died in 1987. Mrs. Berger was a reading consultant with Wilmington public schools for 15 years. She was a member of Beth Shalom.

Survivors include daughters: Suzanne Berger of Los Angeles and Sharon Weiler of Wilmington; sister, Lydia Keil of Wilmington, and two grandchildren.

Contributions may be made to the Brandywine Social Club, c/o Resource Center of YMCA, 11th and Washington Streets or another charity.

EMMA M. BRODSKY

Emma M. Brodsky, 75, died August 30 at home of cancer.

Survivors include son: Jerry Taylor of Millsboro, daughters: Jacklyn Russell of Virginia, Vickie Elwood of Maryland, Rose Wright of Georgetown, sister: Elmyra Hall of Virginia, 8 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren. Her husband, Sidney, died in 1983.

Contributions may be made to Southern Delaware Hospice, 600 DuPont Highway, Georgetown, DE 19947.

RUTH T. GROSS

Ruth T. Gross, 90, formerly of Claymont, died of cancer in Churchman Village, Newark, her residence for the past two months.

Mrs. Gross was an accomplished artist and was a member of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. Her husband, Simon, died in 1995.

Survivors include nieces and nephews.

Contributions may be made to American Cancer Society.

ROCHELLE KATZ

Rochelle Katz, 45, of 434 Shai Circle, Springwood at Porter Square, Bear, died of cancer at home.

Mrs. Katz was the office manager at Howard L. Robertson Inc., Bellefonte, for about 23 years. She was a member of Temple Beth El, Newark; a former vice president and member of the Newark chapter of Hadassah; and a volunteer for Reach to Recovery.

Survivors include sons, Joshua P. and Jonathan R., both at home; brother, Dr. Joseph Feldman of New York City.

Contributions may be made to Hadassah.

STANLEY LUKOFF

Stanley Lukoff, 83, died of heart failure at his home, 1912 Marsh Road, Brandywine Hundred.

Mr. Lukoff, formerly of Oak Lane Manor, was a process engineer for DuPont Co. in Wilmington for 34 years, retiring in 1984. He then worked as a consultant for All States Engineering, Wilmington. Mr. Lukoff was a member of Congregation Beth Emeth. His wife, Cecila Lukoff, died in 1992.

Survivors include sons, Paul M. of Little Rock Woods and David M. of Weldin Farms; sister, Anne Finn of Framingham, Mass.; six granddaughters.

Contributions may be made to Benedictine Open Community Program or University of Delaware Music Department.

MEYER JOSEPH MAND

Meyer Joseph Mand, 87, of Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Bellefonte, died in St. Francis Hospital, Wilmington.

Mr. Mand had been an insurance salesman for Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. in Norfolk, Va., before retiring in 1995. He moved to Wilmington two years ago.

Survivors include wife, Lena S. of Forwood Manor; sons, Jeffrey F. of King of Prussia, Pa., and Martin G. of Wilmington; sister, Celia Kaye of Norfolk; five grandchildren.

Contributions may be made to The Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Wilmington 19809; or Congregation Beth El, 422 Shirley Ave., Norfolk, VA 23517.

MARTIN RYDER

Martin Ryder, 82, of 32 Bastian Drive, Mt. Laurel, New Jersey died.

Born Mendal Rydzynski in Lodz, Poland in 1914, he was trained as a textile engineer, graduating from the State Textile Institute. As an officer in the Polish Army Medical Corps at the outbreak of World War II, Ryder was confined to a POW camp until sent by the Germans back to the Jewish ghetto in Lodz. After the liquidation of the Lodz Ghetto, his parents and his sister died in a concentration camp but Mr. Ryder survived. He was ultimately liberated from the Friedland Concentration Camp at the end of World War II.

He met his wife, Joan David Ryder, in Berlin following the war. They moved to the Bronx, New York, in 1949 and to Estell Manor, New Jersey in 1951. Their business, Ryder Egg Farm, operated until 1982, first as an egg producing farm and later as an egg distribution facility. In 1988, Mr. and Mrs. Ryder moved to their present residence in Mt. Laurel.

Mr. Ryder was a 32nd degree Mason, being Past Master, Star

Lodge No. 65, F. & A.M., as well as the Past President of the Masters and Wardens Association of South Jersey, Past Grand Chaplain of the New Jersey Masonic Lodge and, most recently, Past Sovereign Prince of the Excelsior Scottish Rite of Collingswood. He was also Past Grand Patron of the Order of the Golden Chain. He was a member of Congregation M'kor Shalom in Cherry Hill. His other activities included amateur radio, religious study and bicycling. Additionally, Mr. Ryder has written an informal autobiography about his experiences in the Holocaust and has spoken before community and school groups in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland regarding his experiences.

Mr. Ryder is survived by his wife Joan, and daughters Myrna Ryder of Wilmington, Delaware and Sandra Blake of Waldorf, Maryland, as well as by four grandchildren.

Contributions in his memory may be made to the Albert Einstein Academy, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington, DE 19803.

MILDRED SALUS

Mildred Salus, 78, of 1403 Shallcross Ave., Wilmington, died in Christiana Hospital, Stanton.

Mrs. Salus, a homemaker, was a member of Congregation Beth Emeth, Wilmington, Hadassah, and the Academy of Life Long Learning, University of Delaware in Wilcastle.

In 1939, Mrs. Salus was the first student to graduate from UD with a music major. She was first violinist in the Wilmington Symphony Orchestra for about five years. She also studied art with Frank Schoonover, Edward Loper and Tom Bostelle. Mrs. Salus was a volunteer at du Pont Hospital for Children in Wilmington.

Survivors include husband, Norman S.; daughter, Susann S. Bell of Wilmington; son, Richard of Key West, Fla.; brother, Edwin Golin of Greenville; five grandchildren; one great-grandson.

Contributions may be made to Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Heart Research Mildred Salus Memorial, 34th Street and Civic Center Boulevard, Philadelphia, PA 19140.

ESTHER B. SHAPIRO

Esther B. Shapiro, 92, of 1329 Tulane Road, Green Acres, Brandywine Hundred, died at the Kutz Home For the Aged.

Mrs. Shapiro co-founded the Wilmington Slip Cover Shop with her husband, retiring in 1960 after 20 years. Previously, she was the head bookkeeper for an import/export company in New York. She was a member of the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, a former president of Pioneer Women and former secretary of the Workingmen's Circle, Branch 69. Her husband, Samuel Shapiro, died in 1970.

Survivors include son, Bernard S. of Las Gatos, Calif.; daughter, Loretta Augenbraun of Brandywine Hundred; five grandchildren.

Contributions may be made to Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, Washington Boulevard and Torah Way, Wilmington, 19802, or Delaware Hospice, 3515 Silverside Road, Wilmington 19810.

PHILIP SIMON

Philip Simon, a former president of Wilmington's Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, died at The Kutz Home, Wilmington, his residence since February. He was 99.

Mr. Simon had recently celebrated his 99th birthday at The Kutz Home.

Mr. Simon, formerly of 4312 Miller Road, owned J & P Market on 30th and Madison streets in Wilmington for 31 years, retiring in 1965. He was a member of Chevra Kadisha and the Jewish Federation. His wife, Jennie, died in 1984.

Survivors include son, Dr. Nathan M. of St. Louis; daughters, Clara Mattes of Wilmington and Naomi Sales of Boston; 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

IN MEMORIAM: Florence Drooz, wife of Rabbi Herbert Drooz, Rabbi Emeritus of Congregation Beth Emeth. She is lovingly remembered by her husband, son Daniel, sister Anita Oren, brother Merton Zubres, five grandchildren, and the Delaware Jewish community.

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Lobel Promoted to Assoc. Professor

Marci Lobel, Ph.D., daughter of Lawrence and Bess Lobel of Wilmington, has been promoted to the rank of Associate Professor with tenure at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. Dr. Lobel is a faculty member in the Department of Psychology and Principal Investigator of the Stony Brook Pregnancy Project, a large federally-funded study of the impact of maternal stress and cop-

ing on birth outcomes such as low birth weight and preterm delivery.

Her research has been featured in a number of popular publications, including Prevention, Parents Magazine, Child Magazine, and Science News. Dr. Lobel received her Ph.D. from UCLA and her A.B. from Harvard-Radcliffe, where she was a Milton and Hattie Kutz Foundation Scholar.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Entries for the Calendar of Events are due on the Thursday deadline, published in The Jewish Voice. Please provide entries in the same format as seen on this page. The Jewish Voice fax number is 427-2438.

Adult Institute of Jewish Studies - The 1997 Adult Institute will be in two locations this year. Beginning Tuesday, October 28 through December 2, 1997, classes will be held at Temple Beth El in Newark, from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Starting Wednesday, October 29 through December 3, 1997, classes will be held at the JCC in Wilmington, from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and 8:45 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. (as in the past). On December 10th, both locations will meet at the JCC to hear our special guest, John Loftus, at 7:30 p.m., on *American Secrets*. Watch for detailed information in the *Voice* and from your congregational newspapers.

A.K.S.E. Men's Club Brunch - On Sunday, September 14, 1997, at 9:30 a.m., the A.K.S.E. Men's Club will feature Charles L. Baker, Senior Planner at WILMAPCO (the Wilmington Area Planning Council), to speak on the topic, "New Rules to Promote Increased Travel Options and to Alter Sprawl Development Patterns." Mr. Baker is the project manager for their Mobility Friendly Design Standards project and is involved in a number of other efforts including the Route 40 study, the U.S. Route 301 area study, the annual effectiveness review and a congestion management system design.

The A.K.S.E. Men's Club monthly Sunday Brunch is open to the public. Brunch is scheduled at 9:30 a.m. and the program is from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The cost is \$3.00 for an all-you-can-eat deluxe Sunday brunch. Reservations for nonmembers are suggested and can be made by contacting the A.K.S.E. office at (302) 762-2705.

Annual Jewish Women's Gathering - 5:45-8:45 p.m. on September 15th. A community-

wide gathering of Jewish women's organizations featuring "A Clamorous Silence" The Voices of Women of the Bible with Judith Levey-Kurlander. Cost is \$8.00 per person and includes buffet dinner. Call Michelle Silberglied at the JCC, (302) 478-5660, for more information.

Candlelight Dinner Program - 5:00 p.m. on September 17th. The JCC Senior Center opens at 5:00 p.m. and dinner is served at 6:00 p.m. The AKSE Dancers will perform this evening. Transportation is available and a special dinner donation is requested. Call Michelle Silberglied at the JCC, (302) 478-5660, for more information.

Club Night at the JCC - 7:00-10:00 p.m. on September 27th. Children in 3rd through 6th grade can join their friends for an evening of rollerskating and dinner. Cost is \$12.00 for JCC members and \$15.00 for non-members. Free transportation from Temple Beth El will also be provided. Call Rachel Levy at the JCC, (302) 478-5660, for more information.

Forget-Me-Not Ball - The annual Forget-Me-Not Ball sponsored by the Auxiliary of the Kutz Home will be held on Saturday, September 20th at Arshat Hall, Wilmington Campus of the University of Delaware.

Invitations will be issued.

How to Encourage Children to Read/Library Introduction - 9:15 a.m. on September 24th. Early reading activities specifically designed for young children. Elly Alexander will lead the session. Free of charge. Call Susan Gentry at the JCC, (302) 478-5660, for more information.

Infant/Child Safety Awareness Workshop - 11:15-11:45 a.m. on September 16th. Learn about current products and devices that help protect your child. Free of charge. Call Suzanne Rodriguez at the JCC, (302) 478-5660.

Jewish Great Books Discussion Group - 7:30-9:00 p.m. on September 16th. This group meets on the third Tuesday of each month at the JCC. The selection for September is *Tales of Mendele the Book Peddler* by Y.

Abromovitch. Free of charge. Call Rona Finkelstein at (302) 478-7598 for more information.

Jewish Renewal Weekend at Elat Chayyim - The Delaware Jewish Community Renewal Weekend at Elat Chayyim will be November 21 - 23 (Fri-Sun.). Join us for a weekend of davening, learning, experiencing, sharing, growing, and community. The food is gourmet vegetarian. The setting is in the Catskill Mountains. Elat Chayyim is into the sixth year of running Jewish spiritual programs. The cost for the weekend (including housing, six meals and programming) is \$125.00 per person. To make a reservation, send a check for \$25.00 to Temple Beth El by June 30th. This weekend is co-sponsored by Temple Beth El and the Jewish Federation of DE. If you have any questions, please call Rabbi Kaplan at 366-8330.

Kids Club at the JCC - 5:00-7:00 p.m. on September 27th. Children in kindergarten through 2nd grade can join their friends for gym and swim activities and dinner. Cost is \$10.00 for JCC members and \$12.00 for non-members. Call Rachel Levy at the JCC, (302) 478-5660, for more information.

Kutz Home Rededication - Plans are underway for the Rededication of the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home on Sunday, September 21st at 2 p.m. Everyone in the community is welcome. There will be a brief dedication program followed by guided tours of the new wings and the remodeled original building. Arlene Simon is chairman of the Committee planning the event. Other members of the Committee are: Phyllis Cobin, Miriam Edell, Faith Goldman, Howard Hoffman, Ellen Koniver, Louise Sloane, Alan Schoenberg and Ruth Weinstein. The Advisory Committee members are Eileen Conner, Karen Friedman, Joan Wachstein and Sheldon Weinstein.

Language Development in Young Children - 9:30 a.m. on September 26th. Talking activities and great books to read and make to encourage children to learn to talk. Elly Alexander will lead this session. Cost is \$4.00 for JCC members and \$7.00 for non-members. Call Susan Gentry at the JCC, (302) 478-5660, for more information.

Prostate Cancer Awareness Breakfast - 7:30-9:00 a.m. on September 24th. Breakfast will be served at 7:30 a.m. and the program begins at 8:00 a.m. Panelists include Dr. Andrew Glick, Urologist and Dr. Joseph Ravalese, Radiation Oncologist. Free of charge. Call Suzanne Rodriguez at the JCC, (302) 478-5660, for more information.

Rosh Hashanah Apple Pick-

ing - 1:00-4:00 p.m. on September 28th. Teens in grades 9 through 12 are invited to join their friends for an apple picking adventure, followed by a hayride in Newark. Cost is \$8.00 per person. Call Etai Belinky at the JCC, (302) 478-5660, for more information.

Singles' Picnic - Picnic at the Brandywine Battlefield on Route 1. We will be meeting on the upper part of the Battlefield (look for balloons) at 12 p.m. on Sunday, September 14th. After lunch we'll take a tour of George Washington's Headquarters and do some sports activities and schmooze. The cost for this event is \$8.00. For more information, to RSVP,

directions, or to be put on the mailing list, call Ethan at 792-9375.

Third Annual Women's Gathering - Monday, September 25, 5:45 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center. Fee: \$8.00 per person. Program: Buffet dinner followed by program "A Clamorous Silence": The Voices of Women in the Bible. For more information, call Michelle Silberglied, 478-5660.

Volleyball - Young Jewish Adults of Delaware (YJAD's) co-ed, noncompetitive volleyball league continues every Wednesday night from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at the JCC. Call Phil Gross at 652-6688 for more information.

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Suicide Bombings

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believed to come in retaliation for the Oct. 26 assassination of Islamic Jihad leader Fathi Shakaki in Malta. Islamic Jihad claims responsibility for both attacks.

1996
Feb. 25 - Hamas suicide bomber blows up a No. 18 bus near Jerusalem's central bus station, killing 26 people and wounding 48 others. Americans Matthew Eisenfeld of Hartford, Conn., and Sara Duker of Teaneck, N.J., are among the dead.

Less than an hour later, a second Hamas suicide bomb explodes at a soldiers' hitchhiking station near Ashkelon, killing one and injuring 31 others. The two attacks are said to be in retaliation for the Jan. 5, 1996, slaying in Gaza of Yehiya Ayash, a Hamas fugitive known as "The Engineer" because of his expertise with explosives.

March 3 - A Hamas suicide bomber blows up a bus on Jerusalem's Jaffa Road, killing 19 people and leaving at least 9

wounded. The attack takes place on the same No. 18 bus line and almost at the same time as the previous week's attacks.
March 4 - A suicide bomb is detonated in Tel Aviv's Dizengoff Center, killing 13, including children, and wounding at least 130 on the eve of Purim. Hamas claims responsibility.

1997
March 21 - A Hamas suicide bomber detonates an explosion at the Cafe Apropos in central Tel Aviv, killing 3 Israelis and wounding 47 others.

July 30 - Two suicide bombers strike in the Mahane Yehuda open-air market in Jerusalem, claiming 15 victims and wounding at least 170 others. Islamic Jihad and Hamas claim responsibility.

Sept. 4 - Three suicide bombers detonate near-simultaneous explosions at the Ben Yehuda pedestrian mall in downtown Jerusalem, killing at least four and wounding more than 190.

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