

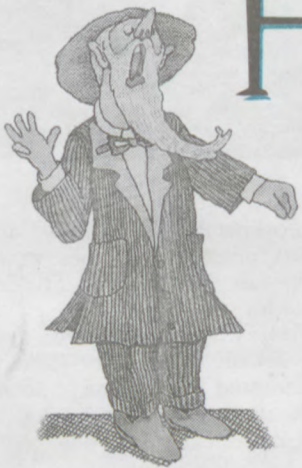
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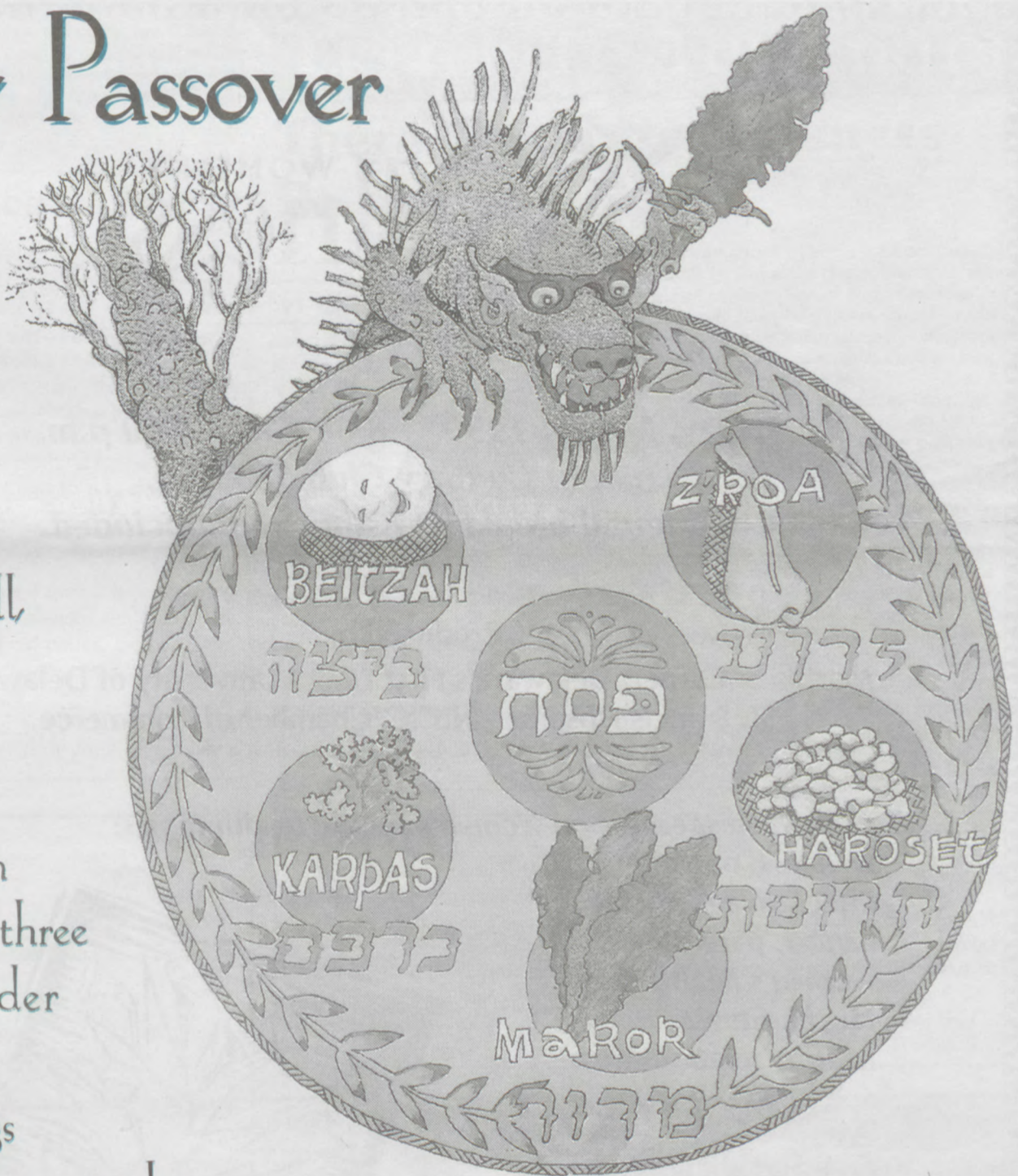


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so we'd better all listen
to him very well.

He says that each person
must mention these three
if he wants his whole Seder
to go perfectly.
Tonight these three things
might be found in your parlor —
We know them as Pesah and matzah and maror.



Art taken from UNCLE ELI'S PASSOVER HAGGADAH, a book written by Eliezer Lorne Segal and illustrated by Bonnie Gordon-Lucas. Please see page 21 for a book review.



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REMEMBRANCE

Holocaust Survivor Keynotes Interfaith Yom HaShoah Service

By **SUE SHAFFER**
JCRC Director

Dr. Arnold Kerr, a University of Delaware professor who survived the Holocaust, will share his experiences and insights during the annual Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Day of Remembrance Service on Tuesday, April 13. Organized by the interfaith Halina Wind Preston

Holocaust Education Committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, the program is scheduled from noon to 1:00 p.m. at Wilmington's Louis Redding City/County Building in Council Chambers, 800 French Street, first floor.

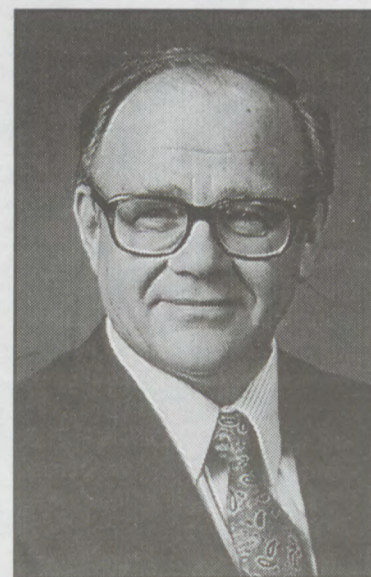
This event is co-sponsored by the Delaware Region of the National Conference for

Community and Justice, Interdenominational Ministerial Action Council, the Rabbinical Association of Delaware and the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

Participants include: Reverend Donald Dunnigan, senior pastor, Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church; Rabbi David Kaplan, chairperson, Rabbinical

Association of Delaware; Jack McGough, Holocaust educator, Academy of Lifelong Learning; Reverend Laura Lee C. Wilson, executive director, Wesley Foundation Campus Ministry at the University of Delaware and members of the Choral Group of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth.

The program will run for



Dr. Arnold Kerr

approximately 45 minutes, after which guests will gather at the Holocaust Memorial in Freedom Plaza for prayers.

Please call Susan Shaffer, director, Jewish Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, at (302) 427-2100, ext. 17.



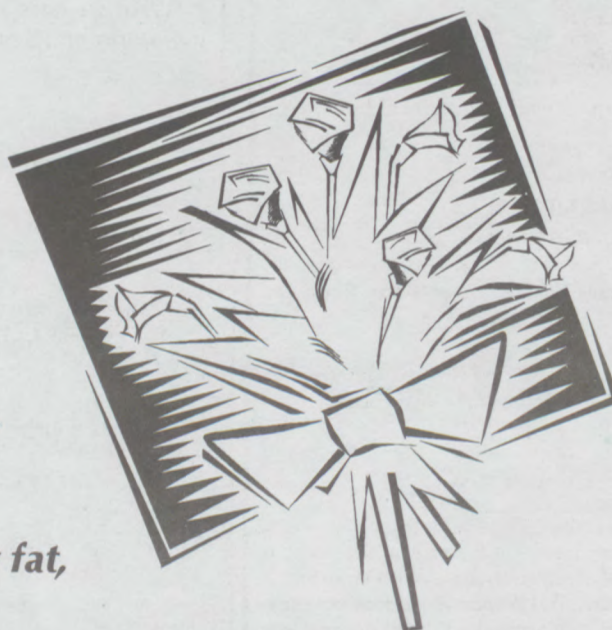
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JCC Stages Holocaust Tribute

By **PRISCILLA SIEGEL**

On April 22, 1999, at 7:30 p.m., the JCC of Delaware will hold a unique program of music composed and performed in Terezin, the World War II concentration camp located near Prague. The concert will be performed by the Audubon String Quartet, an internationally acclaimed professional group in residence at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia. The program will consist of several musical compositions, each one introduced by a quartet member who will describe the music and the conditions under which the music was composed. Complementing the program will be slides of artwork produced in Terezin and poetry written by children and adults interred in the camp from 1941 until 1945. The poetry will be read by two Wilmington residents, Ann Jaffe, a survivor and ten year old Rina Wagman, a granddaughter of survivors. This program is partly funded by the Delaware Humanities Forum, a state program of the National Endowment for the Humanities and the National Endowment for the Arts and the Delaware Division of the Arts, a state agency committed to promoting and supporting the arts in Delaware.

Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$4 for college students and free for high school students. Admission may be waived upon request. Refreshments will be served following the concert. For additional information call (302) 478-5660 (Priscilla Siegel or Ella Zukoff).

EDITORIAL

The Four R' Of Judaism

Next week we **rejoice** in the holiday of Pesach. Jewish families in Delaware, in Israel and around the world will experience the ancient story of our people's deliverance from slavery into freedom.

Around the dining room table or in the synagogue social hall, we **relive** the exodus through the songs, prayers and special symbolic foods that make the Seder so much more than a typical holiday meal. Together we taste the sorrow of our enslaved ancestors as we dip the karpas into the salty water of tears. We savor the joy of their redemption when we sip the sweet wine and spoon haroset onto our matzah. This bittersweet symbolism is integral to the Pesach story. For as we **retell** this eternal yet contemporary tale of hope in the face of adversity, we are mindful of those in our community who are enslaved by the shackles of poverty and despair. Our Haggadahs - be they Reform, Orthodox or feminist in orientation-share a common admonition to effect a modern-day

exodus. No Jew is free unless all Jews are free.

Soon after the last matzah is consumed, we commemorate a sad chapter in our people's history. Yom HaShoah, a new addition to our Jewish "holiday" calendar, addresses the need for **remembrance** - the fourth "R" of Judaism. We honor the memories of those 6,000,000 men, women and children who perished in the Holocaust through special ceremonies in Jewish schools, synagogues and community centers.

This year, the Jewish Federation of Delaware will join forces with the Delaware Region of the National Conference for Community and Justice and the Rabbinical Association of Delaware to present a Holocaust Day of Remembrance interfaith service. Mark your calendars for Tuesday, April 13, from noon to 1 p.m. at the City County Building in downtown Wilmington. Our collective thoughts and prayers will help keep their memories alive.

Capano Sentence Is Not Kosher

Convicted murderer Thomas Capano, sentenced to death last week by Delaware Judge William Swain Lee, would probably have met a far different fate in a rabbinic court. It was the consensus of several local rabbis that the Capano case did not meet rabbinic guidelines for capital punishment. The rabbis were disturbed by the lack of substantive physical evidence of and witnesses to this heinous offense. Jewish law stipulates that a criminal must be caught in the act and counseled about the legal and moral consequences of their actions.

And what about the Talmudic edict of an eye for an eye - a tooth for a tooth? The

rabbinic interpretation is that victims of crimes should receive financial compensation for their pain and suffering.

Is the death penalty ever justified? In Israel, the nation's prohibition against capital punishment was amended to allow just one man to be executed - Adolf Eichmann, a mastermind of Hitler's final solution.

Israel's reticence to "play G-d" by sentencing a criminal to death is shared by many members of Delaware's Jewish community. The vast majority of individuals we spoke to believe that only G-d has the power to determine who shall live and who shall die.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

There Could Be Darkness Before The Dawn!

Your Editorial in the March 12 Jewish Voice, "A New Era Dawns..." celebrating the "dramatic restructuring of Jewish communal life" which will in Charles Bronfman's words, "reframe our Jewish future," may be premature. I note this, not because this new, as yet unnamed entity, has done anything except engage in the game of Jewish Communal musical chairs, but because the same type of hype was used to announce the restructuring of local Jewish Communal Relations Councils into the Jewish Council for Public Affairs. There too, we the Jewish public, were told that this restructuring would "reframe our Jewish future."

Your report on the Plenum of this new entity, "...Addresses Challenges of 21st Century" excluded what many commentators and persons present at that meeting thought was the most critical issue brought before that body of Jewish Communal Professionals. Namely, a vote on a resolution supporting Jewish Education as the most urgent priority for local Jewish

Federations. This resolution was defeated, allegedly for the reason that that body wanted to stay clear of any inferences that they would favor or support school voucher legislation now being pressed on National and State levels, i.e., the public support of Jewish Day Schools.

If The JCPA is ever to serve the Jewish Community, it will not do so by holding to the boundaries of a liberal political philosophy about church-state interactions, or other public matters, that are no longer viable for the 21st Century. This is not a call for another form of benign state paternalism, vouchers. We have had enough of that form of democratic despotism in our lifetime. It is a hope that those responsible for our Jewish communal Welfare will not keep marching blindly to the tune of worn and in some cases retrograde scripts in their deliberations about the urgent issues in our communal life.

Irv Kaufman
ruthirv@erols.com

The Parsha Place

Week of March 27 Tzav Leviticus 6:1-8:36

Each morning, the priests must gather the ashes around the altar and take them to a clean place outside the Israelite camp. Aaron and his sons are instructed to put on their best "Shabbat clothes" before they remove the ashes from the altar-despite the fact that the priests would undoubtedly soil their garments. Why? Rabbi Gerald M. Kane of Temple Beth El in New Mexico suggests that wearing a special piece of clothing can often put you into a more mindful state. Therefore, by instructing the priests to put on their finest clothing for the removal of ashes, the Torah seems to emphasize the need for them to pay close attention to what might appear to be the most inconsequential details of their special work. In the words of the late Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, "God is in the details."

It seems more than a coincidence that we read Parshat Tzav each year during the Shabbat prior to Pesach. The Torah and the Jewish calendar send us a very strong message: As we rid ourselves of the *chametz* of old habits, we are given the chance to begin anew. With a clearer focus and a stronger desire to fulfill the mitzvah, we can insure that our own fires will not go out!

-Torat Hayim, Torah Study for Reform Jews



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The Kimmel-Spiller Climbing Wall Officially Opens At The JCC



IT'S OFFICIAL – JCC has its own Climbing Wall. Participating in the dedication are: (left to right) Wayne Kimmel, Kimberly Kimmel, Leonard Leff, Marlene Leff, Michelle Kimmel, Morton Kimmel, Marcia Kimmel, Jeffrey Metz, Richard Stat.

By SUSAN PARCELS

The Jewish Community Center of Delaware officially opened The Kimmel-Spiller Climbing Wall on Sunday, March 7, 1999 (19 Adar 5759). Jeffrey S. Metz, JCC Executive Director, welcomed everyone to the dedication and introduced Richard Stat, President of the JCC Board of Directors. Stat presented the architectural plaque to the family and introduced Morton Kimmel who spoke on behalf of the Kimmel-Spiller family, many of whom were in attendance.

A big red ribbon was stretched across the face of the climbing wall. With flourish, the Kimmel family cut the ribbon and officially dedicated The Kimmel-Spiller Climbing Wall. Metz then described the sport of indoor rock climbing, while

climbers demonstrated various climbing techniques. The wall was then opened for climbing to those who attended the dedication ceremony.

The wall was funded by a gift from The Kimmel-Spiller Charitable Foundation in memory of Judy and Paul Spiller and their sons, Harvey and David, who were killed 11 years ago in a private plane crash. Larry Spiller, the sole survivor of the crash, and his adoptive parents, aunt and uncle Marcia and Morton Kimmel, formed the foundation to offer financial assistance to causes throughout the community. Other beneficiaries of the foundation include The Kimmel-Spiller Jewish Healing Center, the duPont Hospital for Children, Make-A-Wish Founda-

tion, Ronald McDonald House, St. Christopher's Hospital, United Cerebral Palsy Foundation, Delaware Hospice, Pediatric Aids Foundation, Milton & Hattie Kutz Home, Jewish Family Services, The Wellness Community, Lymphoma Society, Opportunity Center, Inc., Arc of Delaware and numerous others. The Kimmel family feels that The Foundation's support of the new climbing wall at the JCC provides a fitting tribute to the Spillers, who were an energetic, athletic and active family.

The Kimmel-Spiller Climbing Wall, as it is known, is located in one corner of the Center's gymnasium and is constructed of plywood and steel and covered with a cement-like material called dutex. At 21 feet high and 50 feet

wide, it offers a challenge for climbers of varying ability levels. The wall is open to climbers age 6 and older. All climbers must wear a harness and must be accompanied by a certified belayer, a person who helps control the climber's descent by acting as a counter-balance on the climbing ropes. A belay certification course is offered at the JCC and is open to anyone 13 years of age or older. The climbing wall can accommodate eleven climbers and eleven belayers at one time.

Climbing classes are available for adults, teens and children throughout the week. Open climbing hours are Sunday, 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Monday, 7:30 to 9:45 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday, 6:00 to 9:45 p.m., Thursday, 7:45 to 9:45 p.m. and Saturday, 3:45 to 5:45 p.m. Entrance fees are \$2/hour

for members (maximum of \$5) and \$6/hour for non-members (maximum of \$15). Climbing equipment such as shoes, harness, chalk and bag are available for rent.

For more information on The Kimmel-Spiller Climbing Wall, please contact Scott Bowers, JCC Sports and Recreation Coordinator, at (302) 478-5660.



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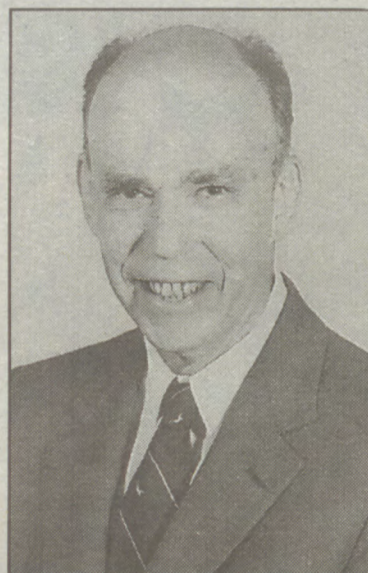
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Treasure Hunt

By **JULIAN PREISLER**
JHSD

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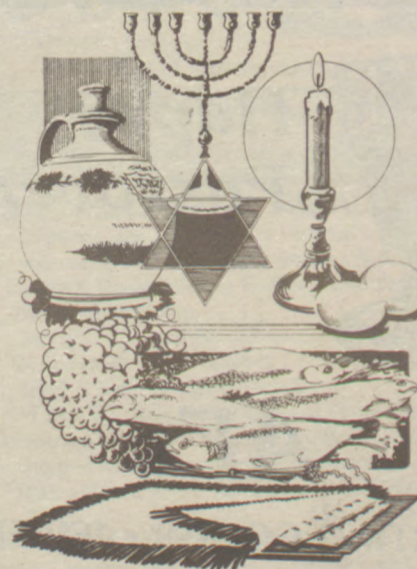
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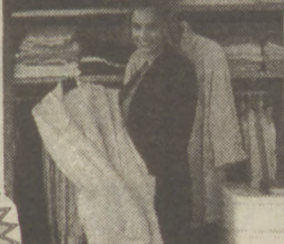
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THE RABBI WRITES

Make It Personal At The Seder

By Rabbi SANFORD L. DRESIN AKSE

The Ukrainian town of Chernobyl (known today for its infamous nuclear reactor disaster)

was, prior to the Communist Revolution, a thriving Chassidic Jewish community. It was led by the Chernobyler Rebbe, Reb Menachem Nachum, a disciple of the Ba'al Shem Tov, the founder

of the Chassidic movement. It is told that the Chernobyler Rebbe conducted his Seder in a very different fashion. Throughout the year, the Rebbe would record in a notebook personal miracles that occurred to him. During the Pesach Seder, he would go through the Haggadah at a rapid pace and then use the remainder of the evening to read from his notebook, recalling his personal miracles and sharing them with those present at his Seder. An insight into the Chernobyler's actions may be derived from the Midrash's comments dealing with the Exodus and the events taking place at the shores of the Red Sea.

As the Israelites fled from Egypt, Pharaoh pursued them. The Torah teaches, "And Pharaoh drew near, and the Israelites raised their eyes and behold - Egypt was journeying after them, and they were very frightened, and the Israelites cried out to the Lord" (Exodus 14:10).

Now we have an interesting linguistic problem with the first few words of this verse: "U-pharaoh hikniv," is usually rendered as "And Pharaoh drew near (or approached)." Its literal meaning is, however: "And Pharaoh made (someone or something) approach."

The Midrash goes on to explain that Pharaoh was apparently engaged in *Kiruv* (roughly translated as missionary) work. He was bringing people closer to G-d, so to speak. But, how could this be possible?

Earlier in the narrative, we learn that the Israelites cried out in their bondage and G-d heard their cry and freed them. Now they were trapped, the Red Sea to the front,

the Egyptian Army to the rear and wild animals and a forbidding desert to their left and right. So, again they were compelled to raise their eyes and cry to the Lord and this then is how Pharaoh brought them close again to G-d.

From this we derive an important lesson about miracles. Were miracles simply a process of extraordinary Divine intervention, the miracle could have been accomplished much more spectacularly with helicopter gunships and heavy artillery - as in the old joke about the little boy who returns from *Talmud Torah* to tell his parents about the defeat of Pharaoh's Army, only to embellish and rewrite some of the events; and, when asked why he made the

changes in the story, his response was, "You never could have believed me if I told you the way my teacher said it happened."

What is significant is not so much the miracle itself, but what leads up to the miracle. When a miracle comes, it comes in a flash, in the blink of an eye. That is what I believe the Chernobyler Rebbe was trying to convey in choosing to recount at his Seder, not only the miracles surrounding the Exodus from Egypt, but also all the personal miracles performed by the almighty on his behalf.

This year as we celebrate our Seder, let each of us take a few moments to reflect on our own personal miracles of the year gone by.



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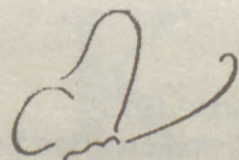
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By TAMARA COHEN
Jewish Family and Life
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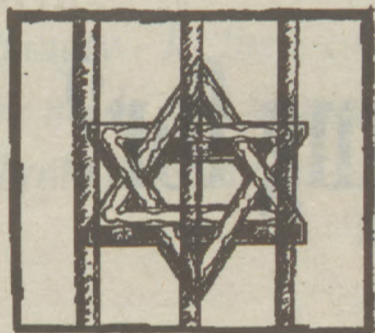
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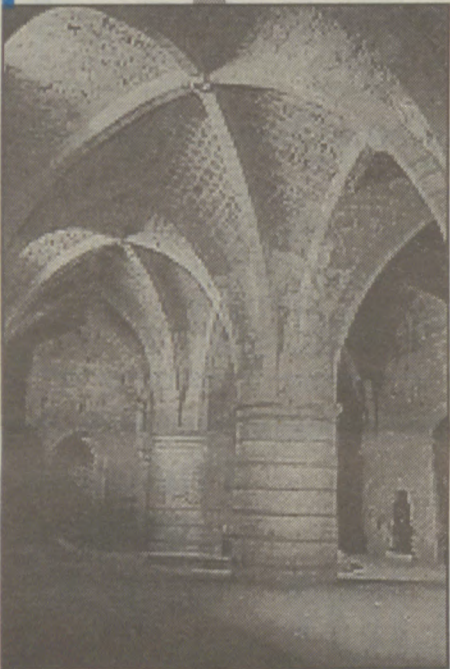


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Passover Israeli Style

By **CARL ALPERT**
Columnist

The Passover influence has permeated the Israeli atmosphere for weeks before the onset of the holiday. Supermarket counters have been laden with huge stacks of cartons of matzah, and many products early began to sprout the special labels attesting to their holiday kashrut. On the eve of the holiday and throughout the week, whole shelves which contain unmistakably chametz groceries will be covered

with white sheets, to make the products inaccessible to the shoppers.

One item that proved popular last year was a brand of coffee, kosher for Passover, produced by a company in Amman, Jordan, under rabbinical supervision.

Even secular and non-observant shoppers accept the restrictions, and stock up in advance with properly labeled items to take to the beach with them on Shabbat, weather permitting. Last year

Passover occurred in the midst of a heat wave.

Even familiar non-food products, like cleaning materials, enter into the spirit, and their special labels affirm that they do not contain chametz starch, which would be a

violation of the restrictions.

The hotels of the country report almost full bookings for the holiday, but only about half the guests will be tourists. The remainder are Israelis who choose to take their holidays at that time, especially in

resorts like Eilat. On the other hand, according to reports from travel agents, some 200,000 Israelis will spend the holiday abroad, with the United States and England as most popular destinations.

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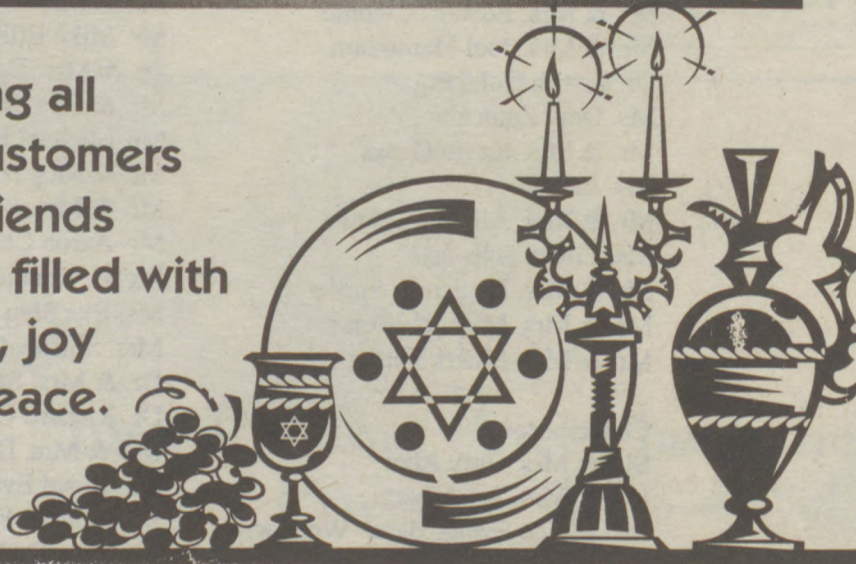
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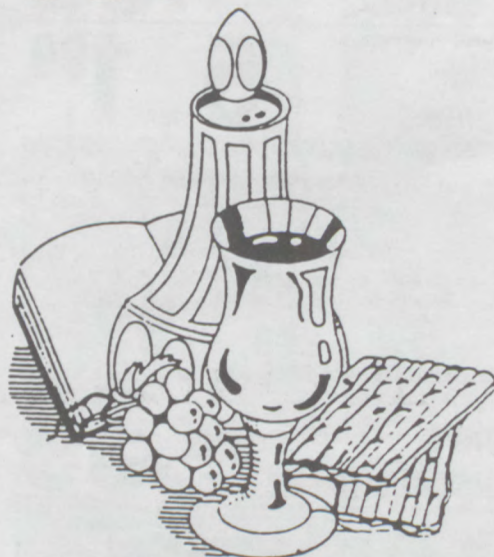
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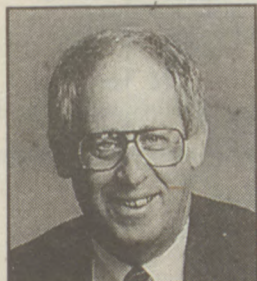
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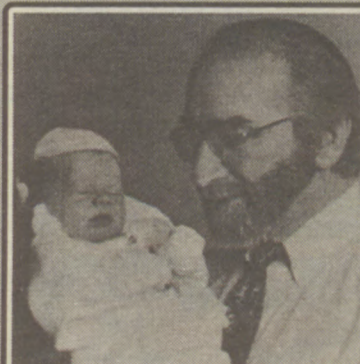


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BOOK REVIEW

"Uncle Eli" Breathes New Life Into The Passover Haggadah

By LYNN EDELMAN
Editor

Move over Maurice Sendak, Eliezer Lorne Segal (A.K.A. "Uncle

Eli") is charting his course as a weaver of whimsy. Segal, a Canadian college professor best known for his scholastic books and

articles on a variety of "serious" Jewish themes takes a successful stab at the silly side of life.

His new release, *Uncle Eli's Passover Haggadah*, published by No-Starch Press, appeals to the child in all of us! It is a winning combination of zany rhymes delivered by charming characters - brought to life by talented illustrator Bonnie Gordon-Lucas.

It's a traditional tale with a delicious twist. Segal knows the short-attention span of little ones and uses the power of poetry to captivate this crowd.

Here's a short sample from the book that is certain to become a Pesach classic:

It's the same fun Haggadah you're reading today.

Don't let your folks see it!

They'll take it away.

You might want to hide it

where no one can see,

under the table,

on top of your knee.

It'll be our own secret.

They won't understand

why you cover your mouth

with the back of your hand

to stifle the laughs that burst out all the time. It's your own special secret, and Eli's ...and mine!

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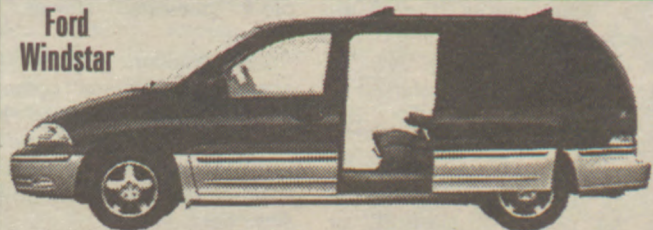
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PASSOVER - AROUND THE WORLD

Jews In Russia Reinterpret Meaning Of Pesach

By Lev Krichevsky
JTA

MOSCOW - When David Karpov attended his first Passover seder here some 15 years ago, it was easy for him and other newcomers to grasp the holiday's main themes of slavery and redemption.

Soviet Jews, themselves suffering from oppression, had no trouble making a connection between their lives and what they read in the Haggadah, says Karpov, now a Lubavitch rabbi in Moscow.

"Egypt was the Soviet Union, the Pharaoh was its leadership and Moses was the State of Israel which helped to redeem people," explains Zinovy Kogan, executive director of the Congress of Jewish Organizations and Communities of Russia, an umbrella group for Russian Jews.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the beginning of the mass departure of Soviet Jews to Israel - the wave often referred to in the Jewish state as the "Big Aliyah."

The abolition of most restrictions on emigration - a move associated with the policy of glasnost, or openness, instituted by then-Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev - seemed to be a fulfillment of Passover hopes and dreams.

In the Western hemisphere and in Israel, a mass campaign for the

liberation of Soviet Jews was inspired by another Passover symbol, the phrase Moses addressed to the Pharaoh: "Let My People Go."

As with so much in this fast-changing part of the world, the meaning of Passover seders has changed several times during the past decade and a half. And with the possibility of a significant rise in aliyah because of the surge of anti-Semitism that followed the collapse of the Russian economy in August, some here are wondering if the themes of this year's celebrations will shift yet again.

During the Soviet era, Passover seders actually inspired some Jews to consider emigration.

"For some, those seders were an eye-opener. People would come with no wish to emigrate and leave full of information and other people's personal stories," says Kogan.

Large seders held at private apartments became common in the early 1970s, says Mikhail Chlenov, president of the Va'ad, the Russian Jewish Federation, another umbrella organization for Jews here.

Indeed, the 1970s and 1980s were like an ongoing Passover, says Kogan.

"Some people were leaving, some stayed behind and continued the struggle. The idea of Pesach,

exodus and freedom permeated the air," he says.

As if the Soviet authorities themselves wanted to convey the message of Passover to those who had come to a seder, police, tipped off by the KGB, would sometimes break into an apartment to check the identity cards of those in attendance.

The atmosphere of secrecy that surrounded those seders sometimes generated amusing situations.

Kogan recalls what happened while at a seder attended by a visiting American Jew.

As was common in those days, there were not enough Haggadot to go around. Not wanting to be disgraced, the hosts gave out other Hebrew books that were in their home - prayer books, even copies of the Megillah, which is normally read on Purim.

The American noticed that not only were some guests following books that had nothing to do with the holiday; others, having no knowledge of Hebrew, were holding the books upside down.

Clearly astonished, the guest made his own assumptions and told the host, "Don't you see? These are all KGB agents."

But the lack of basic knowledge did not prevent people from tuning



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Cooking Up A Strong Jewish Heritage

By **MATTHEW DORF**
JTA

When Joan Nathan serves gefilte fish for Passover, she puts a carrot in the fish head.

For her, the reason is simple:

That's the way her mother-in-law always did it.

"This is what her mother did. She died in the Holocaust," Nathan said during an interview last Friday in the kitchen of her Washington

home.

"It's my way of remembering her family," she said.

For Nathan, the author of "Jewish Cooking in America" and the star of a 26-part PBS series by the same name, "it's not just about the recipes."

It's about preserving Jewish heritage.

In between sampling trial recipes and preparing a challah to take to Shabbat dinner at the home of Seth Waxman, the U.S. solicitor general, Nathan offered thoughts on why her Jewish cookbooks have been so successful and provided some tips to avoid the monotony of Passover foods.

In her sprawling home nestled behind one of Washington's major thoroughfares, Nathan and a volunteer assistant tended to four dishes cooking on her gas stove and two challahs in the double oven. The recipe for one challah, made with bittersweet chocolate, will likely appear in a new book on Israeli cooking.

Nathan believes that "there is every different kind of Jew in America. If you are religious, non-religious, kosher, non-kosher — that's not important. As a Jew, carrying on the tradition" is what matters, she said.

That's why Nathan, who comes from a family of German Jews, and her husband, a child of Holocaust survivors, have tried to instill in her kids "that Friday night is special."

"In a country with so many pulls, I want my kids to have a sense of who they are," she said of her three children.

And to a large degree, that's what Nathan's show is about.

Shot on location, at times in her sun-splashed, open kitchen overlooking a cozy family room with at least two bookcases filled with cookbooks, Nathan and the show's guests don't only offer recipes, they tell stories.

In the Passover episode, which is scheduled to air sometime before the holiday — each local PBS affiliate has its own schedule — a 93-year-old fondly known as "Grandma Dora" makes gefilte fish.

Because of her connection with Nathan, Dora Solganik has become a star in her own right.

The woman has appeared twice on ABC's "Regis and Kathy Lee" show.

"It's not because she's Jewish; she's human," Nathan said.

When asked how she gets through the monotony of Passover cuisine, Nathan offered some sug-

gestions.

"Try stir-fried veggies with matzah farfel," she said, adding "Jews have always been substitu-

tors."

Nathan herself is experimenting with a recipe for kneidalach — balls made from a potato dough that are stuffed with sugar and fruit and then breaded and fried.

With potato flour, the dish can be made for Passover.

"This recipe would have been extinct" had Nathan not discovered it, she said, pointing to the stove where the dish was cooking for the first time.

"There are recipes that are gone for good reasons," she said. But from her firsthand experience, this is not one of them.

"We have an amazing cultural heritage. We could lose it in one generation; I do not want that to happen," she said.

"Think of how many people in America" have no legacy of recipes, she said, recalling countless numbers of people who have come up to her or sent e-mail letters mourning the loss of recipes never recorded.

Nathan will host 50 people for her family's seder. Using many of the recipes from her books, she

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Cooking Up A Strong Jewish Heritage

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plans to serve chicken soup and matzah balls, brisket, turkey, vegetable kugel, tzimmes and asparagus.

Guests will sample five different types of charoset. As always, she will serve chocolate torte, chocolate roll and almond lemon torte with strawberries.

"The seder to me is the most important meal of the year," Nathan said.

When asked about her favorite Passover foods, Nathan answered as many would. "At the beginning, I like matzah," she said, her voice trailing off.

So what are some of Joan Nathan's favorite Passover recipes?

PASSOVER BROWNIES:

These brownies, created by Capsouto Freres for their Passover seder, are moist and delicious all year round.

3/4 stick unsalted butter or margarine, softened
3/4 cup sugar
5 eggs, separated
6 ounces bittersweet chocolate
6 ounces finely ground almonds or almond flour
Pinch of salt

1. Cream the butter and sugar together. Mix in the egg yolks.

2. Melt the chocolate over a double boiler. Cool and add to the butter mixture. Add the finely ground almonds or almond flour.

3. Beat the egg whites until stiff but not dry. Fold into the batter.

Pour into a 9-inch square greased baking tin. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for 45 minutes. Cool and cut in squares.

Yield: about 24 brownies (Meat or Pareve)

PISTACHIO MACAROONS:

During the American Colonial period, Jewish merchants frequently had glass bowls filled with pistachio nuts for visitors in their homes. Sometimes at Passover they made their macaroons with these pistachios instead of almonds.

3 cups shelled pistachio nuts
1 cup sugar
3 egg whites
Sugar for dusting

1. Whirl the pistachio nuts in the food processor until ground but not pureed.

2. Line two cookie sheets with parchment paper and set aside. In a medium bowl mix the ground pistachio nuts, sugar and egg whites. Refrigerate for about 10 minutes. Drop the batter from a tablespoon onto the cookie sheets, leaving 1/2 inch between macaroons. Bake in a preheated 325-degree oven for 12 to 15 minutes or until lightly brown. Dust with sugar when cool.

Yield: about a dozen (Pareve)

MY FAVORITE BRISKET (NOT TOO GEDEMPTE FLEYSCH): Gedempte Fleisch - well-stewed - that's how Eastern European Jews prefer their meat. Slow cooking, of course, became a practical necessity with grainy cuts of forequarter meat.

Because a brisket stretched into many meals, it was an economical cut for large families in Europe. Leftovers were ground up to stuff knishes or kreplach. The meaty gravy became the base for a mid-week cabbage or potato soup or a sauce to cover pompushki, Ukrainian baked dumplings, which resemble Pepperidge Farm rolls. In this country, it became particularly popular.

Brisket comes from the front quarters of the steer, the chest area. The whole piece of meat, from three to 10 pounds, is potted (hence the term pot roast) and cooked slowly by braising in liquid. It should be covered and simmered in a 325-degree oven for several hours. Brisket needs to be simmered slowly to transform it into the succulent morsels I remember as a child. It is a dish I serve frequently on Friday night, at holidays and at dinner parties.

2 teaspoons salt
Freshly ground pepper to taste
1 5-pound brisket of beef, shoulder roast of beef, chuck roast or end of steak

1 garlic clove, peeled
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
3 onions, peeled and diced
1 10-ounce can tomatoes
2 cups red wine
2 stalks celery with the leaves, chopped
1 bay leaf
1 sprig fresh thyme
1 sprig fresh rosemary
1/4 cup chopped parsley
6 to 8 carrots, peeled and sliced

on the diagonal

1. Sprinkle the salt and pepper over the brisket and rub with the garlic. Sear the brisket in the oil and then place, fat side up, on top of the onions in a large casserole. Cover with the tomatoes, red wine, celery, bay leaf, thyme and rosemary.

2. Cover and bake in a preheated 325-degree oven for about 3 hours, basting often with pan juices.

3. Add the parsley and carrots and bake, uncovered, for 30 minutes more or until the carrots are cooked. To test for doneness, stick a fork in the flat (thinner or leaner end of the brisket). When there is a light pull on the fork as it is removed from the meat, it is "fork tender."

4. This dish is best prepared in advance and refrigerated so that the fat can be easily skimmed from the surface of the gravy. Trim off all the visible fat from the cold brisket. Then place the brisket, on

what was the fat side down, on a cutting board. Look for the grain - that is, the muscle lines of the brisket - and with a sharp knife, cut across the grain.

5. When ready to serve, reheat the gravy.

6. Put the sliced brisket in a roasting pan. Pour the hot gravy on the meat, cover and reheat in a preheated 350-degree oven for 45 minutes. Some people like to strain the gravy, but I prefer to keep the onions because they are so delicious.

Serve with farfel (boiled egg barley noodles), noodle kugel or potato pancakes. A colorful winter salad goes well with this. 8 to 10 servings.

Tip: Try adding a jar of sun-dried tomatoes to the canned tomatoes. They add a more intense flavor to the brisket.

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Infusing Feminism

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sive feminist tactics would not be acceptable in such situations, and would not receive a fair hearing." Ellen Frankel

"Women lead! Everyone participates! No one gets stuck in the kitchen like my *bubbe* and *tantes*, cleaning dishes." Elizabeth Bolton
"My stepfather's Orthodox father led [the seders] and that was that. He sort of chanted through it, so what we used to do was my mother and I, and my sister when she was old enough, would interrupt him many, many times with singing and would make everyone stop and sing with us or listen to us sing at least... I always thought of that as a sort of act of subversion. I thought I was Miriam" Arielle Derby

WHOSE STORY GETS TOLD?

"Feminism enables us to put ourselves in the story, to ask ourselves the questions and make room for the responses—which of the four children have we been this year? Which one do we want to be next year and why? What is our bondage? What is our liberation? Instead of four sons, there could be four daughters. Discuss who those daughters are? What are the four options available to us? What are our answers?" Karen Abrams

"Invite all participants in your seder to bring along some Passover object that is dear to them, and holds part of the story of who they are or what they hold as sacred.. At the part of the seder just after we point to the matzah, etc, and ask, "what is this and what does it mean?" participants can place their objects on the table, point to them, and explain the object's resonance for them and their story." Vanessa L. Ochs

"We wrote about bonds we wanted to be loosed from, visions we had for change, spoke the names of women we wanted to honor and follow, symbolically burned the shackles we put on ourselves (burning pieces of paper); we brought flowers to remind us of rejuvenation and the cycles of living." Cindy Greenberg

NEW SONGS TO SING

"Miriam Ha-Neviya," Hebrew by Leila Gal Berner, English by

Margot Stein

"Show us How" by Juliet Spitzer
"Miriam's Slow Snake Song" by Linda Hirshorn

"Avadot Hayyinu" by Margot Stein

"Miriam's Song" by Debbie Freidman

Three songs by Geela Razyel — one for Shifra and Puah, one for Batya, one for Miriam — for lyrics: check: <http://www.rasheit.org>

Bashert (poem) by Irena Klepfisz

OTHER INNOVATIONS

"At the time of the egg, we discuss reproductive rights and the struggle to protect them," Leila Gal Berner

"Play an imaginary game: What were the Hebrew women doing during the plagues, during preparations for the Exodus, during the Exodus itself? We've even done such role-playing throughout the seder, asking kids to assume such roles from the onset of the seder, and then interviewing them throughout the evening in these roles. It's a great way to get kids (could be done with adults, too) to share a new perspective." Ellen Frankel

"My five year old thinks Cos Miryam (Miriam's Cup) is a regular feature of the seder. Her friend last year dressed up as Moshe, so she got out her tambourine and played Miriam, dancing and crossing the Red Sea, which was a large red scarf." Elizabeth Bolton

WHO IS IN THE KITCHEN?

"We liberate the hostess from doing all the cooking and clean-up (and liberate many potential maids, like the ones we hired in my childhood). Back in Toronto in the mid-80s, my Rosh Hodesh group sponsored a feminist seder on Pesach Sheni, a month after Passover, because on the actual day of Pesach (Passover), we, too, were working like slaves in the kitchen and unable to fully celebrate," Margot Stein.

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tions, followed by Paris, Rome and other European cities.

Israeli backpackers will, like last year, concentrate on Katmandu,

Nepal, where Lubavitch emissaries are expecting more than a thousand young people to take part in a huge, strictly observant Seder. Dozens of Israelis have been recruited for voluntary KP duty,

Jews In Russia

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Kogan and others say this year's seders could harken back to Soviet-era seders.

Responding to the rise in public displays of anti-Semitism, many people are again wondering whether to emigrate.

"The atmosphere to some extent reminds me of the times of the Big Aliyah," says Chaim Ben-Yakov, a Moscow rabbi.

Ben-Yakov, a 31-year-old native of Moscow, immigrated to Israel 10 years ago. Last year, he returned to work on behalf of the World Union for Progressive Judaism, an international organization for Reform Judaism.

But despite the rise in anti-Semitism, he does not believe that bad times for Jews are coming back, at least not in Moscow.

"It's more about freedom of choice, the exodus from an inner Egypt," he says.

For Chlenov, the current situation of Jews in Russia is comparable with a different part of the story of the exodus: the 40 years of wandering in the desert.

"Many people have a feeling that we're still the generation of slaves

in to the seder's message.

"To many of us, the Passover Haggadah was a manual for emigration," says Kogan.

He recalls how seders in the late 1980s and early 1990s coincided with emotional sendoffs people gave their friends who were about to leave for Israel.

In more recent years, as aliyah from the former Soviet Union began to subside, seders took on a less dramatic character: They became events to teach Jews about Jewish history, about community-building and about Hebrew.

"Everything is open now," says Karpov. "Every single aspect of Judaism is available to anyone."

This includes aliyah, but as Karpov notes with regret, Israel is no longer the most popular emigration destination for Russian Jews - an increasing number go to other countries, particularly Germany.

And says Karpov, "even those who go to Israel are rarely motivated by a spiritual quest."

Many agree that Russian Jewry today is more about spiritual rather than physical redemption. But that keeps wandering. It takes time."

peeling potatoes while trading favorite chicken soup recipes and discussing the Haggadah and its modern day relevance with the rabbi. This according to a Lubavitch report. More than 450 pounds of matzah have been shipped to the mountainous country, together with huge quantities of meat, fish, wine and other necessary supplies.

Back home the usual preparations and precautions have been taken. Jerusalem's strictly observant haredi population has been assured that during the holiday the city water supply will not be drawn from the Sea of Galilee, where fishermen use bread for bait, and thereby contaminate the lake, but will be water from wells in the vicinity.

Whatever their degree of observance, no less than 98% of the Israelis will take part in a festive

Seder. A public opinion survey reports that 67% of the Israelis will confine their food consumption during the holiday week to foods which conform to the ritual requirements. Bread will disappear from Jewish stores, but those who crave it will find it in nearby Arab bakeries. At the same time, it has been observed that many Arabs have taken a liking to matzah and their stores stock up on that commodity during this season.

Kitchens in all branches of the defense forces, land, sea and air, have been properly koshered, and parents are warned that any food parcels they may send to the boys and girls in uniform, will not be delivered until after the holiday.

During the intermediate days of Hol Hamoed the population by the hundreds of thousands take to the roads, tour the country and partici-

pate in the scores of festivals, workshops, exhibitions, concerts and shows that are staged. The Orthodox, in particular, consider this a good time to get away into the countryside.

For days in advance the newspapers carry warnings in the spirit of "Pesach Can Be Hazardous to Your Health", calling attention to the dangers of choking on fish bones, or consuming large amounts of matzah without sufficient liquids. Bikur Holim Hospital in Jerusalem has opened a "Matzah Hot Line" at which dieticians offer advice to persons who have trouble digesting matzah.

And for those who watch their calories, we are reminded that a single regular matzah has the calories of two slices of bread.

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PASSOVER CELEBRATIONS

Iranian Jews Recall Own Exodus

By JULIA GOLDMAN
JTA

The Israelites fled Egypt in haste, but well packed: They began their exodus with their flocks, herds and unleavened bread dough, as well as the jewels and garments of the Egyptians.

When Soraya Nazarian left Iran in 1979, she left behind almost all of her possessions.

"I didn't have even my wedding picture to show my children until nine years ago," when she was able to get a copy from relatives in Israel, said the mother of three.

"Thank God, I brought my children and family out," Nazarian said recently in a telephone interview from Los Angeles.

"And that is everything. Family is everything."

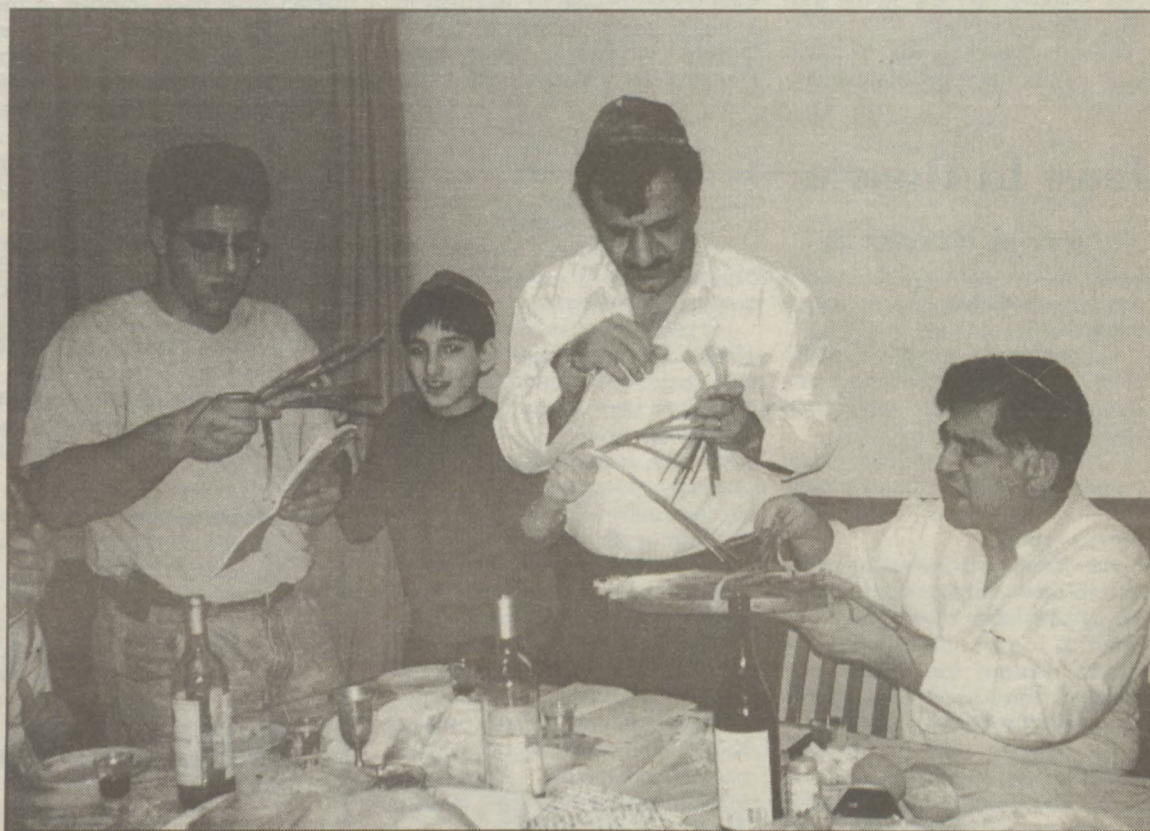
The Nazarians are one of thousands of families compelled to start their lives from scratch outside of Iran following the 1978-79 Islamic revolution that overthrew the Shah.

Although some Jews originally supported the revolution as an agent of democracy, some 70 to 90 percent of Iran's Jewish population — estimated at anywhere between 70,000 and 120,000 — have since left the country, driven by fear of persecution under the sometimes violently anti-capitalist, anti-Zionist regime.

The majority of them went to Israel, but some 50,000 to 55,000 Iranian Jews now live in the United States, mostly in Los Angeles and on Long Island, N.Y.

"There are interesting parallels between the experience of Iranian Jews and the Israelites" who left Egypt, observed Raymond Iryami, a third-year law student in New York who, as a fifth grader in 1989, came to visit relatives and never returned.

Both communities, he said from his home in Great Neck, had to uproot themselves quickly. However, he sees at least one significant difference.



The Nazarian family celebrates Pesach in typical Iranian fashion.

"When you hear stories of migrations, you look at these people who are taking everything with

them. You look at the things they are taking with them, but look at all the things they're leaving behind."

Most of the Iranian refugees abandoned not only property, careers, close friendships, family graves and even elderly relatives, but also the language and familiar rhythms of daily life in the comfort of tightly knit communities that have existed in Iran — known as Persia until 1934 — for over 2,500 years.

With an estimated 12,500 to 35,000 Jews remaining — exact numbers are difficult to pin down — Iran is still home to one of the largest Diaspora Jewish communities in the Middle East.

Having lived among Muslims since 641, when invading Arabs introduced the religion to Persia, Iranian Jews maintained a strict adherence to their separate way of

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A Passover For Peace Between Israelis And Palestinians

from the Shalom Center

Why is this Seder different from all other Seders?

Because at all other Seders, we tell the story of the Exodus from Egypt.

At this Seder, we tell the story of the collisions and reconciliations that have intertwined the children of Abraham and Sarah — the Jewish people — with the children of Abraham and Hagar — the Arab peoples.

This story of conflict, suffering, and efforts to make peace began more than three thousand years ago, and this very day continues among Israelis and Palestinians.

The new SEDER draws deeply on the Biblical and Koranic accounts of Hagar, Ishmael, Sarah, and Isaac, and includes as part of its "Telling," eyewitness accounts of house demolitions, terrorist attacks, and other moments in the sufferings of both Israelis and Palestinians — as well as grass-roots acts of peacemaking between the two peoples.

Congregations B'nai Jeshurun in New York City, Mishkan Shalom in Philadelphia, and Am Kolel in Washington, D.C., among others, will hold a communal SEDER OF THE CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM, HAGAR, AND SARAH on the night of April 4, uniting a wonderful moment for celebration and joy with efforts to build support for Israeli-Palestinian peace efforts.

That night is the fifth night of Pesach, the night of Easter Sunday, and the anniversary of the death of Martin Luther King. In its March issue, Tikkun magazine has published a special 8-page insert

with text and graphics for the new SEDER.

It was "woven" by Rabbi Arthur Waskow, author of the famous Freedom Seder and of many works of Jewish renewal since. The Freedom Seder was published in 1969 and deeply changed everyone's assumptions about what a Seder could be. Waskow is director of The Shalom Center, a national network that draws on Jewish wisdom to seek peace, pursue justice, and heal the earth.

In many communities in North America, and some in Europe and Israel, families, synagogues, havurot, Hillel Houses, and independent community-wide committees are planning to hold this Seder, some as a Jewish event, some as a joint effort by Jews and Arab-Americans.

The following are excerpts from this Seder: by Rabbi Arthur Waskow.

Reader says aloud:

In the name of God, the Compassionate!

All present respond:

In the name of God, the Compassionate!

(Hand everyone a cup of grape juice.)

Reader says: We begin with the cup of Spring, when earth awakes and peoples come to birth.

All recite three blessings: one over the fruit of the grapevine, one over all the nations, and Sheh'hekhianu:

Blessed are You, the Breath of Life, Who breathed into the earth of an ancient land the vine that brings forth fruit that brings forth juice as red as blood — the joyful juice of grapes that give us not

death but life.

Blessed are You Who taught:

"In that day Israel shall be the third alongside Egypt and Assyria, each a blessing in the midst of the earth — for YHWH of the multitudes has blessed each, saying: 'Blessed be Egypt My people, and Assyria the work of My hands, and Israel My inheritance.' (Isaiah 19:24)

Blessed are You, Breath of Life, Who has filled us with life, lifted us up, and carried us to this moment.

All drink.

From the plate with four slices of matzah, lift the bottom slice. Say aloud:

This is the bread of affliction: It is whole, and so long as it is whole, no one can eat from it.

Now break it; let everyone see these two pieces.

Why do we break the matzah in two?

Because the bread of affliction becomes the bread of freedom — when we share it. Because the Land that gives bread to two peoples must be divided in two, so that both peoples may eat of it.

So long as one people grasps the whole land, it is a land of affliction, and no one is nourished by it. When each people can eat from part of the Land, it will become a land of freedom.

Pass the broken pieces of matzah from hand to hand. Each person breaks off a piece and hands that piece to someone else. Together they say:

"Blessed is the Breath of Life, Who brings forth bread from the earth and compassion from each earthy-human."

Everyone eats.

The Night Al And Tipper Came To Our Seder

By DONNA GLAZER

The Jewish State

Amidst the hustle and bustle of preparing for Pesach is always the burning question: Who do we invite to seder?

As a rabbinic family, we have often reached out to the non-Jewish community in which we live, hoping to educate those around us.

In the early 1980s, we were living in Nashville. The invitation went out, and then Congressman Al Gore and his wife Tipper accepted.

Between family and friends, about 35 people attended our seder. When the Gores arrived, we went around the room and introduced them to everyone. They didn't forget a name all night. It was truly impressive!

Our sederim tend to be very lively affairs, with lots of boisterous singing and discussion. Because we often have guests who do not read or speak Hebrew, we give lots of interpretations and explanations. The Gores asked lots of questions, inviting the rest of us to seriously

think about the words of the Haggadah.

Finally, the big moment arrived, time for the matzah and horseradish sandwich. Now you need to understand that the horseradish at our seder is not just the regular bottled variety found in the supermarket. Not for this family! Our horseradish was imported by my parents, who brought it with them from Rochester, N.Y. It is especially strong, made by a member of the Rochester Jewish community. Customers flock to him from all over the country.

The warning went out — proceed cautiously with the horseradish! Those who had been with us before watched the Congressman heap his matzah with horseradish. He took a huge bite, nodded and said, "That's not so bad." All of a sudden, his face turned bright red as the horseradish traveled a little higher. He croaked out the word, "Water." It took 10 minutes before his face got back to normal and he was able to laugh at himself. And we with him.

Later, during dinner, our eyes were riveted on the congressman

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PASSOVER CELEBRATIONS

Crossing The Red Sea Online

By Daniel Kurtzman
 JTA

For Jews who find themselves isolated this Passover — confined or otherwise disconnected — the Internet offers a valuable means of allowing people to express their commitment to Jewish tradition through "virtual" seders.

In recent years, an increasing number of Jews have been observing Passover online, and this year there are a variety of ways for Jews

to make connections with nothing more than a keystroke and click of a mouse.

On America Online, the Jewish Community Online forum (AOL keyword: Jewish community) is planning a series of Passover activities in its Cybershul, an online non-denominational "shul" that conducts services on various Jewish holidays.

In the weeks leading up to Passover, several rabbis will host

online "chats" to discuss Passover preparation and the meaning of the holiday.

A couple of days before Passover, Jewish Community Online will host a "model seder" providing a step-by-step walk-through of the Passover ritual meal.

Then, on the first and second seder nights of Passover (March 31 and April 1), the site will host an online seder in a virtual auditorium where the "audience" is placed at

the bottom of a split screen and the seder leaders appear on the top. Pictures, sounds and audience responses are all integrated into the service, which can accommodate up to 100 people.

"There are many Jews who learn about the rituals by watching others ask questions or have their hand held as they are walked through the experience that they then can implement offline," said Anne Ludden, chat coordinator for Jewish Community Online.

"Jews rediscovering their roots, converts and Jews who are geographically isolated or in ill health get the educational and community support and education that they are otherwise unable to experience."

The participants come from varying religious background, and Ludden said it is not unusual to have Reform, Conservative and Orthodox Jews all participating together.

"People can participate worldwide on equal terms," she said.

For those seeking a more traditional service, Temple Emanu-El in New York City is planning a worldwide Cyber Seder broadcast for a fourth consecutive year.

The audio-only broadcast, which is accompanied by images from the historic Haggadah from the Klau Library of the Reform movement's Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, features the congregation's rabbi, cantor and schoolchildren reciting and singing traditional prayers and songs.

Temple officials say their initial Cyber Seder transmission in 1996 marked the first formal religious service ever broadcast over the Internet.

During the past three years, the broadcasts have reached more than 1 million people in 71 countries, and coordinators expect hundreds of thousands to tune in again this year.

"Seder should be with family,

but sometimes many of our people find themselves in remote parts of the world, in remote parts of even our own country, where there is not a Jewish community, where they are alone, and so there can be some taste of the Passover experience on our Web site," said Rabbi Ronald Sobel, senior rabbi at Temple Emanu-El.

Sobel said the response in years past has been overwhelmingly positive, with Jews living in places such as western Canada, Sri Lanka and rural areas in Montana sending e-mails expressing gratitude that they, too, could celebrate.

"We've even heard from non-Jews as well expressing their appreciation for having learned something," he said.

The one-hour broadcast will begin at 12 p.m. on March 31 to coincide with sundown in Israel and will be repeated every hour for 24 hours to allow people in all time zones to celebrate.

To participate, Web surfers must have a modem, speakers, and a copy of RealPlayer (available free at <http://www.real.com>). The broadcast can be accessed through the temple's Web site at <http://www.emanuelnyc.org>.

The Internet provides a variety of other tools for Passover planning and education. Passover sites run by Virtual Jerusalem (<http://www.vjholidays.com/pessach/home.htm>) and Jewish Family & Life! (<http://www.happypassover.com>) offer features such as message boards, Haggadah reviews and a discussion of Passover issues — from family experiences to vegetarian meal plans.

And for Jews living in remote places searching for a real live seder, Virtual Jerusalem is helping people locate places to go through an international "seder sign-up" at

<http://www.vjholidays.com/pessach/seder.htm>.

Iranian Jews

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life "in order not to let it be forgotten," said Nazarian, who is the governing Cabinet chair of Hadassah Southern California.

Of her childhood in Teheran, one of Nazarian's most vivid memories is of her grandmother's preparations for Passover.

"After Purim, we started to clean every single thing," from the closets to the dishes, she said. "Grandma used to have a big pot of boiling water" into which she put a small stone "and they would dip all the pots in there and say a special prayer." Nazarian, like many Iranian born Jews living in the United States, is working again to maintain an identity she considers distinct from that of Ashkenazi and Sephardi Jews.

The first Iranian woman to sit on the executive board of her synagogue, Nazarian initiated a cultural exchange at the congregation, Temple Sinai, where the rabbi estimates one-third of the congregation is Iranian.

One of those programs includes a Persian-style Passover seder. Students learn the Iranian custom of whipping one another with the green tails of scallions during the singing of "Dayenu," an act meant to mimic the Egyptian slave masters.

During the recitation of the 10 Plagues, Nazarian said, the table is covered completely "because, we say, the food shouldn't hear any of these things."

Beyond family bonds and social networks, Iranian Jewish Americans have established synagogues,

Persian chapters of national Jewish organizations and organizations devoted to the community's needs.

In Los Angeles alone, Nazarian counts anywhere between Iranian Jewish groups, from synagogue subcommittees and scholarships for Israel to old-age homes, teen groups and a Jewish women's organization that originated in Iran.

One group, the Center for Iranian Jewish Oral History, represents a concrete attempt to preserve and interpret the Iranian Jewish experience through an archive of hundreds of interviews, bilingual publications, documentary films, international academic conferences and programs showcasing young talent from the community. The center is now creating a "coffee-table book" of photographs from as early as the 1800s.

"We have almost 1,000 photographs, an amazing feat," enthused Debbie Adhami, a real estate manager in her 20s who helped establish the center in August 1995. "People who left with only suitcases had these photos."

The images show a range of events such as weddings, births and funerals, Adhami said, noting that "sometimes there are clues" to the subjects' Jewishness, such as candlesticks and kiddish cups.

Adhami's parents came from Teheran to Los Angeles as students in the 1960s. But her interest in Iranian Jewish culture, she said, grew with the arrival of thousands of refugees fleeing the 1979 Iranian Revolution.

"The influx," she said, "changed my life."

Newcomers would come to her parents for guidance in navigating American life.

"I was hearing the stories over and over," Adhami said in a recent telephone interview. "And it was always the same themes — everybody's pain and loss."

From their visits, she said, she absorbed "deep passion" as she listened to them sing Persian songs and talk about their memories of the foods and smells of their departed country.

Although many people maintain telephone ties to their relatives in Iran, return visits are rare.

"Forget all the tangible stuff," said Pegah Hendizadeh, whose family immigrated to Stamford, Conn., in 1979, when she was 3. "Think about not being able to go back to your favorite restaurant and drink a coffee."

"My father passed away and never got to go back to see his homeland and the state where he grew up."

Isolated from larger Iranian communities, Hendizadeh grew up speaking English and attending a Hebrew school where most of the children were from European Ashkenazi backgrounds.

Although she identifies proudly with her Persian heritage, she fears the language and culture may die out among Iranian Jews in the United States.

"I don't know how much my children will know," she said.

Soraya Nazarian may have been unable to take her wedding photos with her out of Iran, but she retains recollections of life there.

In addition to her strong memories of Passover, Nazarian remembers a different kind of seder. She wrote and translated from Farsi, the Persian language, the text of a Rosh Hashanah seder, a singularly Iranian Jewish custom.

In addition to apples and honey (for a sweet year), seven symbolic foods pomegranates, dates, beets, zucchini, black-eyed peas and the head or tongue of a cow or sheep are blessed and eaten, each representing an aspect of health and good fortune. Nazarian was inspired to create the English-language seder guide for the children of Iranian immigrants raised in America. "If they cannot read and write Hebrew or Persian," said Nazarian, "they're not going to have a seder. This is our tradition. We have to keep all the holidays."

Al And Tipper

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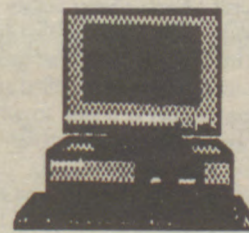
as he explained Star Wars nuclear technology using the mandlen (soup nuts) on the table. What a wonderful explanation — "even if we remove two nuclear warheads (he took two mandlen and swallowed them!) from each bomber, we can still defeat the entire Soviet Air Force."

At our seder, the last part is often the best part. We sing everything, both in Hebrew and English. Mel explained that our seder would last a lot longer, and because Mrs. Gore was nursing her youngest child, we would not be offended if they had to leave after dessert. They were having such a good time, they stayed until the very

end. The Gores hung right with us as we belted out "Chad Gadya" in English, getting faster and faster. We do a rip-roaring "Who Knows One," and the Gores were laughing and singing with us.

It was a wonderful seder and we were all sad to see it end, even though it was already one o'clock in the morning. We hear that whenever Al Gore spoke to Jewish audiences after that memorable seder, he would say "when I had seder at the Rabbi's..." He got lots of mileage out of that seder and so did we.

Who knows, if he becomes president, maybe we will invite them again. This time he can bring the horseradish.



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JEWISH PERSPECTIVES

Edah: A Modern Organization With Ancient Roots

By **HARRIET AINBINDER, Ph.D.**
President, AKSE

I had the opportunity to attend the Edah Conference held in NYC on the recent Presidents' Day weekend. Although there is overlap in membership, this conference is not to be confused with that of the Feminist Orthodox Alliance which is taking this year off to organize a conference to be held next year in Jerusalem.

Edah is a new organization with old roots. Barely two years old, it is an optimistic rejuvenation of the Modern Orthodox-Religious Zionist movement, which, by its own admission, has been relatively silent in recent years. Whether out of fear or a desire to be respectful, the more centrist Orthodox had left the public field to the Haredi elements. Recently, recognizing their own strength and value, they have come together to promote their philosophy, aptly stated in Edah's motto: "The courage to be modern and Orthodox" and in the conference title: "Orthodoxy Encounters A Changing World."

1500 registrants, about evenly divided between men and women and including a large group of college-age students, chose from over 75 formal sessions, which explored Edah's main areas of concern. These can be summarized as follows: 1. Commitment to Torah and *halacha*, including both ritual and ethical elements. 2. Education in both secular and religious arenas. 3. Relating traditional practices to the social, political and technological changes in our world. Serious consideration of the historic changes in the roles and educational achievements of women and a search for ways to expand their participation in Jewish ritual and communal roles. 4. The development of a personal and religious connection to the State of Israel. 5. A commitment to reach out to, and interact with, Jews of all the movements as well as non-affiliated Jews, in an effort to strengthen the entire Jewish people.

Given the depth and breadth of the conference, the following must, of necessity, be oversimplified summaries of four personal highlights.

First, text-study sessions examined a piece of text, sometimes as short as a sentence, sometimes as long as an entire Torah story. The sessions demonstrated a method of study which proceeds from rigorously scrutinizing the text, intensively searching it for clues, to moving along a path of associations, until a conclusion, idea or opinion is reached. It is reminiscent of putting together a complicated puzzle, where one piece leads to another until the picture becomes clear, the difference being that the puzzle has a pre-ordained solution whereas the text-study can lead to a variety of interpretations. Even an hour or two in such a session can introduce the participant to the logic, creativity and joy in the search which has seduced thousands of Jewish scholars for centuries.

In fact, all of the speeches and presentations were based on text. This group says very little before introducing a proof-text from

Biblical, Talmudic or Rabbinic sources. One can almost hear the footsteps.

Second, Dr. Tamar Ross, a leading educator of women, teacher at Bar Ilan University and Midreshet Lindenbaum, attempted to define the nature of the crisis that the changed roles of women in Western society poses for Jewish tradition. Identifying herself as a philosopher and not a social activist, she, nevertheless, stated that immediate and serious consideration of the status of women in Judaism is crucial to the future of Judaism. Dr. Ross pointed out that, in the past, religious leaders and judges have used strategies that the tradition itself developed when faced with the need to adjust to a changing social situation and concomitant changes in moral sensibilities. Yet the women's issue seems to have unique features that arouse anger rather than use of available *halachic* strategies for solutions.

Among other reasons for the unusual response to the feminist position, Dr. Ross noted that the solution has implications for the *halachic* system which extend beyond the issue at hand. Feminism purports to be a spiritual revolution that offers an alternative reading of the world, G-d and history. It is, thus, a genuine challenge to the traditional picture of religion, how we see ourselves, the Jewish family and the community, in fact, the status of women is the test case for whether *halacha* can adjust to modern reality.

What is the core of this change? Women now have been given their own voice to speak for themselves. They have a new-found proficiency in reading *halachic* sources and

participating in the interpretive *halachic* process, formerly an all-male preserve. Knowledge has given them confidence to advance feminine ways of looking at the world. Broadly, this world view tends to be less concerned with the law itself and more with how the law affects life, less interested in formal obedience to rules and more concerned with moral feelings and a sense of the presence of G-d.

Although Dr. Ross acknowledged that this new feminist outlook may be seen as a threat to the established order, she finds in it, instead, a chance to reflect on, and correct some of the deficiencies of religious life. She looks forward to an era when existing acrimony regarding women's issues will be forgotten and "the increased involvement of devout and learned Jewish women in the communal sphere will be seen for what it is—a heaven-sent opportunity to deepen our own attachment to Judaism and enrich the texture of Jewish spirituality."

Third, Saul J. Berman, Director of Edah and its spiritual mentor, gave one of the keynote addresses. Rabbi Berman suggested that the Orthodox, although a spectrum, can be divided into those who promote maximum withdrawal from the surrounding culture, assuming that Jewish identity requires maximum isolation and those who promote maximum integration while affirming the integrity of *halacha*. Dr. Berman's choice is clear from his own resume, which includes ordination by RIETS, a JD from NYU School of Law and an MA in Political Science from UC

Berkeley. It is Rabbi Berman's contention that observant Jews can avoid the harmful effects of the secular culture, can be enriched by the positive elements of that culture and, in turn, can enrich the culture by sharing the knowledge found in Torah.

Concentrating his focus on ways to avoid the most harmful aspects of the cultural surroundings, he noted that one can counter materialism by infusing every component of one's work with Jewish values. One can counter value relativity by stating when behavior is wrong in general, although he cautioned against criticizing the individual. The defense against an authoritarian class is knowledge for everyone, pursued with intellectual integrity, respect for diversity, civility of debate and allowance for error. The defense against self-centeredness is acceptance of the lessons of democracy which include shared responsibility for the welfare of the entire community.

Finally, and perhaps most surprising was the closing panel on making democracy and orthodoxy comfortable partners in Israel. Rabbi Shlomo Riskin is the founding Rabbi of Lincoln Square Synagogue founder of the Ohr Torah Stone Institutions of higher learning for men and women and the Chief Rabbi of Efrat. Rabbi Riskin pointed out that Jews are both a nation and a religion. A nation needs a homeland and a history and is a "family." A religion needs a faith community, which may be scattered. To succeed, the nation-state requires the consent of the people, in other words, democracy. The religion requires a set of God-given laws. Fortunately,

Judaic sources provide directions on how to live both as a religion and as a democratic state. In Rabbi Riskin's view, these two areas must be kept separate and in balance. "Religious coercion is an oxymoron," he stated.

Dr. Aviezer Ravitzky, another panelist, teaches Jewish Philosophy at Hebrew University and is Chairman of its Department of Jewish Thought. He was even stronger than Rabbi Riskin in his statements about maintaining Israel as a democratic state. He considers it a matter of *Pikuah Nefesh*, saving a life, that the procedures of democratic government be fol-

lowed because that allows for peaceful change. He sees the alternative, even if it is perceived as a positive religious thrust, as potentially bringing more evil into the world. Ravitzky considers forcing people into religious observance to be against Jewish law. He noted that only G-d is transcendent, total, absolute, infinite. Everything on

Earth is partial and imperfect and truth is dispersed. Therefore, a person does not own the totality of G-d. Thus, it is important to work with all other Jews to find solutions to problems surfacing in Israel.

Perhaps the unstated, underlying message of the conference is that it is a mistake to stereotype ourselves. There are men and women who, from their position as observant Jews, are courageous enough to work toward strengthening *Klal Yisroel*, the community of Jews, in spite of criticism which often sinks to the level of vilification from both ends of the Jewish spectrum.

One Nation - Two Visions?

By **CONSTANCE S. KRESHTOOL**
Special to *The Jewish Voice*

Jet travel is a modern miracle. I never fail to marvel how quickly I can be transported from my home in Wilmington to the Land of Israel. Last week, I made a quick trip for a week's visit. Each of my flights had a message. On the plane from Newark to Tel Aviv, Christian groups enroute to the Holyland filled most of the seats. This is a clue to what I find in Israel—many Christian pilgrims and few Jewish tourists.

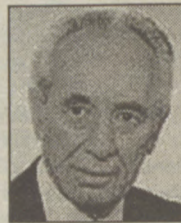
However, my return trip was a different story. The plane was filled with Yeshiva students (haredi or black hats) returning to the United States for the Passover holiday. Wives and children accompanied these men, the majority of whom were only in their early twenties. I am not exaggerating when I say that there were about 100 children from infancy through age five on that flight. The contrast between the two trips speaks for itself—it is a commentary on what is happening in Israel today.

The non-Orthodox Jews in the Diaspora are regrettably becoming increasingly disenchanted with Israel as the ultra-Orthodox grow in political power. The non-Orthodox in

Israel are finally beginning to express their outrage. I had the opportunity to hear from leading Israelis on the subject at the meetings of the World Union for Progressive Judaism which held its biennial meeting in Jerusalem.

Amos Oz told us not to be nervous about the noises from Israel. He said that Jews are an argumentative people who have challenged authorities since the days of the patriarchs. In his words, "Israel is neither a nation nor a country; it is a collection of fiery arguments." It is his claim that the rabbinical Orthodox have stagnated intellectually and that it is the Jewish philosophers and writers who are seeking universal truths. Oz has aligned himself with the non-Orthodox communities as an act of political solidarity. He commented that the ultra-Orthodox attack on the Supreme Court was, in reality, an attack on the Knesset and democracy. He fears that their goal is a Jewish kehilla governed by rabbis. He believes that the resolution of the controversy will be evolutionary rather than revolutionary as members of the ultra-Orthodox community slowly re-bel against that "suffocating" atmosphere.

While Oz saw the current problems in Israel as cultural-religious, Shimon Peres viewed them as political-religious. In his presentation, he commented that



Shimon Peres

Israel's problems arose from a bad electoral system which was overlooked during the years when wars unified the country. He said that Ben Gurion believed that the religious and secular could coexist in a democratic system. However, Peres pointed out that while there is compromise and reason in a democracy, there is no compromise in traditional Judaism. He said that when religious groups organize a political party it is not for heaven's sake. Peres reminded us that Judaism is a faith and not a church with a hierarchy that issues orders. His answer to the current problems is a change in the political system that would limit the number of political parties and result in a working democracy.

Professor Joseph Dan offered a historical-religious interpretation that left little room for optimism about an Israel at peace with itself—never

mind with its neighbors. He claims that in fifty years the attitude of the majority of Israeli citizens—the secularists—has changed from a healthy appreciation of Jewish tradition and culture to a deep resentment "bordering on hatred" towards all manifestations of Jewish expressions. This has come from the increasing radicalism and extremism of the religious groups—the Orthodox Zionists, the Ashkenazi ultra-Orthodox and the Sephardi ultra-Orthodox. He lamented that they appear to be focused on acquiring political power to further their particular interests rather than striving for dialogue and understanding between the movements.

Into this mix of religion, politics and history the non-Orthodox streams are added. Only recently has the Israeli population begun to understand religiosity outside of the *halachic* context. It may be true that many have been attracted to the Progressive movements out of concern for civil rights, rule of law, freedom and equality. However, many would agree that the issues of righteousness and justice are indeed part of the ethical values of Judaism itself.

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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Rabbi Shares Secrets To Passion And Intimacy

By SANDEE BRAWARSKY
JTA

Most - and there aren't many books about Judaism and sexuality have titles that read like lists: "God, Love, Sex and Family," "Love, Sex and Marriage," "God, Sex and Women of the Bible" and the poetically titled "Heavenly Sex." But no title stands out as boldly as "Kosher Sex: A Recipe for Passion and Intimacy" by Rabbi Shmuley Boteach, just published by Doubleday.

Already a best seller in Israel and in England, where the author lives, the book arrived in bookstores just as the author arrived in America to begin a whirlwind of publicity, including a scheduled appearance on the "Today" show last Tuesday.

An excerpt of the book appeared in the January issue of Playboy.

"The focus of this book is sex and the central position it occupies within marriage and relationships," the book's front jacket announces in large silver type. "Sex for pleasure is an end in itself. But 'Kosher Sex' is the fire of sexual attraction that creates union in the bedroom and closeness and intimacy in life."

Born in Los Angeles and raised in Miami, Boteach heads the L'Chaim Society, a Jewish education and outreach organization with branches in Oxford,

Cambridge and London, and he appears frequently in the British media.

This year, he was a runner-up in Britain's preacher of the year competition. The book's British publication brought much criticism to the Orthodox rabbi, who was pressured to resign from a London synagogue, although Britain's chief rabbi issued a statement of support for his work.

His rabbinic career in England has been controversial from the start: He began his work in Oxford as a Lubavitch representative, but was dismissed for his maverick ways. Undaunted, he remained on campus, running L'Chaim, which had grown to be the second largest organization at Oxford, as an independent group.

"Sex is a subject that consumes us, confuses us," Boteach says, speaking in a pre-U.S. tour telephone interview from his London office, explaining his motivation to write "Kosher Sex."

The 32-year-old father of six, who has counseled hundreds of couples in matters of relationships, thinks of himself as a teacher, spreading the teachings of Judaism.

"I'm a rabbi. I'm not a sex guru. I'm not Dr. Ruth," he says.

For Boteach, marriage and family are the cornerstones of



Rabbi Shmuley Boteach

Judaism, and the purpose of a rabbi is "to bring peace between people, between husbands and wives, parents and children. Nothing brings me more pride than if I can save a marriage."

In his book, he writes: "The real reason I write about sex is that it is holy. It is as religious a subject as a discussion on belief in God."

He explains that his life direction has been very much influenced by his own parents' divorce when he was 8. Like many children of

divorce, he spent years wishing that his parents would remarry.

At age 14, he gave up on that idea and began thinking about the rabbinate. He writes: "Since I couldn't bring my parents back together, I became inspired to pursue a profession that was about mending hearts and healing wounds."

Boteach sees sex as "the central key in engendering emotional intimacy." Kosher sex, as he describes it, is married sex. Readers may be surprised by Boteach's tone, with its lack of prudishness; he offers, without graphic details, advice about sexual aids and oral sex.

"Couples should leave no stone unturned in their sexual repertoire," he writes, and adds, a few pages later: "Total sexual focus on our spouse is the ultimate form of holy sex."

However, he believes that pornography and masturbation destroy intimacy.

"Most married couples today are either lovers or great friends," he writes, calling for the need to synthesize the two, intimacy and compassion, encouraging "the positive feelings and warmth that only sex can induce and only friendship can sustain."

He suggests that Jewish marital laws — with a period of sexual abstinence — work to promote both sexual excitement and a deep emotional connection.

In a 20-point list, Boteach contrasts kosher sex with what he characterizes as the kind of "great sex" seen in the movies and described in most books on sexuality.

"Great sex is about the interaction of two bodies, kosher sex the integration of two souls."

"Kosher Sex" can be read as a book of sexual healing, a guide, an

introduction to Jewish sexual ethics. Written in the style of a self-help book with lots of headings and brief sections, the book highlights the teachings with examples of real couples, drawn from the rabbi's counseling experience.

Boteach sees his audience as Jews and non-Jews, and points out that in Britain the book sold well in the non-Jewish market. In fact, there's a group he calls "the Kosher Sex Club" — more than 600 couples who have been in touch with him about their efforts to begin observing Jewish laws of marital purity.

Boteach also includes a section, "Sex for Single People," discouraging premarital sex and always encouraging marriage, preferably at a young age.

He offers a 23-item Checklist for Marriage ("Do I find this person attractive? Is this a good person with a good heart?") and suggests to readers who can check off 18 items: "What are you waiting for?"

His next book, to be published in England this May, is entitled "Dating Secrets of the Ten Commandments."

When asked about homosexuality — which isn't covered in the book — Boteach says that he has become the "de facto rabbi to many gays" and says that some of the toughest questions he has been asked by students are in this area.

"I do not believe that homosexuality is an illness or deviance. The beauty of our religion is not an all-or-nothing sum game. The Torah consists of 613 mitzvot; there are 611 left for gays. I'm not going to change Torah. I'm not going to ostracize people. I treat homosexuals like people who smoke on Shabbat, eat a cheeseburger. No big deal."

Two PTPP Productions Not Up To Par

By PAULA SHULAK
Cultural Arts Critic

MFA students in the Professional Theater Training Program at the University of Delaware are currently in the midst of their triennial production marathon. During this, their third and final year in the PTPP cycle, the company is producing at least nine shows, most of which are true classics seldom seen elsewhere in Delaware.

Usually PTPP productions are absolutely first rate! This year, however, I have attended two performances that I would have to judge as not up to PTPP's usual standards. The first, ROWING TO THE LIGHT ON LAKE ADLEY, was an original written by a UD professor, and as such could be forgiven. But the second was written by none other than the masterful George Bernard Shaw and, while it is not among his better known works, it still is a very good script, filled with Shaw's wit and social satire. Unfortunately THE MILLIONAIRESS, as presented by PTPP in March, left something to be desired.

The story line, which follows the life and loves of "the richest woman in England" is important only as the vehicle on which Shaw hangs his hat to comment on a myriad of social institutions - the legal profession, the nouveau riche, the medical profession, the labor union movement, govern-

ment interference with capitalists, the feminist movement etc. His barbs are leveled in a nondiscriminatory way at just about everyone! The actors play their roles in an extravagant manner, which is just what Shaw would want. It is in the direction of this play that I found the greatest lack. Fontaine Syer, who is the new Artistic Director at the Delaware Theater Company, took time out to join PTPP for this production but I found her direction to be slightly uninspired and the play agonizingly slow in far too many places. Most of the actors showed skill, but they were forced to perform in restricted playing areas, at one point even lined up on stage in chairs as if they were the audience and not us. Much of the blocking given by the Director consisted of parading up and down the front of the stage in unmotivated movement.

There were several performers who overcame this pedantic direction and who managed to bring a laugh to the audience. In particular, Matthew Dettmer as the wily lawyer, Taras Los as the unflappable Egyptian Doctor, Troy Scarborough and Carine Montbertrand as the penurious sweatshop owners, and Steve Cardamone as the hapless victim of the millionairess' wrath and judo prowess were all quite convincing in their roles. Mr. Dettmer's timing

was especially good and Cardamone's pratfalls were a joy to behold. But the three leading players (Jenny Bennett in the title role, Randy Howk as her philandering husband and Kaitlin O'Neal as his mistress) were less than what one would hope for and at times even tedious, particularly during the seemingly interminable first act where they commanded the stage.

While the costuming and sets were excellent, I cannot use this word to describe the production as a whole. It was, however, worth seeing if only to relish Shaw's delightful witticisms and scintillating comment on the world he lived in, much of which is just as relevant today. As one of the characters remarked, "There are two kinds of people in the world - those anyone can live with and those no one can live with!" And on another occasion "Money is a bore. Why is it that people who know how to enjoy themselves never have any..." (and vice versa). And finally, "Knowledge is no use without money," or bemoaning the fact that she is "successful but lonely" the millionairess states, "Money does not bring happiness!" This is ultimately what she learns at the end of the show. The story of THE MILLIONAIRESS is about outrageous characters in excessive situations. It is a good story; I only wish it had been presented in a more energetic way.

A Delicate Balance In Its Final Days At Wilmington Drama League

By PAULA SHULAK
Cultural Affairs Critic

Those theatergoers who like to spend a relaxing evening being entertained by a good mystery, comedy or musical had best not plan to attend anything written by Edward Albee in the near future! Watching a play like A DELICATE BALANCE, even one as well directed and performed as the current Wilmington Drama League production, is a mind taxing, cerebral experience and takes all the concentration you can muster to enjoy.

Laurie J. Bailey, one of the area's most perceptive community theater directors, has created a totally dysfunctional group of characters who imaginatively inhabit one of the most striking sets I have

ever seen at WDL (thanks to Bill Rolph and Ed Nolan). All of the actors perform their roles well in this three act search for meaning and balance in what are six of the most convoluted lives one could ever find. First there are Agnes and Tobias (played by Julia K. Heyman and Charles McCloskey), the domineering wife and milquetoast husband who are constantly teetering on the brink of their relationship. They have raised Julia (played by K.T. Tomlinson), their quixotic daughter, about to be divorced from her fourth husband and not knowing yet what it is she (or anyone else) wants from life. Next are Edna and Harry (played by Kate Monaghan and Steve Gleich), the

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MILESTONES



Carrie Beth Weinberg and Marc Jeffrey Bachman

Weinberg And Bachman To Marry

Phil and Sheila Weinberg announce with great pride the engagement of their daughter, Carrie Beth to Marc Jeffrey Bachman, son of Sheila Bachman and the late Allan Bachman of Great Neck, L.I., N.Y.

Carrie is a graduate of Concord High School and earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications at the University of Delaware in 1992. She is currently employed as Director of Publicity-Cookbooks for William Morrow Publishing in New York. Marc graduated from the Hebrew Academy of the Five Towns and Rockaways High School. He received his Bachelor of Arts (cum laude) from Tulane University in 1991 and earned a law degree from Syracuse University Law School in 1994. Marc is employed as an attorney for Nixon, Hargave, Devans and Doyle of New York and Garden City, N.Y. The couple plans an autumn wedding and will reside in New York.

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As we have learned from Israeli politics, facts on the ground are important and on this trip, I observed them. I joined other convention delegates at groundbreaking events for new several new facilities being built by Progressive congregations. In Jaffa, we visited the site where Tel Aviv's Beit Daniel is building a satellite facility. It is located in a prime location. This is truly remarkable, as up until recently, there was strong opposition in many municipalities to allocate any land to Progressive synagogues. Nearby, in a housing development where Jews and Arabs live together, we attended the dedication of Beit Daniel Park, a pocket park for development residents funded by supporters of Beit Daniel Congregation.

In the Haifa area, other convention delegates visited the expanded facilities of Or Chadash congregation and the Leo Baeck Center and participated in groundbreaking ceremonies for a new congregation in Ra'anana. Still other delegates toured the future building site for Congregation Beth Yozma in Modi'in, a planned city now being built between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. It is destined to be the fourth largest city in Israel. Finally, many of us assembled in Mevasseret Zion for the cornerstone laying ceremony at the local congregation.

Couple these "facts" with the following 1998 statistics:

*50,000 Israelis attended High Holiday services in Progressive congregations.

*3000 boy and girls celebrated their bar and bat mitzvahs in these synagogues.

*More than 1000 couples chose liberal rabbis to conduct their wedding ceremonies.

Unfortunately, these marriages have not yet been officially recognized by the State of Israel and require a civil ceremony outside of the country. All of these milestone events have been conducted without the State subsidies which all Orthodox facilities and schools receive.

Rabbi Richard Hirsch, retiring executive director of the WUPJ, said that "Israelis need liberal Judaism. Just as the struggle on behalf of Soviet Jewry accelerated the attainment of democratic rights for all peoples in the USSR, just as the struggle for racial equality in America advanced the pursuit of democratic rights for all citizens, so the struggle for support of the rights of non-Orthodox is essential for the well-being of Israeli society."

Eventually, this struggle will shape the character and fate of the Jewish State and ultimately world Jewry. Therefore, it is my struggle as well.

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In Memoriam -

Jacob D. Levine

Jacob D. Levine, 90, Wilmington, formerly of Claymont died Thursday, March 11 at Saint Francis Hospital. Mr. Levine had owned several grocery and liquor stores throughout Wilmington for many years. He was a past president of Machzikey Hadas Congregation and B'nai B'rith Lodge 470.

He is survived by his wife, Jean Levine; his son, George N. of Northridge; five grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. Contributions in his memory may be made to either B'nai B'rith Lodge 470, 8000 Society Drive, Claymont, DE 19703 or The Kutz Home for the Aged, 704 River Road, Wilmington, DE 19809.

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best friends who are fleeing from some unnamed terror in their lives and who unexpectedly come to stay with Agnes and Tobias who are supposed to give them succor but can't even straighten out their own problems. Finally there is Claire (magnificently portrayed by Tanya Lazar), the alcoholic sister who is probably the most well adjusted and sensible person in the whole group. With the exception of the start of the play when Agnes could not be heard and constantly

swallowed her words, each of these actors gave credence to the idiosyncrasies of their characters. Lazar and McCloskey in particular were excellent as they underwent various levels of emotional trauma. And that is basically what this play is all about; each person has his or her demons to contend with while always trying to keep their lives in balance. Moreover, in Agnes' case as she puts it, she also is the fulcrum on which her whole family

has to find a balance. No easy task with this group!

Bailey's insight into Albee's play is uncanny and she uses techniques such as innovative blocking, characters running over each other's lines, and mood lighting in a most effective way. This is a long winded script and there were a few times when the pace could have been picked up; there also occasionally seemed to be a lot of elongated conversation and I wished for some clipped, quick action. But overall it was a fine production. You might almost label the play surrealist; it is rampant with symbolism and sub text which makes it difficult for the theatergoer who hears the lines only once to get a full understanding of the profound message it brings. But it was clear that these actors and their director had struggled long and hard to unearth the tangled meanings which Albee included in his script. They put a lot of sweat into this production and it showed in the excellence of their performance.

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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.

MARCH

Saturday 27

Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth's 16th annual Young Artists Concert featuring Kathy Cammett, of Opera Delaware, Inc. Cammett and her young students will perform classical music, show tunes and Hebrew melodies beginning at 8:00 p.m. Admission is \$18, \$10 for students. For additional information, call the synagogue at 762-2705.

Sunday 28

Brunch and Bowling for Jewish Singles in their 20s and 30s at Prices Corner Bowling Lanes on Kirkwood Highway in Wilmington. Event begins at 9:00 a.m. \$8 includes food and non-competitive play. Call Phil at 655-5561 for more information.

APRIL

Thursday 1

The Seaside Jewish Community will host its Passover seder at All Saints Church, 19 Olive Avenue, Rehoboth Beach. Advance reservations only. Please call Lynne Chichi at (302) 644-2209 for further information.

Monday 5

JCC holds its annual Passover restaurant with a kosher meal and entertainment by the Arbel Chorale and special entertainment for children. Advance reservations are

required. Please call 478-5660.

Tuesday 6

The JCC Senior Center will hold their annual Passover Seder beginning at 11:00 a.m. Rabbi Daniel Satlow will officiate. Lunch donation is required. For more information, call Wendy Weingartner at 478-5660.

Tuesday 14

Join JCC senior adults on a guided tour of Wheaton Village. Departs from JCC at 8 a.m. and B'nai B'rith at 8:15 a.m. Call Wendy at 478-5660 for costs.

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DELAWARE JOINING JUNIOR MACCABI GAMES

The Delaware Jewish Community Center will send a boy's soccer team to participate in the Tri-State Junior Maccabi Games to be held on Sunday, May 2 at the Kaiserman JCC in Philadelphia. Participation in the games is open to Jewish children, ages 10-12. The program costs \$36. Practice begins on April 4th. For more information, call Scott Bowers at 478-5660.

RENT "THE LONG WAY HOME" AT THE JCC

"The Long Way Home," an award-winning film that explores the plight of the tens of thousands of refugees who survived the Holocaust, has been recently added to the Jewish Heritage Video Collection,

housed in the JCC lobby.

Thanks to a grant from Ira and Barbara Lipman of Tennessee, the film has been made available to every JCC in the nation through the Simon Wiesenthal Center's Moriah Film Division. Nightly rentals are \$2. For more information, please call Ella Zukoff at 478-5660.

SPECIAL ISRAEL PROGRAM FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Livnot U'Lehibanot, the hiking, study and community service program of Tzfat and Jerusalem, is accepting registrations. Through a special arrangement with the Jewish Federation of Delaware, the Livnot experience is available to qualified young adults, ages 21-30, from Delaware for as low as \$600 including air fare from New York. Short term and long term programs are offered throughout the year. No knowledge of Hebrew is required. JFD offers a limited number of scholarships to qualified applicants. Please call Judy Wortman at 427-2100 for an application.

For complete information about the program dates for 1999 call Livnot at 1-888-LIVNOT-0.

BROADWAY BOUND

Community is welcome to join congregants from Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth on April 25 for either of two New York shows. See "Never On Friday," at the Jewish Repertory Theatre or "Marlene," based on the life of the legendary Marlene Dietrich. Bus will leave the AKSE parking lot in Wilmington at 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$56 for either show and includes transporta-

tion, ticket, snacks and tip. The synagogue has only 20 tickets for each show. Mail your checks to AKSE, Washington Blvd. & Torah Way, Wilmington, DE 19802.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Don't miss the Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah's annual donor luncheon at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth. On Sunday, April 11, from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m., Dr. Phoebe Doherty will present a program entitled "Your Grandma's Maiden Name." Dr. Doherty is a graduate of the University of Delaware and a professional genealogical researcher. She will share techniques for researching your family tree. This year's event will be catered by Steve Bonner of A La Carte Catering and will feature a dairy buffet table. The fee is \$20. To reserve your place, call Lelaine Nemser at 984-1762.

LOOKING AHEAD

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ONGOING

Volleyball Anyone? Young Jewish Singles of Delaware sponsors a weekly volleyball game and dinner outing for adults in their 20s and 30s. Non competitive play every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 8:00 p.m. Call Phil at 652-6688 for more information.

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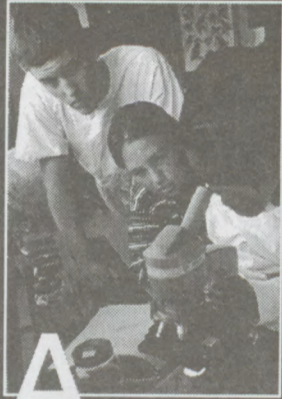
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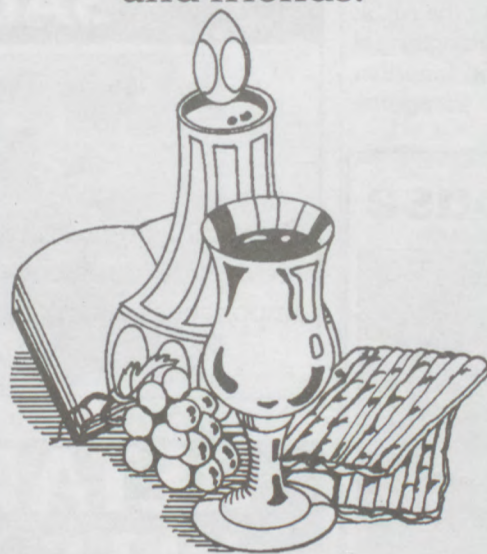
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