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*UJF recognizes outstanding volunteers
in eighth annual community-wide tribute.*

As we approach the new year and the time for rededicating ourselves to living Jewish values, we honor volunteers in the Greater Pittsburgh Jewish community who have made *tikkun olam*—repairing the world—an important part of their lives.

The United Jewish Federation is pleased to have this opportunity to recognize the 56 individuals who have been chosen by their agencies, organizations, and synagogues for this community-wide volunteer tribute. *Mazel tov* to the honorees and to the organizations they represent.

Karen A. Shapira, UJF Chair of the Board

Adat Shalom



Robin Trellis

It is an honor to be asked to volunteer for various projects at Adat Shalom. I feel that it teaches my children the importance of giving something back to places and organizations that are important in our lives. It also gives them a sense of "belonging" and comfort at being in the synagogue. They realize this is a significant aspect of who we are. It is my privilege to volunteer my time and efforts for Adat Shalom.

Adath Jeshurun



Marilyn Goldstein

It has been a pleasure for me to be active in the synagogue. The people are warm and friendly. I feel like it is one big family. Rabbi Pruss makes us feel that way.

American Jewish Committee



David H. Ehrenwerth

The AJC performs critically important work in fostering intergroup relations, pursuing equal justice, and improving international understanding. I am delighted to support its groundbreaking efforts in the struggle for human rights and social equality.

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American Society for Technion

José Chigier

Technion is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year. They have provided the education that the Israelis needed for economic and military survival. It is essential that Technion continues to insure a strong and secure Israel in the 21st century. I want to be a part of that.

American Zionist Movement

Ivan J. Novick

Through the Zionist movement these many years, I have been granted many opportunities to observe and participate in the dynamic on-going relationship between the United States and Israel. I am truly blessed to have been a witness to the building of new bridges of understanding at every level of the relationship between Zion and the diaspora.

Beth El

Pamela Horvitz

I've never been more surprised by anything in my life. It is so nice to be honored by my colleagues—volunteering my time is such a small price for all of the rewards I have received in return.

**Beth Hamedrash Hagodol—
Beth Jacob Congregation**

**Howard
Madenberg**

Whatever I have done for the synagogue, I have found to be pleasing and enjoyable.

Beth Samuel Jewish Center

**Kristina
Braslawsee**

I feel that I have an obligation to set an example of participating in Judaism for my children and those around me and to become part of the solution to consumer Judaism.

Beth Shalom

Alex Kiderman

Our family spent our first ever High Holidays at Beth Shalom. We always feel cared for and supported by the congregational family. Being involved in the synagogue gives me a social status, sense of security and belonging.

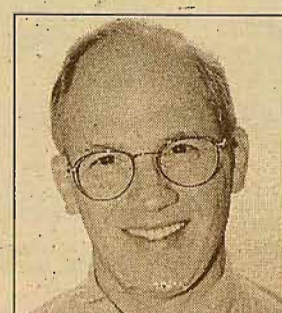
**B'nai B'rith Ohio Valley/
Allegheny Region**

Dr. Steven Smiga

As a first generation Jew who arrived in New York City with parents who survived Hitler's concentration camps, I felt that it was my calling to join a mass membership organization. In the past 25 years we have organized humanitarian efforts for our Cuban brothers and sisters and brought the South Hills Jewish community and B'nai B'rith together. I will see my dream of a \$52 million Senior Citizen housing project come to fruition. Thank you B'nai Brith.

**B'nai B'rith Youth
Organization**
**Kimberly Ann
Cooper**

Doing positive work is important. Volunteering with teens of BBYO has been educational and enlightening. Spending time with the teens allows me to see the best the future has to offer.

B'nai Emunoh Congregation

Ivan Lee Engel

I feel an obligation to keep the synagogue functioning by donating my time and effort.

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Bnai Zion



Dr. Stanley Hirsch

B'nai Zion is a non-political organization whose only mission is service to the Jewish people in the USA and Israel. For that reason I find it extremely appealing, and I am deeply dedicated to fulfilling its goals.

Children's Aid Society



Bonnie Stone

Being active in the Children's Aid Society of Jewish Women gives me a great deal of pleasure, and it is very rewarding to help the residents in our group home with "special needs."

Dor Hadash



Miklos Mikita

The day is short, the task is great, the waters are sluggish but the wages are high and the Master of the house is pressing. (Pirkei Avot 2:20)

Emanu-El Israel



Barbara Young

It is my privilege and my responsibility to be able to give back to the Jewish community something of which I was so fortunate to have. Sometimes we plant the seeds, sometimes we water or feed them, and sometimes we watch them bloom and plant their own seeds.

Gemilas Chesed Synagogue



Gershon Guttman

What makes a community work, you ask?
It's the people in it, and this is who we (you) thank.

Greater Pittsburgh Chapter of Hadassah



Charlotte Helfer

My love and enthusiasm for Hadassah have given me leadership skills that I never knew existed and a treasure chest full of friendships that will last forever.

Hebrew Free Loan Association



Elaine Supowitz

Involvement with Hebrew Free Loan is a privilege and a pleasure. Working both with the clients and the board members provides a deep sense of satisfaction and accomplishment.

Hillel Academy of Pittsburgh



Mimi Maizlech

Volunteerism—it is a serious malady thought to be genetic, but can also stem from exposure to small town congregations.

Hillel: Jewish University Center



Ralph Roskies

I get satisfaction knowing that my volunteer work helps young people deepen their connections with their Jewish heritage. This past year, I participated on the Jewish University Center's (JUC) facilities committee to develop Pittsburgh's first free-standing facility for Jewish young adults. I have also been working to improve the JUC's relationship with the universities that we serve, including recruiting to our governing board, two excellent members of the Pitt and CMU faculties.

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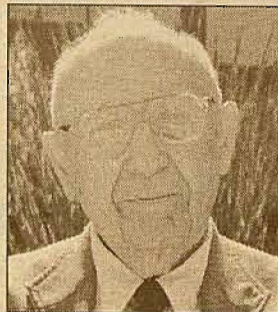
Holocaust Center of UJF



Ernest Light

As a Holocaust survivor, my most rewarding contribution has been that I coordinate the Speakers Bureau of other survivors and I, myself, often go out to speak to various schools and organizations.

Jewish Association on Aging



Martin C. Falk

Raised as a reform Jew, being Jewish meant not only the typical Hebrew instruction, but more so to support and honor all Jewish organizations. I am honored to support any present and future activities in this organization. It has been a pleasure to work under the guidance of Mary Lou and Harvey.

Jewish Cemetery & Burial Association



Rabbi Mordecai Glatstein

I have been honored to officiate at the burials of the Jewish Cemetery and Burial Association for more than 45 years. The mitzvah of the JCBA is to preserve the dignity of the deceased for those in our community who do not have the funds for burial expenses. Assuring traditional rites for our people memorializes not only them, but the millions who were denied the final dignity during the Holocaust.

Jewish Chronicle



Lynn Cullen

I've been consistently awed by the dedication and diligence of the Chronicle's hard-working staff, and constantly challenged by the powerhouse personalities on the Board. Come to think of it, I think we should sell tickets to the meetings.

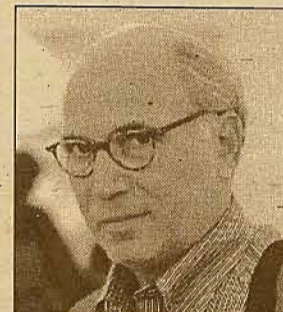
Jewish Community Center



Lynn Powers

My commitment to the JCC is reaffirmed each time I see the multiple generations touched daily by the services provided by the Center.

Jewish Education Institute



Robert Whitehill

I have genuinely enjoyed the responsibilities I have undertaken for JEI. It has many volunteers whose talent and time-commitment are greater than mine, so I am particularly honored by this recognition.

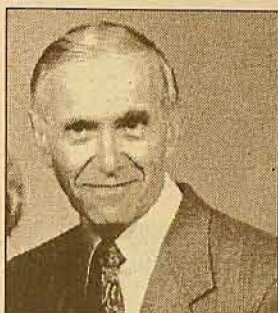
Jewish Family Assistance Fund



Jack Sittsamer

The Jewish Family Assistance Fund gives me the opportunity to discreetly help the needy members of our community. We provide food, shelter, and medical assistance. We also support the Kosher Super Pantry. I am very proud of my affiliation.

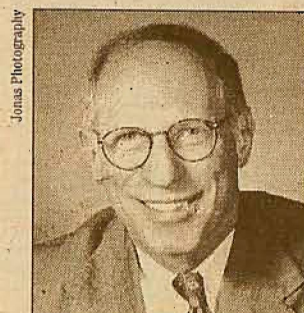
Jewish Family & Children's Service



Aaron Sacks

I am grateful for the opportunity to help newcomers become American citizens as a way of thanking those who helped our parents and grandparents become a part of this land.

Jewish Healthcare Foundation



Thomas Hollander

Working with the committed members of the Foundation Board and its talented staff in the challenging, gratifying, and often difficult process of deciding which among the wide range of deserving projects best utilize Foundation resources is a privilege. The Foundation's work makes a real difference.

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Unhappy returns



It was a return to the final painful hours of a family slain by the Nazis during the Holocaust. For local visitors, it was a reminder of what had been and could never again be. It was finding a long neglected graveyard and saying kaddish with family members back in the

States by cell phone. It was the clash of serene modernity coming face to face with the horrors of the inescapable past. **Page 6.**

Editorial

The choices

For thousands of Palestinian Arabs, the choice is not to be a minion of Arafat, but to be part of a minyan of Israelis living in Jerusalem. Forty-five thousand to date state their belief in being Israeli and thousands more would gladly be included in Israel, but for the fear of reprisal from the Palestinian Authority. What does that say about democracy and Arafat's depotism? **Page 8.**

Arts

Poetic justice



Its title may be shameful, but can that stop "Jew Boy" from winning a Pulitzer Prize? Maybe not, for this book is so powerful, so well written, so bizarre, so much the epochal epic that it might win lots of literary awards. Poet Alan Kaufman traveled a long, strange road,

propelled by his survivor mother to reach this autobiographical highpoint. It may have even been worth it. **Page 20.**

Israel

Da boss

If anyone was having doubts about Yasser Arafat being the boss of the Palestinians' fortunes, forget that. He may not be at his physical peak, but the bearded leader will have things his way or no way, despite the best counsel from the rest of the world. Just ask the woman anchor at CNN who tried an aggressive approach to interviewing the Palestinian chieftain. Arafat proves he cannot be bullied. **Page 22.**

More than necessities

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Allegheny County photo

Judge Cheryl Allen Craig, second from left, was one of many volunteers who helped raise \$25,000 and gathered 2102 school supplies donations, making the First Allegheny Music Festival to Benefit Abused and Neglected Children a success. David Crosby and CPR performed at the event. NCJW donated the use of its truck to transport the school supplies.

UJF Women to hear Bosnian Jewish convert

UJF release

The plight of Eastern European Jewish communities will be the topic when the United Jewish Federation Women kick off their 2001 campaign on Monday, Sept. 25, beginning at 7 p.m., at the UJF building, 234 McKee Place, in Oakland.

Speaker will be Sara Pecanac, a native of Sarajevo, along with a representative of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC).

Pecanac was born to a Bosnian Moslem mother who risked her life to save Jews during the Holocaust and, consequently, was declared a "Righteous Gentile," by the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial in Jerusalem. This title was never before conferred on a Moslem. In appreciation for Sara's mother's deeds, Israel brought the family to live in the Jewish State when the war broke out in Bosnia.

"The Jews have been a persecuted people," Sara said. "Yet they had the compassion to help penniless refugees. I felt there was something special about the religion," she added, explaining why she, her husband, Moshe, and their daughter, Esther, all converted to Judaism.

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Here's to your health

BY JO RIFKIN
Staff Writer

Today's specialized world can be cumbersome, confusing and limited — especially when it involves healing.

Take for example, Henry S., age 39 and a successful investment banker who recently received a very challenging diagnosis of a rare cancer. His top-notch oncologists are recommending an experimental treatment, which is sure to be difficult to endure, even if it does, indeed, help.

Henry's immediate network of family and friends are subtly and not so subtly encouraging him to "go for it," but Henry is not sure that is the correct path for him to take....

So what now? How does the patient feel? Or his family? What about the physicians sentiments?

The LHAS Shalom Network is trying to fill in the blanks — for both health care providers and lay people in an afternoon this Sunday from 2-4 at the Katz Auditorium of the JCC. Together, at the event called "Healing with Tradition," co-sponsored by Jewish Family & Children's Service and the JCC Wellness Program, they will "diagnose" the needs of specific people, similar to the one above.

These case studies will place the audi-

ence into a "you are there" experience as they are recreated by the Pittsburgh Playback Theater, an interactive, improvisational group. These vignettes will be speaking from the perspectives of a physician, nurse, social worker, patient, family or rabbi. After brainstorming, the diversified audience will then (hopefully) discover an holistic approach to catering to those in need.

"The Shalom Network addresses the interests and needs of the whole gamut of care givers — from lay people to professionals, from professionals to lay people," explains Dr. Gayle Rosner Abrams, who co-founded The Shalom Network with Rabbi Larry Heimer in conjunction with the Ladies' Hospital Aid Society.

They are learning together in a relaxed atmosphere where there "are no egos," says Rabbi Heimer.

Judaism, says Rabbi Heimer, "focuses on good health care and a commitment to life. It is not a coincidence that there are so many Jewish medical providers."

Judaism also stresses a support system where "healing becomes a communal responsibility," which is what Shalom Network is all about.

To tightly define the Shalom Network is difficult. If it were a physician, the Shalom Network would hang out a "General Practitioner" shingle, with an em-

phasis on holistic medicine.

But it's not a medical organization. It offers insight and interconnectiveness into navigating one stop shopping for wellness — and understanding.

The Shalom Network integrates, or as Dr. Abrams, a religious educator at Temple Emanuel, Pastoral Care intern and former clinical pathologist says, "It connects the dots" to the health care programs offered in Pittsburgh. "It integrates medical, psychological, social and Jewish spiritual approaches to healing."

Rabbi Heimer, UPMC Staff and Pastoral Care Rabbi and Dr. Abrams visit Jews and non-Jewish patients and their family. All are dealing with illness. Some face religious issues or family dynamics torn asunder by disease.

"They are in a place that people don't want to be in. They are people often questioning their own identity and who they are," explains Rabbi Heimer. Oftentimes people turn to sources from Judaism or any guideposts they can use, he says.

"Healing is an on-going process and involves the healing of soul, spirit and body, something that Judaism long realized," he notes. "They all must be interconnected."

The Network is here to provide forums for health care providers so they may

Please see *Health*, Page 18.

David Shtulman is the Area Director of the American Jewish Committee.



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Honors for the Sacks



Israel Bonds photo

Poale Zedeck Congregation and State of Israel Bonds recently honored Shirley and Aaron Sacks at a tribute dinner. They received the Golden Mezuzah award in recognition of their contributions to the synagogue, Jewish communal causes and support of Pittsburgh/Tri-State Israel Bonds. Front row, from left: Aaron and Shirley Sacks, Gerry and Sidney Silverman, co-chairmen. Back, from left: William Sacks and Dr. Joseph Sacks.

Howard Hanna to get JNF's top award, Oct. 11

JNF release

Howard W. "Hoddy" Hanna III, president and chief executive officer of Hanna Holdings, Inc. and Howard Hanna Real Estate Services, will receive Jewish National Fund's highest honor, the "Tree of Life Award" at a testimonial dinner Wednesday, Oct. 11, at the Westin William Penn Hotel. Cocktails begin at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7.

Thomas Golonski, chairman, president and chief executive officer of National City Bank of Pennsylvania, Lawrence N. Gumberg, vice chairman and chief operating officer of J.J. Gumberg Co., Monsignor William A. Kerr, president of La Roche College and William Pietragallo II, of Pietragallo, Bosick & Gordon, are co-chairmen of the event.

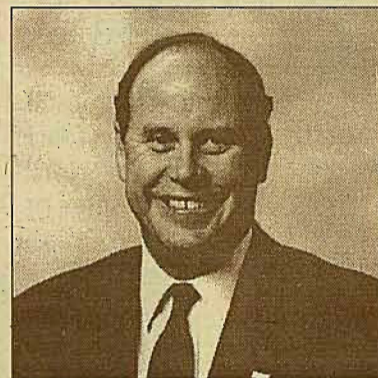
"We are pleased to present the Tree of Life Award to Mr. Hanna, a man of great accomplishment who has had tremendous impact in our community through his generosity and dedication," said Steven H. Schwartz, JNF Western PA Region president.

The Tree of Life Award is given in recognition of outstanding professional and humanitarian leadership, dedication to American-Israeli friendship and devotion to world peace. Proceeds from the event will be used to plant a forest in Hanna's name in American Independence Park outside of Jerusalem.

"Hoddy" Hanna began his professional career with Hanna Real Estate Services in 1965, prior to entering John Carroll University. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from John Carroll in 1969 and became a full-time sales associ-

ate in 1970 and general manager in 1974. He became chief operating officer of real estate services and its parent company, Hanna Holdings, Inc. when the company incorporated in 1979. He moved on to become president in 1983 and chief executive officer in 1990.

He is a founder and past chairman of the West Penn MultiList and has received awards and honors including: the 1997 "Western Pennsylvania Entrepreneur of the Year" by Ernst & Young; the Pittsburgh Vectors 1997 "Businessman of the Year"; the "Family Businessman of the Year" in 1998 from the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Business; the 1999 "Western Pennsylvania Philanthropist of the Year" from the National



JNF photo

Howard Hanna

Fundraisers Association; the 2000 Golden Achievement Award from Junior Achievement; and served as chairman of the Allegheny County 2000 Home Rule Charter.

Hanna is also a member of the Board of Trustees of La Roche College, and the Board of Visitors of the Joseph M. Katz Graduate School of Business at the University of Pittsburgh. Currently, Hanna serves as vice chairman of the Family House Board of Directors, is a member of the Hamot Hospital Board of Trustees in Erie, is vice chairman of the Board of Trustees of Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh and is a Board member of the Pittsburgh Film Office.

Hoddy is married to Mary Anne Duffy Hanna and they are the parents of five children and the grandparents of two.

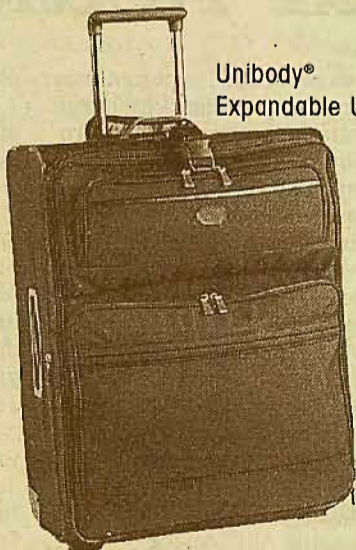
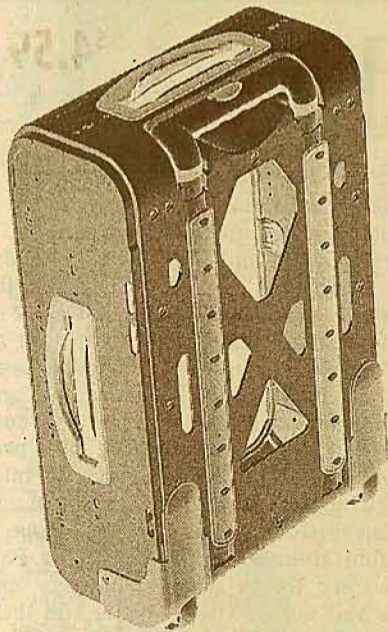
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Silent Witness initiative honors DA Zappala, Jr.

NCJW release

Domestic violence is one of the most common of all crimes. To combat this and heighten awareness in the community, National Council of Jewish Women, Pittsburgh Section, and the Junior League of Pittsburgh, Inc., will unveil 18 new "witnesses," life-size silhouettes, painted red, each bearing a breast plate memorializing a woman killed at the hands of an abuser or "loved one."



NJCW photo

Allegheny County. In his over two years as District Attorney, Zappala has created the Domestic Violence Unit. The team working with the DA supports victim-oriented agencies, works with the state legislature, and interfaces with the healthcare industry.

They work directly with many social service agencies such as the Women's Center & Shelter, Crisis Center North, and Pittsburgh Action Against Rape.

After the unveiling ceremony, the exhibit is available for display and public education. This traveling exhibit adds 18 witnesses to the 20 witnesses unveiled two years ago. Witness transportation can be arranged.

The unveiling event is open to the public, but reservations are requested. Call 412-421-6118.

The unveiling ceremony takes place on Tuesday, Sept. 26 at 5:30 p.m. at the Westin William Penn Hotel. Nina Pineda and Kristine Sorenson of WTAE-TV will be the "voices" of the witnesses.

At the event, Allegheny County District Attorney Stephen A. Zappala, Jr. will be honored for his commitment to the women, children, and families of Al-

Stephen A. Zappala, Jr.

YPS returns to Bnai Zion after a fire

YPS release

Young People's Synagogue, Pittsburgh's first and longest lasting Havura, will return to its refurbished building, the YPS/Bnai Zion, Congregation building at 6404 Forbes Ave., for Shabbat Ki Tavo, September 15-16.

The building was badly damaged by fire on January 19, 2000, and required major renovations. During the entire period from January to the present, YPS maintained a full schedule of services in the ZOA House across the street from its permanent home.

Members of the Jewish community may join in, as the congregation returns to its sanctuary.

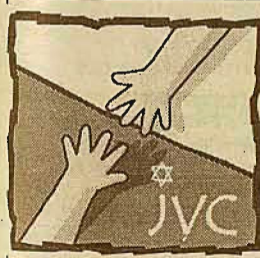
Memory expert to speak at West Penn forum

West Penn Hospital release

Dr. Cynthia Green, founding director of The Memory Enhancement Program at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York and author of "Total Memory Workout: Eight Easy Steps to Maximum Memory Fitness" will speak at the Sheraton Station Square 12:30 p.m. Sept. 22. It is open to the public.

Her presentation is part of a regional geriatrics forum presented by The Western Pennsylvania Hospital's Senior Health Services, Vintage Community Care for Seniors and the Pennsylvania-West Virginia Geriatrics Society.

To register, contact the Continuing Medical Education Department at West Penn Hospital at 578-6927.



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Young Adults Bridges slates 9 event program

UJF release

The United Jewish Federation Young Adult Division (YAD) has set the sessions for Bridges, a nine-session educational program that introduces participants to local Jewish agencies and provides options for their future involvement in the Jewish community.

"This course is a great chance for young Jewish adults to socialize while learning about UJF, its related agencies and the opportunities available to participate in the Jewish community," said Amy Himmel, who chairs Bridges along with Larry Jacobson. A veteran of the previous year's Bridges program, she favors the historical bus tour of Jewish Pittsburgh, which is part of this year's program as well.

"The bus tour was enjoyed by everyone last year," she said. "Even born and bred Pittsburghers discovered new things about the city's Jewish past, from the little Jewish cemeteries on the hills to some of the unique areas of early Jewish settlement."

Bridges kicks off with an introductory session on Thursday, Sept. 21, during which participants will get an overview of the program. On Sunday, Oct. 29, the group will take an historical bus tour of Jewish Pittsburgh, with commentary by Nicholas Lane.

On Wednesday, Nov. 15 group members will see community needs and services firsthand as they tour local Jewish community agencies. A Young Adult Division Mitzvah Day on Monday, Dec. 25 will engage Bridges participants in hands-on involvement, as they lend a hand where needed at area agencies.

The program continues with a session featuring Rabbi Danny Schiff, who will offer insights on tikkun olam, repairing the world, and tzedaka.

The following session will feature remarks from members of the Young Adults Division recently returned from a mission to the Former Soviet Union; they will share their experiences and enlighten the group on circumstances and needs of Jewish communities abroad.

In April, Bridges will simulate the Federation allocations process, thereby illustrating the difficult choices that must be made as funds are disbursed in support of local, national and international services. A wrap-up session will be held in May.

Bridges is open to men and women between the ages of 22 and 40. There is a fee for the course which covers the cost of meals and materials. Space is limited. For information or to reserve space, contact Brian Herstig, 681-8000, ext. 231, or by e-mailing bherstig@ujf.net.

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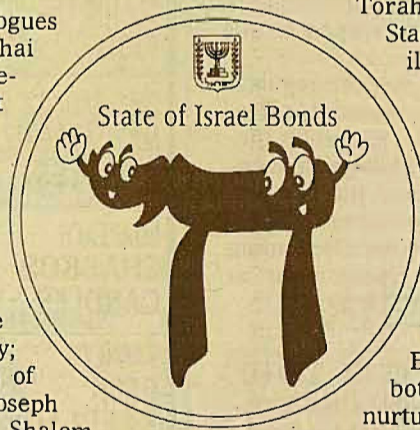
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For information, call 521-9514 or 521-8010.

ZOA opening meeting addresses Jerusalem

ZOA release

Community Shaliach Zur Goldblum will be keynote speaker at the Zionist Organization of America - Pittsburgh District's opening meeting on Thursday, Sept. 21 at 8 p.m. at the ZOA House, 6334 Forbes Ave. His topic is "Security and Other Implications of Peace as Proposed by the Arabs and Barak on Jerusalem." The meeting is free and open to the public. For information call 412/421-6660.

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JCC to hold annual meeting on Sept. 21

JCC release

The Jewish Community Center of Greater Pittsburgh 105th Annual Meeting is set for Thursday, Sept. 21 at 7 p.m. in the Katz Performing Arts Center of the Alex & Leona Robinson Building, 5738 Darlington Rd.

"You Belong Here" is the theme of the program, which will feature entertainment by the Senior High Musical cast as they perform numbers from "Grease!" Attendees may have a complimentary kosher dessert while they hear highlights

from the 1999-2000 fiscal year and learn about the JCC's dreams for the new year.

At the meeting, the JCC will recognize donors and install the new slate of JCC officers and board members.

The awards at the event include the Rogal-Ruslander Leadership Award, the S.J. Noven Koach Award, the Ida and Samuel Latterman Volunteer Mitzvah Award and the Lillian Goldstein Senior Award.

Annual Meeting co-chairmen are Sharon and Eric Perelman. For information, call 521-8010.

ZOA announces new Israel scholarship fund

ZOA release

The Zionist Organization of America-Pittsburgh District announces the creation of the "Patricia Anouchi Scholarship Fund." Its purpose is to encourage area college students to complete research projects on Zionism.

Undergraduate and graduate students from the Pittsburgh District of the ZOA who have completed at least one year in an accredited university or college, may submit a proposal for a research project on a topic that will be within the criteria of the scholarship fund. The proposal will describe the planned research project, which will include a visit to Israel, and will be based on interviews of prominent individuals as well as library research.

A complete list of suggested topics is available. Applicants, are encouraged to submit other original topics. Proposals will be evaluated by the Scholarship Committee of the ZOA or by committee appointed scholars. The application deadline is February 1, 2001.

Abe Anouchi, ZOA board member, and his wife, Patricia, started the scholarship because, "Patty and I are life-long Zionists," Anouchi stated. "We want to actively assist students who have a love of Israel."

A scholarship stipend of \$500 will be initially awarded and is contingent upon the student's obtaining other funding for the trip to Israel. An additional stipend of \$250 will be available for exceptional research papers.

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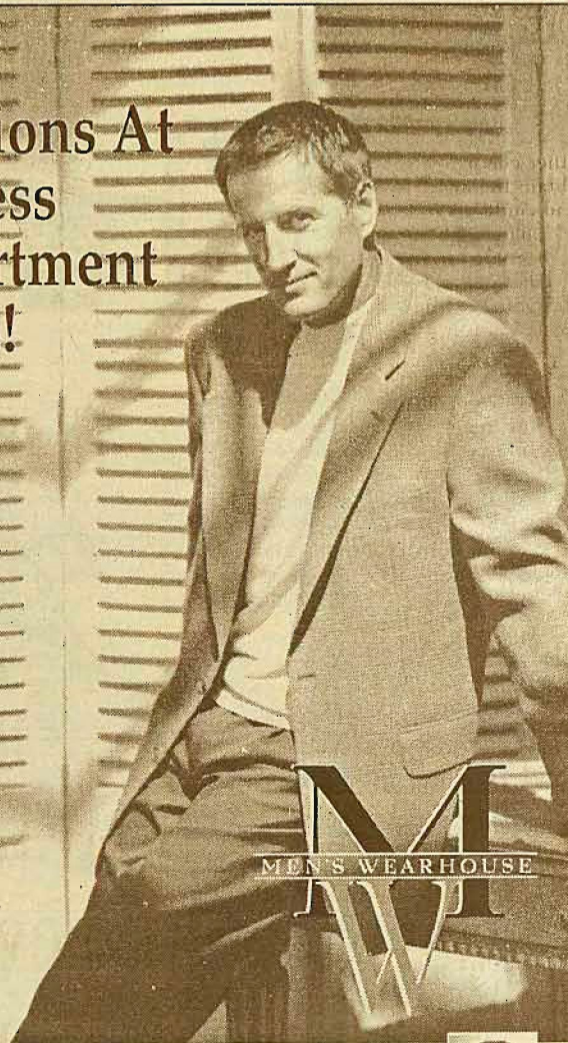
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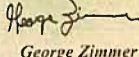
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By Iris M. Samson

Assistant Editor

Imagine growing up without any grandparents, aunts, uncles or cousins. Holidays are spent with distant relatives or family friends; seminal life events are celebrated with a small circle.

That is how many children of Holocaust survivors grew up; for them, family consists of a handful of relatives, and family memories are either blurred, begin after World War II ended, or are not discussed at all.

Yet many children are curious about their parents' past. Many want to know about the life their parents may have had — and lost.

For two Pittsburghers, much of that past was uncovered during the recent Trip 2000, which visited Poland and Prague. The trip, sponsored by the Holocaust Center of Greater Pittsburgh and the Jewish Education Institute, gave participants the opportunity to view Jewish life in Europe — not only what was lost, but the richness of the life that once was.

Linda Hurwitz, long-time director of Pittsburgh's Holocaust Center, made her first trip to Poland this summer. Before joining the group, Linda traveled to Lodz, Poland, where her mother was born.

"My mother was in the Lodz ghetto from 1940 through August 25, 1944, and

was on the last transport out of the ghetto," Linda explains. She was sent to Auschwitz, along with her sister.

She survived the camp, and hid during a death march. Discovered, she was put on a ship with other Jewish camp inmates that was to be sunk by the Germans. Linda's mother and a friend again survived, by jumping off and swimming to shore and safety.

Linda's mother met her father, a Jew from Riga, after liberation. He had had a previous family, all killed by the Nazis. The two survivors met and married in the fall of 1946, and came to America shortly thereafter.

"My mother didn't want me to go back to Poland," Linda says, quietly. "She told me it was just a graveyard. But she had always told me of her story, about life in the ghetto, about Lodz."

Several years ago, Linda's mother found out she had a first cousin who survived the war in France. He returned to Poland after the war, changed his Jewish name and married a Polish Christian woman. "They lived as Polish Christians," Linda explains. "They had two children, and he didn't discuss his background with them. But his daughter found out he was born a Jew."

The desire for family contact grew, and he wrote to family in Israel. They in turn told Linda's mother, who began a correspondence.

"I wanted to meet them, my second cousins," Linda says. "We arranged that I



Holocaust Center photo

Judy Berkowitz lights memorial candles at Birkenau, while saying kaddish with her father, back in Montreal.

would travel to Lodz," to finally meet members of her mother's family.

"It was strange to realize I am related to these people who grew up under Communism as Christians," Linda continues. "There was a cross hanging on the living room wall above the door. They have scant knowledge of their connection to the Holocaust and to Judaism. The Holocaust is such a central part of my identity, and so little a part of theirs.

"What surprised me most," she says, "was learning that they had visited Israel three times with their church group. They met with our relatives in Tel Aviv, and were interested in learning about the family."

Linda learned that many Poles are confused about their true identities. "Many people are not sure of their background and roots. They are unclear about the true history of their grandparents and great-grandparents.

"A lot of Poles are Jewish, or have Jewish relatives. There is a strain of people with some Jewish heritage, who are only now confronting it."

Like Linda, Judy Berkowitz is the daughter of two survivors. Her mother was born in Sosnowiec, Poland, and her father came from the Carpathian Mountains.

"My mother was sent to a camp in 1942, and my father was taken with the last Hungarian transports in 1944," Judy relates. Her mother was in a concentration camp associated with Auschwitz, survived, participated in a death march, and was liberated near Ravensbruck.

Her father was taken to Birkenau — where he last saw his parents at "selection," when those slated for death were picked. From there, he went to work in Mauthausen. Slated for death, he survived by a fluke and was sent to Ebensee, where he was a forced laborer.

When the two were liberated, they tried to go home. "My father found a few pieces of jewelry his parents had hid in the cellar, including an earring from my grandmother," says Judy, pointing to a chain around her neck.

"My mother went back to her town, and found nothing. She survived, along with a cousin, and later found a brother who had survived Mengele's experiments." Another brother was also located, living in Egypt.

"My parents met in Brussels, preparing to board the Theodore Herzl to Palestine," Judy smiles. The Aliya Bet ship was stopped by the British, and ended up in Cyprus, where Judy's parents' courtship began; they married there. Judy's mother was a midwife in the detention camp, and her father served as a nurse. The two "closed the camp," finally making aliya.

"That's where I was born, and my sister," Judy relates. In 1960, the family emigrated to Montreal. Judy came to Pittsburgh 20 years ago.

"I always wanted to go to my parents' hometowns with them," Judy begins. "My purpose of going was not to see the concentration camps; it was much more personal. I wanted to see my mother's school," feel what her mother's life had been like.

Before visiting Sosnowiec, however, Judy visited Birkenau with the group.

"At first I didn't want to go. But when we got there, I knew it was the last place my father saw his parents. The expanse of it, the size," got to her.

Soon ready to leave, Judy noticed the guide began talking about the Hungarian transports to Birkenau. "The story he told was very personal, very familiar. I realized it was the story of my father.

"I asked him to recreate the last few hours of my father with his parents," she says, quietly. "He walked us down the tracks, talked about the selection process. Right, left, and then in the next minute, my father never saw his parents again. He had no idea what was happening."

One of the group's members was on a cell phone when the participants prepared to say Kaddish. "I took the phone and called my father in Montreal," Judy continues. "We said Kaddish together in Birkenau.

"I tried to keep calm, because he was so emotional. But he got through it" and so did Judy.

"Here we were, in the ashes. I was probably standing on my grandparents' last resting place. But everything just came together," she says.

"After that, I felt great about the trip, and about being in Poland. It was good for me; it brought closure" in many ways.

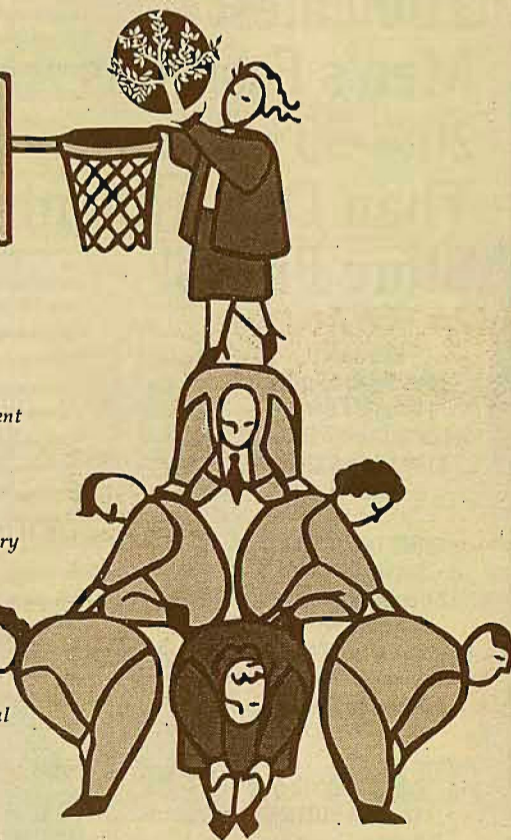
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Shared decision making: Empowering patients to get well

As a new era in health care dawns, one of the most important innovations may prove to be shared decision making. An enrichment of the doctor-patient relationship, shared decision making has grown out of the information explosion of the last 25 years. Dr. Jon Lloyd, a surgeon at UPMC Shadyside, says that most of his patients age 45 and younger have already accessed the Internet seeking information about their condition before they consult him. Access to information now gives patients greater participation in their own treatment. This is what shared decision making is about.

An enthusiastic advocate of shared decision making, Dr. Lloyd says the physician is no longer "Marcus Welby, MD," the dispenser of all medical wisdom and knowledge. Increasingly, the doctor's role, he says, will be to lead patients to quality medical information about the range of treatment options and to clarify for patients the likely outcomes and side effects with each option. For many common diseases, there is more than one established treatment. For example, a patient with a diagnosis of prostate cancer would learn about the options of radiation vs. surgical treatment.

"With over 17,000 health information sites on the Web and some 150 cable television channels," Dr. Lloyd says, "the quality of information patients are getting on their own ranges from the good, to the bad, to the ugly. Most patients want help to distinguish what is good." He adds that many doctors are not yet involved in helping patients to access information; but this will be a part of the doctor's role in the future. In the age of information, keeping up to date with all treatments available is a challenge for doctors. In addition, research shows that patients are able to understand the medical information to which doctors will refer them.

Fax, e-mail, video, and Web will be the means to get information to patients. "The Internet is a friend. Doctors need to learn ways to mentor patients in using it," Dr. Lloyd says. "Doctors also must encourage patients over age 45, who are more reluctant, to go to the Web for information." The Foundation for Informed Medical Decision Making supplies some of the best health information available for patients. This nonprofit foundation updates its health information about the most common diseases every six months and disseminates it through a company called Health Dialog.

Along with appropriate medical information, two other elements in shared decision making are the patient's preferred outcome for his or her particular life situation and the patient's value system. The patient brings this personal information to the physician. Dr. Lloyd says that the "conversation" between doctor and patient is taking on greater importance. The patient communicates personal preferences and values to the doctor. The doctor provides medical expertise. "The doctor is not a 'Father Knows Best' figure, making all treatment decisions for the patient," Dr. Lloyd explains. "Rather, the doctor and the patient are partners in making treatment decisions." Shared decision making recognizes that people with the same health problem may choose very different treatments.

When these elements of shared decision making are present, says Dr. Lloyd, research shows that patients cooperate more fully with their treatment. Greater patient compliance with medical care leads to better medical results, increased satisfaction with quality of service, and lower

health care costs. When patients do not comply with their treatment, medical results can be unsatisfactory, thus increasing health care costs in the long run. The figures also show that fully informed patients tend to choose lower-risk treatments, which are often less expensive. In addition, informed patients have more realistic expectations of treatment. Medical, service, and cost outcomes all improve with shared decision making.



"The most powerful piece of health care reform is shared decision making."

DR. JON LLOYD
Department of Surgery,
UPMC Shadyside

In shared decision making, the physician defines medical quality; the patient defines service quality. "Sharing information with patients gives them greater responsibility — which empowers patients. Sharing information and responsibility actually increases their motivation to get better and reduces the costs of health care," states Dr. Lloyd. "The most powerful piece of health care reform is shared decision making."

Town Meeting for Seniors

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Israeli votes could influence American election



Nechemia Meyers

Votes cast by American residents in Israel could influence the outcome of the U.S. Presidential elections. There are some 70,000 eligible voters in the Jewish State and some 60% of them customarily cast absentee ballots.

This year, the percentage of those casting such ballots is expected to rise to some 80%, mainly due to the candidacy of Lieberman for Vice President.

The reason why these thousands of votes are important is because the election results in many key states are likely to be close, and 95% of the Americans living here are from such states: namely California, Florida, Illinois, Michigan, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania. And it will be remembered that in the 1992 elections, the margin of victory in both Illinois and Michigan was only several thousand votes.

It is not only the Lieberman candidacy that will cause most Americans in Israel to support Gore, says Dave Froehlich, long active in Democrats Abroad.

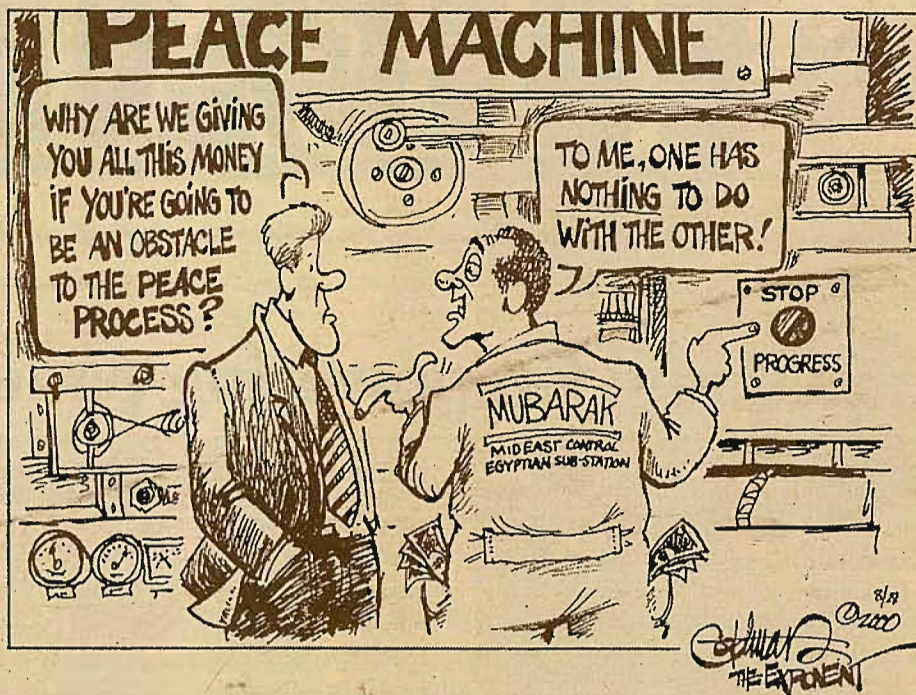
"We remember the last Bush administration, which wasn't very friendly to Israel, and," he adds, "we have every reason to fear that George's son will be far worse than his father in this respect. My friends and I are also influenced by the fact that the Republican candidate opposes free choice where abortion is concerned, favors the rich over the poor and is supported by reactionary elements like the Christian Coalition and the National Rifle Association."

Of course, while the majority of U.S. citizens in this country will undoubtedly support Gore and Lieberman, some will cast their ballots for Bush and Cheney. Eliyahu Weinstein, who is Chairman of Republicans Abroad, Israel says that he and his compatriots support the Republican candidate because, among other things, he is determined to abolish the estate tax, favors a strong defense policy and, so they believe, will be less likely to pressure Israel into trading land for an ephemeral promise of peace. Lieberman, they argue, won't make any difference in this respect, because Gore will listen instead to "the left-wing Jews" left over from the Clinton Administration.

Application forms for absentee ballots are available from American consular officials in Tel Aviv, Haifa and Jerusalem (but only East Jerusalem), as well as from the Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and Netanya offices of the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel. English-language bookstores and other "Anglo enterprises" are likewise distributing them.

Those expatriate Yanks who aren't seeking absentee ballots are usually unwilling to bother. But there are also some who feel that, having decided to live here, they have no right to try and influence developments in the "old country."

In less than two months time, at 5 a.m. on November 8, supporters of both the Democrats and the Republicans will gather at the American Cultural Center in (West) Jerusalem to watch the results of the Presidential elections come in over CNN. A few hours later, some will be celebrating, while others—distressed by the outcome—will quietly slip out of the room.



On the ground, Arabs prefer to be Israeli



Jay Bushinsky

JERUSALEM — Like many other places in the Middle East, the situation on the ground here is much different than the way it comes across in the international news media.

The truth is that the status quo is preferable for many and quite possibly most of the Palestinian Arabs who live within Jerusalem's enlarged municipal boundaries than the alternative being promoted by the Clinton Administration and allied Israeli doves: life under the undemocratic, corrupt and scientifically-backward Palestinian National Authority.

Of the 180,000 Arabs who live in this city, an estimated 45,000 want to become full-fledged citizens of Israel rather than be co-opted into the projected Palestinian state.

In fact, the Israeli Ministry of the Interior's office in so-called "East Jerusalem" is flooded with applicants. One local Palestinian who has spent time in PNA jails said "the ministry should open 21 more offices in the city's Arab sectors" to ease the pressure on the existing one. When reminded of the 45,000 applicants, he retorted, "there are many, many more."

The main reason why Israeli citizenship is in such great demand is because it guarantees freedom of speech, expression, travel and above all, protection under the laws of the state. These attributes hardly exist within the patchwork-like realm of the PNA.

The tentacles of Arafat's interlocking secret services already extend to resident Palestinian Jerusalemites. Their agents have spirited away dozens of Arab civilians who do not tow the PNA's political line or do not do its financial bidding: pay off when ordered to do so.

Ironically, Mayor Ehud Olmert would be delighted to see the Arab Jerusalemites brandishing Israeli passports and identity cards. But others within Israel's political establishment who are guided by a mistaken understanding of Zionist ideology are reluctant to en-

large Israel's Arab minority of nearly one million (a sixth of the population) by adding Jerusalem's Arabs to it.

Not that it is so easy for the local Arabs to throw their lot in with Israel rather than with the PNA and the subsequent territorial ambitions of the projected Palestinian state.

"We have been warned by the PNA that those who apply for Israeli citizenship will be regarded as traitors and will be treated accordingly," a prominent Arab journalist said.

"Look at Nazareth," he went on. "All of its inhabitants are Arabs and they enjoy Israeli citizenship. Why can't we be like them? What difference does it make to Israel's Jewish majority that the Nazarenes are Arabs?"

The reality is that none of the Camp David summiters — namely, President Clinton, Prime Minister Barak and Chairman Arafat — ever tried to verify objectively and accurately how the people who might be affected by their attempt to carve up Jerusalem and parcel out the morsels to Israelis and Palestinians — perish the thought — and whether the people affected really want them to do what they have been trying to do.

At the heart of the matter is the sacred Temple Mount, site of Islam's exquisite Dome of the Rock and al-Aqsa Mosque. In an act of wisdom and magnanimity, the late Moshe Dayan granted the Muslim 'Waqf' (religious trust) administrative authority over its entire expanse and the 'Waqf' has fulfilled its responsibility impeccably for the past 33 years.

There is no sense in demanding Islamic sovereignty as well if only because it immediately raises the issue of Judaism's prior claim and hence Israel's refusal to change the status quo. Nor is there any justification for President Clinton's active involvement in such an arcane theological dispute. He should have stayed out of it rather than agonize over ways to give Arafat partial gratification when nothing less than total domination would satisfy him.

If he understood the Middle East for what it really is — a region in which nothing is ever the way it seems to be — his self-styled role as a peacemaker might have been much less frustrating for him.

No turning back for Odessa backstroker

By Peter Ephross

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK — Millions of immigrants have flocked to the United States looking for streets paved with gold.

Lenny Krayzelburg, who came to the United States from Odessa, Ukraine, in 1988 is searching for gold as well — but in a pool at Sydney's Olympic Games.

Several Jewish athletes from the former Soviet Union are competing for Israel in this year's Games, which begin Sept. 15, but the one competing for the United States — Krayzelburg — appears to be the one most likely to win.

As an immigrant, Krayzelburg, who now lives in Southern California, says he faces pressure beyond the opponents he faces in his competitions.

"Your parents make a lifetime change. They had a pretty stable life back in Russia. We were financially well off. Here they make their life change for the betterment of their kid," Krayzelburg, 24, told JTA shortly before leaving for Sydney.

"You as a child want to become successful so that was the right decision, that it was right for them to leave. It's definitely an extra incentive," said Krayzelburg, who will compete in the 100-and 200-meter backstroke.

Working out his problems in the pool is something he was conditioned to do in the Soviet Union, where he was identified as a possible world-class athlete before he was 10.

This identification entitled him to attend a school with 44 other swimmers who went to classes and swam together for 12 hours a day.

Even though he is swimming for the United States, Krayzelburg, described by The New York Times as "movie-star handsome," knows a lot of his friends and family in Odessa will be following his races with special interest.

"We saw the discrimination around us. If a Russian kid wants to go to a university, they cut the number of Jewish kids getting higher education. When you fill out the application for a job, and they ask for your nationality and they find out you are Jewish, they try not to hire you," as his mother, Yelena, recently described Soviet-era state-sponsored discrimination to the Times.

After Krayzelburg immigrated to the United States, he faced a number of pitfalls, both in and out of the pool.

Finding a pool that would allow him to train was one problem. Learning English was another.

His family struggled financially, and in order to make money to help out his family, he worked as a lifeguard at the Westside Jewish Community Center in Los Angeles.

Despite these difficulties, Krayzelburg eventually shined in the water. He won the 1994 California state junior championships in the 100-and 200-meter backstroke, setting a national junior college record in the backstroke.

He finished fifth in the Olympics in the 200-meter backstroke at the 1996 Olympic trials, and owns the world record in both the 100 and 200.

He also earned a degree in finance from the University of Southern California.

Krayzelburg, who has a reputation as one of the hardest trainers on the U.S. team, tries to deal with the pressure he faces by enjoying himself in the pool.

"I've kind of already proven myself. I just try to go out and swim well and that puts a smile on my face," he says.

Beyond necessities, kids need little things

By JOEL ROTEMAN
Executive Editor

There is more to life than food, clothing and a roof over your head. Little things mean a lot, especially to children from deprived backgrounds. That is the reasoning that brought Common Pleas Judge Max Baer, a Mt. Lebanon resident, to seek a way to help.



File photo

Judge Baer

"I had served 10 1/2 years in Family Court, the last 6 1/2 as the head Judge," Baer told The Chronicle, "and I saw the need over and over. While the government provides for the bare essentials for these economically deprived children, it doesn't provide for the little things."

The little things include a yo-yo for a 6 year-old who never had one, or a tuxedo for a poor young man's prom date or a baseball glove for an 8 year-old. Judge Baer's response to the simple little needs was to put on a benefit concert.

"I thought this would allow people to contribute and people love to help out."

What ultimately happened was a benefit concert featuring CPR, headed by rock legend David Crosby. But that is just part of the story.

Judge Baer went to the county to get help finding a venue for the concert. Hartwood Acres was the site and the County agreed to pay its usual artist's fee. "But concert artists get big bucks, so I turned to Jewish Healthcare Foundation. Karen Feinstein (JHF exec) always wants to help and so we signed CPR."

The concert was free, but a \$10 donation for parking was suggested. It was a success.

It was a beautiful setting, a beautiful night. People were willing to give and it was participatory. The evening netted \$25,000 plus \$2,300 in school supplies—crayons, markers, backpacks, etc.

"Among the first people I called for help was Ruth Garfinkel and Lynne Jacobson of National Council of Jewish Women. They organized the whole effort" with the school supplies. "They col-

lected and distributed the stuff to the needy."

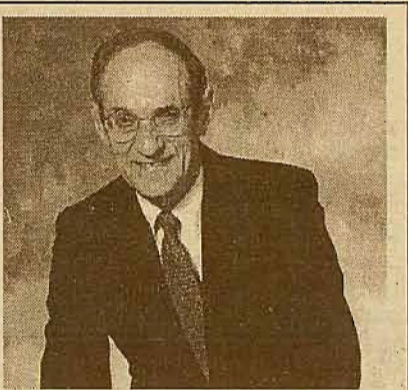
The needy were determined by the roster of the Department of Human Services, "for legitimacy, so we wouldn't get requests from parents who just want things for their kids."

While public law provides economic necessities for the deprived children, "The \$25,000 will be used to enrich the lives of the children.

There are no constraints on the gifts. Nothing (even a yo-yo) is too small."

Calliope—the Pittsburgh Folk Music Society—joined in as a co-sponsor with Jewish Healthcare Foundation and the County.

Judge Baer, the son of Bud and Helen Baer of Mt. Lebanon, hopes the benefit concert will become an annual event.



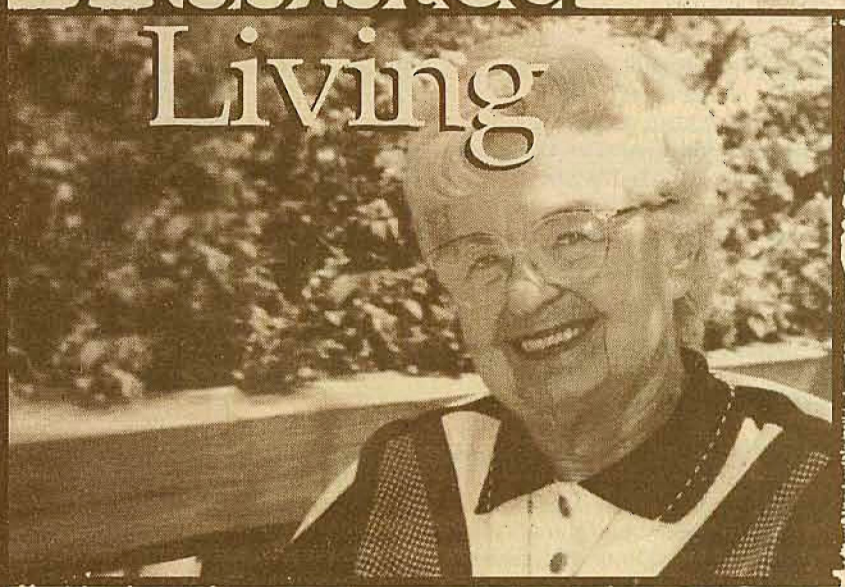
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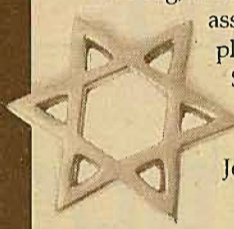
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Rabbi Alvin K. Berkun, spiritual leader of Tree of Life Congregation will be the featured speaker at the September 20, Downtown Lunch and Learn Series. The study group will meet on the 9th floor of the City County Building in the Academy of Trial Lawyers Conference Room, from noon until 1 p.m.

The topic of discussion will be "Getting High on the High Holidays."

The Downtown Lunch and Learn Series is sponsored by the following organizations: American Jewish Committee, Bnai Zion Pittsburgh Region, State of Israel Bonds, Jewish National Fund, NAAMAT, Pittsburgh Council and the Zionist Organization of America Pittsburgh District. The October meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 18. All discussions are free and open to the public.

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Raviv: Camp David came close

By IRIS M. SAMSON
Assistant Editor

He speaks in measured, even tones, possessing one of the more enduring and recognizable voices on radio.

His politics and world view reflect this; veteran CBS correspondent Dan Raviv prides himself on his objectivity.

Though he doesn't put much stock in it, Raviv notes, with a smile, "I'm a Libra, a balanced person, and it fits me like a glove. I always see both sides."

For Raviv, this has been a huge strength; despite being the son of Israeli immigrants, he has been well received in such venues as Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Jordan. His "non-partisanship" has allowed him to have equal access to such rivals as Israeli leaders Benjamin Netanyahu and Shimon Peres; and his reputation for fairness has paid off at home, too, for Raviv has a coveted "national correspondent" slot in Washington, D.C., and just this week begins anchoring the CBS News Weekend Roundup, featuring the network's top TV and radio correspondents.

On top of all that, Raviv is an especially committed Jew, who came here last week to address a United Jewish Federation event, and who is currently writing a book about American Jewry's future.

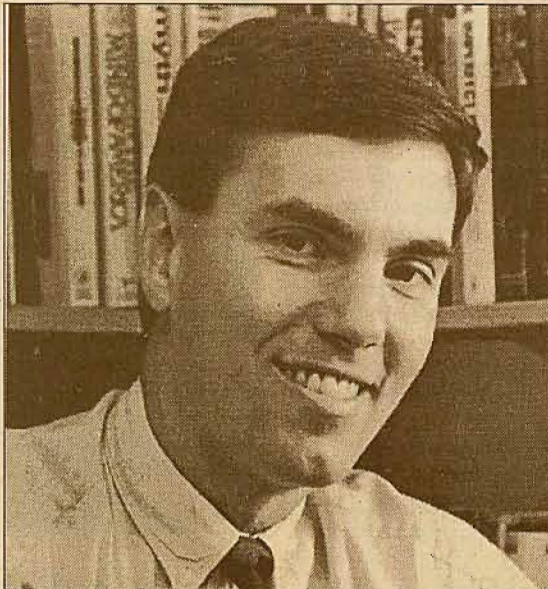
Raviv, handsome enough to be a TV anchor, covered the recent Camp David summit that came "close," as he notes, to achieving an agreement between Israel

and the Palestinians.

"It really could have succeeded, without question," Raviv observes. "Barak brought a package more generous than anyone expected. I think that caught Arafat off guard." Raviv explains that a source told him that Arafat was especially intransigent on Jerusalem.

"He said he couldn't give up the Holy City of Jerusalem," the source told Raviv. "Clinton reportedly looked at him, and told Arafat, 'Do you realize what you're forcing your young people to endure — a lot more conflict? Why are you worried about what the Arab leaders who have repeatedly shafted you think?'" Raviv relates. Clinton, he says, was hopping mad.

Raviv, however, notes that "I don't know if the Israeli public is ready" for some of Barak's concessions. "I think, de-



Dan Raviv

Chronicle File Photo

spite glitches in the relationship, that Israel and the U.S. have a permanence to our relationship that's built in," based on such factors as the economy, trade and technology.

"Israel," says Raviv, who served for two years as CBS's Tel Aviv bureau correspondent, "needs to always have a technological edge. We need the military cooperation with the U.S., and the U.S., in turn,

needs to have a reliable ally. Israel fills the bill."

Asked about the current presidential race, Raviv thinks "neither party would be a tragedy for Israel, though there's an obvious advantage for players who know each other, and the Israelis are more comfortable with Gore. Having a Jewish vice president gives it a new tone."

Raviv admits to being "surprised and pleased when Joseph Lieberman was named Gore's running mate. My telephones were buzzing, beginning at 7 a.m." he smiles.

Raviv feels, however, there was too much talk about the "Jewish angle" when the nomination was first announced. "We have Jewish Supreme Court justices, senators," sighs Raviv. "Why say it took special courage to choose one of us for vice president? But I recognize that no one before ever did — an old barrier was broken."

Asked about the ADL's recent criticism of Lieberman for bringing religion into politics, Raviv notes that "he was speaking about his views of faith and morality in a Black church. I didn't think that was an unusual venue" for discussion about religion. "My wife, Dori, felt the ADL shouldn't be wasting their energy condemning someone supporting faith and morality. Maybe this will give the ADL greater license to criticize the other candidates now."

Raviv, who met his wife in Israel, entered broadcasting during his college days at Harvard. "By the end of my sophomore year, I was reporting for a

CBS all-news radio station. The checks were small then," he smiles, obviously enjoying his current position.

As the national correspondent in D.C., Raviv gets plum assignments. He recently covered both presidential conventions for CBS — with whom he's been affiliated for nearly 26 years. He took along his 15-year-old son, who came as an intern for CBS News. The two, avid baseball fans, travelled to three different baseball stadiums together.

"I'm always on the lookout to mix fun with work," says Raviv.

He's stayed in radio, though he's also appeared on camera, because CBS is "very much a radio company, too. There's a lot of focus on choosing the right reporter for the job. I have an ear for audio, much more than an eye for video. I always get the exact sound bite."

Raviv, who grew up in Great Neck, N.Y., is the son of two Tel Aviv natives. He had the chance to live in his father's old house during his two-year assignment to Tel Aviv, a special thrill, and he's strongly committed, Jewishly. He and his wife sent their two children to Jewish day schools in Miami, his last posting. They are active in a Conservative synagogue in a D.C. suburb, and are planning their daughter's coming Bat Mitzva.

Because of his flexible schedule, Raviv has had the opportunity to pen four books, including one best-seller, "Every Spy a Prince: The Complete History of Israel's Intelligence Community."

"I'm working on one now, on Jewish continuity," Raviv says, grinning. "It's a long term project; I actually began it many years ago, based on data that came out in 1990 that said at least half the Jews were intermarrying."

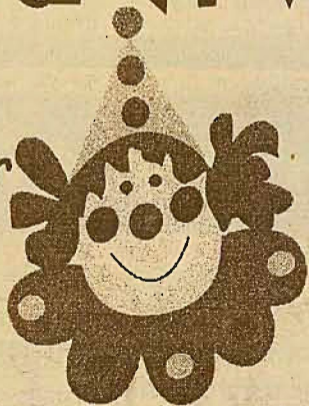
"I've come to a mixed conclusion — I'm an optimist by nature," says Raviv. "I don't think we're dying numerically, and I think it's possible that our numbers will continue — and that we won't all end up Orthodox. There are fabulously committed Reform and Conservative Jews, who will pass" Judaism on.

"American Jewish life," smiles Raviv, again, "is far more than watching 'Seinfeld' and eating bagels."

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The Mann Fund chairperson is Gladys Edelstein and the co-chairperson is Shirley Katz.

Jewish Women International participates in the UJF Central Scholarship Loan Referral Service Process.

Deadline for applications will be around February 15, 2001.

Ridge receives Jerusalem Fund "Friend of Zion Award"

PA Gov. Tom Ridge received the Jerusalem Fund's "Friend of Zion Award" from the Jerusalem Fund of Aish HaTorah and the Municipality of Jerusalem.

Gov. Ridge received the "Friend of Zion Award" based on his "unbending support for the Jewish state," according to the Jerusalem Fund.

"We believe Gov. Ridge is a tremendous friend of the State of Israel and a spokesman for morality and ethics, and that's why he was selected to receive the 'Friend of Zion Award,'" said Rabbi Irwin Katsof of the Jerusalem Fund. Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert presented the award to Gov. Ridge.

"Like Israel, Pennsylvania was founded on an idea, on a greater hope for mankind," Gov. Ridge said. "William Penn's vision of a land dedicated to religious freedom and tolerance what he called a 'Holy Experiment' made him a friend not just of the men of his age, but of mankind throughout the ages.

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as yours are strengthening every day.

"I thank Aish HaTorah and the Jerusalem Fund for their conscience and steadfast moral courage, as well as for this great and generous award. And, on behalf of all Pennsylvanians, I thank the people of Israel for their continued friendship."

Gov. Ridge led a technology trade mission to Israel in May 1998, opening Pennsylvania's new trade office in Jerusalem; planting Pennsylvania-grown trees in Jerusalem to mark the 50th anniversary of Israel; and visiting Yad Vashem, the national memorial to the victims of the Holocaust, where he laid a wreath in the Hall of Remembrance on behalf of Pennsylvanians.

Also on his 1998 trade mission, Gov. Ridge presented Israeli children with letters and songs written by students from Harrisburg.

"Pennsylvania and Israel have much in common," Gov. Ridge said on his 1998 mission. "For they have both burst to life from similar seeds. Seeds borne of liberty, faith and a desire for peace. That is our tie. That is our bond. And today, the bond between us will be reinforced by the gift

our children share."

Gov. Ridge in October 1999 received the Scopus Award from The American Friends of The Hebrew University in Philadelphia the highest honor the American Friends can confer.

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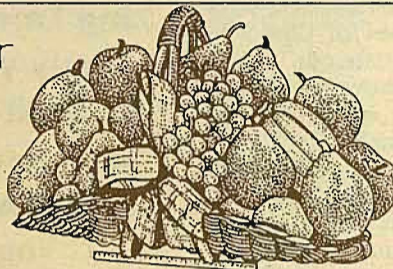
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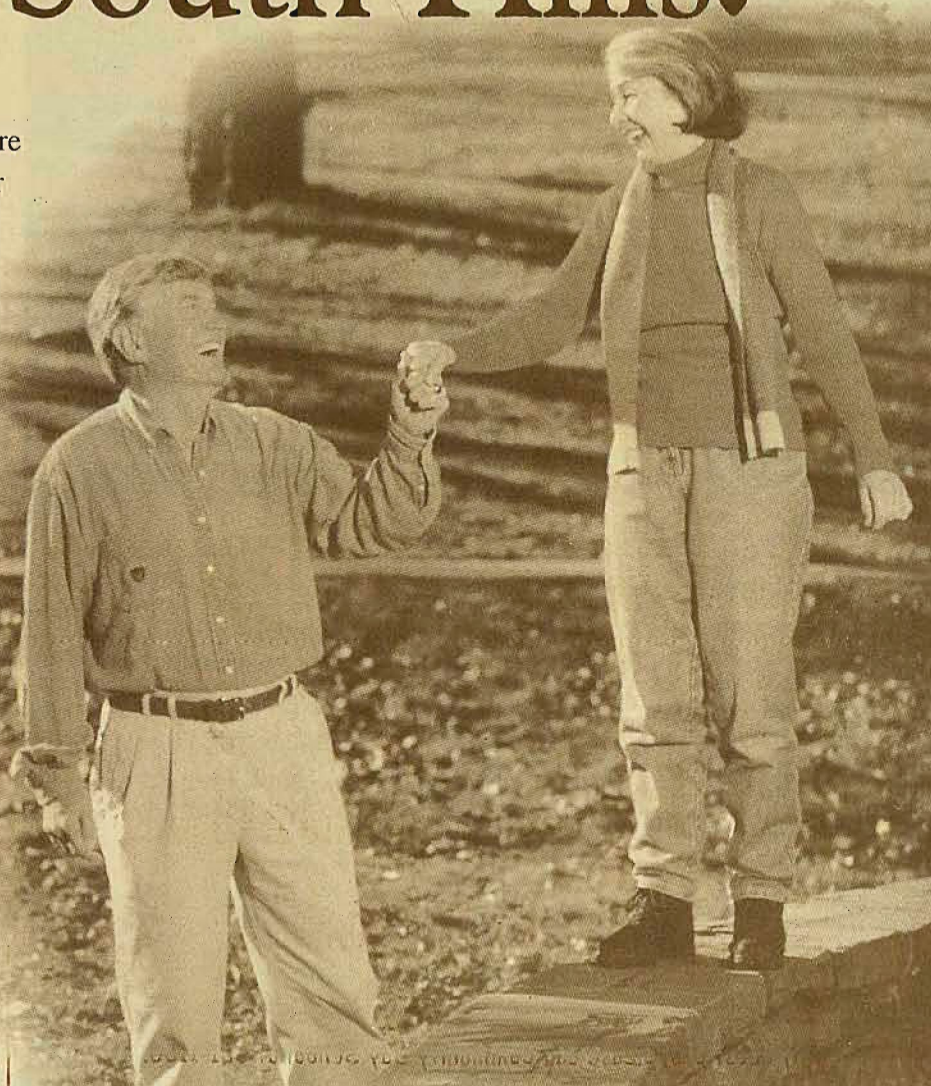
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Only the name's the same

By JOEL ROTEMAN
Executive Editor

It's not quite a new revolution, but the London Jewish Chronicle recently fired the first shot across the bow of its local namesake. Wrote the London paper: "The JC (that's how they refer to themselves, the Christian diety notwithstanding) has spawned many imitators, among them the Jewish Chronicle of Pittsburgh, whose innovative advertising never ceases to make us chuckle."

The London paper then claims that Larry Rubin's Specialty Clothing ads — the ones with photos of Bar Mitzva boys in their new suits — is a copycat version of "The JC's beloved Faces and Places section."

Openly chiding the "non-celebrity endorsement" style and even Rubin's free parking, The JC then sniffs, "That's as near a dictionary definition of chutzpah as you are ever likely to see."

Nicholas Lane, former Pittsburgh Chronicle board president and subscriber to the London version as well, responded:

"I take grave exception to the descrip-

tion of the Pittsburgh Chronicle as an imitator of yours. We were not founded in 1841, of course — the Indians still hunted buffalo on the plains of Pennsylvania, and both of the local Jews were too busy fighting them.

"Just because you have a few years on us, it doesn't mean we pay any attention to you at all. Perhaps you should pay some attention to us; after all, we would never discriminate in our social and personal columns between those who can afford big print and those who can't.

"Like you, we publish bar mitzvah and bat mitzvah photos, but we do so before the event so that people can know what

they aren't invited to....

"As for your jibe about the free parking Larry offers, surely you know that most Americans lost the use of their legs generations ago."

The London JC printed most of Lane's letter, which appears here in abridged form, but apparently has great difficulty in spelling "Pittsburgh," managing to spell it at least two ways in print. You'd think that the JC would at least imitate the way Pittsburghers spell "Pittsburgh."

"As for your jibe about the free parking Larry offers, surely you know that most Americans lost the use of their legs generations ago."

TEEN SCENE

Say Shalom to Ellie and Keren



Photo courtesy Sharon Rosenfeld

New Sherut Leumi girls here in Pittsburgh this year are Ellie Jesselson and Keren Boxer.



Sharon Rosenfeld

Every year, Pittsburgh's Jewish community welcomes two young Israeli women from Israel who are helping teach Hebrew-Judaic studies to students at Hillel, Yeshiva, the Community Day School and the School for Advanced Jewish Studies.

They work not as paid teachers, but perform such tasks in place of the army service which Israel requires from its citizens after high school graduation.

So why, one might wonder, have these 19-year-olds received the opportunity to travel to the United States instead of joining the Israel Defense Force?

The answer is simple: these young women are Orthodox. Religious women are exempt from serving in the army so Keren Boxer and Ellie Jesselson, this year's volunteers, have chosen to serve Israel by donating their time and teaching abilities.

Last year Keren taught in a secular school in Eilat while Ellie worked with kids from broken homes. This year Keren and Ellie are serving as teachers in local non-secular establishments. Although neither intends to pursue a career in education upon returning home, both are looking forward to teaching in Pittsburgh.

Their training included a two-week program in Israel that also helped to prepare 59 other girls planning to serve in the "Sherut Leumi," or "National Service." These 61 girls makes the largest participation to date in Sherut Leumi, a group that grows annually.

When I asked Keren and Ellie why

they chose to serve abroad, both used words like "interesting," "unique," and quite "fun," to describe the opportunity. Moreover, helping other Jews through teaching children and young adults was an important aspect in their decision to make the year-long move here.

Both girls agreed the transition of living in the United States has been an eye-opening experience. Ellie has already traveled to America several times; this visit is Keren's first. Both feel living here will be a different experience. Keren was surprised by the vastness of kosher food items at the supermarket. More startling to the Israelis, however, is the amount of diversity found in the United States; everything from interracial couples to different sects of Judaism. These are aspects of American life that the girls had expected to encounter, but are still surprised to see.

Keren and Ellie say they like what they have seen, feeling that such diversity and variety in our society brings with it openness and acceptance. Both also said such qualities are not as common in their more traditional Jewish homeland.

The young women are originally from the Jerusalem area, growing up among Orthodox as well as secular Israelis. When I asked them how they intend to teach at Hillel and CDS, Keren and Ellie said their methods would remain the same.

After meeting them, I look forward to being able to see the two every Sunday at SAJS, where, every year, I get to know the "B'not Sherut," girls serving in the Sherut Leumi. Our Jewish community is very fortunate to be able to welcome Keren and Ellie to Pittsburgh, and I hope they will enjoy spending their year with us.



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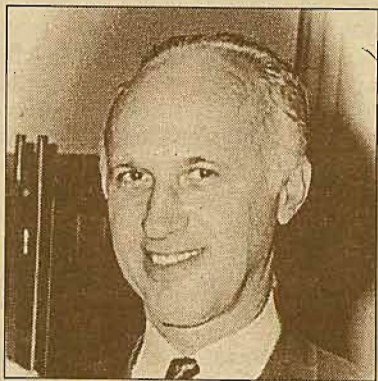
Albert Bloom Memorial Lecture looks at sanctity of Jewish home

The Albert W. Bloom Memorial Lecture will be held this year on Sunday, Sept. 24 at 7:30 p.m. at the Jewish Education Institute.

It will feature a talk by Rabbi Lipa Geldwerth on "The Sanctity of the Jewish Home."

The lecture honors the late Albert Bloom, founding editor of The Jewish Chronicle. The native Pittsburgher, who held a master's degree from Columbia University's Pulitzer Graduate School of Journalism, was a science and medical news writer for the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, and special staff writer on foreign affairs at the P-G before coming to the Chronicle.

He wrote for many newspapers, including the Washington Times-Herald, and the Department of Defense, where



Albert W. Bloom

File Photo

he was an accredited war correspondent during World War II. In addition, Bloom was a faculty member of Duquesne University and at the University of Pittsburgh.

Bloom received many writing awards, and was actively involved in many community organizations, including Hillel Academy, the Hebrew Institute, JFCS and Young People's Synagogue.

The lecture is co-sponsored by Hillel Academy and the Kollel Bais Yitzchok. Earlier that afternoon, Rabbi Geldwerth, a lecturer in Talmudic and related studies who has worked with young people at risk through Counterforce, will lecture on "Empowering our Teens for Greatness," at Hillel Academy at 1 p.m.

NCJW announces its student aid awards

NCJW release

The Student Aid Committee of National Council of Jewish Women, Pittsburgh Section (NCJW) announced awards of \$30,105 in interest-free loans and \$11,264 in grants to 38 students, according to Susan Strauss Williams, Committee chairperson.

For 79 years, NCJW has provided scholarships and interest-free loans to Jewish college students residing in Allegheny County. Committee members met this summer at Anathan House with students and their parents to distribute checks. Members of this year's committee were Ruth Bachman, Gertrude Caplan, Roberta Feldman, Nancy Israel, Estelle Kruman, Sally Libson, Wendy Mars, Enid Miller, Claralyn Phillips, and Made-

lain Tauberg. Also serving on the committee were Lynette Lederman, co-president of Community Service, and Lynne S. Jacobson, president.

The source of the loan money is loan repayments plus \$10,000 from NCJW's budget. Grants were made from 16 named funds and the Student Aid Anniversary Fund. This was the first year of an award from the Martha Rosen Fund. Newly established are the Jack and Mathilda Mendelbaum and Family Fund; the Florence and Frank Sklar Fund; and the Dr. Robert S. and Frommie H. Whitman Fund.

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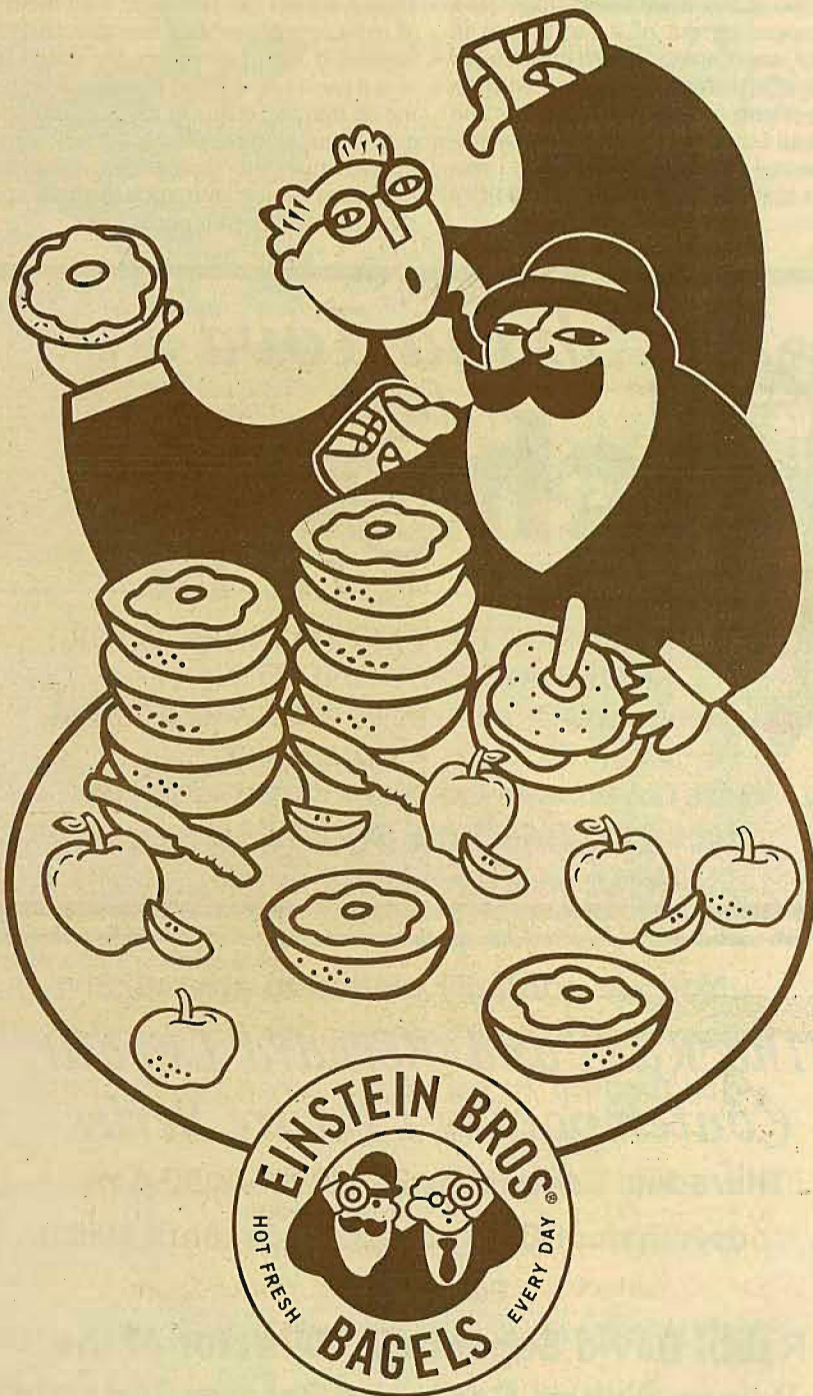
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Singles: A "cool cat" becomes my stepfather

(Teresa Strasser is a 20-something writer and performer living in Los Angeles. She recently won an Emmy for her writing on Comedy Central's "Win Ben Stein's Money.")

BY TERESA STRASSER
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

LOS ANGELES — According to the state of Nevada, I now have a new dad.

It's not every day your mother has a shotgun wedding at a Las Vegas chapel, so it was a special moment. Who was holding the shotgun? Uncle Sam.

It was a forced wedding of the new millennium — one necessitated by tax purposes after the sale of the family home.

Still, I tried not to let that distract from the beauty of the moment. While the non-sectarian officiant rushed through the vows like a spaced-out auctioneer, a pregnant bride-to-be and her kids clogged up the outside waiting room, eager for their turn.

My mother, a practical woman to her core, bought the bare-bones wedding package — just 15 minutes. Music not included.

As I stood at my mom's side, huge fake flowers cascading out of a large vase in front of us, there wasn't much time to get sentimental. My brother circled us with his camera, serving as both photographer and witness, and I tried to consolidate the memories I wanted to review in my head. I was 14 when I first met Ron, the coolest cat I've ever known.

He actually uses the term "cat," as in "the cats are coming over to watch football," and gets away with it. That's how cool he is. Ron is in his late 50s now, pretty much retired from his career as a trumpet player. He's the person I see as an angel sent down from heaven to think my mom's neuroses are cute, cute, cute.

Ron just knows things. He knows how to cook a pot of chicken and dumplings so sublime it calls you from your bed in the middle of the night, fork in hand. He knows almost every classic Motown musician from the old days, having played with many of them. He has remedies for everything from a boil to a broken heart.

"Upper left-hand corner, honey. That's where a piece of music starts," he told me, while helping me pack up my belongings after a breakup a few years back. What I'd have to do is what any musician does after a mistake, take it from the top, start over, like he had done with my mom and she with him. During the wedding, I thought about the contents of the trunk of my car on that tear-stained move-out day years ago.

Ron had packed almost everything I owned, minus the furniture, into the trunk of my car with an exacting precision that reminded me of geometry. He didn't have to tell me there were still people who loved me or that the chaos in my life would subside because that's what I knew when I looked into all that order, everything crammed neatly into such a small space, stacked with elegant perfection.

Most of all, Ron knows something that has eluded most people in his position: He knows how to be a good step-parent. Knowing he could never replace the closeness I have with my real dad, he didn't try. He just tried to get to know me. He didn't need to be called "Dad" to act like family.

When Ron first moved in, it was a little jarring. My whole life, it had just been my mother and me. Her parenting style, a unique combination of maternal pride, intermittent hysteria and benign neglect, may not have been the best, but it was all I knew. Suddenly, there was a large black man living in my house.

The first thing that struck me odd about Ron was not his race, but the mere fact that he actually liked me. My mother's previous boyfriends had been a dubious lot, the out-of-work poet, the portly lawyer who gave me Ernie and Bert dolls when I was long past puberty. They tolerated me, but it was clear that I was an albatross around the neck of my mother's love life. To Ron, I was like a bonus.

The relationship was given its first real test when he was witness to a battle between my mother and me so bloody it made

two Jima look like a thumb war. The nature of the argument was that I had neglected to fix the tail light on my car. Instead of jumping in and inserting himself as my new "dad," he quietly slunk away. Mom and I were still hurling "you don't love me's" when Ron walked by and casually uttered, "The light's fixed."

He had gone to the hardware store, bought a bulb and fixed the light while my mother and I stood there yelling at each other. Now that's a cool cat.

How does a black man fit into a Jewish family? Well, Ron's like a perfect pair of black heels or an expensive merlot. He goes with everything. The first time he came with my mother and me to a family wedding, we looked over and saw him arm in arm with two older Jewish ladies. Having already mastered the hora, he was teaching them the electric slide.

Time was up for my mad dash down memory lane as we cleared out to make room for the next bridal party. On the way out, people stared good-naturedly as I slapped Ron on the back saying, "Good going, Dad."

JCC Family and Singles Mitzvah Corps join forces

JCC release

The Family and Singles Mitzvah Corps of the Jewish Community Center of Greater Pittsburgh will join forces Tuesday, Oct. 24 to serve dinner at the East End Cooperative Ministry homeless shelter.

Anyone interested in participating may volunteer. "Participants come away with far more than they could ever imagine," said Barb LeWinter, JCC director of the Adult Department. "There is something so fulfilling about giving back to the community. There is an opportunity for everyone, no matter what their ability."

The Singles Mitzvah Corps has served

the community through the JCC for several years, and the Family Mitzvah Corps was organized about a year ago to give parents and children the chance to work side-by-side. Past projects include working with Habitat for Humanity, Community Food Bank, Kosher Super Pantry, the Animal Shelter, the JCC Purim Carnival (along with the Special Needs Department) and Designer Dress Days.

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Author Levy to lecture at Poale Zedeck Sept. 18

Congregation Poale Zedeck release

"Was This Really Necessary? - Finding Meaning in Moments of Despair" is the title of a lecture to be delivered by Chava Willig Levy at Congregation Poale Zedeck, Monday, Sept. 18 at 8 p.m. The lecture is sponsored by Anita and Morris Kornblit, Joan and Marvin Rosenberg, Ellen and Bruce Cohen and Elaine and Arthur Haber in memory of Martha Cohen and Sylvia and Joseph Rosenberg.

Levy is a New York-based lecturer, editor and author with a special interest in childhood, parenthood, Judaism, disability and family life. She has written extensively in national publications, including McCall's, Ladies' Home Journal, Parents Magazine, Savvy, Jewish Action, The Jewish Week, Stagebill, Woman's Day and Family Circle, frequently dispelling stereotypes about people with disabili-

ties and presenting her experiences with a Torah outlook.

Levy's interactive workshop, "Mommy, What's Wrong With That Lady?" has delighted hundreds of young people, ranging in age from four to 14. Sensitive to the ways in which prejudice touches the lives of many Americans, she champions causes distinct from disability awareness.

A vocalist whose repertoire embraces six languages, she is currently working on an album, "Half-Full to Overflowing," which celebrates uncommon lives. To learn more about Levy, visit www.chavawilliglevy.com. Her lecture is free, no pre-registration is required, and refreshments will be served. For information, call Poale Zedeck at 421-9786.

Rabbi Twerski to speak on self-esteem

Rabbi and psychiatrist Abraham J. Twerski will speak at the West Virginia University College of Law in the Lugar Moot Courtroom at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 27, as this year's honoree in the WVU Pi Lambda Phi Distinguished Jewish Lecture Series.

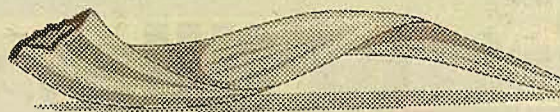
Dr. Twerski's topic, "Life's Too Short: Spirituality and the Quest for Self-Esteem" will draw on his four decades of experience as a spiritual counselor, a physician, and a substance abuse specialist. A reception will follow. The lecture is open to the public.

Dr. Twerski held a pulpit until 1959 when he graduated from Marquette University Medical School and went on to complete his psychiatric residency at the University of Pittsburgh Western Psychiatric Institute. For 20 years, he served as clinical director of the Department of Psychiatry at St. Francis Hospital, and currently is an associate professor of psychiatry at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.

He founded and directed Gateway Rehabilitation Center which Forbes Magazine has lauded as one of the top 100 drug and alcohol treatment facilities in the nation.

Dr. Twerski has written 29 books including: "Substance Abusing High Achievers," "Life's Too Short," "I'd Like to Call For Help, But I Don't Know the Number" and "Do Unto Others." In collaborative efforts with Peanuts comic strip creator Charles Schulz, he wrote "When Do the Good Things Start?" as well as "Waking Up Just in Time," "I Didn't Ask to be in This Family," and soon to be released "That's not a Fault ... It's a Character Trait." Dr. Twerski's most recent undertaking is a rehabilitation center, located in Jerusalem called Shaar Hatikvah or Gateway to Hope. It is a project of the American Jewish community in conjunction with Gateway Rehabilitation Center.

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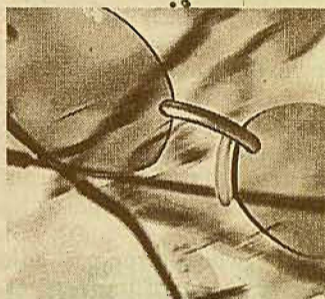
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North Hills

If you build it, they will come: Temple Ohav Shalom dedicates playground

BY GEORGIA ATKIN
North Hills Correspondent

It was little more than a year ago, August 1999, when the idea of building a playground for the pre-school at Temple Ohav Shalom took root.

The pre-school was only two years old and the children were riding their tyke bikes and chasing balls in the Temple's social hall.

Some parents approached Ilene Greenblatt, pre-school director, about erecting a pre-school playground. She was enthusiastically in favor of the idea and recruited parent Linda MacLeod to research and develop the project.

At first, the playground was going to be a simple set-up, little more than a jungle gym on a flat parcel of land alongside the building. As discussions progressed, the course was altered and it was decided that a spectacular playground would be an asset in attracting new members to the Temple. The expanded concept flowered into a major renovation project that included leveling an unusable sloped parcel of land at the border of the Temple's property.

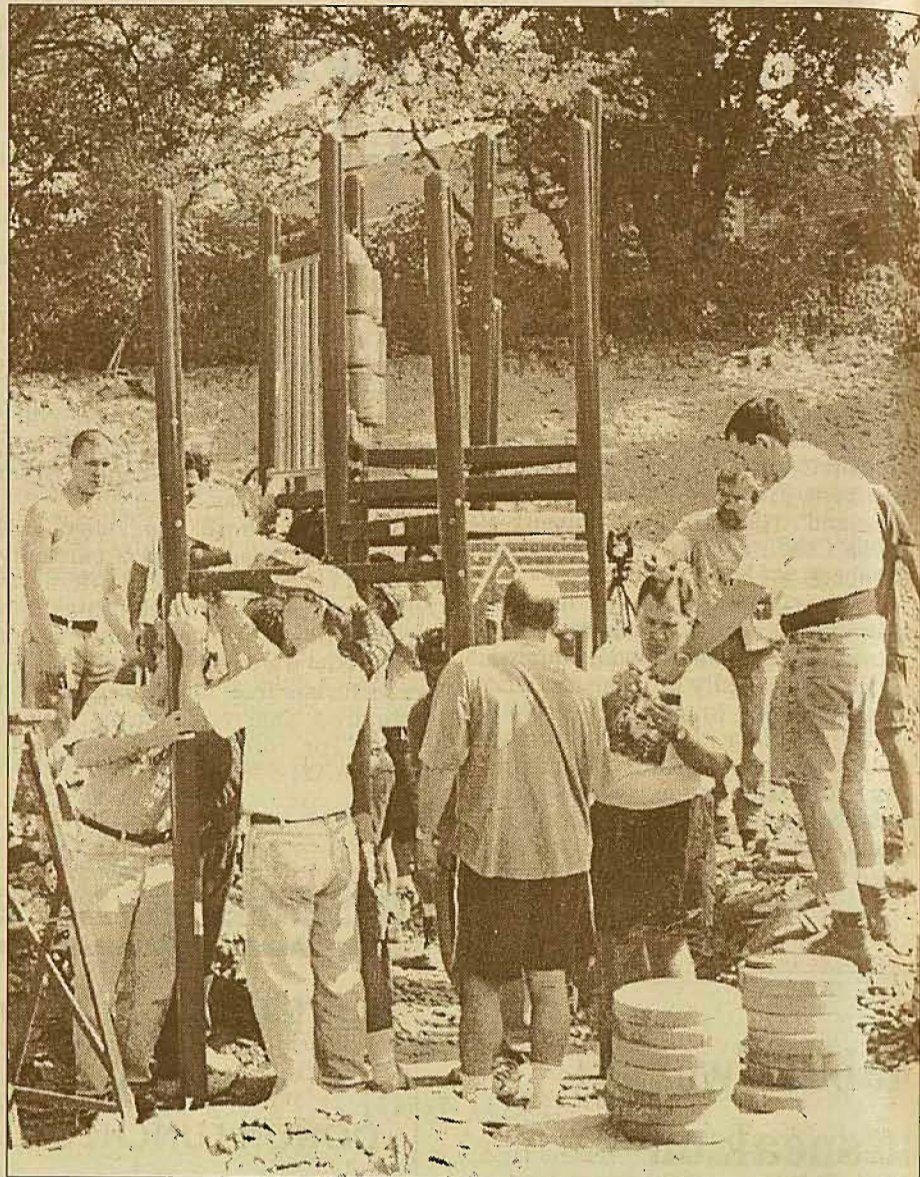
There were many challenges to meet before the first truckload of more than 2,000 square yards of dirt could be removed from the hillside and carted off to a landfill.

Funding had to be secured, permits and permission were needed from McCandless Township, and cooperation and approval were needed from the Temple's neighbors.

After countless phone calls and innumerable meetings, all the pieces fell into place: The Temple Board voted to approve about \$30,000, enough to fund the landscaping. The Snow and MacLeod families donated \$5,000 each, and a silent auction and spring fundraiser provided the balance of the funds.

The Township council reviewed the plans and was satisfied that all the environmental, water, and flooding concerns had been adequately addressed. They then granted the zoning, grading, and building permits needed to begin the project.

The YMCA, whose property adjoins the Temple's, accepted the project after they received written assurance that Temple Ohav Shalom would re-



Georgia Atkin photo

Temple Ohav Shalom volunteers erect playground equipment.

place any plants or other greenery that might be damaged during construction. The residential neighbor, whose property overlooks the playground site, reluctantly accepted the plans for the altered hillside.

The playground equipment that was chosen did not come assembled; instead, Temple volunteers assembled and erected it the day the playground was dedicated.

The hillside had been transformed into a grassy-covered playing area. A decorative stone wall, brick ramp, and brick walkway were in place, making the area handicap accessible; the equipment was assembled and ready

for installation.

By the time the dedication ceremony began, the parking lot was overflowing with students, parents and teachers.

The ceremony began with a joyful song. Rabbi Donsky led the blessing.

Ilene Greenblatt thanked everyone for coming and presented the playground to the children.

Then the moment for the ribbon cutting arrived. Six-year-old Cameron MacLeod and his four-year-old sister, Rebecca, held the blue and white ribbon. At the sound of the scissors, cutting the ribbon in dedication, the joyous strains of Siman Tov and Mazel Tov filled the air.



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News Around Town

Dr. Stephen M. Miller

Dr. Stephen M. Miller has opened the Fox Chapel Center for Oral Health and Esthetics at 1030 Freeport Rd. A 1980 graduate of the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine, Dr. Miller completed a residency in 1981 at the Eastman Dental Center. His practice focuses on cosmetic dentistry. An active member of Adat Shalom, Dr.

Miller resides in O'Hara Township with his wife, Erica, and two sons, Harley and Matthew.

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Bosnian: Grateful convert here

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JDC, which has been instrumental in the rescue and resettlement of Jews emigrating from the Former Soviet Union, played a key role in relocating and integrating hundreds of thousands of people, including Pecanac and her family.

Sylvia Busis, honorary chairperson of the event, requests that women planning

to attend the program bring non-perishable food items or toiletries for distribution through the community's Kosher SuperPantry.

A dessert reception will follow the program. There is a charge for the event, and reservations should be made by contacting Francine Myers Darling at 681-8000, ext. 230, or by e-mailing fdarling@ujf.net.

Healths: More than medicine

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learn about the interconnections between religious, spiritual, emotional, and psychological beliefs that pave the way toward good health care.

It involves and interconnects professionals in health care, social services, education, and Jewish and secular agency to share strategies and collaborate in care.

"We are more like catalysts bringing together the best of what's out there," says Rabbi Heimer. "The programs are to enhance what's being done in the community and are overlaid with Jewish tradition and overtones."

Because the Network's only specialization is in helping human beings, this is not its only focal point. It also provides

immediate help or personal connections for people in crisis or imminent crisis.

What else? The Network offers education and training to institutions and individuals seeking knowledge of Judaism's spiritual and healing traditions.

Dayenu. If this weren't enough, the Network provides venues for individuals from diverse background and professionals to mingle and share ideas about communal care — where, for example, physicians may brainstorm with lay people to obtain greater understanding — like the interactive forum this Sunday.

For additional information or those who have projects in mind dealing with Judaism and healing and would like community connections and/or brainstorming, call Dr. Abrams or Rabbi Heimer at 648-6129.

"Mystery Night" and the synagogue transformers

By JULIE WIENER

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

CHICAGO — The details about North America's latest Jewish mega-philanthropy unfolded a bit like a mystery drama in which the detective begins the closing scene with, "You're probably wondering why I've brought you all together here tonight."

Three weeks before Rosh Hashana, three of American Jewry's wealthiest donors brought a handpicked group of 150 Jewish leaders to a "summit" in Chicago, put them up in a downtown hotel for a busy 26 hours and waited until the last hour to announce their plans: to invest \$18 million during the next five years to "help achieve systemic change of the synagogue."

The Synagogue Transformation and Renewal triumvirate of businessmen-turned-philanthropists — Edgar Bronfman, Charles Schusterman and Michael Steinhardt — will concentrate their funding on the following:

- Awarding \$500,000 per year in challenge grants for "innovative approaches" to synagogue issues such as membership, leadership, staffing, and worship services;

- Creating a program to train synagogue consultants;

- Convening meetings for congregational leaders from all denominations;

- Promoting public awareness of synagogues and advocating Jewish federa-

tions and other philanthropies to increase funding for synagogues; and

- Using new technology such as videoconferencing and the Internet to offer professional development courses for rabbis.

Founded last December, STAR has held smaller regional conferences and conducted research, but its precise direction had been under wraps until the September 6-7 event.

In the hours between the massages and finale, the participants — most of whom are rabbis or professionals known for their involvement in promoting synagogue change — sat through heavily air-conditioned presentations (conference rooms were kept cold in deference to a medical condition of Schusterman's) and puzzled among themselves as to just what the three funders had up their sleeves.

Among the more off-beat individuals:

- Shmuley Boteach, a young Orthodox rabbi known for cavorting with celebrities and writing provocatively titled books that attempt to bring Jewish values to mainstream culture;

- Niles Goldstein, a young Reform rabbi who recently authored "God at the Edge," a book about finding spirituality while embarking on adventures like dogsledding in the Arctic Circle; and

- Gary Schoenberg and Laurie Rutenberg, married rabbis from Portland, Ore., who regularly invite 40 "disconnected" Jews at a time to their home for Shabbat and holiday celebrations.

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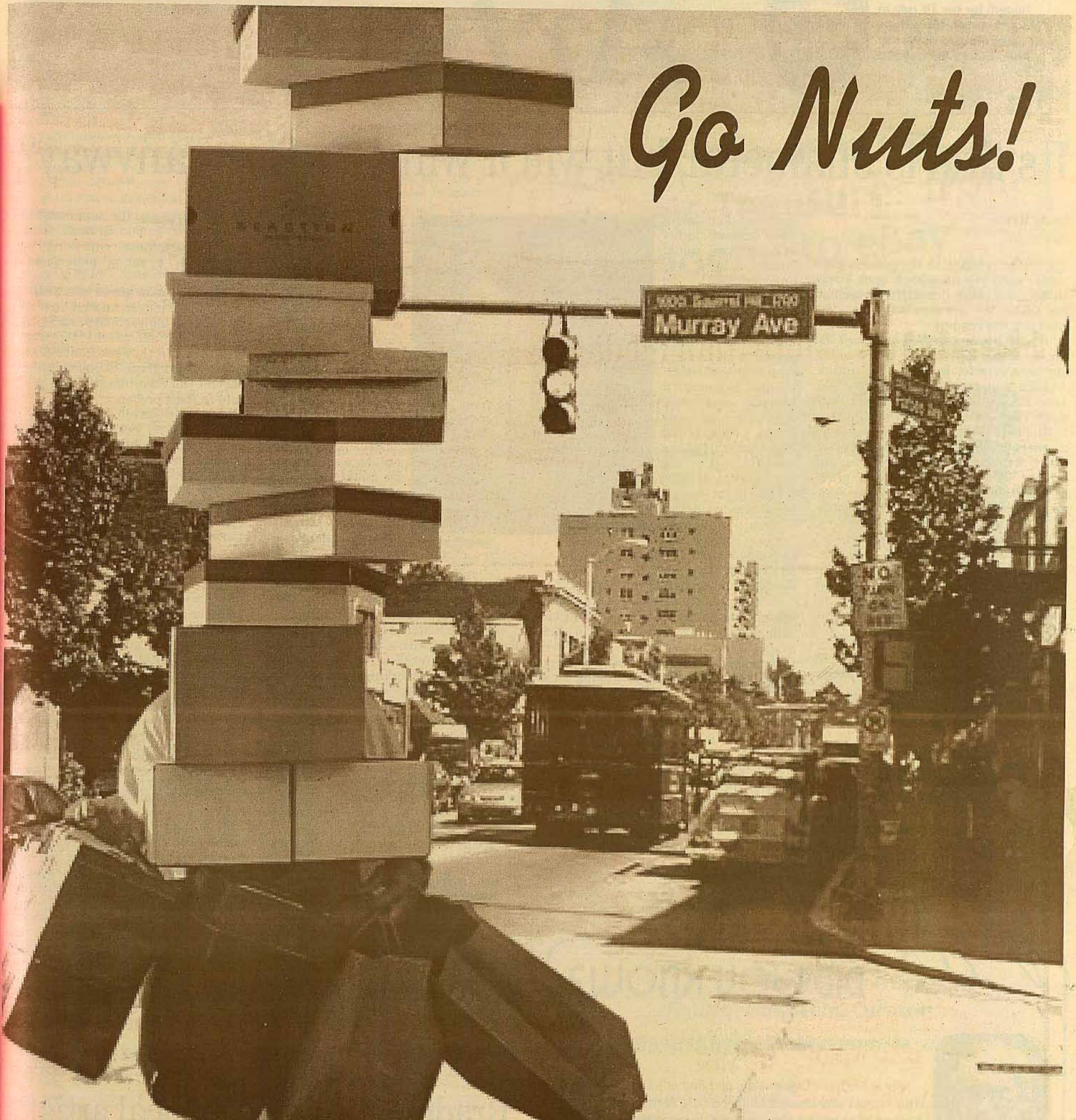
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Arts

Its title is shameful, but will it win a Pulitzer anyway?

BY JO RIFKIN
Staff Writer

A golfer, relaxing on the country club porch, eyed the hard-back book I was holding, its cover intentionally hidden. He broke the ice nonchalantly. "So, what are you reading?"

"It hasn't been released yet. But I bet this autobiography will be a best seller. Maybe a classic. It reads like fiction. And the writing, well ... it's sort of like Jack Kerouac and Henry Miller with some Yiddish thrown in," I said.

"His superb use of language with all its energy, joy and sensitivity will make many writers feel as if they've just scribed pieces akin to a third grade composition of 'What I Did This Summer,'" I exclaimed, somewhat jealously.

"So what's it called?"

"Jew Boy, it's called 'Jew Boy,'" I murmured.

When I explained to him the book's essence, the life of the son of a survivor and the hell he'd gone through, my compadre grimly replied: "What would one expect?"

While devouring author Alan Kaufman's odyssey, Nazis jumped out in every chapter — as seen through the eyes of Kaufman as a child, Kaufman as a young man traveling the US (often hidden in a drugged haze), and Kaufman as an older sage and poet. In between, he lived on a kibbutz, served in the Israeli army, and was spitted back to the US as a homeless drunk.

Kaufman saw imaginary Nazis in school, where he writes, "I was living in a world that was running on a lie that everybody pretended to believe in. I

despised them for it. They had no limits to what they would endure, to what was unacceptable. To murder six million Jews was acceptable, but for me to talk out during silent period in class was a punishable offense."

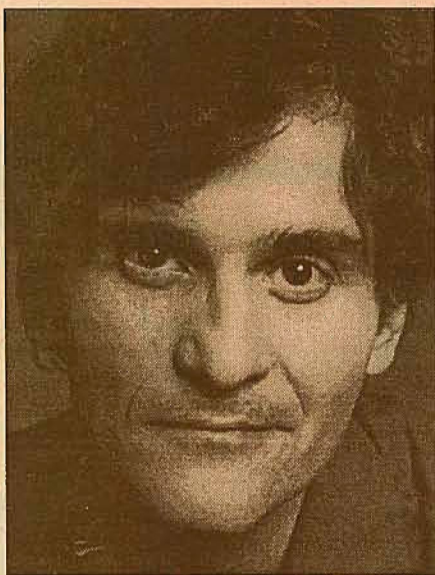
Later, as a dropout touring the US, Kaufman sees Nazis while by-passing Pittsburgh: "There were still big mournful steel mills in the night visible from the roadside, huge chimneys pouring smoke that reminded me of something I shuddered at and erased from memory..."

As a child, Kaufman wrote a comic book, "The Purple Jew," who, like Captain America, saved the world (i.e. Jews) from evil (i.e. Nazis).

In between "Purple Jew" fantasies, Kaufman kept looking, searching for a purpose in life.

"I hoped that a new Holocaust against the Jews was about to ensue; that now, finally, I would get my crack at living through experiences as terrible as my mother's; finally rate in her eyes, the eyes of history, of life, as worthy," he bemoans.

For a man raised on Nazi tales rather than Mother Goose, his obsession appears almost normal. His mother, eter-



Leslie Hirsch photo

Alan Kaufman

His father was "too busy admiring others while failing to present me with something to admire," says Kaufman.

Mom, the battered batterer, was married to a man with a fourth-grade education who offered a life of economic hardship while working the nightshift in the post office — none of which makes for family serenity.

Throughout the fast-moving biography, Kaufman tries to absolve his mother because, after all, it was the Nazis who killed her childhood, her family, and their ghosts who murdered her progeny's sanity and sanctity.

At times, Kaufman sees his parents as they appear to the reader.

"I regarded my parents as the most ill-informed creatures on the planet, brothers to the bushmen of New Guinea, and to the aardvark. Certainly they gave every impression of being so," insists the boy who was expected to become the family savior.

"From the day of my birth I had been led to believe that I was the messianic promise, risen from the ashes of extermination," he says. For his failures, Kaufman was given maternal slaps and beatings with a wire hanger.

In essence, "Jew Boy" is about life,

death, rebirth and the netherland of the living albeit, emotional dead. It is also about the circuitous route bordering on insanity of a young man from the Bronx.

The young man grows into a tall, athletic football player, an excellent writer in a "gifted" high school program and is still caught in the parent trap, wondering: "How can they not notice how tall, powerful and graceful you've grown ... Why do you continue to be an ignored child in their presence...."

Readers, however, see what his parents have never been able to see: both the pain and the brilliance of Kaufman so well (and slightly egotistically) presented in his first book. They also see the flip side — Kaufman's irreverent humor flies off almost every page.

Kaufman, who lives in San Francisco, is also the award-winning editor of the anthologies, "The Outlaw Bible of American Poetry" and "The New Generation: Fiction for Our Time From America's Writing Programs."

Author of the poetry collection, "Who Are We?," he has performed widely as a spoken-word poet. He is the founder/editor of a controversial magazine "Davka: Jewish Cultural Revolution."

"Jew Boy" is to us what "Angela's Ashes" is to the Irish — only more personal, more introspective, more soul-searching — all of which add to it being more Jewish.

I would not be surprised to see a headline proclaiming "Jew Boy" wins Pulitzer.

"Jew Boy" is highly recommended reading for all who don't cringe at humorous sexual descriptions and have a psychiatrist's mien to stomach some of the uglier details of Kaufman's life.

Although Kaufman survives years of intense convolutions, he rises above it. His spellbinding writing keeps it all going; keeps his readers all cheering and, on several occasions, the wordsmith's genius makes one giggle and even laugh aloud.

The 416-page "Jew Boy" (Fromm International) publishing date is tomorrow, Sept. 15.

Braddock subject of local artist's exhibition at the History Center

Artist Joe Jacobs' dreams took him back to his hometown of Braddock, and inspired the artwork in "Take Me Back To Braddock, PA," an exhibit currently on view at the Senator John Heinz Pittsburgh Regional History Center.

The show will close Nov. 26 and is a companion exhibit to the Center's "George Washington: The Man Behind the Myths" exhibit. Braddock was the site of British General Edward Braddock's defeat in 1755.

Displayed in the Campbell Gallery, the exhibition features 30 pieces of Jacobs' original art, watercolors and ink and pencil drawings, based on his childhood

memories of his hometown. The works are accompanied by Jacobs' original poetry, short stories and writings.

Eight photographs of Braddock, its landmarks and people, complement the artwork. These are from the History Center's collections and from the Rauh Jewish Archives. The exhibit is grouped into six sections that examine life in Braddock in the 1930's, work in the steel industry, the Jewish community — including Jacobs' family synagogue, Agudath Achim — and neighborhood landmarks.

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Larry Rubin

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Art Scene opens with CMU Dean's tour

JCC release

Lila Hirsch Brody prepares to open a new season of Art Scene, a series of the Jewish Community Center of Greater Pittsburgh that offers tours through artists' studios and galleries, on Saturday, Sept. 16.

The series opens at 1 p.m. with a tour of the Fox Chapel home of Martin Prekop, dean of the College of Fine Arts at Carnegie Mellon University. He has been a professor, visiting artist and consultant around the world. From the furniture to the bathroom to the trees that surround his home, he has added his special artistic touch.

The tour is open to the community at a cost. Call 521-8011, ext. TIX (849) for reservations.

Brody, Art Scene tour guide and well known Pittsburgh artist and teacher, has won numerous awards for her work. Her work has been exhibited at the Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh Center for the Arts and in private and corporate collections. She was the 1999 recipient of the Shore-Whitehill Award, which honors an individual who helped integrate the disabled into the mainstream of Jewish life.

Renowned art historian to speak

The University Honors College and The Henry Clay Frick Department of the History of Art and Architecture of the University of Pittsburgh will present two lectures by James Ackerman.

Ackerman, the Arthur Kingsley Porter Professor of the History of Art, emeritus, at Harvard University, is a noted art history scholar.

For half a century, first at Berkeley, then for 30 years at Harvard and as a visiting lecturer worldwide, Prof. Ackerman has stimulated the world of art scholarship.

"The Villa: Architecture for a Utopian Dream" is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 21 at 5 p.m. in the Auditorium, Frick Fine Arts Building, Schenley Plaza at the Oakland campus of the University of Pittsburgh.

"The Nature of History, and the Formation of the History of Art" will be addressed on Friday, Sept. 22 at noon at the Honors College, 35th floor, Cathedral of Learning.

The lectures are free and open to the public. For information, contact Gail Brobst in History of Art at (412) 648-2440, or e-mail gpb@pitt.edu; or Ed McCord in the Honors College at (412)634-6886 or emccord@pitt.edu.

Joshua Rifkin readies Bach Ensemble concert

The Renaissance and Baroque Society presents The Bach Ensemble, an ensemble of strings, flute, recorders and harpsichord, on Saturday, Sept. 23, at 8 p.m. in Synod Hall, Oakland. The program consists of Bach's four orchestral suites, but in new versions recently recovered by musicologist Joshua Rifkin.

Rifkin, the director of The Bach Ensemble, has appeared as conductor and keyboard soloist with many leading orchestras, among them the San Francisco

Symphony, the St. Louis Symphony, the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra and the City of London Sinfonia.

This isn't the first time that Rifkin's search for the original Bach has produced surprises. He was the first to recover Bach's lost oboe concertos.

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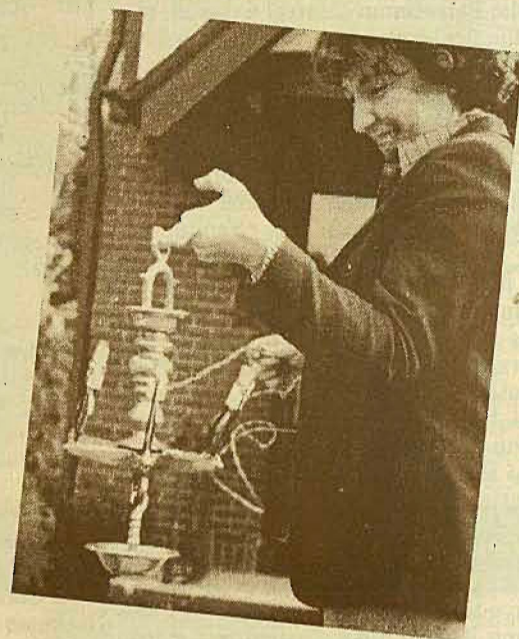
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Israel

Palestinians again learn Arafat calls all the shots

By GIL SEDAN

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Yasser Arafat has done it again.

Despite strong internal pressures to go ahead and declare independence on Sept. 13, as he had promised to do, the Palestinian Authority president this week convinced an advisory body of the PLO, the Palestinian Central Council, to defer the declaration.

In the past, Arafat would say, "Whoever does not like our determination to declare our state on Sept. 13 can go drink the waters of Gaza."

This week, he and other Palestinian officials had to indulge in some verbal acrobatics to explain the change of heart.

For his part, Arafat argued that a Palestinian state already exists, thereby making the need for a declaration less than pressing.

Negotiator Nabil Sha'ath characterized the council's decision to postpone the declaration as part of an effort to keep the faltering Israeli-Palestinian negotiations on track and to "give peace yet another chance."

Once again, the Palestinian public learned this week that there is little alternative to Arafat's decisions.

During its two days of meetings over the weekend in the Gaza Strip, the Palestinian Central Council gave Arafat the prerogative to set the date for declaring independence, "depending on progress in the negotiations" with Israel.

The council also decided "to begin the process of building the sovereignty of a Palestinian state" — including setting up elections and working toward membership in the United Nations — and said preparatory committees would present their reports on such issues to the coun-



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An Israeli soldier carrying an M-16 prays at the Western Wall, Judaism's holiest site. The Palestinians want jurisdiction over the eastern part of Jerusalem to be included in a future Palestinian state.

cil no later than Nov. 15.

That date was selected because it is a historic anniversary: On Nov. 18, 1988, the Palestine National Council proclaimed independence during a meeting in Algiers.

During its weekend meeting, the council made no commitment that Nov. 15 is the new target date for declaring independence. Instead, the door was left open for negotiations with Israel.

Israeli officials applauded the decision to postpone the declaration, but

they said it was predictable, given the position of the international community.

After the failure of the Camp David summit in July, Arafat made the rounds of world capitals to drum up support for a Palestinian state. Nearly everywhere he went, Arafat received the same message: Don't take unilateral steps that could hurt the peace process.

Given such reactions, Arafat had little choice but to postpone the declaration, say Israeli analysts.

As a face-saving gesture, Arafat gave the Palestinian Central Council the green light to initiate steps that would create the infrastructure for the soon-to-be-announced Palestinian state.

Predictably, Palestinian opposition groups reacted negatively to the postponement of the statehood declaration, but by and large it appeared that the Palestinian public is willing to give Arafat yet another chance to play it his way.

Even Hamas leader Sheik Ahmed Yassin was relatively mild in his reaction. While issuing his usual call for armed resistance, he also praised Arafat's tough stance on Jerusalem, which is the major point holding up an Israeli-Palestinian agreement.

Meanwhile, the move appears to have had little impact on the stalled Israeli-Palestinian negotiations.

Palestinian officials said that Israel should respond to the decision by making concessions of its own.

Chief negotiator Saeb Erekat urged Israel to recognize Palestinian sovereignty over Jerusalem's Temple Mount. Sha'ath suggested that Israel should withdraw to the borders that existed before the 1967 Six-Day War and should accept the right of Palestinian refugees to return to the homes they abandoned during Israel's 1948 War of Independence.

Israel promptly rejected the calls.

Israeli Olympians bring Russian to the Games

By AVI MACHLIS

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Athletes from the former Soviet Union have transformed the Israeli Olympics sports scene.

About one-third of the Israeli team in the Olympic Games in Australia — and five of the six strongest Israeli contenders — are originally from the former Soviet Union.

The team includes top favorites Michael Kalganov, a kayaker who holds two gold medals in world championship competitions in 1998 and 1999, and Alex Averbach, a pole vaulter who won the bronze in the 1999 World Athletics Championships.

The Sydney Games will run from Sept. 15-Oct. 1.

Israel has only taken three medals in previous Olympics — a silver and bronze in 1992 for judo, and a bronze in windsurfing in 1996.

The immigrants brought the training methods and dedication that they learned in the punishing climate of the Soviet sports machine.

"The Russians brought their training techniques, and a discipline and seriousness that we did not have in Israel before," said Golan Hazani, Olympic sports correspondent for Yedioth Achronot, Israel's biggest daily newspaper.

The Olympics will also offer a unique opportunity to accelerate Israel's acceptance of immigrants from the former Soviet Union.

Although many native Israelis harbor negative stereotypes about these immigrants, nobody doubts that when they don blue-and-white on the Olympic field or medal stand, Israelis will cheer with no qualms.

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The English-language Syria Times newspaper published an article denying the Holocaust took place and claiming it to be a "myth" invented by the Jews. This week's article claimed that Israelis who held senior posts in the newly created Jewish state had collaborated with the Nazis.

Israel's attorney general criticized the spiritual leader of the fervently Orthodox Shas Party for recent remarks he made about Holocaust victims. But Attorney General Elyakim Rubinstein said Rabbi Ovadia Yosef cannot be prosecuted for the comments. Rubinstein also said Yosef's remarks that the six million who perished in the Holocaust were the reincarnated souls of sinners did not befit a figure of Yosef's stature.

Legislators representing the fervently Orthodox community threatened a boycott of the national airline, El Al, if plans go ahead to allow flights on the Jewish Sabbath. The threats came after Transportation Minister Amnon Lipkin-Shahak said El Al could begin Sabbath flights even before the company is privatized. Shahak said the airline had to provide services comparable to those offered by other airlines in order to survive.

In an effort to improve its public image, Israel's Shin Bet domestic security service is considering appointing an official spokesman and public relations consultant. Until now, the leader of the Shin Bet has given background briefings to select journalists, but there was no official public spokesman for the organization.

The widow of Yitzhak Rabin faulted Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak for making too many concessions to the Palestinians and said Barak is not heir to the legacy of her husband. Leah Rabin told the Israeli daily Yediot Ahronot that "Yitzhak is turning over

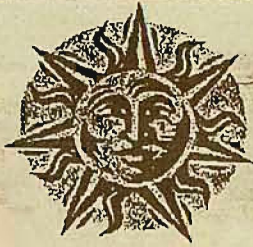
in his grave" because Barak offered the Palestinians compromises on the Temple Mount and control over parts of the Old City in Jerusalem.

Jewish settlers in Hebron bear more responsibility for recent unrest in the West Bank town than Palestinian residents, Israel's deputy defense minister said during a visit there. Jewish settler leaders refused to meet with Ephraim Sneh, who toured the area with Israel Defense Force commanders.

The world's largest chipmaker warned that it may pick a new country for its planned \$3 billion microprocessor factory if Israel does not commit to paying more of the cost. Intel executives also said the company is behind schedule with plans to build the new plant in the southern town of Kiryat Gat.

Faulty judgment and operational mistakes led Israeli army snipers to kill three of their own soldiers during a botched attempt to capture a Palestinian militant, Israel's top military commander said. A high-level military committee that investigated the raid found the Aug. 27 operation was too complicated, involved too many separate units and was badly implemented.

Israeli authorities began limited spraying of areas in the center of the country believed to have dangerous concentrations of mosquitoes that can carry the West Nile virus. Sixty-six cases of the virus, including seven confirmed deaths, have been reported in Israel this summer.



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Former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and his family belonged to an Orthodox Synagogue in Germany before they came to the U.S. in 1938.



Nation

President to president



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U.S. President Bill Clinton applauds World Jewish Congress President Edgar Bronfman Sr. during the Partners in History Gala in New York City Monday. The gala marked the contributions of people around the world who helped gain the return property confiscated by Nazi Germany to its rightful owners.

US report raps Israel on religious bias

By SHARON SAMBER
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

WASHINGTON— A new State Department report accuses Israel of discriminatory practices against non-Jewish groups.

The second annual report on international religious freedom, lists Israel among countries whose governments "implemented laws or regulations that favor certain religions and place others at a disadvantage."

At the same time, the report — mandated by the International Religious Freedom Act passed by Congress in 1998 — praises the Jewish state for improvements with respect to religious freedom.

Most non-Jewish citizens in Israel are Arabs, and they are subject to various forms of discrimination, the report charges. The Israeli government does not provide Israeli Arabs, who make up 20% of the population, with the same quality of education, housing, employment opportunities and social services as Jews. Government spending and financial support are proportionally lower in predominantly non-Jewish areas than in Jewish areas.

But, the report notes, "it is not clear

that whatever discrepancies exist in the treatment of various communities in Israeli society are based on religion per se."

Relations between different religious groups often are strained, both between Jews and non-Jews, as well as among the different branches of Judaism, the report says.

The report says that evangelical Christians, Jehovah's Witnesses and Reform and Conservative Jews suffered some incidents of harassment, threats and vandalism against their facilities, reportedly by fervently Orthodox Jewish groups. Members of these groups have complained in the past that the police have been slow to investigate such incidents.

Other "instances of ultra-Orthodox Jewish groups verbally or physically harassing Jewish citizens for 'immodest dress' or other violations of their interpretation of religious law are not uncommon," the report said.

The number of incidents increased from July 1999 through June 2000, the period covered by the report. But the report did not say by how much.

At the same time, the U.S. report says that there were improvements in religious freedom in Israel.

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Two Senators introduced legislation urging the United States not to recognize a unilaterally declared Palestinian state. Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) and Sen. Richard Lugar (R-IN) said the declaration would be harmful to Israeli-Palestinian negotiations and said the United States should pressure its allies not to recognize or support such a move. A similar bill has already been introduced in the House of Representatives.

A new philanthropy announced it would spend \$18 million during the next five years to help revitalize North American synagogues. STAR announced its plans at the end of a daylong "summit" in Chicago, where 150 Jewish leaders discussed synagogue needs. The funds will go for challenge grants, consultants, interdenominational gatherings and Internet-based professional development for rabbis.

Jews should recognize the efforts made by Christians to confront their past treatment of Jews and Judaism, according to an interfaith group. The Baltimore-based Institute for Christian and Jewish Studies, recently released a public statement signed by dozens of rabbis and Jewish leaders to this effect. It also says Jews need to re-evaluate how they perceive Christianity.

Almost half of all Americans believe Democratic vice presidential candidate Joseph Lieberman is spending the right amount of time discussing reli-

gion in the campaign, according to a new poll. Some 48% believe Lieberman is not talking too much about religion, 24% disagree and 24% are not sure, said the Reuters/Zogby poll of 1,001 voters. Fifty-five percent of Jews believe the Connecticut senator is spending the right amount of time on religion, as do 52% of Protestants and 49% of Catholics.

A lawyer who has sought restitution on behalf of Holocaust victims in much-publicized class-action lawsuits is being accused by other clients of abandoning their cases and not returning their phone calls for years, according to The New York Times. Edward Pagan has a misconduct complaint pending against him in New Jersey, and one client recently won a malpractice judgment against him, the newspaper said.

A \$6.3 million judgment handed down September 7 against a white supremacist group was just the first step toward shutting the group down, a civil rights lawyer said. Morris Dees, who represented a woman and her son who were attacked by Aryan Nations' guards, said he intends to turn the group's fenced property into a tolerance center. Aryan Nations leader Richard Butler vowed that his group would remain in Idaho even if its compound is seized to pay the judgment.

A New York judge rejected a motion by French banks to dismiss a billion-dollar case brought against them by Holocaust survivors who charge that the banks helped the Nazis steal their families' assets. The banks criticized the judge's decision, saying the issue should not be dealt with in court.

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 Stock up on your winter reading. More than 1,000 used books of all kinds will be on sale from 8:30 am-5:30 pm. The books, donated by Heads Together/The Bookworm, cost \$1 for hardbacks and 50¢ for paperbacks. Proceeds benefit senior adult programs. Call Barb LeWinter at ext. 371.

CCAC Advanced Beginners Bridge Class

Thursdays, September 21-November 16 • 1 pm • \$3
 Dee Davis instructs this bridge class, under the sponsorship of the Community College of Allegheny County. Call Muriel Silver at ext. 207.

Adult CPR Heartsaver Class

Sunday, September 24 • 1-3 pm • \$15/\$20
 Learn an important lifesaving skill with this American Heart Association CPR course. The cost is \$15 for JCC members and \$20 for nonmembers. Call Rae-Gayle Pakler at ext. 286.

Pieces of Memory focuses on remembering and healing



"Sayde and Howie," a quilt by Louise Silk, shown as part of her fiber art exhibit on display in the Fine/Perlow & Weis Gallery and the Berger Gallery in the JCC Squirrel Hill, through October 31.

On display through October 31

This fiber art exhibition by Louise Silk was created to honor the lives of her parents, Sayde and Howard Shapiro. The exhibition is underwritten by the Jewish Healthcare Foundation and the Pennsylvania Humanities Council and can be viewed in the Fine/Perlow & Weis Gallery and the Berger Gallery in the JCC Squirrel Hill. The exhibit is accompanied by the following programs, which are free and open to the public:

"Rending and Mending the Family Fabric"

Sunday, September 17 • 7 pm • No fee
 Dr. Yisroel Susskind presents an exploration of how our creative powers can heal the wounds of bereavement and ensure a continuing connection.

Quilt Forum

Sunday, September 24 • 2 pm • No fee
 Art historian and humanities scholar, Marianne Berger Woods, speaks on "Remembrance Quilts" and Louise Silk gives an interactive gallery talk.

"Moving Through Loss"

Monday, October 2 • 8 pm • No fee
 Louise Silk transforms a quilt, made with symbolic materials from friends who recently experienced loss, into something tangible for them to keep.

You're invited...

You Belong Here — at the JCC's 105th Annual Meeting

Thursday, September 21 • 7 pm

You're invited to attend the 105th Annual Meeting, to be held in the Katz Performing Arts Center of the Alex & Leona Robinson Building, 5738 Darlington Road, Squirrel Hill.

- Program Highlights from 2000, Dreams for 2001
- Donor Recognition
- Board Installation
- Senior High Musical performance of "Grease!"
- Awards Presentation
- Dessert Reception Hosted by the Board of Directors

Volunteers show they care



A United Way Day of Caring volunteer serves lunch to one of the children in the JCC Squirrel Hill's Early Childhood Development Center. Day of Caring volunteers helped throughout the JCC serving meals to children and senior adults, playing with children in Family Place and sorting books for the Adult Department.



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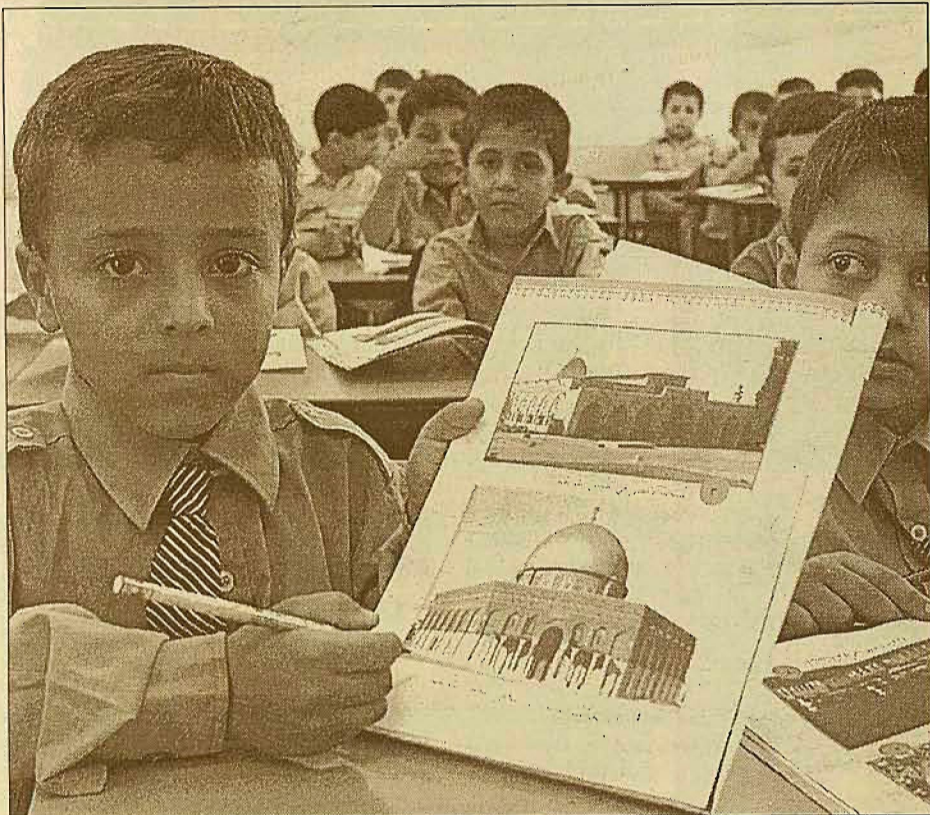
You belong here

Catherine the Great (1729-96) ordered the "Pale of Settlement" which prevented Jews from settling outside of a specified region in the west of Russia.



World

What's missing?



RNS Reuters photo

Palestinian students display the new Palestinian educational syllabus at the beginning of the new school year in Gaza Strip. Educators wrote their first Palestinian school textbooks, leaving out references to Jerusalem as part of Israel.

Holocaust survivors, heirs to get most of Swiss settlement

By MITCHELL DANOW
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK — Jewish organizations looking for a piece of a historic \$1.25 billion Swiss bank settlement are likely to be disappointed.

Instead, payments from the fund are likely to go solely to Holocaust survivors or their heirs, according to a document submitted to a U.S. court overseeing the settlement.

The distribution plan delivered to the court this week sets a Nov. 6 deadline for responses. On Nov. 20, U.S. District Court Judge Edward Korman, who is overseeing the settlement, will hold a public hearing to review any comments that have been submitted.

The distribution plan earmarks most of the fund — \$800 million — to survivors or their heirs who are holders of dormant World War II-era accounts that they were unable to recover from Swiss banks.

The distribution plan — drawn up by Judah Gribetz, a court-appointed official known as a special master — also designates several other beneficiary classes:

- Slave and forced laborers who worked for German companies will receive at least \$500 each, plus another \$500 after all claims are processed;

- Slave and forced laborers who worked for Swiss-owned companies will receive the same amount. An estimated 100 Swiss firms used up to 5,000 such workers in Nazi-run plants, mainly in German towns near the Swiss border;

- Anyone who was admitted to Switzerland as a refugee during the war and was subsequently detained or mistreated will be eligible to receive a maximum of \$500. An estimated 3,000 people are expected to file such claims;

- Refugees denied entry into, or expelled from, Switzerland may receive between \$1,250 and \$2,500. About 17,000 people are expected to file under this category;

- The proposal also earmarks \$100 million to compensate those whose property was looted during the war. Of this, 90 percent will be distributed to Jews, 10 percent to non-Jews.

The fund also designates \$10 million to create a Holocaust memorial foundation.

MOVIE TIMES September 15th thru September 21st, 2000

CINEMAGIC

Manor - 422-7729 \$4.50 All Shows Before 6 p.m. () = Sat.-Sun.

*The Watcher (R) (1:45, 3:45), 5:45, 7:45, 9:45; Bring It On (PG13) (1:15, 3:15), 5:15, 7:15, 9:15; *Alice et Martin (R) (12:30, 2:50), 5:10, 7:35, 9:55; Butterfly (R) (1:30, 3:30), 5:30, 7:30, 9:30 p.m.

Squirrel Hill - 421-7900 \$4.50 All Shows Before 6 p.m.

*Nurse Betty (R) (1:15, 3:20), 5:20, 7:30, 9:40; *Bait (R) (1:00, 3:15), 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; The Cell (R) (1:20, 3:20), 5:20, 7:20, 9:20; *The Way of the Gun (R) (1:00, 3:10), 5:20, 7:40, 9:50; *But I'm A Cheerleader (PG13) (1:15, 3:10), 5:10, 7:15, 9:15; Saving Grace (R) (1:30, 3:30), 5:35, 7:35, 9:35. *Dolby

Denis - 343-7300 \$4.50 All Shows Before 6 p.m. Every Tues. All Shows \$4.50.

*The Eyes of Tammy Faye (PG13) (1:10, 3:10), 9:20; Saving Grace (R) 5:20, 7:35; *But I'm A Cheerleader (PG13) (1:10, 3:05), 5:25, 7:30, 9:35; Shower (PG13) (1:00, 3:00), 5:30, 7:20, 9:35; *Tao of Steve (R) (1:05, 3:15), 5:15, 7:25, 9:30.

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Regent Square Theatre - 1035 S. Braddock Ave.

Trixie (R) (USA) Fri. 7:00; 9:15pm, Sat. 4:30, 7:00, 9:15pm, Sun. 2:15, 4:30pm, Mon.-Thurs. 8:00pm; The Caine Muntiny (Bogart) Sun. 7:30 only

Harris Theatre - 809 Liberty Ave.

Tao of Steve (Sundance winner) Fri. & Sat 7:00, 9:00; Sun. 2:00, 4:00; Mon.-Thurs. 7:30 only

Melwood S.R. - 477 Melwood Ave.

Blood Simple (Coen Brothers) Fri. & Sat. 7:30, 9:30; Sun. 7:30 only.

CARMIKE

Carmike 10 - 700 S. Hills Village 835-7700

Bait (R)* 1:15, 3:45, 7:15, 9:50; Scary Movie (R)* 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:30, 9:50; Way of the Gun (R) DTS 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:35; Whipped (R) DTS 1:10, 3:10, 5:10, 7:10, 9:10; Highlander: Endgame (R) DTS 1:20, 3:20, 5:20, 7:20, 9:20; Bring It On (PG13) DTS 1:10, 3:20, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00; The Cell (R) DTS 1:00, 3:45, 7:00, 9:45; The Replacements (PG-13) DTS 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30; Nutty Professor 2 (PG13)* 1:45, 4:30, 7:30, 10:00; Hollowman* (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:30, 10:00

Galleria 6 - Rt. 19 Mt. Lebanon 531-5551

Watcher (R) DTS 1:20, 3:20, 5:20, 7:20, 9:35; Nurse Betty (R) DTS 1:30, 4:10, 7:10, 9:40; The Crew (PG13) DTS 1:00, 3:10, 5:10, 7:25, 9:25; Autumn in New York (PG13) 1:15, 4:00, 7:15, 9:20; Space Cowboys (PG13) DTS 1:15, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30; What Lies Beneath (PG13) DTS 1:00, 4:15, 7:00, 9:40.

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Briefly

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

A top Vatican official says in a new book that the Roman Catholic Church hopes Jews will someday embrace Christianity, according to the German magazine Focus. The book by Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger says "Catholics don't want to impose Christ on the Jews, but they are waiting for the moment when Israel too says yes to Christ," the magazine reported.

Nearly 60 years after they were packed in tin boxes and hidden by Warsaw Jews, the underground archives of the wartime Warsaw Ghetto are being sent to Germany. The Ringelblum Archives, organized by historian Emanuel Ringelblum, who died in the Holocaust, will be exhibited at the Frankfurt Jewish Museum starting Sept. 23.

At a ceremony in Warsaw attended by several high-ranking politicians, professor Moshe Roman of Bar-Ilan University was awarded a prize by Poland's Jerzy Milewski Foundation in recognition of his scholarly work on Polish Jewish history. The foundation, which backs liberal social and political initiatives, will co-sponsor the Polish translation and publication of Roman's book, "The Lord's Jews."

Iranian President Mohammad Khatami described as disproportionate the international outcry to the conviction of 10 Iranian Jews on charges of spying for Israel. Khatami, speaking to reporters after his speech at the United Nations, also said his government would not intervene in the appeals for the 10 being considered by Iran's judiciary.

The Polish government called for closing a disco located near the site of the Auschwitz death camp. But the govern-

ment said it could not order the disco's closure because it is privately owned. Jewish groups protested the recent opening of the dance hall, located in a former tannery where slave laborers died.

Hundreds of new members are joining Germany's National Democratic Party in reaction to government attempts to ban the extremist party, according to party officials. Some 6,500 people are members of the NDP, say the officials. The German government launched a crackdown on the party after a recent upsurge in violent incidents against immigrants.

Australian officials confiscated bulletproof vests and holsters from Israeli security agents when the Israeli team entered the Olympic Village in Sydney for the upcoming Summer Olympic Games. Last weekend's incident followed months of discussions about security at the games, which begin Sept. 15.

Neo-Nazis in Sweden recently beat and robbed a visiting Jewish businessman as they shouted Nazi slogans at him. Police are investigating the incident, which left the Norwegian businessman in a hospital for one night.

Some Jewish members of France's fashion world are reportedly skipping the third day of this year's showing of the Paris collections because it falls on Yom Kippur. Yves Saint Laurent is among those who won't attend the Monday, Oct. 9 session of the Paris collections, the fall showing of latest French fashion.

Officials from Europe, Israel and Jordan, including Prince Hassan, joined American Jews in reopening a synagogue near the site of the Auschwitz death camp. The New York-based Auschwitz Jewish Center Foundation spent \$12 million to reopen the Lomdei Mishnaot Synagogue and an adjacent cultural center.

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Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein

Simchas

Weddings



Rosenblatt-Abbott: David and Gail Rosenblatt announce the marriage of their daughter, Cheryl Lynn to Matthew Vernon Abbott, son of Robert and Leslie Abbott on May 28 at the Concordia Club. Rabbi Elliot Burk officiated. Cheryl's grandparents are Edith Bernstein and Natalie Rosenblatt. Matt's grandparents are Vernon Henderson, and Mortimer and Emily Abbott. Gerri Rosenblatt was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Michelle Grech, Jehan Ghafari, Karen Crincoli, and Tracy Abbott. Best man was John Studer. Grooms-men were Jay Rosenblatt, Daniel Jiyamapa, Laird Sheldahl and Jason Shanks. After a honeymoon in Anguilla, the couple reside in Atlanta, GA.

Births

Cohen: Susi (Simons) and Alan Cohen of Pacific Palisades, CA announce the birth of their son, Russell Henry on August 23. Grandparents are Stanley Simons and Paul Cohen of Pittsburgh, and Susan Cohen of Los Angeles. Russell is named in memory of his maternal grandmother, Ruth Simons, and his paternal grandfather, Howard Smith.

Platt: Eric and Suzanne Platt announce the birth of their son, Jeremy Logan on August 6. He is the brother of Carlie Brynae. Grandparents are Marvin and Arleen Adelson, and Joe and Becky Platt of Cincinnati, OH. Great-grandparents are Lenore Adelson and the late Leon Adelson, the late Cecil and Czerna Cohen, the late Margaret and Joseph M. Platt, and the late Roy and Bernice Madox.

Jeremy Logan is named in memory of his great-grandfathers, Joseph M. Platt and Leon Adelson.

Schaffer: Steve and Laura (Siegel) Schaffer announce the birth of their daughter, Abby Leah on May 10. Grandparents are Ellen and Mike Siegel of Churchill, and Marla and Don Schaffer of Lincolnwood, IL. Great-grandmothers are Edythe Futterman and Sally Schaffer.

Abby is named in memory of her maternal great-grandparents, Max and Lillian Burechson.

Bar Mitzvas



Bennie Andreas, son of Shelly and Michael Andreas of Monroeville will become a Bar Mitzva on Saturday, Sept. 16 at Temple David. Grandparents are Belle and Sam Shear, and the late Teresa and John Andreas.



Samuel Gregory Gespass, son of Debbie and Andrew Gespass will become a Bar Mitzva on Saturday, Sept. 16 at 10:30 a.m. at Temple Sinai. Grandparents are George and Dolly Auerbach of Englewood, NJ, and Milton and Norma Gespass of Ligonier, PA.



Samuel Phillip Notovitz, son of Frani S. Notovitz and Wes Notovitz will become a Bar Mitzva on Saturday, Sept. 16 at Tree of Life Congregation. Grandparents are Michael and Marta Sciulli and the late Angelina Sciulli. Great-grandparents are Pedro and Blanca Fudor.



Adam Ryan Rosenberg, son of Susie and Eddie Rosenberg will become a Bar Mitzva on Saturday, Sept. 16 at 9:15 a.m. at Adat Shalom. Grandparents are Doris and Mervin L. Binstock, and Maxine and Stanley Silverblatt, and the late Nicholas Rosenberg.



Joseph Charles Tucker, son of Linda Tucker and Dr. Jon B. Tucker will become a Bar Mitzva on Saturday, Sept. 16 at 10:30 a.m. at Temple Emanuel. Grandparents are Ruth and Stuart Samuels of Huntingdon Valley, PA, and Jackie and Bob Tucker of Pittsburgh.

Bat Mitzvas



Elana Rachel Barkowitz, daughter of Paul and Doreen H. Barkowitz of Mt. Lebanon will become a Bat Mitzva on Saturday, Sept. 16 at Beth El Congregation of the South Hills. Grandparents are Leah Read Barkowitz of Isle of Palms, SC and the late Seymour Barkowitz, and Bill Harris of Ringwood, NJ and the late Etta Bloom Harris.



Katie Jane Lebow, daughter of Ellen and Larry Lebow became a Bat Mitzva on Saturday, Sept. 9 at Tree of Life Congregation. Grandparents are Gail and Albert Nord, and Sophie Lebow Harris and the late Max Lebow. Great-grandmother is Ida Siff.



Lauren Kayla Lowenberger, daughter of Alayne and William Lowenberger of McCandless will become a Bat Mitzva on Saturday, Sept. 16 at 10 a.m. at Temple Ohav Shalom. Grandparents are Phyllis and Frank Rosenfeld of Ross, and Hannah and Walter Lowenberger of New York City.



Pamela Brooke Savitz, daughter of Adrienne and Larry Savitz will become a Bat Mitzva on Saturday, Sept. 16 at 8:45 a.m. at Congregation Beth Shalom. Grandparents are Ruth Savitz, Virginia and Arthur Savitz, and the late Evelyn and Paul Marcus.

Achievements

Dr. Kenneth D. Alpern recently received the appointment as the inaugural holder of the George and Arlene Foote Chair in Ethics at Hiram College in Ohio. Dr. Alpern is the son of Bernard M. Alpern and the late Betty K. Alpern, and brother of Richard K. Alpern, all of Squirrel Hill.

Ross Eliot Linzer of Monroeville received the third place National Award at the recently completed Convention of the Jewish War Veterans of the USA held in Philadelphia.

Attorney Jeffrey L. Pollock, a solo legal practitioner in Squirrel Hill, has been appointed to serve on the Board of Trustees of the Shady Side Academy Alumni Council.

Deadline for Simchas is Thursday, 4:30 p.m. Submit typed copy to The Jewish Chronicle, Attention Fran Berkman, 5600 Baum Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15206 or Fax to 412-687-5119. There is a \$6 charge for each photograph; check must accompany picture.

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Talmud, Sotah 14a

Community

Congregations

Adat Shalom/B'nai Israel/Beth Jacob Friday services 8 p.m. Saturday Shabbat service 9:15 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 24, Kadima will have lunch and go to the movies following Religious School. USY Open Lounge Tuesday, Sept. 19, from 7-9 p.m. There will be an open program and synagogue sleepover on Saturday evening, Sept. 23. For information call 820-9110.

Adath Jeshurun-Cneseth Israel Monroeville Jewish Center Friday Family services 8 p.m. Social hour follows. Saturday services 9 a.m. Daily services 8:30 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. Sunday Men's Club breakfast follows 9 a.m. service. Selichot service Saturday, Sept. 23 with social hour at 9 p.m. For information call 373-7263.

Agudath Achim Synagogue, Beaver Falls Friday evening services at 8:15 on the first Friday of each month. Shabbat morning services at 9.

Ahavath Achim in Carnegie Saturday morning services at 9:20. For information call 412/279-1566.

B'nai Abraham in Butler Friday evening services 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays Adult Bar/Bat Mitzva class 11:30 a.m. Thursdays Hebrew Level I at 11:30 a.m. Sunday Young Judaea at 1 p.m. For information call 724/287-5806.

B'nai Emunoh Congregation Friday services 6:30 a.m. and 7:20 p.m. Saturday Shabbat services 9 a.m. and 6:50 p.m. Pirkei Avos 5:50 p.m. Daily services: Sunday 8 a.m. and 7:10 p.m. Monday through Thursday 6:30 a.m. and 7:10 p.m. For information call 521-1477.

B'nai Zion Shabbat service, 9:30 a.m. Sunday Men's Club brunch at 10 a.m.

Bet Tikvah serving Pittsburgh's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered community. Shabbat services first Friday of every month in the Rodef Shalom Chapel at 7:30 p.m. For information call Matthew at 412/322-6552.

Beth El Congregation of the South Hills Friday services 7:30 p.m. Saturday Shabbat 9:30 a.m. Saturday at 6 p.m. "Bountiful Harvest" Shabbat Dinner and services. Sunday Shofar class at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 23 Selichot dessert reception and program featuring art-historian, Ellaine Rosen at 9:30 p.m. with services at 11:30. Sunday, Sept. 24, 10 a.m. -12:30 p.m. Used Book Sale. Daily services 7 a.m. and 7:45 p.m. For information call 561-1168.

Beth Hamedrash Hagodol-Beth Jacob Shachrit services Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8 a.m. Monday, Thursday and Rosh Chodesh 7:45 a.m. Shabbat services 9 a.m. Evenings at 5:30. For information call Rabbi Stanley Savage, 471-4443 or 281-1965.

Jeans for genes



HADASSAH PHOTO

"Jeans for Genes" cocktail party is given by Hadassah Greater Pittsburgh Chapter at the Westmoreland Country Club on Saturday, Sept. 16. Proper attire is jeans. There is a cost. Cash bar, appetizers, wine, dancing and a silent auction will benefit the Goldyne Savad Institute of Gene Therapy. Shown from left are chairpersons Bonnie Mallit, Jackie Krinsky, Lynn Gurrentz, Rochelle Parker and Dotty Weisberg, president.

Beth Israel Center Pleasant Hills Friday erev Shabbat service at 8. For information call 412/655-2144.

Beth Israel Congregation Latrobe. For information and directions call 539-0447.

Beth Israel Congregation Washington, PA Friday services at 6 p.m. "My Own Shabbat" for ages 2-7 followed by potluck dinner. Regular services at 8 p.m. Saturday, Shabbat services 9 a.m. Sunday Religious School at 9:30 a.m. For information call 724/225-7080.

Beth Samuel Jewish Center in Ambridge Friday services at 8 p.m. Saturday Shabbat services 10 a.m. For information call 724/266-5238.

Beth Shalom Congregation Kabbalat Shabbat service 7 p.m. Early Shabbat service 6:30 a.m. Family Shabbat services 8:45 a.m. Kiddie Minyan and Plus 10:30 a.m. Saturday Mincha 7:30 p.m. Daily services 7:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday services 8 a.m. United Synagogue Youth services begin 10 a.m. USY Open Lounge is Thursdays at 7 p.m. Selichot services Saturday, Sept. 23 at 9 p.m. "The Book of Life" an open exchange with presenter Dr. Pat Levitt of the Thomas T. Detre Center, Ph.D. of Neuroscience and Chairman of Neurobiology at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. Respondent is Rabbi Aaron L. Mackler, Associate Professor of Theology at Duquesne University and Chair of the Subcommittee on BioEthics of the Committee on Jewish Law and Standards of the Rabbinical Assembly. Refreshments hosted by the Men's Club at 10 p.m. Selichot services 10:30 p.m. For information call the office, 421-2288.

Bohnai Yisrael/Young People's returns to Congregation B'nai Zion Building, 6404 Forbes Ave. Friday Mincha services at 6:30 p.m. Saturday Shachrit services 9:30 a.m. Allen Spiegel reads Torah. Mincha 7 p.m. followed by class in Chumash and Rashi led by Jerome Rosenberg.

Charles M. Morris Nursing and Rehabilitation Center at Weinberg Village daily morning services at 9. Mincha at 4 p.m. Sabbath programs: Mincha and Kabbalat at 4 p.m. Morning services at 9.

Dor Hadash, Pittsburgh's Reconstructionist services at the Jewish Education Institute Building, 2740 Beechwood Blvd. Friday 8 p.m. For information call Lanie Winters at 412/767-9757.

Emanu-El Israel Congregation of Greensburg Friday erev Shabbat services at 8. Saturday 8:30 a.m. minyan Greensburg. Tot Shabbat at 11 a.m. Monday 7:30 p.m. Talmud. Friday at 6 p.m. Picnic at Twin Lakes Park Pavilion #5. Order your sukka now. For information call 724/834-0560.

Gemilas Chesed Congregation in White Oak Friday evening Mincha following candle lighting. Shabbat morning Medrash class 8:45 a.m. Shachrit 9 a.m. Mincha and Shalosh Seudos 20 minutes before sunset. Maariv 50 minutes after sunset. Daily services 7 a.m. Sunday and legal holidays 8:15 a.m. Daily Mincha 10 minutes before sunset. For information call 678-8859.

Kollel Bais Yitzchok Friday Mincha at 6:10 p.m. Saturday Shachrit 8:30 a.m. Mincha 7 p.m. Maariv 8:35 p.m. Daily Shachrit 6:40 a.m. Mincha 6:15 p.m. and Maariv 9:30 p.m. Call 521-9514 for information.

Lubavitch Center Synagogue Friday night service. Saturday Shabbat service at 10 a.m. Sunday service 9:15 a.m. followed by breakfast prepared by the Men's Club. Daily Mincha minyan 10 minutes before sunset. Daily Maariv minyan 25 minutes after sunset. For information call 412-421-7315.

New Light Congregation Friday services 8 p.m. Saturday Shabbat service 10 a.m. Sunday 9:15 a.m. service followed by breakfast prepared by the Men's Club. For information call 421-1017.

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Michelle Dresbold opening speaker



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Robin Exler and Amy Perilstein, co-chairpersons of Adat Shalom Sisterhood's Opening Meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 20 at 7:30 p.m. has Michelle Dresbold, a nationally syndicated newspaper columnist and handwriting expert for the police and FBI as guest speaker.

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Parkway Jewish Center Friday services 8 p.m. Saturday services 9:30 a.m. Monday, Sept. 18 Sisterhood Paid Up Membership Dinner. For information call 412/823-4338 or website at <http://uscj.org/wpenn/pghpjc>.

Poale Zedeck Congregation Friday services 7 p.m. Saturday Shabbat services 8:45 a.m. Daily services: Monday and Thursday 6, 6:45 and 8 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 6, 6:55 and 8 a.m. Mincha Monday through Thursday 7:55 p.m. Friday Mincha 7 p.m. For information call 412/421-9786.

Riverview Towers Saturday services at 10 a.m. Daily minyan at 4 p.m. For speaker information, call 521-7876.

Rodef Shalom Congregation Friday erev Shabbat services 5:30 followed by Shabbat dinner at 6:15 sponsored by Sisterhood, Brotherhood and Jr. Congregation. Saturday Shabbat service at 10:30 a.m. preceded by Torah study at 9:30. Thursday at 8 p.m. David Saperstein, director of Religious Action of Reform Judaism will be guest speaker for the Lavaur Lecture discussing "Justice, Justice, You Shall Pursue; A Jewish Agenda for the Next Administration." Daily prayer service Monday through Thursday 5:30 p.m. Sunday prayer service 9 a.m.

Shaare Torah Congregation Friday services 7 p.m. Saturday Shabbat services 8:45 a.m. Monday and Thursday services at 6:40 a.m. and 8 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday services at 7 and 8 a.m. Daily evening services at 7:10. For information call 421-8855.

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Temple Beth Israel in Steubenville, Sabbath eve services at 8. Call for schedule of Saturday morning service, 740/264-5514.

Temple David in Monroeville Friday Tot Shabbat services 7 p.m. Regular erev Shabbat service at 8. Jr. Congregation services 9 a.m. Saturday morning services at 10 a.m. For information call 772-1200.

Temple Emanuel of the South Hills Family Shabbat services are held the first Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. On the 3rd Friday of the month services are at 6 p.m. The 2nd, 4th and 5th Friday services are at 8 p.m. Saturday Torah study is at 9 a.m. with services at 10:30. Call for information 412/279-7600.

Temple Hadar Israel in New Castle, Lawrence County, holds services in the former Tifereth Israel Synagogue.

Temple Ohav Shalom in the North Hills Friday 6:15 p.m. Shabbat services with dinner at 7 p.m. Regular services 8 p.m. Saturday services 10 a.m. Call 369-0900 for information or website at www.ohavshalom.org.

Temple Shalom in Wheeling Friday Shabbat service 7:30 p.m. Saturday morning service at 8. Sunday Confirmation Class at 9:15. Parents will have a short orientation meeting with the Rabbi at 9:15. For information call 304/233-4870.

Temple Sinai Friday Shabbat services at 8. Saturday Informal service and Torah study 8:30 a.m. Shabbat morning services 10:30 a.m. Monday afternoon minyan 5:30. Thursday minyan 7:15 p.m. For information call 412/421-9715.

Torath Chaim daily services Monday and Thursday 6:15 a.m. and Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 6:30 a.m. Saturday morning at 9. Sunday at 8 a.m. For information, call Arnie Schwartz, 362-0036.

Tree of Life Congregation Friday Family Kabbalat services 5:45 p.m. No later service. Saturday Shabbat services 9:45 a.m. Mincha 5 p.m. Daily services Sunday, 9 a.m., Monday, Thursday and Friday 7:30 a.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday 7:45 a.m. Evening services, Sunday through Thursday, 7:30. Call 412/521-6788, ext. 25 for information.

Tree of Life Congregation of Uniontown. Shabbat services Friday at 8 p.m. Saturday services 10 a.m. For information, call Harold Cohen, 438-0343 or Larry Smith, 438-4197.

Young Israel Friday erev Shabbat services 7:30 p.m. Saturday Shachrit 9 a.m. Children's service 9:45. Study group 7:20 p.m. Mincha at 8:20 followed by Shalosh Seudos. Sunday services 8 a.m. followed by light breakfast. For information call 421-8949.

Organizations

Amit Women will hold a hat and hair covering show on Wednesday, Sept. 20 at 7 p.m. at the home of Iris Samson, 5851 Phillips Ave.

Beth Shalom Men's Club is sponsoring a Health Fair on Sunday, Sept. 17 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. It will include individual doctors, pharmaceutical companies and organizations. Topics of all nature will be discussed and screenings held. Co-chairmen are Mark Frisch, Dr. Larry Dobkin and Dr. Saul Silver. Stephen Neustein is president.

Beth Shalom Sisterhood Chorale meets at 7:15 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 20.

B'nai B'rith Pittsburgh/Three Rivers Lodge has guest speaker Dr. Cyril Wecht Thursday, Sept. 14 at New Light Synagogue at 8 p.m. discussing "Violence in Today's Society." Dr. Wecht is Chairman of the Allegheny County Committee on Violence and Hate Crimes.

Hadassah Greater Pittsburgh McKeesport Group holds their annual membership party at B'nai Israel Temple on Sunday, Sept. 17 at 3 p.m. with Sally Kalson, columnist for the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette as guest speaker. Reception to follow.

Hadassah Shira-Simcha group holds their meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 20 at Temple Emanuel in Mt. Lebanon with a light lunch at noon. There is a charge. Speakers Barbara and Jack Shore will narrate their film on a trip to Russia to find relatives. RSVP to Shirley Shore by Sept. 15 at 279-0962.

NA'AMAT USA, Shalom Chapter will have a Bar-B-Que at the home of Marla and Dr. Harold Scheinman, 1053 Beechwood Blvd. on Sunday, Sept. 17 at 6 p.m. Helen Faye Rosenblum will review a book. To RSVP call Madeline Zukerman at 621-4825 or Bobbie Recht at 521-7357 by Sept. 12.

Women of Temple Sinai kick off their Fall season with a Dinner and Movie Evening on Sunday, Sept. 24 at about 4 p.m. at Loew's Theater on the new Homestead Waterfront followed by dinner at Temple Sinai. For information, call the office at 412-421-9715.

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Portion of the Week

BY AVI FRIEDMAN, RABBI, TREE OF LIFE

Sedra Ki Tavo; Deuteronomy 26:1—29:8; Prophets Isaiah 60:1-22

Democrats and Republicans in the Jewish community should be able to agree on at least one thing concerning this presidential election. The nomination of Sen. Joe Lieberman for Vice President of the United States has given rise to more discussions of halacha (Jewish law) in American society than ever before.

In the first few days after Lieberman was designated as Al Gore's running mate, the various media were discussing the laws of Shabbat as they pertained to national security issues, as well as the laws of Kashrut as they pertained to state dinners. What an amazing phenomenon! Many Jews have already found themselves explaining fine points of Jewish law to their non-Jewish friends. Still others have found themselves giving the same tutorials to their JEWISH friends.

If nothing else, Sen. Lieberman has given us all an opportunity to evaluate what we know about our Jewish tradition and what we do about it. The nomination of an observant Jew to high office challenges us all to reassess our understanding of Judaism in the modern world.

In this week's Torah portion, Ki Tavo, Moses commands the people to "write on the stones all the words of this Instruction (Torah), explained well." (Deut.

27:8) It was not sufficient to copy down the words of the Torah verbatim. Those words needed to be explained until they were understood.

In today's world of mass publication and Internet research, more Jewish texts are available to more Jews than ever before. More Jewish books are in print today than at any previous time in history. Websites with thought provoking Jewish material from both ancient and modern times can be brought into our homes in a matter of seconds. Yet, how many of us take advantage of the resources at our fingertips? Some of us do, but not enough.

As Americans, we can agree or disagree with Joe Lieberman's political views. As Jews, we can agree or disagree with his religious views. Despite that, his candidacy is sending a powerful message to us all. If Judaism is going to be an item on the national agenda, we have an obligation as Jews to be educated participants in the discussion.

As we prepare for the coming year of 5761, may we all be inspired by the words of Moses in the Torah and the actions of Joe Lieberman today to ensure that the words of our Torah are "explained well."

(This column is a service of the Greater Pittsburgh Rabbinic Association.)

JCC welcomes new parents and babies to the community

JCC release

The Jewish Community Center of Greater Pittsburgh is welcoming all babies to the community with a new program, Shalom Baby, open to everyone, regardless of race, religion or national origin.

Shalom Baby invites families with children up to one year of age to take advantage of JCC programs. Non-members receive a free one-month pass to sample programs such as Family Place, where parents can share their experiences with new friends and participate in programs like Kindermusic, Mommy & Me and Infant Massage or CPR.

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JCC members and the community can call to receive a Shalom Baby gift package, which also includes a JCC bib and, for Jewish babies, an opportunity to participate in the "Family Trees" program. The JCC, United Jewish Federation and Jewish National Fund have partnered to plant trees in Israel in honor of newborns.

To receive a Shalom Baby gift package, call the JCC Membership Office in Squirrel Hill at (412) 521-8011, ext. 534, or in the South Hills at (412) 278-1975, ext. 208.

What are you praying about?

Kollel release

Rabbi Yosef Eisen, an acclaimed lecturer, historian and scholar, will explore the meaning of the High Holidays in a three-part series "What Are You Praying About?" sponsored by Pathways of the Kollel Jewish Learning Center and the Jewish Education Institute. The series will delve into the structure of the prayer ser-



Rabbi Yosef Eisen

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vice, demonstrating how the prayers all fit together meaningfully. Each class of the series is self-contained.

The series meets on Thursday evenings, Sept. 14, 21 and Oct. 6, from 7:30 to 8:30 in the JEI building, 2704 Beechwood Blvd. There is a charge. For reservations or information, phone Pathways at 521-9514.

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ELIKAN: On Thursday, September 7, 2000, Marilyn F. Elikan, beloved wife of Martin Elikan; mother of Cheryl (Benjamin) DeSure, Beth (Keith) Berger and Howard Elikan; daughter of Sarah and the late Harry Kotovsky; sister of David (Marcy) Kotovsky and the late Beverly Kotovsky; grandmother of Arona DeSure, Ariella DeSure, Eric Berger, Daniel Berger and Amanda Berger. Services were held at Ralph Schugar Chapel, Inc., 5509 Centre Avenue, Shadyside. Interment Adath Jeshurun Cemetery. Contributions may be made to the Pgh. Cancer Institute, 200 Lothrop St., Room N-73, Pgh., PA 15213.

FRIEDMAN: On Tuesday, September 5, 2000, Jack H. Friedman, 95, beloved husband of the late Anne Gibbons Friedman; father of Mark A. Friedman of Baltimore, MD and A. David Friedman of Pgh.; brother of Dinetta Luick of Los Angeles, CA and the late Florence Landau and George Friedman; grandfather of Lauren and Joshua Friedman of Boston, MA, Mary (Alan) Felser and Lisa (Robert) Sobrofsky, all of Falls Church, VA; also survived by three great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Services were held at Burton L. Hirsch Chapel, 2704 Murray Ave., Sq. Hill (opp. Morrowfield Apts.). Interment Beth Shalom Cemetery. Contributions may be made to Riverview Towers, 52 Garetta St., Pgh., PA 15217.

GROUDINE: On Tuesday, September 5, 2000, Norman A. Groudine, beloved husband of Esther Glick Groudine; beloved father of Judith (Howard) Finkel of Houston, TX, Mark (Cynthia Putnam) Groudine of Seattle, WA and Beverly Groudine of Chicago, IL; beloved brother of Rose Grossman of Los Angeles, CA; beloved grandfather of Michelle Finkel of Boston, MA and Eric Finkel of Houston, TX. Services were held at Ralph Schugar Chapel, Inc., 5509 Centre Avenue, Shadyside. Interment Shaare Torah Cemetery.

LEVITE: On Thursday, September 7, 2000, Frances C. Levite, beloved daughter of the late Harry and Florence Levite; beloved sister of Herbert Levite of Pgh. Graveside services and interment were held at Adath Jeshurun Cemetery. Contributions may be made to Tree of Life Congregation, 5898 Wilkins Ave., Pgh., PA 15217. Arrangements by Ralph Schugar Chapel, Inc.

MASON: On Tuesday, September 5, 2000, Hannah A. Mason, beloved wife of the late Jacob H. Mason; beloved mother of Alan D. (Toni) Mason of Rockville, MD and Robert A. (Theresa) Mason of Trafford, PA; beloved grandmother of Mark Mason, Nancy Daugherty, Jane Magruder, Carol Mason, Joshua Mason and Moriah Mason; also survived by seven great-grandchildren. Services were held at Temple David. Interment Temple Sinai Memorial Park. Contributions may be made to Temple David, 4415 Northern Pike, Monroeville, PA 15146. Arrangements by Ralph Schugar Chapel, Inc.

NADEL: On Thursday, September 7, 2000, Joseph Nadel, beloved husband of Rose Wein Nadel; beloved father of Dr. Stanley (Dr. Cecilia) Nadel of San Diego, CA and Richard (Jane) Nadel of Grand Rapid, MN; beloved brother of the late Leonard Nadel and Celia Gastfriend; beloved grandfather of Amy (Steve) Slotin, Paige (James) Caras and Rebecca Nadel; also survived by four great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Services were held at Ralph Schugar Chapel, Inc., 5509 Centre Avenue, Shadyside. Interment Beth Shalom Cemetery.

PEARLMAN: Suddenly, on Friday, September 8, 2000, Irwin Pearlman, 82, beloved husband of Rhea Pearlman; father of Martin Jay Pearlman of Apollo and the late Linda Sue Hogg; brother of Reuben Pearlman of Philadelphia and the late Betty Schacter; grandfather of Rachel and Joshua Pearlman and Jessica and Erica Hogg; great-grandfather of Zachary Pearlman. Private graveside services and interment were held at Poale Zedeck Memorial Park Cemetery. Arrangements by Burton L. Hirsch Chapel.

ZWIBEL: On Thursday, August 31, 2000, Gertrude W. Zwibel, 91, of Greensburg, PA, beloved wife of the late Howard Zwibel; daughter of the late Benjamin and

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Unveilings

BAZERMAN: A monument in loving memory of William B. Bazerman will be unveiled on Sunday, September 24, 2000 at 12:00 p.m. at Poale Zedeck Memorial Park Cemetery. Relatives and friends are invited.

BERGSTEIN: A monument in loving memory of Eva Tepper Bergstein will be unveiled on Sunday, September 24, 2000 at 12:00 p.m. at Machsikei Hadas Cemetery, Shaler Twp. Relatives and friends are invited.

ROSENZWEIG: A monument in loving memory of Ruth Moss Rosenzweig will be unveiled on Sunday, September 24, 2000 at 12:00 p.m. at Gemilas Chesed Old Elrod Cemetery, Versailles. Rabbi Chinn will officiate. Relatives and friends are invited.

ZECHER: A monument in loving memory of Albert Zecher will be unveiled on Friday, September 15, 2000 at 11:00 a.m. at Beth Shalom Cemetery. Rabbi Gibson will officiate. Relatives and friends are invited.

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Czech Jews rebury ancient remains

By **MAGNUS BENNETT**
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

PRAGUE — A dispute surrounding one of Europe's oldest Jewish burial sites in Prague has taken a dramatic twist, as the remains of 157 bodies removed from the site for research were privately reburied here.

Last Friday's reburial ceremony, conducted by Czech Chief Rabbi Karol Sidon, bypassed a major sticking point in negotiations between the local Jewish community and the site's owners over the fate of the remains, which were removed some months ago.

The owner of the site, insurance company Ceska Pojistovna, gained permission two years ago to build a high-rise apartment block and underground garage there.

But when construction workers found the Jewish cemetery, it became the focus of attention of Orthodox groups dedicated to preserving Jewish heritage.

The issue first hit the international stage last year, when misinformation was relayed over the Internet that the burial site was Prague's famous Old Jewish Cemetery, which lies half a mile away.

In March, following meetings with local and international Jewish representatives and the insurance company, the Czech government announced that construction could proceed as long as the remains of several hundred Jews were left undisturbed.

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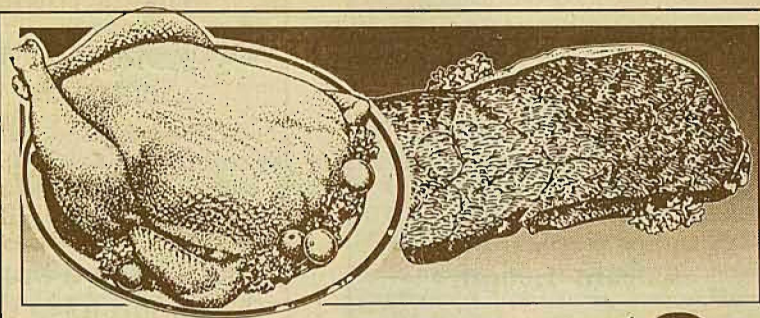
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		HARVEY WANDER	RACHEL RUDICK
		EILEEN WAYNE	MILTON FRIEDMAN
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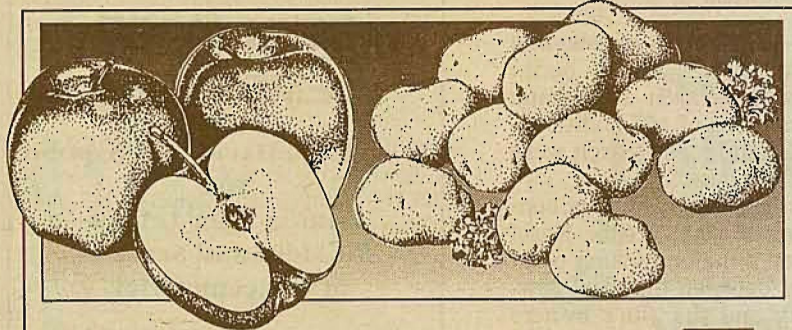
GIANT EAGLE

Rosh Hashanah



U.S.D.A. Grade A, Giant Eagle
Fresh Roasting Chicken

1¹⁹
LB.



Without Card Pay Regular Price

3 lb. Bag Farmers Market MacIntosh Apples

2^{\$4}
FOR

U.S.D.A. Certified Angus Beef Trimmed
Boneless Beef Brisket Flat

3²⁹
LB.

U.S.D.A. Grade A
Giant Eagle Fresh Bone-In Turkey Breast

2²⁹
LB.

4 Oz., Sliced
Genuine Kosher Nova Lox

3⁹⁹
ea.

12 Oz., Regular or Fat Free
Hebrew National Franks or Knockwurst

2^{\$5}
FOR

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1 LB. Bag
Farmers Market Carrots

2^{\$1}
FOR

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5 Lb. Bag
Golden Delight Potatoes

2^{\$5}
FOR

16 Oz. - 3 Varieties
Giant Eagle Sour Cream



EA.

.99

Without Card Pay Regular Price

12 Oz., 6 Varieties
Manischewitz Egg Noodles



EA.

.79

Without Card Pay Regular Price

24 Oz., 6 Varieties
Manischewitz Gefilte Fish



EA.

4⁹⁹

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From The Bakery

Freshly Baked Bagels

\$4
DOZ.

Golden Egg Twist Rolls

8¹⁷⁵
FOR

(Apricot, Cinnamon Kiffle, Raspberry or Cheese)
Cream Cheese Pastries

2⁹⁹
DOZ.

Plain or Raisin
Freshly Baked Challah

2²⁹
LOAF

Apple, Cherry, Pecan or Strawberry
Cheese Danish Coffee Cake Rings

3⁹⁹
EA.

12 Oz., Medium Party or Cream

Vita Herring

Without Card Pay Regular Price



3²⁹
EA.

5 oz. Ball Mix (box) or 4.5 oz. Soup Mix (box)

Manischewitz Matzo Ball or Soup Mix

Without Card Pay Regular Price



2^{\$4}
FOR

Candles Or Tumblers

Rokeach Memorial

Without Card Pay Regular Price



2^{\$1}
FOR

From The Deli

Weiss Corned Beef or Roast Beef Brisket

5⁹⁹
LB.

Hebrew National Salami or Bologna

6⁹⁹
LB.

Eagle Valley Turkey Breast Oven Roasted or Mesquite Smoked

5⁹⁹
LB.

Cheese Please Swiss Cheese

4⁹⁹
LB.

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Jewish National Fund



Steven H. Schwartz

Jewish National Fund is the caretaker of the land of Israel, on behalf of its owners—Jewish people everywhere... and there is still so much more to be done. My involvement as a volunteer with JNF will help insure that the State of Israel will survive and prosper for many years to come.

Jewish Residential Services



Libby Fishman

Jewish Residential Services makes such a tangible difference in the health and well being of our clients. Its residential, social and rehabilitative programs provide the structure and support so critical to them as they strive to overcome their disabilities and live full, rich lives within our Jewish community.

Jewish Women International



Marilyn Honigsberg

I am proud to be a volunteer for Jewish Women International, an organization that participates in education about domestic violence in the USA and the treatment of emotionally disturbed youth in Israel. I have served in various capacities and will continue to do so in the years ahead.

Kollel Bais Yitzchok



Dara E. Stern

Volunteering for Pathways—the Kollel's outreach program—has brought me closer to a valuable part of the community which was once unfamiliar to me. I appreciate the opportunity to help inspire others to explore Jewish thought and heritage.

Ladies Hospital Aid Society



Ruth Rubenstein

My history with LHAS goes back to 1948 when as Head Nurse of the Out Patient Department at Montefiore Hospital, I served as liaison for the pilot program for Home Care. That program was sponsored by LHAS. I knew then as I know today the outstanding contribution that Ladies Hospital Aid continues to make to our community. I am honored to have been nominated for this award.

Lubavitch Center/Synagogue



Batsheva Williamson

The children are our future and each child is so special in their own way. At Lubavitch Center I was given the opportunity to aid in the safety and development of these children. I received more than I gave because I was able to develop relationships with each one of those little, shining people.

Na'amat USA



Gloria Elbling

The mission of Na'amat is to improve the life of every Israeli citizen—all women, children and the family. I have proudly worked to support over 1,000 Na'amat installations and programs addressing this noble mission.

National Council of Jewish Women, Pittsburgh Section



**Liz Shapiro
Murphy**

As a newcomer to Pittsburgh, NCJW welcomed me. NCJW's hardworking and dedicated members continue to reinforce to me that one woman really can make a difference.

New Light Congregation— Oher Chodesh



Harold Caplan

It has been a privilege to have volunteered at New Light Congregation. The satisfaction in knowing I have helped my congregation and the appreciation I receive helps me know I have done the right thing.

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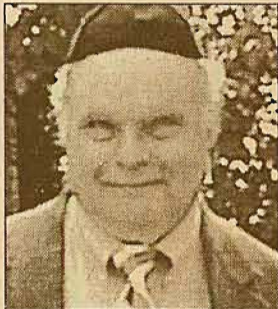
Pittsburgh Conference of Jewish Women's Organizations



Estelle Mann

I am very flattered to be selected by the Pittsburgh Conference of Jewish Women's Organizations to be their honoree. I have been involved with this organization for many years because of their dedication to the entire Jewish community.

Poale Zedeck Congregation



Herbert W. Stein

I enjoy what I do at the Poale Zedeck. All of the cooperation I receive makes my job very easy. My heart-felt thanks to all involved.

Rauh Jewish Archives Historical Society of Western PA



Rae Barent

I've always been interested in the history of the Jewish community in Pittsburgh and volunteering at the Jewish Archives lets me help preserve and spread awareness of that history.

Religious Zionist of America



Zvi Shuldiner

Since my arrival to the United States, I have been active with the Religious Zionists of America, both locally, as president, and nationally. I have enjoyed being part of RZA's program, which includes bringing lecturers from Israel, organizing rallies and activities on Israel's National holidays and bringing the Sheirut Leumi (National Service) girls to Pittsburgh.

Riverview Towers



Betty Goldman

If my music can provide happiness and joy, then my time has been well spent.

Rodef Shalom



Sandra Spear

As Membership Chair, I welcome prospective and new congregants into our religious home. Getting acquainted with many interesting individuals and worshipping together is very rewarding to me.

Shaare Torah Congregation



Steven Berman

I am privileged to serve Shaare Torah Congregation by applying my engineering skills to worthwhile projects. My deepest gratitude goes to my wife without whose help and support, I would be unable to accomplish any volunteer projects.

State of Israel Bonds



J. Lester Herrup

As we renew our peace efforts in the Middle East, it is even more important for Jews in the Diaspora to maintain their bond to Israel through investments in Israel Bonds. I am proud to be part of this effort.

Temple Emanuel of South Hills



Janice Keilly

Temple Emanuel is a community of people who are warm and caring, comforting and understanding. Sharing my time, my energy and my support is a challenge that I gladly accept.

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Temple Ohav Shalom



Maureen Wertheim

Only being a member since 1996, I was very involved in seeing our new Temple come to fruition. This inspired my continued involvement as a 3-term sisterhood president. I can see the fruits of my efforts.

Temple Sinai



Milton Sniderman

The satisfaction I receive by co-chairing the Interfaith Volunteer Care Committee and coordinating the activities of over 45 Sinai volunteers for the Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers is even greater than that felt by those we serve. We enable our elderly to remain independent by living in their homes, and at the same time fulfill the IVC objectives.

Tree of Life Congregation



Dr. Theodore M. Tabachnick

Working to strengthen my congregation, Etz Chaim, and its Jewish values is a labor of love as well as the expression of my responsibility to my community and its continuity.

United Jewish Federation



Milton Eisner

Volunteerism has been a big part of my life and I hope to continue until I am 120. I truly believe that those who bring others to give tzedakah will shine like the stars.

Women's American Ort



Cathy Frank

I am thrilled to be a "volunteer of the year." Especially during the 50th anniversary of ORT in Pittsburgh. I have learned so much about Pittsburgh ORT's history from our founders. ORT continues to be the world's leading Jewish organization for technological education and job placement services.

Yeshiva Schools



Leibel Schiffrin

Yeshiva Schools is like an extended family. I was asked why I work if I don't get paid? I replied, "In a family you must give back as well as receive."

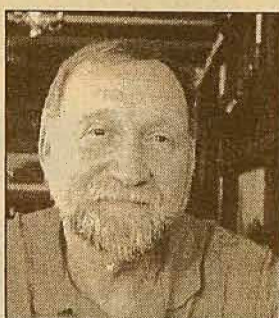
**Young People's Synagogue—
Bohnai Yisrael**



Jean H. McElwain

It is an honor and a privilege to receive this award. Although we are told it is better to give than receive, I believe I have benefitted far beyond my efforts for this wonderful congregation. Involvement in our congregation and Jewish community is a responsibility which not only enhances but also strengthens our Jewish lives.

**Zionist Organization
of America**



Ken Fryncko

I am proud to be part of the Zionist Organization of America and am deeply committed to the important work we are doing to educate our youth on the horrors of the Holocaust and the importance of a strong, viable State of Israel.

Our sincere Congratulations to
**The 2000 Community
Volunteer Honorees.**

It is an honor to salute so many individuals who have dedicated endless hours and unlimited energy towards the enrichment of Jewish life.

Their commitment is the Nucleus for building a Jewish Community of Excellence.

