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Netanyahu Wins U.S. Support During First Visit

By MATTHEW DORF

WASHINGTON, July 9 (JTA) — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu returned home with a firm American pledge of "rock solid" relations between Jerusalem and Washington. Publicly, President Clinton and Netanyahu heaped praise on each other and pledged to extend the honeymoon that U.S.-Israel relations have enjoyed during the past three years. But their positive comments could barely mask deep divisions on the peace process once the doors closed to the Oval Office for the leaders' first meeting since Netanyahu was elected prime minister in late May.

In 2 1/2 hours of White House meetings, Netanyahu presented U.S. officials with a lengthy list of ways Israel believes the Palestine Liberation Organization has been violating the accords it signed with the Jewish state, according to an Israeli official. The list cited Netanyahu's belief that the Palestine National Council, meeting April 24 in Gaza, did not amend its covenant, as PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat had proclaimed. Both the previous Israeli government of Shimon Peres and the Clinton administration welcomed at the time the PNC's action.

Netanyahu's list also included examples of

what he termed systematic violations of a commitment the PLO made not to conduct political activity in Jerusalem, according to the Israeli official. The list also asserted that the Palestinian Authority headed by Arafat has not done enough to crack down on the fundamentalist Hamas movement, which is opposed to the peace process and has claimed responsibility for a series of suicide bombings in Israel earlier this year.

Netanyahu's list directly contradicts a recent U.S. State Department report on which Clinton based his decision to certify the PLO as being in compliance with the peace accords. Such certification allows the U.S. to provide \$75 million in cash assistance to the Palestinian Authority each year. The sharp differences between the new Israeli government and the U.S. administration on PLO compliance threatens to pit Jerusalem against the White House on the crucial issue of continued U.S. aid to the Palestinians.

Netanyahu, who addressed a joint meeting of Congress on July 10, has allies on Capitol Hill who share his view that the PLO has not fulfilled the obligations set forth in its accords with Israel.

A second set of documents given to Clinton



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu makes a point during his address to a Joint Session of Congress July 10 as Vice President Al Gore and House Speaker Newt Gingrich listen.

by Netanyahu detailed Israeli intelligence reports on Syrian support for terrorist groups. Since his election, Netanyahu has pointed at Damascus as a major source of terrorism, charging that the regime of Hafez Assad supports the fundamentalist Hezbollah group in Lebanon and several Palestinian terror groups that are violently opposed to peace with Israel. Syria remains on the U.S. list of nations that sponsor terrorism.

Declaring "we want peace," Netanyahu addressed enthusiastic members of the House and Senate, who gathered in a joint meeting to hear the Israeli premier.

"It is time to demand peace based on norms and standards; it is not enough to talk about peace in abstraction," Netanyahu said.

In a blunt message to the Palestinian Authority and Israel's Arab neighbors, Netanyahu said they "must make a strategic choice: either tollow the option of terror as an instrument of diplomacy or follow the option of peace. They cannot have it both ways."

Agreements between Israel and the Palestinians "must be kept by both sides," he said.

Members of Congress and Clinton's Cabinet reserved their loudest applause during the speech for Netanyahu's comments about Jerusalem. Ironically, Secretary of State Warren Christopher and Vice President Al Gore. who serves as President of the Senate, stood and applauded when Netanyahu declared that "there will never be a redivision of Jerusalem."

Christopher bitterly opposed Congress when it passed a law recognizing Jerusalem as Israel's capital. Clinton eventually allowed the measure to become law without his signature. The law calls for moving the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv to Jerusalem by 1999, but the administration has not yet certified that planning the move has begun as the law mandates.

Meanwhile, the Saudi Arabian ambassador, who is the dean of the Washington diplomatic corps, did not attend Netanyahu's address to Congress.

During their joint news conference Tuesday, both Clinton and Netanyahu glossed over differences in policies even when they appeared to be 180 degrees apart. As Netanyahu pledged to continue a growth of Jewish settlements in the West Bank, Clinton reiterated long-standing U.S. policy that considers settlements an obstacle to peace. Settlements are "one of the problems" in the peace process,

Netanyahu said that "we have not yet decided on the precise pattern of our settlement policy."

Netanyahu used the occasion to criticize the 1993 and 1995 accords signed by the previous Israeli government and the Palestinians.

"We inherited two agreements, Oslo I and Oslo II, not to our liking," he said, referring to the two peace accords, "but governments keep agreements."

Netanyahu, with Clinton's assistance, steered clear of discussing details about such potentially explosive issues as Hebron and peace talks with Syria. While pledging to uphold past peace agreements, Netanyahu said he is continuing to study the redeployment of Israeli forces from most of Hebron.

Netanyahu refused to say whether he would meet with Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat, though he pointed out that

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VAVS Volunteer Paul C. Hurschman Honored



(VAVS) Volunteer Paul C. Hurschman (left), alongside Rabbi Sanford Dresin, at the Wilmington Memorial Day Parade.

The Jewish War Veterans, Department of Delaware, takes pride in the dedication and commitment of Past Department Commander Paul C. Hurschman of Claymont, DE to the local VAVS program at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Elsmere. For over forty years

— with the help of other local JWV volunteers — Hurschman conducted well attended monthly bingo games at the Hospital for the patients. The number of times, in those forty-odd years, that a substitute had to be found for Hurschman can probably be counted on the fingers of one hand.

As an important adjunct to the Veterans Administration hospital, the Voluntary Service Program (VAVS) strives to ameliorate the rigors of a hospital stay by donating special furnishings, equipment and personal attention—supporting and supplementing those routinely furnished by the Government—to afford an extra measure of comfort and humanity, and to aid in the preservation of personal dignity in an otherwise primarily clinical environment. This National VAVS program is operated primarily by volunteers from all Veterans Organizations, with help from relatives, friends, religious and fraternal groups, etc.

Nationwide, as well as locally, the Jewish War Veterans has always been at the forefront in these activities. 1996 marks the 50th anniversary of this VAVS program; as well as, coincidentally, the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States.

Cmdr. Hurschman's outstanding and continuing contributions were honored by the Wilmington Parade Committee and other local fellow Veterans Organizations by his appointment as Grand Marshall of the recent City of Wilmington Memorial Day Parade. Additional recognition of his exemplary VAVS service record will take place at the National VAVS Annual Meeting, this Fall in Tampa, Fla.

New Novel By Yehoshua Examines Psychology of Love

By BRIGITTE DAYAN

A.B. Yehoshua is fighting a nasty cold this particular afternoon. It wouldn't be so bad if he didn't have a full day ahead of him, but no such luck for this celebrated Israeli writer. Since the recent publication of his new book, "Open Heart," he has been shuttling between speaking, singing, and reading engagements throughout the United States.

So, equipped with a puff of determination, a frugal supply of tissues, and a bottle of nasal decongestant,

he takes a seat in a recording room at the WFMT studio on Chicago's North Side. He discusses his new novel with JUF News before and after his radio interview with a satellite Wisconsin station.

Open Heart" is narrated by a young doctor, who, dismayed to learn that his chances of joining the hospital's surgical staff are non-existent, agrees to accompany the hospital administrator and his wife to India to retrieve their ailing daughter. Once there, Dr. Rubin falls pas-

sionately in love with the administrator's wife, amid glorious descriptions of India's religious rituals. The leitmotif is mystery, underscoring both the young doctor's sudden love for this woman and its exotic locale. Yehoshua calls it an "impossible love," and this concept more than any other gets at the crux of his message: psychological theories do not answer questions on the human personality.

In Yehoshua's literary lexicon, there are two types of writers

"world" writers and "subject" writers. The former make their topic a world unto itself; Elie Wiesel and Aharon Applefled are prime examples in their writings on the Holocaust. The latter move from subject to subject, never sticking to one theme, and Yehoshua feels he fits squarely in this category. With the release of "Open Heart," he has moved full-force into the realm of psychology. Although his wife is a psychoanalyst and he considers himself a "very rational man" (he eschews organized religion and does not care much for kabbalistic trends within Jewish thought), he nonetheless sees pitfalls in a world obsessed with the need to explain everything.

"India is a metaphor for incarnation, transfiguration, and rebirth,' says the 60-year-old Yehoshua. "all these are mystical ideas that have a counterpart in modern psychology. I'm a great believer in psychology, but sometimes I revolt against the use of very dry terms to explain what is really a mystery. In my novel, Dr. Rubin cannot understand this impossible love that has overtaken him."

Despite his exploration of the mysteries that inhabit the human mind, Yehoshua ultimately needs answers: "I try to domesticate Dr. Rubin's mystery to examine why he needs this love," he says. He comes up with an Oedipal-style explanation, a fact reflective of his intimate knowledge of Western literature.

In that context, India, with its connotation of exotic rituals and bornagain adherents to some undefinable spirit, seems a particularly well-suited locale to explore and even rationalize the mystical elements within each person. Fascinated by this East-West confrontation (interestingly, Israel represents the Western world in his novel, a fact illustrative of his passionate views toward his country's intellectual responsibilities to the world at large), Yehoshua was spurred by his son, who, like many young Israelis, spent months traveling in India and throughout the Far East after his release from the army. The source of the Israeli infatuation with India, he explains, is Israel itself. Overwhelmed by the seemingly perennial Israeli and Jewish issues, most particularly the Holocaust and Arab-Israeli relations, young Israelis flock in droves to the Far East in order to escape the intensity of Israel and experience a completely different milieu.

Yet, despite the India-as-mysticalmetaphor explanation, Yehoshua stresses the plain meaning of the story. "I'm really not as symbolic as people think," he says with a calm exasperation that indicates he's been through this argument before (his critics have consistently called him a symbolic writer). "I admit that some of my earlier stories contained more symbolism, but "Open Heart" has to be read, first and foremost, on the human level of the characters. Then, maybe you can look at the metaphors suggested by India.

When the woman from the Milwaukee satellite station calls to conduct the phone interview, he begins read a certain page from "Open Heart," but he has already rehearsed

another section. "I'm sorry, but there are some words in the English that I don't know so well, so I have pre-pared something else," he explains.

He chooses a passage describing Dr. Rubin's foray into Indian culture upon his arrival in the country. In it, he reads about the protagonist's interest in the local god, a deity by the name of Shiva who is responsible for destruction. Although his guide attempts to correct him (it seems the name is wrong), he gives up after several tries and grants the insistent doctor his myth.

In its reference to destruction, this passage echoes a prevalent theme in Yehoshua's literature. Robert Alter, in an early review of Yehoshua's works for Commentary magazine, wrote: "Yehoshua often sees lurking animal instincts beneath the facade of the civilized self; his educated, ostensibly pacific, ineffectual personages frequently harbor a murderous impulse to destroy whatever stands in their way. ... Yehoshua is fascinated with destruction for its own sake, the desires civilization breeds in people to escape its imposed order and rational framework" (June,

In his latest work, this principle operates on its head: Dr. Rubin, having worked honestly and laboriously on his career, feels betrayed by the system. His world, defined solely in terms of his medical career, has been destroyed by the realization that he must settle for a specialty not to his liking, and he sees his trip to India as a mental vacation to allow him to rebuild it.

But Yehoshua himself does not talk about this to his interviewer. He makes his way through the text, and then through a dozen or so intricate questions on the plot. In answering the questions, he shuts his eyes tightly, as if to visualize the scenery in his novel.

Why did he use the bird imagery in one section? (Because he loved looking at the birds that migrated to the pond outside his Princeton apartment when he was a visiting professor at the university.) How does he define a mystery? (It's when all the rules we have gotten used to don't work anymore.) Why did he choose the medical field at the backdrop? (To show that our profession is an integral part of our lives and preoccupies us.) How did he conduct his research? (Through long hours peering into the operating room and through discussions with his wife.)

And every so often, he raises his eyebrows to his wife to signify that the interviewer has done her homework. After 30 grueling minutes and more than a few beads of perspiration, he hangs up. "She really read the book," he says, pleasantly surprised that a journalist would prefer to question him on his literary tour de force than on the gamut of Israeli history and politics, as is often the

Tired from the interview and weary from his cold, he emits a sigh with an apology: she's asked him to of relief. But the respite is temporary, as he must now hurry to one of his many book readings and signings.



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Briefs

Argentine Minister Resigns After Anti-Semitic Past Bared

BUENOS AIRES (JTA) — Argentine Justice Minister Rodolfo Barra has resigned in the wake of revelations about his past membership in a violent anti-Semitic group.

Barra, who oversaw the investigations of the unsolved bombings of the Israeli Embassy in 1992 and the Jewish community headquarters in 1994, was replaced after he resigned July 10 by Deputy Justice Minister Elias Jassan, who is Jewish.

Barra belonged to the right-wing group UNES when he was a high school student, according to a recent story by the local weekly magazine Noticias.

Rothschild Heir Commits Suicide

PARIS, July 14 (JTA) - Amschel Rothschild, heir apparent to the British merchant bank N.M. Rothschild & Sons, has hanged himself in a Paris

Rothschild, 41, chairman of Rothschild Asset Management, was found by a maid in the luxury Bristol Hotel, where he was staying during a busi-

Police later confirmed that Rothschild took his own life.

His death leaves open the question of who will succeed his cousin Sir Evelyn de Rothschild as head of the Rothschild banking dynasty.

He is survived by his wife, Anita, and three children.

The Rothschild family shrouded his death in secrecy, withholding news of the suicide for several days.

A Sabra Slam-Dunks To The NBA

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israeli sports took a leap forward as Connecticut College basketball star Doron Sheffer. The 24-year-old Ramat HaSharon native was picked in the second round by the Los Angeles Clippers. Observers noted that the match seemed a good one — on the court and off. Los Angeles' climate is not too different from Israel's, and the City of Angels has a significant Jewish and Israeli population.



The Three Cantors: Three world-class hazzanim join in song to celebrate the 3000th anniversary of Jerusalem as the capital of world Jewry. Left to right: Cantor Charles David Osborn of Temple Emanuel, Newton Centre, Mass.; Cantor Alberto Mizrahi of Chicago's Anshe Emet Synagugue, who is known as "the Jewish Pavarotti," and Cantor Meir Finkelstein of Sinai Temple, Westwood, Cal. The Jerusalem 3000 concert was held in New York City's Lincoln Center. Titled "Songs to Jerusalem," it was attended by more than 2,500 and featured a rare mix of rock, pop, folk, operatic and cantorial music.

Holocaust Survivor's Memoir Wins Australian Literary Prize

SYDNEY, Australia (JTA) - The 1996 Banjo Award, Australia's most prestigious prize for non-fiction writing, has been awarded to an Auschwitz survivor for his self-published memoir.

Abraham Biderman, who now lives in Melbourne, wrote his memoir, The World of My Past," to fulfill his parents' dying wish that he "remember what they did to us. Tell what they did."

He remembers his mother calling this message out to him as his parents were dragged away from him by a guard at Auschwitz.

Despite receiving high praise from reviewers, Biderman could not find an Australian publisher for his work, as he was repeatedly told that "there are too many books about the Holocaust." He then decided to publish the book

Biderman's view is that a Christian world which had as its base "a theology of hatred towards Jews" was at the core of the Holocaust.

Recounting in his memoir his life in the Lodz ghetto and four concentration camps, Biderman argues that Christian teaching not only created the possibility for mass murder but contributed to the atmosphere which meant that there was simply "nowhere to run."

On receiving the award from the National Book Council, he said those who hate Jews, as well as other minorities such Aborigines, gypsies and blacks, also hate "G-d, because we are also his creations.

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Peres Receives Philadelphia Liberty Medal

By A. ENGLER ANDERSON Jewish Exponent

PHILADELPHIA, July 11 (JTA) -Shimon Peres was clearly in elderstatesman mode during his Independence Day visit here, where he received the Philadelphia Liberty Medal and its accompanying \$100,000

"For us, this medal symbolizes freedom from war," said Peres, accepting the medal from Mayor Ed Rendell at the award ceremony in front of Independence Hall, attended by a crowd estimated at 7,000.

Peres and Jordan's King Hussein were jointly awarded the local honor, conferred annually on a leader who has exemplified the pursuit of liberty or freedom from oppression, ignorance or deprivation. The king, citing commitments in the wake of a unable to attend, according to the Jordanian ambassador to the United States, Fayez A. Tarawneh, who accepted the award on the king's be-

But for Philadelphians, Peres the statesman was very much the focus of attention during the Independence Day festivities. In an acceptance speech peppered by applause, Peres hailed Philadelphia as "the cradle of American liberty," and the United States as a supporter of the Middle East peace process

The former Israeli prime minister, recovering from a narrow-but-decisive loss in the May elections, called for the continuation of the peace process, which he pioneered along with slain Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Surveying the horizon as leader of recent Arab summit meeting, was Israel's Labor Party, Peres described

the Middle East as "an old landscape which needs to adapt to a new cli-

He denounced "fundamentalists" and "conservatives" as representing an Old Middle East that has begun to disappear, but refuses to recede.'

The former have not yet learned the limits of swordplay," Peres said. 'The latter still believe that their financial sustenance will continue to come from a sugar daddy, rather than a market economy that every nation can adopt.

At a post-award news conference, Peres was pressed to comment on eace prospects under Netanyahu. He quipped, "It's hard for me to comment — you know I didn't vote for him," eliciting peals of laughter from reporters assembled for the brief session on the second floor of Independence Hall.

By LYNNE MEREDITH COHN Washington Jewish Week

to proselytize Jews more actively. But Phil Roberts, director of the SBC's Interfaith Witness Department, said

gelize the Christian Gospel to Jews is the SBC's 11th such resolution in be Jewish. the history of the convention, Robtionship" with Jesus Christ, the resoof Christians is supposed to do, Rob-

The purpose of the resolution is Tessler said. "to encourage Southern Baptists not only to be faithful to the Gospel but ally wrong to proselytize," said Rabbi to share (Christian doctrine) with Yitzchok Breitowitz of Silver Spring's

home missionaries to develop evangelistic ministries among Jews and be Jewish. start churches in predominantly Jew-

Local rabbis said Jews should ex-Jews across America have been ert more energy toward increasing talking about the recent Southern Jewish education than responding to Baptist Convention (SBC) resolution missionary threats. Rabbi Joel Tessler, spiritual leader of the Orthodox Beth Sholom Congregation in Potomac, Md., said: "If Jews are this latest resolution is nothing new. equipped with a good education ... The June 13 resolution to evan-they can respond to missionaries who say they can believe in Jesus and

Educated Jews can reply with texterts said. By stating that Southern based reasoning as to why Judaism Baptists should actively try to incul- does not consider Jesus Christ to be cate Jews to have a "personal rela- the messiah, Tessler noted. The "most powerful tool we have" to lution simply restates what this sect meet missionary efforts head-on is a 'Jewish day school education and beyond - send the kids to Israel,"

According to Judaism, "it is morother Christians and (with) Jews," he Orthodox Woodside Synagogue Ahavas Torah. He, too, said the best On June 10, SBC directors ap- response to conversionary efforts is pointed Jim and Kathy Sibley as not "in attacking them" but giving "people a sense of what it means to

'The watered-down Judaism that ish communities," according to a most Americans (practice) doesn't

carry any weight without intensifying Jewish education." Without that learning, "by definition people are going to be vulnerable," he said.

Rabbi Jack Luxemburg, of Rockville's Reform Temple Beth Ami, noted that "the conversionary thrust of Christianity is as old as Christianity itself." Some Christians believe that until Jews accept Jesus as the messiah, "the redemptive history of the world cannot be conplete.

The notion of the world having a redemptive history is first and foremost a Jewish idea," Luxemburg continued, as is the concept that a 'messiah, moshiach," will bring about that development.

Tessler thinks the fact that the SBC resolution was publicized might be good in the long-run. That way, when Jewish leaders talk about the need for counter-missionary activity, Jews know that a threat does exist,

The SBA resolution is a "wake-up call to Jewish parents," Tessler said. They "cannot be complacent and assume that their kids will grow up

First National Jewish Adoption Conference To Be Held

national Jewish adoptive parent support organization with chapters throughout the United States, is pleased to announce that the first ever National Jewish Adoption Conference is scheduled for Sunday, October 27, 1996, at the Pikesville Hilton Hotel near Baltimore, Maryland. It is being held in conjunction with the Annual Foster Care and Adoption Conference of Families Adopting Children Everywhere (F.A.C.E.), a large adoptive parent support group in the Baltimore-Washington metropolitan area. Rabbi Michael Gold, author of And Hannah Wept, the first book to examine modern Jewish views on infertility and adoption, will be the luncheon speaker. Kosher food will be available.

Jewish perspective adoptive parents, parents who have already

Stars of David International, a adopted, extended family members of Jewish adoptees, adoption professionals working with Jewish families, Jewish adult adoptees, birth parents, and anyone with an interest in Jewish adoption issues is in-

vited to attend the conference. The annual conference of F.A.C.E. precedes the Stars of David conference, beginning Saturday, October 26th, and continuing through Sunday. Participants will have the option of attending the F.A.C.E. conference, in which workshops are geared to all members of the adoption community, and the Sunday Stars of David workshops, or can choose only to attend on Sunday, in which all the workshops will have a Jewish focus. Clyde Tolley, executive director of F.A.C.E., and an experienced adoption conference planner, promises an exciting array of topics and speak-

Prospective adoptive parents will be interested in workshops on "Adoption Opportunities for Jewish Families" and "Legal Concerns and Strategies in Jewish Adoptions.' Those who have already adopted will be interested in such topics as "Adoption Issues in Jewish Religious and Day Schools" or "Unique Aspects of Jewish Adoption." Jewish adult adoptees and birth parents will also find workshops geared to their interests and experience.

The conference brochure will explain how to register for the conference and arrange housing at the Hilton if it is needed. For more information or a conference brochure, contact Stars of David at 3175 Commercial Ave., Ste. 100, Northbrook. IL 60062-1915, (800) STAR-349, or F.A.C.E. at P.O. Box 28058, Northwood Station, Baltimore, MD 21239, (410) 488-2656.

Continuing On The Road To Peace

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's first visit to the United States since being elected was a reassuring indication that although there are some differences between American and Israeli offficials regarding policy questions, U.S.-Israeli relations are still very close

A new poll commissioned by the Israel Policy Forum, a Labor-affiliated organization in the United States, revealed that 62 percent of American Jews have a favorable view of Netanyahu. This is news, considering that 59 per cent said they would have voted for Peres. In addition, 85 percent believe the peace process will continue, though at a slower rate.

In accordance with his vow to give Israel and the region "peace through security," Netanyahu presented U.S. officials with a number of complaints regarding the PLO's compliance with the accords it signed. They included Netanyahu's belief that the Palestinian posts on the road to peace

National Council did not rescind the portions of the convenant calling for Israel's destruction, although Peres and Clinton both applauded the council's vote to change its cov-

Perhaps the largest gap in agreement stood with the settlements. The Prime Minister indicated that the settlement policy was as yet undecided while Clinton remarked that settlements are "one of the problems" in the peace

Overshadowing the differences among officials is the emerging truth that although a majority of American Jews supported the peace process begun by Rabin and Peres, this does not indicate an opposition to Netanyahu.

The unity of Jerusalem, the shared desire to bring peace between Israel and her neighbors, and an increase in Israel's security are all sign-

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Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu (L) and President Clinton embrace as they leave a joint news conference at the White House, July 9. Netanyahu assured Clinton that his new hardline government would continue to strive for "peace with security" with Arab states, including Syria.

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"There will never be a redivision of Jerusalem ...

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, addressing a joint meeting of Congress in Washington, D.C., after which the longest and loudest of many ovations greeted

"Jerusalem is the capital of Palestine, forever.'

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, in reaction to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's declaration.



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An Israeli trader shouts out to sell orders as shares in the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange (TASE) plunged by over 3 percent July 15. The morning's mild declines strengthened by early afternoon amid signs of a deepening crisis in the provident funds industry.

Camp Tel-Hai Memories

Dear Editor:

up in Philadelphia was going to Camp Tel-Hai. I went to camp every summer from the time I was five years old. The camp was in Jamison, Pa. and was run by Dr. Joseph Levitsky, a professor of Hebrew at Temple University.

Most of the campers and counselors were from the Philadelphia and Wilmington areas. We formed a close bond which lasted through the winter in many cases. I met my wife at camp when I was 16 years old.

On Shabbat we had services. At meals, we said the motzi. The food was kosher style. I learned the melodies of the traditional Shabbat

songs at camp. As a Jew living in a gentile One of my fondest memories of growing neighborhood, this was the only time in my pre-high school days that I had the opportunity to associate with other Jews. My Jewish identity was furthered by going to a Jewish

Two traditions made our camp unique. One, if you went for six years, the seventh year was free. Also, if you met your spouse at camp, the first year of each child was free.

If any reader went to Camp Tel-Hai and is interested in a reunion, please contact me at (302) 652-2020.

> Sincerely yours, Dr. Joshua Kalin Wilmington, DE

The Rabbi Writes:

"On Candles And Stones"



Rabbi PETER H. GRUMBACHER

It is said that Jewish camps brought Tisha b'Au, the ninth day of the Hebrew month of Av, to the consciousness of this generation. How well I recall the night of Tisha b'Au at the Union of American Hebrew Congregation's camp in the Berkshires of Massachusetts! Each of the campers and counselors was given a small piece of wood upon which was attached a candle. After a brief ceremony the candles were put into the lake. They slowly drifted across creating a spectacular glow of over 500 flames floating upon the still waters. This was followed by a silent procession back to our cabins where we discussed the meaning of $Tisha\ b'Av$ before the lights were turned out for the night.

In July of 1967, I recalled the candles on the lake when, for the first time, I visited the Kotel, the Western Wall in Jerusalem. While we had arrived a week earlier to spend my third year of rabbinic school studying at the Jerusalem campus of the Hebrew Union College, I waited until Tisha b'Av to visit the Kotel. I had heard that this was the place to be on this occasion. When I arrived there were thousands of people standing as close to the Western Wall as possible. You could not move! A variety of our sisters and brothers were there, some of whom were praying while others were standing silently. It reminded me of those flames on the lake.

After about fifteen minutes it was time to leave. I could not move. It was not because of the large crowd (although this certainly made movement difficult), but because I was mesmerized. The Wall - its size and its strength kept me glued to the spot on which I was standing. This was a moment I really could not describe. Was it spiritual? Was it religious? I decided after thinking about it for a couple of days that it was the sense of history that overcame me. Tisha b'Av represents, among other things, the destruction of the two Temples in Jerusalem. Here was the only remaining structure from the second Temple, not even a true portion of the Temple, but nonetheless an imposing piece of our Peoples' past that kept us connected to a time long ago. Among many trips to Israel and my many visits to the Kotel I would stand face-to-face with the stones and place a small piece of paper in its cracks with prayers for loved ones and those of the community who were ill. The Wall has come to represent abiding faith and, politics aside, a sense of who we are in relation to where we have been.

No one can describe the enormity of the stones. Every time they uncover one whose weight is estimated at two tons, another one even heavier - is uncovered. Individually they are silent sentinels to the weight of the centuries. Just as the candles glowing in the dark evoke a mystical image, so do the stones. As I gazed at the candles and thought about the enemy's wrath, I gazed upon the stones of the Kotel and thought about those periods of our past which Tisha b'Av commemorates.

But one must also appreciate yet another aspect of both the candles and the stones. Are the flames fire or light? Are the stones a burden or a blessing?

In Gates of Prayer we read as an introduction before the Kaddish, "...life is kindled, it burns, it glows, it is radiant with warmth and beauty. But soon it fades; its substance is consumed, and it is not more...Yet we do not despair...With our lives we give life...

So too, with the stones. We must look upon them as a source of strength which our People has had for the last 2,000 years. They symbolize endurance which has been a hallmark of the Jewish people. Our enemies have made us know fire, but our creative talents have allowed our light to shine. The stones of our edifices have crumbled by the tyrants' might but our will to go on and be a light unto the nations has served us well as has our Rock of

As we commemorate Tisha b'Av let us remember the candles and the stones and put them in the perspective not so much of the past, but of what we hope will be a solid fu-

Let's Put Out The Fires Together



By DAN WEINTRAUB Special To The Jewish Voice

Black people have searched desperately for allies in the struggle against racism and have found Jews to be disproportionately represented in the ranks of that struggle.

-Dr. Cornell West, page 110, Race Matters, Vintage Books, 1994 There is only one real issue, civil rights. -Rabbi Jacob Rothschild Atlanta 1948

Twenty plus years ago who would have thought that America would still be struggling in 1996 with the conflagration of race relations? Diversity and tolerance were themes as prevalent as Coca-Cola's "I'd like to teach the world to sing ... " advertisement with its cheerful cola-drinking multicuralist cast. In the early 1970s Sly and The Family Stone and others ordinated with eight African-American Minis-

presented the pop musical argument that people of a variety of backgrounds could find common cause together or celebrate "different strokes for different folks." As a naive elementary student I certainly believed that racism, sexism and anti-Semitism were on their way out. But it is 1996 and the fire is still burn-

The American Jewish community is outraged by the recent burning and vandalizing of over 68 Black churches nationwide. Here in Delaware and around the country funds have been established to help rebuild these houses of worship. As staunch believers in religious freedom and security for all, American Jews have demonstrated their solidarity with the African-American community in the race of this challenge.

These burned churches were spiritual homes for many throughout the South. The plight of those Black communities has encouraged a variety of responses. Volunteers in Newton, Massachusetts removed fifty pews from a Jewish synagogue currently undergoing restoration, to donate to churches burned in Knoxville, Tennessee.

The Jewish community in Richmond, Virginia, in cooperation with the ADL and the NAACP, coordinated a seminar on security for religious institutions. Also the Jewish community in Richmond is participating in a partnering project initiated by the American Jewish Congress National Capitol Region, to help rebuild Glorious Church of God in Christ,

The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum co-

ters of victimized churches in a program to denounce racism and demonstrate solidarity between those who remember the Holocaust and those who have been target of recent racist attacks on houses of worship.

The Boston JCRC (Jewish Community Relations Committee) and area Rabbis traveled to Memphis, Tennessee (along with African-American Ministers, Black community leaders and Boston's Cardinal Bernard Law) to meet with Memphis religious leaders and discuss the best ways to spend money raised in Greater Boston. The assembled group denounced intolerance, racism and violence as the underlying causes of recent church burnings.

The Rhode Island JCRC is now working with the Urban League, Black Ministers Alliance, the Rhode Island Council of Churches, the Governor's Commission on Bias and Prejudice and the NCCJ to reduce hate, support churches in the South and also to restore local Black churches in disrepair.

Elsewhere many Jews plan to donate money that would have been spent on food on the fast day of Tisha B'av, this year Thursday, July 25, to a special fund for the rebuilding of churches. The fast of Tisha B'av commemorates the destruction of the ancient Jewish holy temples in Jerusalem. As this year has seen others' sanctuaries destroyed out of hatred and intolerance the sense of loss is intensified. Those who do not observe the fast have been encouraged to contribute a corresponding

Still others have adopted a church to support; volunteered with Habitat for Humanity efforts to rebuild churches or taken their own approaches. Here in Delaware a recent interfaith service brought together a diverse group to rally together against hate. Congressman Castle's fire prevention program for houses of worship was another helpful response. The best responses involve partnerships between individuals and groups who won't stand for the fire of racism.

Many Americans of all backgrounds have spoken out against the burnings of black churches. They have pledged their financial support, lent an ear of sympathy, provided a shoulder to cry on or their hands to rebuild with. We can still do more and should do more.

Jews recall the tragic Synagogue bombing in Atlanta in 1958. We remember Kristallnacht, the night of broken glass and burned synagogues which signaled the start of the Holocaust. We feel a particular need to speak out now when the religious freedom and security of others is under threat. We feel a need to help stamp out the glowing embers of

Perhaps as Americans we can't go back to the naive days of the smiley face, the Brady Bunch and The Jackson Five. But we must work together so that we don't go back to the days when church burnings were routine, hatred flourished and the "us versus them" mentality prevailed.

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The Parent Trap

By GARY ROSENBLATT The New York Jewish Week

As trunks, and kids, are packed off for camp, I offer this slight, somewhat cautionary tale about warm summer memories - some sweet and some not so sweet - in appreciation of how tough it can be to be a parent, and a

My wife and I met at a Jewish summer camp in the Catskills. We were 21 years old, recent college graduates and on the counseling staff for the summer, but were coming from very different places in regards to camping experiences. She was the consummate camper, hav-

her summers since the age of 10 thrilling to the life of roughing it outdoors, winning a variety of "best camper" awards before working her way up to counselor-in-training, junior counselor and counselor.

I, on the other hand, had known a more neurotic childhood, fearful of new experiences. I had never spent a summer away from home and preferred catching flies on a baseball field to swatting them in the woods.

To my surprise, I thoroughly enjoyed camp

that fateful summer, a primary reason being was 11, but managed to block out most of the that I found myself drawn to this young woman experience. I was supposed to attend the with the warm smile and open, positive atti-

But when I confided some of these feelings to a friend of mine, he explained the rules of "summer love" to me in the harshest of terms. "Don't take it too seriously," he warned. 'These things don't last. If you call her up in the city, she won't even remember your

A year later, though, we were married.

I like to tell people that if I had gone to camp when I was 11, I would've been married when I was 12.

The truth is that I did go to camp when I

camp, less than two hours from my home, for four weeks, but was miserable from the first day. I seemed to spend most of my time composing letters home pleading wth my parents to rescue me. Come Visitors Day, my parents brought cookies and soothing words, but I would have none of it. I begged them to take me home. After trying to reason with me and agonzing over what would be best, they re-

The ride home was quiet, I remember, all of us spent with emotion. I felt guilty and embar-

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UD Trainer to Serve At Olympics

When the Olympic Games open in Atlanta in July, Lynn Snyder-Mackler, a physical therapist and sports trainer at the University of Delaware, will be there, not as a spectator, but as chief trainer for the Olympic beach volleyball teams.

"One of the fastest growing professional sports in the world," according to Newsweek, beach volleyball will be an Olympic medal event for the first time this year, Snyder-Mackler said. The host country picks a new sport for Olympic competition, and beach volleyball got the nod from the U.S.

The game is played barefoot in the sand with two-member teams. The stadium for beach volley ball holds 11,000 people, and the event is sold out, she said

Competitors are coming from such countries as Brazil, Argentina, Cuba, New Zealand and several European countries, with three men's and three women's teams representing the U.S. Although some teams travel with their own support, Snyder-Mackler and her staff will be on hand for all the teams. A physician also will be present with responsibility, not only for the teams, but for specta-

Snyder-Mackler, who was invited by the Atlanta Committee on Olympic Games, headed south in mid-July to meet her staff, check out the facilities and be on hand to meet the teams. The Olympic Games open July 19, and the beach volleyball competition will take place July 22-

By MINDY HANKEN

Jewish Community Relations Committee Intern

"When I used to think of Judaism, thought of studying for my Bar Mitzvah, going to temple on Friday evenings, seeing my family on holidays, and the occasional Jewish Federation events!

"But, my ideas of Judaism have just been expanded beyond belief. Now, when I think of Judaism, I think of the breath-taking beauty we experienced while hiking throughout the Negev. I remember at night, after our hikes, when we camped out under the stars, I had an overwhelming feeling of peace, as I listened to the sound of the open desert. I think of standing in awe at the base of the Western Wall, trying to understand the diversity and the unity of the numerous people who touched this very spot. I think of walking through the Old City, seeing Jews live their lives, in many ways like our ancestors did, many thousands of years ago. I think of the wonder and excitement of Tel Aviv, and I remember realizing that Israel is just as advanced as we are. I remember thinking how cool it was seeing a McDonalds sign written in Hebrew.

But, most importantly, when I think of Israel, I think of how much fun I had and the wonderful friendships that will last a lifetime; friendships, just like my new connection to Judaism, that will never end."

The above words were part of a speech Dan Medwin delivered at the JFD Annual Meeting in May. The speech left people at the meeting with a sense of pride for the next generation of leaders. The speech was about his trip to Israel during the summer of '95. The trip has given Dan a renewed sense of commitment and dedication to Judaism and the State of Israel.

Dan Medwin joined 600 other Jews from across North America on the NFTY tour "Exodus to Israel." The five and a half week tour started with a flight to Greece where the group spent two days before sailing on a boat to Haifa. The boat trip from Greece to Israel was to simulate the Jews' trip to Palestine after

WWII. For the next month in Israel, Dan was to meet new and exciting people, see interesting and historical places, and learn the history of his Jewish ancestors.

It was important for Dan to keep a journal of what he was doing, seeing, and learning in Israel. Upon his arrival to Israel from Greece, Dan wrote in his journal:

"As I looked out a window of the boat, and saw the magnificent shores of Eretz Yisrael, I only had one thought...The idea was so simple and yet so strong, it blocked out all other thoughts. It blocked out the noise behind me of 600 screaming teenagers looking forward to the best summer of their lives, jumping into a new adventure with wide eyes and open minds...as the thought bounced

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around it grew strength; growing louder and louder in my subconscience until it was too loud to contain. It burst out of my lips. Only the Israelis around me understood how I was feeling, or even what I had said. The thought was simple, it was pure, but it was overwhelmingly powerful: I had returned

While in Israel Dan explored the North of Israel including the Golan Heights, the Sea of Galilee, and Haifa. Dan traveled throughout Jerusalem which included an experience at the Western Wall, exploring the Jewish Quarter of the Old City, shopping on Ben Yehuda Street, planting a tree, and visiting the Knesset building. Dan also traveled to Tel Aviv, "the New York City of Israel," where he shopped in Dizengoff Center, and walked the beach of the Mediterranean Sea. He hiked and crawled through caves in the Negev Desert and visited the Mitzpeh Ramon Crater. He had the opportunity to float in the Dead Sea ing on Israel and other Jewish asand climb Massada early in morning pects. His future plans include attend-



Dan, left, and a friend on the boat to Israel.

to experience sunrise from a mountaintop.

Dan can now reflect on the way his trip to Israel has affected this past year. He has gotten more involved in his NFTY Region and holds the position of Religious and Cultural Vice President of the NFTY Mid-Atlantic Region. As the RCVP, Dan writes programs and services focusing Brandeis University as a Judaic Studies and/or Computer Science major. Dan often reflects back on his trip and recalls what he learned about the State of Israel and the lasting friendships he made while there

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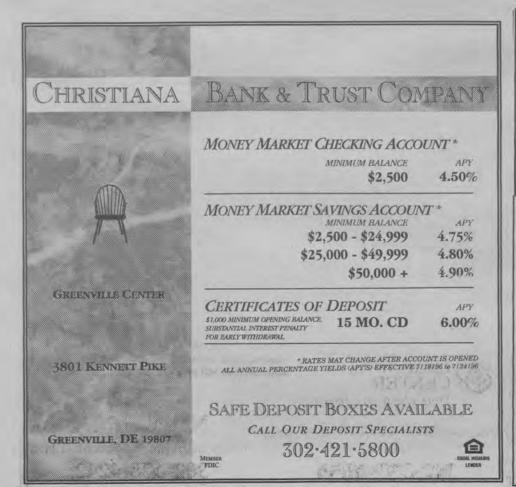


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Installed as board members for the 1996-1997 fiscal year were: Amy Leviton, President; Ellen Doran, Vice President Communications; Rachel Harad, Vice President Fundraising; Dorothy Bobman, Vice President Membership; Barbara Leeman, Treasurer; Brooke Carroll, Financial Secretary; Annette Aerenson, Reenrollment; Karen Melnick, Recording Secretary; and

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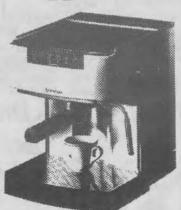
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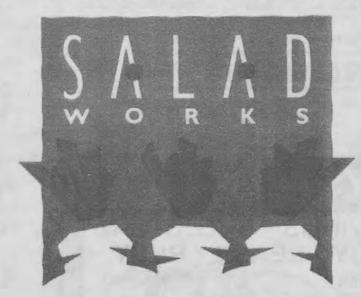
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(Face to Face with JFD People)



Studying There Is...



Half Of The Fun Elderhostel At JCC

By PRISCILLA W. SIEGEL Coordinator of the Elderhostel Program at the JCC

As the JCC's Elderhostel program approaches its Chai number, we are pleased to report that the program is very much alive and well. Enrollments continue to be at capacity (50 for each Elderhostel), with waiting lists averaging 15-20. Coming from around the country (Florida, California, Indiana, New York, etc.), Elderhostelers are positively euphoric

about their experience at the Wilmington JCC. They love the courses, the staff, the facilities, the meals, and the area sites. To quote from one of the enthusiastic evaluations of our most recent Elderhostel,

"This was a most enjoyable week, culturally, gastronomically and physically...I would especially like to commend the staff both voluntary and regular...they left no stone unturned to see to our comfort and enjoyment." Another, at the con-

clusion of our June 17th week exclaimed, "I've been to a number of Elderhostels, and this time I think I've hit the jackpot!"

Housed at the Holiday Inn, "students" are just a skip and a jump from the JCC. The typical schedule begins at 7:00 a.m. with an opportunity for a workout at the JCC fitness center, followed by breakfast, and a morning course schedule. After lunch, free afternoons alternate with afternoons of more classes.

An exciting variety of courses is offered at each Elderhostel week. During the week of June 17, for example, courses included "Modern Medicine and Jewish Law," "The Jewish Impact on Broadway," "Partings of the ways: Origins and Early History of Christianity and Rabbinical Judaism," and a Saturday morning lecture on Eastern European Jewish history. Not a shy group, the Elderhostelers animatedly challenge and debate the instructors, who savor the give and take of this unique classroom situation.

An integral and vital aspect of the program is the wholehearted cooperation of the JCC staff and the volunteer hosts and hostesses from the local community. Wilmington residents Faith and Lou Brown, who have served as hosts for several of the JCC's Elderhostels, have found the experience truly rewarding. "Being hosts afforded us the opportunity of attending stimulating classes and meeting fascinating people from all over the country," reports Faith

"Elderhostel is a wonderful way to enrich your education and make friends." which includes lunches and two dinners. Interested individuals may call Priscilla Siegel at the JCC, 478-

The JCC's schedule of Elderhostels for the rest of the year includes the weeks of August 19, August 26, October 8, October 21, November 11, and December 16. A limited number of commuters may be accommodated for a fee of \$200

which includes lunches and two dinners. Interested individuals may call Priscilla Siegel at the JCC, 478-5660. Anyone interested in volunteering as a host may also call the same number. To receive an Elderhostel catalog, contact ELDERHOSTEL, 75 Federal Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02110-1941, Tel. (617) 426-7788.

Jewish Comm. Garden of Eden Complex Receives State Grant

The State of Delaware awarded the Jewish Community Center Complex a grant from the 21st Century Fund to make capital maintenance improvements. The award has been designed as a matching grant; the State will pay 40% of the costs and the grantee must raise the additional 60%. The State has authorized \$89,000 requiring our community to raise \$135,000 to take full advantage of the grant. These funds will enable our community to continue to make necessary repairs to the complex including replacing the auditorium roof and parking lot resurfacing. These projects have already been approved by the JFD Capital Maintenance Committee which is chaired by Al Green and composed of representatives from all agencies in the Complex, the Kutz Home, as well as the Jewish Federation of Dela-

The Joint Bond Committee will meet later this summer to make the second round of grants. It is hoped that the complex will be awarded additional dollars to enable upgrading the parking lot lighting, replacing the HVAC system and replacing other sections of the roof.

A letter, signed by the presidents and executives of the JCC, Albert Einstein Academy, Jewish Family Service, Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School, and the Jewish Federation, was sent to members of the community requesting donations for this matching grant. The projects are needed to maintain our facility. The State grant will enable our dollars to go further. Please help the community by making a tax deductible contribution payable to the JCC Matching Grant. It should be sent to the JCC which has agreed to administer this grant on behalf of all the agencies and community groups who utilize the complex. If you have any questions, please contact the JCC at 478-5660 or the JFD at 427-2100 for further information.

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FEATURES

The Significance of a Name Change

By Rabbi Emeritus LEONARD B. GEWIRTZ

Of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation

Change of name in Judaism has been considered significant from the Biblical period through the Talmud, Middle-Ages, to contemporary life.

The Talmud in discussing forgiveness of sin in the Tractate Rosh Hashanah, 17a, says

"Rabbi Isaac said: Four things cancel the evil decree, g'zar din, of a person, namely: charity, supplication, change of name, and change of conduct.

The proof texts presented to support the course of changing the name are from the Bible. On Avraham the Humash instructs us: "Thy name shall no more be Auram, but thy name shall be Auraham, for the father of a multitude of nations have I made thee" (Gen. 17:5).

Sarah's name was changed from Sarai. "As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. And I will bless her, and I will give thee a son of her" (Gen. 17:15)

The change of name changed her persona and she was granted a different destiny.

In the most significant name change in the Humash, G-d beckons Jacob, Ya'akov and changes his name. "And G-d said unto him: 'Thy name shall not be called any more Ya'akov but Yisrael shall be thy name; and He called his name Yisrael" (Gen. 35:10).

This change of name by G-d confirmed the change of name that the

angel gave to Ya'akov earlier, when they wrestled together until the coming of the dawn. After that unusual and mysterious-mystical encounter, the angel blessed Ya'akov. "And He said: 'Thy name shall be called no more Ya'akov but Yisrael; for thou hast striven with G-d and with men, and hast prevailed" (Gen. 32:29).

The name Yisrael means, "He who striveth with G-d" or "Champion of G-d": whereas the name Ya'akov can be less than complimentary. Esau said about his brother Jacob, "Is he not rightly named Ya'akov? Hath he not tricked (akava) me these two times?" (Gen. 27:36) Though there are other meanings to the root akov, there was a moralspiritual growth in the person, an inner change from Yi'akov to Yisrael.

I shall always remember when my grandmother Mirian was very sick and another name was added, Chaya, so she was called Chaya-Miriam. In a special liturgical ritual, with the recitation of Psalm 119, the name was spelled out with the alphabetical verses, to give her a new lease on life. With a new name she was another person, and the Angel of Death, Malah Hamavet could not touch her. The change of family name in our time into a Hebraized form reflects the upsurge of Jewish national feeling and pride in one's people's national heritage. The founding leaders of the State of Israel led the way of Hebraization of family names:

David Ben-Gurion, Prime minister, formerly Gruen:

Yitzhak Ben-Zvi, President, formerly Shimshelevitz;

Moshe Sharet, Foreign minister, formerly Shertock;

Levi Eshkal, Finance Minister, formerly Shkolnick;

Golda Meir, Foreign Minister, formerly Myerson;

Zalman Shazar, Prime Minister, formerly Rubashov.

When Rabbi Nathan Mileikowsky, grandfather, came on Aliyah to Tel Aviv, in 1920, he changed the family name to Netanyahu. His son, the father of the prime-minister, was born in Warsaw in 1910, and came with the family to Israel in 1920. The father, Ben-Zion, lived in Tel Aviv, married, and was blessed with two sons, Yonatan and Benjamin, who were commandos in the elite corps, Sayeret Matcal. Yonatan was killed leading the famous raid on Entebe.

The father returned to America in 1940 with Jabotinsky, worked with him to form the New Zionist Organization, a forerunner of the Irgun and Likkud. The Netanyahu family lived in Philadelphia. The father studied in Dropsie College, earned his Ph.D. in 1953 and later served as professor at Dropsie College from 1957 to 1968. The future primeminister grew-up in Philadelphia, and graduated Cheltenham H.S. in

A third son, Iddo, was born much

During the T.V. debate in Israel national elections between the two candidates for the top office, the moderator, Mr. Margalit, asked Netanyahu whether his application

to change his name to Ben Nitay, while living in the U.S. in the 1970's meant that he thought to stay in the U.S.? Netanyahu replied that he always remained a Zionist and that his family were Zionists for 100 years and he did not plan to remain in the U.S. However, he did not explain why in his application he planned to change his name. Nevertheless, his daughter from his first of his three marriages will soon be 18 years of age and she will go to Israel to serve in the Israel Army.

Our discussion on change of names has not delved into the full depth of the significance of name change. Family names were bestowed upon the Jewish families many times, not by choice but by a foreign social authority. As population and urbanization grew, it was necessary to identify all the people having the name Isaac, son of Abraham. It was not definitive because there could be many "Isaac sons of Abraham," in the same city, and in the same province, and country. A family name helped in the functioning of society. Nowadays, our social security number is not only a great aid in the distribution of pensions and Medicare, but in countless daily transactions. Yet this number does not pretend to describe the essence and character of the person.

When the Ethics of the Fathers discussed the Keter Shem Tov, the 'Crown of the Good Name," as the highest crown, the title describes the essence of the person (Ethics 4:16). Elsewhere in Ethics (2:8) the dictum enunciates:

"He who has equipped a good name, has acquired it for himself, Kanah L'atzmo. The Maharal of Prague (1515-1609), explains, "the person acquires an entity which is exclusively related to himself; the Shem Tov is the quality which the person acquires l'atzmo. It is a higher quality because all other valuable qualities (wealth, health, knowledge) are not part of the essence of the person, as is the Shem Tov, the good name. This good name describes the essence of the person" (Dereh Hahayim 2:8). For the ethical-religious person, a change of name can mean a transformation of the atzmi-yut, the core of self, in the

When the Talmud suggests that a change of name cancels the evil-decree, the g'zar din, it is assumed that a profound transformation takes place within the personality and character of the person. The change of family name brought on by the Hebraization of the family name touches upon the inner transformation of the person and reflects the great national-religious renaissance of our time, and a deeper spiritual awareness within the consciousness of human personality Neshamah.

Hey, hey, hey! It's Bill Cosby, who recently joined forces with Liza Minnelli and Marvin Hamlisch to benefit the Jewish National Fund at the JNF Atlanta Region's benefit concert. The event's proceeds will be applied to the KKL Park and Events Center in the Judean

Hills in Israel. thought, if the audience is half as excited by this as I am, we'll have a

A hit indeed. So much so that when Levine wanted to retire in 1982 when he had no more luricists lined up, the Y told him that he couldn't quit: the next year was sold out without anyone knowing what the programs would be.

Levine formed his own record company in 1977 and issued a set of six albums of songwriters singing and talking about their own songs, assisted by quest artists. Those records are now available on CD from DRG Records: An Evening With Alan Jay Lerner, An Evening With Johnny Mercer, An Evening With Sheldon Harnick, etc. Every one of them is a fascinating slice of music history as well as sheer fun. Levine told me his secret: "I'm at heart a teacher. But it's never a lecture. We inform people entertain-

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Words & Music: Informing Entertainingly

By STEVE COHEN

Entertainment Reporter Among the hundreds of YM/ YWCA's and YM/YWHA's in the country, there's one that stands out above all others for cultural activities. It's the 92d Street Y, and it's so wellknown that people throughout the United States recognize it automatically by that name. They don't need to be told that it's in New York City and that it's a Jewish Y

The 92d Street Y has a year-round schedule of concerts, lectures and seminars that attract performers and intellectuals from all over the world. I'm not surprised that it was the Jewish community of New York that developed this, but I do wonder how it is that this particular Y rose to ascendancy over the other Jewish Y's in Manhattan.

One of the reasons is Maurice Levine and his Lyrics & Lyricists series that's entering its 27th year. Though the Y has been presenting prestigious concerts and lectures for many years, Lyrics & Lyricists is unique. And Levine is a beloved father-figure.

The series was originally created to focus on the lyricist, the often-neglected partner of a songwriting team. Levine invited friends of his, such as Alan Jay Lerner, Sammy Cahn, Yip Harburg, Johnny Mercer, Betty Comden and Adolph Green to discuss their songs. Along with the writers came talented singers who performed on the Y's stage. The series soon became one of the hottest tickets in town.

The 1996-97 season will consist of five programs, each being presented five times. That's an increase from four repeats of each show. Because of the added performance, there's a chance to get good seats. (The Y's phone number is 212-996-1100.) Levine told me this week that he's decided to feature Musicals of the 1960's as the theme for the season, because it was a prosperous decade in which many show-writers got their start: Sondheim, Jerry Herman, Kander & Ebb.

Levine was born in 1919 and grew up in West Haven, Connecticut. He remembers there were only five Jewish families in the town when he was young, "but I was raised to know tref from kosher." He studied violin, attended the Yale School of Music, and was accepted for the first charter class at Tanglewood in 1940. Composer Paul Hindemith was his teacher, Leonard Bernstein his class-

Drafted into the army in World War II, Levine wound up producing shows for the troops at Chanute Field, Illinois. "It was a great arrangement," he says; "Major Glenn Miller was my superior. I learned on the job and became a combination of Billy Rose and James Petrillo (the tyrannical head of the musicians' union.)"

When the soldier came home from the war, he started to teach at Yale Music School but gave it up to go to Manhattan and try to crack into show biz. At this time he changed his first name of Morris into the more-prestigious "Maurice." The Y hired him as a part-time conductor in 1947, and then Levine created his big breakthrough.

"I loved the music of Kurt Weill, so I called information and asked for his phone number, and would you me so many good stories that I

believe it he was listed. So I called him and asked if I could conduct the New York premier of his Down in the Valley. Well, he said it was already promised to someone else, but would I like to conduct a concert version of his opera Street Scene? You bet I would. So, without any credentials, I conducted it in February 1949. Weill came to rehearsals and the performance and he took a liking to

"Weill was 50, I was 30. He looked at me as kind of a kid brother. Weill was sweet, kind, soft-spoken. And then he invited me to conduct his newest composition, Lost in the Stars, on Broadway. I couldn't believe it myself. I was thrilled beyond words. On opening night he gave me a wallet and a note: 'Maurice, I'll keep writing them and you'll conduct them.' How was anyone to know that a few months later he'd be dead of a heart attack?

After that, Levine conducted many shows. He worked with Oscar Hammerstein on a revival of his Music in the Air which Hammerstein personally directed; with Harburg on Flahooley, which opened in Philadelphia with young Barbara Cook, and Kismet on Broadway

In 1970 the Y asked Levine to produce a program about lyric writers. "I spoke to Yip Harburg to get some ideas," he says, "and he told

Synagogue Life

Rhoda Dombchik Installed As Beth Shalom President

Wilmington's Congregation Beth Shalom recently installed new officers of the Synagogue and Sisterhood as part of the 74th annual family dinner and meeting. Rhoda Dombchik has been elected President of Beth Shalom and Dr. Irene Plotzker, Sisterhood President.

Rhoda was born in Chicago, grew up in Southern Illinois and is a graduate (M.S., M.Ed.) of the University of Illinois, Champaign. Rhoda and her husband, Steve, have lived in the Wilmington area since 1968 and have two children, Jeffrey and Gregory. Rhoda has served as President of B'nai B'rith Women-Diamond Chapter, and on the Regional Board of B'nai B'rith Women. She has also served as President of the Sisterhood of Beth Shalom and has been a board



member of the JCC. Rhoda teaches second grade in the Christiana School

District and taught four years at the Albert Einstein Academy.

"While some view a synagogue as simply a fee-for-service institution, I do not feel that Beth Shalom has been or should be viewed as simply an institution. My goal is to see that Beth Shalom is responsive to our diverse membership, is recognized by the community for what it is, an egalitarian flexible conservative congregation, and is a synagogue where all can feel warm to one another and really feel like a big extended family. We must work together to support our Beth Shalom family if our family is to flourish," said Rhoda as part of her address to the audience

The other officers of Beth Shalom are Vice Presidents: Richard Levin, Alan Lipschultz, Karolin Lipman, and Henry Gutter. Roger Levy will serve as Treasurer, Nancy Blumberg, Assistant Treasurer, Dr. Martin Karel, Secretary and Bryna Rappaport as Assistant Secretary.

In addition to Dr. Irene Plotzker as Sisterhood President, Laura Jarvis will serve as Vice President, Arlene Davis, Treasurer, and Financial Secretary, Dina Lipschultz. Corresponding and Recording Secretaries are Jane Goldberg and Sharon Rosen.

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Jewish Publication Society Commentary on the Torah (The Five Books of Moses), a commentary on Deuteronomy, by Dr. Jeffrey H. Tigay, has been completed. The volume joins commentaries by Nahum M. Sarna (Genesis and Exodus), Baruch A. Levine (Leviticus), and Jacob Milgrom (Numbers).

In his commentary, Tigay maintains that the fifth book of the Torah was written in the eighth-seventh centuries B.C.E., to combat

The fifth and final volume of the assimilatory trends fostered by Israel's government and upper classes and to preserve monotheism for the future. He argues that this accounts for the book's sermonic style and why it often sounds contemporary to modern readers.

Tigay links the final book to the previous books of the Torah, especially Exodus and Numbers, pointing to continuities and explaining discrepancies with other accounts recorded in these biblical books. He uses literary analysis, comparative

Semitics, citations from earlier commentators such as Maimonides and Abravanel, intertextual commentary, and modern archaeological discov-

Each page of the Torah Commentary volumes presents the Masoretic (traditional Hebrew) text and the JPS English translation along with the commentary. The Commentary series was edited by Nahum M. Sarna. Chaim Potok served as Literary Edi-

Beth Shalom Religious School News

By ARLENE S. DAVIS, Ed. Dir.

The Beth Shalom Religious School will begin a new school year on Tues-day, September 10th for the Primary and Elementary Departments.

It is the aim of the Beth Shalom Religious School to give its children the finest Hebrew education possible. We have engaged teachers of the highest caliber possible and instituted the latest methods of education. The goal of our school is to help each student find a course of significance

and enrichment in Jewish living.

Our students use our library for both class research and for their own pleasure. Our older children participate in a Kallah (retreat) at Camp Ramah, Camp Pinemere or a Jewish Hassidic Weekend where they live an intensive Jewish experience and enjoy the warmth of Shabbat, while our younger children have a similar experience - a mini Kallah, here at the synagogue.

Traditional classroom studies are

supplemented with a wide variety of media such as: films, videotapes, and a new computer program, as well as special assemblies. Students celebrate the holidays with Hanukkah parties, our annual Purim Carnival, Mishloach, Manot, Model Seders for Pesach and Tu B'Shevat, an Israel Independence Day celebration, a Lag B'Omer Maccabiah, and class dinners exposing them to the many aspects of Jewish life both here and in Israel. The Graduation and Confirmation classes trip to Jewish New York in the spring is always an enjoyable and enlightening experience.

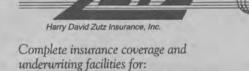
Elementary Department students participate in the Junior Congregation and become familiar with and lead Shabbat and Holiday services.

We have high expectations for the coming year on all levels of our edu-cational program - the faculty is experienced and highly competent, the curriculum is tailored to the needs of all our students and the interest and participation of their parents will help us make the 1996-1997 school term banner year for all Jewish ed tion at Beth Shalom

LUNCH AND LEARN

Responding to the popularity of our Preschool Lunch and Learn, this free program for 3 and 4 year olds will continue this fall on Thursdays at 12:30 at the synagogue. Following lunch with their friends, the children will be exposed to Jewish learning experiences through storytelling, songs, dance, games, filmstrips, videotapes and arts and crafts. Children are asked to bring a dairy lunch. This

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FRANCES ASHMAN

Frances Ashman, 86, of Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Bellevue.

Mrs. Ashman, a homemaker, taught piano from her home, and often played for ballet schools and shows. She was the member of the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, Wilmington, American Cancer Society, and Deborah Heart and Lung Association. Her husband, George, died in 1989

Surviving are sons, Bernard H. of Durham, N.C., and Gerald D. of Brandywine Hundred; sisters, Ida Chait and Julie Michel, both of Albany, N.Y.; and three grandchildren.

DR. JOSEPH BITMAN

Dr. Joseph Bitman, 81, Philadelphia area pediatrician since 1948, died on Thursday, June 27, at Temple University Hospital after a long struggle with congestive heart failure

Dr. Bitman was born in 1915 in Philadelphia. At age 5, his family became one of the pioneering families to move to Abington, where his father opened a grocery store next to their house on Old York Rd. He graduated Abington High School in January, 1931 - three months short of his 16th birthday. The following September he entered Temple University. Three years later, at age 19, without waiting to graduate from Temple, he matriculated to Hahnemann Medical School, from which he graduated in 1938.

Dr. Bitman spent his internship at Montgomery Hospital in Norristown. In 1939, Dr. Bitman and his bride, Louise Block, moved to Pottstown to open a general practice. In the spring of 1941, he entered the U.S. Army Medical Corps, ultimately serving in the Pacific for 3 1/2 years. He was discharged in 1946 as a lieutenant colonel.

Returning from the war, Dr. Bitman decided to enter a pediatric residency program at Brooklyn Jewish Hospital. While there, his twin daughters, Linda and Judy, were born. Upon graduation, he returned to Philadelphia to open a private pediatric practice in West Oak Lane. He served the West Oak Lane/Mt. Airy community until 1965 when he joined in a pediatric partnership with Drs. Paul Morris and David Steiker. The office was in Cheltenham.

In 1990, Dr. Bitman retired from medical practice.

Throughout his life, he was involved in the community. He was Chief of Pediatrics at Albert Einstein Medical Center. For many years, he was a clinical professor at Hahnemann University. He was president of the Warrington Country Club and very active in the LuLu Country Club. He was a member of the Maimonides Society, B'nai B'rith and Beth Sholom Congregation in Elkins Park.

Dr. Bitman received many awards, the most recent of which was from the Montgomery County Association for the Blind for his work with blind golfers. He was a coach and president of the Middle Atlantic Blind Golfers Association.

He is survived by his wife, Louise; two daughters, Judy Wortman of Wilmington, DE and Linda Angelo of Lexington, KY; one brother, Aaron Bitman of Blue Bell; and five grandchildren.

The family has respectully requested that contributions be made to either the Jewish Federation of Delaware or ORT

SANDRA SHERYL BONKOSKI

Sandra Sheryl Bonkoski, 47, of 36 Rehoboth Bay, Rehoboth Beach, died July 14 of a heart attack in Beebe Medical Center, Lewes.

Mrs. Bonkoski, formerly of Wilmington, was a registered nurse at the Medical Center of Delaware. She had also worked at nursing homes in southern Delaware. She was a member of the American Nursing Association, American Association of Registered Nurses, Delaware Ostomy Association and the American Red Cross. Mrs. Bonkoski and her husband would have celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in

Survivors include husband, Adam; parents, Annette and Maurice Jacobs of Boynton Beach, Fla.; brother, Ralph Jacobs of Wilmington; sisters, Martha R. Jacobs of New York and Esther B. Gansky of Newtown Square, Pa.

Contributions may be made to the United Ostomy Association, c/o American Cancer Society, 92 Reads Way, New Castle 19720.

BEATRICE KERSTEIN

Beatrice Kerstein, 97, of 406 Hawthorne Drive, Brandywine Hills, Wilmington, formerly of Brooklyn, N.Y. Mrs. Kerstein was born in Sczandshiv, Poland and immigrated to the United States in 1921

A Zionist Youth worker, Mrs. Kerstein met her husband, Solomon, through the many contacts she made in her work. She was involved with the Jewish National Fund and was appointed to one of its National Board positions. A homemaker, Mrs Kerstein was also dedicated to the work of Amit Zionist Women and United Jewish Appeal Federation and was a member of Yeshiva Flatbush Synagogue.

Survivors include daughter, Gladys Gewirtz, son-in law Rabbi Leonard B. Gewirtz, Rabbi Emeritus of Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth Congregation, grandson Issac Meir of New York,

grandson Yoseph Yaakov (wife Debra) of Jerusalem, and greatgrandchildren, Noam, Renana, and

Contributions may be made to Amit Zionist Women, 817 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10003; or Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth Congregation, Washington Boulevard and Torah Drive, Wilmington 19802.

RUTH FLOMENHOFT KUHN

Ruth Flomenhoft Kuhn, formerly of Wilmington, died Sunday, July 7 in Good Samaritan Village Health Center, Denton, Texas, where she was a patient since 1992. She was

Mrs. Kuhn was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom and its Sisterhood, Wilmington, and was the former president of the ladies auxiliary of The Kutz Home, Bellefonte, Del. She and her husband, Erdman, who died in 1980, founded the Economy Shop on King Street, Wilmington, which benefited the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

Survivor is stepdaughter, Joanne Kuhn of Denton.

BETH Z. HAYMAN

Beth Z. Hayman, 100, of 11 Martins Run Care Center, Media, Pa.

Her husband, Nathan, died in 1976.

Survivors include children, Grace Graf of Walnut, Calif., Dr. David Hayman of Madison, Wis., Selma Hayman of Newark, Del.; four grandchildren and eight great-grandchil-

Contributions may be made to the Kutz Home, Bellefonte, or the Jewish Federation of Delaware.



The State of Delaware awarded the Jewish Community Center a grant from the 21st Century Fund to make capital maintenance improvements. The award has been designed as a matching grant; the state will pay 40% of the costs and the grantee must raise the additional 60%

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program is open to children in the entire community.

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JULY

Sunday

Camp

not to give in

kept going.

camp year after year.

rest of my childhood.

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Brandywine Chapter Women's American ORT Young Leadership Initiative High Tea, Atop the Hotel Bellevue. Contact Ruth Rosenberg 529-1296 for more information.

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rassed, yet enormously relieved.

And that was it for camp for the

when my wife was 10, she had a

similar experience her first summer

away from home, but with a differ-

ent resolution. She was miserable,

too, spending much of the time in

the infirmary with an undiagnosed

case of hay fever. When her par-

ents came up on Visitors Day, she

pleaded with them to take her

home. They were torn, but decided

seeing her running after the car," her father told me years later. "She

was crying, and I was crying, but I

She ended up enjoying the rest

of the summer, and went back to

Does that mean her parents

were right to leave her behind and

mine were wrong for having pity

on me and letting me come home? Not at all. Each in their own way

"I remember driving off, and

Many years later, I found out that

AUGUST

Sunday

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ORT Picnic at Bellevue State Park, 5 p.m. Bring your own dinner; desserts will be provided. Bluegrass band at 7 p.m. All families welcome. Only fee is park admission. For further information call Julie Block at 610-388-0791.

Ongoing

An exposition of Oral Torah, Mondays, 7 p.m. Rambam; Brochos a beginners intro to Talmud study, Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Mishnah; Explore the fabric of creation, Thursday, 7:00 p.m. Mysticism. In addition to classes we will be offering "Torah to go". Call to arrange a class at your convenience either on an ongoing basis or a one shot deal.

was trying to do what they felt would be best for their child. And every day, in a million ways, parents have to make those tough calls, based on knowledge, compassion, instinct and mazal.

Too often we don't appreciate all our mothers and fathers went through until we find ourselves, years later, in their shoes.

These thoughts come to mind at the outset of a new camp season as my wife and I send two of our children off for the summer, one as a counselor and the other as a camper.

We are firm believers in the value of summers spent at Jewish camps that combine learning, observance and love of Zion with traditional camping activities. As much as Jewish day schools do to instill knowledge and faith in children, they cannot offer the kind of 24-hour Jewish environment for up to eight weeks that camps can. Fortunately, our three children have responded positively to these experiences, taking after my wife more than me.

And so far, none of them have come home engaged.

Women's Torah Study Group will meet, 7:30-9:00 p.m., in the upstairs library of Congregation Beth Emeth. This Group meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday night (except some holidays).

Women's Torah Study Group will meet from noon to 1:30, at Myrna Ryder's office at the Jewish Family Service, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington. This group meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday lunchtime (except some holidays). Women of the community are welcome. Both groups are studying Devarim/Deuteronomy. For more information, call Eliza Gouverneur at 322-4103.

Young Jewish Adults of Delaware's (YJAD's) co-ed, non-competitive volleyball league continues every Wednesday night from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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Netanyahu

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lower level officials in his government have met with the Palestinian leader and other officials in the Palestinian administration.

"We will not accept the notion that peace and terrorism can coexist under one roof," Netanyahu said.

But when it came to the overall U.S.-Israel relationship, both Clinton and Netanyahu promised a "rock solid" future

"Those who try to drive a wedge between Israel and the United States will not succeed," Clinton told report-

Netanyahu will also bring some concrete prizes back to Israel. For the first time since the 1991 Persian Gulf War, Israel will receive real time U.S. satellite intelligence on missiles launched in the Middle East. The system is expected to be up and running by the end of the year, Clinton said. In addition, the U.S.-Israel counterterrorism group will begin meeting by the end of the month to examine concrete ways the two allies can contribute to each other's security.

Thanks to Senator Roth and Representative Castle, Jewish Federation of Delaware President Leslie Newman and Executive Director Judy Wortman attended Netanyahu's address. In addition to the address, the two were also invited to an informative discussion in Senator Roth's office afterwards.

"We were delighted to see the support and respect and the warm and generous response by America's Congressmen," said Leslie Newman.



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Wilmington

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