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## Campus confrontations continue



Campus police remove a protestor after disrupting a speech by Israel's ambassador to the United States, Michael Oren, at the University of California, Irvine, Friday, Feb. 8. UC-Irvine is notorious in the pro-Israel community for the intensity and often confrontational quality of discourse on the Middle East. But while some Jewish groups have pushed the administration to condemn inflammatory speakers sponsored by Muslim students, the university previously had been willing only to issue generic condemnations of hate speech on campus.

## Pittsburgh alumni put positive spin on JTS merger of cantorial, rabbinic programs

BY TOBY TABACHNICK  
Staff Writer

As fewer Conservative congregations nationwide employ full-time cantors, or hire cantors instead of rabbis to serve as their spiritual leaders, the Jewish Theological Seminary has made the major decision to integrate its cantorial program into its rabbinic school.

The decision means cantorial students will still graduate at the end of a five-year course of study as vested cantors, though there will no longer be an independent cantorial school.

Henry Rosenblum, who has served as the dean of the H.L. Miller Cantorial School for the last 12 years, will lose his position as a result of the restructuring.

Beginning this summer, the cantorial program will become part of JTS's larger rabbinical school and will be supervised by the rabbinical school's dean, Danny Nevins.

The decision was met with great anguish in New York.

"On Feb. 8, JTS Chancellor Arnold Eisen met with a large, distraught group of students, alumni and faculty to defend the de facto demotion of the cantorial school," reported Tablet, an online Jewish publication.

Locally, however, Cantor Rick Berlin, a graduate of the JTS cantorial program, believes integrating the rabinate and cantorial programs could have a positive impact on the students.

Because the pastoral care program, the cantorial program and the rabinate soon will fall under the same umbrella, Berlin, the spiritual leader of Parkway Jewish Center, says, "The three fields will be put on the same educational footing, and the knowledge

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## Jewish books from suburban library may find home in Africa

BY TOBY TABACHNICK  
Staff Writer

Scores of Jewish books, currently sitting unused at the Jefferson Hills Library near Clairton, will soon be on their way to Africa.

After receiving the books a couple months ago from the owner of a used bookstore, Gil Smith, a member of the Friends of Jefferson Hills Library that runs its annual spring book sale, contacted The Chronicle. Knowing it was

unlikely that the library would sell that many Jewish books, he hoped that some Jewish organization would pick them up so that they would not have to be destroyed.

Enter Rabbi Howard Gorin, of Tikvat Israel Congregation in Rockville, Md., who knows a thing or two about finding good homes for Jewish books.

Gorin has been collecting and relocating Jewish books since 2004, and has shipped two 40-foot containers of books and other items to fledgling Jewish com-

munities in Nigeria. He receives books from "here, there and everywhere," he said, and currently has 80 or 90 cartons packed and ready to ship.

He is planning a trip to Pittsburgh in March to sort through and pick up the books in Jefferson Hills. While here, he will contact area congregations in search of additional unneeded Jewish books that could be used elsewhere. He then will take the books home to Mary-

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## Reading is fundamental PJ Library reaches Jewish youth in the home

BY JUSTIN JACOBS  
Associate Editor

The Segel household in Squirrel Hill was full of sound.

Ken was in the dining room talking with his oldest daughter Isabel, 9; she was pacing with her clarinet in hand. Across the hall in the living room, 7-year-old Abigail was halfway through a violin lesson.

In fact, the only Segel not making a sound was Naomi, 4, but her mind was clearly racing. Splayed out in her mom Sarah's lap, her eyes scanned the pages of "Today is the Birthday of the World," the beautifully illustrated book in Sarah's hands.

"Do you remember which holiday we say happy birthday world?" Sarah asked. Naomi thought for a moment.

"Thanksgiving?"

"No, *Rosh Hashana*," Sarah corrected her gently. "Do you remember what we eat with apples on *Rosh Hashana*?"

"Honey!"



Courtesy Jill Goetz

The Goetz kids — from left, Addison, Brandon and Ethan — show off their PJ Library books. The program offers free monthly Jewish-themed books to local children aged 6 months to 5.5 years.

For 20 minutes, in the midst of the crowded early evening, Naomi Segel couldn't be more focused on the pictures, words and the sound of her mother's voice reading, explaining and asking questions.

For an increasing number of Pittsburgh Jewish families, "The People of the Book" isn't a name taken lightly.

Through a program called PJ Library, created by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, nearly 600 local families are receiving monthly, Jewish-themed books and music in the mail for free.

The international program began in Massachusetts in 2005 and has since spread to 125 communities across the United States, Canada and Israel.

The program launched in Pittsburgh in 2008 through a partnership between the United Jewish Federation, Agency for Jewish Learning, Community Day School and the Jewish Community Center.

What began here as a route to foster

further Jewish reading at home, Pittsburgh's PJ Library (which stands for "pajama") is about to get a makeover as a more comprehensive chain of education, thanks in part to Pittsburgh native Lori Serbin Lasday. Her message? Parents, it's time to become teachers.

Contracted by AJL, since last fall Lasday has been developing workshops to train local Jewish educators how to, "empower parents to be Jewish educators," she said.

PJ Library books, chosen by a Grinspoon Foundation committee and sent age-appropriately to the kids of registered families, come with talking points for post-reading talks, but with Lasday's three workshops, she hopes to pass along the tools to make Jewish education come alive outside the school and synagogue.

"A book can be like the sidewalk chalk drawings in the *Mary Poppins* story. [Reading can] either be just a chalk drawing, where you open the book and see the pictures and words then close it and put it back on the shelf," she said, "or you can jump into the picture and engage with it. We're opening the potential for discussing, for singing, for interacting, for *mitzvot*."

These "Train the Trainer" workshops are designed for "rabbis, educators, family educators, parent volunteers, lay leaders, senior volunteers, teen volunteers from synagogues, preschools, JCCs, day schools libraries and other Jewish institutions," according to AJL,

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## Briefly

**Jodi C. Hirsh** is the new executive director of the The National Council of Jewish Women, Pittsburgh Section. The local NCJW selected her following an extensive search process.



Jodi C. Hirsh

Hirsh has a background as a community activist in nonprofit management, and social justice, individual rights and freedoms. She recently served as vice president for operations at Planned Parenthood of Western Pennsylvania, where she advocated for women's health care and reproductive justice at the national and international levels.

Hirsh also has served on a number of boards, including the Pennsylvania Alliance for Democracy, Planned Parenthood Pennsylvania Advocates/Planned Parenthood Association of Pennsylvania, Wilkensburg Neighbors United, the Project to End Human Trafficking and the Three Rivers Community Foundation.

"Jodi Hirsh is a leader of substance, vision, and fortitude. I have no doubt that under her guidance NCJW will continue to build upon its rich history of providing exceptional and innovative services to our community," NCJW-Pittsburgh President Susan L. Nitzberg said in a prepared statement.

**The Jewish Women's Foundation** of Greater Pittsburgh has named this year's seven organizations for which it will fund programs that address the needs of adolescent girls.

The JWF board of trustees selected the recipients at its annual grant-making meeting. All told, \$46,000 will be distributed.

"The Jewish Women's Foundation is proud to support organizations in our community and Israel that are doing important work for girls," co-chair Lori Guttman said in a prepared statement. "Adolescence can be a complicated time in girls' lives and the programs we are funding have identified critical needs for girls that should be addressed."

- The 2010 recipients are:
- Girls Math & Science Partnership (\$5,600);
  - Jewish Community Center (\$5,750);
  - Magee Womancare International (\$5,900);
  - New Voices Pittsburgh (\$4,000);
  - Squirrel Hill Health Center (\$5,000);
  - Weiner NA'AMAT Pittsburgh Center for Women's Health (\$12,250); and
  - Women's Center & Shelter (\$7,500).

Founded in 2000, the JWF funds innovative programs to address the unmet needs of women and girls in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania and Israel. The foundation carries out its mission by making strategic grants on a year basis.

**Congregation Beth Shalom** will continue its mini winter film festival and educational program with

the final film, "Refusenik," Sunday, Feb. 21, 7 p.m.

"Refusenik" is a documentary that chronicles the 30-year effort to free Soviet Jews. There is a charge; light refreshments will be served.

The movie will be shown at Beth Shalom, 5915 Beacon St. Call (412) 421-2288 or visit [bethshalompgh.org](http://bethshalompgh.org) for more information.

**Beth-El Sisterhood** will stage its Second Annual Vashti's Banquet Sunday, March 7, at 6 p.m. The women-only event will be held at the synagogue, 1900 Cochran Road, Scott Township.

The festivity is designed to "recapture the atmosphere of joyfulness and triumph that must have surrounded Queen Vashti and her companions after she refused the king at the second annual Vashti's banquet."

Vashti is one of the main female roles in the story of Purim.

The event will include a light Middle Eastern dinner, a belly dancing performance and workshop by Moquette Volante, henna tattoos, and a shuk-like shopping experience for all manner of beauty secrets.

There is a charge. Reservations are due by Feb. 28. Contact Sisterhood at [sec@aol.com](mailto:sec@aol.com) or (412) 561-1168 for more information.

**Pittsburgh Area Jewish Committee** will present "Bridging Faiths," a teen interfaith program, Sunday, Feb. 21, 2 to 5:30 p.m., at Rodef Shalom Congregation in Oakland.

The first Bridging Faiths program will include local clergy and/or religious educators sharing information

about Christian, Hindu, Islamic and Jewish religions' history, tenants of faith and worship service.

The goals of the program are to engage teenagers from diverse faith traditions to find common values, beliefs and practices and connect them through respectful dialogue and action to serve our community.

The program was designed by members of local youth groups for the participants.

Visit [pajc.net](http://pajc.net) or contact the PAJC office at (412) 605-0816 or at [pajc@pajc.net](mailto:pajc@pajc.net) for more information.

**The Yeshiva Girls' High School** Production, "Staying Connected," will be performed, for women only, Tuesday, March 9, and Wednesday March 10, at 7:30 p.m. at Yeshiva Girls School, 6401 Forbes Ave., Squirrel Hill.

Lieba Rudolph wrote the script, which is by girls and for women, and Amy Guterson is directing the show.

The performance is a humorous play depicting how people can use modern technology for good. It stars a modern teenager, Tiffany, showing the dramatic impact technology had on her life and the courageous way her friends saved the day using the tools they had.

**Ian Hobson** will perform Sunday, Feb. 28, 3 p.m., at CAPA High School, Downtown. The performance is sponsored by the Adams Foundation and Steinway Society of Western Pennsylvania. Tickets will be available at the door. Visit [sswpa.org](http://sswpa.org) for more information.

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## Greening of Air Force bases

# Rocky Wice's work takes him from the EPA to the military

BY LEE CHOTTINER  
Executive Editor

As Richard "Rocky" Wice checked a groundwater well at a U.S. Air Force strip in Texas, the last site he expected to see that day taxied by.

It was an F-16 fighter, one of the latest generations of that class of aircraft, and it bore the camouflage and blue Star of David of the Israeli Air Force.

Without missing a beat, Wice whipped the ball cap he was wearing from his head to reveal his kippa underneath. He recalls seeing the cockpit crew throw up their hands in disbelief.

"When the plane took off, it did a wing wag at me as it passed by," Wice recalled. He later found out that the aircraft was the first of that generation of F-16s to go into service for the IAF.

That was two years ago. But Wice, a hydrogeologist for the Baton Rouge-based Shaw Group, wouldn't have been on that airstrip at all were it not for his rather uncommon job of helping to keep Air Force and Navy installations green.

Wice works in the environmental divi-

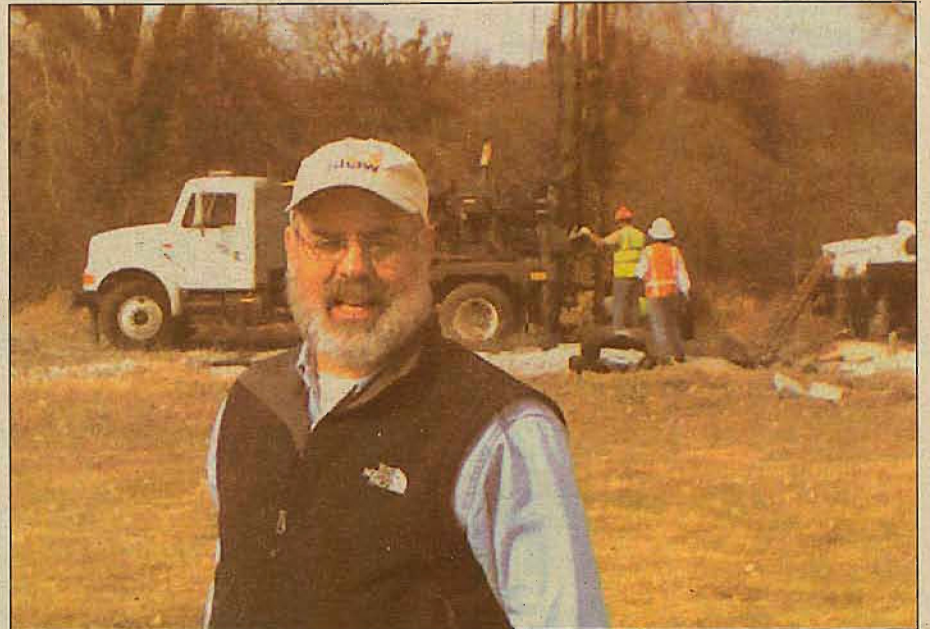
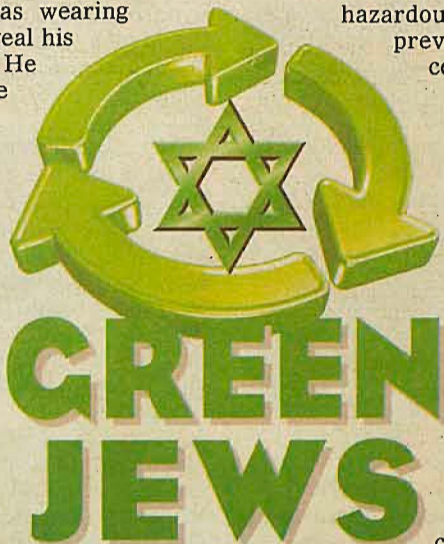
sion of the Shaw Group. They use chemical, thermal and other state-of-the-art measures to control contaminated groundwater and soil at hangers, production sites (he saw the IAF F-16 at a Lockheed Martin production facility in Lubbock, Texas) and to rehabilitate groundwater supplies.

Wice, a Squirrel Hill resident who made clear he speaks neither for Shaw Group nor the military, said the Armed Forces are leaders in the cleanup of hazardous materials and the prevention of new contamination.

"The largest polluter in the United States historically is the federal government," Wice said. "And the largest innovator to clean up hazardous sites is the government."

Since 1992, Wice has worked on jobs at federal and military installations around the country, working on soil and groundwater contamination issues.

But Wice, who is a member of the Sustainable Remediation Forum — a non-profit group with federal representation that promotes the use of sustainable practices during implementation of remedial action activities — has a much



Rocky Wice works to control contaminated groundwater and soil at military facilities.

longer career in environmental work.

He previously worked for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as a project manager at hazardous material sites (also known as Superfund sites) undergoing cleanup.

He also is a member of the United Jewish Federation's Environmental Committee and served as the UJF's representative to the City of Pittsburgh's Green Government Task Force, a coalition of local stakeholders responsible for developing the Pittsburgh Climate Ac-

tion Plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

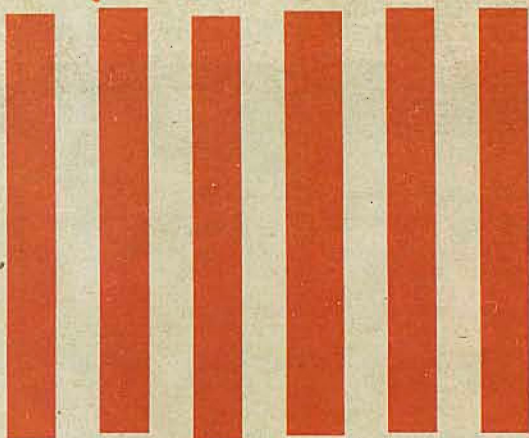
A self-described middle of the roader when it comes to the environment, Wice said protecting the Earth is an important Jewish teaching.

"I believe in restoring the Earth," he said. "I also believe in using resources wisely."

(Lee Chottiner can be reached at leec@thejewishchronicle.net.)

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# METRO

## Hillel JUC sends 7 students to Jewlicious Festival

BY JUSTIN JACOBS  
Associate Editor

"Labels are for T-shirts," Eric Rosen said. "Jewishness is for people."

That's how Rosen, marketing manager for Jewlicious, describes the annual festival for Jewish students and young professionals aimed to blur denominational lines and unite Jews under common banners of interest — like, say, bagels and Matisyahu.

With its music and socializing focus, Jewlicious, held this weekend in Long Beach, Calif. and now in its sixth year, represents a new type of Jewish education subtly mixing religion with booming Jewish pride and community.

And after years of sending students to more formal conferences, the Hillel Jewish University Center is ready to try something new, as seven students and recent graduates, along with Hillel Jewish University Center's executive director, Aaron Weil, will fly west.

"Jewlicious is a protest for students to stand up and say 'Being Jewish matters to me,'" said Rosen. "And it might not



Courtesy Jewlicious Festival

**Jewish reggae star Matisyahu performs at Jewlicious last year. The musician will appear again at this year's festival.**

matter to me like it does to you, but we can all agree that it does matter.

"It (Jewlicious) has become a protest against the world that wants us all to be the same, and all fall in line and not make our voices heard," he added.

With more than 1,000 expected to attend, that's a lot of voices.

The festival began in 2005 as a *Shab-*

*baton* at the Alpert Jewish Community Center in Long Beach, Calif., with only 100 students in attendance, growing each year into "a massive annual festival," according to Rosen, complete with drum circles, concerts, discussion groups, comedians, environmental activism and dozens of presenters speaking about anything from the Dalai Lama to concert promoting.

It's a big change from Hillel's past education-based trips, but, according to Weil, now is the time for just that.

"We've never sent students to something like this. This is more an instance of programming for 20-somethings by 20-somethings. It's a more organic event," Weil said. "Not your traditional AIPAC, federation or national Jewish organization event."

The aim, according to Weil, is to inspire students and nurture that energy into new programming at Hillel and the Jewish student population at large. Hillel subsidized the trip along with a student down payment.

"The investment is not in the festival, but the experience that students will

bring back. That's why we chose mostly underclassman who are not only being sponsored to go, but expected upon returning to work with staff to implement their favorite new ideas," said Weil. "The endgame for Hillel — well, we're in the meaningful Jewish experience business. No doubt it'll be memorable."

Caryn Goldenberg, a 23-year-old University of Pittsburgh senior, believes, "[Jewlicious] is a different perspective. Just by looking at topics, you know it's not something you'd normally see at a Jewish festival. It's a new way to rock out to Judaism."

The festival aims to capture a flash of unity in an often compartmentalized people, its organizers hoping to push that mentality back into the outside world.

"This is the only place I've ever seen where you can find Jews with *peyes* sitting at the same table as lesbian activists," said Rosen. "There's anybody under the sun. It's by the people, for the people and because of the people."

(Justin Jacobs can be reached at [justinj@thejewishchronicle.net](mailto:justinj@thejewishchronicle.net).)

## Briefly

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**The Opus II String Orchestra** with David Beswarick, conductor, will present a concert Sunday, Feb. 21, 7 p.m., at the Gateway Middle School Auditorium, Route 48 and Old William Penn Highway in Monroeville. The orchestra consists mostly of students from local school districts, plus adults. There is no admission charge but an offering will be accepted.

**NA'AMAT Lunch and Learn** will feature Rabbi Ron Symons, Wednesday, Feb. 24, noon, at the Labor Zionist Building, 6328 Forbes Ave. Symons, the director of the Meyer

Sivitz Lifelong Learning Initiative at Temple Sinai, will speak on Purim.

The program is free and open to the community. The lunch will be cancelled in the event Pittsburgh Public Schools are cancelled on that day. Call NA'AMAT at (412) 521-5253 for more information.

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Congregation Emanu-El Israel in Greensburg sponsors the event, which runs from 6 to 9 p.m., and brings together more than 30 restaurants and caterers of Westmoreland County, which run tasting stations for attendees.

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ed to attend.

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Anyone bringing canned and/or non-perishable items for the Westmoreland County Food Bank will receive one free ticket for the Chinese auction.

Tickets can be purchased at the synagogue, 222 N. Main St., Greensburg, or at the Shop & Save Markets on Rt. 136, Greensburg; E. Pittsburgh St., Greensburg; and Rt. 30 Latrobe. Additional sites include Giant Eagle (Eastgate), Craftique, Greensburg; Rose Style Shoppe, Latrobe; DeGennaro's Restaurant, South Greensburg;

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# Opinion

## When praying is dangerous, state must step in

**T**his paper has previously taken up the cause of Women at the Wall, a group of pious Jewish women who want nothing more than to peacefully worship their God at Judaism's holiest site — the Western Wall.

It's a shame we must continue to make their case, but vitriolic attacks by many *haredi* Jews in Israel (certainly, not all) seem to know no limit.

Check out this disgusting incident — and disgusting is the only word for it — which you can read more about in this week's Chronicle on page 11:

While Women of the Wall were observing the most recent *Rosh Chodesh* — new month — at the wall, numerous *haredi* worshippers, assailed the group, hurling insults, the worse by far being "Nazis."

Their crime: They were apparently praying too loud, and they were wearing *tallitot*.

Stop and think about this for a second. They're Jewish women — Orthodox Jewish women — they are devoted to their faith; they engage in the purely peaceful act of Jewish worship.

And they were called "Nazis."

Were it not for the fact that the *haredi* community exercises far too much control over religious life in Israel, we might be prepared to write this off as the rantings of an intolerant segment of Israelis.

But this verbal assault comes too soon after arsonists attacked a Conservative synagogue in the southern Israeli community of Arad.

The fire at the Shira Hadasha synagogue was set Monday night, Feb. 8. The flames scorched the outside of the building, but were fortunately extinguished before they reached the interior.

It's the second time in little more than a year that Shira Hadasha, the only non-Orthodox synagogue in Arad, has been

vandalized, and while police have yet to make an arrest, this act, as well as the attacks on Women at the Wall, speaks to a growing intolerance in Israel for Jewish worship in any way other than the fervently Orthodox fashion.

The current and previous Israeli governments have been reluctant to confront the *haredi* leaders, fearing their political parties will withhold support from the governing coalitions. So for the sake of political expediency, non-Orthodox Jews in Israel are increasingly made to feel at risk when they pray.

This cannot continue. If the Israeli government will not make the Jewish state safe for all expressions of Jewish worship, then Diaspora Jews must demonstrate that we have some influence of our own. Hopefully, it won't come to that, but all Jews must be free to worship in peace in Israel. On that right, there can be no compromise.

## On being Michael Steinhardt



GARY ROSENBLATT

NEW YORK — A self-professed atheist, Michael Steinhardt might be offended — or else amused — to be described as a modern-day prophet.

It's not that the businessman-turned-philanthropist preaches repentance and devotion to God; far from it. His primary concern is the survival and growth of secular, or cultural Judaism. He figures the Orthodox can take care of themselves.

But like the biblical figures in ancient Israel who spoke out harshly against the ways of their brothers and sisters, warning them they were on the path of doom, Steinhardt rails against the sacrosanct institutions and leadership of the organized Jewish community — particularly the Reform and Conservative movements, Hebrew schools, the federations and the national defense agencies. He points out "weaknesses, wrongs, errors, fallacies and hypocrisies" that he says have led the community to the brink of extinction.

What's more, Steinhardt, who retired 15 years ago as one of the most successful money managers in Wall Street history to devote himself full time to Jewish philanthropy, takes a certain pride in his role, as he sees it, of "trying to speak the truth, all the time — my vision of the truth." But he knows he is criticized often as an attention-grabbing doomsayer always ready to burst the establishment's bubble.

Now entering his 70th year, Steinhardt is both more reflective and more outspoken — albeit in soft, even tones — than in the past. And just as impatient.

During an interview in his spacious office on Madison Avenue, he confided that he is about to "get harsher" in his pronouncements against the Jewish establishment.

Indeed, he now describes its organizations as "the enemy," based on his passionate belief that Birthright Israel, which he co-founded with Charles Bronfman a decade ago, is the best and only hope for reversing the trend of runaway assimilation.

According to Steinhardt, rather than fully support the effort — a documented success in creating life-changing, positive Jewish experiences for many of the 225,000 young participants — most Jewish groups are busy with their usual agendas, which he says are at best ineffectual. To him, it is unconscionable that 35,000 young people who registered for the free 10-day trips Birthright sponsors last year were left on the waiting list because not enough money had been raised to allow them to participate.

Based on past statistics, 80 percent of those 35,000 young people will not register again. "They will never be heard from again Jewishly," he says.

Perhaps he is being overly dramatic, but the way Steinhardt sees it, Birthright is the only real chance to reach these marginally Jewish young people — he sometimes calls them "Jewish ignoramuses" or "Jewish barbarians" — and connect them to their history and heritage. By that logic any group that doesn't make Birthright a priority is endangering the Jewish enterprise.

Steinhardt says he recognizes the need for the Jewish community to feed the poor and help the needy, but he believes that "in general, the Jewish world has put too much emphasis on the past and far too little on the future in terms of appropriately educating our kids Jewishly, and providing a Jewish vision for the next generation.

"Our first priority should be assuring a stronger Jewish future. And it shows up in the lack of vigor, education and vitality in the Jewish world.

"My enemies are those organizations that grab donors for their causes, to the detriment of these [potential Birthright] kids," he says, asserting that the Jewish groups are duplicative, wasteful and increasingly irrelevant.

"I have no tolerance for them. Show me how they are making a difference,"

he says, adding that we are in a bad way "when the Jewish past interferes with the Jewish future."

While the lyrics vary, this is a tune Steinhardt has been singing for a long time. And as he readily acknowledges, many communal leaders and others have tuned him out, saying that while they deeply appreciate his generosity, independence and creativity, they find his negative and accusatory rants tiresome and counterproductive.

"I love Michael," one prominent leader said, "and he has achieved great things. But he can be a big baby, losing patience with projects and moving on, and denigrating hardworking, caring people along the way."

(Others echoed that sentiment, but also insisted on anonymity for fear of offending Steinhardt; ironically, he probably would think more highly of such critics if they identified themselves. He rarely speaks off the record, never ducks a question and is always willing to name names.)

"I do worry about being dismissed as a *kvetch*," he says, attributing such sentiments to communal leaders who "prefer to remain in their insular box." He insists that if his views are misguided, let others prove him wrong. "I'd debate anyone," he says. "You name it (a contentious viewpoint of his), I'll defend it."

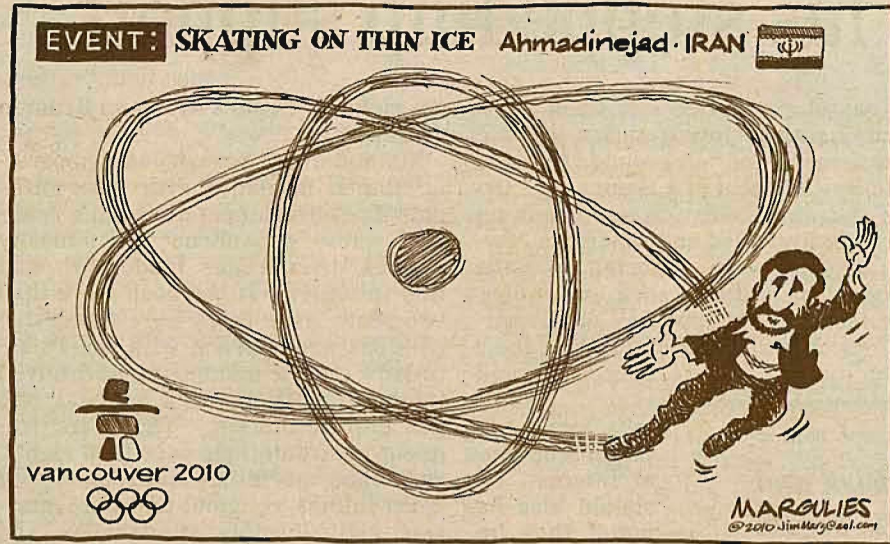
When told that a young Jewish activist was appalled to hear him publicly ranking out various Jewish groups and leaders at a Birthright-related press conference several months ago, Steinhardt was neither embarrassed nor apologetic.

"The Jewish world is so devoid of serious introspection that I feel almost compelled to be more critical than I am in other areas of my life," he responds. "I don't regret what I said. I feel proud to include those things that are not said elsewhere, that I think are meaningful — yes, provocative — and that are intended to add to the Jewish conversation."

He estimates that he has given \$200 million in charity over the last 15 years, about 80 percent of it to Jewish causes. Among those causes he is proud of, besides Birthright, are a new effort to es-

Please see Rosenblatt, page 18.

# OPINION



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Cartoon was inflammatory

How profoundly disappointed I am with The Chronicle's unfortunate decision to run the ugly editorial cartoon wherein images of Jews being burned amidst Nazi insignia are juxtaposed with Pope Benedict XVI lauding the "saintliness" of Pope Pius XII (Opinion page Feb. 4).

At the very time the current pope is making meaningful (if fitful) overtures to the Jewish community in an effort to repair a historically fraught relationship, both Catholics and Jews deserve better than canards and caricatures.

As James Carroll in his monumental work "Constantine's Sword" demonstrates, it is slander to suggest the Church did not resist Hitler. Indeed, the

Church's failure to protest the Holocaust — the infamous "silence" of Pius XII — is only part of the story. The Nazi's death camps were the culmination of an entrenched, centuries-old tradition of anti-Semitism. And while it is true this reprehensible mindset culminated in the near-eradication of European Jewry, it is irresponsible to paint the Catholic Church with a single brush. Many were the Catholic faithful who participated in an expressly religious resistance.

The Jewish community is understandably dyspeptic over Benedict recommending Pius for sainthood, but such matters are an internal Church concern. What is to be gained by The Chronicle running such an inflammatory editorial in this day and age?

As the Church struggles to come to

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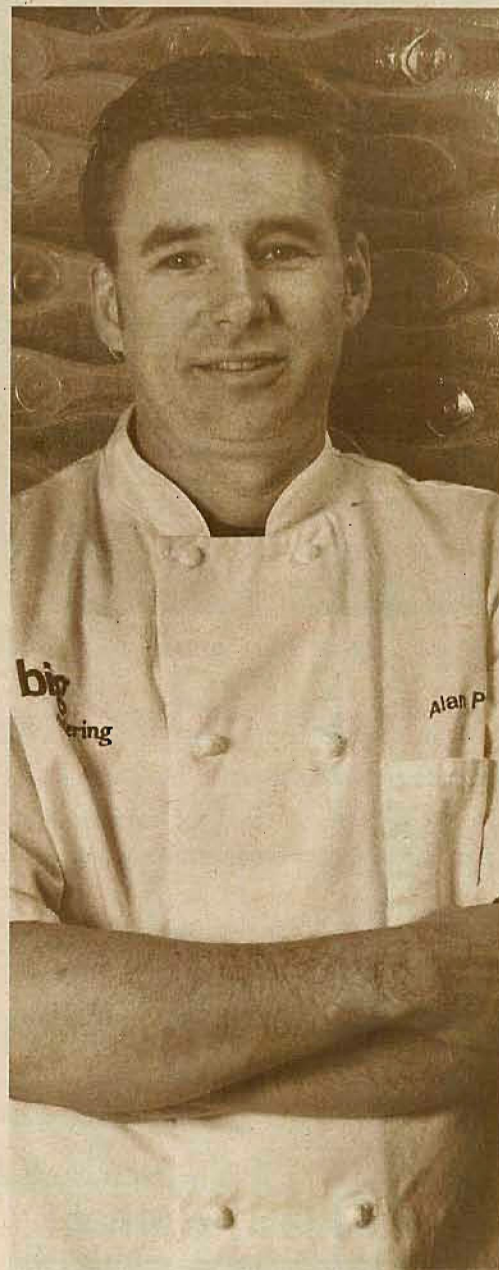
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# OPINION

## Local NIF supporter explains his stepped-up support

GUEST COLUMNIST  
DANIEL P. RESNICK

Our family, like many others in Pittsburgh, contributes to the United Jewish Federation's annual fund drive and supports the New Israel Fund to sustain democracy and human rights in Israel. This week we made a special additional contribution to the New Israel Fund. We were probably not alone, because the online donations server was very busy. Why?

The New Israel Fund came under attack last week from a critical report by *Im Tirtzu*, a group on the Israeli right, about the organizations that NIF supports. Several of those organizations, which include *B'Tselem* and Human Rights Watch, offered quotable statements to the Goldstone

Commission and many of those statements appeared in the report. *Im Tirtzu* wants to hold NIF responsible for the Goldstone Report. It wants to

shoot the messenger who brings the bad news, but the Israeli government itself has moved to a more accommodating position.

The Jewish Chronicle, on Feb. 4, reported in a JTA dispatch that the government of Israel had changed its position on the Goldstone report, acknowledging violations, announcing the internal investigations in progress, and meeting the deadline for a response. According to the dispatch, the government admitted that of the 34 incidents outlined in the report, the army had been investigating 22 before the report was published and that Goldstone's research led to another 12 inquiries. The government's response also acknowledged that nongovernmental organizations such as *B'Tselem* had been helpful in the investigations.

Nonetheless, on the basis of the *Im Tirtzu* report, proposals were made in

a Knesset committee last week for a parliamentary investigation of the New Israel Fund, on grounds that the fund was an agent of a Hamas conspiracy and anti-Zionist. Wiser heads on the right prevailed and American Jewish leaders were reported to have weighed in to quash such an inquiry. The fear was that opening up investigations of Jewish philanthropies, their

sources and their recipients, was not in Israel's national interest. (It should also be noted that *Im Tirtzu* has been a recipient of \$100,000 from the John Hagee Ministries.)

The New Israel Fund supports organizations that are committed to democratic change and it helps to build Israel's civil society. For more than 30 years it has been working to foster pluralism and toleration, defend the rights of women and children, increase access to the courts, find remedies for poverty, and defend

the rights of Israel's Arab and Bedouin citizens.

Maintaining a Jewish and democratic state is becoming ever more difficult. The government is a fragile coalition whose dependence on minority parties discourages leadership and new initiatives. It has been more than two years since there were direct discussions about peace with the Palestinians. And a number of unresolved internal conflicts need a legal and peaceful resolution. There are frequent confrontations over land rights, residence permits; enforcement of court rulings, religious and state interests; civil liberties; immigration, and citizenship rights. You can understand why we stepped up our support for the New Israel Fund.

*Maintaining a Jewish and democratic state is becoming ever more difficult.*

(Daniel P. Resnick lives in Oakland.)

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# OPINION

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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As the Church struggles to come to terms with its past, leaders in the Jewish community ought encourage inter-religious understanding rather than engaging in ugly broadsides that do nothing to advance meaningful ecumenical partnerships. We can do better than to stoke long held fear and animosity at a time when, at least here in Pittsburgh, the relationship between the Jewish and Catholic communities is nothing short of laudable and truly worthy of praise.

Rabbi Aaron Bisno  
Point Breeze

(The author is the senior rabbi of Rodef Shalom Congregation.)

### J Street program lauded

On Thursday, Feb. 4, J Street Pittsburgh, a pro-Israel, pro-peace, grassroots arm of J Street, launched its kickoff at the Squirrel Hill Jewish Community Center. Approximately 100 people who are committed to and concerned about the future of Israel attended this inaugural meeting.

The Pittsburgh kickoff was part of a nationwide launch of over 20 local chapters of J Street that were attended by approximately 2,000 people.

Having worked for the Israeli government and lived in Israel for over seven years, it was exciting to see the energy running through Levinson Hall as participants developed ideas for outreach within our Jewish community as well as to the population of southwestern Pennsylvania to educate and build support for Israel's future as a Jewish and democratic state.

We also explored ways to work with other communities that share a belief in a two state solution for Israelis and Palestinians. I especially enjoyed interacting with people who are genuinely interested in supporting the U.S. and Israeli governments in finding a solution to the conflict so that Israelis and Palestinians can live in peace and security.

The J Street Pittsburgh kickoff was especially important to hold now, when news headlines may not give us much reason for optimism. Despite the current situation, the participants in the program are working to encourage the U.S. and Israeli governments to move forward rather than staying stuck in the status quo.

Elliot Dater  
Squirrel Hill

### Let the courts decide

I have been following the issue in The Jewish Chronicle regarding the disinterment and reburial of a husband so that he may lie in eternal rest at another local cemetery alongside his wife and son.

Both sides of the issue are emotionally charged, and it seems like the rabbis are taking most of the flack. If there is one thing I have learned about Judaism, it is that in the Diaspora "the law of the land is the law." It would probably be better if a non-Jewish court heard this case and decided if a body can be moved at the request of the family.

Don't be so sure that the court would see no problem in giving the go-ahead for reburial. It may set a legal precedent that would give the funeral homes headaches they wished they never had.

This issue of reburial should not be one that divides the Jewish community. Let the courts decide the outcome, and then let us all agree to accept their decision.

Cheryl Potance  
Greenfield

### Better vetting needed

The recent visit to Pittsburgh by Effi Eitam has generated considerable debate within our community and within the pages of The Jewish Chronicle. Some see Eitam as an Israeli war hero. Others view him as a dangerous political figure. He is probably both.

What some of this debate has missed is the process by which someone with Eitam's background is brought to Pittsburgh without a proper vetting by the agencies sponsoring him.

Prior to his visit, there was a series of e-mail exchanges with various people in leadership roles of J-SITE, the United Jewish Federation and the Agency for Jewish

Learning, by members of our community who were outraged that Eitam would be invited to speak to our local youth. While everyone seemed to be aware of Eitam's role at Entebbe, not one of the community leaders who were questioned about Eitam, knew of his recent political statements about Palestinians and Israeli Arabs.

While I encourage our community leaders and agencies to stimulate awareness and knowledge about the Middle East, this cannot be done by misrepresenting the goals and aims of visiting speakers. The outrage that many in our Pittsburgh communities, Jewish and Palestinian, felt by Eitam's appearance here was remarkably restrained, including the demonstra-

tion at the Eitam/J-SITE venue. Imagine David Duke coming to Pittsburgh to speak on politics in Louisiana.

I do not want to censor anyone. I believe that a full and open discussion of the issues is the best and only way to create an educated and motivated community. But this can only happen with full and open disclosure. This need will become more urgent as we face objectively, the disaster of 43 years of occupation and settlements, and the erosion of democratic rights within Israel — something we, as a community, are only now beginning to do.

Richard Fox  
South Side



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# Globe

## Lawsuit pending

# Christian student group case poses issues for Jewish groups

BY RON KAMPEAS

JTA

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Is it discriminatory for government to fund some forms of discrimination and not others? And what does “funding” mean?

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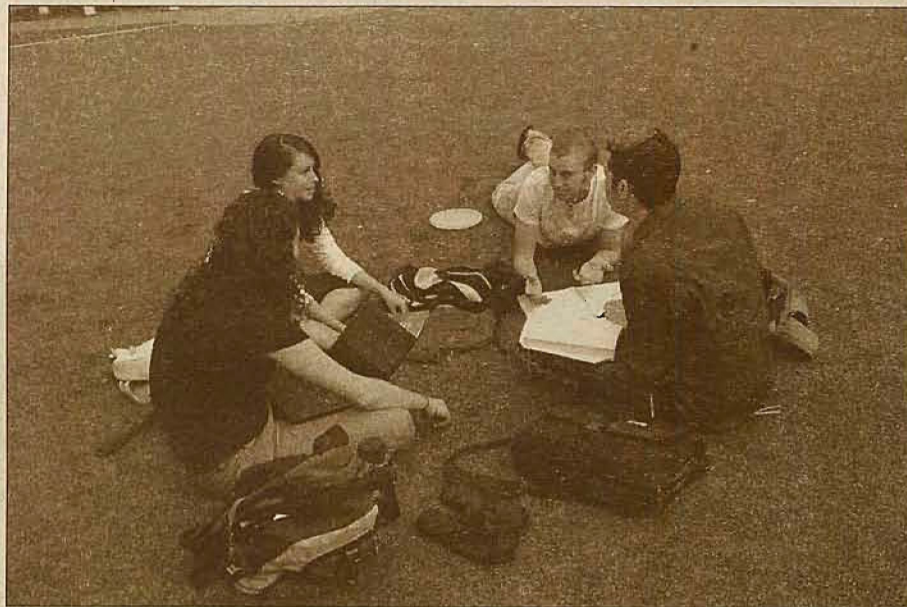
The Christian Legal Society's quest for official status at the University of California's Hastings College of Law has wound its way through the courts and now is under consideration by the U.S. Supreme Court. The court took up the case in December; it has yet to set a date for hearings.

On the Orthodox side, Agudath Israel of America and the Orthodox Union have filed separate briefs friendly to the Christian Legal Society. So has the National Council of Young Israel, joining a brief that includes Muslim, Christian and Sikh groups.

The Anti-Defamation League and the American Jewish Committee are planning to file separate briefs friendly to the university. The American Jewish Congress chose not to file a brief.

The Orthodox vs. secular alignment is not unusual in such church-state cases. However, subtle differences over the case's ramifications and over strategy have emerged between groups on the same side.

The crux of the dilemma for Jewish groups is whether the greater threat to Jews is posed by groups that exclude — or marginalizing groups that exclude. The Christian Legal Society requires a signed commitment to what it defines as Christian principles, including proscribing premarital sex and defining marriage as being exclusively between a man and a woman. The society wants Hastings, which receives state and federal funds, to allocate it the same funding due other on-campus



Max Orenstein photo

Orthodox Jewish groups say a Supreme Court case dealing with a campus ban on an exclusively Christian society would adversely affect Hillel — some of its participants are shown meeting on campus — and other Jewish student organizations.

groups and it wants equal access to campus facilities.

The Orthodox Union's brief emphasizes the threat that the law school's lower court victories pose to the ability of OU's student affiliates, the National Conference of Synagogue Youth and the Jewish Student Union, as well as other Jewish student associations, to control membership and leadership.

“A Jewish campus organization such as Hillel would be compelled to admit adherents of Jews for Jesus into its membership,” the OU brief says. “Not only would such requirements redefine the group, they would likely drive away members who wish to congregate with co-religionists, free from proselytizing.”

Nathan Diament, the OU's Washington director and its counsel in this case, said the school's refusal to recognize the Christian society violated the group's constitutional rights.

“They are excluding this group because of a viewpoint,” he said. “This is a state university, and the state is not entitled under the First Amendment, under the free exercise of religion or freedom of association to say these are the conditions under which to exercise your rights.”

For the ADL, the danger lies in the prospect of federal funding for a group that not only requires Christian commitment but the exclusion of gays.

“We really see this is as a discrimination case,” said Deborah Lauter, ADL's civil rights director. “What if a club formed that said no Jews? Any organization that says they're opposed to Jews, women, blacks, gays — if CLS succeeds, public-funded universities will have to fund it.”

The ADL and Agudah, from opposing sides, see far-reaching consequences for funding for faith groups in general. The Orthodox Union and the American Jewish Committee see the case more narrowly affecting student activities.

Lauter says the case has ramifications for the efforts by Jewish civil rights groups to get the Obama administration to make good on promises to restrict faith-based funding for social activism to groups that do not proselytize or discriminate in their hiring.

“This would open the door up for federal funds to be used to discriminate in the hiring and firing of people,” Lauter said. “It's antithetical to democracy.”

The AJC joined the ADL in its letter this month to the White House regarding faith-based funding, but Richard Foltin, the AJC's legislative director, said the Hastings case was unrelated.

“I wouldn't say one motivates the other,” he said.

In fact, Foltin said, AJC was driven to file an amicus brief because the Christian society insists on receiving the same direct funding from the university that other groups receive. Had the society simply asked for the same on-campus status of other groups — access to space and facilities, Foltin said — AJC might not have joined the case.

Lauter says ADL sees any university sanction of the group as crossing a line.

“There's no distinction — once you open the door up, it's open,” she said, adding that the Christian society was free to meet off-campus.

Similarly, whereas the Orthodox Union's brief focuses principally on the ramifications for student groups, Agudah tells the Supreme Court in its brief that upholding lower courts' decisions favoring Hastings would have dire consequences for expression of faith generally.

“Applying these laws to Orthodox Jewish schools and synagogues, federal, state or local governments could relegate Orthodox Jews and our institutions to second-class status, ineligible to participate equally in society,” the Agudah brief says. “Such a result cannot be reconciled with our nation's foundational concept of religious freedom.”

Abba Cohen, Agudah's Washington director, counted off the programs that could be adversely affected, including state and federal assistance for disabled students, remedial teaching, disaster relief and homeland security assistance for securing Jewish institutions.

“So much of our religious life involves separation between the sexes and services and activities that are exclusive to the Jewish faith,” he said. “This really hits at the heart of our religious practice.”

Hastings' inclination to protect gays from discrimination — a key factor cited repeatedly in the university's brief — is a matter of “contemporary mores” and not law, Cohen argues.

“One would need a much, much higher level of state interest to infringe upon” the rights of religious groups, he said. “You're dealing with association rights, free speech rights, you're dealing with the very things which make religion what it is.”

The AJCongress' board debated whether to file a brief, but found itself torn between the dangers each side sees and decided against, said Marc Stern, the group's legal counsel and acting executive director.

Stern says the dilemma reflects broader Jewish community tensions.

“Does Jewish security lie in eliminating any vestige of discrimination in a public space?” he asked, “or does it lie in people drawing lines for ideological reasons to meet privately?”

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# GLOBE

## Briefly

JTA

**Men and women** worshipping at the Western Wall shouted insults at women who gathered for a Rosh Chodesh prayer service.

The ultra-Orthodox worshipers called the women "Nazis" and shouted other epithets at the members of Women of the Wall Monday morning during the group's monthly prayer service at the holy site, according to reports. The protestors reportedly objected to the women singing loudly and wearing *tallitot*, as well as the men who joined the service.

Police were on hand to protect the women's service. The women moved their worship service to the Robinson's Arch area, designated for women's prayer groups, where they read from a Torah scroll. Men also participated in the service, according to reports.

In a statement released Monday, Rabbi Shmuel Rabinowitz, rabbi of the Western Wall, condemned the women's group.

"As a place dear to the heart of every Jew, every movement, and every world view, the Western Wall must remain a place that unifies rather than separates the people of Israel," the statement said. "The different movements need to understand the complexity and sensitivity of the Western Wall, and leave it outside the borders of conflict."

**Vice President** Joe Biden will travel to Israel and areas controlled by the Palestinian Authority.

"The vice president will meet with key leaders in Israel, the Palestinian Authority, Egypt and Jordan," a White House statement said, adding that the trip will occur during the week of March 8. "During the trip, the vice president will discuss the full range of bilateral and regional issues."

The Obama administration is intensifying its efforts to renew Israeli-Palestinian talks and to increase pressure on Iran to make its nuclear workings more transparent.

Biden will be traveling with his wife, Jill.

In a statement released Monday from the Prime Minister's Office in Israel, Benjamin Netanyahu said Biden's was "an important visit to the region" and called the vice president "a true friend of Israel and the peace process."

**Israel's Shahar Pe'er** reached the third round of a tennis tournament in Dubai a year after being denied a visa to compete there.

Competing amid tight security, Pe'er defeated Virginia Razzano of France, 6-2, 6-2, in slightly over an hour Tuesday at the Barclays Dubai Tennis Championships.

A day earlier Pe'er, who is ranked No. 22 in the world but is unseeded in the tournament, upset 13th-seeded Yanina Wickmayer of Belgium, 3-6, 6-2, 7-5 to advance.

Pe'er is restricted to traveling from the tennis courts to her hotel. She is also separated from the rest of the players and has her own dressing room and gym, according to reports. Spectators of Pe'er's matches must be screened by metal detectors.

"It was a very important victory for me," Pe'er said after the Wickmayer match. "I felt very proud to be representing Israel in a country that does not recognize it."

She went on to say that "It's more than beating Yanina, it was more of me handling all the stuff around and able to put

everything on the side and just play tennis, and do what I like to do, and just concentrate on the [match] and not the politics."

Pe'er also won her doubles match on Monday.

Last year, a day before Pe'er was set to leave for Dubai, the United Arab Emirates denied her a visa. The World Tennis Association fined the tournament organizers \$300,000, and secured assurances that Pe'er would be able to participate in this year's tournament.

**Rosa Rein**, believed to be the world's oldest Jewish person, died about a month shy of her 113th birthday.

Rein, Switzerland's oldest resident since September 2003, died Sunday in her sleep at an old-age home near

Lugano that was her residence since a fall in 2001.

Rein was born in Poland in March 1897. She married a German man and the couple immigrated to Brazil in 1938. Rein's husband died after their arrival in Brazil.

Rein remarried in 1949. The couple moved to the outskirts of Lugano in 1964 for health reasons; she was widowed again in 1973.

Celebrating her 112th birthday last year, Rein said she could still walk but had trouble with her hearing and vision.

Her mother was killed in the Holocaust at a concentration camp.

**The Zionist Organization of America** is calling on Jewish students

not to apply to the University of California, Irvine because it does not condemn campus anti-Semitism.

ZOA in a statement released Tuesday accused the university of enabling bigotry and violating civil rights "by failing to condemn longstanding anti-Semitic and Israel-bashing speech and conduct on campus, and failing to enforce its own policies against the perpetrators."

The group also urged donors to stop supporting Irvine, which has long been a flashpoint in the campus pro-Israel wars.

The ZOA's call comes following last week's speech at the university by Israel's ambassador to the United States, Michael Oren, that was interrupted repeatedly by protestors.

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## The future is so bright, Todd Smith has to wear — and sell — shades



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LOS ANGELES — As a three-year resident of sunny Los Angeles, I know there's nothing more valuable than owning an expensive pair of sunglasses.

Or at least, expensive-looking.

Especially, if your record of maintaining them is as shameful as mine.

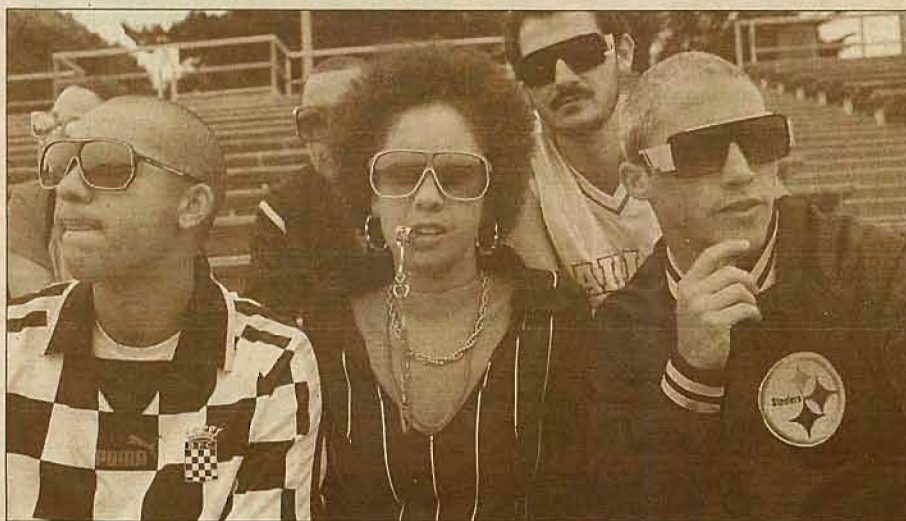
In the past two years, I've left a pair at a hotel in San Diego, lost the replacement pair in the Pacific Ocean the following week and on two separate occasions walked lens-first into the same spiral staircase.

It's pathetic and emotionally disturbing knowing that I've buried every frame I've ever loved.

Unfortunately, my most resilient set of eyewear, which continue to prove themselves nearly every weekend, are my beer goggles and believe me, I'd gladly go a few months without those.

That's why when it comes to sunglasses, I try to keep my expenses and more importantly, my emotional attachment, at an absolute minimum.

Thankfully, Expatriate Pittsburgher Todd Smith has the solution for accident-prone consumers like me. A current resident of San Francisco, Todd is co-founder and president of "Stunner of the Month," a subscription-based sunglasses company.



Todd Smith, extreme right, ships novelty sunglasses through the mail.

In the tradition of companies like Netflix or a wine of the month club, Todd, 27, ships his members a monthly pair of stylish, novelty sunglasses, also called stunners. More commonly available abroad and in trendier communities, stunners are often colorful, brandless and under \$10.

"The idea is to be the destination for the third-millennium eyewear," says Todd, who only charges \$9 a month for a subscription. "In this social networking world, nothing is more fun than taking photos. And people don't want to break their back paying so much for sunglasses they might break or lose."

That's a notion I'm quite familiar with. Once you sign up for the service, you'll

receive a fresh pair of stunners each month accompanied by a case, an eyeglasses repair kit and a story highlighting the origin of your new pair. It's almost like the movie, "About Schmidt," only with sunglasses. Though members don't get to choose their stunners, Todd says his customers "love the idea of receiving a new surprise in the box every month."

Especially since his mix of stunners can't be purchased at any neighborhood convenience store.

The collection comes all the way from Brazil, China, South Africa, Mexico, Venezuela and sometimes here in the U.S.

"We've set up relationships with retailers abroad and wholesaler, factories,"

says Todd. "Whenever there's something we're interested in getting we contact them and have them sent to us."

A Point Breeze native, Todd grew up very active in JCC basketball. He graduated from Shadyside Academy in 2001 and George Washington University in 2006 with degrees in mathematics and physics.

His San Francisco friends at GWU introduced him to the stunner culture.

"Basically it started by traveling the world," says Todd. "We couldn't buy too much stuff, so we bought stunners."

In the fall of 2007, Todd made the official move to San Francisco where he worked in finance for Merrill Lynch before being laid off due to the economic climate.

As he continues to look for a new full-time position, Todd is doing everything he can to expand his fledgling enterprise. Since co-founding the company with a friend in July, the brand has seen a 20 percent growth in stunner membership each month.

But for Todd there's more to stunners than just providing a little shade.

"It's an attitude and personality," says Todd. "It's your alter-ego."

And when it comes to sunglasses, there's nothing wrong with a little polarization.

*(Jay Firestone, a Pittsburgh native and Web editor for the Jewish Journal of Greater Los Angeles, writes about Pittsburghers who now live somewhere else. He can be reached at jayf@thejewishchronicle.net.)*



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# WINE

## Israel: Such a small country with so many wine regions



### Uri's Wine Talk

By Uriel Marcovitz

Lately, I have seen more press about Israeli wine and cuisine. For the kosher wine fan, this is a real plus.

The Pennsylvania Liquor Quarterly has a four-page article regarding kosher

wines. The last issue of Food Arts Magazine, a leading trade magazine for hotels and restaurants, has a three-page article about Israeli cuisine's move to the forefront.

So I decided to add to this exciting news by writing about the wine regions of Israel. Not surprisingly, there are several:

First, there's the Carmel Valley: This is where they make Tishbi Merlot. This red, dark-colored, young and fruity wine was blended with 15 percent Cabernet Sauvignon. It is balanced and round and displays fresh raspberry and strawberry flavors, and a hint of spices. It can either

age or presently be enjoyed.

We have the Galilee and its numerous subregions: The Golan Heights, Jezrael Valley, Meron, Lake Galil, Naphtali and Gabor. A special wine for this region is the Bazelet Hagolan Cabernet, a full-bodied Cabernet with flavors of blackberry, smoke and a hint of tobacco. Don't take this wine lightly; it packs a wallop.

We have Negev with two sub regions: Ramat Arad and the Southern Negev. From this region comes Carmel Sauvignon Blanc Ramat Arad. Pale and straw in color, this typical Sauvignon Blanc is well balanced, showing grapefruit and passion fruit on the nose, fresh grassy

flavors with a long crisp aftertaste.

Welcome to the Judean Hills with its four subregions: Beth-El, Bethlehem, Hebron and Jerusalem. Here, we find Noah Jerusalem Heights Cabernet/Merlot. Jerusalem Heights is a sophisticated blend of 50 percent Cabernet Sauvignon and 50 percent Merlot. The wine features lush flavors of cherry, chocolate and black pepper with a finish of aromatic spices.

There is also the region known as Samaria, or *Shomron*, with its two subregions: Haifa and Sharon.

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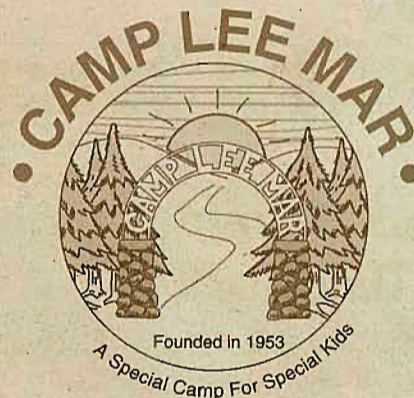


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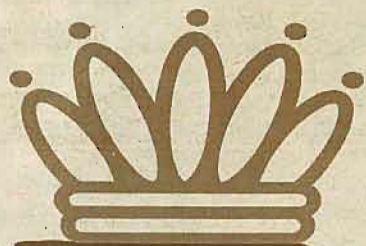
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# Community

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## Crafts with a Cause

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Craft projects are brought to assisted living housing and residents are encouraged to use their skills to give to others. The activities are adapted to all needs and abilities. Sivitz volunteers assist with the projects and deliver them to patients. The participants have great fun creating the gifts, but have even more enjoyment knowing that they too can contribute to others.

To volunteer for Sivitz Jewish Hospice, call Barbara Milch at (412) 422 5700.

The Ladies Auxiliary of Weinberg Village generously funds the "Crafts with A Cause" program.



Mitzi Clauss, Reva Zarembo and Minnie Droz are participating in the "Crafts with a Cause" program.

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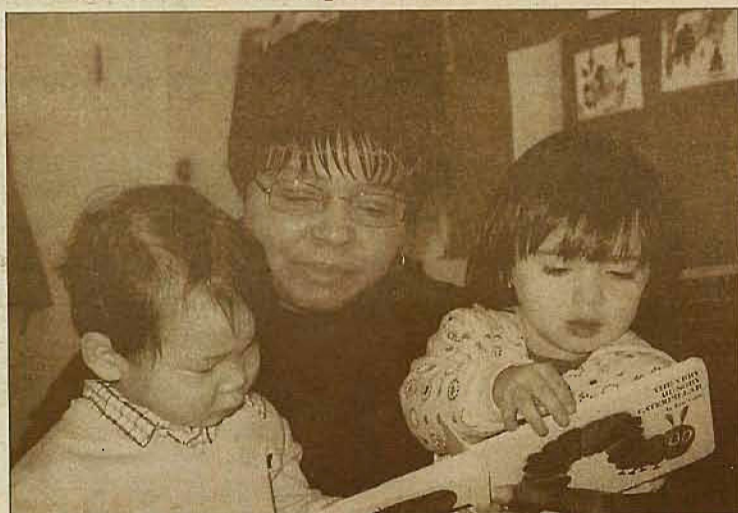
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## First school experience



Adat Shalom Preschool photo

These toddlers at Adat Shalom Preschool enjoy their "First Experience" in school each Monday. Pictured from left are Alexei Sutkin, teacher Marlene Pope and Samantha Dinh.

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## City purchases Israel Bonds



Israel Bonds photo

Mayor Luke Ravenstahl presents a \$2.8 million check to leaders of the Pittsburgh State of Israel Bonds campaign. This is the largest single investment in Israel Bonds that the City's pension fund has made in the 27 years it has invested in Israel through participation in the Development Corporation for Israel/State of Israel Bonds program.

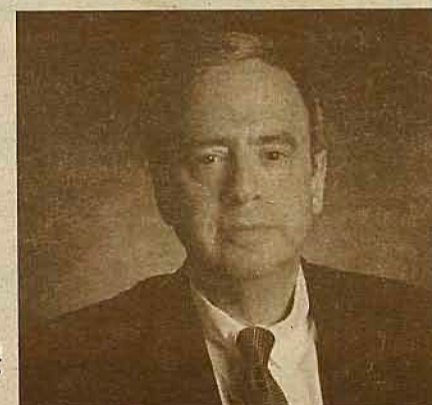
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Frederick N. Frank, founding partner of Frank, Bails, Murcko, Gubinsky & Gale, P.C., has been named a 2010 Pennsylvania Super Lawyer by Law and Politics. Only 5 percent of Pennsylvania attorneys are chosen each year.

Frank has been named a Pennsylvania Super Lawyer every year since the award was instituted. He is also the recipient of numerous other professional honors, including being named to Best Lawyers in America every year for the past 12 years and being given an AV rating by Martindale Hubbell, which is the highest rating for professional ability and professional ethics.



Frederick N. Frank



## The Chronicle Cooks

### COLE SLAW

I don't think I ever tasted cole slaw until I tried my friend Steve's homemade version. Cole slaw always looks so drippy and unappealing. Steve gave me this recipe but insists that Hellmann's Real Mayo, not the light or fat free versions, must be used.

#### STEVE'S COLE SLAW

Cut up one cabbage and add some sliced carrots. Mix sauce in. If it looks fresh, I use a bag of shredded cole slaw instead.

#### Sauce

- 1/3 cup white vinegar
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup Hellmann's Real Mayo
- 1/3 cup vegetable or canola oil
- 1 teaspoon salt
- a bit of fresh ground pepper

In a large bowl, whisk together until smooth all ingredients except the cole slaw. Add the cole slaw a little at a time, mixing with a fork until it is all blended together.

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# OPINION

## Rosenblatt:

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establish a national Hebrew language charter school movement, intended to "make important inroads in educating the non-Orthodox, who desperately need it"; the Jewish Early Childhood Education Initiative (JECEI), which seeks to invigorate the early childhood school years; and the Partnership for Excellence in Jewish Education (PEJE), promoting day schools, which he describes as a quality organization, though he is disappointed that "it has failed to expand the number of non-Orthodox kids going to day schools."

He also cites his major investment in Hillel as "successful early on; I'm not sure it is now."

In a major talk at the 92nd Street Y in late October, on "The State of World Jewry," Steinhardt noted at the outset that he would "focus more on our weaknesses than our strengths ... because I believe we gain more by being self-critical than being self-congratulatory."

Expressing the concern that modern Jewish education is "a great failure," that most American Jews are not very Jewishly involved, that the great majority of Jewish wealth is distributed to non-Jewish

causes, that assimilation is "rampant" and the number of Jews declining, he reasoned that "we might just disappear."

He cited the success of Birthright in providing "a close, tangible encounter with Jewish peoplehood," and presented a challenge to the community "to create an inspiring experience within the educational system — before young people get turned off in the first place."

He put forth the notion of identifying uniquely Jewish values that would resonate with all Jews, and cited as examples "struggling spirituality," which he described as actively engaging and arguing with God — this from an atheist — and "living in the here and now," doing good, not for reward in the afterlife, but for the merit of the deed itself.

In the end, Steinhardt is tough — perhaps unfairly tough, to make a point, he says — on Jewish professionals and lay leaders. But he is hard on himself as well, often questioning and criticizing the effectiveness of his own projects, and, as he did in business, pushing those around him to try harder, do better.

He mused that when he finished his speech at the 92nd Street Y, "there was a one-minute standing ovation. But since then the silence has been shattering."

"My generation of American Jews," he said, "will be viewed as anything but a great generation in terms of Jew-

ish achievements, philanthropy and vision. My goal is to make the next generation an awful lot better than mine."

(Gary Rosenblatt, editor and publisher of The New York Jewish Week, can be reached at Gary@jewishweek.org. This column previously appeared in The Week.)

## PJ Library:

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with the first, called "I'm Okay, You're Okay: Relationships-People, Places and Things" occurring Sunday, March 7, and Monday, March 8, in Squirrel Hill, South Hills, Monroeville, Fox Chapel and the North Hills.

While Lasday's workshops aim to create a fuller chain of education — from educator to parent to child — the PJ Library program has already found success in Pittsburgh.

Few have benefitted so much as the Goetz family of Wexford, for whom the Jewish books have taught parents Jill and Adam as much as kids Ethan, 5, Brandon, 3, and Addison, 8.5 months.

"I'm Jewish, but my husband is not. The books have helped to grow [Adam's] knowledge base and allow him to participate more," said Jill Goetz. "It's a nice segue for him to talk about things going on at school. The books have served as a bridge."

Free books, of course, don't grow on

trees. Sixty percent of the PJ Library program is funded by the Grinspoon Foundation, with the remaining funding coming from participating organizations, which supply a child with 11 books and one Jewish-themed CD per year, said Marcy Greenfield Simons, the program's national director.

"Families don't pay for this. It's a gift," she said. "That idea is very important; it brings a really important message. It tells families that they're part of something bigger."

Back in the Segel house, Sarah and Naomi were in the midst of "Old Mac-  
Noah Had an Ark." Naomi pointed to a colorful page; the ark floating in a stormy sea, animals peeking out.

"Is that their home?" she asked. "For a while," answered Sarah. "But they needed to find dry land."

If Jewish education is the firm foundation on which to build a life, as the PJ Library would suggest, Naomi seems to have already found it.

(Justin Jacobs can be reached at justinj@thejewishchronicle.net.)

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# METRO

## Jewish community collects products for Haiti

Several Jewish entities will come together Sunday, Feb. 21, to help the earthquake victims in Haiti.

Responding to a request from the Brother's Brother Foundation, the Jewish Community Center, Congregation Beth Shalom, Temple Sinai and Community Day School will operate a drop-off center at the Pittsburgh Colfax school gym in Squirrel Hill where people may bring badly needed supplies for the survivors of the Jan. 12 quake.

Brother's Brother is asking volunteers

to collect construction buckets filled with new items, such as

baby wipes or wet wipes, nonliquid soap, washcloths, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs and brushes (no shampoos or anything that might leak).

There will be music by the band WalaWalaWala at the event, which runs from 4 to 6 p.m.

The products will be delivered to the Pittsburgh-based Brother's Brother for delivery to Haiti.

## Uri:

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**Shomron.** When you sniff this delightful vino, the nose offers up aromas of sweet pea, honeysuckle and fresh sliced peaches. Light to medium body and strong crisp acidity lead into a clean, refreshing finish.

The wine region with the most subregions is known as Samson, or *Shimshon*, with seven subregions: Adulam, Dan, Latourne, Shfela, Ayalon, Gezer and Latrun. A fine wine from this region is Barkan Classic Pinotage — a smoky wine that is the unique cross of Pinot Noir and Cinsault. It is relatively light and easy to drink.

So now that I have broken down the regions of Israel and given you a small sampling from each major region, the next couple of articles I write will discuss each individual region in greater depth (relax, there won't be a quiz). Many people ask me about tasting these wines and how I am able to judge them. Well, here is a chance for you to taste some wines with me. In the coming weeks, as I taste new and different wines I will be looking for about eight to 10 people to taste and talk about these Israeli wines and regions. If you are interested please e-mail me at the address below. *LChaim* to all.

(Uri Marcovitz, a Downtown Pittsburgh restaurateur and recognized wine expert [who dabbles in beer] can be reached at [umarcovitz@gmail.com](mailto:umarcovitz@gmail.com).)

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The traditional answer is that God is informing us that what we think is ours is not really — our wealth and possessions are actually just on loan to us from God. We are the stewards of these goods and we have to do what is right with them.

So, when God says, "Take gifts for me," we are really being told, "Take from what is mine and use it in a particular way." In this *parsha*, we are given the opportunity to pick from the things that God has entrusted to us, to allocate them for use in building the *mishkan* — the travelling sanctuary.

We have to make similar decisions all

the time. What of our possessions do we generally use however we see fit, that we can put to good use and increase the godliness in the world by doing so?

One easy answer is our money. We often view *tzedaka* as something we choose to do with our money. We choose whether or not to give. *Teruma* teaches us that this is not really the choice we get to make. Our money is on loan to us. Unfortunately, many people know all too well how temporary our possession of money can be. It is more accurate to say that we are each the manager of God's family foundation. When we give *tzedaka*, it is the fulfillment of the guidelines set up for the foundation rather than a choice. The choice we do have is in deciding where the money is to be allocated; what beneficiary is there in need of this money?

We should all take this responsibility seriously. Rabbi Isaac Meir Alter of Ger, living in Poland in the 19th century, asserted that the giving of donations was not to obtain the outcome of God dwelling in the midst of the people, but rather to sanctify God's name, what we would call a *Kiddush HaShem*. We, through our decisions, have an opportunity to fulfill God's desire of restoring the world to a place of perfection. We can all play our part by allocating God's possessions in the way expected of us.

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**BASH:** On Sunday, February 7, 2010, Jeanette R. Bash, beloved wife of the late Dr. Harry C. Bash; beloved mother of Debora Shelmire; grandmother of Alexander and Eric Shelmire. Graveside services and interment were held at West View Cemetery of Rodef Shalom Congregation. Arrangements by Ralph Schugar Chapel, Inc.

**DICKSON:** On Monday, February 8, 2010, Herbert Dickson, beloved husband of the late Ruth Steinman Dickson; loving father of Mark Dickson, Hal Dickson, Daniel (Patricia) Dickson and Deborah (Louis) Corcoran; brother of Theodore Dickson; grandfather of Katherine, Michele, Brooks, Sean and Jamie. Services were held at Ralph Schugar Chapel, Inc., 5509 Centre Ave., Shady-side. Interment Homewood Cemetery.

**KARELITZ:** On Monday, February 15, 2010, Bess (Rosenbloom) Karelitz, beloved wife of the late Edwin Karelitz; beloved mother of Ann (Jeffrey) Laaff, Ira (Olga) Karelitz, Lee (Paulette) Karelitz and the late William J. Karelitz; mother-in-law of Amy Cohen Karelitz; sister of the late Miriam Rosenbloom Cohn; grandmother of Sarah Edna Laaff, Rachel Lillian Laaff, Barry Karelitz, Adam (Heather) Karelitz, Karen (fiance Christopher Fay) Karelitz, Ashley and Caitlin Karelitz and Eric and Alan Karelitz; also survived by nieces and nephews. Services were held at Ralph Schugar Chapel, Inc., 5509 Centre Ave., Shady-side. Interment Beth Shalom Cemetery. Contributions may be made to Hadassah-Greater Pittsburgh Chapter, 1824 Murray Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15217.

**KOGAN:** On Tuesday, February 9, 2010, Roza Kogan, of Squirrel Hill; beloved mother of Yefim (Ada)

Shimenko; grandmother of Michael and Galina Shimenko; great grandmother of David, Alexander and Daniel. Services were held at Homewood Cemetery. Arrangements by Rapp Funeral Home.

**LEWIS:** On Monday, February 15, 2010, in Ft. Myers, FL., Edward I. Lewis, 85; loving husband of Getrude Jay Lewis; devoted brother of Betty Pollack; proud father of Ellen Lewis, Karen Levin and Nancy (Fred) Golden; son of the late Michael and Esther Lewis; adoring grandfather of Gideon, Micah, Nathan, Noah, Rebecca and Zachary. Services were held at Temple Emanu-El, Westfield NJ. Contributions may be made to Levin Memorial Fund at Temple Sinai, 5505 Forbes Ave Pittsburgh, PA 15217.

**LINVER:** On Sunday, February 7, 2010, Pauline Adele (Fensterseid) Linver, of Squirrel Hill; wife of the late Irvin J. Linver; mother of Gregory and the late Arnold Linver and Sheila Gail Linver Ward; sister of Charles (Barbara) Fensterseid and Doris (Ruby) Nedoblyek; survived by eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Graveside services were held at Kether Torah Cemetery. Contributions may be made to Council Care-Irving Spolan Center, 300 JHF Drive Pittsburgh, PA 15217. Arrangements by Elmer L. Herman Funeral Home.

**NEAFACH:** On Monday, February 8, 2010, Leah Belle Neafach, of Longwood, FL, formerly of Johnstown, PA and Sarasota, FL; beloved wife of Harold Neafach; cherished mother of Beverly (Bill) Murphy, Alan (Mary) Neafach, Ruthie Neafach, and Carol (Andrew) Stuart; loving grandmother of Heidi (Ken) Leventhal, Michelle (Neal) Seideman, Debbie Cohn, David (Dawn)

Murphy, Carrilin (Tommy) Grissle, Michael and Danny Stuart; also survived by ten great-grandchildren. Services and interment were held at the Palms Memorial Park, Sarasota. Contributions may be made to The Jewish Pavilion, P O Box 160056, Altamonte Springs, FL 32716.

**SLATER:** On Friday, February 12, 2010, in Toronto, Ontario, of San Jose, CA, formerly of Sq. Hill and Shadyside. Beverly Slater, beloved wife of Dr. Harvey Slater; mother of Susan Slater Ellenberg, David Michael Slater and Adam Laibe Slater; grandmother of Zachary Ellenberg, Molly Ellenberg, Naava Ellenberg, Julia Slater, Audrey Slater and Max Slater. Contributions may be made to Yavneh Day School 14855 Oka Road, San Jose, CA 95032, Congregation Sinai 1532 Willowbrae Avenue, San Jose, CA 95125, or Zareinu Educational Centre 4630 Dufferin Street, Suite 301 Toronto, Ontario M3H 5S4.

**WEINBERG:** On Tuesday, February 9, 2010, George (Godel) Weinberg, beloved husband of Bella Weinberg; loving and cherished father of Marvin (Susan) Weinberg, Avram Weinberg (Karen Teicher) and Gabriel (Stephanie) Weinberg; brother of the late Fela and Nathan Weinberg; loving Pop-Pop of Steven, Michael and Jordan Weinberg, Samantha and Sophie Weinberg, Rachel and Sophia Teicher and Jacob, Marshall and Erica Weinberg. Services were held at Ralph Schugar Chapel, Inc., 5509 Centre Ave., Shady-side. Interment Allegheny County Memorial Park. Contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 1100 Liberty Avenue, Suite E-201, Pittsburgh, PA 15222.

**WEIN:** On Monday, February 8, 2010, at Shady-side Hospital, Victor Milton Wein, of Clarion and Pittsburgh; devoted husband of Marion (Mandel Blattner) Wein; father of Thomas Roni (Tania) Wein of Cincinnati, OH; step-father of Steven and Lori Blattner of Upper St. Clair, Joe and Jane Blattner of Presto, PA, and Eileen (Blattner) and Peter Sposato of Colchester, CT; beloved son of the late Thomas and Sophie Finkelstein Wein; proud grandfather of Rachel Roz, Hanna Renee, Dakota and Noah Wein, Robin (Blattner) and Matthew Metosky, Michael Blattner, and Frank and Annie Sposato; brother of Joseph (Rosalyn) Wein of Pittsburgh, the late Morris Wein and the late Roz (Paul) Goldberg; brother-in-law of Sybil Wein of Clarion, PA and the late William Fargostein and Ethel and the late Martin Mandel; son-in-law of the late Frank and Ida Mandel; also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and cousins. Services were held at Helfant Chapel of Beth Shalom Congregation, Squirrel Hill. Contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 777 Penn Center Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15235 or the American Lung Association, 11676

Perry Highway, Wexford, PA 15090. Arrangements by D'Alessandro Funeral Home, LTD.

**WEINSWEIG:** On Thursday, February 11, 2010, Burnet Harold Weinsweig, beloved husband of Shirley Tisherman Weinsweig; loving father of David (Tami) Weinsweig of Huntington, WV, Craig (Leslie) Weinsweig of Clarksville, MD and Marc (Tamar) Weinsweig of Rockville, MD; son of the late Nathan and Fedora Weinsweig; dear brother of Marjorie (late Red) Krasne of Pittsburgh; special grandfather (Pa Pa) to Zoie, Noah, Annabella, Hannah, Max, Daniela, Raphaela, Nesya, Aaren and Kyle; also survived by nieces, a nephew, a great niece and great nephews. Services were held at Ralph Schugar Chapel, Inc., 5509 Centre Ave., Shady-side. Interment Poale Zedeck Memorial Park Cemetery. Contributions may be made to Jewish Community Center, 5738 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15217 or Congregation Beth Shalom, 5915 Beacon Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15217.

**WOLK:** On Monday, February 15, 2010, Rita (Binenkorb) Wolk, beloved wife of the late Marvin H. Wolk of Pittsburgh; beloved mother of Stuart Wolk of Scottsdale, AZ and Harold Wolk (fiancee Teresa McHale) of Pittsburgh; sister of the late Alan Binenkorb; sister-in-law of Ruth Baraff of Pittsburgh; grandmother of Benny Binenkorb; aunt to Harry (Sandy) Binenkorb, Marcine and Sharon Baraff, all of Pittsburgh, Herbert (Valarie) Brien of Livingston, NJ, Steven Brien of Beverly Hills, CA, Wendy (Anthony) Magnotta and Ronald (Lynn) Brien, all of White Plains, NY. Graveside services and interment were held at Beth Shalom Cemetery. Contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, 320 Bilmar Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15205 or Rodef Shalom Temple, 4905 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213. Arrangements by Ralph Schugar Chapel, Inc.

**ZAWITZ:** On Tuesday, February 9, 2010, Beatrice (Fagen) Zawitz, 89, of Pittsburgh; beloved wife of the late Charles Zawitz; loving mother of Joel Zawitz, Richard (Kanya) Zawitz, Esther Zawitz and the late Jerry Zawitz; loving sister of the late Saul Fagen, Esther Fagen, Rose Fagen and Miriam Seltman; beloved sister-in-law of Bernice (Isadore) Wolf and the late Saul (late Gert) Zawitz; treasured grandmother of Darryn (Allyson) Zawitz, Chad, Scott, Han, Nicholas and Aimee Zawitz, Jessica and Mallory Podolsky; great-grandmother to Hannah, Charlie and Piper. Services were held at Ralph Schugar Chapel, Inc., 5509 Centre Ave., Shady-side. Interment Shaare Torah Cemetery. Contributions may be made to University of Pittsburgh, c/o Terri Waters Fund, 4901 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, Pittsburgh, PA 15260 or Temple Sinai, 5505 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15217.

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After his return from army service during WWII, Cliff was a founding partner of Lincoln Homes, which was the largest manufacturer of prefabricated houses in the mid-west. In 1953 alone, they built over 1,000 homes. After selling Lincoln Homes, he opened General Investments, Inc. which specialized in land development. He was one of the founding members of Rolling Hills Country Club.

In 1986 they relocated to Boca Raton, Florida.

Cliff and Bea were devoted parents to daughter Andrea (who passed away May 5, 2009), grandparents Richard and Stephanie (Yehuda) and great-grandparents to Lily. They were committed to their families and friends. They leave behind a legacy of morals, values, community and family responsibility that lives with those that knew them.

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## Cantors:

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and capabilities of the cantorate will increase. Rabbis and cantors will always have a different focus, but increasing the Talmudic knowledge of cantors is a wise thing to do."

"[Integration of the programs] ultimately has the opportunity to have a positive effect on the cantorate and strengthen leadership in the Conservative movement," he continued. "But we will have to see what will develop and what will happen."

Integrating the programs may have been motivated, in part, by an effort to cut costs, and a reflection of the needs of a changing Conservative movement. JTA reports that the school is millions of dollars in debt, and that the Conservative

movement has seen a steady decline in its membership rolls.

Last spring, the seminary's board hired management consultant Jack Ukeles to develop a strategic plan for re-vamping the institution, according to a JTA report. The plan that Ukeles drafted a few months later advised shutting down the cantorial school altogether. That plan was ultimately rejected.

With the exception of Berlin — who serves as the spiritual leader of his congregation — there are currently no full-time cantors left in Pittsburgh, lamented Cantor Steve Stoehr, who was born in Pittsburgh, and lived here until he graduated from the University of Pittsburgh and left for JTS in 1983.

"Pittsburgh had a rich history of cantors," said Stoehr, who has been serving as cantor at Congregation Beth Shalom in Northbrook, Ill., for the last 20 years, and is a past international president of

the Cantors Assembly. But, as has happened in many other communities across the country, the needs of the congregations changed, making the full-time cantor the exception rather than the norm.

By integrating the programs at JTS, Stoehr said future cantors and rabbis would acquire skills enabling them to wear different hats, and in practical terms, improve their marketability.

"I think that Eisen does not want to do away with the two specific callings, but wants each one to be more skilled and appreciative of the other," Stoehr said.

"No longer do synagogues want to hire someone with the unparalleled vocal artistry of a Cantor [Moshe] Taube," Stoehr said. "Lots of congregations don't have the funds to hire someone with that unique skill set. Instead, they are looking for people to play multiple roles."

Congregations frequently look for a rabbi with skills ranging beyond those

typically associated with the rabbinate, Stoehr said, including community activism and fundraising. Likewise, congregations may be looking for cantors "who not just have a beautiful voice, but can do youth work and chaplaincy."

The new structure of JTS hopefully will help develop a sense of "teamwork" between cantors and rabbis, Stoehr said.

"It used to be that we rarely crossed paths with rabbinic students," he said, noting that such interaction generally did not occur until the end of the five-year degree program. "I think it is the chancellor's intentions to have those paths cross in the earlier years."

Earlier interaction, he added, "will be very beneficial to the students and will ultimately have a positive effect on the marketability of both cantors and rabbis."

(Toby Tabachnick can be reached at tobyt@thejewishchronicle.net)

## Books:

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land, and send them off to Jewish communities that need them.

Collecting, sorting, and shipping all these books is a time-consuming task, Gorin said. Ironically, he had planned on "divesting" this part of his life, culminating with a book sale at his synagogue on Jan. 1, when he heard about the book surplus at Jefferson Hills.

"A friend of mine sent me a link to The Chronicle," Gorin said. After reading the article about the surplus of Jewish books in Jefferson Hills, "I said 'Here I go again.'"

"I called Gil Smith," Gorin added. "He said he had had several people calling him [about the books], but he wants them to go to me because of where they are going to go."

As for Smith, he just wanted to be sure the books would be read.

"I wanted to see them used for a good purpose," he said.

Gorin will come to Pittsburgh in an SUV "in case there's weather," he said. "Also for the cargo space."

"I have no idea what I'm getting into," he added. "I have no idea what I'm going to find."

Gorin mostly finances the shipping of the books himself, using money he has been putting aside in a Fund for Remote Jewish Communities that he established when his father passed away in 1990.

He has been devoted to helping the Jewish communities of Africa for years, beginning with his first trip there in 2002, when he led a *Bet Din* to convert the Ugandan Abayudaya community.

"I got smitten," Gorin said. "It was amazing. And once people in Nigeria

heard that there was an American rabbi willing to take their Jewish aspirations seriously ... I went back in 2004, 2006 and 2008.

"I'm one of many who are called their chief rabbi," he continued. "It's an important thing to the communities. There are pockets of people practicing Judaism throughout the country. The communities need recognition by the government officials. To do that, they need a chief. If they can parade an American rabbi to the government, it opens doors. There is no separation of church and state there."

Although Gorin had considered starting a nonprofit organization to help the Jews of Nigeria, the weak economy quashed that dream, he said. Nonetheless, he is doing what he can to help.

"I send them a weekly *d'var Torah* digest called 'Shalom Africa.' Things written for an affluent American Jewish readership couldn't speak to them. They are very traditional in their views," he said.

Gorin said that all the Nigerian Jews grew up Christian — a result of British colonialism. Some Nigerians who now call themselves "Israelites" are in fact still practicing Christianity, Gorin said, while some others are really Messianic Jews.

"I use the term 'emerging Jewish communities,' when speaking of Nigerian Jews," Gorin said. "Most Igbos [an ethnic group living chiefly in southeastern and south Nigeria] grew up Catholic. Some became Protestant. Some became Messianic Jews. Only later on would they become Orthodox Jews — the last quarter of a century, give or take."

While many Nigerians call themselves Jews, Gorin said the number of those who are actually practicing Judaism is much smaller.

"People who call themselves Jews, we could be talking tens of thousands. But

many are in fact practicing Christianity," Gorin said. "When you talk about people who have really returned to Judaism, it's probably 800 to 1,200."

With leadership and educational materials, some of the Messianic communities are moving toward traditional Judaism, Gorin said.

In 2006, for example, he visited the Jewish Messianic Faith Assembly in Nigeria. By 2008, they had repudiated their faith in Jesus, and renamed themselves the Jewish Faith Assembly.

"The books are going to congregations for the most part that are no longer Messianic, but I have no problem sending a few books to the Messianics because how else are they going to know the differ-

ence?" Gorin said.

What he finds in Jefferson Hills will determine the destination of the books, he explained. Not all may be appropriate for the emerging Jewish communities of Nigeria.

"I try to make a *shidach* between books and readers," Gorin said. "Some books will go to the public library here [in Rockville]. Some may go to bookstores and sales, as we have a larger Jewish readership here. And I'll get them to other places where people appreciate books."

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