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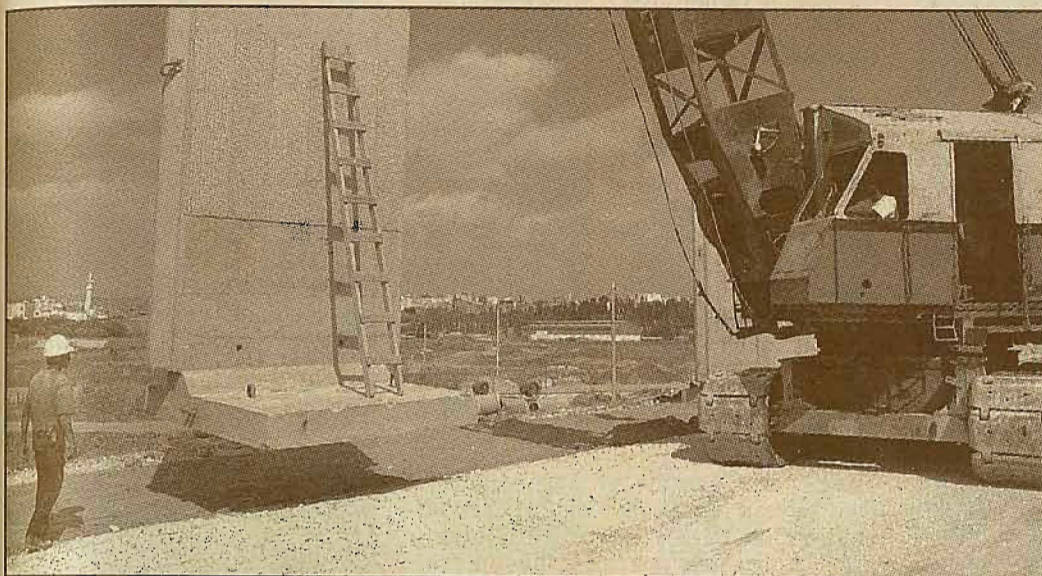
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Fence construction continues



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A section of a security fence Israel is building around the West Bank city of Tulkarm is set into place, Thursday, July 24. Tulkarm is roughly six miles from Netanya, which has suffered many Palestinian terror attacks. On Tuesday, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon told President Bush that construction of the fence will continue. Bush has called the fence, which becomes a wall in some places, a "problem" that could undermine peace efforts.

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JNF leads in Jewish online fund raising

By JO MARKS RIFKIN

Staff Writer

Jewish groups are looking to the Internet for fund raising.

Among them is The Jewish National Fund, which was ranked first among Jewish charities in a June 2002 Chronicle of Philanthropy study.

JNF raised \$31 million last fiscal year, including \$663,000 online in calendar year 2002, a 104 percent online jump. It expects to raise \$1 million by year's end.

Its Web site is averaging 56,000 hits a day since it launched in early February and raised \$450,000 in the first five months of the year, said Ken Markus, manager of Internet Business Technology at AOL-Time Warner and Internet chairman of JNF's marketing committee.

Three years after the Internet bubble popped, many nonprofits are finding that waiting out the Web's early buzz is becoming profitable.

"That sort of slow and steady approach seemed to pay off," said Stacy Palmer, editor in chief of The Chronicle of Philanthropy.

This year, the philanthropy journal ranked 135 charities, including a handful of Jewish nonprofits. Those 124 charities that provided figures for the past two years showed that online fund raising shot up to \$123.3 million in 2002 compared with \$41.4 million the previous year.

The other Jewish charities in the Chronicle list were: the Jewish Federation/Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago, which raised \$605,598 in 2002; the United Jewish Communities, \$511,000; UJA-Federation of New York, \$207,902; and the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland, \$13,435.

JNF, the century-old philanthropy, famous for Israeli forest and water projects, recently revamped its Web site and is tapping into local communities.

The revamped site merged the organization's online and off-line databases, allowing JNF to target specific donors with personalized online newsletters in 22 regions, including Pittsburgh.

Within the last three months, after the local newsletter was introduced, 70 donors from Jewish Pittsburgh contributed approximately \$2,000, said JNF's regional director for Western Pennsylvania, Bobbi Elmer. Whether or not this is the direct result of Pittsburgh's nascent online newsletter isn't clear, however.

What is certain, is that Jewish Pitts-

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Beth Hamedrash secures grant to pay off debt

By LEE CHOTTINER

Executive Editor

Pittsburgh's only Downtown Jewish congregation hopes to erase an \$11,000 operating deficit through a matching grant it has obtained through the United Jewish Federation Foundation.

UJF Foundation funds are rarely used on a matching basis, but that could change, one official said.

Beth Hamedrash Hagodol-Beth Jacob Congregation received the matching grant through the Anna L. Caplan and Irene V. Caplan Endowment Fund, which is administered by the UJF Foundation.

Under its terms, Beth Hamedrash has until December to raise money, which the fund will match dollar for dollar up to \$18,000.

Beth Hamedrash President Ira Frank said the grant will enable the congregation to return to solvency.

"We had to reach into our cash reserves this year because interest rates are down and expenses are up, so we hit principle," he said. "Therefore we want to be able to replace the principle we took out and increase our assets so we'll have more money to draw from."

"I wouldn't say we're in trouble,"

Frank added, "but the prudent thing is you don't want to hit principle."

Irene Caplan, who died on Oct. 18, 2001, set up the fund in her name and that of her sister, according to her attorney, Linda Leebov Goldston.

Goldston said the fund is meant to "enrich the Jewish community of Pittsburgh and we're trying to benefit causes and organizations in which she had an interest."

Both Caplan sisters were members of Beth Hamedrash and are buried in the congregation's cemetery in McKees Rocks.

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Community to have its own day at Kennywood

By ILIA FOROZAN

Special Staff

Besides being family and working together as electrologists for the past 13 years, Jane and Mimi Maizlech are in cahoots once again. Helping to organize the first Jewish Community Day at Kennywood Park, the Maizlechs want all of Pittsburgh's Jews to enjoy the potential of this event.

"She likes to think I'm a Conservative [Jew]," Jane Maizlech says about her Orthodox daughter-in-law, Mimi. "I respect her and she respects me and that's what this is really about. We're a perfect example."

Team Maizlech — with the help of Kennywood's group sales division — is hoping the concept of one big Jewish commu-

nity will transcend any limitations prescribed by the various religious facets within Pittsburgh's Jewish population.

"Everybody can get together, the Lubavitch, the Reform, the Conservative," Mimi Maizlech said, "and everyone can eat the food."

A twist of fate led Kennywood to set its first annual Jewish Community Day for Aug. 24, something the park, according to Mimi Maizlech, has been trying to do for a long time.

"The woman in charge of marketing was having lunch with my cousin," Mimi Maizlech said, "and told her that the park has been calling and trying to organize a Jewish day [at Kennywood]."

Mimi says she was slightly embarrassed that no one in the community jumped at the opportunity.

"Kennywood has been so gracious and so flexible," Mimi Maizlech said. "To me, it was too easy. You can't say no to this; there's no agenda, no fund raising, no egos, it's just fun."

Kennywood provides discounted tickets for their nationality days and they are on sale at Beth Shalom, Shaare Torah, Temple Sinai, the Jewish Community Center and Murray Avenue Kosher.

Ticket sales at Murray Avenue Kosher are going slowly, but co-owner Lila Weiss isn't worried.

"I think people will start coming out (to buy tickets) when the kids get back from camp," Weiss said. "I'm going with a group of people to support it because it's a nice venture for the Jewish community."

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South Hills Chabad to save, restore homeless ark

By **STEPHANIE SIEGEL**
Assistant Editor

It had been cast aside, whiling away the years in a forgotten corner of an East End furniture warehouse for almost a decade.

Some thought they might as well bury it. Just put the thing underground and move on.

But the old ark that nobody wanted is being saved from the grave by Chabad of the South Hills, which agreed to give it a new home.

Chabad of the South Hills' Rabbi Mendel Rosenblum hopes to retrieve the ark from David Weissberg's East End furniture store this week. It will then be restored and Rosenblum hopes to have it ready and in place at the Chabad's South Hills' center for the High Holy Days.

The ark had been sitting in a corner on the second floor of Avenue Furniture Exchange for eight to 10 years.

Weissberg is relieved that it has found a new home.

"It's a big responsibility that I won't have to worry about," he said.

Weissberg has kept the ark in an open storage area in his store. Over

the years a few customers asked about it.

"They'd ask 'what is it?'" he said.

But no one had ever shown any interest in taking the ark until one day a few months ago when someone in Rosenblum's congregation showed him an ad in The Jewish Chronicle about it.

Chabad, which recently moved into a larger building, was looking for an ark to fill its new space.

"The ark that we had been using in the past was a small ark built to fit in my basement," Rosenblum said. "We wanted one that would fit the room better."

After looking at the ark, Rosenblum decided to take it.

"We decided that this would be a very good route to go," he said. "It's very beautiful if you can see past the nicks. Also, we thought we could save that ark from being buried or just from lying there in some dark and dreary warehouse."

John Friedman is doing the restorations on the ark at his Squirrel Hill workshop.

Before it ended up in Weissberg's store, the ark was used by the Kollel in

its old building on Barlett Street. When that building was torn down, the Kollel moved into temporary quarters and the ark, which Rosenblum said measures at least 8 feet tall, 4 feet wide and about 18 inches deep, could not fit inside, said Rosh Kollel Rabbi Aaron Kagan.

Kagan's father asked Weissberg to store the ark at his store and there it's sat for the last 10 years.

Before the Kollel had it, the ark may have belonged to a congregation in Oakland, Kagan said, but there the trail goes cold.

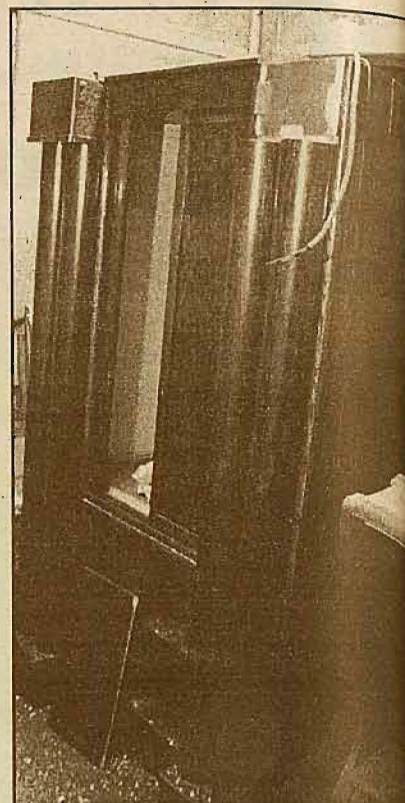
"I think it's on its third life already," Kagan said.

Because the ark is a holy item, it cannot be thrown away or destroyed, Kagan said. If no one volunteered to take the ark, it would have been buried, he said.

But the ark was saved from that fate, and may be ready for use in September, Rosenblum said. It will be dedicated in the memory of Phil and Lil Harris, the parents of Ivan Harris, who gave a donation to help Chabad acquire an ark. When Rosenblum asked him about restoring the old ark rather than buying a new one, Harris agreed.

"It seemed to fit our needs perfectly," Rosenblum said.

(Stephanie Siegel can be reached online at ssiegel@pittchron.com.)



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Chabad of the South Hills will restore and use this ark, which has been in storage for almost a decade. It is unclear how old the ark is and where it came from.

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Kollel presents video for global Tisha B'Av event

The Kollel Jewish Learning Center will present the Chofetz Chaim Heritage Foundation's Worldwide Tisha B'Av Video, "Shaping a World of Kindness" at 2 and 6 p.m., Aug. 7, at the Lubavitch Center, 2100 Wightman St.

The presentations are one of the more than 650 locations across the globe. They will draw together more than 50,000 people to delve into the topics of sinas chinam — causeless hatred — and ahavas yisrael — love of your fellow Jew.

Tisha B'Av is observed every year by Jews to commemorate the destruction of two holy temples in ancient Israel; the first in 586 B.C.E., and the second in 70 C.E.

This year's presentation includes the words of HaRav Mattisyahu Solomon, Mashgiach Ruchni of the Beis Medrash Gevoha, Lakewood, N.J., and HaRav Yisocher Frand, Maggid Shiur at Yeshiva Ner Israel, Baltimore. They will explore the depths of concept of chesed, acts of kindness great and small that constitute a counterforce to the sinas chinam responsible for the destruction of the first Beis HaMikdash, the first Holy Temple, in 586 BCE.

There are separate suggested donation levels for adults and students. Call the Kollel at (412) 420-0220 for additional information.

Squirrel Hill baseball wins seven All-Star tournaments

Squirrel Hill Baseball Association recently completed its most successful star season. About 100 players competed in tournaments throughout Western Pennsylvania and participated in more than 100 games. Overall, teams won seven championships and finished second in 10 tournaments, and won 74 games while losing 28.

The nine-year-old team finished second in both Penn Township and Munhall and overall won nine games and lost six.

The 10-year-old team reached the finals of every tournament it entered, winning 25 games and losing six. It finished first in Penn Township, Bauerstown and Munhall, and second in Sacred Heart, its own tournament and Bradmore Pines.

The 11-year-old team won 19 games and lost nine. It won the Pleasant Hills and Brighton Heights tournaments and finished second in Sacred Heart and Squirrel Hill.

The 12-year-old team finished its season with a record of 21 wins and seven losses, winning the Sacred Heart and Southside tournaments and finishing second in Pleasant Hills and Munhall.

For information or to sign up for baseball camp the week of Aug. 11, baseball/basketball combined camp the week of Aug. 18, and fall baseball (including, for the first time, Pony League ages 13 to 14) contact the baseball director, Randy Frankel, at (412) 306-0369.

Sutins help the campus Chabad celebrate 15th

University Chabad, which serves students from the University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie Mellon University, is celebrating its 15th anniversary on Sept. 14 with an event at the University of Pittsburgh Ballroom.

The honorees for the evening are newly appointed Community College of Allegheny County President Stewart Sutin and his wife, Rowna, a cantorial and operatic soloist.

The Sutins' son, Reuben, a student at the

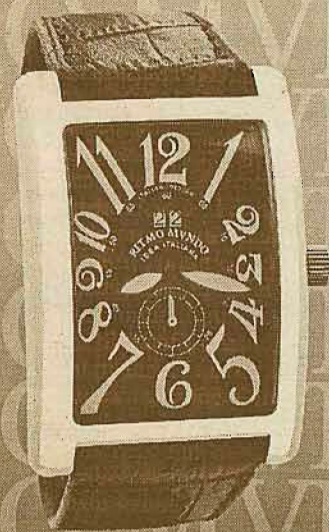
University of Pittsburgh, introduced his parents to the Chabad House via his interests in attending Friday evening Shabbat dinners, which attract more than 100 students per week.

This year's celebration serves as Chabad House's largest fund raiser for the year and is open to the community. Anyone wishing to contribute by the Aug. 15 deadline should contact co-chairs Fraydi and Yosef Silverman at (412) 521-0770 or call the Chabad House at (412) 688-7770.

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CHILD TAX CREDIT INCREASED—REFUNDS TO START THIS WEEK



Mark S. Weis

Generally, taxpayers may claim the child tax credit for each child, grandchild, sibling, niece and nephew under the age of 17 for whom the taxpayer likewise claims a dependency exemption.

The credit, which was established as part of the 2001 tax act, is reduced by \$50 for each \$1,000 of "modified" adjusted gross income in excess of the following levels:

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(*Divorced parents, etc.)

Through 2004, the credit is refundable in an amount equal to 10% of the taxpayer's "earned" income in excess of \$10,000. In 2005, the amount of the credit which is refundable increases to 15% of the taxpayer's "earned" income in excess of \$10,000.

In order to stimulate economic growth, the 2003 tax act increased the maximum amount of the credit in 2003 and 2004 from \$600 to \$1,000. The maximum amount of the credit will be \$700 in 2005-2008, \$800 in 2009, and \$1,000 in 2010, and in 2011 the credit will be reduced to \$500.

The increase in the credit will be paid in advance to taxpayers this year with the first checks scheduled for receipt this week. Most taxpayers will receive a check of \$400 per child. The refund will be computed based upon the information contained in the taxpayer's 2002 tax return as long as the "child" they intend to claim in 2003 is still under age 17 as of the end of the year.

These rules in determining the amount of the credit that will be refunded in advance will produce a number of bizarre results. For example:

- New parents in 2003 who would have otherwise qualified for the advance payment won't get it — they will have to wait to claim the credit when they file their return next year.
- Taxpayers with high income in 2002 who were not entitled to the credit but expect lower income in 2003 will likewise not get the advance payment and have to wait to claim it next year;
- Taxpayers who qualified for the full credit in 2002 but who will not in 2003 because they expect to earn significantly more income will qualify for the \$400 per child advance payment — and will not have to pay it back!!!!

Also, many low income taxpayers may not be able to take advantage of the increased child care credit — since the refundable portion is limited to 10% of the earned income over \$10,000. For example, a taxpayer with \$15,000 of earned income may only be able to qualify for a \$500 rather than a \$1,000 credit. Immediately after the passage of the 2003 tax act, Congress tried unsuccessfully to fix the problem so that low income taxpayers could take full advantage of the increased credit. ©2003 RGPC

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Greenwald, Palkovitz re-elected to national Hadassah posts

Two local women were recently re-elected to their national positions with Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America.

Janice Greenwald of White Oak is vice president of the organization while Judith L. Palkovitz of Pittsburgh will again serve as national secretary.

A Hadassah national leader for many years and former president of the Western Pennsylvania region, Greenwald currently holds a volunteer portfolio as national chair of women's health. She has held other portfolios, including chair of the National Nurses Council, the only organized group for Jewish nurses in the United States.

She is currently involved in the National Health Education's Project, which promotes education on women's health in Pittsburgh. She has also led three Hadassah nurses missions to Israel and

serves on a National Hadassah Health Task Force that addresses health programming in the United States and in Israel.

Palkovitz has served as national vice president of Hadassah and is a member of its national board and executive committee. She has also chaired the external relations, the National American Affairs/Domestic Policy department and Hadassah's delegation to the 2001 United Nations Conference on Race in Durban, South Africa.

She is active in her local community and currently serves on the board of the Jewish Health Care Foundation. Since 1989 she has been a Pittsburgh delegate to the Jewish Agency Assembly in Jerusalem and a delegate of the General Assembly of the United Jewish Communities since 1981.



File photo
Janice Greenwald



File photo
Judith L. Palkovitz

Rosalyn Tureck, famed pianist with Pittsburgh connections, dies

STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

Pianist and harpsichordist Rosalyn Tureck, who was important in revitalizing the music of Johann Sebastian Bach, died on July 19 at her home in the Bronx. She was 88.

During her career, which spanned six decades, Tureck was featured at New York's Carnegie Hall and locally at the Y Music Series.

Tureck's family members, sister Sonya Goldsmith and nephew Dr. Alan Bramowitz, live in Pittsburgh. Her nephew, Dr. Stewart Bramowitz is from Grasonville, Md.

Born in Chicago, Tureck spent years in London, where she argued on the importance of Bach in literary and scientific drawing rooms. She returned to New York in 1977, after 20 years abroad and announced her arrival with a 40th-anniversary celebration of her Town Hall Bach series at Carnegie Hall.

Before focusing entirely on Bach,

early on in her career, she was a composer and interpreter of contemporary music.

A child prodigy, Tureck showed an interest in piano at age 4. At 16, she moved to New York, studied with Olga Samaroff at the Juilliard School, and immediately declared her interest in Bach.

Her first public success was at New York's Town Hall in 1937, where she presented six all-Bach concerts — a daring move at the time since Bach was played primarily by music students and his work was considered too dry for concerts.

Tureck pursued her love for new music as well as her love for Bach and founded Composers of Today, a group which brought together composers and performers. As a result of the organization, works by Hovhanness, Krenek and Messiaen were given their premier performance in New York.

Davis decides not to run

Author and professor Devra Davis has decided against making a U.S. Senate bid in next year's campaign.

The Donora native and Washington, D.C. resident, who teaches at Carnegie Mellon University, said to run successfully against Sen. Arlen Specter — the incumbent — would require resources she decided she doesn't have.

"Practical things are needed to run for the Senate," she said. "Money is part of it ... but in addition to money it takes organization to tap into."

Though Davis has decided she doesn't have the resources, "the Democratic Party has an opportunity here to do something bold and important, and unfortunately we have a need as well," she said.

One Democrat, U.S. Rep. Joe Hoefel, D-Montgomery, has already announced he will run. And Specter will face a challenge for the Republican nomination from U.S. Rep. Pat Toomey, R-Allentown.

JCC and Working Hearts take wellness to 'HEART'

Heart disease is the number one killer of women in the United States, so the Jewish Community Center and Working Hearts invites the community for an afternoon of vital information about women's heart health.

"For the Life of Your HEART" (Health Empowerment And Realistic Tools) takes place from noon to 4:30 p.m., Sept. 21, at the JCC in Squirrel Hill. HEART is being presented to empower women with education, motivation and the tools necessary to live a heart healthy lifestyle.

The day's event will begin with a panel discussion featuring women with heart issues, including WTAE News anchor Sally Wiggan, who will moderate the panel; philanthropist Elsie Hillman; community activist Essie Shore; and Allegheny General

Hospital cardiologist Dr. Yvonne Maher.

Breakout sessions will look at nutrition, fitness, stress management and yoga. Health screenings for blood glucose, blood pressure, body fat analysis and stroke risk assessment will be offered. The program concludes with a lecture on behavioral change by Madelyn H. Fernstrom, a motivational speaker and associate professor and director of the UPMC Weight Management Center.

A heart healthy lunch will be provided. There is a cost for admission. Advance registration is required by Sunday, Sept. 7. For more information, call Rae-Gayle Pakler at (412) 521-8011, Ext. 286 or e-mail her at rpakler@jccpgh.org.

FHC hires new caseworker

Family Hope Connection (FHC), a division of Jewish Family & Children's Service, has added its newest foster care and adoption caseworker, Kelly Cahill.

Cahill comes to FHC with undergraduate degrees in psychology and social work. She will soon complete her master's degree in social work. At FHC, Cahill will be working primarily with foster children to ready them for adoption. She will also work with prospective adoptive parents interested in domestic and international adoption.

Family Hope Connection is a licensed adoption and foster care agency that provides a full range of services and support. Contact JoAnn White at (412) 422-7200 for more information.

CEI hosts Golf Invitational

Congregation Emanu-El Israel (CEI) in Greensburg will hold its second annual fund-raising Golf Invitational on Aug. 17 at the Cherry Creek Golf Course in Youngstown. The start time is 2:30 p.m. There is a charge for the event, which covers green fees, cart, prizes and a catered dinner.

Local businesses and friends of the congregation who are not golfers may purchase tee or program sponsorships. Donations are accepted. For more information or for a brochure, contact Jack Moldovan at (724) 834-8273 or the CEI office at (724) 834-0560.

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Cool Jews

BY ANGELA LEIBOWICZ

Name: Rabbi Yaakov Rosenstein
Occupation: Educational Rabbi
Cool Scale: Spiritually hip

Favorite quote: "It's easy to let life ride by and just get on the train and get off at the other end six feet under."

Yaakov Rosenstein's journey to the Grand Canyon took an unexpected turn and led to an entirely different place.

A fourth generation Pittsburgher, Rosenstein was active at Beth Shalom Congregation but mostly led a secular Jewish life. By the time he graduated from Carnegie Mellon University with a degree in graphic communications management, he started to think that there was more to life than working and making money; his journey began. After almost falling off the Grand Canyon, getting lost during a hike there, and surviving a threatening roommate, he finally started to head back home.

On the Greyhound bus in Albuquerque, N.M., Rosenstein had his first conversation ever about God with a nun who was also traveling. He had been inspired by the Grand Canyon and started to think that the world probably didn't happen by accident.

Continuing his journey in Israel, Rosenstein liked the sounds of Torah learning and asked around for Yeshiva recommendations. After running into many dead ends, he hit the right road.

Rosenstein studied there for 12 years, got married, had children, and came back to Pittsburgh. He helped start Mesivta, a high school for boys, and spent several years as outreach director at Kollel. Two years ago, he started Torah One on One, offering personal learning sessions.

"Spirituality has given me a much broader sense of self-definition," Rosenstein said. "The harmony that Judaism can give a person can help them to find that balance between body and soul."

The idea that connecting to spirituality is all or nothing is a fallacy, Rosenstein said. "The goal of the Torah trying to help us is just trying to become better, in all areas, in our relationship to God and in our relationships with our fellow man. ...

"... People can be blind to the most pleasing and enriching experiences. ... If you see a fantastic movie, then you think everyone should see this movie because you know they'll enjoy it," Rosenstein says of his efforts to inspire others.

Coming back to the path of his spirituality, Rosenstein said, "It was a long bus ride."

(Cool Jews are out doing all sorts of interesting things in Pittsburgh, and we want to expose them for what they are! Suggestions can be sent to pittsburgh-cooljews@yahoo.com or called in to (412) 687-1003. Please include the person's contact information and what makes them cool.)



File photo

Rabbi Yaakov Rosenstein

Is Fido begging to be kosher?



Chronicle art by Nancy Bishop

BY JO MARKS RIFKIN
Staff Writer

When Marc Michaels began KasherPets in Ft. Lauderdale, the public reacted.

"Everyone thought we were crazy," said Michaels, president of KasherPet Foods, the first and only patented kosher and chametz-free diet for dogs and cats.

Pet owner Jack Maskowitz of White Oak thought kosher dog food was pretty wacky, too.

When asked why his 90-plus pound Akita, Tiki, never dined on kosher grub, Maskowitz said: "She never told me her preference."

But similar jibes didn't stop Michaels. Or his growing organization, which now has two manufacturing facilities in Wisconsin.

Although the year-and-a-half-old KasherPets does not carry a hechsher (sign of rabbinical approval) and is not kosher for human beings, it is certified by the Chicago Rabbinical Council, which oversees its manufacturing and ingredients.

"KasherPets provides the natural benefits of fresh muscle and organ meat from kosher species only," Michaels said, while acknowledging that "animals do not need to keep

kosher. Chametz (wheat) free pet food during Passover is a different matter."

Rabbi Irvin I. Chinn, chairman of Pittsburgh's Va'ad HaRabonim, which is responsible for providing kashrut services, agreed.

"There are many potential problems presented by pet foods year round, and more so on Passover," Chinn said.

You can give traif meat to your pet, Chinn explained, but according to Torah law, Jews are not allowed to eat meat and milk together, cook the two ingredients together or derive any type of benefit from a milk and meat mixture.

Many pet foods are basar b'chalah, a mixture of cooked meat and milk, and that's where the problem lies, because owners derive benefit from their pets.

KasherPets has no dairy component, and helps pet owners avoid the problem altogether.

"There is no law that dictates us to keep kosher for our animals. The only time is for Passover," Chinn said.

Which is why Michaels believes that 85 percent of his customers before Passover are observant Jewish pet owners.

"Throughout the rest of the year, it's defi-

nately 50/50," he said, or even more gentiles than Jews buying KasherPets just because "it's better for their pets."

German-born to a Jewish mother, Michaels said he was not raised Jewish. The communications/technology specialist-turned pet food entrepreneur stumbled onto kosher food, not for religious reasons, but for quality reasons. He felt healthier following a kosher diet. Michaels thought his sickly dog, Lola, would, too.

Lola was highly allergic. She followed special diets, making rounds to sundry veterinarians. Many hours and dollars later, Michaels concluded that "most allergies are triggered by the food we eat."

So, as for his family, he began preparing kosher chicken for Lola.

Lola thrived on her kosher lactose-free diet. Neighbors in his Aventura, Fla., neighborhood noticed Lola's revived prance and shiny coat, as she paraded around the mostly Jewish environs.

"They asked me for the dog food and the demand eventually became larger than we could fulfill in our garage kitchen," Michaels said.

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Macabee team small, but successful



JONATHAN MAYO
The Chosen 1s

The young Jewish athletes in Pittsburgh sure have a lot to live up to this summer.

At last year's JCC Maccabi Games — what some call the Olympics for Jewish teens — a group of 72 participants brought home at least 20 medals from the competition in Springfield, Mass. This year's JCC of Greater Pittsburgh team, which will compete in Tenafly, N.J., from Aug. 17 to 22, will be hard-pressed to match that success.

Not that they lack talent. They lack numbers. A total of 37 teen athletes will make the trip.

"It might make it better," said Scott Oakland, a soon-to-be junior at Alderdice High School who will be attending his fourth Maccabi Games. "We'll only take up one bus this year, and the kids will be able to bond a little

more. Last year, I don't think I knew everyone from the Pittsburgh delegation."

While the competition is important — Oakland hopes to help the boys basketball team to win the gold medal after silvering last year — it is the bonding and friendships that are the biggest part of the week-long event. Aly Cohen, who will also be a four-timer this summer, certainly wants to lead the girls basketball team to a repeat of last year's gold medal performance, but for someone who plays highly competitive basketball year-round, the relaxed atmosphere is key.

"This is a time to go meet people and not be as serious," said Cohen, who also will be a junior at Alderdice this year. "You're not there to impress people. You're there to have fun, and we were able to win while having fun. It's still competitive. But it's nice to see how other people live, because there are so many different people there."

Both Cohen and Oakland have made lasting friendships with like-minded Jewish athletes from different communities. Cohen met Brina Pollack in her first year at the Maccabi Games, and the two are still close. Pollack just committed to Purdue University,

and with Cohen's college future likely to be determined in the coming year, it likely served as a valuable lesson from a friend.

Oakland is looking forward to seeing fellow basketball player Matthew Katz at this year's Games. Oakland stayed with Katz's family last year in Springfield — "hosting" families are another vital part of the week-long event. The opportunity to see how Jews in other communities live. The two hope to be placed with the same host family in New Jersey.

Of course, anyone who knows anything about teen-age athletes knows that as casual as the atmosphere may be, once the games begin, winning tends to take on a little more importance. There's no doubt the Pittsburgh contingent will try its best to bring home medals in basketball, swimming, golf, tennis, soccer, volleyball and baseball. But at the same time, they'll be learning valuable life lessons, particularly in the Day of Caring/Day of Sharing, another staple of the Maccabi Games. All participants will join with local community organizations to work on social-action projects. It's something the athletes remember even more vividly than

Please see Mayo, Next Page.

Briefly

Walnut Street's Annual Sidewalk Sale will be held through Saturday. Its hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Merchants will have tables on the sidewalks. Street performers will be on hand on Saturday and Shadyside will recycle on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. as Agents of Change and local volunteers will collect magazines, catalogs and phone books at the back of the Parklet on Walnut. Call (412) 681-8755 for more information.

For its next show Unseam'd Shakespeare has chosen a play, Romeo and Juliet, and set it in a place — New York City post-9/11 — which both carry with them a

wealth of cultural and historical baggage. "Two Houses: Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet" is a new adaptation of the play, which places Father Lawrence on trial to reveal how events of great tragedy are the crucible that extract our essential character. The production will provide a darker and more adult experience, using the familiarity of the story as a point of reference in a realm of extremes and oppositions that should resonate with all of us living in the unsettling aftermath of 9/11. The play will be performed from Aug. 1 to 23 at Lester Hamburg Studio Theater, 13th & Bingham Streets, South Side. Contact ProArts at (412) 394-3353 or www.proartstickets.org for tickets.

Dog food: Slow start in 'Burgh

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And then it was Passover.

"The product was by accident kosher for Passover," Michaels said, noting many of Lola's allergies were caused by wheat and other fillings.

Around Passover, when neighbors' requests for the dog food increased, "my wife and I began pondering the seriousness of the project," Michaels said.

KosherPet Foods began with a small Web site, which is still in existence. It now has more than 100 dealers throughout the country retailing the product.

Demand is growing rapidly, despite a shoestring advertising budget and retail prices that are almost double the cost of regular pet food, Michaels said.

WAG Barkery and Boutique on South Aiken Avenue, a pet boutique and gourmet bakery specializing in fresh baked treats for

dogs and cats, is a supplier of KosherPet Foods.

"We have not sold any yet," said owner Leigh Ann Leshock, "but we've only been opened since July 1."

Whether or not she'll see a huge response in Jewish Pittsburgh other than at Passover time, remains to be seen.

Like Maskowitz, Dr. T. Barry Levine of Squirrel Hill isn't certain what his dog, Winston, calls supper. Nor is he very concerned.

"I don't think there's anything in it (Winston's food) that's not kosher, but I would never eat it," Levine said. "Besides, I've never seen a dog at a bar mitzvah."

If one wants to avoid any problems, "kosher is the way to go," Levine said. "Certainly over Passover, food must be devoid of chametz."

(Jo Marks Rifkin can be reached online at jrifkin@pittchron.com.)

Mayo: Caring is a highlight

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the competition.

"I love the Day of Caring," Cohen said.

"They brought special needs kids into the gym one year and we played basketball with them. It was great seeing them wanting to work so hard to play basketball. It really gives you a different perspective."

"That's one of the major highlights," Oak-

land agreed. "You're with all these Jewish teens and you come together to give back to the community and people who might not be as fortunate. It's definitely the highlight of the week."

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Bad timing

Momentum is building for the proposed security fence along the West Bank. The Knesset Finance Committee approved a treasury request Monday for 745 million NIS (New Israeli Shekels) to finance its construction.

But it wasn't a unanimous vote. One Likud MK, Haim Katz, sided with four Labor and Meretz MKs to vote no. Katz balked because where the fence will be built is still in question.

"There is no need to spend NIS 745 million on the unclear route of the security fence," he told the daily Ha'aretz. "Since the Americans oppose the fence, there is a chance that this money will be spent for nothing."

Katz, who is already on the outs with his party for opposing the prime minister's austerity measures, has a point.

The security fence is a hot button issue. Palestinians hate it because they say it will become a de facto border. Settlers decry it because they fear it will be another step toward a two-state solution.

But many Israelis, including Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, tout the idea as a way of achieving security for most of Israel. They point to a security fence along the Gaza Strip and note that most suicide attacks have come from the West Bank.

To underscore the tensions this issue stirs up, IDF troops fired tear gas and rubber bullets Monday at protesters — Jewish and Arab — who were demonstrating against the fence's construction.

Since the government's first priority is to protect its citizens, it may yet have to build this fence, which could cut through parts of the West Bank, instead of following the Green Line.

But until we know what will happen with the road map, and whether this cease-fire will turn into something more permanent, to take action now would be a waste of money, to say nothing of another excuse for Hamas to open fire.

Tough decision

Chief U.S. District Judge Doneta Ambrose made a tough decision Monday when she ruled that a Ten Commandments plaque attached to the Fifth Avenue side of the Allegheny County Courthouse can stay where it is.

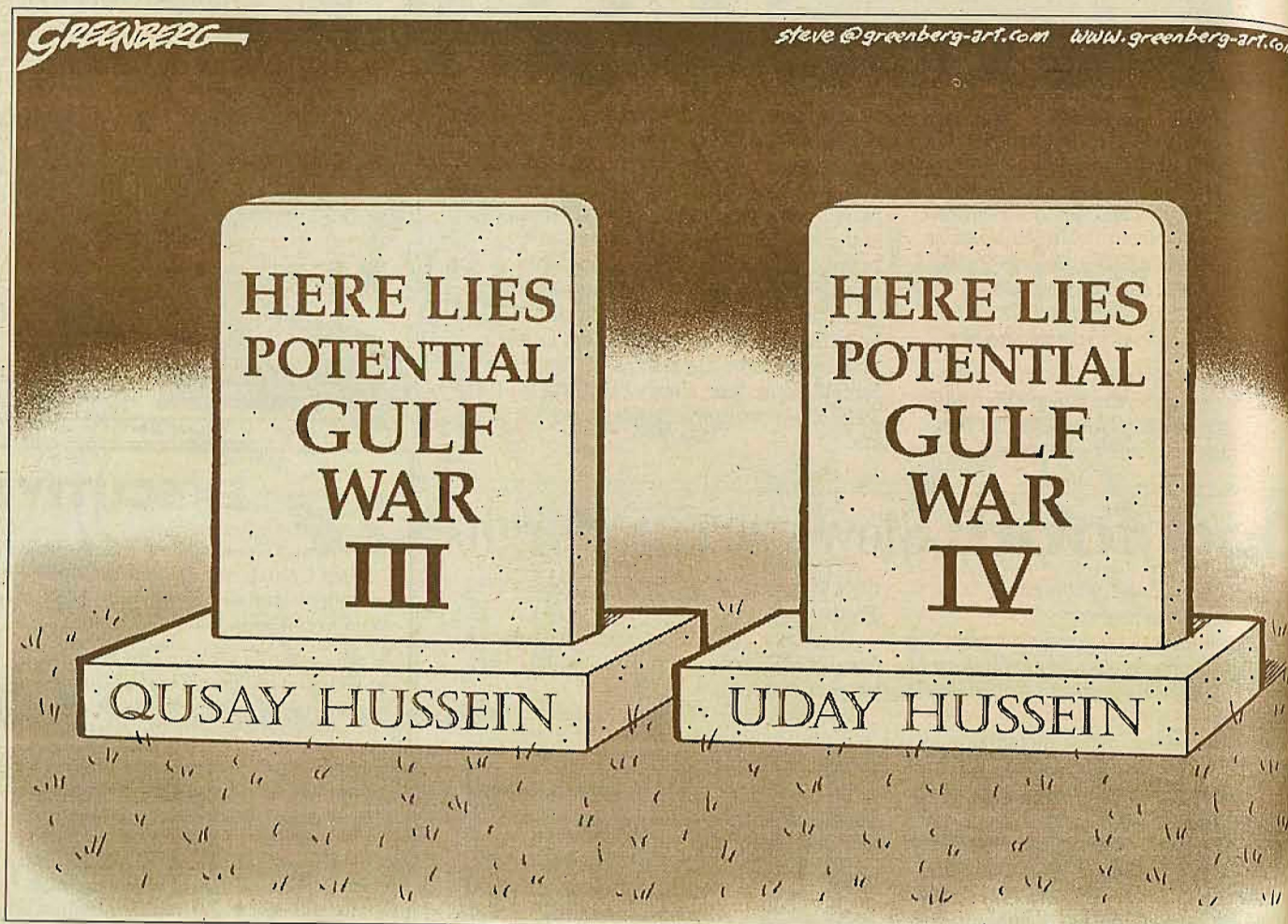
The Washington-based Americans United for Separation of Church and State sued the county on behalf of two local atheists, stating the plaque violates the constitutional separation of church and state.

But Ambrose, citing a June decision by the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in a Chester County case, disagreed.

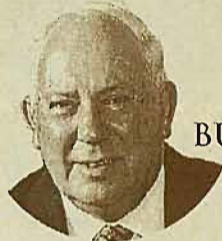
On one hand, no one is accusing the current county government of promoting a specific religion. After all, the plaque has been fixed to the courthouse for about 80 years.

Maybe, in today's climate the plaque would not have been erected. Certainly, it shouldn't have been put there in the first place, but the courts have since spoken loud and clear on the subject of church-state separation.

The greater question is what to do about every historic site, edifice and marker in the land bearing some reference to God. Time will tell if Ambrose's ruling, and the 3rd Circuit Court's, settle that question.



Time running out to save Jewish property



JAY BUSHINSKY

JERUSALEM — The physical evidence of Eastern Europe's pre-World War II Jewish population is vanishing due to the reluctance of its governments to return synagogues, schools, hospitals and cemeteries confiscated by the Nazis and nationalized by the Communists to their rightful owners.

It is a pathetic and demoralizing process: sites and structures that bear mute witness to the communities martyred during the genocidal Holocaust that raged from 1939 to 1945 being torn down to make way for shopping centers or coated by asphalt to provide space for parking lots.

This situation is especially true of the smaller cities and towns of the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Belarus and Ukraine.

One of the most shocking examples can be seen in Tvrdošín, northeast of the Slovak capital, Bratislava. "Coca-Cola Bar Synagoga," proclaims a sign affixed to its onetime Jewish house of worship. According to the World Jewish Restitution Organization (WJRO), this is the result of a dubious deal closed by local entrepreneurs with the ex-Communist republic's Jewish community leaders.

Another example can be seen in Stolín, a town in Belarus, that had a large Jewish population until the Nazi Wehrmacht overran it in 1941. Its synagogue was left in ruins by the German onslaught and Soviet Russian counterattack. An Israeli couple, Varda and Haim Ben-Haim, that visited Stolín earlier this month saw a

crumbling stone and concrete shell doomed to be wrecked and cleared away. Wherever they went, they said the testimony to the historical Jewish presence is being "systematically erased."

The director of WJRO's Jerusalem office, Naftali Lavie, also believes this is a regional pattern. "All of the Eastern European governments are reluctant to return Jewish community property," he said. "They allow transactions like the one done in Tverdoschin to take place as long as they are kept quiet."

Judaica, priceless manuscripts and books as well as precious votive objects such as candelabra, spice boxes and pointers used in reading Torah scrolls, are scattered throughout the Czech Republic — in churches, monasteries and former Jewish institutions — without any perceivable chance of their being preserved for future generations. When an American-Jewish philanthropist offered \$3.5 million to save the ancient volumes stored in a structure adjacent to the Spanish Synagogue in Prague, the city's Jewish community put up insurmountable obstacles, said Dan Kellerman, an Israeli who tried to bring the two sides together.

The lack of cooperation and coordination between the local Jewish representatives and WJRO, the World Jewish Congress and other international bodies has resulted in failure to rescue important landmarks and historical treasures.

A salient case is the alleged forfeiture of 90 percent of the prewar Jewish community's property in Slovakia in return for a fund provided by the Slovak government and earmarked for resident Holocaust survivors. The agreement on the basis of which this was done was bitterly assailed in a Jerusalem Post editorial for having "ignored the looted assets and the Jewish people."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Schooling or slots?

Here we go again. In 1994 the RAD tax was levied so we could fund our cultural activities like the libraries and museums. People voted for this increase because they thought it was for worthwhile purposes. They had voted down using our taxes for the establishment of new stadiums. However they (the politicians) ignored the will of the people and used this tax for the new stadiums. The politicians assured us that these structures would jump start the economy, but here we are in 2003 and our city is bankrupt.

Now, Gov. Rendell, for whom I voted, is concentrating on changing the schools for the betterment of our children: smaller classes, all-day kindergartens, higher subsidies to school districts, etc. At the same time he wishes to reduce the state deficit. His solution is to cut subsidies to public transportation, which will raise fares and reduce service. Children need food and shelter as well as schooling. If their parents can't get to work many of them will be in want.

Gov. Rendell also thinks that gambling is the panacea for our problems. Imagine the hardship some Pennsylvanians must endure by traveling out of state to indulge themselves in this addictive pastime. That money, according to the proponents, should remain here for the benefit of our children. So what if parents gamble away the money for necessities, the children will have better schools.

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Israel has everything — except tourists

GUEST COLUMNIST
JOSEPH TITLEBAUM

I recently returned from a memorable trip to Jerusalem; it was the wedding of my youngest daughter. It was a beautiful outdoor wedding.

It was a thrill for me to be in Israel again and to see how resilient the Israeli people are.

I visited the Mahane Yehuda (open market) a number of times to watch the Israelis shopping and going about their daily activities without fear.

My trip to Netanya was also interesting. The bus was full and I was the only tourist on board. I went to see the Park Hotel (the scene 15 months ago of a suicide bombing that killed many people celebrating Passover) to visit the hotel where I stayed a couple of times as a volunteer. I was happy to see the hotel rebuilt and it is business as usual. The promenade above the Mediterranean Sea has been extended and the beach was

bustling with bathers.

On Ben Yehuda Street, in Jerusalem, they were having a summer festival. It was exciting to see wall to wall people enjoying the festival.

There is construction and building throughout the country.

However, one thing was missing — tourists — Israel's number one industry.

Many restaurants and stores were closed. The ones that were open were just surviving. The Western Wall in the Old City had very little activity. Normally it is always crowded with many tour groups. The Israel Museum was also a great place to visit again. However, the lack of tourists was quite evident.

The purpose of writing this is not to tell you about my trip. This was not my first trip to Israel and God willing I will go back again. I have been to Israel many, many times as a volunteer and visitor.

The purpose of this column is to let everyone know that security is tight and Israel is still a great place to visit. Israel needs our help as tourists and volunteers in addition to money.

I would like to encourage everyone who can to make the trip and help Israel survive.

(Joseph Titlebaum lives in Wilkesburg.)

Bushinsky: Settle claims

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The editorial said "only a handful" of elderly people fall into the category of prospective beneficiaries, and cited reports that "Jewish properties already are being traded around the marketplace like cattle at an auction." Blame for this was attributed to "a handful of newly identified Jews" who control the Bratislava-based community of 3,500 people.

Time is running out for justice to be done not only with regard to the Holocaust's perpetrators, but also to the cultural legacy of its victims. Claims for

communal Jewish property should be settled by the respective European governments and the non-governmental organizations such as the WJRO authorized to recover it.

Not to do so is tantamount to violating the biblical admonition against a man who "killed and inherited as well." Since the Nazis' mass murders were carried out with the collaboration of large segments of the various Eastern European nationalities, there is no moral alternative.

(Jay Bushinsky is an Israel-based columnist. He can be reached online at jay@shani.net.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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But even this is not a sure thing. The penguins need a better facility and they must share in the bounty.

Library services are also being reduced. Perhaps if children read less they'll have more time to play the slot machines.

Shirley T. Shratter
Shadyside

Oppose evil forces

Harry Truman's descendants and admirers must be embarrassed to learn through recently published reports in the media that he was bigoted toward Jews — aware that Jesus, John the Baptist, and Jesus' original followers were Jews. The central importance is the historical fact that Jesus' death was performed by the Romans, based on the political charge that he aspired to be king. If his execution had been by the Jewish authorities on a Jewish

charge, it would have been by stoning — crushing the culprit under huge stones, which killed and buried him simultaneously.

Truman was also not aware that in the 20th century alone 40 percent of all the Jews in the world were murdered by people raised in Christian homes who were never taught about the Jewishness of Christianity. That includes 1.5 million children whose only crime was to be born of a Jewish mother as Jesus was.

For more than 1,000 years, Jews have been accused of crimes that they never committed. It is time that the followers of Jesus took up his challenge by opposing the forces of evil and seeking reconciliation across racial, ethnic and cultural lines.

Irvin J. Borowsky
Philadelphia

(Editor's note: The author is founder and chair of the American Interfaith Institute/World Alliance, which is dedicated to removing anti-Jewish sentiment from Christian teachings.)

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Accumulated sun exposure — not the aging process — is the main cause of wrinkles. Sun damages the skin's collagen and elastic fibers over time. Skin that was firm then begins to sag and wrinkle. With the exception of invasive procedures, no treatment can dramatically reverse wrinkles.

The sun may effect a variety of changes in your skin over time — mostly harmful.

Sun exposure over time makes some of the skin's pigment overactive, producing harmless, flat, brown spots known as *lentigenes*. Familiar names for these are "age spots" or "liver spots." Tiny, red, raised dots may begin to appear. These *cherry angiomas* are dilated capillaries and can be removed by a doctor, if desired. Also common with aging are wart-like growths that are brown or gray. These *keratoses* are not harmful but, if annoying, can be easily removed by a dermatologist.

Not all skin growths are benign. Red scaly spots, called *actinic keratoses*, are precancerous and should not be

ignored. A doctor can remove these growths easily before they become cancerous with liquid nitrogen or topical chemotherapy (creams).

The most common form of skin cancer is *basal cell*. It often appears as a small, pink, shiny bump or nodule on the head, face, neck, or chest. When neglected, it may bleed, but rarely spreads to other parts of the body. Another form of skin cancer called *squamous cell* usually develops on the ear, lips, face, or back of the hands as a red nodule, scaly patch, or ulcer. If not treated, it can spread to internal organs. Both cancers have a cure rate of 95 percent when caught early.

The deadliest skin cancer is *malignant melanoma*. Its relationship to sun is less understood, but blistering sunburn in fair-skinned people is considered a melanoma risk factor. Melanoma often appears on the upper back, chest, or lower legs. Consult a dermatologist about any new mole or any change in an existing mole.

Prevention is the best cure. No matter what your age, stay out of the sun when possible, especially between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. If you're in the sun, use an SPF 30 sunscreen that is UVA and UVB protective and cover exposed skin as much as possible. Avoiding sun exposure gives you both health and cosmetic benefits.

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Israel

One year after deadly bombing, Hebrew U. moving on

BY JONATHAN UDREN
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Inside the cafeteria next to Hebrew University's Frank Sinatra Building, Arab and Jewish students gather for lunch. Though they sit at separate tables, they chat and laugh together, seemingly carefree.

The blown-out windows have been repaired, the blackened walls repainted. Almost no trace can be seen of the bomb that killed nine, including five Americans, and injured more than 80 at the university last July 31.

Yet directly in front of the cafeteria grows an unusual-looking tree: Its leaves are hearty and vibrant but its trunk is tilted and its roots jet out of the ground at various angles.

"We have planted a living tree" as a memorial for the bombing victims, "which is symbolic," Hebrew University President Menachem Magidor said. "Our roots were shaken but, just like the tree, we keep growing and going forward."

On Thursday at 1:30 p.m., exactly a year after the bombing, Magidor, Jerusalem Mayor Uri Lupolianski, other university officials and family and friends of the victims will pause for a moment at a memorial ceremony. There will be songs, poetry and speeches in memory of

the tragedy — and continued hopes for real peace.

Other ceremonies will be held across the United States, including in New York, Boston, Washington and Los Angeles.

Despite the challenges it has faced over the past year — mourning, replacing lost faculty, increasing security and drawing new students — Hebrew University is pushing forward.

"It's a crazy attempt in this difficult time," Magidor said. "We're dealing with research and major university issues while there is the feeling we are in a war zone. But we can overcome such terrible shock and still go on producing world-class education and research."

Citing the tenacious Israeli spirit, Magidor reported an increase in overall student applications this past year.

The Rothberg International School is still suffering, however: Before the bombing, it averaged 500 to 600 undergraduate overseas students each year, while fewer than 100 came last year.

"Many schools in North America have issued a ban for their students to come here because of the fear of danger, and" fear "that they will be held responsible," said Shimon Lipsky, Rothberg's vice provost. "Some schools have even put stumbling blocks in front of students who still wanted to come."



Brian Hendler/JTA photo

Billy Shapira points to her sister-in-law's name on a memorial plaque, Sunday, July 27, on the Hebrew University of Jerusalem's Mt. Scopus campus. Nine people were killed and 80 injured in a bomb attack at the school's Frank Sinatra cafeteria last year.

With the recent abatement in the intifada, there has been a 10 percent rise in enrollment for Rothberg's upcoming summer Hebrew language classes. The school expects the rise to be reflected in enrollment for the fall semester as well.

Lipsky said there will be a big push to attract North American students for the spring 2004 semester.

"There really is a feeling that we have turned the corner and that things are getting better," he said. "We're hoping that students will again say that Israel and Jerusalem is a place that they would like to come to."

As much as the university pushes forward, however, its roots have been shaken permanently.

Inna Zusman, 22, was one of the 80 people injured in the bombing. She woke up from a coma a month after the bombing unable to breathe or walk on her own.

"The first month and a half I was just working on breathing without a machine," she said. "Six months after, I realized that there was no progress" with her legs "and that I would have to stay in a wheelchair."

Zusman said she harbors anger toward

Arabs, and says tighter security at the university could have prevented the attack.

Magidor admitted that the desire to maintain an open and pluralistic feeling on campus, for students of all races and religions, may have blinded administrators to the security risks.

"The first reaction was shock," he admitted. "We knew we were not immune, but maybe we thought naively that the campus should be immune."

The bombing also changed the life of Billy Shapira, the head of student administration. For a year and a half Shapira had served as head of human resources at the university until her sister-in-law, Levina Shapira — who was the head of student administration — died in the bombing.

"Two weeks later they asked me if I would take Levina's place, so I sat down with my husband and my children, and with" Alex, Levina's husband, Billy Shapira explained. "They all told me to take it, and Alex said that this way things that Levina was working for will be continued."

along both sides of the fence, chanting slogans such as "Peace yes, fence no" and arguing that the fence cuts off Palestinian villages from their land. Soldiers fired tear gas at the demonstrators. The demonstration took place as Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon prepared for a meeting in Washington with President Bush in which the fence is expected to be discussed.

Arabs have vandalized some 100 graves on Jerusalem's Mount of Olives, according to an Israeli burial society. The vandalism has occurred in recent months since government budget cuts forced the cemetery to fire two night-time guards at the cemetery, according to officials with Jerusalem's General Hevra Kadisha, the Jerusalem Post reported. Arab teens party at the site at night, leaving litter when they leave, the paper said.

Briefly

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

Israel has given permanent resident status to the Black Hebrew community. Monday's decision by Interior Minister Avraham Poraz means that the 2,000 Black Hebrews, who live in the Negev, will be able to serve in the army. African Americans who emigrated from the United States, the Black Hebrews believe they are descended from the Ten Lost Tribes of Israel. They practice polygamy and do not eat dairy, eggs or sugar.

Hundreds of people protested against the security fence Israel is building in the West Bank. Monday's demonstration took place in the northern West Bank. The protesters — Arabs, Jews and foreign supporters — gathered

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ISRAEL

Is Gaza a simmering cauldron, or is it a model of coexistence?

By MATTHEW GUTMAN
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

GAZA CITY — The reality of the Gaza Strip, it appears, is in the eye of the beholder.

Some officers of the Israel Defense Forces and the Palestinian Authority security organizations think it's a simmering cauldron bound, sooner or later, to boil over. Others call it a model of how Israelis and Palestinians can live adjacent but separate lives.

While it's the center of a burgeoning cottage industry of arms building and smuggling, Gaza has produced no suicide bombers, Israeli security sources say — primarily because a fence around the area prevents bombers from crossing into Israel.

For its part, the Palestinian Authority is searching wildly for ways to include rejectionist groups such as Hamas and Islamic Jihad, which are strongest in the Gaza Strip, without having to confront them in armed clashes.

In the meantime, Israel bites its nails while it waits for the end of the three-month truce, or cease-fire, that the main Palestinian terrorist groups have declared. The cease-fire is due to expire in late September — at which time, as one IDF officer put it, "the real show begins."

Hamas reportedly is using the cover of the cease-fire to build an arsenal of 1,000 Kassam rockets that can fly a greater distance and carry a warhead, a senior IDF of-

ficer told JTA.

That has sparked concern that, should hostilities resume, "the opening of the next phase in the conflict will be much more violent," an IDF brigade commander in Gaza said.

The materials to assemble the rockets are smuggled under the Egyptian border through tunnels underneath Rafah, the major city in the southern Gaza strip.

From there, the senior IDF officer said, the weapons and bomb components are driven north along Tancher road — the strip's main north-south axis, which recently was reopened to Palestinian traffic — to Khan Yunis or Gaza City.

Israel demands that the Palestinian Authority disarm the terrorist groups, destroy the Kassam lathes and arrest militants, as called for under the "road map" peace plan. For years it has said that the P.A. security forces are strong enough to do the job.

That perception increasingly is being challenged. Asked whether the balance of weapons in the Gaza Strip tilts towards the rejectionist groups or the Palestinian Authority, an IDF brigade commander hesitated for a moment, then noted that — given the accelerated weapons smuggling believed to be underway during the cease-fire — the rejectionist groups might well achieve the upper hand.

"There have been so many arms smuggled in. We can tell by the sheer number that we capture that there must be much more that we don't" capture, he said.



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Nation

Sharon makes point on terror groups, but now must compete for Bush's ear

BY LESLIE SUSSE

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — After President Bush's late July meetings with the Israeli and Palestinian prime ministers, one thing is clear: Ariel Sharon no longer will have things all his own way in Washington.

Bush pointedly expressed admiration and respect for Mahmoud Abbas, the new Palestinian Authority prime minister, whom he called "a leader of vision and courage and determination."

Still, Sharon was able to deflect American pressure on Israel over the security fence it is building along the border with the West Bank, and to underline Israel's insistence that the Palestinians must crack down on terrorist groups like Hamas and Islamic Jihad.

The fact that Bush was effusive in his praise of Abbas — despite Abbas' refusal to dismantle terrorist groups — worries the Israelis.

In his meetings with Bush and the White House national security adviser, Condoleezza Rice, Sharon made it clear that unless the Palestinians dismantle terrorist groups — as they are obliged to do in the first phase of the "road map" peace plan — Israel will not move on to the second phase.

And, Sharon added, he doubts that the



Paul Morse/White House photo

President Bush and Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon walk through the Rose Garden colonnade after their joint news conference on Tuesday, July 29.

Palestinians will act without considerable American pressure.

So far, such pressure has not been forthcoming. Israeli analysts believe Bush went easy on Abbas because, having

invested so much in Middle East peace-making, he wants to show the Palestinians that America is an "honest broker" that can deliver a fair deal.

Bush also hopes his overt show of support will shore up Abbas' shaky status among the Palestinian public, analysts say.

Ironically, Abbas' weakness on the Palestinian street is proving to be his strength: Against the backdrop of that weakness, he has been able to press for American support and Israeli gestures of compromise.

Nowhere has the new American "even-handedness" been more apparent than on the issue of the security fence. After his meeting with Abbas, Bush even adopted Palestinian terminology, calling the fence a "wall" and saying he would speak to Sharon about the route, urging changes wherever it causes hardship for Palestinians or cuts too deeply into the West Bank.

Sharon came to his meeting with Bush armed with aerial photographs showing that only 10 percent of the security barrier actually is a wall, in areas where snipers in Palestinian cities along the West Bank border could fire at drivers on a major Israeli highway.

The rest of the barrier consists of an electronic fence, barbed wire obstacles and patrol roads, like the security fences along Israel's borders with Lebanon and Jordan.

For weeks, Israeli officials at all levels have been trying to convince their American counterparts of the need for a barrier to stop terrorists from infiltrating Israeli cities. In almost three years of the terrorist intifada, they note, not a single suicide bomber has successfully infiltrated from the Gaza Strip — which is fenced off — while more than 250 have entered Israel from the West Bank.

In their meetings with Sharon, Bush and Rice raised two concerns: that the fence creates political facts on the ground in advance of a territorial settlement with the Palestinians, and that it encompasses too much Palestinian land.

Sharon has said that the fence is not meant to have any political significance, and in the future it could be moved de-

pending on where the final borders are drawn.

Moreover, he said, the most controversial segment — a sizable bulge into the West Bank to include the city of Ariel, one of Israel's largest in the West Bank — is not scheduled for construction until early next year, leaving time for disagreements to be resolved.

Bush did not pressure Sharon to stop construction of the fence or move it back to the Green Line — the pre-1967 border between Israel and Jordan's West Bank — but the two sides agreed to hold further consultations on the route with the aim of minimizing hardship to Palestinians.

The American intervention on the fence may not have stopped its construction, but it certainly ended any notion Sharon might have entertained of building a second fence along the Jordan Valley to protect Jewish settlements there.

The fear of being left with a minuscule Palestine, enclosed by fences on all sides, was one reason Abbas sought an American-led peace process. Pre-empting a two-fence plan is the first major achievement of the new Abbas strategy — though Sharon also can claim that the fence galvanized the Palestinians into choosing diplomacy over war.

For Sharon, though, it's not the fence or its route that is likely to undermine the peace process. It is the Palestinians' failure to disband terrorist groups.

Getting that point across was the main objective of Sharon's Washington visit. He told President Bush that he believed the peace process would collapse in a matter of months if Abbas failed to act against the terrorist groups.

"We are concerned that this welcome quiet will be shattered any minute as a result of the continued existence of terror organizations, which the Palestinian Authority is doing nothing to eliminate or dismantle," Sharon said at the news conference.

In the meeting, he showed Bush Israeli intelligence assessments that Hamas and Islamic Jihad intend to launch a new wave of terror attacks when their cease-fire expires in late September. In the meantime, he said, the terrorists are using the lull to rearm and to test-fire longer-range, more accurate Kassam rockets into the sea off the Gaza coast.

Far from disarming the terror groups, Abbas is doing nothing to stop their rearming, Sharon argued. The cease-fire, he warned, could prove to be the trap Israel feared, simply giving the terrorists a breather to regroup.

Bush, he said, should press Abbas to take action before it is too late.

In the news conference, Bush demanded that the Palestinian Authority undertake "sustained, targeted and effective operations to confront those engaged in terror, and to dismantle terrorist capabilities and infrastructure."

But Israeli analysts point out that, in his meeting with Abbas, Bush did not lay down a timetable for such action, nor did he specify how the terrorists should be confronted.

The question is whether, in the wake of the meetings, Bush will find ways to persuade both sides to do what is needed to advance the diplomatic process and rebuild mutual trust.

(Leslie Susser is the diplomatic correspondent for the Jerusalem Report.)

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The **United States** should study Israeli intelligence-gathering techniques, according to a congressional inquiry. A new intelligence agency should learn from the Israeli success in "penetrating terrorist organizations," said the report, the result of a joint inquiry of the Senate and House of Representatives. The report looked at intelligence efforts before the Sept. 11 attacks in New York and Washington.

Four times as many Americans would refuse to vote for a Muslim presidential candidate as for a Jewish nominee, a new poll finds. The survey by the Pew Research Center for the People and the Press found that 10 percent of Americans would not vote for an otherwise qualified Jewish presidential candidate, while 85 percent would. The survey of 2,002 adults also found that 8 percent would not vote for an otherwise qualified Catholic, while 90 percent would; and 38 percent would not vote for a Muslim, while 56 percent would. Two-thirds of respondents said their religious beliefs play at least an occasional role in their decision-making. The

poll, conducted between June 24 and July 8, has a margin of error of plus or minus 2 percent.

Bob Hope, who died Sunday at age 100, volunteered to perform at a World War II show to benefit endangered European Jews. In 1944 Hope performed at a Madison Square Garden benefit for the Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe. Hope's performance took place as the Allies were refusing to take direct action to stop the mass killing of Jews in concentration camps, scholar Rafael Medoff has written. "This was not merely another benefit concert for a worthy cause. For Hope to support the controversial Emergency Committee took political courage," Medoff wrote.

The Anti-Defamation League is calling on the United States to add Hezbollah's television station to its global terrorist list. "Al-Manar is more than Hezbollah's mouthpiece. It is its tool for incitement to terror against Americans," the ADL's national president, Abraham Foxman, said in a statement released Monday. Placing Al-Manar on the Treasury Department's list would bar American advertisers from dealing with the station.

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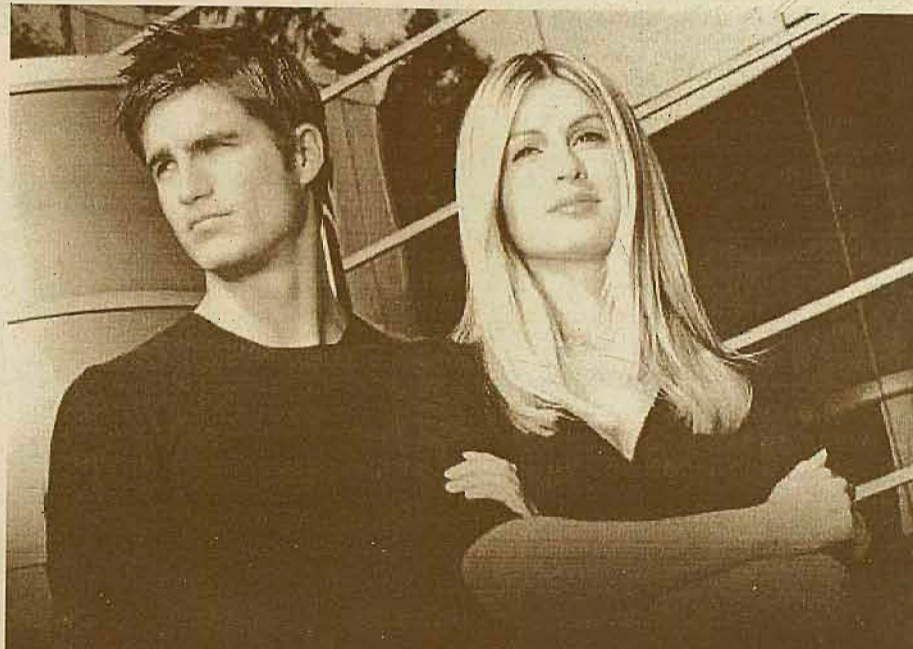
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World

As it matures in Russia, klezmer begins to make the club scene

BY LEV KRICHEVSKY
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

MOSCOW — A video of a klezmer show altered Stanislav Raiko's career.

"I just saw this one single show and realized that this was my music and I wanted to play it," recalled the Ukrainian-born violinist.

Raiko said he then began listening to old recordings of Eastern European Jewish folk music to help him master the genre. In the late 1990s, Raiko, a classically trained musician, started a group called the Kharkov Klezmer Band.

"It takes a real team to make this music — something I couldn't find in a classical orchestra," he said while sitting in the semi-darkness of a Moscow club minutes before going on stage to play.

On stage later, Raiko announced a popular tune, "Noch a Glezl Wein," which he said "has been always played at Jewish weddings in Ukraine, Moldova, the States, or wherever Jews are."

Earlier this month, Raiko was among four dozen musicians and singers from across the former Soviet Union who took part in the seventh annual KlezFest in St. Petersburg.

The event, a brainchild of the St. Petersburg Jewish Community Center, included professional workshops, Yiddish classes and jam sessions, culminating in concerts in St. Petersburg, Moscow and Kishinev, Moldova.

Most music professionals in the field credit the KlezFest for the revival of klezmer in the former Soviet Union.

Each year, the festival brings in a professional from the West to teach music skills — although some of the local musicians now have a decade of experience of playing Yiddish folk music.

"It's so nice that people can be that open about what makes their roots," said Alla, an 18-year-old Moscow student of architecture who attended the perfor-

mance with some of her Jewish and non-Jewish classmates.

"I've noticed that this music easily speaks to all types of audience. Perhaps the older folks make better listeners, but just anyone who has Jewish genes will start tapping one's foot when listening to this beautiful, open, simple and very

filled with smoke," Yefim Cherniy, an Yiddish singer, who himself has just put a cigarette away, greeted the artist-student crowd that packed the basement of the O.G.I. club. "We will now try to get through this smoke to you with our Jewish songs."

The downtown Moscow club is known



Mikhail Kheifetz photo

Stanislav Raiko, right, and Matvey Gordon, left, perform at the closing concert of KlezFest 2003 in St. Petersburg, Russia, in July.

danceable folk music," Raiko said.

The Russian KlezFest has been so successful that a group of enthusiasts recently started a similar annual event in Ukraine. This year's KlezFest Ukraine is due to take place in late August in Kiev. The New York-based Jewish Community Development Fund in Russia and Ukraine supports both festivals.

"We are glad to greet you in this club

as one of the prime spots in the Russian capital's club scene for avant-garde, jazz, folk and acoustic rock music.

But on a recent Friday night the club hosted a second concert in three weeks by Jewish musicians playing Yiddish folk music. A club manager said both shows sold as many tickets as a local rock artist with a solid following.

Many in the audience at the club came

to see Psoy Korolenko, a popular member of the Moscow underground scene, whose own songs often weave in elements of Yiddish folklore.

The singer has recently become interested in klezmer, and this year took part in his second KlezFest.

That night, the sturdy bearded performer who sported a baseball hat with the word "Brooklyn" on it sang a Chasidic song with unusual rhythmic interpretation.

Another concert highlight was a performance by Arkady Gendler, an 81-year-old Moldova-born Holocaust survivor. The Yiddish song enthusiast, who teaches Yiddish at a Ukrainian Jewish school, recently recorded a compact disc that was released by a California-based label.

Matvey Gordon, another vocalist, was introduced to the audience as the "patriarch of youth Klezmer music." The 16-year-old high school student from St. Petersburg said he learned his first Yiddish song at age 5 while attending Hebrew school.

"Four years ago, I began to study Yiddish and Jewish tradition. Of course you can learn just the lyrics, but I guess this wouldn't be serious enough if you don't go a little farther."

Yevgeny Hazdan, a composer and KlezFest artistic director, says local Jewish communities benefit first from the klezmer revival, but that the klezmer movement has a broader goal.

"We are trying to make this music — from traditional Yiddish songs to Chasidic folklore — a part of Russia's world music scene."

So far, Hazdan said the annual festival has already become a prominent part of St. Petersburg's Jewish life.

"Between ourselves we joke that there are two Jewish things about St. Petersburg that most people know: the Choral Synagogue and KlezFest," he said.

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Offices of Hamas-linked group raided

BY FREDY ROM
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

BERN — Swiss police have raided the branch office of a pro-Palestinian organization.

The police recently searched offices and apartments where the organization, known as Pro-PLO, was operating in Schaffhausen, a city 30 miles east of Zurich.

Police arrested several people and confiscated a computer and other materials, said Patric Illi, founder of the group.

A Swiss police spokesman confirmed the investigation, but declined to give further information. A spokesman for the Swiss prosecutor declined to comment on the status of the investigation.

The group supports terror attacks against Israeli civilians and boasts of its close relationship with Hamas leaders.

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Romania's president backtracked on remarks that downplayed the Holocaust. In a statement sent to The Associated Press, Ion Iliescu said he recognized the uniqueness of the Holocaust. The statement came two days after Iliescu told the Israeli daily Ha'aretz that "the Holocaust was not unique to the Jewish population in Europe. Many others, including Poles, died in the same way." He added Sunday: "I merely wanted to put the Holocaust, the most tragic event in the modern history of humanity, in the larger framework of Nazi totalitarian rule, which left millions of European citizens dead. The fact that Jews were the primary target of the criminal policies of Nazi Germany and its allies or satellites is a truth which cannot be doubted," he added. Iliescu's father, a Communist, was sent to a concentration camp and died a year after his release.

Two plaques at a Holocaust memorial in France were discovered defaced and broken on Tuesday. The plaques mark the site of a transit camp at Venissieux where hundreds of Jews from the Lyon region were rounded up before being sent to Nazi death camps in August 1942. Jewish organizations and the Venissieux municipality have filed a formal complaint with police.

A Holocaust survivor and shopping center tycoon was appointed chairman

of Australian soccer. Frank Lowy came to Australia in 1952 after surviving World War II in Búdapest and then moving to Israel, where he fought during the 1948 War of Independence. In Sydney's Eastern Suburbs, Lowy and fellow Jewish soccer fans established the Hakoah club, which became the hub of Jewish social activity in the city for decades. Lowy served as president for many years and was at the helm when the club's soccer team won several national championships.

British Jews are demanding that a Jews for Jesus billboard be taken down. The poster in a heavily Jewish neighborhood of London features a group of fervently Orthodox Jews at the Western Wall in Jerusalem. One of the Jews is wearing a Jews for Jesus T-shirt with the caption "Think for yourself." The Board of Deputies umbrella organization wrote to the Advertising Standards Authority, that the "advertisement is clearly based on the principle that the majority of Jews are unable to 'think for themselves' i.e., believe in Jesus. This is a highly objectionable notion, and one that gives great offense to the vast majority of Jewish people in this country."

The owner of an Internet cafe, in Berlin was fined for offering young customers banned computer games featuring swastikas. The court said it is in the public interest to prevent youth from being bombarded with such material. German law forbids the dissemination of material containing swastikas and other Nazi propaganda.

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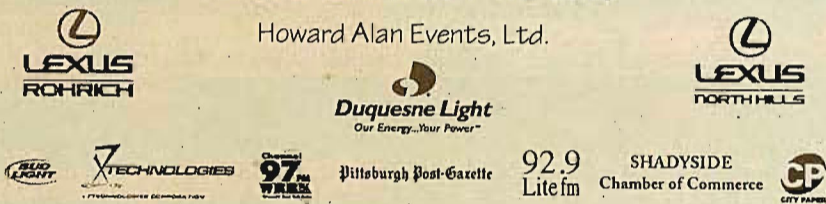
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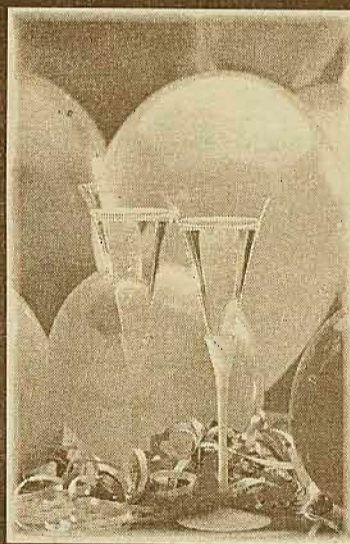
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Pittsburghers at convention



Hadassah photo

Newly installed Hadassah Greater Pittsburgh Chapter president, Susan Mazer, along with 30 other Pittsburgh women, attended the 89th National Hadassah Convention in New York City from July 13 to 16. Pictured is Mazer with Rona Ramon, who accepted the Henrietta Szold Award on behalf of her husband Israeli Astronaut Ilan Ramon, who perished in the February Columbia disaster.

'Soldier's Journal' a G.I.'s play-by-play

BY LEE CHOTTINER
Executive Editor

"A Soldiers Journal" by David Rothbart is far from the definitive book of World War II.

It doesn't tell about the hours leading up to D-Day, the liberation of Paris, or the pitch fighting by U.S. troops to turn back counterattacking Germans at the Battle of the Bulge.

It's not that kind of book.

"A Soldiers Journal" is about the day-to-day life of a G.I. from his earliest days in boot camp to stateside maneuvers to fighting in Europe. It's about the weekend liberties, in Augusta, Ga., down time at the base and what was said casually between G.I.s

It also gives a day-by-day account of the Atlantic crossing, life while billeted in the English countryside, and encounters with British troops (who frequently weren't in uniform much longer than the Americans, the author writes).

While "Part One: One Year in the Army: Stateside" does move a bit slowly at times, "Part Two: Overseas," which deals

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with the crossing, Britain, the fighting in France and the end of the war in Germany, "A Soldier's Journal" by David Rothbart, ibooks, distributed by Simon & Schuster, 302 pages.

takes on the kind of passionate moments one might expect a G.I. to record in his journal.

Witness this entry from Nov. 20, 1944:

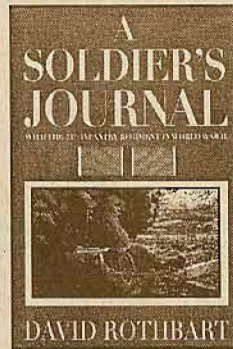
"Our men appear to have developed fully a requisite psychological attitude toward battle. They are killers. They hate Germans and think nothing of killing them; or, in fact, anyone who incites them."

It's all here from the encounter with a Russian POW, a woman shot by the SS (she still wore the bandage when Roth-

bart met her), and negotiations with a French woman for a couple of eggs that turned into a chicken feast for troops including U.S. coffee and chocolate.

And finally his realization that a Holocaust had taken place:

"The tales we heard related to us in Yiddish by Jews were monotonously



repetitious," he wrote on Sept. 1, 1944, "beginning with having all their worldly possessions taken from them and requiring Jews to wear a yellow patch with 'Juid' prominently inscribed on it. Their men were

taken to labor until they died of hunger or hard work, their young women sent to brothels, old people and children to be mass-executed in death camps; horrors too inconceivable for the imagination and future generations will consequently not fully believe."

Rothbart, a Pittsburgh resident, who returned home after the war and spent 30 years in the furniture business, explains in his own introduction why he kept the journal: Rothbart, who was attached to the 22nd Infantry Regiment of the Fourth Division, captures everything about a G.I.'s life in his book: the drudgery of camp life, the anticipation of new orders, the frustration when they don't come through, and the exhilaration when they do.

It tells the story of World War II through a perspective few of us ever experience. For the avid student of the war years, it's a book worth having.

(Lee Chottiner can be reached online at lchottiner@pittchron.com.)



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'Ornament' a lesson in tolerance

BY ERIK ROSEN
For The Chronicle

While hope for a lasting Middle East peace continues to lurch and stumble along, it is easy to think that Jews, Muslims, and Christians have always been locked in conflict. As Maria Rosa Menocal reminds us in her book, "The Ornament of the World," there was a time when the three great monotheistic religions coexisted in "a culture of tolerance."

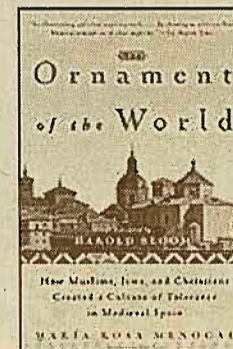
The R. Seldon Rose Professor of Spanish and Portuguese and director of Special Programs in the Humanities at Yale University has written a meticulously detailed book about what might arguably be called a pre-renaissance in interfaith relations in Medieval Spain (beginning in

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783), that foreshadowed the greater cultural Renaissance of Europe hundreds of years later.

She relates the flight of Abd alRahman, who fled from his native Damascus when the Umayyads, who had ruled the Islamic empire for centuries, were overthrown by the Abbasids. He ended up in the Andalus region of Spain, where he (and his descendants) established the House

of Umayyad in exile, presiding over what became "a thriving, powerful, and well-organized state."



Jews, Christians and Muslims lived side by side in relative harmony, absorbing and integrating aspects of each other's cultures. Centers of scholarly study

arose, the arts flourished, and everyone worshipped according to his own customs.

In an interview at the end of the book, Menocal states, "Writing poetry in Arabic was what educated people did, not just Muslims; and when the Jews of Toledo built a synagogue with horseshoe arches they were adopting the signature style of a culture rather than of a religion ... (it was) a culture that rejected religious or political correctness as the basis for any sort of aesthetic or intellectual value."

Extraordinarily detailed and moving, "The Ornament of the World" shows that religious and cultural pluralism is not unattainable, and makes the reader imagine what might be.

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In addition to Lila's ever-popular art class, the JCC offers adults a myriad of opportunities to nurture body, mind and spirit. Enjoy everything from lectures, fitness options, trips and special interest classes, to cultural and social events. A sampling of classes to choose from this

fall includes: Creating Art from Throw-aways, Beginning Tango, Crash Course in Jewish History, Interior Decorating, Bridge, and Meditation and Guided Imagery. The theme of Lila's Art Scene this fall is "The Art of the Written Word" featuring Barbara Cloud of the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, and Lee Wolf, who will read "Famous Letters."

No matter what your age or interests, there's something for everyone at the JCC. For more information on the many programs and events here, please contact Rae-Gayle Pakler, Director of Adult Services, at (412) 521-8011, ext. 286.



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In contrast to Sharon, Abbas gets cool reception on Capitol Hill

By MATTHEW E. BERGER

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

WASHINGTON — While Palestinian Authority Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas received the red-carpet treatment from the White House last week, he received a much cooler reception on Capitol Hill.

Abbas' first official trip gave the Palestinian leader an opportunity to thank President Bush for \$20 million in direct aid and for the president's support for the prime minister's steps toward peace.

But in congressional meetings, Abbas faced sharp questions from lawmakers about his ability to lead, his efforts to date to combat terrorism and his criticisms of Israeli actions.

That is in sharp contrast to Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, whose meetings with lawmakers were limited this time around but who often receives warm welcomes from congressional leaders.

Sharon "gets a much warmer reception" and a "sympathetic ear," said U.S. Rep. Eliot Engel, D-N.Y., a member of the House International Relations Committee's Middle East subcommittee.

He said lawmakers are sympathetic to Abbas because they see him as an alternative to Palestinian President Yasser Arafat, but they have yet to see substance.

Many members of Congress support Sharon's anti-terrorism measures and his timetable for moving forward in the peace process.

So, for example, while Bush called on Sharon to keep in mind how his defensive

measures affect the peace process — presumably referring to the fence Israel is building to keep out terrorists — some lawmakers wrote Bush on the eve of Sharon's visit to emphasize that the fence is necessary for Israel's security.

Abbas spent considerable time on Capitol Hill during his first official visit last week.

He met with congressional leaders in both the Senate and the House of Representatives on July 24, presenting them with a wish list of ways to strengthen his government and promote the international "road map" for peace.

Among his requests was help to pressure Israel to release Palestinian prisoners, to reconsider the security fence and

jects that the United States can fund, which would justify additional direct assistance to the Palestinian Authority.

Many believe that replicating the humanitarian projects supported by the terrorist groups would lessen the terrorists' support in the Arab world and help to legitimize Abbas and the new government.

However, Abbas has yet to give Congress a list of projects, sources said.

As discussions of aid continue, Ros-Lehtinen said Congress will work to make sure money sent to the Palestinian Authority has "as much oversight as possible."

In reality, Congress is likely to stay out of Middle East peacemaking for a little while, simply because many lawmakers will spend most of August in their home districts.

On Tuesday, Sharon was able to meet only with Senate leaders because the House of Representatives has already begun its summer recess.

Even so, several groups of House members are going to the region this summer, trips that lawmakers often use as opportunities to show their support to the Jewish state.

Indeed, House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas, an outspoken supporter of the Sharon government, was leading a delegation to the region this week, with stops in Israel, Jordan and Iraq.

He met with Sharon before the prime minister departed for Washington and said on Tuesday, the day Bush and Sharon met, "Both Bush and Sharon are committed to ending global terror and finally bringing peace to the Middle East. I commend both leaders for their unwavering determination to end Palestinian terrorism."

Sharon has many allies on Capitol Hill — especially in leadership positions — and his meetings with them, whether in Washington or Jerusalem, are often more to inform the lawmakers, rather than to push for action.

One issue Congress may weigh in on when lawmakers return in the fall is the security fence issue, but it is not yet clear how.

The fence, which has been under construction for more than a year and which Palestinians oppose, has been making headlines mostly because Abbas appears to have gotten support for his view from Bush and the White House national security adviser, Condoleezza Rice.

While some lawmakers have already told Bush they support the fence, others remain concerned about its impact. Over the last month, Palestinians have been circulating a multimedia presentation to Washington insiders — including Rice — about the fence's effect on Palestinian living conditions.

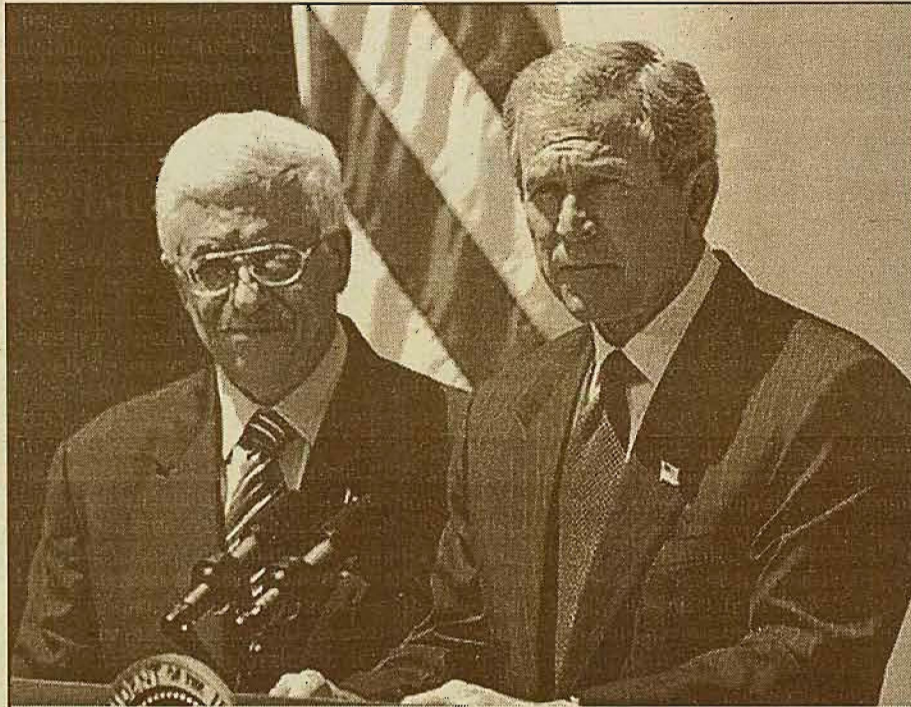
Israel says the fence is necessary to keep out suicide bombers, but the Palestinians worry that it is setting a de facto border between Israel and the Palestinians.

Ros-Lehtinen said the fence is an untested issue because it is so new, but she speculated that many in Congress would back Israel on this issue.

Engel went further, saying Congress will need to support the security fence, and that lawmakers backed it in their discussions with Abbas.

He said that when the Palestinian leader compared the fence to the Berlin Wall, lawmakers countered that the Berlin Wall kept people in, while the Israeli fence keeps people out.

If the fence remains a sticking point in September, the Israeli government and its supporters in Washington will likely call on Congress to put that support in writing.



President Bush and Palestinian Authority Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas address the media during their meeting at the White House, Friday, July 25.

Paul Morse/White House

to allow Arafat freedom of movement.

"Abbas was businesslike," said a Democratic House aide. "He said, 'This is what I need and this is why I need it.'"

But while Abbas impressed some with what they called his straightforward responses, others said they were concerned about his reluctance to dismantle Palestinian terrorist groups.

Many in Israel believe that unless the groups are dismantled, they will use the three-month cease-fire to which they agreed to rebuild and expand their infrastructure, leading to an eventual escalation in attacks.

"I don't think that he's particularly keen on cracking down on terrorist groups the way we would like but wants to emphasize the predominance of the Palestinian Authority," said the aide, who asked not to be identified.

Sources say some lawmakers resented Abbas' ability to shift the focus in the conflict away from Palestinian reform toward issues such as Israel's building of a security fence.

U.S. Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, R-Fla., chair of the Middle East subcommittee, called the meeting with Abbas "disappointing" because he provided "lackluster" answers to questions about his control over the West Bank and Gaza and his relationship with Arafat.

"He put his best case forward to the committee," she told JTA. "I just don't know whether the answers were tough enough."

Despite the ambivalence expressed by many, one Democratic aide in the Senate said, "The view of most people was that Abbas is a smart guy and needs our support."

On the aid front, meanwhile, lawmakers are looking for signs that the aid will be put to good use and that there will be proper monitoring.

Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., ranking Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, has been pushing Abbas to name some specific humanitarian pro-

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Engagements



Haas/Unangst: Marlene Ringold Haas of Squirrel Hill announces the engagement of her daughter, Ilyssa Meg, to Marc Jonathan Unangst, son of Fredda and Paul Unangst of Ann Arbor, Mich.

Ilyssa's grandparents are the late Rita Weisbrode Ringold and Irwin Ringold of Pittsburgh.

Marc's grandparents are Samuel Simon and the late Anne Simon of Philadelphia; and the late Fannie and Leon Unangst of Bethlehem, Pa.

Ilyssa graduated with honors from Penn State with a bachelor's degree in education. She is a teacher with the Pittsburgh Public Schools at John Minadeo Elementary.

Marc graduated with honors from Carnegie Mellon University with a bachelor's degree in electrical and computer engineering and a minor in computer science. He is a software engineer for Panasas, Inc. in Pittsburgh.

A summer 2004 wedding is being planned.

Weddings



Kaushansky/Davis: Rema Jane Kaushansky and Joshua Adam Davis were married in Cleveland in the spring.

Rema's parents are Luba and Mark Kaushansky of Monroeville, Pa. Her grandparents are Rakhil and the late Mikhail Kaushansky and Klara and the late Zunya Rozichner.

Joshua's parents are Pauline and Charles Davis, also of Monroeville. His grandparents are the late Esther and William Davis and the late Gertrude and Nathan Zubin.

Nelly Gertsburg, cousin of the bride, was maid of honor. Eric Davis, brother of the groom, served as best man.

Rema graduated from the University of Pittsburgh's Engineering School. She is director of client services for Atlantic Investment Management.

Joshua graduated from the Rutgers University Honors Program. He is a writer, filmmaker, and director of A.M. Films, an independent production company.

After a honeymoon in Russia, Rema and Joshua live in New York City.

Births

Gold: Jennifer (Smith) and Michael Gold of Arlington, Va., announce the birth of their son, Benjamin Maxwell, on July 7. Grandparents are Iris and Eddie Smith of Pittsburgh; and Ronnie and Bob Gold of Boca Raton, Fla. Great-grandparents are Fran and Cliff Grobstein and Irene Smith of Pittsburgh, and Barney Gold of Brooklyn. Benjamin's big sister is Sarah Emily.

Benjamin Maxwell (Binyamin Moshe) is named in loving memory of his maternal great-great-grandfather, Benjamin Wolovitz; and his paternal great-grandfather, Manuel Rudes.

Himmel: Dana and Alan Himmel of Squirrel Hill announce the birth of their son, Benjamin Ari, on June 28. Grandparents are Marcia and Lee Himmel of Squirrel Hill and the late Carol Hirsch of Mt. Lebanon. Paternal great-grandmother is Clara Goldberg of Monroeville. Benji's big brother is Sammy.

Benjamin Ari is named in loving memory of his paternal great-grandmother, Viola (Bayle) Himmel; and maternal great-great-grandmother, Anne Brown.

Schneider: Russ and Trisha Schneider of Squirrel Hill announce the birth of their daughter, Ashlyn Rose (Tsivia Tsipa Raiza), on July 16. Grandparents are Michael and Sandra Schneider of Squirrel Hill; and Susan and William Dolney of Munhall, Pa. Great-grandparents are Rubin and Florence Shore, Meyer and Edith Schneider, Roberta McGarrity, and Betty Rogers.

Ashlyn is named in loving memory of her great-great-aunt, Sylvia Heyman; her cousin, Carol Schneider; and great-great-great-aunt, Rose Zapler.

Silberman: Meredith (Kitay) and Peter Silberman of McCandless announce the birth of their son, Brendan Ross, on July 14. Grandparents are Ellen and Richard Kitay of Churchill and Linda and David Silberman of Pleasant Hills. Great-grandparents are Ruth Birnkrant of Pittsburgh, Eleanor and Wayne Dindinger of the Harmony area and Karl Kitay of West Palm Beach. Brendan is the brother of Adam Mitchell.

Brendan Ross is named in loving memory of his paternal great-grandmother, Harriet Silberman; and his maternal great-great-grandmother, Bessie Torin.

Teitelbaum: Tanya Ehrmann and Joel Teitelbaum of Silver Spring, Md., announce the birth their daughter, Layna Sofia, on July 17. Grandparents are Esta and Michael Ehrmann of Pittsburgh; and Roberta and Ed Teitelbaum of Milwaukee, formerly of Pittsburgh. Layna's big brother is Jared.

Layna is named in loving memory of her maternal great-grandmother, Rivkah Leah Ginsburg; and maternal great-aunt, Sophie Fishman.

Deadline for Simchas is Thursday, 4:30 p.m. Subscribers' announcements are free; there is a \$10 charge for each photo. Check must accompany photo. Send typed copy to The Jewish Chronicle, Attention Angela Leibowicz, 5600 Baum Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15206; fax to (412) 687-5119; or e-mail to aleibowicz@pittchron.com. Nonsubscribers should call Angela at (412) 687-1003 for rates.

Anniversaries

Jerome Davis celebrated the 70th anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah at the Beth Shalom early service on July 26. Friends and family joined him.

B'nai Mitzvah



Frieda Sara Gelb, daughter of Richard and Susan Gelb, will become a Bat Mitzvah at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 2, at Temple Emanuel. Grandparents are Frieda and Zack Pilosoph, Bernard Gelb and Annette Gelb.



Eli Charles Siegel, son of Neil Siegel and the late Pamela K. Wiles, will become a Bar Mitzvah at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 2, at Temple Sinai. Grandparents are Betty Mae and Barris Siegel of Beaver and Katherine and David Wiles of Plum.

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Achievements

Ashley S. Kushner received her Juris Doctor degree from American University Washington College of Law and was selected for the Outstanding Graduate Award. Kushner graduated with a bachelor's degree with distinction in political science from the University of Wisconsin. She also graduated magna cum laude with a master's in political science from Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Kushner has been awarded the Boren Congressional Fellowship, which will take her to South Africa for six months to study the strategies of human rights lawyers there. Upon her return, she will be with the State Department in Washington, D.C. Kushner's parents are Louis and Sandra Kushner of Squirrel Hill.

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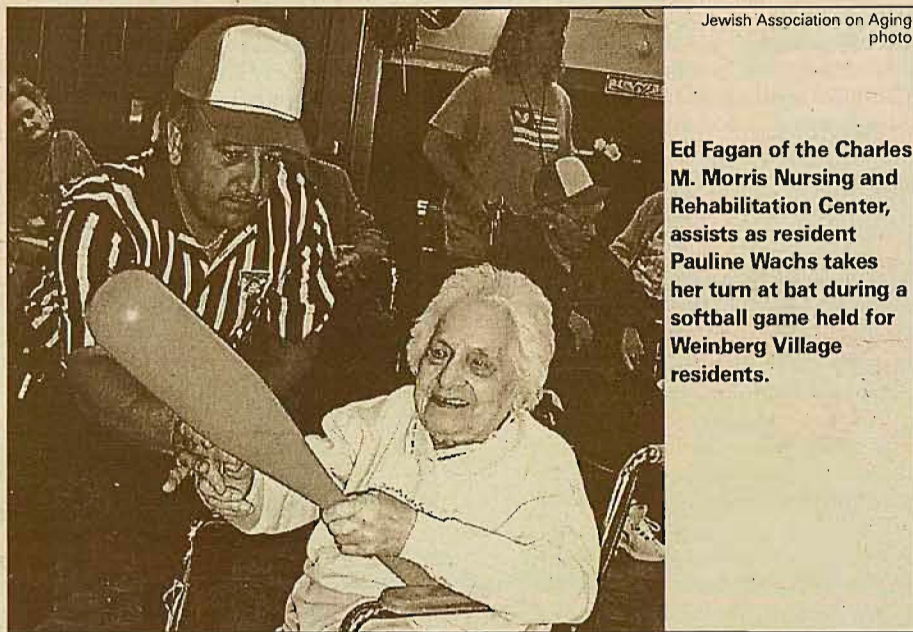
Ahavath Achim in Carnegie Saturday morning service at 9:20 a.m. For information call (412) 279-1566.

B'nai Abraham in Butler Shabbat evening service at 7:30 p.m. on Friday. For information call (724) 287-5806.

B'nai Emunoh Congregation Friday services 6:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Shabbat day 8:55 a.m. and 8 p.m. Daily services: Sunday 8 a.m. and 8:20 p.m.; Monday, through Wednesday 6:30 a.m. and 8:20 p.m. Thursday at 6:30 a.m. and 7:55 p.m. For information call (412) 521-1477.

Beth El Congregation of the South Hills Shabbat services at 6 p.m. on Friday. Saturday services at 9:15 a.m. Executive Committee meeting at 7 p.m. tonight; board meeting at 8 p.m. Daily services: Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. and 7:45 p.m. Sunday minyan at 8:30 a.m. For information

Batter up



Jewish Association on Aging photo

Ed Fagan of the Charles M. Morris Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, assists as resident Pauline Wachs takes her turn at bat during a softball game held for Weinberg Village residents.

call (412) 561-1168 or visit www.bethelcong.org.

Beth Hamedrash Hagodol-Beth Jacob Shachrit services are held Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 8 a.m. Monday, Thursday and Rosh Chodesh services are at 7:45 a.m. Shabbat service at 9 a.m. Daily Mincha

and Maariv at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome. For information call Rabbi Stanley Savage at (412) 471-4443.

Beth Israel Center Pleasant Hills. Guests are welcome. For information call (412) 655-2144.

Beth Israel Congregation Latrobe. For information call (724) 539-1450.

Beth Israel Congregation Washington, Pa. Shabbat service at 8 p.m. Friday. Shabbat service at 9:30 a.m. Saturday. Services and adult education are conducted by Rabbi David Novitsky. For information call (724) 225-7080.

Beth Samuel Jewish Center in Ambridge Saturday morning services at 10 a.m. There are no Friday evening services during the summer. For information call (724) 266-5238 or visit www.bethsamuel.org.

Beth Shalom Congregation Kabbalat Shabbat service at 7 p.m. on Friday. Early Shabbat service at 6:30 a.m. Saturday. Summer family service at 8:45 a.m. on Saturday. Kiddie Minyan and Plus meet at 10:30 a.m. Saturday evening services at 8:40 p.m. Daily services are at 7:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday morning service is at 8 a.m. For more information call (412) 421-2288.

Beth Shalom Congregation in Johnstown erev Shabbat services at 7:30 p.m. Friday. Shabbat morning service at 9:30 a.m. Saturday. Minyanim at 8 a.m. on alternate Thursdays. For more information call the office or Rabbi Irwin Brandwein at (814) 536-0647 or visit <http://homepage.earthlink.net/~bethsholomjtw/>.

Bet Tikvah serving Pittsburgh's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community. First Friday erev Shabbat service at 7:30 p.m. at Rodef Shalom Congregation. For information call the hotline at (412) 362-7025, visit www.bettikvah.org or e-mail info@bettikvah.org.

Chabad of Fox Chapel Shabbat classes and services and adult education classes throughout the week. For more information, call the office at (412) 781-1800; visit www.chabadfoxchapel.com; or e-mail info@chabadfoxchapel.com.

Chabad of the South Hills Jewish Center for Living and Learning, 1600 Bower Hill Rd., holds weekly Shabbat services at 10 a.m. followed by a sit-down Kiddush. Mommy and Me meets every Monday at 10:00 a.m. Hebrew and Sunday school are Sundays and Tuesdays. Talmud Study meets Mondays at 4:00 p.m. Torah class meets on Tuesdays at 8:15 p.m. For information on women's monthly study group or for a complete listing, call (412) 278-3693 or visit chabadsh@sgi.net.

Charles M. Morris Nursing and Rehabilitation Center at Weinberg Village daily morning service at 9:30 a.m. Shabbat morning service at 9 a.m. For information call Rabbi Seidman at (412) 420-4000 or e-mail eseidman@jaapgh.org.

Congregation Emanu-El Israel Shabbat services at 8 p.m. on Friday. Saturday minyan at 8:30 a.m. in Latrobe. Everyone is welcome at services. For information call (724) 834-0560.

Dor Hadash Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation holds services at the Jewish Education Institute at 6424 Forward Ave. Erev Shabbat service at 8 p.m. on Friday. Service leader is Alan Baum. Sedra reviewer is Laura Horowitz. For information call (412) 422-5158.

Gemilas Chesed Congregation in White Oak. Daily services at 7:25 a.m. together with the Mesivta Minyan. Mincha at 2:20 p.m. and Maariv after sunset. Shabbat eve services at 10 minutes before sunset followed by Maariv. Rabbi Nossan Tropper's Medrash class is at 8:45 a.m. Saturday followed by services at 9 a.m. Rabbi Shimon Silver reads the weekly Sedra assisted by Mesivta students. Rabbi Irvin Chinn delivers the weekly Torah commentary. Weekly women's Pirkai Avos Ethics of the Fathers class is at 6 p.m. in various homes with local rebeyim leading class. Mesivta learning sessions 45 minutes before Mincha. Mincha 20 minutes before sunset followed by Shalosh Seudos and D'var Torah. Maariv 50 minutes after sunset and Havdalah 72 minutes following the Shkiah. For information call (412) 678-8859.

Kollel Jewish Learning Center. The third and final week of the Women's Summer Learning Program continues through Aug. 8 with classes and an opportunity to take private tutorials on the topic of your choice with three visiting women instructors from New York. Free classes include Jewish Ecology, "My Mother the Mensch," Feeding Your Soul, A Mitzvah A Day, Be All You Can Be, King Solomon's Temple, and More Precious Than Pearls. Enjoy the sweetness of Shabbat with a festive and inspirational meal.

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Friday Mincha minyan 10 minutes before sunset followed by Maariv. Saturday Shabbat service at 10 a.m. Shabbat Mincha followed by Maariv 20 minutes before sunset. Sunday Shachrit minyan 9:15 a.m. Sunday Mincha minyan 10 minutes before sunset. Sunday Maariv minyan 25 minutes after sunset. Daily Shachrit minyan 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Daily Mincha minyan 10 minutes before sunset. Daily Maariv minyan 25 minutes after sunset. For information call (412) 422-7315.

New Light Congregation. For information call (412) 421-1017.

Parkway Jewish Center Shabbat services at 8 p.m. on Friday. Shabbat morning services at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday. For information call (412) 823-4338 or visit <http://members.aol.com/pghpjc>.

Poale Zedeck Congregation
Friday Mincha at 7 p.m. Shabbat Shachrit early minyan at 8 a.m. and main minyan at 8:45 a.m. Sunday Shachrit at 7:30 and 8:30 a.m. Monday Shachrit at 6, 6:45 and 8 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday Shachrit at 6, 6:55 and 8 a.m. Fast of the 9th of Av, Aug. 6 to 7. Wednesday Mincha at 8:20 p.m. Fast begins at 8:27 p.m. Thursday Shachrit at 1:25 p.m. Mincha at 1:50 p.m. and 8:15 p.m. Maariv at 8:45 p.m. Fast ends at 9:13 p.m. Sunday through Wednesday Mincha at 8:20 p.m., Friday at 7 p.m. For information call (412) 421-9786 or visit www.poalezedeck.org.

Riverview Towers Oneg Shabbat at 2 p.m. Friday. Reform services Friday evenings at 7:30 p.m. are sponsored by Rodef Shalom. Saturday Shabbat 10 a.m. Entertainer Kevin, the strolling accordionist, will be at 5 p.m. today. For more information call (412) 521-7876.

Rodef Shalom Congregation
Friday evening service at 5:30 p.m. Shabbat service at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday preceded by Torah study at 9:30 a.m. Dr. Walter Jacob will speak on "From Olive to the Peanut — 3,000 Years of Oil," in the Biblical Botanical Garden at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday. Daily prayer services Monday through Thursday at 5:30 p.m. Sunday service 9 a.m. For information call (412) 621-6566.

Shaare Torah Congregation
Saturday Shabbat 8:45 a.m. Daily services Monday and Thursday 6:40 a.m. and 8 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 7 and 8 a.m. Sunday 8:15 a.m. Evening services at 8:15 p.m. For information call (412) 421-8855 or 422-8327.

Sukkat Shalom, a member-led congregation in the liberal Reform tradition, meets at the Edward and Rose Berman Jewish University Center, 4607 Forbes Ave., Oakland. Erev Shabbat services at 5:30 p.m. on Friday. Torah study at 10 a.m. Saturday followed by services at 11 a.m. For more information call Marcia at (412) 244-8823 or e-mail SukkatShalomPgh@aol.com.

Temple B'nai Israel, 2025 Cypress Drive, White Oak, Pa. Sabbath services are usually held on alternating Friday evenings at 8 p.m. and Saturday mornings at 10 a.m. An Oneg Shabbat follows each service. Adult education meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the second Sunday each month. Services and adult education meetings are conducted by Rabbi Daniel L. Schiff. For information call (412) 678-6181 or visit www.tbiwhiteoak.org.

Temple Beth Israel in Steubenville Friday services at 8 p.m. with service leader Sharon Bogarad. For information call (740) 264-5514.

Temple David in Monroeville service at 7 p.m. Friday with leader Harvey Rosenblum. Torah study and discussion at 9 a.m. Saturday. Shabbat service at 9:30 a.m. with service leaders Barbara and David Yergin; David Yergin will read Torah. For information call (412) 372-1200 or visit www.templedavid.org.

Temple Emanuel of South Hills summer Shabbat service schedule through Aug. 31: Friday evening services "Under the Stars" at 7:30 p.m. Shabbat morning service at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday. Sunday morning minyan at 9 a.m. For information call (412) 279-7600.

Temple Hadar Israel in New Castle, Lawrence County, holds services in the former Tifereth Israel Synagogue. For information call (724) 658-9708.

Temple Ohav Shalom in the North Hills Kabbalat Shabbat at 7:30 p.m. Shabbat morning service at 10 a.m. on Saturday. For information call (412) 369-0900 or visit www.ohavshalom.org.

Temple Shalom in Wheeling services at 8 p.m. on Friday with service leader Jonathan Lief. For information call (304) 233-4870.

Temple Sinai Shabbat evening service at 8 p.m. on Friday. Informal Shabbat service and Torah Study at 8:30 a.m. Saturday. Saturday morning service at 10:30 a.m. Evening minyan at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday. For information call (412) 421-9715 or visit www.temple sinaipgh.org.

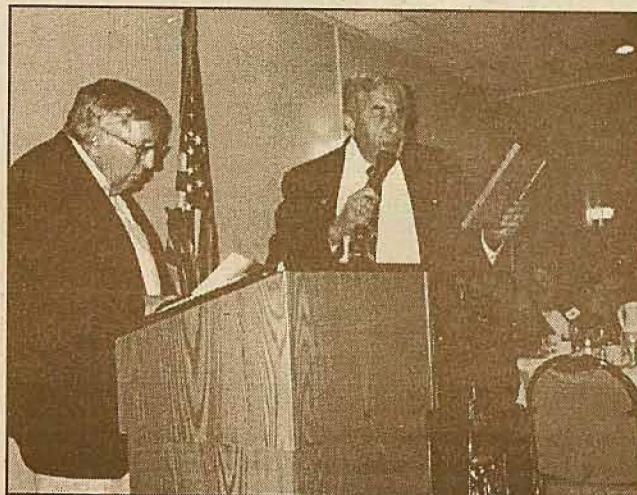
Torath Chaim daily services Monday and Thursday 6:15 a.m. and Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 6:30 a.m. Saturday and Sunday mornings at 9. For information call Arnie Swartz, (412) 362-0036.

Tree of Life Congregation
Shabbat morning service 9:45 a.m. on Saturday. Kiddush luncheon every week; all are welcome. No R.S.V.P. needed. Weekday services: Sunday 9 a.m. followed by the Men's Club continental breakfast; everyone is invited. Monday and Thursday at 7:30 a.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 7:45 a.m. Sunday through Thursday at 7:30 p.m. For information call Ruth Scott at (412) 521-6788 or e-mail tolpgh@aol.com.

Tree of Life Congregation of Uniontown. Shabbat service Friday at 8 p.m. Saturday service 10 a.m. For information call Harold Cohen at (724) 438-0343 or Larry Smith at (724) 438-4197.

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five minutes after candle lighting but no later than 7:30. Saturday services 9 a.m. Saturday Gemora class one hour before Mincha, one hour and five minutes before Maariv. Seudat shlisheet follows. Maariv 10 minutes before end of Shabbat. Sunday service 8 a.m. Daily Shachrit minyan at 6:30 a.m., 6:20 a.m. on Rosh Chodesh. For more information, call Rabbi Nosson Adler at (412) 421-2780 or visit www.geocities.com/youngisrael.pgh.

YPS, a traditional and participatory congregation, meets every Shabbat and Yom Tov at 6404 Forbes, corner Deniston. Friday Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat at 6:30 p.m. Saturday morning services at 9:30 a.m. Jerry Rosenberg reads Torah; Shulamit Bastacky

speaks. Kindershul with Nina Schor meets at 10:30 a.m. Saturday afternoon Mincha and Torah study with Rashi's commentaries at 8 p.m. Sidney Deutsch is class leader. Tisha B'Av services are at 8:10 p.m. on Aug. 7; Shachrit at 6:30 a.m. on Aug. 8. For information call Franklin Toker, president, at (412) 421-7134 or visit www.youngpeoples.org.

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Kennywood: Park food is kosher

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Kennywood touts itself as a traditional amusement park, an antithesis of the larger, corporate-owned theme parks. Privately owned by two families, Kennywood opened in 1898 and in 1917 began their "Nationality Day" picnics with the Croatian and Slovak communities. The Jewish Community Day is the newest addition.

"Each group does their traditions," Mary Lou Rosemeyer, a Kennywood spokeswoman, said. "The Italians come in red and green, the Greeks have amazing dances, things like that. Each group makes up their own traditions and now the Jewish community will make theirs."

Along with Jewish music and camaraderie, the Jewish Community Day at Kennywood affords the possibilities of amusement park food to kids who have never tried it before.

"When I take my grandkids out, it's hard because they can't eat anything," Jane Maizlech said. "The [Kennywood] didn't realize a lot of the food they have is already kosher. Except for the toppings, the Potato

"My grandsons will have the experience of buying a hot pretzel."

Jane Maizlech

Patch is kosher and so are Dipping Dots."

Shaare Torah Congregation's Rabbi Daniel Wasserman — with the Maizlechs, a Kennywood representative and one of the park's owners — spent a morning investigating the park's eateries, searching for kosher symbols. When product labels left room for doubt, Wasserman got on the horn to New York.

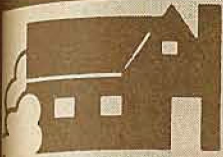
"Rabbi Wasserman really stepped up to the plate," Mimi Maizlech said. "He was meticulous about everything being kosher, he wanted to make sure it would be all inclusive."

The Maizlechs see the Kennywood day as a chance for celebrating what binds Pittsburgh Jews together and not what separates them. Regardless of religious affinity, all Jews in Pittsburgh are minorities, and although most will eat the food at Kennywood whenever they want, few will have another opportunity to be surrounded by their fellow Jews while they do it.

"My grandsons will have the experience of buying a hot pretzel," Jane Maizlech said and for that, she's truly grateful to Kennywood.

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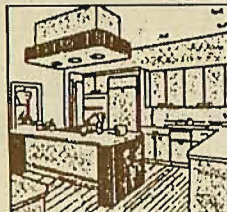
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Chagall's granddaughter turns his legacy into her life's work

By **SHOSHANA HEBSHI**
Jewish Bulletin of Northern California

SAN FRANCISCO — As a child and young woman, Bella Meyer would sit easel-side to her grandfather, Marc Chagall, as he created whimsical paintings at his home in the south of France.

"He'd talk and show me things, and he'd paint," Meyer recalled during a recent phone interview from New York. "He'd ask me questions. It was very important to him that I would find the ideal in life. That I would find the right path. He asked what I believed in, if I understood his paintings. I said I hoped I did."

Evidently, Meyer, now 48, understands her grandfather's paintings pretty well, as she spends her time with the help of her twin sister, who lives in Paris, cultivating and maintaining Chagall's legacy.

Meyer, in town for San Francisco Museum of Modern Art's major retrospective of Chagall's work, grew up in Switzerland in a home fortified by art. Her mother, Chagall's daughter, Ida, was also a painter who indoctrinated her children with artistic sensibilities. Her father, who was Swiss, was a museum director. And Meyer herself continues to paint, though she says in her French-accented voice that her paintings aren't "interesting."

The family in Switzerland was very close to the painter Chagall. They would visit often as a family, and later, when she moved to Paris, Meyer would regularly see her grandfather on solo visits. Ida, who taught Meyer to paint, was very involved in helping with her father's exhibitions, Meyer says. "They talked on the phone every day."

But speaking of her mother as an artist, Meyer says it may have been too great a responsibility to be related to such an illustrious painter. "She was a wonderful painter; she painted until after the Second World War," Meyer says. "But then at one point she stopped, and I don't really know why, but I think it was just too hard for her to be an artist in her own right, next to her father. And also, somehow it was easier to take care of his work. She

very much believed in his work and did everything for it."

Chagall's stature as a celebrated artist did not impede Meyer's relationship with her grandfather. She knew him, of course, on different levels that reached beyond his paintings. And she adored him. She recalls this extremely familiar man as a "very cute little person who had this incredible amount of energy coming out of his hands."

"He was just my grandfather," she says. "I knew him to be this extremely insecure, humble person. All that he wanted in life was to paint, and that's what he did all the time. I felt that in a way, he was a very lucky person in that he always had known what to do since he was a child."

His paintings became an intimate patchwork in her life. "They were like my best friends, as if I was part of it."

Now, when she sees a painting of his unexpectedly, she says, "it's strange to come across such an intimate encounter in a public space."

Like his art, Chagall and his family remained "inherently Jewish," Meyer says.

Although he is known for his vignettes of Russian shetl life, Chagall did not raise his family in the Orthodox path in which he had been brought up. He and his wife, Bella Rosenfeld, stopped practicing Judaism after they left their childhood homes, his granddaughter says.

Although she began to increasingly relate to Judaism later in life, Meyer says she and her sister were imbued with a more universal kind of spirituality.

"Even though my grandfather is very important for the Jewish community, and certainly is very Jewish, my mother is very Jewish, but they didn't celebrate Jewish holidays anymore."

After Meyer finished high school, however, she lived in Jerusalem for several months in 1973, and she continues to visit the holy city from time to time. "I had a dream, like many people there, that there could be peace. I wanted Jews and Arabs to be able to have peace," she says. "The mixture of religions and probably my Judaism also drew me to Jerusalem. I was always very sensitive to it."

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OBITUARIES

ABRAMSON: On Tuesday, July 22, 2003, Harry Abramson, 86, of Boca Raton, FL, formerly of Pgh.; beloved husband of Elsie Abramson; father of Susan Levine of Randolph, NJ; grandfather of Alisa Seelig of Skokie, IL; great-grandfather of Samantha Seelig of Skokie, IL. Services were held Sunday at the Chapel of Hospice By The Sea, Boca Raton, FL. Contributions may be made to the Hospice By The Sea, 1531 W. Palmetto Park Rd., Boca Raton, FL 33486.

AXELROD: On Thursday, July 24, 2003, Beulah (Magen) Axelrod, beloved wife of the late Julius Axelrod; beloved mother of Ann and Jerry Altus and Abby and Ed Grinberg; grandmother of Buddy and Helaine Altus, Frany Altus, Tracy and Alan Winig, Jamie and Stephen Edelman and Marni Grinberg; great-grandmother of Gregory and Andrew Winig, Zoe Altus and Max Edelman; also survived by devoted caregiver Marlene Smythe. Services were held at the Joseph Levine & Son Memorial Chapel, Trevese, PA. Interment Roosevelt Memorial Park. Contributions may be made to Bright Horizons Fund for Special Need Pre-Schoolers at Temple Beth Hill-El-Beth El, 1001 Remington Rd., Wynnewood, PA 19096 or to the Jefferson Hospice Care, 130 S. Bryn Mawr Ave., Bryn Mawr, PA 19010.

CAPLAN: On Tuesday, July 22, 2003, Florence Hoffman Caplan, 88, of Monroeville, formerly of Sq. Hill; beloved wife of the late Sam Alfred Caplan; loving mother of Lynda (Steven) Smith of Castle Shannon and Myrna D. (Marshall) Berger of Monroeville; cherished grandmother of Sam A. Smith, Samra R. Savioz and Kenneth B. (Tanya) Berger; dear great-grandmother of Baela Savioz and Remi Savioz. Graveside services and interment were held at Adath Jeshurun Cemetery. Contributions may be made to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, 555 Grant St., Ste. 425, Pgh., PA 15219. Arrangements by Burton L. Hirsch Funeral Home, Inc.

CHAMOVITZ: On Sunday, July 27, 2003, Irma Goldstein Chamovitz, beloved wife of the late Jerome Chamovitz; beloved mother of Susan (Marshall) Kapp of Dayton, OH and Mark (Lynne Phillips) Chamovitz of Mt. Lebanon; sister of the late Herbert

Goldstein; grandmother of Melissa and Andrew Kapp; also survived by beloved nieces, nephews and cousins. Graveside services and interment were held at Beth Shalom Cemetery. Contributions may be made to the Sivitz Jewish Hospice, 200 JHF Dr., Pgh., PA 15217. Arrangements by Ralph Schugar Chapel, Inc.

LEWIS: On Thursday, July 24, 2003, Elliott M.A. "Bud" Lewis, beloved husband of Harriet Scherr Lewis; beloved father of Barbara Lewis-Lanigan of Forest Hills, Marc (Amy) Lewis of Doylestown, PA, Scott (Julia) Lewis of Sunnyvale, CA and Kimberly Lewis of Los Angeles, CA; son of the late Benjamin and Anna Levin Lewis; beloved grandfather of Eryn Lanigan, James Lanigan, Quinn Lewis and Elizabeth Lewis. Services were held at Ralph Schugar Chapel, Inc., 5509 Centre Ave., Shadyside. Interment West View Cemetery of Rodef Shalom Congregation. Contributions may be made to the Forbes Hospice, 6655 Frankstown Ave., Pgh., PA 15206 or to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Hillman Cancer Center 3rd Fl., 5115 Centre Ave., Pgh., PA 15232.

MERVIS: On Saturday, July 26, 2003, Ida S. Mervis, beloved wife of Harold Mervis and the late Charles Mervis; beloved mother of Roberta (Robert) Krenz of Santa Cruz, CA, Michael (Cynthia) Mervis of Pgh. and the late Mark Mervis; sister of the late George and Nathan Eisner; grandmother of Rachel and Charla Mervis, Joshua and Dawn Krenz; also survived by nieces and nephews. Services were held at Ralph Schugar Chapel, Inc., 5509 Centre Ave., Shadyside. Interment B'nai Israel Cemetery, Greensburg. Contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association (Greater Pgh. Chapter), 100 W. Station Sq. Dr., Ste. 500, Pgh., PA 15219.

PLACK: On Thursday, July 24, 2003, Milton Plack, beloved husband of Mildred (Midge) V. Plack and the late Rhea Silverman Plack; beloved father of Dr. Les (Linda) Plack of San Francisco, CA and Michael (Susan) Plack of San Diego, CA; step-father of Steven (Sarah) Yahr of MD, Michael (Carol) Yahr and Richard Yahr, all of Pgh.; brother of

Morry (Trude) Plack of San Francisco, CA, Betty Guidi of Hillsborough, CA and Bernie (Dorothy) Plack of San Mateo, CA; grandfather of Rebecca, Joshua, Leah and Jesse Plack; also survived by nieces, nephews and step-grandchildren. Services were held at Ralph Schugar Chapel, Inc., 5509 Centre Ave., Shadyside. Interment Beth Shalom Cemetery. Contributions may be made to the Beth Shalom Youth Fund, 5915 Beacon St., Pgh., PA 15217 or to the Leukemia Society, Two Gateway Center 13 North, Pgh., PA 15222.

REYNOLDS: On Friday, July 25, 2003, Robert (Howard Hirsch) Reynolds, in Louisville, KY, formerly of Carnegie; brother of Florence H. Stein of Louisville, KY, Helen Gordon of Wheeling, WV, the late Madelyn Tyson and Sandra Bloomfield; uncle of Bonnie and Harold Cohen of Louisville, KY; David Tyson of Pgh., Barbara Sciortino of Springfield, VA, Bruce Gordon of Wheeling, WV, Linda Roden of Dayton, OH, Mark Lawrence of New Orleans, LA and Kathleen Stein of Pgh.; also survived by seven great-nieces and great-nephews. Services were held at Ralph Schugar Chapel, Inc., 5509 Centre Ave., Shadyside. Interment Beth Shalom Cemetery.

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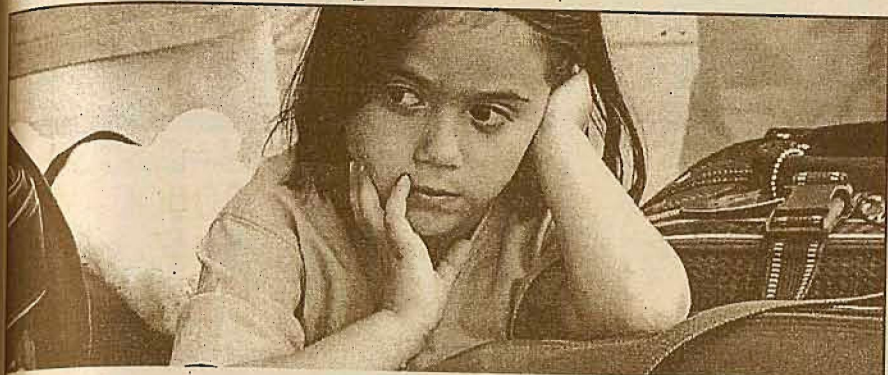
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A new olah strikes a pensive pose while waiting to board a flight on July 22 to Israel at JFK Airport in New York, Tuesday. Some 350 North American olim made aliyah on a chartered flight coordinated by the Nefesh B'Nefesh organization, in conjunction with the Jewish Agency for Israel. It is the second such immigration of the summer.

Obituaries

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SHEER: On Saturday, July 26, 2003, Fannie Sheer, 104, of Sq. Hill, daughter of the late William and Annie Sheer; sister of Ida Glassner, the late Jean Landman, Florence Sheer, I. Joseph Sheer and Dr. Abraham H. Sheer; also survived by nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, great-great-nieces and great-great nephews; also survived by caregivers Amina Massey and Gloria Cole. Graveside services and interment were held at Shaare Torah Cemetery. Contributions may be made to Hadassah Pgh. Chapter, 1824 Murray Ave., Pgh., PA 15217. Arrangements by Burton L. Hirsch Funeral Home, Inc.

WHITMAN: On Tuesday, July 22, 2003, Ben Whitman, beloved husband of the late Ida Gold Whitman; beloved father of Richard (Ellen) Whitman, Marilyn (Jack) Rubin and Linda (John) Fruhwald; also survived by six grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Graveside services and interment were held at Shaare

Torah Cemetery. Contributions may be made to Weinberg Village, 200 JHF Dr., Pgh., Pa 15217. Arrangements by Ralph Schugar Chapel, Inc.

ZANGWILL: On Tuesday, July 22, 2003, Estelle Richest Zangwill, beloved wife of Dr. Donald P. Zangwill; daughter of the late Anne and Joseph Richest; mother of Linda Osgood Johnston of Los Angeles, CA and Rob Osgood of Phoenix, AZ; mother-in-law of Fred Johnston of Los Angeles, CA and Chris Osgood of Phoenix, AZ; grandmother of Eric and Keith Johnston of Los Angeles, CA, Hallie Osgood and Garrett Osgood of Phoenix, AZ; step-grandmother of Liesl Burger of Phoenix, AZ; sister of the late Gary Richest. Services were held at Temple Emanuel, Mt. Lebanon. Private interment Beth Shalom Cemetery. Contributions may be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, Grand Central Station, PO Box 4777, New York, NY 10163. Arrangements by Burton L. Hirsch Funeral Home, Inc.

Fund raising: Jews respond to online giving

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burgh responded to approximately 500 e-mailed newsletters from a local database. Twenty percent of the newsletters were opened in June and 22 percent in July.

Elmer believes that local online donations will rise because "Pittsburgh is a very giving community."

Elmer, like Jeff Finkelstein, vice president of development at the United Jewish Federation of Pittsburgh, is optimistic about online giving.

"It will be a way to especially engage young people through giving," Finkelstein said, although it is not the optimal way. "The optimal way is to engage people in conversation."

Although the UJF has not yet publicized its online giving, which began late last fall, there have been 128 pledges in the amount of \$7,000, Finkelstein said. Next year, when UJF promotes online giving via its Web site, www.ujf.net, "we expect to see those numbers increase dramatically," he said.

Internet philanthropic groups are also

heading to the Internet for nonfundraising purposes.

The Jewish Funders Network, which represents the burgeoning foundation sector of the Jewish philanthropic world, hopes its I-Fund will help foundations sort through the thicket of grant proposals to find a project they want to support.

With more than 8,000 Jewish family foundations in the United States, most of which lack professional staffs to sort through grant requests, finding a project that matches their mission "is next to impossible," JFN President Mark Charendoff said.

Initially, I-Fund is posting requests for \$1,000 or less for Jewish educational venues such as summer camps, day schools and Jewish community centers.

"We're just putting the ideas out there and letting the marketplace decide," Charendoff says.

(The Jewish Telegraphic Agency contributed to this story. Jo Marks Rifkin can be reached online at jrifkin@pittchron.com.)

Grant: Congregation to raise funds

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Goldston described Caplan as a "low key" woman, a "long-time bookkeeper" who was "astute with her investments."

Frank said the congregation will mount an informal mailing and phone campaign to raise its share of the match.

It's unusual for the Foundation to use its funds to support congregations' operations, UJF Foundation President Dan Brandeis said. But that could soon

change.

"I just spoke to a donor about two weeks ago about the same sort of thing — matching dollars to entice more charitable giving," he said. "It might be fair to say that based on success of programs like this, it's something ... future fund holders will consider doing to magnify the impact of their charitable giving."

(Lee Chottiner can be reached online at lchottiner@pittchron.com.)

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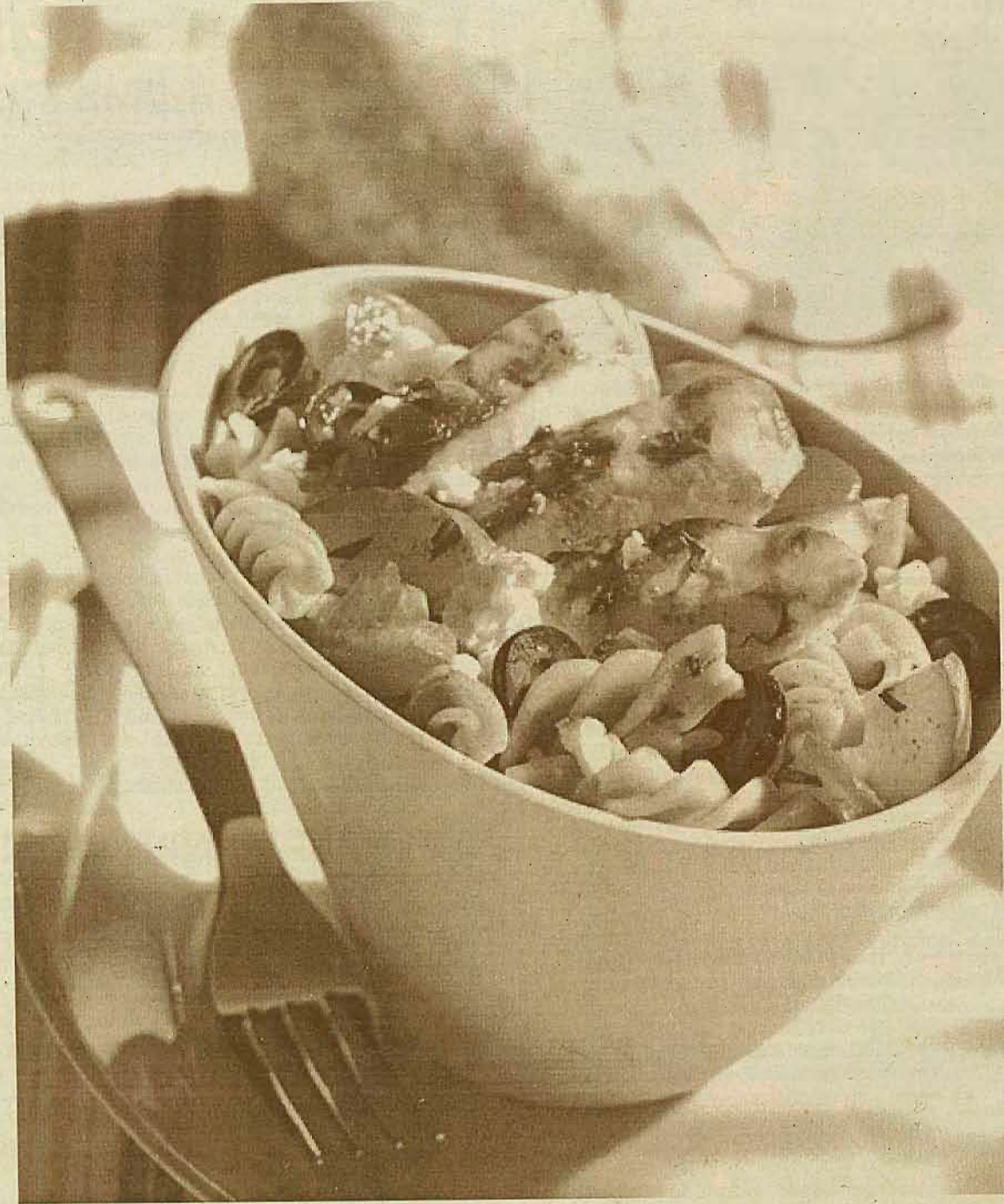
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