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Jewish Americans Celebrate, Work, and Learn at Inaugural Fetes

By MATTHEW DORF

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Two parts celebration, two parts work and one part learning came together as Jewish Americans prepared to walk with President Clinton across the bridge to the 21st century.

From gala parties with lavish spreads for the big givers to free events on the National Mall, visitors and Washington residents alike transformed the nation's capitol into one big party.

Braving subfreezing temperatures, many activists began their celebrations at a reception honoring Jewish members of the Clinton team.

Dignitaries from Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman to Ambassador Stuart

Eizenstat gathered at the newly renovated District of Columbia Jewish Community Center to kick off their inaugural bash.

Even as guests focused on Clinton's second term, current events and the 1998 elections crept to the fore as more than 350 activists noshed on lox and kugel.

"Welcome to Super Sunday," David Hermelin said jokingly. He is a senior member of the Clinton-Gore Jewish Leadership Council, which sponsored the gathering.

"All I want to say is separate checks," he continued, in a reference to maximizing giving under campaign finance laws.

The breakfast party included many calls for continued activism.

Glickman asked "every organization,

every Jewish organization to take another step forward to outreach to Jews."

This prompted Dr. Ruth Westheimer to take the microphone.

"When you talk about outreach, I want every person here who's not married, never been married or divorced to find someone and let me know, OK?"

Only some of the guests followed the famed sex therapist's next call to hug the people next to them.

On a more serious note, National Security Adviser Sandy Berger turned to recent developments in the Middle East.

"We meet today for a second inaugural having had four of the most productive years in the history of the U.S.-Israel relationship."

Berger called last week's agreement to transfer most of Hebron to Palestinian self-rule "a very significant and important step forward in the peace process."

Berger hailed the Jewish Democrats for supporting Clinton.

"This group knows that it played a very big role in the successful re-election of the president," he said.

In another impromptu briefing, Eizenstat, assigned by the president to work on restitution of Jewish property, told the gathering, "We're going to continue to focus the spotlight" on restitution issues to "close the last sad chapter of World War II in a way that this community and the American popula-

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Ambiguity in Hebron Accord Could Bring New Tensions

By DAVID LANDAU

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Hebron agreement is a done deal, but storm clouds are already gathering, threatening to make the achievement short-lived.

As part of the accord reached, the two sides agreed to a series of further Israeli redeployments in rural areas of the West Bank.

But the amount of land Israel would cede to the Palestinians during the next 18 months was left vague and is already in dispute.

Another contentious subject is Palestinian statehood, an issue slated for the final-status talks, which are scheduled to resume in the spring.

A unilateral Palestinian declaration of statehood prior to those discussions could put relations between the two sides into disarray.

A third storm brewing is the Israeli-Syrian track.

Negotiations between Jerusalem and Damascus remain on hold, and despite pronouncements from both sides of a desire to resume the talks, practical difficulties loom large.

The Israeli-Palestinian track, though mov-

ing forward again after months of frustrating impasse, is littered with potentially dangerous obstacles.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu reiterated, in a lengthy interview with Israel Radio, that Israel has the right in the Hebron agreement to determine its security needs — and therefore to determine the extent of the further redeployments in the West Bank.

The 1995 Interim Agreement, from which the Hebron accord evolved, states that Israel would redeploy to "specified military locations" during the further redeployments.

Israel defines these locations as occupying

a larger area of the West Bank than envisioned by Palestinian officials and as a result, Israel may transfer less of the rural West Bank than the other side expects.

Netanyahu noted in the interview that Israel's plan is unlikely to be accepted by the Palestinians.

But he insisted that the United States has agreed to it.

Israeli officials point to a passage from the U.S. letter of assurance to Israel that was part of the Hebron agreement.

U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher states in the letter, "I have advised Chairman [Yasser] Arafat of U.S.

views on Israel's process of redeploying its forces, designating specified military locations and transferring additional powers and responsibilities to the Palestinians."

The Palestinians, in turn, point to a later passage in the same letter in which the outgoing secretary of state reiterates "our position that Israel is entitled to secure and defensible borders, which should be directly negotiated and agreed with its neighbors."

To the Palestinians, this means that Israel must negotiate the extent of the further redeployments, not determine them unilaterally.

But in the Israeli view, the negotiations referred to in that passage concern the permanent-status talks that will determine final borders, not the further redeployments.

Significantly, neither the United States nor the Palestinians have published the parallel letter of assurance that Christopher sent to Arafat as part of the Hebron package.

If Israel holds firm in determining the extent of the further redeployments unilaterally, the Palestinians may take a similar approach to statehood.

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GET READY FOR SUPER SUNDAY! Year after year, dozens of people just like you devote part of one Sunday a year to calling friends and neighbors to ask for their support for the UJA/Federation Campaign. The Campaign benefits local programs and agencies such as Albert Einstein Academy, Gratz Hebrew High School, Hillel and UD, the Jewish Community Center, Jewish Family Service, and the Kutz Home for the Aged. At home, in Israel and in 58 countries around the world, *no gift touches more lives*. This year Super Sunday will be held at MBNA in Stanton/Ogletown. Volunteers are still needed for all shifts. To volunteer call the Jewish Federation of Delaware at (302) 427-2100. If you won't be able to volunteer this year please be generous when you receive the call. And, if you don't hear from us, you can still call your pledge in to the Jewish Federation of Delaware, which administers the Campaign locally. Be a part of the same tradition as those pictured above during the 1992 Super Sunday. Answer the call.

SUPER WEEKEND!

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Sat., Feb. 8

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ARTS • ENTERTAINMENT • BOOKS

Words & Music: Heartbroken in Valley Forge

By STEVE COHEN
Jewish Voice Entertainment
Reporter

It was sad to attend the closing of the Valley Forge Music Fair. It's an important loss for the entertainment industry, an end to an era. Not only was it our area's only theater-in-the-round; it was the nation's oldest such theater. The Valley Forge Music Fair seated over 3000 but was intimate because of its sunken nature, providing good visibility, and because all seats were relatively close to the action.

Some of the action took place in the aisles, where performers made their entrances and exits. Staging a musical for this theater was a singular art and seeing a show here was an involving experience. My three-year old saw and loved *Fiddler on the Roof* here this season. And even for old sophisticates like me, Valley Forge shows were fun. I enjoyed the Valley Forge *Fiddler* with Theo Bikei even more than I liked the Merriam presentation of *Fiddler* with Topol. And solo acts like Michael Feinstein and Art Garfunkel appeared here to much better effect than in other locations.

The theater was founded in 1948 by three local Jewish men: Shelly

Gross, Lee Guber and Frank Ford. Gross was then an announcer at WFIL-TV, Guber owned the Rencovous nightclub and produced jazz shows and Ford was the host of a music program on WPEN radio. The three knew each other from their student days at Philadelphia's Central High School just before World War II.

Guber was married to Barbara Walters, who was the daughter of a New York nightclub owner. She joined the three guys when they started shoveling dirt for the construction along Route 202. The area was rural — there was no mall in King of Prussia — and it had the advantage of being easily accessible from Philadelphia and Delaware. Their success sparked the opening of a rival tent theater, the Brandywine Music Box just north of Wilmington, where I worked in 1956.

Later the trio opened Music Fairs in Camden County, Westbury, Long Island, and in the suburbs of Baltimore, Washington and other cities. Originally built as summer tents, they sometimes blew open or leaked during heavy rainstorms and later were enclosed in solid year-round structures. For four decades they pro-

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Keeping The Flame Alive: Doug Cotler Talks about his Grandmother

Like so many others, my grandmother's first step in America was on Ellis Island. It was 1905. She was 15. She had left her parents in Russia, in a shtetl just outside Slutsk, now a major industrial city, but then a small community not too far from Minsk and Pinsk. When I was a boy, these were just funny sounding names. The hardships and pogroms that had driven my grandmother's family out of their homes were rarely mentioned.

She was strong, hard-working, resourceful, and as a mother, totally dedicated to her family. She carried within her an embrace of Judaism that was directly out of Sholom Aleichem. I have always seen her as one of Tevye's daughters.

In her later years, she lived in her daughter's home, and each Shabbat she would light the candles in a softly whispered ritual that was a private, reverent moment for her. Three grandsons, of which I am the youngest, usually ricocheting loudly from baseball diamond to refrigerator as sundown approached, would see the shawl on her head and instantly go silent and motionless. Her hands would circle in the air above the candles, and then cover her face as

she recited the Shabbat blessing.

After the special dinner she had prepared was eaten, we would go to the temple. My father was the Cantor. My grandmother loved him. We all did. He was my inspiration.

As I listened to my father stretching the notes and pulling the emotion out of every prayer, I remember thinking it remarkable that my grandmother knew them all by heart. These days, however, most congregants repeat them word-for-word — usually with little understanding of what they really mean.

But I'm not criticizing. Ritual is supposed to get you in the mood, to center you, to get your mind off the world outside. As a sweet singer of Israel, I try to help the worshippers do that, to lead them through the words and into the heart and spirit of what the ritual is all about.

I learned that if I embrace Judaism as my grandmother did, it will envelop and protect me just as she enveloped and protected it. She lit those candles every week. For a boy growing up as one of the only Jews in a small farming town in California, she kept the flame alive.

To all my loved ones here in my heart

Breath of my breath, part of my part

You're always with me. Your love burns bright.

God bless and keep you on this night.

Where there is light justice grows
And flows like a river of wine
All will be safe and free
Under the shade of the vine
Under the shade of the tree
This is how we survive
We remember and keep the flame alive

(From *The Flame* by Doug, Lanny, and Steve Cotler and Jeff Marx © 1990)



Doug Cotler will be performing Feb. 8 at 7:30 pm at Beth Emeth for The 1997 UJA/Federation Campaign Community Event - Family Concert. For ticket info., call JFD at 427-2100.

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BRIEFS



UAHC Publishes Manual for Homosexual Inclusion

The Union of American Hebrew Congregations, serving Reform Judaism in North America, has just published *Kulanu (All of Us): A Program for Congregations Implementing Gay and Lesbian Inclusion*.

Kulanu is a manual prepared by the UAHC Task Force on Lesbian and Gay Inclusion and a "how-to guide with step-by-step instructions on creating programs, and educating lay leaders and congregants," said Rabbi Julie Spitzer, the task force's staff director. "It includes sample sermons and other materials, resource synagogues from around the country, and a complete listing of resolutions passed by all the constituent arms of our movement." The Task Force represents, among others, the UAHC, the Central Conference of American Rabbis, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, and Women of Reform Judaism.

Kulanu is written for lay and professional leadership in Reform congregations. But it isn't intended only for the Jewish community. "It can also be useful for churches," Rabbi Spitzer said.



Cohen Connection

Technion-Israel Institute of Technology Professor Dr. Karl Skorecki found that modern day Jewish men with variations of the surname Cohen are linked through their Y chromosomes to the first Jewish priest, Aaron. His joint study with researchers from Canada, England and the United States, was recently published in the *New York Times* and the journal *Nature*.

Sharing Peace of Tourism Pie

On a January 15 conference call with JCRC professionals and volunteers, Israeli Ambassador Collette Avital provided an inside view of the Hebron agreement and ongoing negotiations with the Palestinian Authority on other matters. In addition to land and security issues, the Ambassador used phrases such as "cooperation," "mutual undertakings," "people to people measures," "confidence building," "economic, cultural and student exchanges," and "joint ventures" to describe aspects of the understandings with the Palestinians.

On January 22 such abstract concepts were made concrete (or paper) with a full-page tourism promotion advertisement in *The New York Times* jointly sponsored by the Israeli Tourism Ministry, the Jordanian Tourism Ministry and the tourism office for the Palestinian Authority. The tourism ad headlined peace in three languages. Although clouds in the background alluded to the lofty ideal of peace and holiness, this three-way undertaking may be a sign that such ideals may now be seen in the real world.

(Source: Dan Weintraub, JCRC Director for the Jewish Federation of Delaware)

Goldstein to Head

AIPAC's Northeast Activities

Neil B. Goldstein, a prominent political professional, has accepted the position of AIPAC's Northeast Regional Director.

Goldstein comes to AIPAC with a rich and varied professional background. Prior to joining AIPAC he served concurrently as the Chief of Staff to Rep. Jerrold Nadler (D-NY) and as President of Neil B. Goldstein & Co., a fundraising and marketing consulting firm. In addition, his background includes high-level posts at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, American Red Magen David in Israel, the American Jewish Congress, and the Sierra Club.

"It is a great honor to be joining the AIPAC staff," said Mr. Goldstein. "There is no more effective or respected organization in America fighting to strengthen the U.S.-Israel relationship and bonds of friendship," he said. Goldstein said that his priority is "to continue the bi-partisan support for Israel which has been essential to growing the strong U.S.-Israel relationship."

Goldstein will oversee AIPAC activities in New York, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Maine, Vermont and Connecticut, a region consisting of many of the largest Jewish communities in North America.

Goldstein replaces Seth Buchwald, who has joined Sanford Bernstein and Co., a Wall Street Investment Firm.

Gala Celebration Planned for Rabbi Grumbacher's 25th Anniversary

Congregation Beth Emeth is planning a gala celebration in honor of Rabbi Peter Grumbacher's 25th anniversary with the synagogue. A festive evening is planned for Saturday, March 8, 1997 beginning at 6:30 with a deli supper buffet served in the newly redecorated Beth Emeth auditorium at 300 West Lea Boulevard. A concert featuring four cantors, a skit, speeches, and other presentations by the congregants will ensure an evening of entertainment. The highlight of the event will be the conferring of an honorary doctorate upon Rabbi Grumbacher. Members of the community are cordially invited to attend. Tickets are \$20.00 each, and reservations may be made through February 14 with Susan Cobin, 7 Austin Road, Wilmington, Delaware 19810.

Rabbi Grumbacher came to Beth Emeth upon his ordination in 1972. He advanced from Assistant to Associate and, in 1982, to Senior Rabbi. He is a member of the Central Conference of American Rabbis and the Rabbinical Association of Delaware. He has served as President of the Mid-Atlantic Region - Central Conference of American Rabbis. Currently he serves on the National Commission on Rabbinical-Congregational Relations.

Rabbi Grumbacher has been involved in many civic activities in Delaware including service as chairperson of the Delaware Interfaith Coalition of Aging, chair of the State Human Relations Commission; and is currently senior chairperson of the Delaware Region - National Conference of Christians and Jews. Most importantly, Rabbi Peter Grumbacher, his wife Suzanne and children David, Alexander, and Elana are Beth Emeth's First Family.

Recalling that Rabbi Grumbacher's first assignment in Wilmington was



Rabbi Grumbacher

to take charge of Beth Emeth's education program, the congregation has decided that it would be very appropriate to honor him at this time by establishing a scholarship fund in his name at Hebrew Union College. Donations to the Scholarship Fund should be made by separate check, payable to Beth Emeth, and sent to Susan Cobin at the address above.

To be listed in the event program, donations should be received by February 14. Questions concerning the Scholarship Fund may be directed to Verna Schenker at (302) 478-6673. The congregation would be delighted to see the entire Wilmington community join in this special celebration.



A raffle ticket is worth \$11,000+ to Dr. David and Mary Jane Isaacs (right), who accepted the winnings from the Russian Ballet Theater (RBT) of Delaware's fund raising raffle from Ruth Ann Minner, Lt. Governor of the State of Delaware, and Marsha Borin (far left), executive director of the RBT. The drawing was held during the intermission of a recent RBT performance of "Nutcracker High Lites" at The Grand Opera House in Wilmington (DE). The Wilmington-based Russian Ballet Theater of Delaware is a non-profit arts organization providing entertainment and educational outreach programs in the tri-state area. The RBT dance troupe is primarily comprised of a group of dancers who were classically trained in the finest ballet schools in Russia. The RBT is Delaware's only fully professional resident ballet company.

Delaware Community Rallies to Keep Consulate Open

The Jewish community of Delaware has been urging the Israeli government to maintain the Mid-Atlantic Region consulate based in Philadelphia. The Consulate serves Delaware and several neighboring states. The Consulate is a resource for information and culture that benefits Jews and others interested in Israel and the Middle East. The government of Israel is contemplating closing several Consulates because of budget problems. Interested parties should fax Prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu at 011-972-2-530-3896; Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy 011-972-2-530-3506 and Israeli Director General Eytan Bentsur at 011-972-2-530-3704. For more information contact Dan Weintraub, the Director of the Jewish Community Relations Committee of JFD at (302) 427-2100, ext. 17.

Israel Programs Sponsored by JCRC

Several Israel & Diaspora information programs will take place soon. A symposium, "Israel/Diaspora Relations: Emerging Issues for American Jewry," will be held January 28, 1997 from 5:45 PM to 9:00 PM at Temple Beth Hillel - Beth El in Wynnewood, PA. This event features Rabbi David Hartman of the Shalom Hartman Institute, Jerusalem. Lecture and panel discussions will focus on the Israel/Diaspora relationship. Charge of \$15 includes light supper and symposium. The event is co-sponsored by the JCRC of Delaware. For directions call (610) 649-5300.

An Israel Lecture titled "For a Mission or For Life," to be held on Monday, February 3, 1997 at 7:30 PM at the JCC in Wilmington. The lecturer is Beth Zuriel, staff of the Jesse Cohen Neighborhood Center in Holon, Israel. Zuriel will talk about life in Israel, missions and her new responsibilities with Partnership 2000. There is no charge for this event sponsored by the JCRC of Delaware and the Missions Committee of the JFD.

For more information about these programs or the JCRC call (302) 427-2100.

EDITORIAL

No Gift Touches More Lives

The 1997 UJA/Federation Campaign, administered locally by the Jewish Federation of Delaware, is now in full swing. All eyes are on February 9, Super Sunday, an all day phone-a-thon. The Campaign community events enable Delaware Jews to come together for programs which enhance individuals' Jewish identity and the community's continuity. The Federation Shabbat on January 24; the Federation Shabbat study session with Trudi Alexy on January 25; the Southern Delaware Federation Shabbat with Rachel Korazim, an Israeli educator specializing in the Holocaust; and the Community Wide Event with singer Doug Cotler on February 8 are the programs highlighting this year's Campaign. Shabbat programs and Jewish music concerts serve as positive Jewish experiences for community members. They strengthen Jewish ties.

The 1996 Campaign raised \$1,585,000, an all-time record and \$111,000 more than the 1995 achievement. The goal for the 1997 Campaign is \$2 million. So far we have raised

\$875,000 toward that goal. Your gift can help us make that mark. Every gift counts.

Volunteers are still needed for Super Sunday. And remember, when you answer the call, please make a pledge. This year, for the first time, The Federation Board asked that Super Sunday be the official closing date of the campaign and that all pledges be received by that time. Pledges need not be paid until December 1997.

The UJA/Federation Campaign enables the Kutz Home, Albert Einstein Academy, Gratz Hebrew High School, Hillel at the University of Delaware, Jewish Family Service, and the Jewish Community Center to perform the necessary services they do every year. It helps enable Israel to absorb immigrants from the former Soviet Union. It helps make an impact on Jews and other people in 58 other countries around the globe. It's one of the best ways we define ourselves as a community. It's one of the best vehicles to fulfill the mitzvah of tzedakah. And it's why no gift touches more lives.

Irving Shapiro: Making a Difference

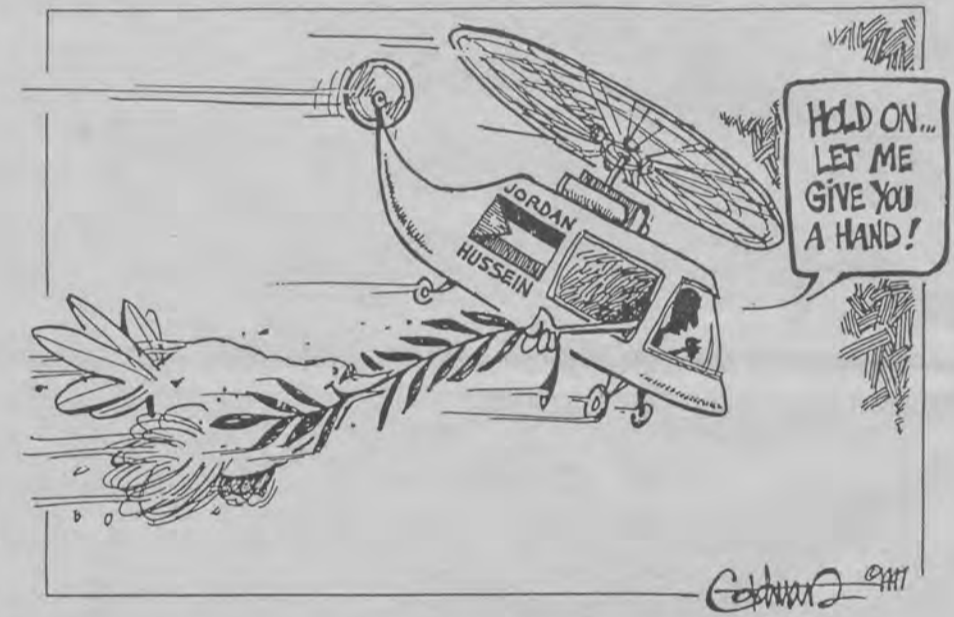
We salute Irving S. Shapiro, former President of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, former President of the Kutz Home for the Aged, former boardmember of Congregation Beth Emeth, and former DuPont Co. chairman and chief executive. The eldest son of Lithuanian immigrants, Shapiro, 80, received

the Josiah Marvel Cup Award for community service January 13. The award is the Delaware State Chamber of Commerce's top honor. A philanthropist and community leader, Shapiro's commitment has made a difference in the lives of members of our community and our brothers and sisters around the world.

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President Clinton, walking alongside Shimon Perez, leader of Israel's Labor Party. Perez is confirmed as a participant at the NJCRAC Plenum February 15-19, 1997. Other featured speakers will include Jack Kemp, Eleanor Holmes Norton, Carl Levin, Ben Wattenberg, and Michael Lerner. The National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council or NJCRAC is a coordinating body on public affairs for local and national agencies which together comprise the Jewish community relations field. The NJCRAC Plenum in nearby Washington is an excellent opportunity for volunteers interested in Community Relations to learn and share perspectives with professionals, experts and Jewish leaders involved in public affairs. To make arrangements call NJCRAC at (212) 684-6950. For more information about the NJCRAC Plenum call Dan Weintraub, Director of the Jewish Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware at (302) 427-2100, ext. 17.

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OPINION

From Our Simcha Visit to Israel



By Rabbi LEONARD B. GEWIRTZ
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Upon the morrow of Yom Kippur, 5757, we left for Israel to celebrate Sukkot with our children and grandchildren. It was the most memorable Yom Tov in our life. We danced on *Sh'minee Atzeret - Simhat Torah* with our three grandchildren, all born in the holy city of *Yerushalayim*. We danced and cried for joy!

When we marched with *Etrog* and *Lulav* in the *HaKafot*, the knowledge that we were celebrating this *Mitzvah* in *Yerushalayim* swept over us. After all, this was the first time we celebrated a full *Hag* in *Yisrael*, *Sukkot* in our eternal united, City of David, *Yerushalayim*, *Ir Shalom*.

But my joy was marred by what was taking place on Bar-Illan Street. The crowds of *Haredim* were gathering every Sabbath blocking all traffic on this central thoroughfare. And my secular Jews, *Hilonim*, are resentful that they do not have their freedom to drive their cars on Jerusalem's Bar-Illan Road on their (secular) *Shabbat*.

The Supreme Court of Israel issued a pragmatic compromise for a two-year period, until an alternate route will be built, and the Bar-Illan Highway can be closed during the hours of synagogue-Sabbath-Prayer. Most of my American-Israeli friends, citizens of Israel, accepted this as a fair compromise, but the *Haredim*, ultra-Orthodox, are impatient and refused to wait the two years.

The *Haredim* believe that the Sabbath driving of cars in the Holy City of Jerusalem is a desecration of the Holy City. I understand and respect their beliefs but as an American who is committed to tolerance and fairness, I can not accept their behavior.

Near Tel-Aviv, lies the town of *B'nai Brak*. Its *Haredi* founders in 1924, chartered it as a

community where *Shabbat* and *Hagim* would not be desecrated publicly. On *Shabbat* there is not traffic in the city and all roads leading into and out of *B'nai Brak* are blocked at the city limits. All businesses are closed by city ordinance. People choose to live in *B'nai Brak*. Of my three aunts who went on *aliyah* in 1960, one decided with her husband to live in this community.

Nowadays we hear of secular Israelis leaving Jerusalem and moving to Tel Aviv, which is a much more open city. Some are angry and they propose to fight for their civil right to enjoy their *Shabbat* in their way and will not leave Jerusalem and move to Tel Aviv. But demographers point out that since *Haredim* have large families of 8 and 10 children and the non-religious have only two or three children in a family, that in two generations Jerusalem will have a majority of all varieties of Orthodox Jews. They will control the City Council and they will pass *Shabbat* laws like *B'nai Brak*.

Unfortunately, there is dissension among Israelis. The anniversary of Rabin's martyrdom, his *Yahrzeit*, revealed the country is more divided than before. Other people now threaten the life of Prime-Minister Netanyahu. While these sad political and religious divisions cause a *Kera*, a rip, in the life and psyche of our people, there are healing voices who recognize that strong differences of opinion require "reasoning together," respectfully.

Professor of Philosophy and Orthodox Rabbi, David Hartman, conducts seminars in his Jerusalem Institute to heal the divisions through dialogues between opposing parties and ideologies.

The *Jerusalem Report* (12/26/96) presented many dialogue-study groups throughout the country wherein religious and secular scholars, teachers and politicians sit together and study Bible, Talmud, philosophy and social problems. Prof. Yair Caspi, non-Orthodox sociologist directs his *Elul* study group with 300 enrollees funded by the Educational Ministry and private donations. Dr. Mordecai Gafni directs his *Milah* 150 study groups with 25 participants in each group. Other study groups are being formed in every large city. Our daughter-in-law brought our grandchildren to the graveside of Yitzhak Rabin to pay respect to a military hero of Israel and one who tried to bring peace.

Throughout our history in the *Galut*, in the Diaspora, our people adjusted to a great variety of circumstances. It is one of the secrets of our survival. The existence of our *Medinah*, these forty-eight years required a pragmatic,

practical approach to adjust to the complex international climate.

A few days before we left Israel, our son took us to the southern edge of Jerusalem, to visit the largest, enclosed mall in the Mideast, *Kenyan Yerushalayim*, built by AZRIEL, the international developer of malls, who is an *Oleh* from Canada. There are 181 franchised, chain and private shops in this sprawling, three level mall serviced by escalators and elevators for the thousands of shoppers who buy consumer goods daily. The mall is open on *Shabbat* and has *Kosher* and non-*Kosher* restaurants and food-bars. This vast mall was constructed in a neighborhood away from *Haredim* and holy sites to avoid offending the sensibilities of the religious population.

Across the highway, constructed several years before, is a sports center and soccer stadium with 20,000 seats where sports events are held on *Shabbat* when the secular population is free to attend sports events. Those facilities are an example of the pragmatic approach in action on the ground.

The Supreme Court and the "moderate sensible" people of all parties believe in a policy of "live and let live." The Talmudic teaching applies to our contemporary Israel situation:

Ambiguity

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On Sunday, Arafat arrived triumphantly in Hebron two days after Israel turned over 80 percent of the town to Palestinian self-rule. Israeli troops remain in the 20 percent where some 500 Jewish settlers, as well as 20,000 Palestinians, reside.

In his address to thousands of supporters, Arafat pronounced the ancient city "liberated" after nearly three decades of Israeli rule, and he spoke with confidence of his assurances both from the United States and the European Union that the peace process would proceed satisfactorily.

But during the speech, Arafat said his next goals are to gain control of 70 percent of the West Bank and to establish a Palestinian state with eastern Jerusalem as its capital.

A day later, Netanyahu warned grimly that Israel would react with the utmost seriousness if the Palestinians unilaterally declared their independence in defiance of the negotiating framework set out in the Israeli-Palestinian accords.

"I am opposed to an independent Palestinian state," Netanyahu told reporters. "What we will propose is broad self-rule, but without sovereign powers which could be

"If you try to grasp a lot, you cannot hold it; if you grasp a little, you can hold it."

Ta-fas-ta Miru-ba, lo ta-festa, "Ta-fas-ta Mu-at, tafasta." (R.H. 46)

The "*Sukkah* - tent" of Israel is wide enough to accommodate all patterns of thinking from "right" to "left" — politically and religiously. This tolerance, this *Sh'vil Haza hav* has historically been the Torah Way. The Talmud teaches that the righteous people, *Tzadikim*, are inscribed into the Book of Life on the First day of *Rosh Hashanah* (*L'alter L'chayim*); the less righteous on the second day of *Rosh Hashanah*; the *Bainonim*, the intermediate persons, are inscribed into the book of Life on *Yom Kippur* (*Rosh Hashanah*) 16b); and the least worthy are inscribed into the Book of Life on *Joshanah Rabbe*, 7th day of *Sukkot*. We have always had a variety of levels of piety and our Torah tradition accepted all Jews into the Book of Life.

Despite the extremism of a minority that may "rock the ship of State," I believe it will be the fundamental teaching expressed in our prayers, "*Havairim Kol Yisrael*", "all Israel are bound in fellowship" that will prevail and hold us all together, *B'ezrat Hasham*.

harmful to Israeli security."

The issue of statehood aside, Netanyahu praised Arafat for the relatively moderate tone of this speech.

Israel has handed over seven West Bank cities to the Palestinians, the premier said to reporters after addressing the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee.

Each time, he said, Arafat's victory speech had been a catalog of inflammatory and provocative declarations.

But Arafat's speech in Hebron was different, Netanyahu said, adding, "I hope this marks a change for the future."

Arafat, for his part, told reporters Sunday night that now that the Hebron agreement had been reached, he could regard Netanyahu as his "friend" and partner in peacemaking.

It was unaccustomed camaraderie indeed for the two leaders, who struggled bitterly over the Hebron accord for many months.

Arafat's speech stood in stark contrast to the remarks made a day earlier by his security chief, Jibril Rajoub, who described the Jewish settlers in Hebron as stones around the Palestinians' neck that should be discarded.

Israeli officials described Rajoub's comments as incitement, and demanded a moderating Palestinian statement, which was given in Arafat's speech.

"We welcome the more positive tone. This is a better direction," Netanyahu said.

Regarding the Syrian peace track, Netanyahu preferred not to comment Monday on an exclusive report published in the Israeli daily *Ha'aretz* that Christopher had sent a secret letter in September to Netanyahu stating that any understandings reached in the negotiations between Syria and the government of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin were not internationally binding.

Syria has maintained that the negotiations, which were broken off last March, can only resume on the basis of understandings already reached with the previous Israeli government.


These understandings, according to veteran *Ha'aretz* correspondent Ze'ev Schiff, called for some demilitarization on the Israeli side of the border and a deeper demilitarization on Syria's side.

Syria has maintained that the unwritten understandings also included an Israeli will-

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Words & Music

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pered, and Guber and Gross also produced shows for Broadway and national tours. Now all of them except Westbury have closed.

Guber died young of a heart attack, and Ford gave up his share in the Music Fairs to return to broadcasting. He's now a talk host on WWDB and his second wife is Philadelphia District Attorney Lynn Abraham. Gross is still married to his childhood sweetheart Joan, and they are the parents of three grown boys: Byron, Rick and Dan. I still remember them fondly.

I also have vivid memories of seeing Milton Berle, Molly Picon, Victor Borge and others close-up and intimately here in the early years. Borge, who turns 88 this month, gave a grand final performance here a few weeks ago.

It's primarily because of his family that Shelly Gross agreed to sell the privately-owned Valley Forge Music Fair to a developer who will erect a supermarket. The deal will provide financial security for the three boys, only one of whom has made a career in the family business. Gross will still book acts for other theaters, such

as the Robert Carpenter Arena in Delaware. As the father of four I understand the motivation. As a music and theater lover I am heartbroken.

Opening tonight (Friday, Jan. 24) at the Playhouse at the Hotel duPont is the award-winning *Having Our Say*, the story of two sisters who have witnessed 100 years of American life. *Having Our Say* is an invitation to the audience to "come into the kitchen" and listen to their memories of the past and hopes for the future.

Although the sisters are black, their appeal is universal. Their story has been filtered through the Jewish background of the playwright and director, Emily Mann.

Barrymore, the touring production that just visited the Playhouse, was notable for a bravura performance by Christopher Plummer. Impersonating the once-great actor John Barrymore during his alcoholic final days, Plummer was by turns noble, pitiful and funny. It was a treat to see him in action, though the play isn't strong enough to succeed.

The current attraction at the Dela-

ware Theatre Company is *Closer Than Ever*, a musical review by the team of Richard Maltby, Jr., and David Shire. Their songs reflect everyday experiences and offer wry comments. There's a common theme (relationships) but no story line.

Top Ten Things You Might Not Know About Doug Cotler

1. *Thank God I'm A Country Boy* - Doug Cotler performed bass and traveled with John Denver.

2. *Quantum Leap* - Doug Cotler performed music on the television series *Quantum Leap* which starred Scott Bakula (also of TV's *Murphy Brown*) and Dean Cain (also of the film *Gentlemen's Agreement*.)

3. *Minsk and Pinsk* - Doug Cotler's grandmother came to America in 1905 through Ellis Island from the Russian shtetl of Slutsk near Minsk and Pinsk.

4. *Eddie Cantor* - Doug Cotler is a second generation cantor. Eddie Cantor is not a cantor.

5. *Amy Grant, Whitney Houston, Al Green* - Doug Cotler's contemporary music inspired by Jewish liturgy, tradition, experience and culture has a popular sound that has been compared to the work of other contemporary musicians inspired by their own religious traditions.

6. *Kowabunga!* - Doug Cotler, a California native, recorded the song "Surfing Passover" which is a novelty beach song sure to please surf music fans of all ages.

7. *Flashdance* - Doug Cotler won a Grammy for composing the song *Manhunt* which appeared in the film *Flashdance* and on its soundtrack.

8. *Jew-grass?* - Doug Cotler's recording *Down Home* blends Jewish, bluegrass and world music styles.

9. *Local talent* - Doug Cotler's concert in Delaware on February 8 will include two songs featuring Jewish children from synagogues and Albert Einstein Academy. Doug will also perform a song with local cantors during his performance.

10. *That's the ticket!* - Doug Cotler tickets are for sale from the Jewish Federation of Delaware through the mail or at JFD offices. Tickets can be purchased at the Jewish Community Center, Albert Einstein Academy, most synagogues and from members of the planning committee for the 1997 UJA/Federation Campaign Community Event/Family Concert.

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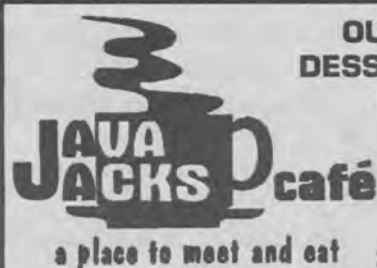
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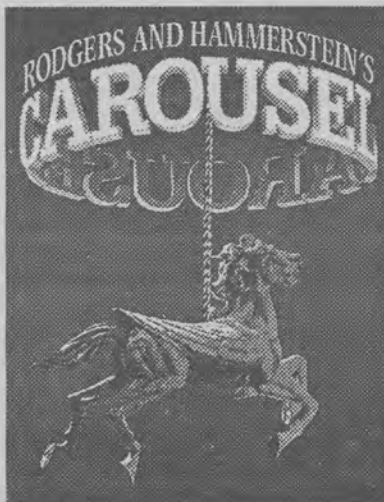
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Ambiguity

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ingness to withdraw from the Golan Heights in exchange for peace with Damascus.

Netanyahu was silent Monday regarding the Ha'aretz report, but he has repeatedly stated his unwillingness to hand over the Golan.

And while he maintains that both sides can come to the table and put forward their contrary stands, Damascus is insisting that the land-for-peace principle was established under Rabin and continues to bind

both sides.

American sources, among them Ambassador to Israel Martin Indyk, have indicated that the first focus of Washington's efforts in the region under Secretary of State-designate Madeleine Albright will be to restart the Israeli-Syrian negotiations.

But given the huge disparities reflected in the public statements emanating from Jerusalem and Damascus, it is hard to see just where Albright and her aides will begin.

Inauguration

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tion will be proud of this administration."

When the partying was done, many of the hosts turned to the business of informally raising money for the 1998 congressional campaign.

"I started raising money for 1998 the day after the election," said Monte Friedkin, national chairman of the National Jewish Democratic Council and a leader in

recruiting support for the Clinton-Gore campaign.

The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum hosted a series of lectures on "Visions of the 21st Century" as part of the inauguration's "American Journey."

Before a standing-room only crowd, Nobel laureate Elie Wiesel drew a standing ovation for his call for remembrance as the world nears the end of the 20th century.

"Our children are so special,

because they are our heirs," Wiesel said.

"They question us," he said. "We must try to answer them."

How we respond is of the highest importance because "what we say to them" is how "they will answer their children," Wiesel added.

JFD Israel Grants

The Jewish Federation of Delaware announces the availability of grants for ISRAEL EXPERIENCES for high school students between 15 and 17 years of age. These grants are for structured summer programs in Israel that are sponsored by national or international Jewish youth organizations and are approved by the Federation.

The deadline for applying is Feb. 15, 1997. Awards will be announced by March 15, 1997.

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The Sylvia and Isadore N. Silverman Scholarship Fund will be awarding its seventh scholarship to a deserving youth for a Jewish summer experience in camp or Israel. Applicants may be picked up at the AKSE office, Washington Street Ext. and Torah Way, Wilmington, DE 19802, and should be returned by March 14.

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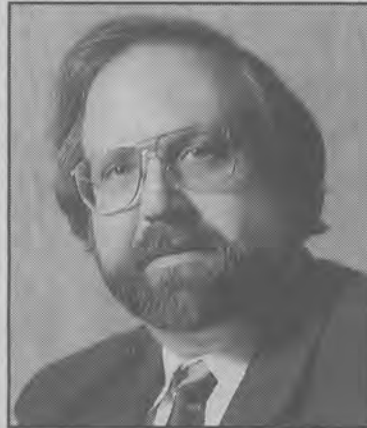
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SYNAGOGUE LIFE

Beth Shalom to Honor Paul Imber

Wilmington's Congregation Beth Shalom will honor Dr. Paul Imber for his service to the community and synagogue with a "Roast & Toast" dinner on Sunday, February 2nd. Dr. Imber is a native of Philadelphia, a graduate of St. Joseph's College and Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. He is a graduate of the Akiba Hebrew Academy and, while

residing in the Philadelphia area, was an active member of Har Zion Temple serving as Torah reader, shofar blower in addition to serving on numerous youth and young adult programs. Dr. Imber has served on the board of The Jewish Community Center (Wilmington) and The Jewish Federation of Delaware. His Beth Shalom activities included board



Dr. Paul Imber

member and President of the synagogue from 1994 to 1996. An active member in the medical community, he is a member of numerous medical and osteopathic associations, lecturer at Hahneman University and Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and maintains a practice in Otorhinolaryngology in Wilmington. Dr. Imber resides in Chadds Ford, Pa. with his wife Cindy and their children Jessica, Erica and Aaron.

The "Roast & Toast" will be held at the Synagogue, 1801 Baynard. Tickets are \$25.00 per person. Reservations can be made by calling the synagogue office, 654-4462.

"Broadway Bound" Musical Revue at AKSE

Congregation Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth's (A.K.S.E.) Family Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, February 2, 1997 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. will feature "Broadway Bound," a high-powered, fast-paced, high-tech musical review. The song and dance troupe is headed by Robert Welch. In addition to featuring Broadway music, "Broadway Bound" mixes in music featuring the big band sound, old-fashioned rock 'n roll, movie theme music and children's music.

All of the performing troupe associated with "Broadway Bound" are continuously involved in productions at local theaters. Recently, they have performed with The Brandywiners, Arden Candlelight Dinner Theater, Players Club of Swarthmore, Wilmington Drama League, The Delaware Children's Theater, Jewish Community Center, and Holidazzle at Longwood Gardens. A Special "Broadway bound" program is being prepared for A.K.S.E. The performing artists are Robert Welch, Director, and Debbie and Jeff Horning. Guest artists from A.K.S.E. joining "Broadway bound" for this special performance include Cindy Goldstein, Linda Vodovis and Bob Weiner.

The show will immediately follow a menu of all-you-can-eat spaghetti, meatballs, vegetarian and meat sauce, salad, garlic bread, cookies,

coffee, tea and soft drinks. The food will be prepared by Chef Jacques and his staff.

Net proceeds will benefit the A.K.S.E. School. Last year's show generated sufficient proceeds to facilitate renovation of basement classrooms and other structural improvements throughout the school. Last year the show performed to a sell-out crowd. It is strongly suggested that reservations be made as soon as possible to guarantee a seat this year. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 years old and under. For ticket information and reservations, contact the A.K.S.E. at (302) 762-2705.



Clockwise from top: Bob Weiner, Linda Vodovis, Robert Welch, Cindy Goldstein. Not pictured: Jeff and Debbie Horning.

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Frances Budner Berkover, 81, of 21670 Palm Circle, Boca Raton, Fla., formerly of Wilmington, died Friday, January 10 in Boca Community Hospital, Boca Raton, after a long illness.

Survivors include: husband, Franklin S.; son, Michael H. of Weldin Farms, Brandywine Hundred, Del.; daughter, Linda S. Walke of Scarsdale, N.Y.; five grandchildren.

SELMA L. STEINBERG

Selma L. Steinberg, 79, of 2607 Society Drive, Claymont, died Monday, January 13 of heart failure in

St. Francis Hospital. Mrs. Steinberg, a homemaker, was a member of Deborah Hospital in New Jersey.

Survivors include: husband, Samuel; son, Bruce A. of Nokomis, Fla.; two grandchildren.

NACHES

Wortman Bat Mitzvah

In celebration of her fiftieth birthday, Judy Wortman was called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah at Congregation Beth Shalom on Shabbat Bo, January 18, 1997.

Goldberg Birth

Alison and Michael Goldberg (nee Forman) are delighted to announce the birth of their precious daughter, Lexi Cayla (Leah Coonie) on December 23, 1996 (6 lbs. 2 oz.). The happy grandparents are Rhoda and David Forman of Merion, PA and Dr. Stanley Goldberg of Scranton, PA. The joyful great-grandparents are Selma Forman, Mary Goldberg, and Frances Goldstein. Lexi Cayla is named in loving memory of her maternal Aunt Lisa Beth Forman and her paternal grandmother Carol Goldberg.

Markowitz Birth

Elaine and Jason Markowitz proudly announce the birth of their son, Andrew Joseph, on December 28, 1996. The seven pound, six ounce boy's grandparents are Marion and Ronald Gold of Livingston, NJ and Frances and Martin Markowitz of Wilmington.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Entries for the Calendar of Events are due on the Thursday deadline, published in The Jewish Voice. Please include day, date, time, place, brief description, and contact person. The Jewish Voice fax number is 427-2438.

Bosnia: Separating Myths, Fiction and Truth - On Wednesday, January 29, at 7:30 p.m. at The Auditorium at Cokesbury Village on Loveville Road in Hockessin, People to People International will be presenting a program on Bosnia.

Dr. Danilo Yanich and Dr. James Oliver of the University of Delaware are the featured speakers in this panel discussion moderated by Reuters reporter Rita Katz Farrell. They will offer a discussion of questions through concepts that are central to separating myth and fiction from truth.

There will be extensive time for questions from the audience. Meet the panelists and moderator at a post-program

reception. Call 234-4444 for more information.

Continental Ballroom Dance Studio Demonstration - Two instructors from the Continental Ballroom Studio will provide instruction in a variety of dance styles, from the tango to the macarena at AKSE on February 22, 1997 at 7:30 p.m. Dessert and coffee will be served. Advance tickets - \$10. Send check payable to AKSE Sisterhood and self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Iris Tocker, 6 Susan Court, Wilmington, DE 19803. Tickets at the door: \$12.

Developmental Issues Facing First Graders Albert Einstein Parent Meeting. Presented by Lauren Pokras, MSW Jewish Family Service, February 5 at 7:00 p.m.

Torah Study in Newark - Mon. - 7-8:30: Secrets of Existence; 8:30-9:30: Talmud

Tues. - 7:00: Rambam's Mishnah Torah; 8:00: Intro to Jewish Mysticism. Individual classes available. Call Rabbi Sneiderman at Chabad, 455-1800.

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Chabad (Orthodox), 1306 Grinnell Road, Wilmington, DE, 478-4400, Sunday, 9:00 a.m., 208 Cheltenham Drive, Newark, DE, 455-1800, Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Congregation Beth Emeth (Reform), 300 West Lea Boulevard, Wilmington, DE 19802, 764-2393, Monday through Friday, 7:55 a.m.

Congregation Beth Shalom (Conservative), 1801 Baynard Boulevard, Wilmington, DE, 654-4462, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m., Sunday, 9:15 a.m.

Mitzvah Day - Mark your calendars now for Beth Emeth's first ever Mitzvah Day on Sunday, April 13, 1997. Planned as a day of reaching out to those in need in the Wilmington area, Mitzvah Day will

feature a range of diverse community projects suitable for all ages. Family participation is encouraged. Modeled after highly successful community events in other congregations nationwide, Mitzvah Day is being arranged by Beth Emeth's Social Action Committee.

Volunteers are needed. Call Connie Kreshtool at 654-4663 or Bonnie and Bryan Silbermann at 239-9448 for more information.

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

PROGRAMS ON ISRAEL
Israel Symposium, "Israel/Diaspora Relations: Emerging Issues for American Jewry," to be held on Tuesday, January 28, 1997 from 5:45 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El at 1001 Remington Rd., Wynne-wood, PA. This event features

Rabbi David Hartman of the Shalom Hartman Institute, Jerusalem as a keynote speaker. Lecture and panel discussions will focus on religious economic, political and social aspects of the Israel/Diaspora relationship. Charge of \$15 includes light supper and symposium. Event co-sponsored by the JCRC of Delaware. For directions call (610) 649-5300.

Israel Lecture "For a Mission or For Life," to be held on Monday, February 3, 1997 from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 101 Garden of Eden Road in Wilmington, DE. This event features Beth Zuriel, staff of the Jesse Cohen Neighborhood Center in Holon, Israel as a lecturer. Zuriel met Delawareans on previous missions through her work in a neighborhood center supported in part by our campaign. Here she will talk about life in Israel, missions and her new responsibilities with Partnership 2000. There is no charge for this event sponsored by the JCRC of Delaware and the Missions Committee of the JFD. Ellen Koniver and Eileen Conner co-chair the Missions Committee of JFD.

Israeli Consul General Gideon Samet will meet with Delaware's Jewish leaders on Thursday, February 13, 1997 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 101 Garden of Eden Road in Wilmington, DE. This is the first official visit to Delaware by our region's Israeli Consul General based in Philadelphia. There is no

charge for this event sponsored by the JCRC of Delaware.

Israel Lecture "Another Perspective on the Peace Process," to be held on Thursday, March 13, 1997 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 101 Garden of Eden Road in Wilmington, DE. This event features Ruth Matar of Women in Green. Both the lecturer and her organization have criticized the Oslo accords and the Peace Process as, in their view, being counter to Israel's best interests. There is no charge for this event sponsored by the JCRC of Delaware.

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Don't miss out! Make plans to attend one of the following U.S. Healthcare Golden Medicare Plan meetings to be held this month.

Dover

Dover Mall
3054 Dover Mall—
Community Room
Thurs., January 30, 10:00 a.m.
Thurs., January 30, 11:30 a.m.
Thurs., January 30, 1:00 p.m.

Newark

Christiana Hilton
100 Continental Drive
Tues., February 4, 10:00 a.m.
Tues., February 4, 11:30 a.m.
Tues., February 4, 1:30 p.m.

Wilmington

Brandywine Country Club
2822 Shipley Road
Wed., February 5, 10:00 a.m.

Wilmington

**Howard Johnson Restaurant—
Wilmington**
Kirkwood Highway and
Limestone Road
Wed., January 29, 9:30 a.m.

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