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News Briefs

Harry Cohen Foundation Has Distributed \$1 Million

The Harry Cohen Foundation has distributed over one million dollars since its inception over 25 years ago. Cohen, a self-made man, lived his life as a philanthropist, and continued his support for Jewish causes after his death by leaving the income from his entire estate to various agencies. The income, which is to be used strictly for capital expenses, is distributed to the agencies on a yearly basis.

To date, the foundation has given approximately \$237,000 to the Jewish Federation of Delaware; \$228,000 to the Jewish Community Center; \$157,000 to the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home; and \$500,000 to Congregations Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth and Beth Emeth. The staggering total is over one million dollars to the Jewish community of Delaware, and because the principal remains untouched, the gifts will continue in perpetuity.

Class For Potential Converts Nears Completion

Sixteen students will graduate from an introduction to Judaism course for potential converts Wednesday evening, March 26 at Congregation Beth Emeth. The class is taught jointly by Rabbi Kenneth Cohen of Congregation Beth Shaolm, Rabbi Peter Grumbacher of Congregation Beth Emeth and Rabbi Ira Schiffer of Temple Beth El in Newark. The five-month curriculum provides an overview of Jewish thought, history, customs and ceremonies. In addition, regular attendance at worship services is expected. Each participant must be sponsored by one of the three rabbis. Preparation for conversion, if the participant opts to go that route, continues with the sponsoring rabbi after completion of the introductory class.

Oxfam Uk Doesn't Accept 'Jewish' Meningitis Vaccine

NEW YORK, (JTA) — An effort by the American Jewish World Service (AJWS) organization to send some \$150,000 worth of scarce meningitis vaccine to Burkina Faso was thwarted by OXFAM United Kingdom, which refused to accept the medical supplies for distribution in the West African nation, out of fear that the government of Burkina Faso would prevent its distribution because its source was a Jewish relief organization. Instead, the medical supplies were sent by AJWS to Nepal to meet health needs there.

Senate Ratifies Genocide Convention

The Senate voted 83 to 11 last month to ratify the Genocide Convention, joining 95 other countries which have ratified the genocide treaty. U.S. ratification establishes a moral standard and removes a source of endless embarrassment which has hindered the U.S. from effectively championing human rights.

Important Future Events

- Sunday, April 20 - 9:30-3 p.m. Community Awareness Institute at Buena Vista.
- Sunday, April 27, 2 p.m. Community Soviet Jewry Concert at the Jewish Community Center.
- Tuesday, May 6, Yom Hashoah.
- Wednesday, May 14 - Evening. Yom Haatzmaut Celebration at the JCC: Israeli Dinner and Concert by the Parvarim.

Call Federation office,
478-6200, for details.

1986 Campaign O To A Fast Start

Stephen E. Herrmann, chairperson of Foundation campaign announced at the Campaign Cabinet meeting on Feb. 20 that the pace of this year's campaign is four months ahead of 1985. Over \$750,000 has already been pledged. On a pledge-by-pledge basis, the campaign indicates an increase far ahead of any year since the Emergency Campaign of the Yom Kippur War of 1973.

All divisions were represented at the meeting and reported enthusiastically that they will be finished with their solicitations by March 31.

Believing in leadership by example, every person present significantly increased his or her own 1986 commitment.

Herrmann stated that to fulfill the social service needs in Delaware, even greater efforts must be made. All of the local Delaware agencies are in greater financial need and we must provide the services needed. "Our commitment to Israel," he stated, "must be honored. Hundreds of thousands of Jews in Israel and throughout the world depend upon us. We must help build our future and theirs."



HUSSEIN BREAKS WITH ARAFAT
AMMAN, JORDAN — Jordan's King Hussein, shown at right with PLO chief Yasir Arafat in a 1983 file photo, announced Feb. 19 that he was ending a year-long effort to devise a joint strategy with Arafat for peace with Israel. In a three-and-a-half hour television speech, the king said, "we are unable to continue to coordinate politically with the PLO leadership until such time as their word becomes their bond, characterized by commitment, credibility and consistency." RNS Photo.

Principal Actions Of JFD Board

The following actions were taken by the Board of Directors of the Jewish Federation at its meeting of Feb. 20, 1986:

1. Approved engaging the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra to perform at the Grand Opera House in Wilmington as part of the Jewish community celebration of Israel's 40th anniversary of its independence in the Spring of 1988.
2. Approved the 1984-85 audit of the Jewish Federation (copies are available at the JFD office).
3. Established May 4, 1986, 9:30 a.m. as date of Jewish Federation of Delaware annual meeting.
4. Authorized the hiring of a professional fund raising consultant in order to begin planning a campaign to raise funds for development of a family recreation camp site.

Open Letter To The Jewish Community Of Delaware

In accordance with the By-Laws of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, I have appointed the following persons to serve as members of the Nominating Committee for the election of officers and directors for the year 1986-87: Sheldon A. Weinstein, Chairman, Irwin Engelson, Helaine Gordon, Constance S. Kreshtool, Barbara Keil, Robert Meyer, Dr. Neil Lattin.

I encourage all members of the community to submit the names of individuals for consideration by the Nominating Committee in writing to Sheldon A. Weinstein, Esq., P.O. Box 391, Wilmington,

Delaware 19899-0391. Your recommendations must be received by Mr. Weinstein by no later than Friday, March 14, 1986.

The list of nominees will be published in the *Jewish Voice* of Friday, April 4, 1986.

The annual meeting of the Federation will take place on Sunday, May 4, 1986 at 9:30 a.m. at the Jewish Community Center. All members of the community are cordially invited.

Sincerely,
Martin G. Mand
President

February was a good month, cold and precipitation notwithstanding. Baby Doc is out of Haiti; Marcos is out of the Philippines; and the Soviets allowed Shcharansky to go to Israel. The good guys seem to be winning for once.

But while the changes in Haiti and the Philippines appear to have lasting good consequences, the Soviet action, at least for now, seems to be more symbolic than far-reaching in its effects. The release of Jews from the USSR continues at a trickle rate, less than a thousand allowed to leave in 1985 and the same low number in 1984.

More significant, there are over 3000 refusniks in the Soviet Union, men and women who have been repeatedly turned down in their applications to emigrate, people who must live year after year in the never-never land of joblessness, harassment, trial, interrogation, imprisonment and despair; "cut off from life itself," as one *refusnik* told us in Moscow. And behind them are 250,000 to 300,000 who have made application to leave and been given no answer, no permission and no refusal, only the burden of waiting for an answer. And beyond these another 2 million to 3 million Jews, depending on whose estimates you take, who have made no application, whether through fear of the consequences or a real desire to

ON THE OTHER HAND N. Even-Or

How Many Shchrankys Are There?

stay in the country which is their home, albeit a country which denies them the right to live a full Jewish life.

I suppose one could say that there are thousands of Shcharanskys, perhaps hundreds of thousands, still waiting for the dream to come true. But that isn't so.

There are very few men and women with the strength and determination of Natan Shcharansky, the courage and stamina to survive nine years in the Gulag and come out reasonably intact. Few of us are of the stuff of heroes, and the Soviet goons know this. For every Shcharansky who survives, there are 10 who will break, and 100 more who will never put themselves in the position to be tested. That is the tragedy of Soviet Jewry to which we must direct our continued efforts.



horror-filled, but leading inexorably to the same end.

We have all looked hopefully for signs of encouragement from the new leadership of the USSR that things would change for the better in this and other areas. None have been forthcoming. Mr. Gorbachov has more social charm than some of his predecessors — he keeps his shoes on — but the policy line is the same. The pattern has been the same for over half a century: the Soviets move in against weakness and back off against strength. Despite all the documents they have signed on human rights, at Helsinki and at the UN and elsewhere, there are no human rights except those that the Kremlin chooses to dangle from time to time at the end of a string.

And so our struggle to free the Jews of the Soviet Union must continue with renewed dedication and increased vigor. Time is not on our side. Memory is. We shall never forget them. We shall never abandon them, so long as one remains who would leave.

In a very real sense the Soviets are winning the battle. The object lesson is clear: it is not easy for a Jew to leave, and it is particularly difficult, if not impossible, if he is a Jewish activist. From one point of view, Shcharansky's is a success story; from another, a failure. How many would choose to go through his ordeal even if they knew that at the end they would be released? How many Soviet Jews, each year, give up on their hopes of leaving, give up on being identified as Jews, melt into the gray landscape around them?

The destruction of the Jews of Europe took place in fire and smoke and the chatter of bullets. The destruction of the Jews of the Soviet Union is taking place by slow and steady erosion, by cultural strangulation, less swift and dramatic and

We celebrate with joy the reunion of Natan Shcharansky with his land, *Eretz Yisrael*, and with his wife, Avital. We need no wine glass broken to remind us of the destruction of the Temple. We remember! We remember!

Scholarships Available For Teen Trips To Israel

Rabbi Peter Grumbacher announced that the Milton and Hattie Kutz Foundation has provided funds for scholarships and financial assistance for Israel Educational Programs for Jewish teens and college students of Delaware for the summer of 1986 and for the academic year 1986-87.

All Israel programs should be recognized youth or educational programs (such as but not exclusively B'nai B'rith Youth Israel Summer Program, United Synagogue Youth Israel Pilgrimage, National Temple Youth, NCSY, Masada young Judea, American High School in Israel, American Zionist Youth Foundation, etc.

During the 1985 summer 13 Jewish high school students from Delaware received financial aid to attend summer programs in Israel.

Applications should be made directly to Rabbi Grumbacher of Congregation Beth Emeth 300 West Lea Boulevard, Wilmington, DE 19802 no later than March 31 indicating name, address, telephone number, name of parents, the official name of the program and its cost, and the amount of financial aid requested. An allocation committee will consider financial need as well as other pertinent information. All information will be held in the strictest confidence.



KITCHEN CHAT

JERUSALEM — Anatoly and Avital Shcharansky talk in the kitchen of their temporary apartment in Jerusalem Feb. 16. Mr. Shcharansky announced that he and his wife would be taking a one-month vacation starting Feb. 19. RNS Photo.

Message To American Jews From Anatoly (Natan) Shchranky

TO ALL MY FRIENDS - THOSE IN THE FREE WORLD - AND - THOSE WAITING TO BE FREE

There are no words to adequately express to all of you, my utmost thanks for the support you have given to my wife Avital, during the many years of the struggle for my freedom.

Although the KGB never allowed me the pleasure of receiving your mail, somehow I could sense the constancy and tremendous outpouring on my behalf. If I could, I would write a letter of thanks to each of you personally.

I want to let you know how proud I am to have finally reached my homeland - Israel. You, the people of the free world helped me to reach my goal.

Our fight must go on. Iosef Begun and all the Prisoners of Conscience, Ida Nudel, Vladimir Slepak and all the former Prisoners of Conscience, every Jew in the Soviet Union who wishes to leave must be given that right.

TOGETHER WE WILL DO IT.

Shalom,

A. Shcharansky (1/20/86)

Community Awareness Institute To Be Held Sunday, April 20

"Shaping Our Future: Issues Facing Delaware Jews," will be the subject for an all day Institute on Sunday, April 20, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., announced Joan Spiegelman, Institute chairperson. The purpose of this gathering is to enhance a perception of who we are as Jews and to heighten our awareness of the totality of issues facing the Jewish community.

The Institute will consist of a keynote speaker and a series of workshops and will be held at Buena Vista Conference Center.

The guest speaker will be Professor Allen Pollack.

Pollack, prominent lecturer, writer and community leader now lives in Israel where he serves as educational consultant of the United Israel Appeal of Canada, and the United Israel Ap-

peal of the United States.

Born in New York, he was educated at Columbia University, the University of Stockholm (Sweden), and Princeton University. He was a Duke Foundation Fellow and under a Ford Foundation grant, was a visiting Fellow at the Marx-Engels-Lenin Institute of the University of Leningrad. Prof. Pollack's field of academic specialization is Russian History and the role of the Jews in the Revolutionary Movement of Czarist Russia. He has taught at Brooklyn College, the University of Pittsburgh and Yeshiva University.

Long active in Jewish communal affairs, he was a member of the executive committee of the World Zionist Organization and the board of governors of the Jewish Agency, as well as the board of trustees of the U.-J.A., of which he was the former

chairman of its Young Leadership Cabinet. Pollack also served on the boards of numerous other Jewish organizations, including the Labor Zionist Movement, of which he was the national president.

The workshops will include the following topics:

1. Who speaks for the Jews?
2. American Jewry Without Israel.
3. Delaware is a cultural wasteland.
4. Who is a Jew?
5. Jewish Family Survival.
6. Is there a Jewish community in Delaware?
7. Alienated Jews.
8. There is strength in diversity.

The Institute is made possible by a grant from the Milton and Hattie Kutz Foundation. A registration fee of \$5 which includes the cost of a dairy lunch is required.

Registration will be limited to the



Professor Allen Pollack

first 100 registrants.

For further information call the Federation office, 478-6200.

Trade With South Africa: Paragons Of Virtue

Reprinted from the *Near East Report* Western Europeans have been at the vanguard of those who criticize Israel for its minuscule trade relationship with South Africa. Accordingly, it will be interesting to watch how they — and their imitators in the United States — handle the latest statistics on South Africa's coal exports.

According to the Reuters news service, it turns out that Common Market countries continue "to pay more than half" of South Africa's coal exports. Led by Italy and France, the Europeans imported 19.6 million tons of South African coal last year at a cost of \$800 million. This was 52% of Pretoria's 1984 coal exports.

Equally interesting is the reason why some of the European states prefer South African coal over other varieties. A report issued by an agency of the Common Market's parliament says that South African coal profits from "extremely favorable conditions of both exploitation and transport..." It cites the "impact of the wage structure, the social securi-

ty policy, and security standards" in the coal mines. In other words, apartheid's substandard conditions for

(mostly black) miners helps give South African coal the competitive edge.

1986 Campaign Off To A Fast Start



Gilbert Sloan, Science and Technology Division chairperson, takes a brief break at a Campaign planning meeting.



Dennis Spivack (left) vice-chairperson of the Lawyers Division, reviews some notes before a Campaign meeting, while Dr. Steven Edell (center), Campaign vice-chairperson, chats with Dr. Neil Latin, chairperson, Physicians Division.

New Service Offered To Jewish Agencies, And Synagogues

Jewish Federation's Office Systems & Procedures Committee is currently recruiting volunteers to assist their consulting group. This group provides consulting services for office operations at Federation agencies and synagogues. If you need any assistance, or if you have experience in office management, data systems, or personal/mini computers and can assist this group, please contact Jay Blumberg at 475-6839.



Attending a Campaign leadership training session are, seated, L-R: Sheila Inden, chairperson, Advance Gifts; Betty Diznoff, Super Sunday co-chairperson. Standing, L-R: Jane Goldberg and Leslie Goldenberg, Women's Division co-chairpersons; Miriam Edell, Super Sunday co-chairpersons; and Gail Budin, chairperson, \$250-499 Division.



Attending a Campaign planning meeting are, L-R: William Resnick, chairperson, Corporate Management Division; Stephen E. Herrmann, Campaign chairperson; Robert Meyer, chairperson, Lawyers Division; Daniel Thurman, Kutz Home executive director and chairperson, Communal Service Division.

Editorial

West Bank: A Problem 'Beyond Diplomacy'

Reprinted from the Near East Report

Watching all the diplomatic motion of the "peace process," the uninitiated conclude that something must be going on says Meron Benvenisti, leader of the controversial West Bank Data Base Project and former deputy mayor of Jerusalem. But, he adds, the problem of Arabs and Jews living together west of the Jordan River — epitomized by the 1.3 million Palestinian Arabs and the 52,000 Israeli settlers on the West Bank and Gaza Strip — may now be beyond the power of diplomacy to solve.

He told an American Enterprise Institute audience last week that the 1986 report of the Data Base Project saw changes in two areas. One had nothing to do with Israeli policy. It was the dramatic drop in Arab emigration from the West Bank and Gaza, a result mostly of shrinking job markets in the oil states of the Persian Gulf and in Jordan.

Whereas earlier editions of the report predicted that the ratio of Jews-to-Arabs west of the Jordan would remain constant at 63% to 36%, the new trends, could change the ratio to 61%-39% in 1991 and under 55%-45% at the end of the first decade of the 21st century. Complicating the problem for Israel is the fact that only 53% of those under 15 years of age are Jews; 47% are Arabs.

The second major area of change has been "the development of grassroots Palestinian resistance in the territories ... usually not connected with PLO cells originating abroad." Benvenisti asserted that more than half the acts of terrorist violence against Jews in the territories and Israel are now initiated by Arab residents. He suggested that the conflict is again becoming a communal one, as it was before 1948.

These developments, plus "self-destructive acts of the Palestinians in the last year" help push the problem out of the range of international diplomacy and back to an internal political struggle between Jews and Arabs west of the river, Benvenisti claimed. "Even sympathetic Israelis ... are not ready to rely on the Palestinians' ability to ensure peaceful coexistence." He said that the "peace camp" in Israel "is very tired now of the whole problem," and the general public, disillusioned over the unfulfilled peace with Egypt, "is exhausted over the West Bank."

Benvenisti stressed that "one of the most dramatic events of the last year had nothing to do with the West Bank. It was the killing of several Israeli tourists in the Sinai" by an Egyptian policeman. It emphasized "the shortcomings of peace treaties" and undermined the premise of the peace process based on U.N. Resolution 242 and 338 of "trading land for peace."

Although "there is no peace process," Benvenisti said that a mutual problem — the presence of large numbers of Palestinian Arabs under Israeli authority — compels Israel's Prime Minister Shimon Peres and Jordan's King Hussein to try for one. "Both know that their system of control can't be counted on indefinitely. And the problem (of so many Palestinian Arabs) can mutilate their systems from within."

Benvenisti discounted a peace process dependent on agreement by either the PLO or the extreme right in Israel and he opposed annexation of the territories and their Arab populations by Israel. Instead, he suggested incremental, local steps which might take a long time. He distinguished these from "old stories" like interim agreements or limited autonomy because in these situations Jordan figures as "senior partner."

"Perhaps we have to look for different healers, communal leaders" who understand that the conflict is both "primordial" and "internal ... They have to find a way out because there is not going to be an external solution ... You can't deal with such things at a Geneva conference."

Perspective

The Charismatic PMP

Certain things never seem to change! Popularity was the expression in high school. Charisma is the adult counterpart. Whatever it's called, that special magnetism resulting from a person having just the right combination of good looks, personality, etc., still works today.

John Kennedy had it; Lyndon Johnson didn't. Ronald Reagan has it; Richard Nixon didn't! Menachem Begin didn't have it; but it appears Israeli Prime Minister Peres does. In a relatively short time, Peres has charmed the American, British, German, and



Spanish governments, and who knows how many more.

Apart from his personal charm, Peres is perceived to be a "reasonable" man. "Reasonable" means approachable, willing to listen, and to compromise. PMP seems to be able to work his magic at home also.

On the other hand, his "reasonableness" should not be mistaken for weakness nor a lack of resolve to work hard, be firm, or fight when necessary. So far, PMP has been able to maintain this delicate balance of leadership skills. His growing popularity around the world and at home can't help but to be a good thing for Israel... and good news for Israel just isn't that easy to come by these days!

—Stanley Balick
Member, Jewish Voice
Editorial Committee

LETTERS to the Editor

Dear Ms. Moss:

On Jan. 19, 1986, Super Sunday, as I was asked to increase my Jewish Federation of Delaware pledge, I had to grapple with many pressing issues.

One certainly cannot ignore Israel's pressing need for our continued financial support and one should not overlook our local community's ongoing needs.

For as many years as I can remember, I have attended special meetings, Jewish Community Center Board meetings, and informal discussions with other Jewish parents to address the issue of how to interest our children in participating in Jewish Community Center events. Our concerns included competition with school dances and sports events and the potential for our children's assimilation.

Fortunately with the guidance of the Jewish Community Center's professional and volunteer staff and the input from our newly established Teen Council programs have been developed to satisfy the needs expressed by our Jewish youth.

My concern lies in the fact that a public school dance admission fee is \$1 to \$3.50 and admission to a Jewish Community Center sponsored dance is \$6, and the cost of a school ski trip (on a tour bus) is usually priced \$5 to \$6 less than a comparable Jewish Community Center ski trip (on a school bus).

If we are trying to educate our children to be responsible for their money, it is difficult to justify the

disparity in fees. In discussing the issue with Jewish Community Center staff, I learned that costly publicity must be recovered in activity fees, and grants for youth programs have been denied because programs proposed are not innovative enough.

I believe that as long as the programs offered respond to the needs expressed by our children they justify the need for funds. We all know that fledgling programs need financial backing if we are to reap future dividends.

One might wonder what all this has to do with Super Sunday!

If the Jewish Community Center, the Kutz Foundation and the Jewish Federation of Delaware are unwilling to jointly subsidize our youth programs, I wonder who will man the phones for Super Sunday in the Year 2000. I believe it is time for our community to recognize that we are supposed to be developing the leadership of the future and that the road to assimilation will be paved with good intentions.

Sincerely,
Sara A. Hockstein
2419 Heather Road
Wilmington, DE 19803

Response:

As the chairperson of the Federation Task Force on Youth and on behalf of the committee, we share your concerns for our Jewish youth. We have been meeting for many months and have recently prepared a

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People Poll

Last Month's Results:

Question: In light of the recent terrorist activity, would you still travel to Israel?

Answer: Yes.

J.J.
Elko, Nevada

Answer: In honesty I must confess I fear travelling to Israel or any other foreign country for that matter. I was to Israel in 1973 and loved it. I did want to return. As a senior citizen at this stage of life, I have enough to cope with.

M.S.F.
Wilmington, Del.

To respond to a People Poll question, write to: People Poll, The Jewish Voice, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington, Delaware 19803.

Next Month's Question:

Question: Have we turned our backs on our own people?

One Man's Opinion:

Since the beginning of time, diasporan Jews have faced one obstacle after another, each impacting in its own way on the integrity of world Jewry.

In modern day America, intermarriage between Jews and Gentiles has reached epidemic proportions. This trend along with others, is seen by many as a major threat to the future existence of the Jewish people. Demographers have speculated on the shrinking size of world Jewry in the 21st century, citing such causes as low birth rate, intermarriage, assimilation, indifference, etc...

Accepting the basic premise that we are losing Jews and their children to intermarriage, what can or should we do about it? Most Jewish institutions, if not actually shunning these persons, for the most part, ignore them.

By doing so, aren't we neglecting a growing constituency of Jewish people, who, although intermarried, feel like Jews, wish to continue their lives as Jews, and have their children do so also? Why then should these of our brethren be disenfranchised? Rather than turning our backs on them, we should be cultivating their interest and creating a forum for their participation in the Jewish community.

The Jewish community would be doing a *mitzvah* to establish an agency to identify these people, and to help bring them together with others who share their problems, their rich heritage, and their need and want to be amongst their own kind. We should encourage and welcome them to share fully in the traditions to which they were born, to which they aspire, and to which they are entitled!

— Do you agree or disagree?

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U.S. Scientists Hail Release Of Shchransky

Reprinted from *Chemical and Engineering News*

During the past decade, Soviet officials have often taken steps against human rights activists and Jews seeking to emigrate.

However, two cases — both involving scientists — have captured the attention of the world and scientific communities like no others: computer scientist Anatoly Shchransky and physicist Andrei Sakharov.

Last month, after nine years in Soviet prisons and labor camps, Shchransky, 38, crossed a bridge between East and West Berlin to

freedom and went on to a hero's welcome in Israel. Shchransky's release was hailed by U.S. and European scientists, political leaders, and human rights groups, who had maintained an intensive campaign on his behalf since his arrest in 1977.

"It gives us the message that anything is possible. It's a big shot in the arm for human rights activists," says Dorothy Hirsch, executive director of the Committee of Concerned Scientists (CCS). "Without the pressure for nine years, it wouldn't have happened. He would have just been forgotten, and maybe died in the gulag. Others have."

The Soviets also have recently allowed emigration of several long-refused cases. And after years of protest and hunger strikes by Sakharov, they permitted his wife, Elena Bonner, to travel to the U.S. and Italy for medical care (she is now recuperating from heart surgery in Boston). Those actions are seen by western observers as gestures by new Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to promote better East-West relations.

However, stress Hirsch and Morris Priinstein, chairman

of Scientists for Sakharov, Orlov & Shchransky (SOS), release of Shchransky is "only a first step." For example, Sakharov and Yuri Orlov — a physicist and human rights leader — remain harassed and isolated in internal exile. CCS and SOS will reinforce efforts to relieve their plight and that of hundreds of other Soviet scientists. Shchransky himself, upon arriving in Israel, pledged to continue his fight for the human rights of Soviet scientists. He is expected to visit the U.S. later this year to advance that cause.

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Letter To Editor —

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resolution which will be presented to the Federation Budget Panel. I am confident you will be pleased with our recommendations.

Currently, we have implemented a Teen Page in the *Jewish Voice* to encourage better communication among our Jewish youth. This is one of many positive steps that are being made by Federation to help our teens.

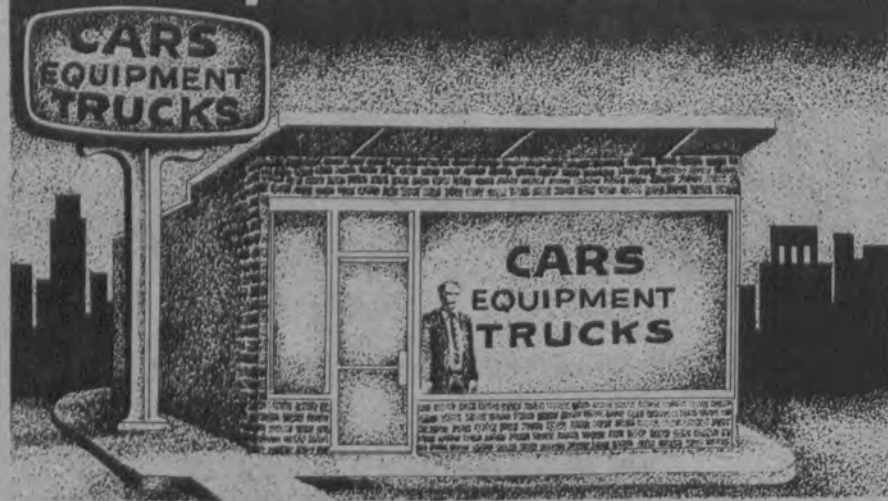
Thank you for sharing your

concerns. The members of the Youth Task Force are: Leslie Balick, Art Barash, Arlene Bowman, Dina Burt, Steve Chamish, Arlene Davis, Mary DeVries, Joseph DeVries, Betty Diznoff, Elaine Friedberg, Gerry Frim, Helen Gordon, Faith Goldman, Leslie Goldenberg, Shelly Gunzenhauser, Sandy Idstein, Edmond Jacobs, Robert Kerbel, Roger Levy, Adina Ruvel, Sylvan Taub, and Jack Vinokur. If you would care to join our committee, we would welcome you.

Sincerely yours,
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Editor's Note: The Kutz Foundation does finance teen programs. The foundation recently allocated \$15,000 to finance teen trips to Israel this summer.

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Ground Breaking Held For New Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity House

By ROBERT BURTON COONIN

Ground breaking ceremonies were held on Friday, Feb. 14, for the new Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity House on the University of Delaware's campus. The Rho Deuteron Chapter of AE Pi currently has 72 active undergraduate members. Present at the 1 p.m. ceremony, in addition to the undergraduate brotherhood, was University dean of students, Tim Brooks, Chapter advisor, Richard D. Levin and Alumni Housing Corporation members, Howard Cohen, Robert B. Coonin, Andrew Miller, Howard Simon and Theodore Zutz.

The building, which is being designed by Wilmington architect, Howard Greenhouse, will be located on a one acre wooded lot on Chambers Street directly behind the Gilbert Residence Hall Complex on the East Campus. The red brick colonial structure will provide living accommodations for 41 brothers and feature a social wing, in-

cluding living room, television/trophy room, atrium, kitchen and dining room/social hall facilities to seat 100 people for meals. The residence hall wing will be located at the rear and will consist of 22 persons bedroom/study rooms and a president's bedroom/chapter office. A large patio and limited parking will be located to the rear.

The completion for the \$500,000 project is expected to be in time for the spring semester, 1987. The Chapter has been without a house since June of 1985 when the lease on the North Campus house belonging to another fraternity expired. The Fraternity Chapter had previously owned smaller houses on West Main Street and West Park Place. The new house, which will be the most ambitious fraternity housing project undertaken at the University of Delaware or nationally by Alpha Epsilon Pi to date will be funded through mortgage financing made available by the Wilmington Trust Company and

Alpha Epsilon Pi National Fraternity. Working capital was provided through the sale of the former fraternity house on West Park Place which close in 1971 and alumni fundraisers are being planned for later this year. Alumni or other members of the community interested in assisting in this project should contact Richard D. Levin.



At the ground breaking ceremonies are, L-R: Robert B. Coonin, Howard Cohen, Richard D. Levin, Howard Simon and Andrew Miller.



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The Gratz Sacrifice

By MONICA BERNSTEIN

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that Gratz is a way to meet other Jewish kids, but I always come back to that same lurking question: Is Gratz worth it?

How can I answer such a question? I can't! (Or maybe I have permanent writer's block on the subject.) What I think I can answer is why I come to Gratz. Naturally I come because I want to make my parents proud. It makes me feel confident and proud to be a Jew, but I think most of all it's because I really want to learn — I never thought I'd hear myself say that about Gratz! Think about it.

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Beth Shalom Religious School

Gimel-Dalet Class Shabbat

On Saturday morning, March 15, the students of the gimel and dalet classes, taught by Amira Silber and Eta Knepler, will conduct services in the main sanctuary beginning at 10 a.m. In addition to chanting the entire service, several students along with their families will be honored with *aliyot*.

The classes and their families will be honored at a *kiddush* following services.

Kallah

Students in the gimel, dalet and hai classes will participate in a weekend *kallah* (retreat) March 7 through March 9 at Cape May, N.J.

Beth Shalom students will be joining other youth from Conservative synagogues in the area for a weekend of social, educational and athletic activities. The theme of the *kallah* is, "The Ocean — Water Metaphors for Torah."

Purim

The annual Purim Carnival



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will take place on Sunday, March 23, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. The children will create their own booths with a Purim theme and supervise them the day of the carnival. Interesting prizes will be given for the game booths, lunch will be served, *hamantaschen* will be on sale and the entire family can participate. All proceeds will be given to a special charity in Israel.

Megillah Reading and Costume Parade

On Monday evening, March

24, at 7:15 p.m., the reading of the Megillah and a costume parade will take place for the children and their families in the main auditorium. Everyone in costume will receive a prize; everyone will receive a grogger and everyone will be treated to a *hamantasch*. Rabbi Cohen will judge a grogger contest for the most original and noisiest grogger.

The complete Megillah reading will be held in the Kane Chapel beginning at 6:30 p.m.

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Competitive Camp Salary Scale Set

Judy Levy, Jewish Community Center vice president and chairperson of the Center's Camp Committee, has announced that "in an effort to continue to attract and retain a mature, skilled and enthusiastic camp staff, the 1986 camp salary schedule has been revised to reflect a 12-40% increase for junior and senior counselors and unit heads." "Our community wants, deserves and will get top quality camp staff to implement optimum quality services to our children," added Levy.

After researching other salary schedules, the Camp Committee approved a new

camp salary schedule which is on par with competitive camps. Besides Chairperson Levy, other Camp Committee members are Norman Bell, Gail Budin, Amy Glazier, Susan Gleich, Jane Goldberg, Marilyn Levin, Richard Levine, David Lukoff, Steve Medwin, Nancy Sandell.

Arlene Bowman, director of Camp JCC, says that interviews are still available for all positions, but are filling up fast because of the new competitive salary scale! All qualified 10th graders — college graduates are encouraged to call for an interview today (478-5660).



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Dr. King's Legacy: The Brotherhood Of Mankind

Sherman Miller spoke at Congregation Beth Emeth last month on behalf of Black History Month. A member of The BL-EWS, a coalition of Blacks and Jews seeking to establish better relations between the two groups, Miller also writes a column for several newspapers across the country.

By SHERMAN N. MILLER

I came to appreciate the impact which Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. had on other American ethnic groups at a breakfast in his honor, sponsored by Beth Emeth Congregation of Wilmington, DE. At the worship service that preceded the breakfast, I sensed that the reading of Dr. King's famous speech, "I Have A Dream," ignited a yearning for the good old days of Black and Jewish brotherhood.

Whilst I was waiting for my meal to be served I decided to ask people why they attended this breakfast.

Carol Casner gave her reason as to why Jews should attend the Martin Luther King breakfast.

"...I think he did something for anybody who cares... I think he gave hope."

Joseph Bernofsky, who prepared the breakfast, felt Dr. King's mission was in accord with Jewish teachings.

"...We, as Jews, are in favor of liberal expression of the people and Martin Luther King was for the rights of his



Sherman Miller

people... I know when Martin Luther King was campaigning, marching, and parading there were a lot of Jewish people who also joined him in his crusade. At that time, I was in Akron, OH. I remember one of our rabbis going down south and participating in some of his parades."

When the special guests began their addresses it was clear that Dr. King's birthday celebration had afforded an opportunity for Black and Jewish Americans to try to bridge their chasm. Stephanie Gurwitz, Community Relations Associate for the Baltimore Jewish Council, validated the existence of a chasm, stating that she felt it is widening.

"...20 years ago anti-Semitism in the black community was significantly

lower than anti-Semitism in the white community and racism in the Jewish community was significantly lower than the general white community. Today, the only area where anti-Semitism is growing is the black community and the only area where racism is growing is the Jewish community."

Gurwitz touched on the efforts of The BL-EWS (Blacks and Jews) to address the chasm problem in Baltimore, MD.

"King laid the foundation for the Baltimore BL-EWS," contended Gurwitz. "We have a forum where we can understand each other's position.. We have come a long way since 1978... We no longer just discuss, we have become action oriented... We now call ourselves a coalition... We support legislation, we sponsor projects, we join with other coalitions, we develop positions, and most importantly we educate. We

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Engagement

Lori Jill Berg, daughter of Sandy and Howard Berg of Wilmington is engaged to Craig Grossman of Minneapolis, Minn. Craig is the son of Charlotte and Chester Grossman of Minneapolis. The couple will be wed Sept. 7 in Wilmington.

Mazel Tov

Ethel Barros of Dover recently became bat mitzvah. Congratulations to Ethel for accomplishing this endeavor in her adult life.

Stephen J. Braverman of Wilmington has been named president for institutional advancement of Moss Rehabilitation Center in Philadelphia. He will have corporate-wide responsibility for coordinating the philanthropic and grants activities of Moss Rehabilitation Center and its affiliates.

Carol Chasin, daughter of Rosalyn and David Chasin of Wilmington, has been accepted at Belmont House, the campus honors house at the University of Delaware. Carol is a freshman at the U. of D.

Yetta Chaiken of Greenville was recently elected to serve on the Delaware Humanities Council. A native Delawarean, she taught history and anthropology in the Mount Pleasant School District and in the Wilmington school system. Chaiken has conducted oral history projects for the Jewish Historical Society and for the University of Delaware's Oral History Special Collection Library. She has also served extensively on community boards and most recently chaired the Jewish Voice Editorial and Administrative boards.

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Cooking In Delaware

By SYLVIA F. PANITZ

Just about now most of us have had our fill of shoveling out our driveways and are ready to retire the snow shovel for another year. However, March can be very fickle. The spring bulbs are starting to pop up but sometimes we can be hit by some big snows in March. Just in time to help us over the winter doldrums comes one of the most fun filled and

happy holidays on the Hebrew calendar — PURIM. If you've been looking for an excuse to have a party then Purim is the perfect time to plan one.

The commandment in the Book of Esther tells us "to observe Purim as days of feasting and gladness, and of sending portions one to another, and gifts to the poor." Purim comes on the 14th of Adar II which this

year corresponds to Tuesday, March 25. The Megillah (scroll of Book of Esther) is read on Monday evening, March 24th and on Tuesday morning, March 25th. The Purim holiday celebrates the victory of the Jews of Persia over a villain called Haman through the courage of a Jewish woman called Esther.

Therefore, on Purim we make every effort to give gifts of sweet treats to friends and also donate money to a charity for the poor. A festive meal (*seudah*) is also prepared. The traditional Purim food is *hamantaschen* — a tri cornered dough cookie generally filled with poppy seed or prune. *Kreplach*, the three cornered meat filled dough is also customarily eaten. The triangular shape is supposed to be representative of Haman's hat.

It has always amazed me to see how creative some of the Purim costumes can be. The costumes my kids wore were usually done on the spur of the moment — about 20

minutes before we left for the *shul* to hear the Megillah — but I suppose they served the purpose. Please make every effort to take your children to your synagogue on Monday evening, March 24 (with or without costume). They'll enjoy making the *groggers* (noisemakers) go when Haman's name is read.

The *hamantaschen* can be filled with almost any kind of fruits and nuts. One year we tried them with chunky peanut butter and ever since then it has become one of our standard fillings.

Hamantaschen

The following is the dough used by the JCC Pre-School.

- 3 cups flour
 - 3 teaspoons baking powder
 - ¼ cup sugar
 - ½ tsp. salt
- Mix the above together; make a well and add
- ½ cup oil
 - 2 eggs
 - ¼ orange juice
 - 1 tsp. vanilla

Mix well and form into a ball of dough. Roll dough out and cut into circles. Fill and fold into triangle shape. Bake at 350° for 15 to 20 minutes.

Another recipe for *hamantaschen* is the following.

- 1½ cups shortening
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- ½ cup orange juice
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 4 cups flour, sifted

Cream the shortening and

sugar. Add eggs and keep creaming until smooth. Add orange juice and vanilla; stir in sifted flour and form into a ball. Place in a bowl; cover and chill overnight. When ready to bake, roll out about ¼ inch thick and cut into 3½ inch rounds, using a cup or cookie cutter. Place a tablespoon of the filling in the center. Draw up two sides and then the third and pinch the edges together to form a three cornered pocket. Place on a greased cookie sheet. Bake at 375° for about 30 minutes, until nicely browned.

Prune-Raisin Filling

From Marcia Shepard comes a homemade, easy to make and long lasting filling for your *hamantaschen*. Members of Beth Shalom, Marcia and her husband, Marvin, have been active members of numerous community groups. They have a daughter and son.

- 1½ boxes pitted prunes
- 1 box raisins (reserve ¼ box)
- 1 orange with rind
- 1 apple
- sugar to taste
- 2 tablespoons oil
- Raspberry jam to taste

Put the above (except for oil, sugar and jam) through a grinder. Add oil, sugar and jam and reserved raisins. Mix well. Will store indefinitely in refrigerator.

Apricot Filling

- ½ lb. dried apricots
- 1½ cups water
- 1¼ cups sugar

Cook the apricots with the water until they are very soft. Mash or blend the apricots. Add the sugar and cook over very low heat for 10 more minutes.

Meat Kreplach

- Kreplach dough**
- 1 cup flour
 - 1 egg
 - pinch of salt

Mix ingredients. Knead well; roll out on floured board, cut into circles or squares.

Meat filling

- 1 cup cooked chicken or leftover meat
- grated onion
- salt and pepper to taste

Grind meat or chicken with onion. Add salt and pepper; mix well. Put 1 tablespoon mixture on each dough circle. Shape into triangles. Fry in hot oil in skillet until browned.

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Alzheimer's Disease

By Arnold Lieberman, Executive Director



In working with the elderly and their families, we are coming in contact more regularly with the condition known as Alzheimer's disease. This disease is an organic mental disorder of unknown origin.

Many other disorders have symptoms that mimic those of Alzheimer's disease making early, if not accurate, diagnosis difficult. The diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease is referred to as one "of exclusion" where all other illnesses that resemble it must first be ruled out.

Some of the basic problems that occur are memory and intellectual impairment, depression, delusions, wandering, and agitation. Of major significance to us at JFS is the finding the "when Alzheimer's disease strikes, there is often more than one patient in the same family." This refers to the fact that reactive depression on the part of the spouse providing care is occurring with significant frequency. Clearly, the whole family system becomes affected when Alzheimer's disease strikes a family member.

There has been a great deal of misunderstanding regarding treatment for this disease. Frequently one hears that "there is no treatment for Alzheimer's disease." What this refers to is that there is no treatment that can cure, reverse, or stop the progression of the disorder. This doesn't mean that there is no treatment to reduce the magnitude of various symptoms and discomfort that accompany the disorder. This treatment of some symptoms may prevent what is termed "excessive disability," which means the patient is doing

worse clinically than what would be expected.

The patient with Alzheimer's disease must be under the care of a physician and preferably one who deals with mental disorders. It is just as important that the family, or at least the care giving spouse, also receive help.

Dr. Gene D. Cohen, director of the Program on Aging, National Institute of Mental Health, said that in some cases, without help, the family can also experience "excessive disability." He indicates there is a major role for social work help for the family at every stage of the disease. The emotional, physical, and financial pressures on the family increase as the patient's condition worsens and out of home care becomes necessary.

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Dear Rachel

Dear Rachel,

I am a single mother of two adorable, popular children. My kids have a lot of friends in their schools and also in the neighborhood. Mostly I'm all in favor of it. I appreciate it when they have someone to

play with before I get home from work. Unfortunately each and every one of their friends has a birthday every year.

Between my job and the occasional support payments their father sends, we come in

a couple of thousand above the official Federal poverty level. You can imagine how much this leaves for extras, like doctor bills, deodorant and birthday presents. I am going crazy trying to come up with the money to pay for gifts to kids who already have so many toys they don't know what to do with them. This is much more a problem with their Jewish friends in the northern suburbs than it is with neighborhood kids, who aren't rich either.

I don't want to deprive my (Continued to Page 14)

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Obituaries

Menachim Levin
Retired restaurateur Menachim "Manny" Levin, of 8711 Society Drive, Claymont, died Thursday, Feb. 27 in Leader Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, 700 Foulk Road. He was 74.

Mr. Levin owned and operated the Holiday Inn restaurant, formerly at 1843 Marsh Road, for many years. In 1961 the restaurant earned national recognition in the Duncan Hines book "Adventures in Good Eating." He sold the restaurant in 1966 and it was gutted by a fire in 1968.

He is survived by his wife, Edna; a daughter, Rene Yucht of Windsor Hills; a sister, Rose Dobrin of Cherry Hill, N.J.; and three grandchildren.

Graveside services were held in New Camden Cemetery, Camden, N.J.

A memorial service was held in B'nai B'rith House, 8000 Society Drive, Claymont.

In memoriam the family suggests contributions to B'nai B'rith House, 8000 Society Drive, Claymont 19703.

Benjamin J. Blume

Benjamin J. Blume, 80, of 2110 Society Drive, Presidential Towers, Claymont, died Saturday, March 1 in Wilmington Hospital of complications from a stroke.

Mr. Blume, who had been an insurance salesman for Norman Insurance Agency on Washington Street, retired in 1970. He was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom, its men's club, and B'nai B'rith Lodge 470.

He is survived by his wife, Clara S.; two sons, Allan D. of Beacon Hill, and Gary J. of Los Angeles; a brother, Jack of Philadelphia; a sister, Ida Klapper of Hazelton, Pa.; and three grandchildren.

Graveside services were held in the Beth Shalom section of the Jewish Community Cemetery, Foulk Road.

In memoriam the family suggests contributions to charity.

Dear Rachel —

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kids of friendships with other Jewish kids, but I dread it every time I open the mailbox and see another (at 20% apiece) cute invitation to another (expensive theme) party. Short of refusing invitations or giving up eating, I'm out of ideas.

Gifted-Out Mother

*Dear Mother,
The one thing you have - must have - as a single parent is plenty of ingenuity. Your children are undoubtedly aware of, and may be unhappy about, the income difference between themselves and their friends. Wherever possible, try to make this dif-*

ference seem like an opportunity for ingenuity and creativity, instead of upset or envy.

Get the children together at a time when you all feel fresh, say Sunday morning. In one or two sentences, review with them the budgetary constraints. Let them know how much money is available per month for presents. Then together dream up all the creative ways that money can be stretched. Perhaps they can purchase supplies and make personalized gifts. Maybe some of the mothers can get together to pool resources and buy joint gifts. Whatever you do, emphasize how capable and successful your children are in stretching existing resources. Avoid the temptation to complain about how unfortunate they are in having a limited income, or they will indeed feel unfortunate.

If you decide to do something "different," such as giving homemade gifts, practice positive responses

your children can give when the other children react to the presents. Since your kids are popular, they might even be able to start a new trend in birthday gifts. As an alternative to ruinous birthday parties, or giving up their Jewish friends, it's worth a try.

Rachel

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BL-EWS —

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educate the black community. We educate the Jewish community. We educate the general community."

As I listened to Gurwitz highlight The BL-EWS membership, I was not convinced that it was broad enough to address the chasm issue.

"Members of the BL-EWS now number almost 200," contends Gurwitz. "(They) are religious leaders: Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance (which is an alliance of black ministers), the Black Baptist Conference in Baltimore, Baltimore Board of Rabbis; Baltimore Hebrew College; Morgan State College; ...NAACP; Urban League; Baltimore Jewish Council; ...and public officials."

I asked about the lack of Muslims in the BL-EWS membership. Sheila D. Brooks, a black attorney and treasurer of The EL-EWS, responded, "...We have invited a leader of the black Muslim community to join with us. He doesn't agree with everything we say.. It has begun to offset some of these misconceptions."

Yet Gurwitz revealed that their Muslim member's activities were not wholeheartedly embraced by the membership of his congregation. Since the Baltimore BL-EWS were looking to expand into Delaware, I asked Iman Muhammad A. Salaam of Wilmington if he would join this effort and help make it successful.

"Sure! Sure! Because we all are people of God," proclaimed Salaam.

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Organizations in the News

Folk Dance, Western Supper At AKSE

AKSE Sisterhood will sponsor an old fashioned Saturday night folk and square dance with western style supper beginning at 8 p.m. on March 29 in the social hall.

Bates MacClean, the noted local caller, will be the leader for the evening's varied program. He will instruct beginners before each new dance.

B-B-Q beef and beer (or sodas) along with the usual trimmings will be served throughout the evening.

Tickets are \$18 per couple. Reservations are requested. Call Marilyn Harwick at 762-2473.

Western dress is optional.

Jewish War Veterans

Prisoner of War Medal

The Department of the Army has been given the task of designing and developing the prisoner of war medal. This medal will eventually be awarded to any person who, while serving in any capacity with the Armed Forces of the United States, was taken prisoner and held captive after April 5, 1917.

If any veteran with drawing skills, desires to submit proposed designs, they should forward it to the Jewish War Veterans, Department of Del. c/o Israel Weiner, 8 Ridgewood Circle, Wilm., Del. 19809 by no later than March 15, 1986.

National

Scholarship Program

Members, children and grandchildren of members or

of deceased members of JWV in good standing shall be eligible to compete for the 1986 National Scholarship Awards. For more information regarding this program, please contact Israel Weiner at the above address.

Meeting Notice

There will be a regular meeting of the Jewish War Veterans at the Presidential Apartments Social Hall, 2000 Society Drive, Claymont, Del. on Monday, March 10 at 8:30 p.m.

All veterans are urged to attend. Important business will be discussed, and refreshments will be served.

Chai/Shalom Hadassah

The Chai/Shalom Hadassah Group will present an informative program with Yvette Rudnitzky on Monday evening of March 10, 7:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center.

Rudnitzky will discuss Families! What Hurts Them and What Helps Them! In 1986 the amount of stress on the family is greater than ever. She will help participants cope with the pressures that affect mental and physical health and family unity.

Rudnitzky is a past president of the National Organization for Women, and was recently elected vice president of that organization. She recently worked for the Jewish Family Service, was social action chairwoman and a member of the board of trustees of Congregation Beth Emeth.

A licensed clinical social worker, Rudnitzky has a private practice of therapy, and individual, couples, and family counseling.

Husbands are urged to come for dinner at 6 p.m. Please send paid reservations to: President Ceecil Ehrich, 706 Sudbury Road, Wil., De. 19803. Phone: 478-2329. Dessert and coffee will be served after the program.

The Chai/Shalom Group will journey to Temple Beth El March 19 to see a program on terrorism.

Beth Emeth Sisterhood Fashion Show

Members of Sisterhood Congregation Beth Emeth will be modeling the latest fashions at the Tuesday, March 11 luncheon meeting. The special noon event, entitled Spring Fever, will benefit the World Education Center for Progressive Judaism in Jerusalem. Claire's Fashions of 1312 Philadelphia Pike is coordinating the show.

The World Education Center is being built cooperatively by the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion and the World Union for Progressive Judaism. The complex will initially house a biblical and archaeological research facility, a youth hostel and an academic/classroom center. A library, visitor's center and synagogue are planned for future additions.

National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods (NFTS) has set a minimum goal of \$200,000 as its contribution to this project. All proceeds from the fashion show and luncheon will go directly to NFTS to support this effort.

The public is invited to attend. Spring Fever will be held at Congregation Beth Emeth, 300 W. Lea Blvd., Wilmington. For reservations, mail \$7 per person to: Sonia Bernhardt, 614 Kilburn Road, Wilmington, DE 19803. Checks should be made payable to Sisterhood Congregation Beth Emeth. Deadline for reservations is March 5th.

Mid-Life Singles Group

A social hour followed by a concert became the first event for the new Mid-Life Singles group, sponsored by Congregation Beth Shalom. Featured was the Diamond State Concert Band, who presented an enjoyable program of show tunes.

This successful social event brought a large number of

prospective members and guests from the tri-state area. It is hoped that interested persons will become members. Dues are \$10 a year; and are payable to Beth Shalom Mid-Life Singles. Checks may be mailed to Edie Jacobsohn, 121 West 39th Street, Wilmington, DE 19802.

The Mid-Life Singles are planning a "House Party" for Saturday March 15, at 8 p.m.,

at the home of Betty Wexler-Rosen, 2702 Grubb Road, Chalfonte. There will be music and an assortment of delicious refreshments. Dress is casual. Dues will be accepted that evening. The cost is \$3 for members and \$5 for non-members. Call your reservation to one of the following members: Joan, 762-4039; Naomi, 764-5007; Elaine, 475-0388; Claire, 478-1931.

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Hadassh —

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Catholic observances which were very significant to the family circle. As a Jew, Christine has continued to feel that family observance of traditional family life cycle events and holidays are part of the cement that holds a family together. She has felt that it is imperative for a Jew-by-Choice to seek knowledge and concrete suggestions as to how to set up a

Jewish home. Both Chris Abrons and Lelaine Nemser commented positively about the strength of support which they had received from friends, synagogue and Hadassah in establishing a Jewish home and a Jewish identity. Lelaine, as opposed to Chris' upbringing, was raised as a non-observant Episcopalian. The pattern of their lives now however is similar. Lelaine has maintained that it has been beneficial for the children and the family to celebrate the Jewish holidays, engage in the life cycle events and to

participate in synagogue life in order to be firmly rooted in one identity. Not only is life thereby given a meaning, it is given a Jewish meaning.

Ann Danoff spoke of being raised in a traditional Southern home relatively free of prejudice — a home in which the "Old Testament" and its Hebrew traditions were revered. Ann said she went through several religious transformations before making a conscious decision to "be what I want to be." She has faced the rejection of her decision (though not of her) by her mother and the wrath of the Daughters of the American Revolution, an organization in which she has steadfastly maintained her membership in spite of and maybe because of their disapproval.

Carol Meisel grew up in an area with no Jews and therefore with no Jewish contact at all until she went to

college and met her future husband, Walter. And she didn't even know he was Jewish or what that meant until they had been seeing each other for some time. And yet Carol experienced her conversion as a natural progression and through it she has achieved one of her most important personal goals — that of providing her family with a firm and solid spiritual foundation.

Talking about the experience of being a convert to Judaism was something Evelyn Spiller felt was ambivalent about for a long time. Jewish law prohibits referring to a person who has converted as a "convert" — "and I thought that meant me too!" A righteous proselyte is a Jew with all the rights, privileges and responsibilities thereof. And yet there often exists a dichotomy in the way *Judaism* looks at converts and the way *Jews* look at converts.

The question which provoked the most curiosity from the Jewish listeners in the audience was "How do your families react? Are they concerned about your soul?" Evelyn Spiller responded by

introducing her mother, a devout Catholic, who was in the audience. "My parents have stood by me at every milestone in my life, Jewish or otherwise. They came to my conversion ceremony alongside my future in-laws; they stood with me at my wedding; my mother traveled to Texas for my son's bris and they cheered me on at my Hadassah installation. My parents gave me the foundation upon which I have built my life today."

And also the question, "What of your children? How will you react if they bring home a non-Jew as a prospective mate?" The panel participants unanimously agreed with Lelaine Nemser's observation that it is always destructive to "erect barriers" between you and your children. Give them a good foundation, love them without qualifications and let them be... you will probably be surprised to find that even if they stray, they'll one day return to their Jewish roots on their own.

In closing, Region President Karen Venezky remarked that until today each generation of American Jews has been revitalized by successive waves of Jewish immigration to our shores. But these "transfusions" have stopped — if we are to receive "new blood" it must come from our Jews by choice. And at a time when the pressures of assimilation are draining away our very lifeblood — Jewish youth — the significance of the converts and their children assumes a new meaning and we must take an active role in developing this resource.

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