

## Remembrance Is Theme Of Holocaust Commemoration



Bishop Mulvee speaking at the Holocaust commemoration. The Holocaust, he warned, "cannot be forgotten, rewritten or obscured by time." (Photo: Kathleen Graham - The Dialog)

By PAULA BERENGUT

"Yom HaShoah is a day of remembrance and of education. Remembrance because it is important to recall the Holocaust. But if Yom HaShoah is to serve the purpose of helping to insure that history does not repeat the Holocaust, we must also educate those who, by reason of age or background, are not yet mindful of the great tragedy of the Holocaust." With those words, Stephen E. Herrman, President of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, opened the community ceremony commemorating Yom HaShoah on Tuesday, May 2 at noon at the City/County Council Chambers in Wilmington.

The audience of approximately 175 mostly Jewish community members, also heard Reverend Donald E. Dunigan, Pastor at Union Baptist Church, give the invocation which cautioned that the Holocaust, is "an event we regret but must never forget."

Proclamations were issued by the State, County and City of Wilmington

and were read and presented to Herrmann who accepted them on behalf of the Delaware Jewish community.

The Most Reverend Robert E. Mulvee, Bishop of the Diocese of Wilmington, was the featured speaker. Mulvee began by recalling the recent commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of Kristallnacht in November 1988. Kristallnacht was, he said, "a night when more than glass was shattered." He called that night in 1938 "a time of darkness" which foreshadowed detestable and unfathomable suffering. These past events, he warned, "cannot be forgotten, rewritten or obscured by the passage of time." We should all carry and feel the burden of the memories of Kristallnacht, Mulvee said, who has had the opportunity to visit both Auschwitz in Poland and Yad Vashem in Israel. "It is impossible," he noted, "to merely visit such places." He said it is necessary on such visits, "to contemplate with fear just how far hatred can go."

"Whatever one might believe and wherever one might come from, on those sacred spots, every man and woman becomes Jewish or ceases to be human. On those sacred spots, the human cry becomes the Jewish cry or one has died spiritually," Mulvee said.

Gatherings to commemorate the Holocaust, he concluded, are vital. "To remember the Holocaust, all of us must continue our attempts to work for

peace. To remember the Holocaust means to make our faith in God come alive in collaborative efforts for the betterment of all, but especially for the weak, the needy, the forgotten and the marginalized. To remember the Holocaust means to work to eliminate violence and to remove from our own midst every vestige of racism, hostility and prejudice."

Following a recounting of the liberation of the Nordhausen concentration camp by Merle E. Ward, one of the American liberators, Lillian R. Balick gave a brief description of the relationship of Jews to their music and, specifically, the songs of the Holocaust. "Ani MaAmim" was sung by Wilmington attorney and vocalist Robert S. Weiner. Immediately following the indoor commemoration, the audience gathered outside on Freedom Plaza at the Holocaust memorial where memorial prayers were led by Rabbi Kenneth Cohen and Cantor Norman Swerling of Congregation Beth Shalom.

The commemoration was cosponsored by the Delmarva Ecumenical Agency, the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, the Jewish Federation of Delaware, the Ministerial Action Council of Delaware, the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the Rabbinical Association of Delaware and the Wilmington Branch of the NAACP.

## Arafat Calls Covenant 'Null And Void'

By EDWIN EYTAN

PARIS (JTA) — President Francois Mitterrand asked Yasir Arafat some blunt questions Tuesday and told him to bring the Palestine Liberation Organization's 1964 charter into line with his professed desire for peace with Israel. The charter calls for the destruction of Israel by armed struggle.

The French president and the PLO chairman met for 90 minutes at the Elysee Palace shortly after Arafat arrived for a two-day visit, at the invitation of the government. It was Arafat's first meeting with the chief of state of a major Western nation. Thousands of French Jews took part in angry protests, and more mass demonstrations are planned.

An official statement, read by palace spokesman Hubert Vedrine, said the president asked Arafat "to clear up" the contradiction between the language of the charter and his own proclamation in Geneva last December recognizing Israel's right to exist.

Arafat later told French television that the charter, known formally as the Palestine National Covenant, is null and void. "As for the charter, I believe there's an expression in French, 'C'est caduque,' (It's null and void)" Arafat was quoted as saying.

Mitterrand also probed PLO intentions in significant detail. According to the spokesman, he wanted to know from Arafat how the PLO interprets the Palestinians' "right of return," what territorial boundaries the PLO envisages for a Palestinian state and what compensation it would demand for Arab property inside Israel. Arafat has rarely if ever been pinned down on such items, especially by a leading world statesman.

Mitterrand apparently was honoring a pledge he made to CRIF, the Representative Council of French Jewish Institutions, to use his meeting with Arafat to clarify the PLO's position on a number of matters crucial to Israel's security. The Elysee Palace gave no indication what, if any, rely on these points was given by the PLO chief.

The French president, who opened the door to international recognition and legitimacy for the PLO, is apparently asking Arafat to return the favor by making additional concessions and go-

ing beyond what he said in Geneva last year.

But Mitterrand has clearly been taken aback by the strong Jewish reaction against his invitation to Arafat.

The government is going out of its way to keep the visit low key. The traditional French pomp and pageantry was missing when Arafat landed Tuesday at Orly Airport, where he was greeted by a junior minister at the Foreign Office. There was no honor guard at the Elysee Palace, no military band, no red carpet. Arafat was greeted by the chief of protocol and escorted to Mitterrand's office, where the president waited at the door.

According to one Western diplomat, Mitterrand, having extended the controversial invitation, was trying to minimize its consequences in the face of Jewish protests more intense than had been anticipated.

As Arafat's plane was landing Tuesday morning, Jewish shopkeepers on the Rue du Sentier, in Paris' garment district, sounded their fire and burglar alarms to "voice our anger." Thousands were expected at a demonstration, called by CRIF Tuesday night outside the Rue Copernic synagogue, where four people were killed and six wounded in a terrorist attack in October 1980.

Three vigils were held Monday night at the sites of other terrorist attacks on Jews in recent years. They were attended by militants who assailed the French president, much to the embarrassment of the organized community. Young members of Betar, the right-wing Zionist youth movement, shouted "Mitterrand treason" and "Mitterrand-Arafat. Shame, shame."

But thousands of French Arabs, mainly Algerians, are expected to attend a counter-demonstration in support of Arafat's visit. They will call on Israel to open a direct dialogue with the PLO.

Several Jewish organizations, associated with the left-wing Mapam party or with the Peace Now movement, also support Arafat's visit. They plan a public demonstration Wednesday to welcome him and to urge the Israeli government to start negotiating with the Palestinians.

Meanwhile, a Louis Harris poll

## U.S. Warns It Will Withhold Funds To Any U.N. Body That Admits PLO

By HOWARD ROSENBERG

WASHINGTON (JTA) -- The American Jewish leadership welcomed Secretary of State James Baker's warning Monday that the United States would withhold funds for any United Nations body that gives the Palestine Liberation Organization full membership.

In a statement read by State Department spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler, Baker said he would recommend to President Bush "that the United States make no further contribution, voluntary or assessed, to any international organization which makes any change

in the PLO's present status as an observer organization."

Baker's warning came one week before the World Health Organization is scheduled to convene for its annual assembly in Geneva. On the agenda is a proposal to grant the PLO's declared state of Palestine full membership in the U.N. body.

The United States contributes about 25 percent of the agency's budget, with its 1990 fiscal year contribution set at \$73.8 million Tutwiler said.

On Sunday, the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish

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## Israel Independence Day To Be Celebrated At JCC

The Delaware Jewish community will celebrate Israel Independence Day, Yom HaAtzmaut, on Wednesday evening, May 10, with a musical program at the Jewish Community Center. Ron Dagan, an Israeli singer and entertainer, will perform beginning at 7 p.m.

Dagan, who began playing guitar at the age of 11, has performed around the world. A native of Israel, he served in the Israeli army before coming to the United States to study music at New York University.

His musical performance will include songs in English, Hebrew and Yiddish. Dagan tries to reach all ages with his repertoire with runs from popular and traditional tunes to some contemporary rock music. He also invites the audience to sing along.

Lynne Greenfield, Adult Program Director for the JCC, is the organizer of this event. "The entire community is invited to join the celebration of Israel's forty-first anniversary," she said. "Children will enjoy themselves as much as the adults will." Greenfield noted that this is the only community-wide celebration of Yom HaAtzmaut in the state of Delaware.

The event is open to the entire community and is free of charge. There will be food available for purchase.

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## OPINION

## Editorial: A Week Of Contrasts

Yom HaShoah, the day dedicated to the memory of the 6 million Jews who perished during World War II at the hands of the Nazis, was commemorated last Tuesday, May 2. And in dramatic contrast to this day of mourning is Yom HaAtzmaut, the day dedicated to celebration of the anniversary of the birth of the State of Israel. Yom HaAtzmaut is next Wednesday, May 10.

Unlike Israelis, most American Jews have a tendency to compartmentalize the two events as separate ones. And because they are so emotionally different, this is not difficult to do. Death and birth. Destruction and creation. Mourning and celebration. But, the fact is that it was from the ashes of destruction of the Holocaust that the State of Israel was born.

Israel was founded as a guarantee that there would always be a safe haven for Jews and that there would never be another Holocaust. It exists because of one of history's greatest tragedies and its existence is fragile. Israel's policies may not always please us. Nevertheless, it is something to be proud of... and to support — morally, financially, emotionally — any way that we can.

The results of a recent survey by the American Jewish Committee, show that whatever disagreements exist among them, American Jews consider Israel's existence, survival and security to be non-negotiable. Sixty-two percent of a representative sample of American Jews said they felt "very close" or "fairly close" to Israel, a figure identical to that obtained in a 1986 AJC poll, taken before the intifada, the elections and the "Who is a Jew" issue.

In fact, 73 percent of those polled in the most recent survey agreed with the statement that "caring for Israel is a very important part of my being a Jew," a figure higher than in the pre-intifada poll.

Asked whether they thought that "the Arabs would commit a holocaust against the Jews in Israel if they could," 68 percent said they did. It is the responsibility of all Jews to make sure that that question always remains hypothetical. We owe it to ourselves, to our children, and, perhaps most importantly, to the six million martyrs of the Holocaust who never knew what it was to have a Jewish state.

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## Letter to the Editor

## 'Mommy Track' Discriminates

A recent article in the *Harvard Business Review* (Jan.-Feb. '89) about women managers in the workplace has spawned a wide range of articles in the national press. In "Management Women and the New Facts of Life," Felice N. Schwartz proposes that employers separate women managers into two tracks — career primary and career and family.

The most basic problem with this proposal is that it discriminates. If employers decide that working mothers should be placed in a middle manager ghetto, women will no longer be free to make their own choices about careers and parenting. A woman's opportunity for employment and advancement will be stunted by corporations' preoccupations with age, marital status and child-bearing potential.

Furthermore, if employers implemented this suggestion, many women's wages would be negatively affected. Most working women — especially those with children — work because of economic necessity. In addition, a woman's wages are insurance against economic hardship for herself and her children in the event of divorce — the odds of which are more than one

in three for couples with dependent children.

The U.S. Department of Labor projects declining growth of the workforce through the year 2000 and estimates that nearly two-thirds of new workers will be women — the majority of child-bearing age, many with young children. To suggest limiting participation of such large numbers vital to U.S. production is indeed short-sighted.

Finally, placing the burden of child care or career choice on women without regard for the men who have fathered these children offers a narrow, cramped and obsolete view of parental roles and responsibilities. If the father is present in the family structure, he should be an integral part of child-rearing considerations.

The National Council of Jewish Women believes that singling out women under Ms. Schwartz's proposal is economic and gender discrimination. Bearing and rearing children should be regarded as essential to our nation's future in building a productive workforce, not as a career handicap.

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## On the other hand



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### Miracles

Her mother had been reviewing the story of the Exodus and had just come to the part of dividing the Red Sea. "I don't believe that," said the little girl, "Nobody could do that." "But this wasn't just anybody," said her mother, "it was God." The little girl weighed the argument briefly and then shook her head: "No way!" The little girl who, it happens, has a mortgage on my heart, is not alone in her skepticism about miracles. Most people today would, I think, be on her side.

It turns out that the question of miracles and how to deal with them has been a tough one for our great sages over the past 2,000 years. Miracles were, of course, part of the biblical fabric, and for those who lived in the biblical period miracles were accepted quite easily, not only by the Hebrews but by the various peoples around them. Miracles were viewed as signs and proof of authority (for example, Moses' turning his staff into a serpent), and to advance the course of history by divine intervention (as in the parting of the Red Sea).

By the period of the Second Temple, however, about 2,000 years ago, the rabbis were beginning to have some problems with the idea of miracles, and the Talmud and Midrash are full of examples of their struggles. Faced with the necessity for certain miracles that seemed clearly in conflict with nature as

they observed it, one solution they suggested was that God had provided for these anomalies in the original act of Creation. In Genesis Rabbah, for example, it is explained that during the first six days of creation, God arranged for the parting of the sea, for the sun and the moon to stand still for Joshua, and for the great fish to swallow Jonah, all these events programmed to take place at the right time in the future.

The Talmud is full of stories of miracles large and small, to the extent that one would be led to think that they are well accepted as part of the sages' world view, but then one comes upon the fascinating and famous tale told in Tractate Raba Metzia. The situation described is that of a heated debate between Rabbi Eliezer ben Hyrcanus and Rabbi Joshua over a fine and esoteric piece of law, the debate being conducted in the huge outdoor amphitheater in which the sages met. Rabbi Eliezer, charged with emotion, has called upon the forces of nature to buttress his arguments: "If I am correct in my argument," he cries, "may that wall tilt to the side!" And the wall, indeed, tilted. Similarly he called for a stream of water to run upstream against gravity, and it did, but none of this swayed Rabbi Joshua in the least. Finally, Rabbi Eliezer called for Heaven itself to confirm the correctness of his position, and indeed, a voice from above called out

that the reasoning of Eliezer was correct. But even this awesome demonstration failed to move Rabbi Joshua as he called out, "The Torah is not in Heaven!" Rabbi Joshua was basing his position on the clearly emphasized teaching in Deuteronomy that the Law, once given to man, was for man to deal with — even God no longer intervened on questions of the Law.

What is fascinating about this delightful and dramatic passage of Talmud is that the description of miracles is juxtaposed with their rejection as having no real validity. Despite Rabbi Eliezer's superiority of presentation, Rabbi Joshua is the clear winner as the Talmud presents it.

In the medieval period Sadiah Gaon did not question the possibility of miracles — for him this was consistent with the original concepts of Creation and Divine Providence. Maimonides saw miracles as necessary to sustain the authority of revelation for the unsophisticated masses. However, unable to square the idea of miracles with science, he resorted to the midrashic explanation that miracles were predetermined at the time of Creation, and thus do not indicate any change in God's will or wisdom as displayed in science. He was careful not to define the miracle as breaking any laws of nature; what happened at the Red Sea could be explained by the effects of wind and water.

In modern times (19th C.) Samuel

Hirsch saw God as having revealed Himself to Israel in the biblical period by means of miracles to show that He was above nature. Israel was born as a people in a society, that of the Egyptians, that believed in the omnipotence of nature. Once the idea of nature's omnipotence had been uprooted, miracles were no longer necessary and therefore ceased to occur. One continuous miracle survived — the existence of the Jewish people, which serves as an additional means of teaching the existence of God. Interestingly, in still more recent times, Rosenzweig, Buber and Heschel returned to an almost biblical concept of miracles. Finally, it was for Mordecai Kaplan to take the most radical turn in a totally rationalist approach: God, he says, does not exercise any control or direction over the workings of the world.

So, as with so many things in Judaism involving faith, each of us must struggle with this problem of miracles and find his/her own answer. For me the task is not difficult. I live in a world filled with daily miracles, the miracle of each sunrise, each sunset, each new flower, and most of all that overwhelming miracle, the birth of a child. If my science is not able to explain them all, so be it. Life is full of questions before which science is impotent and must bow to faith. I know that someday that little girl, after much struggle, will find her answer.

## Overcoming The Undercount: The Jewish Community And The 1990 Census

By MARTIN HOCHBAUM, Ph.D.

The Jewish Community is making a mistake in ignoring the forthcoming 1990 census, a subject which will have a crucial impact on the distribution of political power and public funds for a full decade. Ostensibly a simple task of counting, the census actually has major influence on all aspects of public policy since the data it gathers are used to both apportion seats in the U.S. Congress (and state and local legislatures) as well as to distribute tens of billions of dollars to states and localities.

There is considerable agreement that the census fails to count many people, especially minority group members. For example, in 1980 the Census Bureau estimates that it missed up to 6.5 percent of blacks, a figure that was even higher for inner cities' blacks. Other minorities, especially Hispanics and Asians, are similarly undercounted.

The reasons for the undercount are clear. In some cases, renters seek to hide the fact that they are violating their leases by having friends or families double up with them. In others, poor people and illegal aliens fail to cooperate because they are intimidated by government representatives and the complicated forms they are required to fill out. Further, census enumerators in the field may be fearful of spending too much time in areas they consider unsafe. Lastly, the homeless are obviously difficult to accurately count.

Recognizing these problems, the Census Bureau established panels of experts to research methods of adjusting the 1990 census to correct the undercount. To arrive at the final figures, the experts supported a Post Enumeration Survey which involves a second survey of 300,000 households and comparison of its results with the census findings for those areas.

The Commerce Department, the Census Bureau's parent agency, responded that it "does not intend to adjust the 1990 decennial count..." In protest, the Census Bureau's Associate Director resigned her position and claimed that the Department's action was politically motivated since the people who are undercounted are unlikely to be Republicans.

Why should this subject be on our agenda? Our concern with counting people goes back to the first census, as recorded in the *Book of Exodus*. Moreover, the Jewish community has long maintained a strong interest in society's general welfare. For example, 2500 years ago Jeremiah advised us to seek "the welfare of the city to which I have exiled you... for in its welfare will you find your welfare."

Bringing the matter up-to-date, the more accurate the 1990 census, the more public funds will be available to help the needy and the less the potential for confrontation between minorities and whites — including Jews — over reapportionment. A more accurate census would also reduce the possibility that Jewish legislators in New York and several other states will be re-districted out of their seats. And, as indicated by the National Research Council, census data "frequently form the basis of anti-discrimination lawsuits." AJCongress supports a three point program to improve the census accuracy. The first is endorsing the "Decennial Census Improvement Act" whose major sponsors include California Congressman Mervyn Dymally and New York Senator Daniel P. Moynihan. This proposal would require the Census Bureau to select the most appropriate method to correct undercounts and overcounts in the 1990 census. While the legislative outlook for this proposal is as best cloudy, the bill has much symbolic value and deserves our support.

Point two is seeking redress in the courts. AJCongress will shortly file an *amicus* brief in a case pending against the Commerce Department in the District Court for the Eastern District of New York. The brief will argue that the Commerce Department had no legitimate basis for refusing to adjust raw census data since independent experts agree that doing so would be fair and feasible. Moreover, such an adjustment would best fulfill the Constitutional requirement of the most accurate census possible.

The third step is the initiation of a community-based program to reach out to as many people as possible in order to ensure their cooperation with the

census. For example, we will ask schools to cooperate on this project and request that they prepare and distribute

materials to their students that would enable them to explain to their parents (Continued to page 31)

## Prime Minister's Message For Yom HaAtzmaut

Following is the text of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's message on the occasion of Yom Ha'atzmaut 5749.

From Jerusalem, the nation's capital, I send heartfelt greetings to the whole house of Israel as we complete the fortieth year of our renewed independence and approach the new year, that could open a new era, in our national life.

Those who knew Jewish life before we achieved our state in 1948 can fully appreciate the great transformation that has taken place in the existence of our people. No longer are we the objects of history, the victims of dictators and oppressors. We have the instruments and the means to determine what is best for our people to protect our state, to deter aggressors, to defend our people.

We are filled with deep satisfaction at our accomplishments in all fields of national endeavor and awed by the tasks and challenges that still lie ahead.

The two elections in the past year were great manifestations of our vibrant and vital democracy the formation of the broadly-based government, an expression of the people's desire for unity in the face of external threats and internal challenges.

I send special greeting to all members of the Israel Defense Forces who guard our borders, who protect our citizens and strive, in difficult conditions, to maintain law and order in all parts of the land.

We have never ceased our efforts for peace with our neighbors, and the comprehensive initiative we have recently launched offers great hope to all the people of our region.

We call on the Arab countries to terminate their senseless state of war against us to join us in ending the problem of the Arab refugees by dismantling the camps and providing decent conditions of housing for their inhabitants.

We urge the Palestinian Arabs to accept the two-stage negotiating process we have proposed that offers a better future for them and for future generations.

We are encouraged by the positive response of the new U.S. administration to our efforts and look forward to working together with it in close harmony and friendship.

A few months after this anniversary of our independence, the world will mark 50 years since the start of World War II that caused waste and destruction to countries around the world and brought disaster to our people.

The Jewish people was ravaged, but not destroyed. It rose from the ashes of the Holocaust to a new chapter of redemption, of renaissance, of return to their ancient roots and homeland. History has again shown that when our people are united they can overcome the greatest obstacles and challenges.

The existence of a strong, secure, peaceful, developing Jewish state, with open gates for every Jew who wishes to join us in our historic assignment is the best proof that, in the end, we triumphed. I call on every member of our people to come this year to Eretz Israel, to share with us the great experience of the revival of our people. Am Israel chai.

I wish you all a happy Yom Ha'atzmaut.

## Finkelstein Endowment Fund Established

Friends of Nisson and Rona Finkelstein have established an Endowment Fund in recognition of their contributions to the Jewish community and their major interest in Jewish education. Announcement of this generous gift was made at the Tribute Dinner recently held by the State of Israel Bond Organization to acknowledge the Finkelsteins' long-time involvement in the cultural and Jewish educational life of Delaware.

Frank and Yetta Chaiken, speaking for the donors, said that the Fund will be known as the "Nisson and Rona Finkelstein Philanthropic Fund for Jewish Education" and will be administered by the Jewish Community of Delaware Endowment Fund. Income from the Fund will be available for Jewish educational programs and projects.

The Chaikens have invited those who would like to pay tribute to the Finkelsteins to donate to this Fund. Checks made out to the Jewish Federation of Delaware marked "Finkelstein Fund" should be sent to 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington, DE 19803. For further information please call Connie Kreshool, Endowment Director, 478-6200.

## Sharansky Rejected For U.N. Post

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has rejected proposals to name Soviet Jewry activist Natan Sharansky as Israel's ambassador to the United Nations. His position became public knowledge last week, after he discussed the matter with Foreign Minister Moshe Arens.

Ahrens, along with Deputy Foreign Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, Israel's former U.N. ambassador, had been urging Sharansky's appointment for months, despite the ex-refusenik's lack of formal diplomatic experience. But Shamir apparently felt Sharansky's nomination would needlessly antagonize Moscow, *The Jerusalem Post* reported. Sharansky is an outspoken critic of the Soviet Union's immigration and human rights policies.

The prime minister is said to prefer a seasoned diplomat for the highly visible, prestigious post. He is reported to favor

Ovadia Soffer, presently Israel's ambassador to France, who has been in Paris more than four years and also served as ambassador to the United Nations in Geneva.

Arens issued new rules recently limiting to six years an envoy's uninterrupted tour abroad. Soffer has been away from home almost nine years. Nevertheless, as one of the Foreign Ministry's foremost experts on international law and Third World affairs, Soffer is considered eminently qualified for the post.

The subject of his doctoral thesis at New York University in 1977 was "The United Nations Peacemaking Role in the Arab-Israeli Conflict, 1967-77."

But many ministry staff members favor another senior diplomat, Ya'acov Levin, for



Natan Sharansky

the U.N. post. Levin presently heads the Israeli consular mission in Moscow. Before that, he served as deputy chief of mission at the United Nations in New York.

## U.S. Rejects Arab Request To Rescind Trade Benefits

By HOWARD ROSENBERG

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The Bush administration on April 13 formally rejected an Arab-American group's petition challenging a trade benefit that the United States extends to Israel. However, the United States will require identifying labels on goods from the West Bank, so they will not be given the trade preferences accorded goods made in Israel proper.

Israel was "found to meet the program's eligibility standards and will continue to be eligible" for benefits under the 12-year-old Generalized System of Preferences program, said U.S. Trade Representative Carla Hills.

The American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee filed a petition with the trade representative's office last August contesting Israel's participation in the GSP program on the grounds that Israel allegedly discriminated against Palestinians from the West Bank and Gaza Strip who worked in Israel and the territories.

In its decision, the United States examined treatment of workers in Israel proper, and not in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, on the basis that U.S. law does not recognize the territories as part of Israel.

Herb Magidson, president of the Jewish Labor Committee, which testified on behalf of

Israel during hearings last November, hailed the decision. "The purely political complaint issued last summer, against the only country in the Middle East was a free trade union movement," did not "survive the intense scrutiny" of trade officials, Magidson said in a statement.

The decision "demonstrates that Israel respects trade unionism and the rights of workers, even under the most trying circumstances," he said.

The GSP program allows various Israeli products to enter the United States duty-free. Had Israel lost its GSP status, \$14 million to \$20 million of the close to \$3 billion in Israeli exports to the United States would have been affected, a State Department source said.

The GSP status of Syria, meanwhile, which was contested in a petition filed by the AFL-CIO, will continue for another year while an investigation continues, Hills said.

The State Department source explained that the GSP subcommittee, composed of the trade representative's office, State Department, and the Agriculture, Commerce, Labor and Treasury departments, has been hampered by a "lack of information" on worker rights in Syria.

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## American Visitors To Israel Profiled

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Statistics recently published by the Israeli Ministry of Tourism revealed that three-quarters of the Americans who come to Israel as tourists are Jewish. A profile of American tourists who come to Israel shows that 51 percent come alone, 34 percent arrive as couples and 15 percent come in families of three or more. Two-thirds of them make their own travel arrangements rather than join an inclusive tour.

- Some of the findings include:
- 74 percent of the American tourists are Jewish.
  - 36 percent come in inclusive package tours.
  - 41 percent make their decisions six months or more before their trip.
  - 99 percent arrive on scheduled flights, only 1 percent on charters.
  - 42 percent give the desire to visit relatives or friends as one of their reasons for traveling.
  - 61 percent stay in hotels. Average expenditure is \$1,300, or 62 dollars per day.
  - 90 percent of respondents to a ministry survey say they have had a good or very good time.

# Israel Has Failed In Its Effort To Curb Uprising, Rabin Admits

By GIL SEDAN

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel's policy of deporting Palestinian activists has not succeeded in curbing the uprising in the administered territories, Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin admitted this week. He also acknowledged that the Israel Defense Force to date has not achieved its goal of restoring calm in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

His remarks, made in an address to members of Kibbutz Hadati, the religious kibbutz movement, appeared to be the first public acknowledgment by government officials that Israel has failed in its efforts to thwart the so-called intifada, which will mark its 17th month next week.

Deportation orders are currently pending for 13 Palestinians, four of whom have already lost their appeals. But no deportations have been carried out so far this year. Rabin did not say, however, that the defense establishment had abandoned deportation as a

punitive measure.

Defense Ministry officials have long complained that legal obstacles undermined the effectiveness of deportations.

Deportees have the right of appeal, first to a military appeals board and, if that fails, to Israel's High Court of Justice.

Although both bodies have rarely, if ever, failed to uphold a deportation order, the appeals process is time-consuming. The long interval between issuing a deportation order and implementing it reduces its effectiveness, defense officials say. "When you want to deport a certain personality, you cannot, and when you can, it is not longer worthwhile," one senior official told the *Jewish Telegraphic Agency*.

The IDF has not found a way to prevent rock-throwing attacks, which account for 85 percent of the violent incidents in the territories, Rabin said. It has also failed to attain two of its most important goals: restoring general calm and ensuring "satisfactory function-

ing" of the Arab municipalities, the defense minister said.

Many local town councils resigned in the early days of the Palestinian uprising and replaced themselves with outlawed "popular committees" backed by the Palestine Liberation Organization.

The Israeli civil administration appointed new mayors, but most of them soon resigned because of threats to their security. One of the few remaining in office, Mayor Hassan a-Tawil of El-Bireh, was the victim of arson at his home last week.

Rabin's frank comments were seen as an attempt to set the stage for general elections in the territories. He implied that was the only way to achieve minimal normalcy. Rabin and Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir are in broad agreement over elections in the territories to choose Palestinian representatives who would negotiate with Israel. While Shamir would restrict the balloting to municipalities,

Rabin prefers general elections throughout the territories.

The defense minister is expected to bring concrete Israeli plans for Palestinian elections with him to Washington on his forthcoming visit.

The Prime Minister's Office and the Foreign Ministry have each set up working teams to hammer out details of the election plan, which Shamir first presented to officials in Washington last month.

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# Netanyahu Paints Picture Of Israel Poised On Brink Of Promise, Danger

By SUSAN BIRNBAUM

NEW YORK (JTA)—Israeli Deputy Foreign Minister Binyamin Netanyahu presented a vision Sunday night of an Israel poised on the verge of both greatness and destruction, whose potential for growth or annihilation is so awesome that the description "apocalyptic" does not seem inappropriate.

In a three-pronged speech here to the Zionist Organization of America, Netanyahu suggested first that Israel is about to be infused with the greatest influx of immigrants from the Soviet Union ever and that they might very well come through a free doorway, just as from the West. Then, acknowledging Israel's dire financial straits, which could scarcely support the vast needs of these new immigrants, the Likud official said that Israel is about to revolutionize its economy. He exhorted his audience to "buy, invest."

Completing this augury, Netanyahu then presented a portrait of an Israel now riding a very thin line between continuation and total annihilation. Its fate, he seemed to imply, hangs on the legitimacy the world gives the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Netanyahu cited an April 4 address given in Arabic by Farouk Kaddoumi, the PLO's so-called "foreign minister," who said that although the PLO's methods have changed, the West Bank and Gaza are still the launching pads to liberate Haifa and Jaffa. "Jewish history is going to be determined right now," Netanyahu said, his voice becoming more intense.

He drew pointed comparison between the Israel of today, which is being asked to give up its administered territories, and the Czechoslovakia of 1938, which was entreated by Adolf Hitler to deliver up the Sudetenland as "a last territorial claim." He recalled that the *Times of London* editorialized at the time that "Czechoslovakia must choose now which way it must go on

ruling an alien people." The paper urged the Czech government to "choose peace," he said, drawing an analogy to words often used by Israel's critics.

"Those who say that a Palestinian state will lead to peace are fatal. It's a prescription for catastrophic war, not just regular war," he said.

Instead of choosing annihilation, Israel has offered the Palestinians "another idea," said Netanyahu. "You can have maximum control of your daily life and we (will) be in charge of security," he said, giving a broad outline of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's plan for Palestinian autonomy.

But his speech was as full of optimistic predictions as it was grave warnings. He spoke passionately of the charges going on in Eastern Europe, citing his recent trip to Poland and the "glacial change" taking place

in Jewish life in Hungary.

Building stream, he said, "Something is about to happen. I think the Soviet Union is radically going to alter its emigration policies very soon, and you will be able to go to any embassy in Moscow" for an emigration visa.

He said the numbers of Jews leaving the Soviet Union today outstrip the benchmark Soviet Emigration figures of 1979. Even if the vast majority of Soviet Jews continues to try to immigrate to the United States, he said, the proportions will be so vast that Israel will receive "a great, great multiplication of numbers — more than hundreds of thousands."

Placing the Jewish people at a singular crossroads, Netanyahu said, "History is judging every one of us. And it is not going to give the Jewish people another chance. This is it."

## Aliyah Rate Up

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Immigration to Israel during the first three months of 1989 was 23 percent higher than in the same period last year.

This year, 4,210 immigrants came to Israel between Jan. 1 and March 31, including 1,057 from the Soviet Union, 469 from Romania, 222 from France, 365 from North

America and 684 from Argentina.

Tourism Minister Gideon Patt reported, meanwhile, that 137,000 tourists came to Israel in March, compared to 142,000 who came in March 1988 for the Passover season. This is considered good, since Pesach falls in mid-April this year.

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# Anti-Semitism On Campus Is Alive, Well . . . And Growing

By GARY H. STRASSBERG  
Special to The Jewish Voice

Institutions of higher learning — where the college experience is supposed to nurture an open mind — are perhaps the last place one would expect to find anti-Semitism.

However, a seminar held for leaders of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith on March 27 indicated that anti-Semitism had indeed invaded our institutions of higher learning.

"What you see, essentially, is that hatred, specifically hatred of Jews, is alive and well and unfortunately growing on campus," said Dr. Jeffrey Ross, guest speaker.

"One of the things ADL does," said Ross, who is the director of ADL's Department of Campus Affairs and Higher Education, "is that we monitor incidences of anti-Semitism in the larger society and on campus."

Ross said that in the five years he has been at the post, "the number and the intensity of incidents of intergroup conflict, racial conflict, ethnic con-

flict and religious conflict on campuses has increased markedly."

"In 1984, there were six campuses across the United States which reported incidents of anti-Semitism," said the former political science professor at Syracuse University and Hamilton College.

Last year, Ross said, such incidents were reported on 38 separate campuses, which he said is the highest number ever recorded by the ADL.

Ross listed numerous acts of anti-Semitism on various campuses, ranging from physical attacks to more subtle approaches.

One such incident, he said, involved an attack on the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation house at the University of Arizona, in which "somebody took a gun and fired a shot through the window while people were in the building." Nobody was hurt.

At the State University of New York at Binghamton, Ross' alma mater, "The Jewish Student Union was vandalized, and such kindly thoughts at

'Kill the kikes' and 'Zio-Nazis racists' were spray-painted on the premises." The attack occurred during the November commemoration of Kristallnacht, the "Night of Broken Glass."

Local campuses have also been touched by anti-Semitism. Incidents of vandalism have been reported at the University of Pennsylvania and Drexel University, said Hallie Rosen, assistant director of the Eastern Pennsylvania/Delaware Region of ADL.

At Drexel, Rosen said in a phone interview, a bulletin board outside the Jewish student office was defaced with a swastika.

At Penn, she said, a swastika was drawn on the locker of a law student, and a stairwell was defaced with a swastika and the slogan, "Kill kikes and fags."

Rabbi Howard Alpert, executive director of the Jewish Campus Activities Board, said when asked about the Penn incidents, "A swastika on a locker cannot be referred to as minor."

"It needs to be taken seriously, because it wounded a Jewish student and has the potential to wound others."

One form of anti-Semitism that Ross stressed as being particularly demeaning is what he referred to as "JAP-baiting." This, he said, is "a combination of anti-Semitism and sexism."

"Much of what passes for 'JAP' (Jewish American Princess) jokes goes beyond the soft-core variety of making reservations for dinner," Ross said, referring to the punchline of a joke.

"You have a whole stream of 'JAP' jokes . . . in which the basic proposition is, 'Let's laugh about the ways in which one can kill Jews and women.'"

As an example, Ross showed the group a copy of *The Cornell Lunatic* that included an article entitled "JAPs-B-Gone — A Handy Info Packet for the Home Exterminator." The article likened Jewish women to insects and offered various ways in which they could be eliminated.

"If anything sends a signal," said Ross, "this does. The fact about 'JAP'-baiting is that Jews, to a large degree, invented it and perpetrate it and legitimize it for everyone else."

The question of what can be done to stop anti-Semitism on campus was raised.

"The most important practical step," Ross responded, "is to work with the campus administrations. You have a situation on too many campuses in which the basic proposition is, 'Well, boys will be boys.' If that is your basic proposition, then the boys will be boys."

Administrations must make clear what their policies on bias-crime on campus are, Ross said. "Incidents are routinely swept under the rug, and the perpetrators have been very lightly slapped on the wrist."

"Like it or not," he said, "Jewish students, Jewish faculty, the entire Jewish community are engaged in an ideological struggle on campus."

"If we lose it, it is at our peril."

## 'Modern' Art Of Tallit-Making Explored At Gratz Hebrew High

A new project was recently undertaken by some Gratz students as part of their Jewish Life course taught by Howard Hait. As one of their activities in studying modern expressions of Jewish identity, the students participated in the art of *tallit* (prayer shawl) making.

Throughout the year, the students have studied such topics as the "Jewish vote" and its impact on the presidential election. The "December Dilemma" was presented by Rabbi Peter Grumbacher and Pastor David Mueller of Concordia Lutheran Church whose lectures served as a springboard for intense discussion of the role of religious symbolism within the school system. A few weeks later, students related to each other their own experiences of anti-

Semitism in the secular environment.

The topic of Jewish identity and its role within the local community, the nation, and in terms of our relationship as American Jews with the State of Israel was introduced in the context of how Jews can continue to enjoy Jewish life and what it has to offer even in the midst of these pressures. Examples were given of ways in which many Jews express feelings of Jewish identity, such as philanthropy for Jewish causes, Jewish community involvement, Zionism and, what seems to have become even more popular in recent years, a return to Jewish ritual observance.

In this last case, the students learned that the popularity of ritual objects, such as the

*mezzuzah*, *ketubah* (Jewish marriage contract), and Hanukkah *menorah* have become even more pronounced because of appreciation of their design and artistic creation. The *tallit*, long viewed as an important symbol of one's emergence into Jewish adulthood, has also been a recent subject of artistic creativity.

In an effort to give the students a chance to display their talents and, at the same time, "provide them with something they could be personally proud of," each student was asked to purchase a piece of material, and encouraged to be creative in the choice of pattern, design, and color, according to Hait. Outlandish designs were particularly welcome, he said, because the so-called "traditional" *tallit* of white silk or wool is not strictly required as a condition for what is considered "kosher."

In class the students were given instruction on the proper tying of the *tzitzit*, or fringes. Carefully tying a specific number of coils and knots transforms the ordinary piece of cloth into "functional" *tallit* that could be worn.

"The experience proved to be a worthwhile one. Everyone worked with each other to



The Gratz "Jewish Life" students wearing their handcrafted prayer shawls. Left to right are Daniel Rech, Aaron Wagner, Gregory Dickson, Elana Mamberg, Staci Levin, Natalie Heiman, Alison Rubenstein, Ellen Levy and Daniel Weinstein.

create something which they all felt would be a fond memory of their Gratz education," Hait said. A number of students commented that this was a nice way of learning compared to the conventional classroom environment, he noted. "But most importantly, the students developed a better understanding of the need to 'belong.'"

## Soviet-Israeli Exchange

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Hebrew University recently concluded an academic exchange agreement with two institutions of higher learning in Soviet Georgia.

The agreement, with the State University in Tbilisi and the Georgian Academy of Sciences, was worked out during a recent visit to Israel by a delegation of Georgian academics. The delegation was headed by Professor Andria Apakidze, vice president of the Georgian Academy of Sciences.

The agreement calls for exchange visits by students and faculty members, as well as cooperation in such research projects as the history and culture of Georgian Jewry and the cultural development of Georgian Jewry in Israel.



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# The Rabbi Writes



Rabbi Herbert Drooz

## Anachnu Po! We Are Here!

I was ordained in Cincinnati in July, 1943, and took the train east the next day. The

Great War was at its very peak, and the first reports on the Nazi holocaust were leaking out. It

was a most threatening hour in the history of Judaism and the Jewish people.

State of Israel, working in close alliance with the United States nourished the character of the American Jew, as well. And surely, the broad raising of our Jewish educational level contributed mightily to our morale. Indeed, the issues and con-

sensus of first-generation American, especially those arising from a broad inferiority complex, are long gone. We are prepared and ready to meet the real world and its challenges, today.

### Dvar Torah

Parashat Kedoshim, May 6

### Active Loving

By RABBI MORDECHAI LIEBLING  
Special to The Jewish Voice

The *sedra Kodeshim* in the book of Leviticus recapitulates the ten commandments and the fundamental teachings of the Torah. In it are two of the phrases that many have called the core of Jewish teaching.

1.) God spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to the whole Israelite community and say to them: "You shall be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy" (19:1-2).

Each one of us is a holy being and is created in the image of God.

2.) "Love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord" (19:18). Hillel, considering the core of Judaism, said to the heathen, "That which is hurtful to thee do not do to thy neighbor."

Here are two fundamental affirmations, one concerning God and holiness and the other concerning humanity, two affirmations but not a duality, rather dissoluble parts of a whole. Each is the obverse and consequence of the other. The simultaneous love of God and humanity is indivisible; any wrongdoing toward another human being — a holy entity made in the image of God — is a wrongdoing against God. Who we are is evidenced in our relations. If we believe in God, that belief must be part of every relationship.

The challenge for each of us is to treat each of our relationships as holy. It is a constant struggle. Our *sedra* gives us a plethora of ethical principles to help us on this path, a few of which we can examine here.

"You shall not insult the deaf, or place a stumbling block before the blind" (19:14). Our tradition has interpreted this phrase very broadly. The blind are considered anyone who cannot see a particular situation, or whose passions or addictions blind them, or one who has been denied information. For example, Maimonides understands it as being forbidden to sell to a heathen (i.e., a person who does not see the Divine Oneness) weapons of war; to sell to a Jewish criminal anything that can possibly further criminal acts; to give any innocent party dishonest advice.

Therefore, individuals or nations who sell arms to oppressive regimes, terrorists, or criminals are accomplices and can be held responsible.

The Talmud relates this verse to not placing temptation in front of anyone to commit a self destructive act. One would not, for example, offer a drink to someone struggling with alcoholism, or encourage someone on a diet to eat dessert.

A remarkable interpretation is the condemnation, in *Mo'ed Katan*, of the man who, staying at home, ignores to mark an old graveyard. A priest (*cohen*) may unknowingly enter it and thereby commit a transgression. (A *cohen* is forbidden by Torah law from being in proximity to the dead.) The man has done nothing, but he could have prevented violation of sacred law. We are required to point out even potentially harmful situations. Right-to-know laws for workers and consumers are based directly on this teaching. Even more strongly, it is saying that we are each responsible for what goes on around us. Each one of us is enjoined to cry out in the face of violence and injustice.

"You shall not hate your kinsman in your heart. Reprove your neighbor, but incur no guilt because of him" (19:17).

We are commanded to rebuke our neighbor for doing wrong, but not to hate her or him. The focus is on the reproach of the deed, not the person. We are not to embarrass another in public because it denies his or her humanity and holiness. The previous verse forbids tale bearing. Acts of injustice must be condemned, but not through gossip or slander.

Everett Gendler, in his pamphlet "The Loving Rebuke," discovers principles in the tradition of administering a loving rebuke. Simply put, they are: do not talk about a person; do not confront someone when angry; be very careful with your words; do not publicly embarrass someone; reaffirm the other's divinity and your connection; speak calmly and lovingly; focus on the deed and not the doer; carefully distinguish between personal preference and principal.

However, in the last resort, or in the case of public officials, public rebuke may be necessary to halt injustice. Gendler quotes from the Talmud:

"With public officials the same holds true: by acquiescence through silence one bears responsibility. Yet further than the ends of the earth itself, this responsibility extends; that ever we attempt, by clear and forthright speech and action, to prevent that from happening which ought not to happen" (Shabbat 55a).

The indissolubility of our love for God and our love for humanity requires us to both treat others lovingly and prevent situations of even potential harm.

The commandment to love your neighbor is a call to active love. (Rabbi Mordechai Liebling is the Executive Director of the Federation of Reconstructionist Congregations and Havurot.)

To stake one's life on the existence of the Jewish faith and people at that season in history required a bit of *chutzpa*. That has been true across the almost 40 centuries since Abraham. And the miracle of our being is so often to be able to affirm: *Anachnu Po! We are here!*

The gross threat against us was far more than the Nazis and the outside world. It was the "inside" world — the ignorance and self-depreciation which was a new phenomenon in the "first generation" of American Jewry.

Not only the vital victory over Hitler, but the intellectual victory of college and university education achieved by a great percentage of our young people, resolved our feelings of inferiority. In addition, the growth of Jewish communities and synagogues and Jewish schools in suburbs and in smaller cities steeled and socially enriched the American Jewish Communities.

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## 'Jews, Sleuths And Problem Of Evil' Subject Of Beth El Kallah

By GAIL LICHTMAN  
Special to The Jewish Voice

What, you say, do Jews have to do with sleuths and the problem of evil? Everything, says Rabbi Gustav Buchdahl of Temple Emanuel of Baltimore, and he went on to prove his point in a two-part lecture delivered during a weekend kallah April 28 and 29 at Temple Beth El in Newark.

A lively speaker with a well-developed sense of humor, Buchdahl, who is a member of the Ethics Committee of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, sees detective stories as dealing with such very Jewish topics as the problem of good and evil, the need for justice and mercy, and the existence of human suffering.

"One of the reasons I teach detective stories," Buchdahl explained, "is that there are people in my congregation, in all congregations, who are

never going to read the Bible, and who are never going to read the Book of Job. But, you hand them a detective novel, they'll read it. And they will learn. They won't learn as much about Judaism, but at least it will give them a handle to think about the questions of good and evil, and the good and bad impulses within each of us and how we battle them."

He cited as an example one Jewish detective story where the hero takes a bribe because he wants his son to have the same opportunities he had; in this case, an Ivy League education. By page five, we know about the bribe and how it haunts the hero. We are made to realize the power of evil impulses and how each of us has these impulses within us and must struggle to control them.

According to Buchdahl, detective stories offer a form of

resolution to these evil impulses very much in the Talmudic vein. The Talmud advises, if you have an evil impulse — use it well. In these stories, if you have an impulse towards violence — become a detective or a cop.

Another way in which Jewish detective stories reflect a particularly Jewish view of the world is the belief that the world is ultimately redeemable. "This is *tikkun haolam* in the secular sense," Buchdahl contended. "Through cops and sleuths, we exercise our penchant for justice. It is another arena in which to wrestle with good and evil."

Beginning with the first Jewish detective story published in the United States in 1891, Buchdahl surveys some 25 Anglo-American authors and their sleuths; looking at the Jewish detective story as a

reflection of how we as Jews see or would like to see ourselves.

"Israel, where the law is in our hands and the criminals and cops are Jews, has produced her own detective fiction," the Rabbi stated. "The reality is such that Israelis do not need to invent heroes and danger — there are enough of both around already."

Jews in the Anglo-American world do not as a rule come so close to violence. There is a repugnance in Jewish ethics of violence and law enforcement is not the image Jews have of themselves.

"Therefore, it is the American Jews who have fictionalized the Israeli detective, beginning in the 1950's with the Israeli detective as the symbol of the new, strong Jew. At that time, we needed an Israeli cop to reflect the things we

wanted for ourselves — respect, authority, and a flirtation with danger."

In the 70's and 80's the American-Jewish, English-Jewish and South African-Jewish detective has emerged. Here too, the same themes persist — the need to win the respect of the non-Jewish world and the danger of living so close to violence.

Time and time again, Buchdahl emphasized that it is a very fine line which separates the good from evil, the "us" from the "them." "When I talk about Jewish detectives," he reminded the audience, "I see my neighbors, my family and, in my worst moments, myself. This is the most frightening and also the most emancipating part, because it says that even you have the opportunity to save the world if you only have the guts."

## Arshts Pledge \$1 Million To Academy Of Lifelong Learning

The University of Delaware recently announced a campaign to raise \$1 million toward construction of a new \$6 million Wilmington home for its Academy of Lifelong Learning, a nationally recognized leader and model in the field of retirement-age learning.

G. Arno Loessner, vice president for advancement and University secretary, outlined the fundraising effort at a press conference on April 19 in the academy's current home, the University's Wilcastle Center at 2800 Pennsylvania Ave., Wilmington. Afterward, a reception was held for academy members and leaders, and the model and site plan of the new building were unveiled.

Academy members Roxana and Sam Arsht of Wilmington have pledged \$1 million toward the new building. Loessner also announced. The remaining \$4 million needed has been committed from University funds, he said.

Mrs. Arsht, who in 1971 became the first woman appointed to be a state judge, takes several courses at the university. "I'm busier than I

ever was," she said during a press conference following the announcement of their gift. "Everything that I didn't learn in college I can begin to learn again."

Mr. Arsht left immediately following the conference for a class.

Mrs. Arsht retired as a Family Court judge in 1983. In

January, she received the university's medal of distinction.

The Arshts have long been active members of the Jewish community in Wilmington.

The Academy of Lifelong Learning, established in 1980 by the University in the Division of Continuing Education, pro-

vides opportunities for intellectual and cultural exploration and development for those of retirement age.

Loessner said the academy — one of the largest of its kind in the country — functions as an "intellectual cooperative," with members sharing their knowledge and interests by

volunteering to serve as instructors, planners and committee members, according to their skills and interests.

Current membership totals more than 1,000, he said and is expected to grow to 1,500-1,600 in five to 10 years, and the Wilcastle Center is currently used to capacity.

## U.S. Remembers Holocaust With Ceremony, Song And Kaddish

By DAVID FRIEDMAN

WASHINGTON (JTA) — President Bush said Tuesday that the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum being built in Washington will serve to teach future generations about the danger of allowing human rights to be jeopardized anywhere in the world.

"This building will testify more powerfully than any words the importance of protecting the freedom and dignity of all people," Bush said in a message to the ninth annual National Civic Commemoration of the Days of Remembrance in the rotunda of the U.S. Capitol. He said that the memory of those murdered by

the Nazis "will never let us forget the evil men can inflict on one another."

Bush's message was read by Harvey Meyerhoff, chairman of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council. Leaders of the council met with Bush at the White House before the ceremony.

The rotunda was packed with Holocaust survivors, representatives of Jewish organizations, senators and congressmen and members of the diplomatic corps, including Israeli Ambassador Moshe Arad. The walls of the cavernous room echoed with the *El Molei Rachamim* was chanted by Metropolitan Opera tenor Misha Raitzin. The Kaddish was recited by Rabbi Pinchas Teitz of Elizabeth, N.J.

Members of Congress joined Holocaust survivors in lighting six candles in memory of 6 million Jews murdered by the Nazis.

Bush, like the speakers at the ceremony, noted that this year's observance also marked the 50th anniversary of the "Eve of Destruction" in Europe. It began Jan. 30, 1939, when Hitler predicted to the German Reichstag the destruction of European Jewry if war began. Germany invaded Poland on Sept. 1, 1939.

Senate Minority Leader Robert Dole (R-Kan.) said that the ceremony is a reminder of the millions killed by the Nazis, and of those who, while they survived, "carried with them throughout their remaining lives the permanent scars of the horrors they suffered."

There are also "bitter, bitter memories of the people who perpetrated these inhuman acts," Dole said. "And memories no less bitter of the anonymous millions of others who stood by, and let it happen."

But Dole, who was severely

wounded in World War II, stressed that "revenge has no place in this ceremony." He said that "we remember — not to look back in hate, but to look ahead in hope and in determination that this will never happen again."

Benjamin Meed, a Holocaust survivor and chairman of the Days of Remembrance Committee, expressed the gratitude of the survivors for the haven they found in the United States. "America has been good to us and we have been good for America," Meed said. "We have served as messengers from man's darkest hours, the early warnings against present-day evils, and miraculously we have been filled not with hatred but with life, love and memory."

Another survivor, William Lowenberg, the memorial council's vice chairman, stressed that "the survivors will always remember the brave soldiers of the United States Army who liberated us."

The U.S. Army Band and the color guard of the Third U.S. Infantry participated in the hour-long ceremony.

The council presented its annual Eisenhower Liberation Medal posthumously to Gen. Omar Bradley. In accepting the award, his daughter, Mrs. Benjamin Henry Dorsey, said that until he died, her father could not forget what he saw when he led the armies that liberated the death campus. "He knew that we must all work together for peace and for righteousness" to prevent such a horror from happening again, she said.

As for the museum, Meyerhoff said that construction will begin within a month and that the council has raised more than \$63 million of the \$147 million needed to build and equip the museum, all of it from private sources.

At a council meeting after the ceremony, it was announced that Kitty Dukakis, wife of Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis, and former Maryland Gov. Harold Hughes, will be co-chairs of the Governor's Events, a project of Campaign to Remember, the fundraising arm of the council. Dukakis served on the council from 1980 to 1987.

## Poets Sought

BERKLEY, Calif. (JTA) — Entries for the third annual Anna Davidson Rosenberg Award for poems on the Jewish experience, sponsored by the Magnes Museum and the descendants of Anna Davidson Rosenberg, are now being accepted.

The award is intended to encourage and make publicly known the renaissance in poetry on Jewish themes and identity.

There is a first prize of \$100, second prize(s) of \$50, third prize(s) of \$25, a number of honorable mentions and several Youth Commendations for poets under 19 years old. Winning entries will be read in an awards ceremony at the museum during Hanukkah.

Poets should write for entry forms and guidelines — poems will be accepted April 15 to Aug. 31, 1989 — to Poetry Award Coordinator, Judah L. Magnes Museum, Berkeley, Calif. 94705.

## Arab Vs. Arab

Syrian forces and their allies continue to bombard the Christian sector of Beirut. Since March 8, at least 220 people have been killed and more than 900 wounded. At least 10,000 refugees from the fighting have fled to Israel's security zone in South Lebanon.

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# Book Alleges Pollard Nest Egg

By **ANDREW SILOW CARROLL**

**NEW YORK (JTA)** — Israel is setting aside \$5,000 a month for Jonathan Pollard, the former U.S. Navy intelligence analyst who spied for Israel, a new book alleges.

In addition, high-level U.S. and Israeli officials continue to talk about sending Pollard to Israel in an international spy swap, writes Wolf Blitzer in his new book, *Territory of Lies*.

Israel has declined to comment on Blitzer's report. Pollard has called an excerpt from the book a "fiction," according to Bernard Henderson, Pollard's father-in-law and leader of an organization that advocates his release.

The book again thrusts into the headlines a case that became a major embarrassment for Israel and at one point posed a threat to U.S.-Israel relations.

Pollard pleaded guilty in 1986 to passing hundreds of classified U.S. intelligence documents to Israeli agents. He is serving a life sentence at a maximum-security federal prison in Marion, Ill.

Pollard's wife, Anne, pleaded guilty to lesser charges and is serving a five-year term at a federal prison hospital in Rochester, Minn.

Among the documents Pollard gave to the Israelis, according to Blitzer, were detailed aerial photographs of Palestine Liberation Organization headquarters in Tunis,

later used by Israel for the October 1985 bombing raid on the home of PLO chief Yasir Arafat; information on Soviet weapons shipments to Arab countries; and information about the chemical warfare capabilities of Syria, Iraq and Libya.

The U.S. government indicted former Israeli air force Col. Aviem Sella as a conspirator in the case and named three others as unindicted co-conspirators. All remain in Israel.

The Israeli government said the operation was the work of "rogue" agents, operating with no political authority. While Blitzer uncovered no evidence of involvement at the highest level of the Israeli government, he writes that Israeli investigators believe some Cabinet ministers "probably suspected."

Blitzer, Washington correspondent for the *Jerusalem Post*, said the \$5,000 being set aside for Pollard is double the amount Pollard was receiving from his Israeli handlers during the year he spied for Israel.

"This is standard operating procedure in most intelligence agencies, to keep paying captured agents. In Israel, the tradition is the salary is doubled," Blitzer said in a telephone interview April 6.

Pollard's father, Dr. Morris Pollard of South Bend, Ind., said Wednesday that "we knew nothing about" the payments and did not hear

about them during a visit to Israel last week.

"I don't know what to say about it," he said in a telephone interview. "It's certainly generous of them to do it. He's been abused very severely."

But Henderson issued a statement denying the report outright. "The truth is the Pollards lack even a few dollars necessary to buy supplies from their prison commissaries," he said.

Blitzer writes that U.S. and Israeli officials have been discussing a number of scenarios that would send the Pollards to Israel. Israel may be asked to relax its reluctance to extradite American criminals living in Israel or to make a swap for Soviet spies in its own prisons.

However, there is considerable opposition within the U.S. Justice Department, which would prefer that Pollard stay behind bars at least until he is eligible for parole in 1997, said Blitzer.

The Justice Department has no comment on the book, according to a spokesman.

In his initial reaction to the book, based on an excerpt in the April issue of *Washingtonian* magazine, Jonathan Pollard said Blitzer's account of his arrest by U.S. officials and "abandonment" by his Israeli handlers was based on interviews with individuals "with personal axes to grind."

"One of my greatest con-

cerns is the fallout to my wife and family that the article's blackening of my character may lead to," he said in a statement released by Henderson.

By contrast, Morris Pollard said he was expecting a "sympathetic treatment" in Blitzer's book, which he had not yet read.

He labeled the *Washingtonian* excerpt "frivolous and sensationalized," but said he had called Blitzer on Wednesday morning and told him he "came off very well" on ABC TV's "Nightline" treatment of the case April 4.

"The book is a complete account. For the first time, it tells all sides of what happened,"

said Blitzer. He said he based his book on interviews with all sides, including two extensive interviews with Pollard in prison and thousands of documents.

"There are things that will make the Israelis happy; other things the U.S. will not be happy with," he said. "But my job was not to make people happy, but to tell the truth of what happened."

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## Israel: The Rain Maker

Israel has a reputation for being the "best rain-enhancing country in the world," according to Dan Brown, director of Electrical and Mechanical Services (EMS). EMS, a subsidiary of Israel's water authority, in conjunction with Hebrew and Tel Aviv Universities, has helped make rain by seeding suitable cloud formations, selected by radar, with silver iodide particles.

According to a recent *Jerusalem Post* article, Italy, South Africa, Australia, South American and black African countries have contacted EMS for assistance in cloud-seeding. Brown declined to comment if any Arab countries expressed an interest in the program.

An Ems team in Sicily is conducting research in preparation

for cloud-seeding since meteorological conditions in Israel and Italy are similar. The Italians are spending \$470,000 on the program and plan to send scientists and technicians to Israel to see how the project is operated. The Italian program will be the first to benefit

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## Human Rights In Israel

Portions of the State Department's report on human rights concerning alleged abuses in Israel were widely published after its release. The following passages did not make the front pages:

• "Israel is a parliamentary democracy with a multiparty political system and free elections."

• "Public debate on issues of concern to Israelis is open and lively. A vigorous free press scrutinizes all aspects of Israeli life and politics."

• "All citizens are assured freedom of religion by law."

• "Israeli law and practice guarantee against arbitrary arrest or imprisonment."

• "The right to a hearing by an impartial tribunal with representation by counsel is guaranteed by law."

• "Israel is responsible to international and non-governmental interest in its human right situation. The ministries of Foreign Affairs and Justice have specially designated Human Rights offices, and other ministries have officials who respond to human rights inquiries. Human rights groups such as the Israeli League for Human and Civil Rights and the Association for Civil Rights in Israel, as well as political action groups such as Peace Now, operate openly and without government interference. The Government investigates and responds to most inquiries by such organizations like Amnesty International."

• "The Government permits visits to Israel and the occupied territories by representatives of

private international human rights groups, as well as such international bodies as the United Nations Economic and Social Council, the World Health Organization, and the International Labor Organization (ILO). In 1988, Israel accommodated a vastly increased number of visits from organizations and persons inquiring into human and civil rights issues associated with the uprising in the occupied territories."

• "Women's rights in Israel are protected by the Equal Opportunity Law, which forbids sex discrimination. The Government includes a senior advisor on the status of women. One (previously two) of 12 Supreme Court Justices is a woman. Women are drafted into the army but do not fill

combat-related positions."

• "Israeli Arabs have made substantial educational and material progress since the founding of Israel."

• "Israeli workers and employers have freely established organizations of their own choosing. Israel has a powerful free trade union movement, the General Federation of Labor in Israel (Histadrut), and a much smaller

rival federation. About 80% of employed Israelis (including 70% of employed Arab Israelis) are members of Histadrut trade unions or covered by its collective bargaining agreements."

• "About 100,000 Palestinian workers living in the West Bank and Gaza work in Israel."

• "Israelis representing almost any point of view are free to assemble and associate."

### Human Rights In The Middle East

	Israel	Jordan	Kuwait	Saudi Arabia	Syria	Iraq
Democracy	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Free Press	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Public Demonstrations	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Religious Freedom	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Political Parties	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Sexual Equality	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO

Based on the State Department's 1988 Human Rights Report.

## ... And The Arab World

Virtually all of the rights guaranteed in Israel are absent in the Arab world. The State Department documented a number of abuses. The following is a sample.

### Iraq

Iraq's record is "abysmal" with "grave human rights violations" that "remained unacceptable." Iraqi troops killed an estimated 3,000 Kurdish civilians with chemical weapons; destroyed villages in Kurdish areas; relocated approximately half-a-million Kurds and Assyrian villagers; and forced thousands of Kurds into camps in northern Iraq.

Physical and psychological torture are routine and "...could not be practiced without the authority of senior officials." The extract confessions, people are reportedly beaten with fists and rubber truncheons, electrical shocks are applied to the genitals and other parts of the body, their fingernails and toenails are extracted. "Thousands of political prisoners continue to be arbitrarily arrested and detained."

### Jordan

The chief human rights problems were "the absence of political parties, persistent

government intervention in the press, the continuance of martial law and the scope of powers exercised by the police."

There were "numerous arrests of Jordanians suspected of organizing rallies in support of Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza." The detainees were held — sometimes incommunicado — and interrogated for weeks or months.

### Kuwait

The majority of Kuwait's inhabitants are non-citizen expatriate workers, including a Palestinian community of about 300,000 — the second largest segment of the population. "Only a few famous Palestinians who made significant contributions to Kuwait before the early 1970's," were granted citizenship, according to the 1986 Report. Non-Kuwaitis have few civil and political rights.

Non-citizens, even long-term residents, may be expelled without charge or judicial recourse if the authorities consider them troublesome or a security risk. About 15,000 persons were deported for immigration or residency violations.

### Saudi Arabia

"As in previous years there were continuing reports of mistreatment of prisoners and incommunicado detention. Civil liberties remained significantly restricted."

Capital punishment is imposed for: intentional murder, adultery, apostasy from Islam, narcotics smuggling, sabotage and, depending upon the circumstances, rape and armed robbery. In 1988, 22 persons were beheaded. "Death by firing squad or stoning may be imposed for adultery, while a recidivist thief may suffer severance of a hand."

There are no provisions for bail or habeas corpus and prisoners may be held for long periods before being charged or released. Trials are generally closed and are normally without counsel, but the advice of Islamic lawyers is available before trial.

Speech and press freedoms are significantly restricted. "Criticism of Islam and the ruling family is not allowed." The media is commanded to: uphold Islam, oppose atheism, promote Arab interests, and preserve the cultural heritage of Saudi Arabia. Public

demonstrations to express political views or present grievances are forbidden.

"Islam is the official religion. All Saudi citizens must be Muslims." Conversion to another religion is punishable by death. Non-Muslim religious materials are illegal. There are no non-Muslim places of worship; foreign nationals may practice their religions only in private.

Saudi Arabia has "no democratic institutions and most of its citizens have no say in the choice of leaders or in changing the political system." Labor unions and strikes are illegal.

Women must demonstrate legally specified grounds for divorce; men may divorce without grounds. Testimony from males equal that of two women. Saudi women must obtain government permission to marry non Saudis; Saudi men must obtain approval to marry women from countries other than the six members of the Gulf Cooperation Council.

### Syria

"Syria remains under the rule of a dictatorship, and there were no signs of progress toward a freer political system

or a greater respect for individual human rights." For 25 years, Syria has been under emergency powers (except for a brief hiatus in 1973-1974) because of its state of war against Israel and threats by terrorist groups including Islamic fundamentalists and Palestinians.

"Widespread torture, denial of freedoms of speech, press, association and the right of citizens to change their government, continued to characterize the regime's record."

"In cases involving security or political offenses, arrests are made secretly, and there are no legal restraints. The accused has no right to a judicial determination... no redress for false arrest, and cannot be contacted by family or friends... Exile, sometimes voluntary, is occasionally used to rid the regime of troubling elements."

The emigration of Syrian Jews continues to be banned. At least 10 persons trying to visit or emigrate to Israel were arrested and imprisoned. At least three Syrian Jews were tortured and detained without trial. The government has ignored requests by Amnesty International to provide information.

## U.S. Tough Against Terrorism

By ROBIN SCHWARTZ

U.S. security personnel around the world were warned by the State Department to be alert for terrorism around April 15 — the three-year anniversary of the U.S. bombing of Libya; in retaliation for Libyan involvement in terrorism against Americans.

The United States has a reputation for being tough against terrorism and has promised relatives of the Pan Am 103 disaster that it would force U.S. airlines to take tougher anti-terrorism measures.

Recently, a United States Federal jury convicted a Lebanese terrorist for holding three Americans hostage during the 1985 hijacking of a Jordanian jet liner. Fawaz Younis, a member of the Shiite Muslim militia Amal, was found guilty under a 1984 law which applies to all terrorist acts committed against Americans worldwide. No one was killed during the 30-hour incident but some Jordanian sky marshals were brutally beaten.

"Those who violate the rights of U.S. citizens are hereby put on notice that the American law enforcement system is capable of exacting a penalty for these terrorist crimes, regardless of where they occur," said Attorney General Dick Thornburgh.

Unlike the U.S. government, Greece is not seen by the international community as a stalwart champion against terrorism. Athens angered many members of Congress when it released from jail Osama al Zomar, a member of the Abu Nidal Organization, who was wanted in Italy for bombing a synagogue which injured 34 worshippers and killed a two-year-old child. The Greeks allowed Zomar to flee to Libya.

Another terrorist, Mohammed Rashid, a suspected member of the PLO's Hawari group, is wanted in the United States for the 1982 bombing of an airliner over Honolulu which killed a Japanese teenager and wounded 15. Greece has refused to extradite him. "His extradition to the United States

would be an important indication of Greece's adherence to its stated policy of combating terrorism," said L. Paul Bremer, former ambassador at large for counter-terrorism.

Many members of Congress wrote to Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou urging him to extradite Rashid.

In addition to Greece, Libya, Iran and Syria are easy, "almost trite" with the punishment of terrorists, said one State Department official who requested anonymity. Israel, he said, is probably the toughest of all countries with terrorists.

In 1988, 659 persons were killed by terrorists — including 270 in the Pan Am 103 bombing — and 1,131 were wounded. In 1987, 612 people were killed by terrorists and more than 2,000 persons were wounded, according to the State Department.

With Washington expecting an increase in radical Palestinian and Libyan-sponsored terrorist attacks in the 1990s, the Defense Department issued its

first "Terrorist Group Profiles," describing the 51 major terrorist groups and their objectives, targets, membership and a chronology of their known attacks. According to the report, Iran and Libya are among "the most notorious state sponsors" of terrorism. And the Abu Nidal Organization is "the most dangerous terrorist organization in existence."

The Palestinian Liberation Organization is described in the report as an umbrella organization with some elements who have "actually advocated, carried out, or accepted responsibility for acts of terrorism."

According to then State Department spokesman Charles Redman, Washington expects the PLO to live up to its pledge not to engage in terrorism.

The State Department is offering rewards of up to \$500,000 for information leading to the arrest or prevention of terrorist attacks against U.S. persons or property overseas. Posters describing

the program, written in six languages, were distributed to all U.S. diplomatic posts aboard.

In addition, the State Department periodically issues reports focusing on terrorist groups or countries that support them. The latest report describes Qadhafi as committed to "destroying the state of Israel. He sees Israel, the U.S. and other Western countries as barriers to his goals."

Terrorist attacks are not always on the front page, a State Department official said, but the government does not want Americans to forget that the threat of terrorism is real.

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By **ARNOLD LIEBERMAN**  
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## Self-Esteem

People come to Jewish Family Service for help with a wide range of situations and problems that are disrupting their lives. The people themselves represent the general population in the statistical areas such as age, sex, size, education, income, etc. We have repeatedly tried to characterize the typical JFS client, and have repeatedly come to the same conclusion — there is no typical client.

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clients to represent chance. We identified a significant number of people who appeared to "have a problem in the area of self-esteem."

Some people coming for counseling clearly identify their presenting problem as "low self-esteem," "poor self-image," or "I just don't like myself."

However, many other people present problems in their marriages, interpersonal relationships, careers, education, or other areas, that when explored, uncover basic problems in self-esteem.

Self-esteem is how one feels about oneself, and it sounds too obvious to say that self-esteem affects the way one lives. But, we often overlook the fact that not feeling good about oneself will affect how one thinks, feels, and acts, and will have a great bearing on how one's life turns out.

A vicious cycle can be developed when a lack of self-confidence results in making little or no effort, which results in a poor performance, which reconfirms the lack of self-confidence. The problem in this case is that the effort exerted is seen as a true measure

of the person's ability, when in fact it is not. It is comparable to measuring an athlete, who is performing while physically ill.

Low self-esteem can make a person feel ineffective, worthless, incompetent, and unappreciated and unloved. Such feelings can and often do have a significant effect on how one acts.

Counseling can be quite effective in helping one to overcome low self-esteem by improving your feelings about

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Which brings me to my problem. My children are particularly resistant to anything they label "culture." They turn their noses up at theater, opera, classical music, classic books, Jewish literature — and I could go on. Am I condemned to raise ignoramuses and cultural illiterates?

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"That because of one second a person can miss everything."

"And from the telegraph?"

"That every word is counted and charged."

"And from the telephone?"

"That what we say here is heard there."

Teach your children to value "culture" by providing experiences that are meaningful to them. Museums should be of the "please touch" variety. Check out art classes for children at art museums. Look for exhibits about children in Jewish museums. Keep all your ventures short, sweet, and physical wherever possible. Culture that is not relevant rapidly becomes a historical footnote.

Rachel

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# Jewish Newspaper In San Diego Firebombed In Pre-Dawn Attack

By TOM TUGEND  
 LOS ANGELES (JTA) — Police have launched a full-scale investigation into the Molotov cocktail bombing of a San Diego Jewish newspaper building, which had previously been defaced by spray-painted swastikas. The firebomb, hurled against the one-story building in El Cajon, Calif., that houses the *San Diego Jewish Times*, ignited a blaze early on Saturday, April 22 that shattered two barred windows and scorched the building's front wall.

Garry Rosenberg, publisher of the biweekly newspaper, said that the Molotov cocktail

hit a bar protecting one of the building's front windows, which prevented the bomb from landing inside the offices. "This is not a prank," said Rosenberg. "This was a bomb and we have people who work late. This was potentially life-threatening."

A \$2,500 reward has been offered by the newspaper and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the perpetrators.

The newspaper had recently taken extra security precautions, said Carol Rosenberg, and *Times'* executive editor, after a series of swastika daub-

ings had occurred during the past year and threatening anti-Semitic phone calls had been made to the paper. The security measures included bars on all windows, infrared detection devices and security cameras to protect the newspaper's seven full-time employees.

Anonymous phone calls over the past year have included such threats as "The bars won't stop bullets" and "Jewish newspapers don't belong in El Cajon." No such calls were received in the days preceding the firebombing.

"The damage (by the bomb) was more psychological than physical," Carol Rosenberg

said after returning to work.

Morris Casuto, regional director of the ADL, said he had alerted police some weeks ago to possible anti-Semitic incidents in connection with the 100th anniversary of Adolf Hitler's birth on April 20. "The act may have also been timed for the celebration of Passover, but at this point this is pure speculation," Casuto said. No other anti-Semitic incidents were reported in the San Diego area during the past week, the ADL director added.

Most disturbing for Casuto was the potential for serious injury. "It's the nature of newspaper people to work strange times," Casuto said.

"Someone could have been inside."

El Cajon, an incorporated community on the eastern edge of San Diego, has no specific history of anti-Semitism, Casuto said. In a logn-planned ceremony, the El Cajon city council presented a resolution to the ADL on April 25 in recognition of Holocaust Memorial Day.

*The Jewish Times* was founded 10 years ago and has a circulation of 16,000, said Carol Rosenberg. Its building, formerly a private residence, is located in a relatively isolated area, with the newspaper's name prominently displayed on the facade.

## Sharansky Raps 'Passage To Freedom' Campaign

By ANDREW SILOW  
 CARROLL

NEW YORK (JTA) — The United Jewish Appeal's effort to raise money on behalf of emigrating Soviet Jews is hurting efforts to attract more of the emigres to Israel, former prisoner of Zion Natan Sharansky charged here Monday night.

"I don't agree with the policy of leaders of the UJA" who are raising money for Soviet emigrants in the United States and giving "only a little part to Israel," he said, during a "Jewish Town Hall" meeting

at the Sutton Place Synagogue here. Rather than raise money for Soviet Jews to settle in the United States, American Jews should do what they can to strengthen Israel's absorption capabilities, Sharansky said.

The UJA's "Passage to Freedom" campaign, launched in March, aims to raise \$75 million for the absorption of Soviet Jews in the United States and abroad. Although the UJA maintains that Israel will receive nearly 50 percent of the funds raised, Sharansky charged that Israel's percentage will be significantly lower

than that.

Speaking with reporters after his public appearance, Sharansky called justifications for the Passage to Freedom campaign "absolutely false logic" that "only strengthens differences that exist" between Israel and the United States. "We should concentrate our efforts on improving or changing the absorption system in Israel," he said. "As to those going to America, they must rely more on themselves and loans," versus grants, from the Jewish community.

The range of services local

federations provide to Soviet Jews, he said, "definitely influences them not to go" to Israel.

Sharansky was also critical of those Jewish groups that have said current emigration figures justify a waiver of U.S. trade sanctions against the Soviet Union contained in the Jackson-Vanik Amendment. Sharansky said he would consider waiving provisions of the amendment if "the Soviet Union passes, as promised, legislation that gives freedom of emigration" without limitations.

If the Soviets abide by these changes for a year, he said, "then we can speak about waiving Jackson-Vanik for 18 months."

Sharansky, who heads the Soviet Jewry Zionist Forum in Israel, said he would meet with U.S. Trade Representative Carla Hills on Tuesday to express his views on the subject. He said the Bush administration is awaiting word from Jewish groups on whether or not to waive provisions of Jackson-Vanik, but are not in a hurry "as long as Jews are not in a hurry to press on them."

## Finally, It's Summer Time For Palestinians AND Jews

By HUGH ORGEL

TEL AVIV (JTA) — The Interior Ministry decided to advance the scheduled date for the introduction of summer daylight-saving time to the

weekend of April 29. The ministry announced that the clocks will be put forward one hour at midnight Saturday.

But Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip had

already adjusted their clocks and watches, creating a new source of friction with Israeli authorities.

The latest leaflet issued by the underground command of the uprising called on Palestinians to move their watches forward one hour on April 15 to mark "Summer time in the State of Palestine."

Palestinians in various parts of the West Bank, East Jerusalem and the Gaza Strip are said to be following "Palestine Summer Time." Arab municipalities, East Jerusalem schools, shops, mosques and churches are reported to have adopted the new time schedule.

According to Palestinian reports, there have been more than a dozen incidents during the past 10 days in which troops used clubs to break the watches of Palestinians found to be observing "Palestine

Summer Time." West Bank residents have complained that troops and border police have stopped them and asked for the time. When their watches showed the new time, the owners were allegedly beaten and their watches destroyed.

A resident of the East Jerusalem suburb of Silwan reported that when he told a policeman the time was 4:00 by his watch, he was ordered to stand at attention for an hour until he caught up with Israel Time.

Military officials said that the Israel Defense Force would investigate any specific complaints filed by Palestinians who had their watches broken. The officials asserted that there is no military policy of smashing watches as punishment for following "Palestine Summer Time."

The issue, in any case, became moot as of April 30,

when Israel Time and "Palestine Summer Time" again coincided. Summer Time will be in force for 122 days, ending on September 2, when the clocks will be put back one hour.

Orthodox elements have for years been fighting a losing battle against Summer Time, claiming that altering the clocks puts an unnecessary burden on religious Jews, who rise early to recite their daily morning prayers. But the electric company says the 122 days of longer evening light will save the country some \$8 million.

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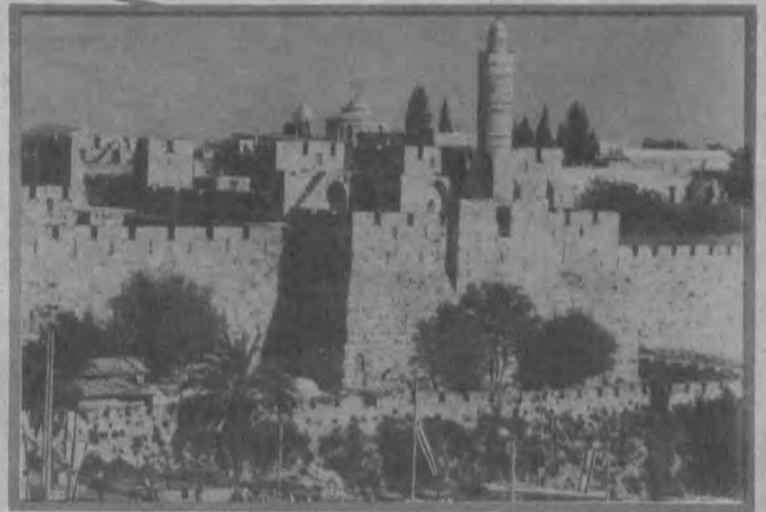
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# Israel



*(Editor's Note: The following are basic facts tourists should know about Israel.)*

Situated along the Mediterranean Sea, Israel is part blue-fringed coastline, part desert scrub, with craggy heights and inland seas, fertile valleys and spectacular vistas. It has a total area of only 8,108 square miles.

**Geography:**

Moving east from the sea, Israel is first a sandy, fertile coastal plain leading to rolling lowlands sloping up to hills, then a mountainous spine running north and south. This drops suddenly and precipitously into the Rift Valley, a geological fault that reaches from Turkey to East Africa.

**Climate:**

Israeli summers extend from April to October. This period is hot and virtually rain-free. During this period, Jerusalem is usually cooler and less humid than other parts of the country, because of its elevation. The winter season, from November to March, is generally mild, but can be cooler in hilly areas.

**Clothing:**

Dress is relatively informal, with jackets and ties the exception rather than the norm. Even in the summer, Jerusalem and the hilly areas can be chilly in the evenings. During winter

months, heavier clothing is a definite requirement. Religious neighborhoods in Jerusalem require modest dress.

**Language:**

Hebrew and Arabic are the official languages of the country, while English is also widely spoken. Road signs are in Hebrew, Arabic and English, with tourist information also available in Spanish, French and German. Many other languages are spoken in Israel, due to diverse immigration.

**Entry Requirements:**

Tourists must hold passports valid for Israel. Visitors are usually allowed to stay in the country for three months from the date of arrival. However, an extension may be obtained at any district office of the Ministry of the Interior. There are no vaccination requirements.

**Customs Regulations:**

Every tourist may bring certain articles into Israel without payment of duty, providing they are for personal use only. Such items are Eau de Cologne or perfume not exceeding 1/4 of a litre (0.44 pint), wine up to two litres and other alcoholic beverages not more than one litre, tobacco or cigars no more than 250 grams or cigarettes,

and gifts up to \$125 in value (including food products no more than 3 kg, providing that not one food weighs more than 1 kg.)

Typewriters, cameras (no video cameras), tape recorders with two cassettes, record players, battery-operated radios, binoculars, jewelry, baby carriages, musical instruments, camping equipment, sports equipment, and bicycles (no engines) can be brought in duty free as long as they are taken out on departure, are portable and actually in use.

The red-green customs clearance system is in effect at Ben-Gurion airport. Tourists can choose the Green Channel for the above items and leave the airport. Other materials, such as boats and scuba-diving equipment, need to go through the Red Channel, even if they are exempt from duty.

**Accommodations:**

Israel boasts the most modern hotels in the Middle East. A number of international chains have established themselves in Israel, including Sheraton, Hilton, Ramada, Sonesta and, most recently, Hyatt Regency. Hotels are graded in six categories from one to five star deluxe. Israel

also boasts resorts, health spas, private apartments, holiday villages, youth hostels, and a large chain of guest houses — kibbutz hotels. In total, Israel has some 32,000 hotel rooms.

**Currency:**

Israel's currency is the New Israeli Shekel (NIS) which came into effect in 1985. Banks are usually open Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and again from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.; Monday and Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. only; and Friday and the eve of holy days from 8:30 a.m. till noon. Branches in leading hotels offer convenient additional hours.

**Shopping:**

Israel is a world diamond center, so exclusive jewelry and gems are high on every shopping list. Other merchandise includes oriental carpets, antiques, brass, elegant furs, high fashion for both ladies and men including internationally acclaimed swimwear and leather goods, and artwork including paintings and sculpture, ceramics and silverware. Duty-free shops are located at Ben-Gurion airport and some hotels. In addition to the shops and stores, many colorful bazaars and marketplaces

may be found throughout Israel.

Value Added Tax (V.A.T.) for items purchased in recommended stores, is refundable at the airport upon departure from Israel, or by check to the visitor's home address (if leaving Israel from any point of departure other than Ben-Gurion Airport). Visitors may ask for the V.A.T. refund form when purchases are made. The V.A.T. rate in Israel is 15 percent.

Most shops are open daily from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., although many stay open continuously. Shops in hotels are open till midnight. On Fridays and the eve of the holy days, they closed around 2 p.m. Jewish shops are closed Saturdays and holidays. Moslem ones are closed on Fridays; Christian ones on Sundays.

**Transport:**

A number of airlines serve Israel, arriving at Ben-Gurion International Airport, Lod. Included are El Al Israel Airlines, Air France, Alitalia, Austrian Airlines, British Airways, KLM, Lufthansa, Olympic Airways, Sabena, SAS, South African Airways, Swissair, Tarom, Pan Am, TWA and Tower Air. Charter flights also operate (terminating at Lod or Eilat)

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## Israel: Who, What, Where

## Discovering Your Roots On A Dig



Volunteers at the site of an archeological dig. (Photo: Israel Gov't Tourist Office)

By **JANET MENDELSON MOSHE**  
*Special to The Jewish Voice*

Do thoughts of the Holy Land conjure up majestic palaces of the Kings of Israel? Roman chariots? Fishing boats on the Sea of Galilee? Magnificent fortress cities? If you are

an archaeology buff, perhaps a sliver of glass glittering on a Mediterranean beach brings to mind Phoenician empires. Now you can participate in archaeological exploration and satisfy your desire to discover the past.

In numerous archaeological

digs all over Israel, excavations are uncovering lost civilizations. Volunteers are needed at many of these digs. "Volunteers are highly motivated workers, and they look forward to this exciting new learning experience," says Orna Hess, an archaeologist at

the Israel Department of Antiquities and Museums.

A sample of the excavations open to the potential volunteer include Tel Dan in northern Israel, where the oldest intact city gate ever discovered has been found. The site of Gamla in the Golan Heights was one of the first Jewish strongholds to fall to the Romans during the Jewish revolt, and according to historian Flavius Josephus, "the whole town was deluged with the blood that poured down the slopes."

The extensive excavations in Beit She'an are uncovering a large population center dating back to chalcolithic times located at the junction of two trade routes. Ancient agricultural sites being uncovered in the Judean Hills are clarifying the relationship between man and his land from the time of King David. Perhaps the walls of Lachish, which have been in ruins since an attack in 701 BCE by Sennacherib, will be restored during the current excavations and restorations on this impressive site. Excavations and survey are also taking place in the vast expanse of Israel's Negev Desert.

Those interested in participating in digs as a volunteer

should contact the Israel Department of Antiquities and Museums, Ministry of Education and Culture, Jerusalem, Israel 91911 (tel. 02-278603) for details of excavations that suit their interests and time schedules. May to September is the main season, although some excavations and restoration work continue year round. Accommodations range from onsite camping to three-star hotels near the site. University course credits are often available and volunteers can be 18 to 60 years old. The minimum stay is two weeks.

It two weeks in the sun sounds too much, then perhaps a "Dig for a Day" program would be just the thing. The one-day seminar and excavation program of various sites in the Jerusalem area begins with a multi-media seminar on the history and development of the site and explanations of methodology and tools. Tourists participate in actual excavation for three to four hours and tour the area to wind up the day.

For information on "Dig for A Day," contact Archaeological Seminars, Inc. P.O.B. 14002, Jaffe Gate, Jerusalem, Israel 91140. Tel 02-273-515.

## Haifa's Changing Image

By **ANDY WEINE**

*Special to The Jewish Voice*

Every city has its own unique style and personality, and the visitor, breathing its air, tasting its food and culture, soon becomes aware of its special ambience. Jerusalem - sparkling mountain city, sacred to the world's three great religions - has its ancient face turned to the heavens. Tel Aviv - brash and bustling metropolis, center of commerce and culture - has its feet solidly planted on the earth.

But Haifa, Israel's third largest city and the metropolis of the north, is harder to define. While it has a firm reputation as the most secular city in Israel, Haifa's urban character is in much softer shades than a sophisticated giant like Tel

Aviv. Distinguishing Haifa from the average big city, and smoothing its rougher edges, are beauties both natural and man made, including shrines to a number of religions, soaring mountains and long white beaches.

Haifa from Mount Carmel to the Mediterranean shoreline, is constructed on three levels, which suits its multi-faceted character. The Carmelite, a funicular railway, the only one in Israel, climbs from Haifa's ocean-splashed toes to its broad shoulders, and facilitates a city tour that would otherwise tire a mountain goat. The city at sea level sweeps from pristine beaches to Israel's biggest port and includes the busy Arab market and the quaint, flower and tree-lined German Quarter.

Ascending to the city's second tier, one passes through Haifa's old city, whose ancient quarters hug the hillside. Dominating the second level is the golden dome and beautiful gardens of the Bahai Temple, the world center for the Bahai religion. Busy streets with stores and markets twist, turn and climb in an urban tangle reminiscent of San Francisco.

Finally, at 500 meters above sea level, one reaches the ridge of Mount Carmel, straddled by luxurious neighborhoods and crowned by the campus and high tower of the University of Haifa. Still closer to heaven lies the actual peak, Keren Carmel (or Muhraka), the point where, according to legend, the prophet Elijah took shelter in a cave and taught his disciples. From this lofty point spreads a grand canvass of the deep-green Emeq valley, the mountains of Israel's 'Little Switzerland', and the sea.

This combination of peaks and ocean, says Haifa City Secretary Joseph Glusman, is Haifa's most special quality, "ensuring a pleasant climate for most of the year."

Haifa was the first glimpse of Israel for most immigrants who arrived by ship in the early years of the State, and for many years it remained the main center for industry and immigrant absorption. Haifa was known not only as the 'Red City' - as a staunch bastion of Labor and union power - but also as a lifeless town where, for lack of culture and night life, the only sound that could be heard after nine o'clock was the closing of shutters.

Those days, however, are long gone. In the last few years Haifa has, with strong tax incentives and an aggressive recruitment policy, exerted a great effort to round out its cultural and night life, and ex-

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Haifa's cable car takes passengers on a breathtaking ride from Mt. Carmel's Panorama Road down to the seashore. (Photo: WZPS)

## Message From The Israeli Tourism Minister



Jerusalem, May, 1989

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Minister of Tourism

## Missions And Trips

Most Jewish organization and groups offer missions and/or tours to Israel. The following list is not a complete list, but offers a variety of available trips. For more information, contact the Israel Government Tourist Office at the Embassy of Israel in Washington, D.C. (202) 364-5699.

**The Jewish Federation of Delaware** offers a variety of missions during the year. Call 478-6200.

**Local Synagogue Youth Groups and Gratz College** offer a variety of programs for youth. Call the individual organizations.

**B'nai B'rith** offers youth, individual, professional and family programs. Call (202) 296-1092.

**The Hebrew University in Jerusalem** has a "Keshet Program" which is designed for family members of students at the University's one-year program for overseas students. Call the N.Y. office at (212) 472-2288.

**Israel Encounters** is a program of the newly-formed Young Jewish Leadership

**Concepts**, a young professionals' network based in Philadelphia. Call (215) 336-YJLC.

**World Zionist Organization** offers a number of tours for different interest groups. Call the N.Y. office at (212) 752-0600.

**Betar Educational Youth Organization** offers programs and tours for Jewish youth, including Bar and Bat Mitzvah celebrations at the Western Wall. Call (212) 353-8033.

**Masada Programs** are summer programs for young people and focuses on the history of Israel through archeology and nature study. Call Eli Danon, ZOA Representative in Philadelphia, at (215) 546-1410.

## Israel

## A Special Ceremony

It's Easier And Less Expensive Than You Think To Arrange A Bar Or Bat Mitzvah In Israel

The Western Wall isn't the only place to hold the ceremony. Some people like Masada.

By JOEL REBIBO

Special to The Jewish Voice

Everyone complains about the outrageous cost of Bar Mitzvah celebrations, but some parents are actually doing something about it. They're coming to Israel, where for less than what they'd pay for a catered affair in the United States, they get a family vacation, a tour of Israel and a meaningful rite of passage.

"People come here because they want a spiritual experience, not a keeping-up-with-the-Jones affair," says Harvey Douglan, general manager of the Ramada Renaissance Hotel in Jerusalem who made aliya from New Jersey four years ago.

There are other reasons too. Some people have small families and few friends, or have been through a difficult divorce, and find it less awkward to hold the ceremony in Israel. Some have too much family or too many friends, and this solves the problems of how to feed and house them. Still others don't want to subject their children to the pressure of preparing a Torah portion, or want to spare them the embarrassment of being compared to their friends.

Can you afford a Bar Mitzvah in Israel? How do you make arrangements from abroad?

Obviously, the answer to the

Orthodox rabbi and his students are at the Western Wall, praying for the rebuilding of the Temple and studying the kabala, Jewish mysticism.

You don't have to make a reservation, but Getz recommends that you write ahead (Rabbi Getz, The Western Wall, Israel, or phone: 02-283442). Someone from his staff will find you a bimah ("table") and Torah, organize a minyan, help the Bar Mitzvah boy with his te fillin, and lead the service, "compliments of the State of Israel." They will also mail you a commemorative certificate of the event.

Still, it's probably a good idea to hire a rabbi of your own. There are quite a few retired American rabbis living here who know the ropes and understand American Bar Mitzvah boys.

Rabbi Jay Karzen, for instance, started Rituals Unlimited to provide "worry-free, dignified" Bar or Bat Mitzvah ceremonies. Karzen, who immigrated three years ago from Chicago, meets with the Bar Mitzvah boy at the hotel before hand to rehearse the ceremony.

"I would like as a minimum that the boy be able to recite the Torah blessings and *Sh'ma*, but the more he does, the more meaningful the service and the Bar Mitzvah will

Karzen's fee is \$150. If you also want him to make all the arrangements — hire a photographer and musician, order benchers, reserve a place for the luncheon — he charges another \$50.

The Western Wall isn't the only option. Some people like Masada, located near the Dead Sea, about two hours' drive from Jerusalem. It can't be beat for sheer beauty, but it only has one synagogue, and no one enforces the reservations.

"There is pressure to rush through the service because others are waiting to get in, so people feel cheated," Karzen says.

Another possibility is the Hurva Synagogue, located in the Old City in Jerusalem about a three-minute walk from the Western Wall. A high arch towers over the ruins of the most famous synagogue in the Jewish Quarter. It was built with borrowed money and destroyed by Moslem moneylenders in 1721 when the debt was not repaid. Rebuilt in 1857, the Hurva was destroyed again by the Jordanians in 1948.

It is an enchanting, picturesque spot — quieter and less hectic than the Western Wall. Karzen favors this site for Bat Mitzvah (though he is Orthodox, he has half a dozen "creative Bat Mitzvah ceremonies that are halachically acceptable, ranging from the very traditional to the flexible.")

Some people hold a Sabbath Bar Mitzvah in addition to the weekday service. This can be held at the hotel or a local synagogue, but not at the Western Wall. A family of South African immigrants recently held their son's Bar Mitzvah at the magnificent Jerusalem Great Synagogue for \$300. The boy read his *maftir* and *haftara*, and Karzen gave the guest sermon.

Karzen can be reached at 9 Herzog Street, Jerusalem, Tel: 02-631018. He handled 60 Bar and Bat Mitzvahs last summer, and claims to be the biggest *simchah* organizer in Jerusalem, but he is by no means your only choice.

Kay Weinstein, an immigrant from England, and Liba Maimon, from Holland, owners of L'Chaim, can handle anything from a lavish wedding to a modest Bar or Bat Mitzvah.

A Los Angeles man recently hosted 130 people for lunch and dinner at the Jerusalem Sheraton Plaza and wanted that "something extra." Weinstein got him Israel Zohar, a clarinetist from the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra to play Klezmer music.

L'Chaim can handle all arrangements, including hiring a rabbi. The going rate for a rabbi is about \$200, but "there are those who are amenable to taking less in cases of need," says Weinstein.

A one-to-two-hour video of the service and the luncheon afterwards, including canned opening footage of Jerusalem, costs about \$250. A still photographer costs another \$200 to \$250. Other costs: musician, \$200, "quiet" musician, \$400, benchers and kip-pot, about \$1 each.

The standard luncheon costs



The Young family, of Wilmington, recently celebrated their daughter's bat mitzvah atop Masada. Rabbi David Geffen, at left, who was rabbi at Wilmington's Congregation Beth Shalom and is now residing in Israel, conducted a personalized service for Ann. The Young family, with Geffen, are (left to right) Toni, Stuart, Ann and Mitchell.

about \$18 a head. A nice brunch at the King David Hotel for 30 people costs \$25 per person, including flowers. For those on a tight budget, Weinstein recommends the Zionest Confederation House overlooking the Old City, at less than \$15 a head for a group of 12.

After the Bar Mitzvah and the luncheon, you can tour Jerusalem. A minibus and guide for up to 20 people costs about \$200 for half a day.

L'Chaim' address is P.O.B. 71095, Jerusalem 91710.

Unless you're prepared to put your family to work on a freighter, there aren't many ways to cut the cost of getting here besides the usual charters. But when it comes to accommodation, there are some interesting options.

The cost of five-star hotels depends on the season. The Ramada Renaissance, for instance, ranges from \$74 a night in the off season (Nov. 1 to Feb. 28, except Dec. 20 to Jan. 5) to \$122 at high season (April, May and October). If you book 15 rooms, the Bar Mitzvah boy stays free, and the hotel throws in a Bar Mitzvah cake.



Ann Young spends a few quiet moments during her bat mitzvah celebration atop Masada with Rabbi David Geffen.

Nearby, the Sonesta, an attractive three-star hotel, ranges from \$65 to \$80 (plus 15 percent Value Added Tax). If you book for a group, they'll throw in the "presidential suite" for the Bar Mitzvah boy.

A less expensive option is to rent a furnished apartment.

The going rate in Jerusalem is about \$1,000 to \$1,200 a month (even in the summer). Two weeks will cost you about \$700. It gives you a chance to live among "real Israelis," and to save money with home-cooking.

One reputable agency that handles these rentals is Anglo Saxon. Call Michael Hausman, 02-221161, at least two weeks before you plan to come.

Besides celebrating the Bar Mitzvah itself, you'll want to introduce your family to Israel. Here, too, are several options.

The standard daily rates for a private tour guide and vehicle depend on the number of people in your party starting at \$185 for a car carrying up to four people. One guide who will design a tour based on your son's biblical name or on his favorite biblical event is David Magence, telephone number 02-237444.

Egged, the country's giant bus cooperative, has a touring division which is quite reasonably priced. Contact: 15 Frishman St. Tel Aviv Tel: 03-242271 Telex: 33630, 33631, 342234.

When you add it all up, a Bar Mitzvah in Israel isn't as expensive or as complicated as you might have thought. Not including air fare, you can have a beautiful affair here for less than \$1,500 (\$700 for a rented apartment, \$150 to \$200 for a rabbi, \$250 for a video, \$200 for a luncheon for 12, plus the organizer's fee.)

Cost aside, you can't give a more meaningful gift to your son for his Bar Mitzvah than a trip to Israel.

"The kids are really turned on to Israel," says the Ramada's Douglan. "They get hooked on this country and come back to study and visit. It's the beginning of a life-long connection."

A Bar Mitzvah in Jerusalem "is an unforgettable experience at a critical time of the boy's life," agrees Rabbi Getz, of the Western Wall.

"There is something about assuming Jewish responsibility at the site of the Holy Temple that has impact on a youngster. "It's something that stays with him the rest of his life."

(Joel Rebibo is a writer living in Israel. This article was reprinted with permission from the Baltimore Jewish Times.)



A Bar Mitzvah celebration at the Western Wall. (Photo: Israel Gov't Tourist Office)

first question depends on what kind of Bar Mitzvah you have in mind. Israel offers the very elegant — a Torah reading at the Great Synagogue in Jerusalem, followed by a lavish brunch at King David Hotel at \$39 per head — to the more modest.

By far the most popular Bar Mitzvah site is the Western Wall, which is absolutely free. According to Rabbi Meir Yehuda Getz, the unofficial "rabbi" of the Wall, in the summer there are 200 to 300 Bar Mitzvah ceremonies every Monday and Thursday morning. In the winter, the figure drops to 50 to 60.

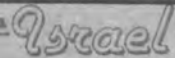
Getz, who holds two degrees from the Sorbonne and was a major in the Israel Defense Forces, is a modest unassuming figure in a long black coat and wide-brimmed felt hat. He is willing to meet with tourists to share their joys or hear their problems, and every night from mid-night to dawn, the ultra-

be to him, the more *nachas* his parents will get and the better it will look on the video," Karzen says.

At the Bar Mitzvah itself, Karzen handles all the arrangements and throws in some nice touches that make Westerners comfortable. He brings along candy to throw, uniform *siddurim* (prayer books) so that everyone can follow the service, and a plastic card with the Torah blessings in large letters. He performs the service in English for less traditional families; his wife, Ruby, sits with the women to show them the place.

"I guarantee my people the spot in the back where the *mehitzah* is the lowest and women can hear and participate," he says.

After the service, he and his wife join the luncheon, where he gives a speech, dances with the family and holds a candle-lighting ceremony. "We make it special," he says.



## There's Always Something New In Israel

By WALTER ZANGER  
Special to The Jewish Voice

There are some tourist destinations you can 'do' in, say, two weeks. Then, having done them, you need not come back, except to see the same nine places again. There are places like that, but Israel is definitely not one of them.

No other country is being explored and excavated as intensely as Israel. New places are discovered and cleared every week; many spectacular places are simply unknown, or closed to public viewing, or both, a year or two ago. Since Israel has more great historical places per foot than most places have per square mile, the average tour — ten days or two weeks — doesn't scratch the surface.

Don't say you have seen Israel and don't have to come again. You haven't and you do. For example, direct your attention a place deep in the upper Galilee.

Meroth is far away, difficult to get to, and worth every minute of the long trip. Josephus, the first century Jewish historian, mentions a Galilean city called Meroth. Six years ago, an Israel scholar found a similar name ("Marus") in a medieval list of holy Jewish tombs. Putting the two together was the stroke of genius; finding the actual place took a lot of hard work.

The city is there, all right, and it existed (for a thousand years!) from the second century BCE right through the Crusader period. It was no small village;

the town of Meroth was an elegant, prosperous place, with synagogue, dwellings, storage caves, cisterns, burial caves, courtyards and public buildings with astonishingly large lintel stones. Meroth is a reflection of the vigor and strength of the Jewish community in the Galilee a millenium ago.

To find Meroth, go to the great 'tet' (hill) of Hazor, on the road from Rosh Pina to Kiryat Shmona. Just south of Hazor, a dirt road leads west. Follow it.

It's passable for all but the lowest slung vehicles. After a trip you wouldn't believe, you will find yourself at the town, and you won't be sorry you went.

Talking of lost cities, there is an entire city newly discovered on top of Mount Gerizim? There are also places which have been available for visiting for two dozen years, but few have ever gone to see them. Take the Nabatean cities of Negev. Quite a number of

visitors have seen Avdat. But how many have been to Shivta, Nizzana, and Mamshit? Each is quite spectacular. How did so many people (far more than today!) live so well in the middle of the desert without extra water 1500 years ago?

How many tourists have been to the monasteries of the Judean desert? It is an easy walk to St. George in Wadi Kelt, to the Monastery of the Temptation and the church walls on the mountaintop

above it, both between Jerusalem and Jericho. You can drive right to the front door of St. Theodosius, and to Mar Saba, the greatest monastery of them all.

None of these places in particular is difficult or inaccessible. None requires special knowledge or great physical effort. One must only have the time and inclination to see them.

(Walter Zanger is a correspondent for the WZPS.)

## Take A Picture-Perfect Israel Home With You

By ALBERT STERN  
Special to The Jewish Voice

Photographs are often the single most cherished mementos of an Israeli vacation, and a few simple tips can ensure that your snapshots will be worthy of your memories.

Broward (Florida) commercial photographer Albert Barg, who has worked often in Israel, said that in preparing for your trip purchase your film stateside because film is much cheaper here than in Israel.

"The light in Israel is extremely bright," explained Barg, "so you technically don't need faster speed films, such as the 400. The only time you might want them is in an indoor location where you can't use flash.

"By using fast film, you risk overexposing the pictures. Also, the faster the film, the more grain it retains. For clearer pictures, use the slower

speed, finer grain films. Too many people use fast speed film for everything, and often their pictures suffer for it. Also, it's more expensive."

Barg said that Jerusalem is far and away his favorite place in Israel to photograph, owing to the fascinating monuments and the diversity of the people.

"You can take as many photographs as you like at the Western Wall," said Barg, "but not on Friday night or Shabbat. Don't even bother to take your camera if you go then, because security people will be eyeballing you to make sure you don't take a shot. At other times, people rarely mind if you take a photograph, even the ultra-orthodox.

"You should have no problem at the Christian sites. Photography is even permitted inside the Holy Church of the Sepulcher. Cameras are not allowed into the Muslim sites,

although you can shoot them from the outside. Many Arabs, who can be very colorful subjects, feel that it's an intrusion when you take their picture. Be sure to ask before doing so."

Barg noted that during the summer, the Israeli landscape can get quite hazy, particularly around the Dead Sea area. "The layers of heat just lay there," he said, "and you can't even see over to Jordan." He suggests employing a polarizing filter or a haze filter to get clearer photos.

Although many airport x-ray machines may have signs that claim your film won't be damaged, Barg said that damage is caused by repeated, rather than a single, exposure to x-rays. He said that if you find yourself going through security checks many times on your travels, you might be better off having your film hand-checked.

"When flying over Israel," said Barg, "you can't take pictures out of the airplane's window for security reasons. I've been all around the world, but Israel's the only place that has that rule."

Barg suggested reading up on both photography and the sites on your tour before going in order to get a feel for what you're doing and where you are. He said that the Israeli landscape, monuments, and people are extremely photogenic, and that as you travel around, photo opportunities will suggest themselves.

What is his favorite location? "Damascus Gate into the Old City," he said. "Every type of nationality would pass through it, coming in side by side. I can spend hours there." (Reprinted with permission from the Miami Jewish Tribune.)

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The city of Jerusalem. Part of the Madaba Mosaic Map from the 6th century, A.D. The oldest pictorial representation of Jerusalem.



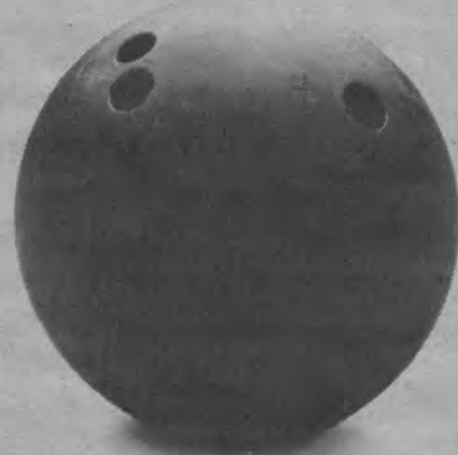
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# Fun In Eilat -- Sunning, Bird Watching And Diving



The marina and hotels in Eilat. (Photo: Israel Gov't Tourist Office)

By SIMON GRIVER

Special to The Jewish Voice

Eilat is enjoying an unprecedented economic boom. Israel's southern-most city and foremost winter resort is bursting at the seams with European and American sun worshippers and Israelis seeking tax free bargains.

Located on the Red Sea, Eilat has only four to six rainy days per year. Winter temperatures rarely drop below 70 degrees Fahrenheit during the day and 50 degrees Fahrenheit at night. The region is renowned for its coral reef, spectacular tropical marine life and bird migrations, and its beautiful warm sea.

"Survey after survey has shown that Eilat is the nearest destination to Europe that guarantees sunshine all year

round," says Eilat's dynamic young mayor, Rafi Hochman. "So Eilat eliminates the element of uncertainty about the weather that Europeans must suffer even in the summer."

Eilat's summers, however, are likely to be too warm for people weaned on cooler climes, although the dry desert climate and lack of humidity does make it relatively comfortable. Summer temperatures rarely go below 104 degrees Fahrenheit in the shade. Spring and autumn averages are around 86 degrees Fahrenheit.

In the warmer months, many Israelis vacation. Part of the reason is the government's decision, three years ago, to abolish value added tax in the city, thus making goods and services about 15 percent

There are, of course, the golden beaches. Beneath the Red Sea itself, a 1,200 meter coral reef houses hundreds of unusual tropical fish of every conceivable shape, size and color.

cheaper in Eilat than the rest of Israel.

Despite its current boom town skyline, Eilat was a cluster of three mud huts known as Um Rashrash when the IDF conquered it in 1949 during Operation Uvdah, the concluding battle of the War of Independence. The Israeli flag was hoisted where Solomon had ruled a flourishing port several thousands years earlier.

In 1959, with a population of 6,000, Eilat became an autonomous municipality. Today, Eilat's 19,000 people are almost all employed in the tourist industry. Other industries have never taken root. Eilat Port, once Israel's only outlet to East Africa, the Far East and Australia lost most of its business when the signing of the peace treaty with Egypt opened the Suez Canal to Israeli shipping.

"The lifting of VAT," says Hockman, "was the first break we were ever given, and what a difference it has made. If we were given a rail link, which would make the port competitive again, and complete tax free status, we could become a major business center."

Furthermore, Hochman is still hoping the government will make good its promise to build a larger airport away from the city. Eilat airport is not large for jumbo jets, and its current site in the heart of the city consumes valuable real estate.

Eilat's 29 hotels (4,400 rooms, with a further 500 rooms under construction) provide the city with a lucrative

livelihood. The turning point in the development of Eilat's tourist industry came with the involvement of British hotel magnate David Lewis.

His Isrotel company owns 1,000 rooms in Eilat, including the King Solomon Palace, Lagoon and Sport Hotels. Lewis helped to put Eilat on the map as a winter resort by offering Europeans popular package deals. He also has big plans for the further development of the city.

One secret of Lewis' success is that he offers a wide variety of entertainment within his hotels. But visitors who venture out of the hotel, find plenty to see and do.

There are, of course, the golden beaches. Beneath the Red Sea itself, a 1,200 meter coral reef houses hundreds of unusual tropical fish of every conceivable shape, size and color. Because of this, Eilat is a popular diver's venue, and there are many diving schools. The reef and fish can also be appreciated from a glass bottom boat. The Coral World Observatory and Museum offers a 70 foot circular reef containing 70 species of fish; a shark, ray and turtle pool, and an underwater observatory and a museum.

Here, some of nature's most bizarre creations thrill visitors. These include rocks with eyes and mouths that are in fact fish, clams that snap open and closed to devour their prey, and assorted sharks and octopi.

Nature lovers can also go birdwatching. In the spring and autumn, millions of birds stop at Eilat during the great migrations. During the spring of 1985, more than a million birds of prey from 30 species were counted at the Eilat Birdwatching Center, as well as 400 kinds of sea birds and water fowl. Other fascinating wildlife can be seen at the Hai Bar Reserve, including rare desert animals that are close to extinction, such as the Arava Gazelle and the White Oryx. The reserve is a drive-round safari park with a zoo in the center containing rarely seen indigenous animals like the leopard.

Other sites worth visiting include the Pillars of Amram, red sandstone rocks carved by erosion, located 10 miles north of Eilat. Erosion also formed the huge crater at Timna Park. Easily accessible by car, this crater exposes a cross section of the geological strata of the region. Also at Timna, see the ancient copper mines and Egyptian temple at Ta'amar, as well as the 60-meter-high King Solomon's Pillars.

Also visit the Red Canyon in the Shani Valley, 22 miles north west of Eilat, with its red sandstone and limestone formations, the Zefahot Mountains to the west of the city, for a glorious view of Eilat.

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## Tel Aviv Then And Now



Above, the founders of what is now the thriving metropolis of Tel Aviv cast lots for building sites in 1909. (Photo: RNS) Below, the beach and promenade in Tel Aviv today. (Photo: Israel Gov't Tourist Office)



## The Kibbutz Experience

By PAULA BERENGUT

One of the earliest and most enduring symbols of Israel, the kibbutz - like Israel itself - has changed considerably over the past 41 years since the nation's independence in 1948. Yet, despite the remarkable strides Israel has made in all fields: science, technology, design, agriculture - the kibbutz, while modernizing from without, remains at its core remarkably unchanged and can offer one of the most unusual and rewarding stays in Israel for a tourist.

The kibbutz concept predated the State of Israel by some years, the first being established in 1909. Today, there are some 260 kibbutzim spread around the country, housing some 127,000 men, women and children. Primarily agricultural in concept, they have begun in recent years to shift their attention to the industrial sector, particularly in the area of high-tech. Of more importance to visitors, where once the typical settlement consisted of a fenced-in strip of farmland with makeshift structures defying the elements, today kibbutzim are usually

replete with swimming pool and recreation areas, a library and clubhouse, a cultural centre for concerts and spacious lawns.

There are currently 26 guest houses with 2,200 rooms being operated by kibbutzim in Israel, primarily family-type holiday villages, generally three and four-star hotels, complete with restaurants, coffee shop, bar, newsstand, gift shop, and even facilities for groups and conventions. There are also campsites and structural camping units, available for those inclined toward the more rugged experience.

In addition to the attraction of relatively moderate rates (they can range anywhere from \$18 to \$54 per room, depending on the type of accommodation), kibbutzim offer the opportunity for the visitor to meet people not only from Israel, but from all over the world in an informal, friendly setting, and to become part of the community. Many Israelis prominent in government, business and the arts have sprung from the kibbutzim, and often return for visits and vacations. It is not unknown for

guests to be served their meals in the communal dining hall by a government leader, prominent musician, writer or artist.

The kibbutz hotels are located throughout the country at all points of interest, both scenic and historic: the Judean hills near Jerusalem, the Dead Sea region, the Galilee area, and on the coastal plain along the Mediterranean Sea.

For example, the western shore of the Dead Sea is the location of the En Gedi Hotel, containing 103 air-conditioned rooms with television and radio, thermal baths, mini-golf, restaurant, bar, swimming pool, tennis courts, gift shop, plus convention hall and meeting rooms. The En Gedi holiday village, also by the Dead Sea, near Masada, has 63 air conditioned rooms, each equipped with kitchenette, a mini-market for foodstuffs, self-service restaurant, and access to the nearby thermal baths.

In the Judean hills just outside Jerusalem, the Qiryat Anavim Hotel provides 93 rooms, most of them air-conditioned, a swimming pool,

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## Israel

## Getting There Is Half The Fun!

By PAULA VAN GELDER  
Special to The Jewish Voice

I've often wondered why people the world over pay good money to go on thrilling rides at amusement parks when for a mere fraction of the cost they can enjoy the same excitement in an Israeli bus or taxi.

No matter how long you plan to be in the Holy Land, the necessity of getting from one spot to another or dragging several kilos of groceries from one store to home will make reliance on some sort of public transport inevitable.

Bus rides and taxi journeys are equally thrilling, yet each has its individual distinctive qualities and ambience, so that comparison of the two is not really fair.

The challenge of the bus journey begins even before you board. As you join the writhing, jostling masses pushing to be first in line, you may get some idea of what awaits you. The only advantage of getting on early that I can think of is getting a seat. In general, people give up their seats only for other riders who are clearly 1) over 96 years old or 2) in their last two days of pregnancy.

As not all buses are air-conditioned, the crush of masses bodies inside can make a bus ride moderately to

severely uncomfortable. During one particularly hot spell in the winter, one well-meaning passenger tried to open a window to let a little air in. A middle-aged woman in the crowd adamantly refused to allow him this privilege, pointing out that "but this is February," even if it happened to be ninety degrees outside.

The driver's attire and on-board entertainment are as informal as the decor. Don't be shocked by your first glimpse of a driver decked out in shorts, undershirt and sandals. After all, it's hot for him too. Entertainment during your journey may be provided by either the driver's bored kids who are spending vacation cooped up on daddy's bus, or more usually by some music program on Israel Radio that happens to suit the driver's fancy. I shall forever associate Frank Sinatra's version of "Love and Marriage" with a particular stretch of grazing land outside of Rehovot.

Once a big, lumbering bus gets going with a noisy shift of gears, its maneuverability and speed will amaze you. One never fails to be awed by the fact that narrow byways dating from the Ottoman Empire and meant to be traversed by donkeys are driven down at sixty miles per hour by some



An Israeli woman pays her taxi driver who, miraculously, got her to her destination (Jerusalem's Jaffa Gate) in one piece! (Photo: WZPS)

nonchalant Egged bus driver.

The speed on a thoroughfare is one thing, but rounding curves is another. There is one narrow alleyway in Jerusalem's Old City that is just barely wide enough to accommodate one fully loaded camel (two humps). For some reason, it is at just this point in the route that bus drivers traditionally gun their engines and proceed at full speed. You wait for the sound of metal scraping cobblestone, and miraculously this does not occur — usually, anyhow. Veteran pedestrians in the vicinity quickly learn at the first

sound of a diesel engine to flatten themselves against the walls of adjacent buildings and suck in those protruding pot bellies.

It's a toss-up as to who is worse off — the pedestrian or the bus passenger who's trying to tote his shopping home. Passengers' cargoes in Israel have more character and originality than those found elsewhere, I think. Where else might you be sitting behind two live chickens who are on their way home to that Great Pot of Broth in the sky, or sit beside a woman lugging two enormous plastic baskets filled with kilos of melons that inevitably roll to the back of the bus at every abrupt stop?

Incidentally, you would do well never to step to the rear of the bus unless you possess a strong stomach and/or thick-soled shoes. The decor that awaits you there is more than likely to be wall-to-wall sunflower seed shells, in varying degrees of decay.

Actually, treading on them isn't so bad. It's catching one in the face from a careless spitter that some may find mildly disagreeable.

Bus stops seem to be much further apart in Israel than in other parts of the world. One false pull on the "stop" cord and it's a three-block uphill

walk, with two kilos of fruit on either arm for ballast! In urban areas, at least, stops are readily identifiable. Once one ventures into rural communities, the situation is not so simple — you may find yourself at the intersection of haystack and orange grove, with only a sign vaguely pointing out a village's direction to guide you.

When you take a *sherut* (communal taxi shared by five or six people), you will not be subject to many of the inconveniences faced by bus passengers. *Sherut* rides are, however, fraught with other, unexpected dangers. You are at the mercy of any number of drivers who fancy themselves a combination of Steve McQueen and Mario Andretti. If there is anything on the road in front of them, they consider it a personal insult, and their honor is upheld only by overtaking the offending vehicle, preferably on a hilly, blind curve, at night.

Beware of three-lane highways. Some drivers believe that the middle lane is for through traffic. Also beware if drivers whose dashboards are decorated with buckskin fringes and whose rearview mirrors have assorted *chatchkes* hanging from them.

Never tell a driver to slow down or drive more carefully. He will consider this a challenge and proceed to increase his speed, honk his horn, and pass the next three cars.

The only possible way to slow down is to wave either your doctor's certificate attesting your heart condition or a twenty dollar bill under his nose, and beg for mercy.

Since *sherut* fares are pre-set and prepaid, there is no need to tip the driver at the end of the journey. Thus, the only fitting ceremony to mark the end of your trip might be that which has been practiced by generations of devout pilgrims to the Holy Land. With hands outstretched before you, slowly lower yourself to your knees, then bend forward to kiss the ground — with feeling.

## Aliyah At An Inconvenient Time

By STUART SCHOFFMAN  
Special to The Jewish Voice

On Dec. 4, 1988 — the sixth of Tevet, 5749, my forty-first birthday according to the calendar of the Jews — I departed the United States, flew to Ben Gurion Airport outside Tel Aviv, and made straight for the Absorption Ministry offices on the second floor. There I found an underworked clerk, watching an Arabic-language program on a large black-and-white television, and I presented myself to him. Unceremoniously he punched me into his antique computer and handed me a little blue certificate. I had just "made aliyah" or "ascended," come home to Eretz Yisrael.

My friends in Los Angeles, not to mention my agent — I am a screenwriter by trade, and, by all appearances, had been living a life fairly devoid of Jewish involvement — main-



Stuart Schoffman in Israel.

a famous Israeli author, from my film students at Tel Aviv University to friends in Jerusalem who are thinking of returning, after 14 years, to South Africa. For I have arrived one year into the unabating *intifada* — the "shaking up," in Arabic — the Palestinian revolt that threatens the material and

superb Nielsen ratings. Another of my scripts, a big-budget adventure story co-written with a friend, begins production this May; a third script seems close to a "green light" as well. As my name appeared on TV screens all across America, with friends and relatives riveted to their

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ly thought that I had lost my marbles, though they were either too shocked or too polite to say so. Indeed at the airport in L.A., the El Al security guard, seeing the visa stamped by the Israeli consulate into my passport, exclaimed, "Oleh hadash?" New immigrant? "Shigaon!" Which translates colloquially as "far out!" but literally — and there was something of this too in his response — as "madness."

Now? You're coming NOW? This has been the standard reaction since I landed in Israel, from sabras and former *olim* alike, from the guy in the stationery store at the corner to

moral underpinnings of the Jewish state. It's always stormy in these parts, to be sure, but at no time in the history of Israel has the decision to become an *oleh* seemed more curious.

It's a strange season in my life too to be making the leap. Following a decade of toil in the unforgiving vineyards of Hollywood, I had recently become that show business cliché, an overnight success after ten years. At long last I got my first screen credit, a respectable made-for-TV movie that aired in January, garnering mixed critical reviews but, more to the point,

sets (or at least having programmed the timers on their VCRs), I was on the other side of the world, asleep, oblivious to my three seconds of glory.

I wish I could claim that it was an epiphany, a burst of Zionist zeal, a sudden reversal of values, that made me abandon the fatted calf of Hollywood for the parlous shores of the Holy Land, but the proximate cause was far more mundane: love. My father and mother had retired from Brooklyn to Jerusalem in 1979 after careers as teachers of Hebrew — he as a university professor, she at a local

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 synagogue. Periodically — not too often, to be candid — I would come to visit them, and on one such two-week trip met an American woman, a native of California, who had come here to live some years back and was determined to stay. Eight months later, we married in Jerusalem, then returned to the States for a year for me to wrap up my affairs.

Yet I could have given her an argument: why not stay in Los Angeles a while longer so I could make some more money, get tenure at the film school where I'd been teaching to enable a better deal at one of the universities in Israel. But I didn't make this logical case; in good conscience I couldn't. I was soon to turn 40 — which the Jewish tradition calls "gil bihah," or the "age of understanding" — and I felt, in the shopworn words of old Rabbi Hillel, "If not now, when?"

With a firm pretext for aliyah at hand, it suddenly became insupportable for me, as a Jew who called himself a Zionist, to continue to experience this extraordinary and controversial experiment in Jewish nationhood at such a distant remove. If I was lucky enough to be a contemporary — a cohort, even — of the state of Israel, how could I spend the rest of my life kicked back on the sofa, watching the fray on "Nightline?"

How indeed? The news on American television, for a multitude of reasons, tends to specialize in showing Israeli oppression of the Palestinians. Often it depicts our leaders as racists, ideologues, intransigent paranoids. It does not often capture the ferment in Israeli society, the wide political palette, the sense of hope, as unmistakable and inexorable as the springtime that daily overcomes the Jerusalem chill, that we will find a fair and feasible political solution. Much less does it show the chatty Iraqi-born greengrocer or "Speed Baguette" sandwich shop on Emek Refaim Street, or the children who walk past my house, laughing and shouting, on their way home from school.

The view of Israel one receives in the states can be compared with the imperious surgeon who strides through the wards, designating the patients as "gallstone" or "liver abscess" without feeling a need to identify or understand them further. Israel is infinitely greater than the sum of its problems; the pity is that so few American Jews choose to absorb this plain truth first-hand. You are constrained to fear so much more for Israel's future when your dose of the place is five minutes a day of bad news.

Still, the "situation" cannot fail to affect our daily lives. As a tourist I adored the Old City; it is easy walking distance from my home but I never go there — much as I never walked to Harlem when I lived on the Upper West Side of Manhattan. I feel uneasy around Arabs, which I didn't before the intifada, and this troubles me. When a Palestinian from the nearby town of Beit Jallah delivers a truckload of olive wood to my home — we have no central heating other than a wood-burning stove in the main

room — I am ambivalent about asking him in for a soda after he's done hauling the logs to my porch. I prefer to bring him his drink outside, not because I dislike Arabs but because I can imagine how he will feel, looking around my well-furnished house, which is built in the Arab style and thought I do not know — am unsure if I wish to know — its full history, was almost certainly inhabited by Arabs before 1948.

I avoid the intifada but it creeps over the invisible Green Line — the pre-1967 border with Jordan — and hangs in the air like a kind of moral smog. So often, with family and friends, we spend long evenings weighing the options, evaluating the latest developments, as if our living rooms were extensions of the corridors of the Knesset. Over peanuts and tangerines we debate existential questions, yes, even our right to be here at all. In Los Angeles, by contrast, my friends and I discussed the latest restaurants and movies, politics briefly and only in season — though it would be wrong to suspect that fun and frippery and rock 'n' roll are absent from our Israeli agenda. Social life is fuller and more energetic here, as if a sense of shared fate dictates that we spend much more time with each other and less, as in the states, in the pursuit of personal gain.

In many ways I am suspended, in a disorienting manner, between the two worlds. I still write for Hollywood and intend to continue to do so. I am, so far as my employers are concerned, simply writing at home, as most screenwriters do. As long as I make my deadlines and the work is good they seem not to care that I am living in the Eastern Mediterranean, and in fact my exotic address may even lend me a whiff of cachet, as if I were based in Sorrento or Mykonos.

Yet when we speak on the phone it's daytime for one of us and night for the other, and they ask joshingly if I am wearing my bullet-proof vest or have had my windshield smashed lately. And with the fate of the region, the destiny of the Jews, hanging so blatantly in the balance just outside my front door it's sometimes hard to concentrate on the burning questions of Hollywood entertainment — such as whether the bat and frog and horse in the animated Disney feature I am writing should or should not be able to talk. (The verdict, after much deliberation: bat and frog yea, but the horse may only neigh.)

The other evening my father remarked that if he were a leader of the PLO he would drive home the point that the Jews seem unworthy of their sovereignty on this land. Far more Israelis emigrate each year than the number of Jews from the Diaspora who come on aliyah. Indeed since the establishment of the state, according to recent testimony before a Knesset committee, a million Israelis have left the country.

This, I think, is the nub. If anyone should ask, how can I come here now, at a time like this, the answer is "davka" — that untranslatable Hebrew word that sort of means "precisely because." I am here



Israel is infinitely greater than the sum of its problems; the pity is that so few American Jews choose to absorb this plain truth first-hand. You are constrained to fear so much more for Israel's future when your dose of the place is five minutes a day of bad news.

on aliyah "davka" because of the intifada, not in spite of it. As if to say, this Jew, especially now, stakes his claim to a homeland, casts his fate with his people — concretely, unequivocally.

The rumblings of the intifada down the road remind me incessantly that I cannot deny the Palestinians that which I demand for myself. I have come to this place at a moment in history that seems charged with singular peril, but despite my many years of insulation, I feel an odd sense that I belong here now, at mid-life, as never before. For my aliyah — however unexpected and inconvenient — has become for me a personal intifada, a shaking of the insides, of the foundations. And also of the dice — let them fall as they may.

(Stuart Schoffman is a screenwriter living in Jerusalem. This story was made possible by a grant from The Fund For Journalism on Jewish Life, a project of the CRB Foundation of Montreal, Canada. Any views expressed are solely those of the author.)



## The Faces Of Israel



A young Chasid praying at the Western Wall. (Photo: Mitchell Young)



Residents of Jesse Cohen, the Delaware Jewish Federations' Project Renewal city in Israel, celebrated Purim at the Lazarus Center. (Photo: Mitchell Young)

## Haifa's Changing Image —

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 pand vacation facilities for tourists and those interested in the arts. Developments include a scenic-tour cable car, a beautiful beach promenade, an excellent theater troupe and symphony orchestra, new

restaurants, shopping centers and hotels.

But Haifa has other faces as well. One of those is scholarly. With about 6,000 students in the University of Haifa and the 8,000 in the renowned Technion, Haifa has almost as many students in higher education as Tel Aviv. Haifa is also assuming greater importance as a center of science; the Technion, university, and other nearby institutions generate considerable research, and the city administration is eager to further shift its industrial base from heavy industry (which has caused a significant pollution problem) to hi-tech industry.

Among the mosaic of Haifa's quarter of a million inhabitants are Jews, Druse, Christian and Moslem Arabs, Bahais, Catholic, and Christians of many sects — all of whom live not in separate neighborhoods, as minorities tend to do, but in heterogeneous neighborhoods throughout the city. Glusman points to high levels of Arab involvement in education, medicine, and government, and claims that "Haifa is an excellent example of a city where different communities live

together and share a good quality of life, without friction or conflict."

If, according to Herzl's vision at the turn of the century, Haifa is "the city of the future," then the future certainly looks bright.

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## Kibbutz Experience —

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 conference rooms and congress hall. On the southern outskirts of Jerusalem, facing Bethlehem, the Mizpeh Rahel Hotel provides 86 rooms with bath or shower, tennis courts, swimming pool, water slides, meeting rooms, conference halls, bar and souvenir shop.

The Sea of Galilee provides several holiday villages, including En Gev, with 83 air conditioned vacation homes with kitchenette and shower, mini-golf and private bathing beach. Ha'on with 42 homes, and Maagan with 65 homes, are also located by the Sea of Galilee.

## Who, What, Where —

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 from North America and several European countries.

Avis, Hertz, Europcar, Interrent, Budget Rent-a-Car and Thrifty all have car rental facilities at Ben-Gurion Airport.

**Travel Arrangements:**  
 Tourists must confirm scheduled departures with the airline at least 72 hours in advance. Visitors must check in at Ben-Gurion Airport at least two hours before their flight is scheduled to depart. Tourists flying El Al, can check their luggage in at the office in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa, the evening before, and it can then be taken directly to the plane.

## Israel

## Arthritics And Athletes At The Dead Sea

By NECHEMIA MEYERS

Special to  
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Despite the *intifada*, tourists are still coming — in almost normal numbers — to Dead Sea resorts.

This is because the Dead Sea area remains unaffected by the *intifada* and, more important, because those who come there are, on the whole, a special breed of tourist. They seek not a good time but relief from their arthritis, orthopedic problems or skin disease. And since they know that the minerals, mud and sunshine of the Dead Sea are likely to produce that relief — they are determined to get there, come what may.

The main focus of this health-oriented tourism is the Moriah Dead Sea Spa Hotel, the region's sole five star establishment and the only one with an in-house spa. This permits Moriah guests to get their mud packs, sulphur baths and massages without leaving the premises. Of course, the guests generally take dips in the Dead Sea as well, which is fine so long as they keep their mouths shut. Swallowing its waters — which have a mineral content ten times that of the Mediterranean — is not recommended.

Of particular therapeutic value are the Dead Sea's abundant magnesium (which is good for the skin), bromine (which is a natural tranquilizer) and iodine (which improves body metabolism). While scientific studies have demonstrated that these minerals help people with a wide variety of maladies, no group has benefited as much from them, and from the area's 350-day-a-year sunshine, as victims of psoriasis, a disfiguring and as yet incurable skin disease. An extraordinary 96 percent of the psoriasis patients who spend four weeks at the Dead Sea experience a total or near-total remission for an extended period. This has prompted the health authorities in several European countries to send many such people, at government expense, for treatment at the Dead Sea.

The health benefits of the Dead Sea are, incidentally, not a recent discovery. Twenty centuries ago historian Josephus Flavius wrote that its salts "bring healing to the human body" and the Romans took baths at the Dead Sea to relieve their aches and pains.

Moriah General Manager Uri Unger is pleased that so many people, tourists and Israelis, are following in the footsteps of the Romans. Moreover, he hopes that even more health-seekers will come to his hotel in the future, particularly from the U.S. (still a virtually untapped market). Yet Unger also wants to attract a greater number of ordinary vacationers.

The Dead Sea shore, he

points out, is replete with interesting places to visit. They include Massada (site of the famous Jewish last stand against the Romans), the Ein Gedi springs (David's hideout when he sought refuge from King Saul) and the Qumran caves (where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered). Moreover, Unger adds, even healthy people need to relax, and where better to relax than in an area that is free of pollution and full of quiet beauty. Particularly beautiful is the kaleidoscopic manner in which the Dead Sea, and the "saltbergs" which dot its surface, constantly change color throughout the day.

Among those relaxing at the Moriah last month were members of the Israel National Soccer Team, getting ready for World Cup games in mid-March with Australia and New Zealand. Their coaches brought them not only for a rest, but also for the spa's sulphur baths and mud packs, which are likely to help them recover from the bruises that afflict all soccer players.

The Israeli sportsmen may eventually be followed by European players because a German organization which treats injured soccer stars has been discussing the possibility of setting up a center for treatment and training at the Dead

Sea, in cooperation with the Moriah.

Should that scheme materialize, the hotel may be

able to offer its guests not only baths and beauty, but front row seats at soccer workouts as well.



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# PBS Special Will Focus On Tensions Between Arabs And Jews

David K. Shipler's Pulitzer Prize-winning book about the relations between Arabs and Jews in Israel - *Arab and Jew: Wounded Spirits in a Promised Land* - forms the basis of a two-hour public television special produced by Robert Gardner and Associates with WETA, Washington, D.C. ARAB AND JEW will air over WHY? on May 29 at 10 p.m.

The special examines the critical tension between Arabs and Jews living in Israel, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. Exploring their prejudices and interactions, images and stereotypes ARAB AND JEW touches upon personal, sensitive matters and deeply held beliefs.

Executive producer, chief writer and narrator for the program is David K. Shipler, former Jerusalem bureau chief of *The New York Times*, whose book, on which the program is based, has been praised by both Arab and Jewish leaders. The veteran *Times* correspondent is also the author of the best-selling book "*Russia: Broken Idols, Solemn Dreams*," drawn from his experiences as Moscow bureau chief in the 1970's. Shipler is now a Senior Associate at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

"This is a time of great pain and possible opportunity for both Israeli Jews and Palestinian Arabs," Shipler said. "The roots of their conflict, deeply imbedded in attitudes that are taught and learned and acted out in daily violence, need to be understood. This program will make its contribution by getting inside people's minds, illuminating the dimensions of belief and fear that govern the intricate Arab-Jewish relationship."

Producer/director is Robert Gardner, who recently won a national Emmy Award as the director of "The Courage To Care," a study of rescuers of European Jews during the Holocaust. The program was also nominated for an Academy Award.

The television special "*Arab and Jew: Wounded Spirits in a Promised Land*" is funded by the Ford Foundation, the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, the Carl M. Freeman Foundation, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, and public television stations.



Locked for generations in a struggle that seems to have no end, Jew and Arab coexist in Israel, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. "Arab and Jew: Wounded Spirits In a Promised Land," a two-hour documentary based on David K. Shipler's Pulitzer-winning book of the same title, explores the roots of the conflict in human terms. The documentary will air on Monday, May 29, at 10 p.m.

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# Announcements/Events

## JHS Annual Meeting To Feature Charles Salkin As Speaker

The Jewish Historical Society of Delaware will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday evening, May 17, at 7:30. The locale for the meeting is historic Buena Vista, the former residence of Delaware's

Governors, located on Route 13 south of Wilmington. The guest speaker for the evening is Charles A. Salkin, a resident of Dover, who has received a grant from the Delaware Humanities Forum to study the History of Jewish Agriculture Society in Delaware.

Salkin is a dedicated researcher whose fascination with local history led to the discovery of a nucleus of Jewish farmers in the Dover area going back to 1897. (See *The Jewish Voice*, June 10, 1988.) Salkin found that the Jewish Agriculture Society,

financed by the Baron de Hirsch fund, listed dozens of times from 1900 as having provided part of the mortgage money for farm purchases. The idea of a population of Yiddish-speaking immigrant farmers in lower Delaware during the early years of the century was tremendously exciting to him.

Working with census information and land and tax records, Salkin is painstakingly and methodically reconstructing the pattern of Jewish farm settlement in Delaware. By mapping the locations of the farms, he shows that the Jewish farmers tended to settle in clusters mostly within a 12 mile radius of Dover.

Salkin is the manager of the Technical and Community Recreation Services Section of the Delaware Division of Parks and Recreation. He came to Delaware from Pennsylvania about 10 years ago. He is a member of the Delaware Review Board for Historic Preservation, a volunteer for

the Delaware Agricultural Museum and President of congregation Beth Shalom in Dover. His presentation should present a rare opportunity to learn of Delaware's Jewish farm communities.

Transportation to Buena Vista can be arranged from the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Synagogue on Washington Street Extension. Call Helen Goldberg (764-8329) or Jackie Berger (478-1250) by May 15, if you are interested.

## NCJW 'Taste-In'

The National Council of Jewish Women will sponsor a Taste-In, featuring an international selection of dishes, to be held on Sunday, May 21, at 11 a.m. at the home of Pat and Martin Sloan. Non-members can get a taste of NCJW and old members can acquaint themselves with the group. Husbands are invited to attend. For reservations call Ari Bodnar (479-9655).

## 'One People, One Voice' At AKSE's Cafe Tamar



Cindy Goldstein

An evening of music and dance will be presented at Cafe Tamar on Sunday, June 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Social Hall. Songs in Hebrew, Yiddish and Ladino will be sung by the AKSE Choral Group as well as by guest soloists.

Featured singers will be Cindy Goldstein, Elayne Soltz Penn, Jane Hormadaly and Sylvie Shain. The Choral Group is directed by Faith Brown with accompanists Sara Berman, Don Slovin, Lenny Sophrin, Fred Snyder and Dr.

Stephen Marks. The AKSE Dance Group, in authentic costumes, will perform the newest dances from Israel as well as a medley of old favorites from the past.

The program will be introduced by Rina Marks. Refreshments will follow the performance. Reservations are required and may be made by calling the synagogue office at 762-2705 or Sylvia Silverman at 658-5689. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 13.

## Chabad Plans Lag B'Omer Picnic

Chabad-Lubavitch of Delaware has planned a Lag B'Omer Family Barbeque and Picnic for Tuesday, May 23, at the JCC Family Campus. Along with B. (urgers) L.T.'s and hot dogs, will be races and games and a soccer match.

Lag B'Omer, the thirty-third day of the Omer, commemorates the end of a plague which killed thousands of Rabbi Akiva's students. It is also the day that Rabbi Shimon ben Yochai, the greatest student of Rabbi Akiva, passed away many years later. According to tradition, Rabbi Akiva's students, although great in Torah scholarship, lacked love and respect for each other and subsequently were punished in

the plague which took place from the beginning of Pesach for thirty-two days. Since then, the Omer has been considered a sad period and marriages and joyous occasions are postponed til Lag B'Omer (which signals the end of that period).

It is customary to "go out into the fields" and light bonfires in celebration of Lag B'Omer, according to Rabbi Chuni Vogel, Director of Chabad-Lubavitch in Delaware. "The theme of Lag B'Omer is Jewish Unity," says Vogel. "So having the picnic at the family campus is quite appropriate. Now we've got to pray for good weather!"

The Barbecue will take place at the picnic grove at 6 p.m.

and the suggested donation is \$2.50 per person. Reservations should be made by Friday, May 19. To reserve and for more information, call the Chabad office at 478-4400.

## Beth Emeth Sisterhood Installation

May 9 is the date of the Annual Installation Meeting of the Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Emeth, at which time new members of the Board of Directors will be recognized. After a luncheon, entertainment will be provided by Joseph Zimmerman, cellist and Jack Burnam, pianist, who have prepared a program of light classical music. For reservations for luncheon and complimentary child-sitting call Carole Bernstein at 475-6259.

## Lox Box Is New AEA Fundraiser

Albert Einstein Academy and Cornbeef & Company in Branmar Plaza have joined forces for a new fundraiser to benefit the school: a "Lox Box" sale. Orders will be taken until Friday, May 12, for bagels and lox, which will be delivered to homes in the north Wilmington area on Sunday, May 21.

For more information, call AEA at 478-5026 during school hours or Cornbeef & Company at 475-4900.

## Adas Kodesch Sisterhood Donor

The Sisterhood of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation will hold its annual Donor Luncheon on Tuesday, May 23, at noon in the Synagogue Social Hall. A musical program will be presented featuring Ms. Cindy Goldstein.

Sisterhood members who have earned or contributed a

minimum donation of \$36 are cordially invited to attend. The plate charge is \$6. Non-Sisterhood member guests are also welcome. The charge for guests is \$12 (plate included).

Reservations (pre-paid) may be made until May 16 by contacting Jean Chamish (evenings) at 475-7008 or Edith Vyth at 658-6281.

## Naches

### Levy



Frank Levy

Frank M. Levy, RFP CLU ChFC, of Wilmington, Delaware, was recently appointed to the speakers bureau of The International Association of Registered Financial Planners (IARFP), headquartered in Tampa, Florida. As part of its public relations program, the association provides qualified speakers who are experts in the field of financial planning. This free public service is available to church and civic groups, educational institutions, and other interested parties who need a qualified speaker to address their group on financially-related topics.

IARFP is the professional association of highly qualified financial planners throughout the world. To receive the Registered Financial Planner (RFP) designation requires a minimum of four years experience as a full-time financial planner, strict adherence to the IARFP code of ethics, a strong academic background preparing oneself for this complex career, and a demonstration of knowledge by passing various state and federal license exams in insurance, securities and other areas involved in financial planning. Designees must also devote a minimum of 40 hours per year to continuing education in the field of finan-

cial planning to maintain their membership in IARFP.

Mr. Levy is president of Diversified Financial Consultants, Inc., in Wilmington.

### Blumberg

Nan Blumberg, CPA, a director at the accounting firm of Simon, Master & Sidlow, P.A., has been elected a board member for Wilmington Women in Business. As a board member, she will be responsible for strengthening the organization's position and furthering the status of women in the business community.

Ms. Blumberg oversees the tax department at Simon, Master & Sidlow, P.A. The firm is located in Wilmington and provides accounting, auditing, tax planning and management advisory services.

### Isakoff

Sheldon Isakoff, director of DuPont's Engineering Research and Development Division and current vice-president of The American Institute of Chemical Engineers, will assume the 1990 presidency of the AIChE.

### Goldfein

Frederic Goldfein, a Philadelphia attorney, has been named the recipient of the annual Jewish Heritage Award for his unique contribution to Judaism, the Jewish people and the Jewish homeland. The award, given annually by the Association of Orthodox Jewish Teachers, will be presented to Goldfein during special award ceremonies on May 10 (Israel Independence Day) at City Hall. The program marks Jewish Heritage Week.

Goldfein has travelled to the Soviet Union six times and spoke last year at the Wilmington JCC on one of his trips.

Goldfein, a Wilmington native, is the son of June Goldfein of Wilmington.

## Young Jewish Adults

The Young Jewish Adults of Delaware (for Singles 21-35) has planned several activities for the month of May.

On Sunday, May 7, the Singles will go to one of Delaware's most popular events: Winterthur's Point-To-Point Races and Picnics. They will meet first at the JCC at 9:30 a.m. For reservations (deadline May 6) and information, call Pam-Sue Katz (737-0958) or Linda Schwab (366-1534).

There will be a cocktail party on Wednesday, May 10, at the Waterwork's Cafe (on the outside deck overlooking the Brandywine River - inside if raining), at 16th and French St. from 6 to 9 p.m. There will be hors d'oeuvres and cash bar for \$6, plus a cake for Israel's 41st birthday that day. For more info, call Ron Grosz at 762-7411.

The Chavurah discussion topic "Jewish Mothers!" will be on Tuesday, May 16, at 7:15 p.m. For more information call the JCC at 478-5660.

On Sunday, May 21, the Group will meet at the JCC at 10 a.m. to go to Philadelphia for the Israel Independence Day Celebration. Over 10,000

Jews are expected, with many from other Delaware Valley Jewish singles groups. After the celebration, the YJAD will go out for dinner to South Street in Philadelphia. For information on this event, call Aaron Gobler (996-5358) or Sheryl Fried (475-5346).

There will be a "double-header" fun night on Thursday, June 1, when the Singles will have dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Peppers Restaurant in Wilmington followed at 7:45 p.m. by drinks and a 90-minute show at the Comedy Cabaret/New York Cafe. Reservations by May 31 are essential and space is limited to the first 30 signups. For information call Mike Cook (368-1982) or Pam-Sue Katz (737-0958).

# Cultural Calendar

## LOCAL

Israel Independence Day will be celebrated on May 10 at the Jewish Community Center in Wilmington with entertainment by Ron Dagan whose repertoire includes Hebrew, Yiddish and English songs.

Cafe Tamar, an annual event of the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Dance and Choral Groups, will take place at the synagogue on June 4 at 7:30 p.m.

## PHILADELPHIA

"Louis Edward Levy: Scientist, Inventor, Humanitarian," an exhibit at the National Museum of American Jewish History, Independence Mall East, focuses on this historical figure who pioneered in the field of immigrant aid as well as the art of photoengraving. This exhibit is one of several being planned to highlight the vital roles played by Mikveh Israel, this year celebrating its 250th anniversary, in the life of the community and the nation. The exhibit will be on display through July 23. There is an admission charge (\$1.75 for adults and \$1.50 for students and senior adults).

"Israel 41 - The Jewish People Stand Together" is the theme of this year's Israel Independence Day Parade in Philadelphia on Sunday, May 21, from 10 a.m. to noon. The parade will travel down Chestnut Street to Independence Mall, with the reviewing stand at 5th and Market Streets. A bazaar will be open from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Judge Lewis Quadrangle on Independence Mall which will feature crafts, food, books and information. There will be entertainment for children and adults as well as

## WASHINGTON

The B'nai B'rith Klutznick Museum will display a variety of media, including painting, sculpture, prints, photography and an artist's book by 12 artists who are all children of Holocaust survivors. The exhibit is entitled "Continuing Witness: Contemporary Images by Sons and Daughters of Holocaust Survivors" and will run from March 27 through September.

## NEW YORK

The Jewish Museum in New York will present "Robert Capa: Photographs From Israel, 1948-1950," a black-and-white photography exhibit which documents the birth of the State of Israel. Many of these photographs have not been seen before. The exhibit will run from March 28 through July 5.

"Ghetto," a new play with songs, which opened April 7 at the Circle In The Square Theatre, 1633 Broadway on 50th Street, recounts the moving story of a theatrical troupe performing in the Jewish ghetto of Vilna during the Nazi occupation in 1943. Using diaries, historical evidence and the accounts of survivors, playwright Joshua Sobol combines cabaret-style songs and satire to create an authentic play-within-a-play depicting the daily struggles of the Jews to endure and survive in the ghetto.

A new exhibit recounting the history of Asian Jews over the last 25 centuries opened May 5 at the American Museum of Natural History's Hall of Asian Peoples. The exhibit attempts to capture the diversity of Asian Jewish culture in all 13 of the countries where it has

# Psychologist: Despite Fifth Commandment Jewish Mothers Feel They Are Not Honored

By BEN GALLOB

Jewish mothers accused of playing martyrs are often just making a justified and misunderstood plea for appreciation and recognition that mothers rarely get, according to a Jewish psychologist-feminist, and furthermore, "the failure to honor mothers is a part of Judaism's more general failure to honor women."

That view was expressed by Paula Caplan, professor of applied psychology at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, in an article in the January-February issue of Reconstructionist magazine. The article was based on a *dvar Torah*, a Shabbat comment from the bimah, that Caplan delivered at her Toronto Reconstructionist congregation, Darchei Noam.

She recalled that as a child, her grandmother used to work herself to the point of exhaustion, "to feed us royally" on Rosh Hashanah and Passover, so that "the menfolk" could pray. "We enjoyed her food," Caplan recounted, but "we did not particularly honor her. It is praying and doing paid work that tends to be honored in America, not mothering work."

She said that "the incredible value of what mothers do" in providing nourishing food, a pleasant environment and taking care of members of their families "is swiftly dismissed. And North American Jews are as guilty of this as others."

Women in Jewish tradition, Caplan noted, have been valued only as bearers of children - "a role that is not honored but simply expected."

Jews in all walks of life often look to mental health professionals, among whom Jews predominate, "as they used to look to Torah and the rabbis," Caplan said. However, she added, "that secular arena is just as riddled with anti-women (and anti-mother) sentiments as traditional Judaism."

As evidence, she reported working with a student assistant on a project examining 125 articles from a variety of mental health journals. Professionals offered explanations, in those articles, for people's emotional problems. She and the student assistant found that mothers "were blamed for 72 different kinds of problems. These ranged from arson to the inability to deal with color blindness, to homicidal transsexualism, to something called 'self-induced television epilepsy' in which a child apparently brings on his seizures by watching TV."

She said it did not matter

whether the authors of these anti-mother judgments were psychoanalysts, family therapists or other types of mental health workers. "Sadly, the mother-blaming has not lessened with time and the influence of the women's movement."

Referring again to the Fifth Commandment, Caplan asserted that Jews of both sexes "need to honor our mothers as well as our fathers." When Jews fail to honor women, Caplan said, they fail to honor mothers, and in failing to honor mothers, they fail to honor all women. She warned that men who cannot honor their mothers "will have trouble genuinely honoring the women they hope to love and the daughters they hope to have."

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mother-bashing, she declared, "there is hope. The light slowly begins to shine in the mental health professions."

Some women professionals, she reported, have cast a fresh light on mothers' "alleged emotional dependency and inability to separate from their children." These professionals contend that such motherly behavior should be seen as based on "love of, and considerable skill at, being in relationships" with members of their families.

She said she has often declared that when such women say "Look at what I've sacrificed for you," it is often "a justified plea for the appreciation and recognition that mothers so rarely receive, except on Mother's Day."

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One of the photographs included in the Robert Capa Photo Exhibit at the Jewish Museum in New York through July 5. (Photo: RNS)

anniversary ceremonies. For more information, call the Jewish Community Relations Council at (215)922-7222.

"Hannah Senesh" will be performed at the Plays and Players Theater in Philadelphia from May 26 through June 18. The play is based on the diaries, letters and poetry of Senesh, a woman regarded as a national heroine in Israel.

Theodore Bikel will be the guest soloist with the Sholom Pops Orchestra conducted by Michael Isaacson at the Academy of Music on Monday, May 8. There will be two performances at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

"Those Were The Days," a new English-Yiddish musical revue, will be presented at the Walnut Street Theatre from May 17 through 28.

flourished. It includes a grid which portrays significant events in the history of Asian Jews. Interspersed throughout the grid are various religious objects from the different countries. Video programs present key aspects of Asian Jewish life.

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## Protesters Outnumber Skinheads At Hitler Celebration In Idaho

By DAVID VOLK

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho — Over 1,000 demonstrators marched in protest here against a celebration of the 100th anniversary of Hitler's birth, dwarfing less than a hundred Skinheads and white supremacists who were fathered for the commemoration.

There were no disturbances and no major arrests, as the marchers conducted a seven-mile Walk for Racial Equality on Saturday, watched over by Idaho state police on foot, in squad cars, on horseback and from helicopters.

The Skinheads present were responding to the invitation of

Richard Butler, head of the Aryan Nations church, to come to observe the April 20 anniversary of Hitler's birth. About 15 Skinheads made the trip to the church's Hayden Lake, Idaho, compound for a three-day national conference that included a cross-burning.

Of the more than 1,000 people who participated in the protest march, only about 50 were Jewish. Many of them attended the event with other groups, such as the Rainbow Coalition, the United Front Against Fascism and gay rights organizations. Some spent part of the day walking behind a Jewish banner, but no Jewish groups were in evidence

despite the New Jewish Agenda's last-minute decision to co-sponsor the event.

Some of the Jewish demonstrators who participated in the rally decried the lack of Jewish involvement in the protest as part of a disturbing trend. "There is a definite lack of mainstream Jewish participation in progressive movements," said demonstrator Ilene Samowitz, who participated as a member of a Seattle-based lesbian rights group.

Pointing out what she sees as a decreasing Jewish involvement in even basic civil rights organizations, Samowitz said

many American Jews have turned their attention to the Palestinian uprising in Israel, denouncing or supporting each new development and neglecting domestic issues.

One of the groups who refused to participate in the demonstration was the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. Spokesman Brad Rind explained it was "to deny a lot of free publicity to Butler and his gang." "The question wasn't whether somebody's going to participate in progressive movements, it's how to respond to racist movements," said Rind, assistant regional director for the ADL's Pacific Northwest Regional Office.

His comments reflect the ongoing debate over the best strategy to deal with the presence of hate groups such as the Skinheads and the Aryan Nations Church of Jesus Christ-Christian.

Samowitz and most of the demonstrators said they believed the best way to counter the event was with visible and vocal protest. "Every time we have the opportunity to say 'no' (to hate groups), we should say no," she said.

Rind disagreed, saying it is better to track the groups and make available information on such groups to anyone who requests it.

## Foreign Correspondents Pushed To Use Palestinian Press Cards

By HUGH ORGEL

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Palestinians in the administered territories have recently been demanding that foreign correspondents covering the West Bank and the Gaza Strip obtain press cards issued by what they call the "Palestinian Press Office," Israel Radio has reported. Foreign correspondents have been asked to submit photographs and personal details to local Arab correspondents in the territories. They, in turn, convey the

material to the "Palestinian Press Office," which is said to be situated in Jerusalem.

The radio said that correspondents who covered the recent border police raid in the West Bank village of Nahalin were stopped by local residents and required to present "Palestinian Press Office" press cards. Those who did not have them were told to obtain them quickly so that they would not be thrown out of the area. "Numerous foreign correspondents have since obtain-

ed the press card," Israel Radio reported.

Police Minister Haim Bar-Lev said the police would investigate whether any illegalities had occurred and, if so, measures would be taken. He said the "Palestinian Press Office" was probably operating out of East Jerusalem.

Right-wing Knesset members reacted immediately to the report, saying that any foreign correspondent accepting or using a West Bank press card

should be thrown out of the country.

Robert Slater, chairman of the Foreign Press Association in Israel, told a television interviewer that there was nothing new in the disclosure.

He said the FPA had discussed the matter nearly a year ago, when the demand for Palestinian press cards was first raised, and the association had then decided to take no official stand.

A small number of FPA members have applied for and

received the Arab press cards, but most have expressed satisfaction with the press identification cards issued by their own media or the official cards issued by Israel's Government Press office.

Slater speculated that since the police and some West Bank settlers began using bogus press cards a few weeks ago, more FPA members may have obtained the Arab press cards to prevent molestation by rioters.

## Canadian Newspaper Chain Buys Major Shares Of Jerusalem Post

By HUGH ORGEL

TEL AVIV (JTA) — A Canadian-based newspaper chain has won the top bid for a controlling interest in *The Jerusalem Post*, Israel's only English-language daily paper.

An agreement in principle was reached last week between Hollinger Inc. and Koor Industries, the Histadrut labor federation conglomerate that is liquidating the 55 percent block of shares it now holds. The agreement was signed by Isrel Investors Corporation, the Koor subsidiary that owns the shares, and Hollinger President David Radler of Vancouver.

Shimon Ravid, Koor's financial director, declined to name the sum to be paid, but confirmed that the Canadian bid was "by far the highest of the eight submitted last week."

The sums mentioned vary between \$17.5 million and \$20.6 million. Ari Rath, co-editor and managing director of the *Post*, said the amount was "probably closer to the \$17.5 million figure" — more than twice the \$8 million offered by the next highest bidder, U.S. businessman Arye Genger, a former Israeli.

A joint bid by Robert Maxwell and Charles Bronfman was the third largest and considerably lower than the top two.

Rath told Israel Radio that he, Co-Editor Erwin Frankel and the *Post's* editorial staff were satisfied with the purchase by Hollinger, who has promised to maintain the newspaper's independence and journalistic integrity and to avoid making major staff changes.

Rath appeared relieved that the left-leaning paper had not been sold to either Genger or Maxwell. Genger is protege of Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon, of whom the *Post* has been highly critical in the past. Maxwell, who now holds 30 percent of the shares of the afternoon newspaper *Ma'ariv*, recently criticized its editor for publishing stories on a secret intelligence report that appeared to challenge the assumptions behind some of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's long-standing policies.

The Hollinger Corp. owns close to 20 daily newspapers in the United States and Canada, as well as the *Daily Telegraph* in Britain. It also has some 120 weeklies, including *Saturday Night* magazine in Canada and *The Spectator* in Britain.

The Canadians technically will be buying 55 percent of the shares of the *Palestine Post Co.*, the *Post's* holding company, which still maintains the 60-year-old paper's original name. They will get half the shares of *Jerusalem Post* publications, which include the newspaper's lucrative international edition, and its printing presses, which do a healthy general printing business.

Hollinger reportedly has indicated it may be interested in buying the remaining 45 percent of *Post* shares, now owned by Bank Hapoalim. The Hollinger press empire, a public company registered on the Toronto Stock Exchange, is controlled by Conrad Black, David Radler and V. White, currently serving as principal secretary to the Canadian prime minister.

Radler is quoted by *Ma'ariv* as stressing that it is Hollinger policy to give free reign to the individual editors and editorial staffs of the newspapers it owns.

## AT&T Defeats Neo-Nazi Proposal To Eliminate Affirmative Action

By MARLENE GOLDMAN

NEW YORK (JTA) — For the second year in a row, the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. has overwhelmingly defeated a proposal by the neo-Nazi National Alliance that urges the company to eliminate its affirmative action programs.

The while supremacist organization purchased 100 shares of AT&T stock in 1986, which enabled it to present its resolution on a ballot at the annual shareholder's meeting April 24 at Radio City Music Hall. Preliminary counts from proxy returns, prior to the vote of the 2,360 people, show that 91.9 percent opposed the National Alliance proposal and 8.1 percent were in favor.

Though AT&T management has gone on record as opposing the National Alliance motion and defeated the proposal last year by a 91.4 to 8.6 percent margin, the company has twice failed to attain the 94 percent "no" vote needed to prevent the recommendation from appearing on the next meeting's agenda.

The motion would need support of at least 10 percent of the participants next year to be proposed again the following year, or else it will be barred from the ballot.

In this year's vote, at least six participants spoke against the group's motion, according to Michael Riff, associate director

of the New York regional office of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. Only one shareholder spoke for the proposal, Riff said, but his contribution was "weak and faint-hearted," since the crux of his argument weighed on an accusation that productivity has decreased because of the minorities employed through the affirmative action plan.

Riff described the meeting as low-key, with most of the debate centered around a proposal by one AT&T employee, Alex Tillman, to expand the affirmative action program to ensure proper representation of women and minorities in the upper echelons of management. That proposal was defeated as well, 95.3 percent to 4.7 percent, thereby failing to attain the 6 percent support needed to be eligible to next year's ballot.

National Alliance distributes a wide variety of Nazi propaganda, including Adolf Hitler's "Mein Kampf" and a book entitled "Imperium" that advocated the preservation of Western culture through Hitlerian racism. This month's front cover of the group's publication, *National Vanguard*, features a portrait of Hitler in celebration of the 100th anniversary of his birth on April 20.

National Alliance is led by William Pierce, author of "The Turner Diaries," which he

published under the pseudonym Andrew Macdonald. The book is a fictionalized memoir of the overthrow of the American government by "super patriots" who kill Jews and non-whites, destroy Israel and establish an Aryan regime throughout the world.

Pierce, a one-time physics professor at Oregon State University, left the academic world to join the American Nazi Party, then led by George Lincoln Rockwell, subsequently launching his own neo-Nazi splinter group.

National Alliance began in 1968, joining with the Youth for Wallace movement as the National Youth Alliance.

Run behind the scenes by Willis Carto, the head of Washington's Liberty Lobby, it was described as a "fighting movement" determined to "liquidate the enemies of the American people." Pierce later took the organization's helm.

The ADL has been providing AT&T with material about the National Alliance and Pierce. Abraham Foxman, ADL's national director, and John Jacob, director of the National Urban League, joined in calling the proposal a "smokescreen by which the National Alliance hopes to use a highly visible corporate forum to insinuate its anti-black and anti-Semitic views into the business world."

## Israel Advances In Soccer

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Israel has advanced to the quarter-finals in the World Cup soccer tournament, after playing to a 1-1 tie with Australia in Sydney on April 16.

The tie with Australia in Oceania region play, following a 2-2 draw with New Zealand last week in Auckland, means Israel will now play the winner

of the Latin American region of the World Cup tournament.

The World Cup games will be decided in the final tournament in Italy in 1990.



## 50 Years Ago In Jewish History

April 21 - May 4, 1939

### 400 REFUGEES, BARRED BY PALESTINE, PUT BACK TO SEA IN SMALL SHIP; FOOD SUPPLY LOW

JERUSALEM, April 21 (JTA) — The little Greek steamer Assimi, its captain jailed for attempting to smuggle immigrants into Palestine, put out to sea today with an over-capacity load of 400 Jewish refugees who were refused permission by the British authorities to land at Haifa.

In a moving last-minute appeal to be allowed to land, the refugees had charged that the 350-ton vessel had no life boats and was inadequately supplied with life belts and food and water.

### 192 CONGRESSMEN URGE PALESTINE OPEN DOOR

WASHINGTON, April 21 (JTA) — One hundred and ninety two members of the House of Representatives declared that abandonment by Great Britain of its mandate over Palestine "would not only erase the one ray of hope remaining for the Jewish refugees of Europe but would jeopardize the lives and threaten the safety of nearly half a million Jews now dwelling in the land of their fathers," in a statement released by the American Zionist Bureau. Previously 28 Senators signed a similar statement.

### COMMUNITY COUNCILS ORGANIZED IN 46 CITIES, RISE OF 29 SINCE 1935

NEW YORK, April 21 (JTA) — Community councils are becoming an increasingly popular form of Jewish community organization, according to an article in the current issue of Notes and News, published by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. At least, 46 cities either have established or are in the process of organizing councils. In 1935, there were only 17 such agencies in existence.

Events abroad and "their reverberations in America" are cited in the article as among the main reasons for the current development of community organization and the growth of the Council movement.

### POLAND SEEN SLATED AS NEXT VICTIM OF REICH EXPANSION

BERLIN, April 28 (JTA) — Poland emerged tonight as the next potential victim of Reich expansion, cast by Nazi foreign policy for the leading tragic role played by Czecho-Slovakia in 1938.

This was the conviction of competent sources after close study of today's Reichstag speech by chancellor Hitler, in which the Fuhrer denounced the Berlin-Warsaw Friendship Treaty and served demands on Poland believed so extreme that Warsaw will find it impossible to meet them.

### PLAN TO SET UP JEWISH STATE IN NO. RHODESIA OFFERED TO BRITISH BODY

LUSAKA, Northern Rhodesia, April 30 (JTA) — A plan to establish a Jewish State in the northeastern part of this British colony has been submitted, it was disclosed today, to the British commission investigating possibilities of refugee colonization on behalf of the Intergovernmental Refugee Committee.

## Baker Backs Policy Of Denying Refugee Status To Some Jews

### Baker Backs Policy of Denying Refugee Status to Some Jews By HOWARD ROSENBERG

WASHINGTON (JTA)-- Secretary of State James Baker told a congressional panel on April 18 that he supports the Justice Department's policy to grant refugee status on a selective basis to Soviet Jews wishing to enter the United States.

Jewish groups have criticized the Bush administration for countinuing a policy started last fall by the Reagan administration of refusing to give refugee status automatically to all Soviet Jewish emigrants wishing to enter the United States.

In public appearances during the past two weeks, Attorney General Dick Thornburgh and Immigration and Naturalization Service Commissioner Alan Nelson have defended the denial of refugee status to some Soviet Jews.

Jewish organizations maintain that all Soviet Jews meet the U.S. criteria for refugees, which is that they must prove to have had a "well-founded fear of persecution" in the lands from which they emigrated.

Baker told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee there is a review under way in the State Department on refugee policy, but that he sup-

ports a "worldwide standard" in judging refugee claims. He said that applications for refugee status should "generally be adjudicated on a case-by-case basis with reference to that standard."

The administration formally sent Congress a \$100 million supplemental aid request a few weeks ago, \$85 million of which would be used to increase the number of Soviet refugees permitted to enter the United States this fiscal year from 19,000 to 43,000.

The Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society has predicted that the U.S. refugee quota for Soviet Jews will be reached by April 20, so Congress is expected to act on the Bush proposal or one of several congressional alternatives within the next few weeks.

Sen. Joseph Biden (D-Del.), chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, which has jurisdiction over the INS, said during Baker's testimony that the United States should "keep in context the position we have taken for such a long time," that "Soviet Jews have demonstrably been victims of persecution in the Soviet Union, and I see no evidence of that changing."

"I hope we would not make the mistake of concluding that, until we have a total standard that all can agree on, we are not

going to deal with a group of people who have for thousands of years, from czars to commissars, been clear victims of persecution in their country," he added.

"Despite the remarkable changes under (Soviet leader Mikhail) Gorbachev, I have not seen convincing evidence that, in fact, Soviet Jews within the Soviet Union are no longer persecuted," Biden said. "More are being allowed to go, but to me that does not add up to convincing evidence."

"We are very pleased, Senator, with the more liberal emigration policies that the Soviet Union is now following," said Baker. But such policies have "not been codified into law, and we have no guarantee that they will necessarily continue."

"So when we begin talking about changes in Jackson-Vanik and things like that, it might be appropriate for us to look at the question of codification of laws that permit more free emigration," he added.

He was referring to proposals in some quarters that the United States begin relaxing provisions of the Jackson-Vanik Amendment, which denies most-favored-nation trade status to the Soviet Union until it makes substantial improvements in its emigration practices.

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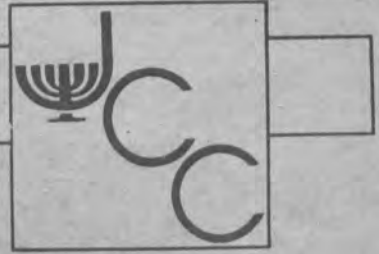
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# Jewish Community Center



## Plans, Staff In Place For Summer Camp

Cooling off by taking a dip in a 4,000 square foot swimming pool, acting out an on-stage roll at the amphitheatre, blazing a trail through the wooded area of the Brandywine Creek State Park, sleeping out under the stars and welcoming the Shabbat with song and dance, are just a few of the many ways in which this year's campers will enjoy the summer, according to the Camp's staff.

In addition to well-rounded days filled with active, age-appropriate activities, including nature, sports, arts and crafts, music, dance, drama and Judaic enrichment, camp JCC will be highlighted by special "Camp Theme Days." These days, which will focus on Jewish values, traditions and holiday, are currently being planned by the staff.

"A camp program is only as strong as the staff behind it," states J.J. Alter, recently appointed Camp Co-Director. "And with the staff we're assembling, this year's camp will certainly shine."

Jeff Weiner, Camp's Sports Specialist, will serve in this cap-

city for a second year. A graduate of Glassboro State College and teacher for the Christiana School District, Jeff's program will focus on skill development and group activities. "Learning new skills and having fun is what camp is all about," Weiner comments.

Nature Specialist, Steve Hurshman, is optimistic about the natural resources surrounding camp. "The combination of the Family Campus and the Brandywine Creek State Park, provides a terrific setting for the development of a great nature program," says Hurshman. "I'm excited about using my nature and wilderness skills to capture the campers' interest."

Nina Allen, this year's Judaic Enrichment Specialist, has a vast background of camping and Judaic experience. "Camp is an environment in which children are exposed to so many new and exciting ideas. I can't think of a more appropriate place for an exploration of Jewish values than in camp," states Allen. As Judaic Enrichment Specialist, Allen will work closely with all camp

staff members to create a rich Jewish setting.

Aquatics Director, Mindy Goldberger, has been "splashing around" Jewish camping for several years. Her aquatics programs at Camps Harlam and Oak Lane are reflective of her professionalism and ability. "For so many children, Camp JCC is the place to develop aquatic skills which they will possess for a lifetime. While safety and fun are the focus of the entire camp, it is especially the case around the pool," says Goldberger.

Several Unit Heads are also in place for this summer. As supervisory staff, unit heads are responsible for meeting the needs of campers and counselors. In addition, they serve as program resources for their staff. Joining camp again this year are Unit Heads, Elaine Marek and Laura Popper. Marek who is currently a head teacher with the JCC's pre-school, has been affiliated with the Center and Camp for seven years. As K'Ton Ton (Little Ones) Unit Head, her focus is on a program which uses age-appropriate activities to encourage exploration. Popper

herself is an outstanding example of a product of the Wilmington JCC's pre-school and camp programs. As the returning Kochavim (Stars) Unit Head, she will draw from a strong Jewish identity in creating a solid program for the youngsters.

Alter is also pleased with the team of the Center's full-time professionals who are assembled for camp. Providing direction to the program are Moises Paz, Camp Co-Director; Eileen Wallach, Program Coordinator; Shelley Gitomer, Teen Camp Coordinator; Marilyn Forbes, Pre-School Camp Coordinator and Janine Goldfeder, Administrative Assistant. "The investment of so many professionals is reflective of the Center's philosophy regarding camp," says Alter. "As one of the agency's most important programs, we are committed to providing our best, therefore guaranteeing a successful end product."

As staffing plans continue to be made, there is still space available for enrollment in the program. Call the Center at 478-5660 for information on Camp JCC.

## Wheels To New York

The Jewish Community Center will be hosting a spring shopping spree in New York City on Wednesday, May 10. The bus will depart from the Center at 8 a.m. and return at approximately 7 p.m. The bus will make several stops in the Manhattan area and on the return trip will stop at Dean and DeLuca, a specialty gourmet food store. The cost for the trip is \$30 for members and \$40 for non-members. Reservations are now being accepted at the JCC Front Desk. For more information, contact Lynn Greenfield, Adult Program Director at 478-5660.

## Family Campus To Hold Grand Re-Opening

A "Grand Re-Opening" of the Family Campus, located at the Jewish Community Center, is set for the Memorial Day Weekend. A Family Shabbat Dinner will kick off the weekend on Friday night at 6 p.m. with a traditional chicken meal and a sing-a-long of some favorite Shabbat tunes.

Parent and child activities will include sports, arts and crafts and pool games. Special shows by clowns, acrobats and magicians will also be part of the re-opening celebration. Storytelling, penny hunts in the pool, scuba diving demonstrations and a Tennis Carnival are also being planned. A cookout with hot dog and hamburgers is scheduled for Sunday afternoon.

The Tennis Carnival will include demonstrations by Bill O'Brien's Percentage Tennis students. Activities will include mini-tournaments, contest with prizes and a chance to "Beat the Pro." Tennis classes and clinics have already begun at the JCC. Classes are on-going and new participants can join anytime.

A free concert by the Delaware Brass Ensemble is also scheduled for Sunday afternoon at the Family Campus Amphitheatre. This is part of the University of Delaware's Concert Series at the Wilmington JCC.

A special ribbon-cutting ceremony is planned for the opening day. Snacks and beverages will be provided each afternoon for families attending the re-opening programs.

Reservations for the Friday and Sunday dinners may be made by calling the JCC at 478-5660. The entire community is welcome to participate in the opening of the Jewish Family Campus.



## CORRECTION

There is no admission fee for the Israel Independence Day concert featuring Ron Dagan at the JCC on Wednesday, May 10. The community is welcome to participate and food will be available for purchase. For more information, call the JCC at 478-5660.

## Musical Performance Scheduled

Eileen Grycky, flutist and Christiaan Taggart, guitarist will present a spring concert program of classical and contemporary music at the Jewish Community Center on Friday, May 12, at 1 p.m. Grycky and Taggart recently completed a successful concert tour in Belgium and have also performed as a duo and as soloists through the Delaware Valley.

This program is part of the University of Delaware's Concert Series at the Wilmington JCC. The concert is free of charge and open to the entire community.

## Monte Carlo Night A Success

Over 350 people attended the Jewish Community Center's 1st Annual Monte Carlo Night held on Saturday, April 8. The auditorium, senior lounge and lobby, decorated in Casino motif, were filled with members of the community trying their hand at Blackjack, Beat the Horse, Poker, Big Wheel and Craps.

The casino atmosphere was enhanced by the musical sounds of pianist Lindsey Lee, who played a variety of night club songs on his electric piano/organ. In addition to the casino games, there was a sweet shoppe and several local merchants displayed a variety of boutique items, which were available for purchase throughout the entire evening. David Sorkin, Executive Director of the JCC said, "We were thrilled with the number of people who attended our first

Monte Carlo Night, it was a great night for the Center and provided the community with the opportunity to kibbitz and have fun. The Monte Carlo Night Fundraiser brought in approximately \$3,500.00 which



Lindsey Lee

will benefit the many services and programs offered by the Jewish Community Center," Sorkin added. There were several drawings held throughout the evening, they included a door prize drawing for anyone who purchased tickets in advance and two 50/50 raffle drawings held at 10 p.m. and midnight.

"An event of this caliber requires a lot of manpower. We were very excited to have over

125 community volunteers working together to make this event a very special night for everyone," said Moises Paz, Assistant Executive Director of the JCC. "The Board of Directors and Staff of the JCC is very grateful to everyone who volunteered their time for Monte Carlo Night."



The craps table at the JCC's Monte Carlo Night.

## Jewish Great Books

The Jewish Great Books Discussion Group will meet on Thursday, May 11, at 7:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center to discuss the selections by Leo Baeck in "Contemporary Jewish Thought." Those interested may bring suggestions for next year's readings. New members are welcome to join this group anytime. For more information, call Lynn Greenfield, Adult Program Director, at 478-5660.

## Shakespeare Coming To Family Campus

The Jewish Community Center has announced that Shakespeare's "A Mid-

Summer Night's Dream" will be one of the major community events held at the Jewish Family Campus Amphitheatre. Shakespeare's most popular comedy, it will be produced and directed by Greer Firestone. Firestone, over the last four years, has successfully produced and directed the highly acclaimed "Best of Broadway" Series.

Eight performances have been planned for June 21, 22, 24, 25, 28, 29, July 1 and 2. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 10 years of age. Reservations may be made by calling Firestone Productions at 995-6932.

The performances will all begin at dusk. Prior to the show, at 6 p.m., the Family Campus picnic area will be open for families to enjoy a picnic dinner. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy an illusion-filled evening with Shakespeare under the stars. This production is open to the entire community.

Other major events being planned for the Campus will include a performance by world-renowned, "Rosh Ha'ayin," a 50 piece Mandolin Orchestra. "Rosh Ha'ayin" is composed by young Yemenite instrumentalists from all over Israel. Their performance is scheduled for July 20 and open to the entire community.

# JTS Revises Rabbinic Requirements, Includes Experiences Living As Jew

By YAFFA WEISS

NEW YORK (JTA)—Students with limited Jewish backgrounds might find it harder to enroll at the Jewish Theological Seminary Rabbinical School, as a result of a new extensive change in curriculum that will begin in September. The new admissions standards will require certain academic prerequisites

in text, Hebrew language and experience in living as a Jew. Rabbi Gordon Tucker, dean of the rabbinical school, explained that previously there were students at the school with limited backgrounds, who entered the seminary as a result of having become interested in Judaism during college. "They were sincere and capable... but they haven't

sufficient exposure to all the aspects of Jewish life," he said. The admissions requirement is just one of the many changes in curriculum at JTS. Other changes include fixing the course of study at five years, rather than the previous four-to-seven-year term; a seminar which will concentrate on issue of theology, prayer and the image of a rabbi; and a field work

requirement for the last two years. "I feel it's a major improvement," said fourth-year student Bill Hamilton, who was a member of the committee which made the changes. "It enables the seminary to do a whole lot more." According to Tucker, the changes were prompted by a desire to integrate learning text

with basic rabbinic skills, such as teaching and inspiring others. "The demands placed on today's rabbi go far beyond the ability to understand Talmudic passages," said Hamilton. "There are now demands that a rabbi be a people-person."

## Reconstructionists Issue

LANCASTER, Pa. (JTA)—"Education is vital to our future. If we don't educate our children, then the future of Judaism is very bleak." With these words, Rabbi Sandy Sasso, president of the

Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association, opened her group's annual convention held here last month.

She pointed out that educational needs have changed. "In

## New Educators' Manual

previous generations," she said, "many children came from homes that were vitally Jewish and the school was truly supplemental. Now, the school is more often primary." The theme of the convention, which featured plenary presentations by Theodore Mann, immediate past president of the American Jewish Congress, and Dr. Isa Aron of the Rhea Hirsch School of Education, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Los Angeles was "L'ilmod U'L'Lamed/To Teach and To Learn."

Toward that end, the first volume of a new educator's manual published jointly by the RRA and the Federation of Reconstructionist Congregations and Havurot was offered at the convention.

The manual, "Reconstructing Jewish Education: A Process Guide," will comprise three volumes focusing on the work of rabbis in Jewish education, the administrative and cur-

ricular needs of Reconstructionist congregations and the needs of the classroom teacher.

Aron addressed the need for a shift in Jewish education from a paradigm of instruction to a "paradigm of acculturation." She pointed out that a visitor to a foreign land "will learn an incredible amount" in the course of a year. However, she explained, "There is no 'proper' order in which to learn, and no way of segmenting into measured portions the knowledge this newcomer acquires. Instruction and acculturation are not incompatible paradigms."

Sasso, rabbi of Beth El Zedeck in Indianapolis, was elected to a two-year term as president of the association. In her first address as president, Sasso announced that "the time has come for us to define ourselves and our core so that American Jews can understand who we are and what is our vision."

## Jewish Community Alerted To Crises In Foster Care

NEW YORK (JTA)—"Foster care is an ancient tradition in Judaism. Moses was raised by foster parents. We need to remember the important history of foster care in our culture." With these words, David Roth, executive vice president of the Jewish Child Care Association of New York, appealed to the Jewish community of New York for help.

The problem of foster care is becoming one of gigantic proportions, with 300 to 400 new children entering the system every month, adding to the more than 20,000 children already there.

The factors which have caused this increase have not left the Jewish community unscathed. Tragedies such as serious illness, substance abuse, family

break-ups or homelessness have left many people unable to care for their children.

Roth stressed the need for Jewish involvement. "Families in crisis desperately need the support of the Jewish community," he said. He explained how easy it is to become a foster parent. "Foster parents can be married, single or divorced; male or female; employed or unemployed. They don't need to have an extra room."

To respond to this crisis, JCCA has joined with several other child welfare organizations to try to recruit more foster parents. It has also established a 24-hour hotline number that people can call to get information about being foster parents: (212) 643-0718.

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# Obituaries

### Samuel Kreston

Samuel Kreston, founder of Kreston Liquor Mart at 904 Concord Ave., Wilmington, Del., died April 16 in Doctors' Hospital of Hollywood, Fla. He was 88 and lived at 3001 S. Ocean Drive.

Mr. Kreston, who was born in Wilmington, owned and operated a service station with his father at 904 Concord Avenue. In 1933, after Prohibition and when widening of Concord Avenue would have removed the location of the station's pumps, the Krestons decided to open a liquor store on the site.

He turned the business over to his son in 1966, when he retired and moved to Florida.

He was an active supporter of the state's Fair Trade Law and was present when the bill was signed into law in 1941.

He is survived by his wife, Lillian; a son, Donald of Wilmington; a daughter, Eleanor Binder of Des Moines, Iowa; two sisters, Anne Spiner and Martha Hollett, both of Wil-

ington; four grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

Arrangements were made by the Schoenberg Memorial Chapel.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Congregation Beth Emeth, Wilmington.

### Samuel Whiteman

Samuel Whiteman, 87, of Newark, died April 24.

Mr. Whiteman is survived by his wife, Etta; a son, Alvin of Newark; a brother, Maxwell of Philadelphia; two sisters, Sarah Whiteman of Burlington, N.J., and Esther Lowenthal of Philadelphia; and two grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by the Schoenberg Memorial Chapel.

### Yetta Jaffe

Yetta Jaffe, 76, of Wilmington, died on April 26.

Mrs. Jaffe is survived by a daughter, Joan Lois Jaffe, and a sister, Bertha Clocic.

Arrangements were made by the Schoenberg Memorial Chapel. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to charity.

### Helen S. Haberman

Helen S. Haberman, formerly of Brandywine Hills, died April 27.

Mrs. Haberman was the widow of Charles T. Haberman. She is survived by two daughters, Barbara Block of Pleasantville, N.Y., and Judith Katz of Gaithersburg, MD; two sisters, Evelyn Carpel of Bethesda, MD, and Dorothy Hitman of Ardentown; a brother, Sam Sagotsky of

Freehold, NJ; and four grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by the Schoenberg Memorial Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Congregation Beth Shalom, 18th and Baynard Blvd., Wilmington.

## Jewish Women Welcome New Publication

Jewish women's spiritual and religious issues are the topic of a new quarterly newsletter. *Neshama* is produced by and for women of all ages, religious perspectives, and political views. "I wanted a forum for women from across the Jewish world," says founder and editor Hanna Helen Bandes, "a place where egalitarian and traditional women could write about their particular experiences and concerns, elderly women could reminisce about the Jewishly meaningful moments in their lives, teachers and healers and grandmothers and daughters could write about what being Jewish means to them. Some fascinating research is being done today by Jewish women scholars, and women are writing books, producing videos, and being creative in other ways that should be publicized. I created *Neshama* to provide a forum that brings these issues and concerns together."

The first issue of *Neshama*, released in March, includes factual articles, poems, ideas, a prayer used in a women's Rosh Hodesh group, and more. Authors include writer Penina V. Adelman, whose book "Miriam's Well" is a guide used by Jewish women's groups across the nation, Rabbi Elyse Goldstein, Dr. Judith Kates, and several lesser-known women. "*Neshama* is presently in newsletter format; we will move to magazine format as soon as we can," states Bandes.

*Neshama's* founder, Bandes, a Jewish storyteller and writer living in the Boston area, started the first retail Jewish mail-order book-and-gift business, which she operated from 1977 through 1981. "When I began Judaica USA, people told me there was no need for a mail-order Jewish bookstore. I proved them wrong, and today you can buy almost anything Jewish by

mail. This experience taught me to trust my instincts."

"I know that today there are countless Jewish women who are looking for a Jewish voice that is non-political and nondenominational. We're tired of the antagonism of the 'Who is a Jew' problem and want to try to understand each other. We're tired of having to search for information about our concerns, and those of us who write are frustrated by the small number of markets for material of spiritual and

religious interest. *Neshama* is the answer."

*Neshama*, which will be published four times per year, is sponsored by The K'fari Center, Inc., a nonprofit religious, cultural and educational organization located in Cabot, Vermont, which is dedicated to Jewish renewal and community building in the rural northeast.

For more information contact *Neshama*, P.O. Box 545 Dept. 77P, Brookline, MA 02146.

## Women In North America Conduct Shachrit Service

By SUSAN BIRNBAUM  
NEW YORK (JTA)—Some 200 Jewish women from all four major branches of Judaism, and nearly every political ilk and age group, filled the Bnai Zion hall here on April 24, where they conducted a full Shacharit service with not a word or melody excised. They davened in unity and simultaneously with their sisters in Jerusalem and at least eight other North American cities.

In Philadelphia, about 35 women gathered across the street from the Liberty Bell. In Montreal, 80 women prayed in the Spanish-Portuguese Synagogue. Services also were held in Baltimore, Boston, Seattle, Toronto and Teaneck, N.J. Another service reportedly was held in Vancouver, but that could not immediately be confirmed.

The women's prayer services, incorporating all the rites of Pesach, the counting of the Omer and the Monday morning Torah reading, were intended to show solidarity with the women involved in recent clashes at the Western Wall in Jerusalem. There, the Women's Kotel Tefillah, which includes many Orthodox Jewish women, has been

physically attacked on several occasions by ultra-Orthodox men and women enraged to see women conducting services.

The idea for the services was actually conceived long before the spate of clashes by Rivka Haut, a member of the Women's Tefillah Group of Brooklyn, which coordinates prayer groups for halachically observant women.

Each service ran a little less than two hours and included different readings and niggunim (melodies). In Montreal, they read from the works of the late Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel as well as a poem by Hannah Senesh, the Hungarian Jewish wartime hero and martyr.

Organizers and participants included author and psychologist Phyllis Chesler; former Congresswoman Bella Abzug, who chairs the International Jewish Feminist Network set up last December in Jerusalem; and Harriet Kurlander, director of the American Jewish Congress Commission for Women's Equality.

The services emphasized not only solidarity among Jewish women but a unique bridge of differences among the different branches of Judaism. "We are all Orthodox in that we all have the same true opinion concerning the rights of all Jewish women to pray to their God without fear for their safety," said Rabbi Helene Ferris of New York's Stephen Wise Free Synagogue. "We are Conservative as we strive to preserve the teachings of our tradition," she said. "Reconstructionist in our understanding that our religion will survive only if it exists for us and not the other way around, and we are Reform Jews as we strive to change our male-oriented tradition to a more egalitarian one."



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# U.S. Said To Be Prodding Israel For Details Of Election Plan

By DAVID LANDAU  
 JERUSALEM, April 30 (JTA) — The U.S. government is prodding Israeli leaders to furnish details of how it plans to implement Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's plan to hold Palestinian elections in the West Bank

and Gaza Strip. In high-level meetings here over the weekend, U.S. diplomats reportedly told Israeli leaders that U.S. Secretary of State James Baker is anxious for Israel to clarify several points of the election plan.

These include who would be eligible to run, whether the elections would be area-wide or municipally based, whether East Jerusalem residents could vote and what linkage would connect the elections to a sustained peace process.

formulate the specifics of the Israeli plan. But separate groups have already been formed in the Foreign Ministry and in the Prime Minister's office, under senior officials, to study various elements of the package.

demned the public rejection of the proposal by 80 local Palestinians last week as the product of intensive pressure and threats from the Palestine Liberation Organizations.

But Ori Nir, writing Friday in the daily newspaper *Ha-aretz*, observed that several prominent Palestinians in the West Bank did not sign the statement, which was issued on Wednesday.

Missing are the signatures of important figures on the left wing, as well as those of such moderates as Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij, East Jerusalem newspaper editor Hanna Seniora and Gaza lawyer Fayez Abu-Rahme. Also missing are the names of supporters of the fundamentalist Islamic Resistance Movement in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

According to the *Ha-aretz* commentator, the rejection statement was probably drafted in coordination with the PLO leadership in Tunis to express a united Palestinian position.

Foreign Minister Arens was quoted Friday as saying that the Palestinian leaders' statement may have been signed under coercion. "We don't know if they issued their statement of their own free will," he told the newspaper *Hadashot*. "We intend to make an effort to persuade them to retract their statement and to agree to the democratic process we are offering them," he said.

## Israeli Officers On Intifada: 'They're Not Demonstrators'

Women and children throwing stones or bottles at Israeli troops in the territories should not be classed as demonstrators. Chief of General Staff Dan Shomron told members of the Steering Committee of the Prime Minister's Conference on Jewish solidarity with Israel. "It does not in any way resemble a student demonstration, or one of ordinary citizens. It is a violent — a very violent — campaign of attack" with weapons that are almost as dangerous as guns or bombs.

He said that the situation was unusual. "We are limited in the use of force, because we are not fighting against an organized army. But we also must use some force against violent acts which are very dangerous to soldiers, and if we do not act against it, to the State of Israel."

"There are fatalities," Gen. Shomron said, "and I am sure that you see them on television. But do you see on TV that, in every such case, we also call in our legal apparatus to investigate; we do not make any exceptions."

From the beginning, he said, the military allowed media representatives to enter the territories, "and the media are a very effective tool in the hands of the sponsors of the intifada." But, he said, "we want to show that we are not like some other countries in the world... We want them to see what happens. And despite all the difficulties, we let the media talk to the people in the territories."

After a year of *intifada*, Gen. Shomron said, there has been a change in local attitudes. "If in the beginning they thought that they could simply throw us out of the territories and declare a Palestinian state, they have learned, slowly perhaps, that they cannot do that. The Israel Defense Forces are in control of the territories, and will not allow anyone to dictate conditions to us, particularly not through violent means."

This, he said, has forced the residents of the territories to tell their "outside representatives" that — at least in words — they must become more moderate. Yasser Arafat has said — and I am not saying that he has yet done it — that he accepts the American conditions to recognize Israel and renounce terrorism," which he called the "main weapon" of the PLO.

In response to a question on Syrian intentions — by delegate Larry Winnick of the U.S. — Gen. Shomron said that Damascus today is isolated, and therefore has an incentive to "torpedo" the process toward political settlement. He said that Syria has acquired chemical weapons, with ground-to-ground missiles capable of carrying chemical warheads, "which are very dangerous weapons indeed."

Israel's response came in the form of deterrent capacity, he said. "Did you know that in 1967 Egypt had chemical weapons capacity, but it did not dare use it either in the Six Day War or in the Yom Kippur War?"

But Israel had two other lines of defense, Shomron said. It was able to attack the Syrian missile-launch sites, and had paid special attention to precautions to limit, as much as possible, casualties from a possible chemical attack.

Shomron's deputy, Gen. Ehud Barak, told delegates that the IDF does not believe war with Syria is imminent. But he warned, "If one is imposed upon us, we will be able to fight it and win it."

Barak said the end of the Gulf War has increased the chances of a united eastern front composed of Syria and Iraq, "possibly with expeditionary forces from Jordan and Saudi Arabia." Such an alliance, said Barak, would "have more tanks than NATO and as many aircraft."

"That is why we must maintain a high degree of combat readiness and early warning systems on the Golan Heights," he said.

Barak said the IDF is currently dealing with three "concentric threats": the Arab military threat, terror from Lebanon and the intifada, which he described as "an attempt to cause Israel to surrender important security objectives by means of protracted popular violence."

He described the role of the IDF in this situation as being "to restore calm, even if not absolute calm." He maintained that the IDF has succeeded in putting an end to the large demonstrations that initially characterized the intifada, and has drastically reduced the number of petrol bomb attacks, leaving only stone-throwing as

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## Review

## 'Hannah's War'

Home Video Allows Viewing  
Of Inspiring Senesh Story

Reviewed by  
**MORRIE WARSHAWSKI**  
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At what point do failure and success collide? *Hanna's War* - the story of real-life "heroine, warrior, humanitarian" Hanna Senesh - has just arrived at your local video store. The story the film tells and the history of the film itself provide lessons on the thin line that separates failure from success.

*Hanna's War* was first released to theaters in only a few major cities. Today if a film does not generate land-office business during its first week

the distributor yanks it quickly from the screen. Luckily, home video has provided films with a second life. Now viewers have a chance to see the Menahem Golan version of the inspiring Senesh story on their small screens.

Senesh was the daughter of Bela Senesh, Hungary's foremost playwright in the 1920s. The movie follows Han-

na through humiliation in Budapest before the war, to her work in Palestine on a Kibbutz, and then through torture and eventual death in Budapest at the hands of the Hungarian Police under the direction of the Nazis.

As the film opens we meet an idealistic 17-year old Hanna, played with great depth by Maruschka Detmers, a Dutch-born actress. Hanna's father has died and she lives with her mother Katalin, Elen Burstyn. It is 1938 in Budapest and Jews have become concerned about how Hungary will treat them while under Nazi rule. One answer comes quickly as Hanna is denied the right to be Secretary of her high school's literary society solely because she is a Jew.

Hanna decides to emigrate to Palestine. There she attends an Agricultural College and joins a Kibbutz becoming an accomplished "fisherwoman" who also writes poems. Four years later Yoel, a member of the Hagganah, seeks her out and recruits Hanna for a special mission with the British. Her assignment will be to return to Hungary and help save RAF pilots.

Hanna is anxious to save her mother and other Hungarian Jews. When Yoel says "This will probably be a suicide mission," her quick response is

"When do we go?" They receive expert training by McCormack, a tough Scottish Squadron Leader played by Anthony Andrews (who portrayed the doomed Sebastian Flyte on *Brideshead Revisited*.) After a brief stay in a Yugoslav camp with a band of partisans, Hanna and her squad finally cross over into Hungary. But she is quickly captured at a train station when one of her co-horts gets nervous and runs at the sight of German police. The rest of the film documents Hanna's torture in Budapest primarily by the sadistic Hungarian Captain Rozsa, etched in acid on the screen by veteran actor/villain Donald Pleasence.

These scenes are difficult to watch as a confident and attractive Hanna turns into a battered, bloodied frame that can only repeat name, rank and serial number. Proud to the end, she refuses to ask for a pardon from a tribunal. Just hours before the Russians liberate Budapest, Hanna is killed by a firing squad in the snow.

Golan is a director who has a long history of working with action/adventure films - *Over the Top* with Sylvester Stallone, *The Delta Force* with Chuck Norris, and others. His skill with "big" scenes, crowds and large sweeping action are evi-

dent throughout *Hanna's War*.

This would normally hamper the enjoyment of a home video version. But in this case the true focus of the film is Hanna herself who captures the screen at every turn and reels it back to the main chronicle of one impassioned, brave woman. Her story contains enough inherent drama that it needs no adornment by scenes that strive for epic proportion.

When the film works too hard it works against itself. Golan uses music, for instance, with a heavy hand. He smears a romantic melody thickly over incidents and scenes that should be able to live on their own visual and narrative impact.

What we can thank Golan for is bringing to the screen a dramatization of an extraordinary woman whose name should be remembered by all who value freedom. Hanna Senesh failed in her assigned mission but succeeded in a far more important way by reminding the world that there were Jews who resisted the Nazi terror and that the human spirit can transcend the flesh.

(To help with classroom use of the film, a 5-page "Educational Guide" has been prepared and can be requested from: Cannon Films, 640 San Vicente Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90048.)

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A searing, true story of Israel's heroine, "Hannah's War" stars Dutch actress Maruschka Detmers as Hannah Senesh, a young woman whose courage and indomitable will in the face of torture, fear and despair were an inspiration to the world. The drama became available on videocassette on April 12.

## Kin Of Those Chased From Austria Return To Recapture Dark Past

By **MARTHA HALPERT**  
VIENNA (JTA) — For a couple of days they behaved like good kids, these American

youngsters who were showcased not only for being Jewish but primarily as grandchildren of former Austrian citizens who

had been chased out of their home country after the Anschluss in March 1938.

One hundred of these descendants, as young as 16 and as old as 30, had been invited for a 10-day visit to Vienna. They willingly expressed their feelings about being here in the former home of their forefathers. They gave interviews and were filmed for a television news report on the project.

But standing in front of the gate to the Mauthausen concentration camp, their patience came to an end. Two young girls chased away the TV crew, making clear that they did not want the media present at all. They were here to commemorate and wanted to be left in peace.

The young people listened to the explanations of the guide with anger, horror and tears in their eyes. It was a wet, cold day in April when these kids from the New World heard statistical figures about the barbaric acts that had taken place in the heart of good old Europe 50 years ago.

Holding each other by their hands, embracing one another, they learned about the ghastly methods the Nazis used to exterminate people who would not fit into their racial or political ideology. "I am shook up, I feel sick, imagining that 200,000 people entered this camp and exactly half of them were killed systematically," said Rachel Ruderman, a 23-

year-old custom jewelry designer from New York City. Her grandfather had a small shoe repair shop in the second district of Vienna, where most of the 180,000 Viennese Jews lived before World War II.

Marjorie Zohn, a 20-year-old drama student from Boston, described her feelings as tears ran down her cheeks and her voice trembled. "I think it's very important for me to be here," she said. "My father has never had the stomach to come here, but he told me that Mauthausen was one of the most sinister camps. So I feel that I have been here for both of us."

Dr. Leon Zelman, a survivor of Auschwitz and Mauthausen who now heads Vienna's Jewish Welcome Service, an organization catering to tourists, initiated the project and convinced Austrian Airlines to sponsor it. "Austria has never said 'Welcome back to Vienna' to those former citizens who were forcefully driven out of this country. Now we are trying - late but hopefully not too late - to help bridge the horrible gaps of the past with a goodwill gesture of today," he explained.

More than 1,000 Austrian families applied to host at least one of the 100 kids participating in the program. Many potential host parents were deeply disappointed when their offer was turned down. Most of the Austrian host

families had children of the same age. They took the American kids along to parties, but also to the Jewish cemetery.

U.S. Ambassador Henry Grunwald, himself a young Viennese Jew expelled in 1938 from school and country, welcomed the "young ambassadors" in his home and advised them to write about their impressions of Austria.

The participants' itinerary included sightseeing tours on the Danube, visits to the Austrian Parliament and the central synagogue of Vienna, and an address by Austrian Chancellor Franz Vranitzky. "He gave us a very heartfelt welcome," said Zohn, the drama student, "and he told us about our ambassadorial mission. We should let people know that Austria, the country and the people, have changed."

The 100 American children were unanimously touched by the warm reception they got from their host families. At the same time, they knew exactly that this program "was important for the Austrians themselves, as an ease of conscience," as Ruderman, the jewelry designer, put it. A lot of information was exchanged that may open the gate for better understanding, despite what happened between Austrians and their Jewish compatriots.

Said Zohn, "Maybe this is a step in healing, for a wound which can never be healed."

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Getting into the spirit of Passover, the students at Temple Beth El's religious school in Newark undertook the challenge of baking matzah for their families' seder tables.



# U.S. Will Withhold Funds—

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Organizations issued a statement calling on the Bush administration to formally notify the WHO that the United States would cut off all funds if it votes to admit the PLO. On Monday, even as the statement was being delivered to news organizations, the conference's wish appeared to be granted.

Seymour Reich, who chairs the conference of 46 national Jewish groups, said in a telephone interview Monday that he was "gratified" by Baker's opposition to any "back door admission" of the PLO to the United Nations.

In Geneva, meanwhile, the director general of the WHO, Hiroshi Nakajima, departed Monday for Washington, where he is expected to discuss the subject with administration and congressional officials. Nakajima is said to be concerned that there is no way to stop the motion to admit the PLO, which is expected to receive the votes needed to pass from Third World nations. He reportedly fears that a U.S. decision to cut off funds would seriously impair the agency's work in combating disease around the world.

Reports from Geneva said Nakajima would meet with

Baker. But in Washington, Tutwiler said that no meeting was planned but indicated that the WHO director general might meet with others in the State Department.

Nakajima was to confer Tuesday with various members of Congress, including Reps. Gus Yatron (D-Pa.), chairman of the House Foreign Affairs subcommittee with jurisdiction over the United Nations, and Benjamin Gilman (R-N.Y.), one of the senior Republicans on the overall committee, Capitol Hill sources said.

The proposal to admit the PLO to the world health body also came up Monday at a new round of talks in Tunis between the United States and the PLO. Tutwiler provided few details of the session, saying only that it was a "real meeting" and not a "telephone call" or "contact."

The United States "vigorously opposes" admission of the PLO as a full member to any U.N. body, Tutwiler said. She said that the secretary of state feels "very strongly" that PLO admission would harm the Middle East peace process as well as the "U.N. system." She added, "Political questions such as this should not be raised in specialized agencies, because such politicization detracts from the important technical

work of these organizations."

Asked by one reporter if "the United States is going to withdraw contributions to an organization which supplies health and medicines around the world, in order to keep the PLO out," Tutwiler responded, "Yes. It is a tough decision, but it is one that (Baker) is prepared to recommend to the president," she said.

Reich said the PLO would be responsible for "forcing the issue" if its admission to the WHO harmed the agency's "good work."

Western European allies support the U.S. decision, Tutwiler said. When asked if that included France, which PLO leader Yasir Arafat was due to visit Tuesday, Tutwiler responded, "My understanding was that it was with all of our allies."

On Capitol Hill, Sens. Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.) and Robert Kasten (R-Wis.) are circulating a letter to Bush urging that "the United States government at the highest level immediately and strenuously emphasize to all parties" the "implications of according the PLO the status of member state." The senators say in the letter, which may be sent by the end of the week, that they cannot "overemphasize the gravity" of the U.S. sanctions against U.N. agencies should they recognize such a state.

Leahy, Kasten and 36 colleagues had written to Baker on April 13, threatening that Congress might take "punitive" actions against U.N. agencies that recognize the Palestinian state the PLO has proclaimed.

In the House, Rep. Tom Lantos (D-Calif.) introduced a bill

last week that would withhold U.S. funds to U.N. bodies that grant full membership to a Palestinian state.

Baker also raised the subject with Clovis Maksoud, the Arab League's permanent represen-

tative to the United Nations, at a meeting April 27. The secretary told Maksoud "how strongly we feel about this and that we were prepared to take this step that I have announced today," Tutwiler said.

# U.S. Step In Right Direction

By DAVID FRIEDMAN WASHINGTON (JTA)—

If a provision in the Palestine National Council's 25-year-old charter calling for the destruction of Israel is truly "null and void," then the PNC should provide it by removing the clause from the document, both the State Department and the American Jewish leadership said Wednesday.

They were reacting to a statement Yasir Arafat made on French television Tuesday in which he said the provision, contained in the 1964 Palestine National Covenant, was "null and void." The Palestine Liberation Organization leader was interviewed after his meeting earlier in the day with French President Francois Mitterrand.

"Such a statement, if backed up in word and deeds, is a step in the right direction," State Department spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler said. "We see this as a reinforcement of his prior statement acknowledging Israel's right to exist."

Tutwiler added that "a decision by the Palestine National Council formally amending or abrogating the charter would be the kind of action we would certainly applaud."

She would not comment on whether the United States has been urging such a step in its talks with the PLO.

In New York, meanwhile, the chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations criticized Arafat's statement as "meaningless."

Seymour Reich said the covenant remains in force and can only be repealed by a vote of the PNC. He met Wednesday with France's consul general in New York to express the conference's "bitter disappointment" with the meeting between Mitterrand and Arafat.

"Last December in Algiers, the council had an opportunity to change the covenant, but refused to do so," Reich said he told Consul General Benoit d'Aboville. "It is clear that Arafat's statement was designed to give President Mitterrand some comfort for embarrassing himself and France by receiving with honor the world's ranking terrorist."

A spokesman for the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine called Arafat a traitor on Thursday and called for "the death of Arafat and all traitors of the Palestinian people." The PFLC is not a member of the PLO.

# Overcoming The Undercount—

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the need to cooperate with the census as well as the confidentiality of the material gathered. Where appropriate, this should be done in languages other than English.

Beyond the substance of this issue, we believe our activities in this area will also have an important positive impact on intergroup relations. When the author recently discussed this subject in Los Angeles before representatives of more than a dozen Hispanic, Asian and Black groups and elected officials, there was unanimous agreement that we should col-

lectively form an ad hoc organization to work on ensuring an accurate count. Indeed, the census is probably one of the most effective current issues which may be used to improve intergroup relations.

Surely it is time for the Jewish community to begin to play a major role on an issue that not only has positive potential for improved intergroup relations, but also will distribute political power and public funds into the next century.

(Martin Hochbaum, Ph.D is Director of the Commission on National Affairs of the American Jewish Congress.)

# Covenant 'Null And Void'—

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published here Tuesday showed 51 percent of the French people approve of the invitation to Arafat. The survey, taken for the right-wing opposition daily *Le Quotidien*, found that one Frenchman out of two considers the invitation to be "normal." Forty-eight percent believe it will have a

positive effect on the peace process, whereas 23 percent say it will have a negative effect.

Only 23 percent of the respondents felt sympathy for Israel's cause, against 13 percent who identified with the Palestinians. The vast majority, 55 percent, had no personal feelings for either side.

# 'They're Not Demonstrators'—

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the major expression of violence.

Responding to a questioner who suggested training special units for riot control instead of using regular IDF troops, Barak said that he saw the Border Police as a professional unit for the task of putting down the uprising, and that the IDF was, therefore, using Border Police — whose presence in the territories has quadrupled since December 1987 — whenever possible.

He said the pace at which they can build new units is the only constraint on enlarging the Border Police presence in the territories even further.

Barak also called for a

"stronger international response" to the Iraqi effort to build chemical weapons. Only international pressure, he said, could stop or delay Iraqi plans.

Shomron said there had been no change in the Israeli consensus on the unrest in the administered territories. "There are different political outlooks in Israel, but the consensus in Israel is that it is impossible to give up and flee when facing violence.

"There is also a consensus in the army and the soldiers well understand that the State of Israel is in a fateful struggle and the importance of their operations," Shomron continued.

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## Yemen's Jew Isolated, Forgotten

By ROBIN SCHWARTZ

Before the establishment of the state of Israel in 1948, 55,000 Jews lived in Yemen. But after Israel won the War of Independence, many Jews feared pogroms, persecution and retaliation from their Arab neighbors who were infuriated at the outcome of the war. "They [Jews] knew that their protection might be over," according to William Wolf of the American Council to Save Yemenite Jewry.

From 1949 to 1950, airlifts known as "Operation Magic Carpet" flew more than 48,000 Yemenite Jews to Israel. A second wave of "aliyah" brought many more Jews to Israel in 1962 but a civil war and fighting with Egypt halted emigration. Since the 1960s, not a single Jew has been known to leave the country.

It is estimated that between 1,200-2,000 Jews remain scattered throughout the mountainous northern regions of North Yemen which became independent in the 1960s. (No Jews are known to be living in South Yemen.) Those that remain are trapped — forbidden from emigrating.

In North Yemen — as in other Arab countries including Saudi Arabia and Qatar — the public practice of Judaism and Christianity are forbidden. Islam is the state religion and all civil servants must swear allegiance to Allah, the Muslim god.

"The government watches over them [Jews] very carefully," according to Barbara Gafin who visited North Yemen in December. Jews are prohibited from speaking Hebrew in

public but they are permitted to worship in their homes. Pleas to open Jewish schools and yeshivas have been denied as have requests to allow Yemenites to study in yeshivas abroad. Neteuri Karta, a Jewish, anti-Zionist group, has been allowed to bring some religious books and materials to the Yemenite Jews.

Muslim Yemenites are allowed to travel freely to other countries including the United States and Arab countries. "Only Jews are not allowed to work abroad," said George Gruen director of Middle East

Affairs of the American Jewish Committee. In 1988, a foreign Jew of Yemenite descent was imprisoned for five days and deported for trying to contact a relative, according to the State Department's 1988 *Human Rights Report*.

Communication is one of the biggest problems Jews face since the government closely monitors the mail. Contact with Israel and even the United States is forbidden.

A painful aspect of life in Yemen is the separation of families. Some Jews left for Israel during Operation Magic

Carpet and have not seen their families in more than 35 years. "It's tragic that these people are being cut off from normal contact with their relatives. People should be allowed to get letters and packages," said Gruen.

Moshe Nahum, a Yemenite Jew raised in Israel, says that he has visited Yemen eight times. He told the *Jerusalem Post* recently that during his last visit in 1988, he discovered many Jews living in poverty on the verge of starvation. They did not have running water or electricity but they did not want

to complain for fear of punishment.

Israel and Yemen, like all other Arab countries except Egypt, do not have official relations. But according to an informed Washington source, Israel has not forgotten about the Jews of Yemen.

It is no longer a religious issue, said Gruen, but a basic human rights issue that the Jews of Yemen should be allowed to communicate and travel freely like other Yemenites. (Reprinted from the *Near East Report*.)

## Jerusalem Offers Many Lessons For Meeting Of World Mayors

By DAVID LANDAU

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Participants from cities across the United States and around the world gathered in Jerusalem last month for the ninth Jerusalem Conference of Mayors. With urban ethnic diversity complicating the governance of many cities worldwide; the delegations arrived with much interest in the theme of the meeting — the difficulties and solutions unique to administering one of the world's most heterogeneous cities.

"We'll always have Jews, Moslems and Christians in this city," Kollek told the forum of mayors from 16 countries, including the United States, Australia, Europe, South and Central America and the Philippines. "But unlike in other cities, here they will never in-

tegrate. It is not their purpose."

He stressed the religious dimension of his problems, noting that large parts of the Moslem world are more concerned with the holy places than ever with the Palestinian issue. "It's liberals in Europe and the U.S. who care about the Palestinians," Kollek said. "The large Moslem community in places like Pakistan and Indonesia don't care for the Palestinians. They care about the holy places."

Kollek said that in addition to conflicts between Jews and Arabs, Jerusalem city officials also must deal with the frequently competing interests of the city's numerous religious groups. "There are 40 different Christian denominations in Jerusalem. Sometimes these groups are very competitive among themselves over the ho-

ly places, rights and the times they are allowed to pray in various churches."

Mayor William Boner of Nashville, Tenn., elicited laughter when he said: "Mayor Kollek, after hearing you, I

don't think I have any ethnic conflicts in Nashville."

The conference agenda consisted of on-site inspections of local programs, seminars with academics and urban planners.

## Israelis Give Moscow Performance

By HUGH ORGEL

TEL AVIV (JTA) — A play has just been performed on a Soviet stage in Hebrew, for the first time since the Habimah theater left Moscow over more than 60 years ago.

A group of 15 young students from the Bet Zvi Stage and Film-Acting School in Ramat Gan, led by their teacher, Nina Mikhoels, went to Moscow to participate in an international festival of drama students. They performed a Hebrew ver-

sion of "Equus," the British play by Peter Sheffer, directed by Ofira Henning, and were the only group allowed to give two performances, in addition to a sold-out dress rehearsal.

Nina Mikhoels, daughter of the late Solomon Mikhoels, was interviewed in Moscow for reminiscences of her father, the noted Yiddish actor killed on the direct orders of Stalin. The interview is to be included in a documentary film now being made there on the Yiddish actor.

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