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## Also to install officers

### Council to hear talks on city's downtown

"Focus: Downtown" will be the theme for the closing luncheon of the Indianapolis Section of the National Council of Jewish Women. The program will include installation of officers and board members, and award presentations. The meeting will be held at the Embassy Suites, Monday, May 6.

Larry Conrad, vice president of Corporate Affairs of Melvin Simon Associates, will speak on the revitalization of downtown Indianapolis.

IN KEEPING with the theme, several guests will act as facilitators at the tables to discuss the growth and future of the city. The following facilitators were coordinated by Phyllis Gabovitch, director of Membership Development and Services for the Commission for Downtown: Abby Hobbs, director of Special Projects for the Commission of Downtown and the Downtown Promotion Council; Barbara Gurwitz, special assistant to the Mayor; Mary Huggard, convention services manager for the Convention and Visitors Association; and Maribeth Smith, local coordinator for the National League of Cities Conference and Partners of Livable Places.

Past President Amy Cook Lurvey will conduct the installation ceremonies. Linda

Leary will serve her second year as president of the local section. Others to be installed include: Sharon Schweitzer, V.P. Human Resource Development; Jewell Heiman, V.P. Service to Members; Sharon Jacobs, V.P. Community Service; Marilyn Spitzberg, V.P. Finance; and Bellinda Blumenthal, V.P. Education and Public Affairs.

THE AWARDS Committee has chosen to honor two women for their contributions to the local section. The "Woman of Achievement" award will be presented to Elaine Klineman for her service and dedication. Mrs. Klineman's creativity and leadership has taken various roles over the last decade from treasurer to vice president of Ways and Means to most recently the co-chairwoman of the 1984 Collector's Choice Sale. The Special Recognition for an Innovative Project award remains a secret until its presentation.

Trolley rides will be available to transport those attending from the parking lot at Senate and Missouri to the Embassy Suites. A cash bar opens at 11:30 with the luncheon starting at noon. Cost of the luncheon is \$8.50. Reservations may be made by calling Caryl Shidler 844-3599, Diane Cook 259-1784 or JoAnne Engelberg 872-5422.

## Rosenfeld tells Reagan he compromises U.S.

BLOOMINGTON — President Reagan was told that history will record his visit to the Bitburg Cemetery as compromising "his country's honor," in a letter by Prof. Alvin H. Rosenfeld, director of the Jewish Studies Program at Indiana University.

"As an American, I could feel nothing but shame, therefore, to have my President pay honor to those who went to war in the name of Nazi Germany," he wrote. "As for my feelings as a Jew, I shall spare you any description of them and simply say that I share with millions of others an intense outrage and a sense of stunned disbelief over the prospect of your cemetery visit."

Dr. Rosenfeld questioned the visit as a "moral recon-

ciliation" with Germany's recent past. He wrote: "Hitler laid waste to much of the European continent in an aggressive war of world conquest, and we owe his dead soldiers no honor and no respect."

### BB Women donor at Beef & Boards

The annual Donor and Children's Home luncheon of the B'nai B'rith Women No. 324 will take the form of an afternoon at Beef and Boards dinner theatre on Thursday, May 16. The stage play being performed is "Chicago."

Chairpersons for the event are Esther Davis, Rita Einhorn, Rose Scheffler, Dolly Herman, Barbara Nisenbaum, Shirley Kahn, and Marcia Lederman.

## Poll on kosher functions shows division of opinions

A division of opinion on the question "Do you feel that all meals at functions of the Indianapolis Jewish Welfare Federation should be strictly kosher?" was evidenced in a poll of 20 presidents of local Jewish organizations.

Although the presidents were advised they need not sign their responses, some were agreeable to having their names published.

The responses are being printed verbatim:

**Connie Braun, president of the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation:**

Not strictly kosher because that would restrict the Federation in its choice of locations too much, and I feel that Federation meals should be divided between the congregations equally. However strictly kosher meals should be provided for those desiring them. They could be prepared in a kosher kitchen and brought to the affair.

**Jim Atlas, president of B'nai Torah Congregation:**

All Jews can eat kosher. All Jews cannot eat non-kosher.

**Lawrence M. Reuben, in a personal response and not as president of the Bureau of Jewish Education:**

It is my opinion that all due and reasonable accommodation, effort and resources should be geared toward maintaining dietary laws and customs when possible. In most circumstances, honoring the traditional views and practices for those who keep kosher creates little-to-no imposition on those who do not.

Parenthetically, allow me to say that I do not now and, indeed, will not hereafter take a judgmental position or express a moral opinion on whether or not one should or should not observe such practices.

However, I am left with some pause as to the reference in your letter to "strictly" kosher. As I understand it (an understanding which may be in error), the only facilities in the community which could satisfy this standard are the B'nai Torah and the Hebrew Academy. If this be accurate, it would be unrealistic, impractical and unreasonable to expect that all Federation affairs at which

meals are served would be conducted there.

If a standard short of "strictly" kosher is imposed, then the question must be asked as to who would decide what is adequate. For those who maintain "strictness", no lesser standard would be adequate. For others, many questions may arise. Is not mixing "milk and meat" adequate? What about the use of plates, silverware and glasses which have been used improperly? What about the kitchen at which the meals are prepared and from which the meals are served? And, so on and so forth. Needless to say, this is one of the issues on and about which persons of good conscience and moral commitment may have serious and irreconcilable differences of opinion.

**Anonymous:**

If the Indianapolis Jewish Welfare Federation expects a majority and interested response to their functions, then kosher dietary consideration should be observed. There are Jewish strictly kosher caterers, hotels and various clubs who respect and try to carry out kosher meals, and it should be publicized to this effect. I'm Orthodox and observe the dietary laws.

**Sheila Suess Kennedy:**

In response to your question with respect to meals at Federation functions, yes I feel, with Rabbi Stein, that everyone should be comfort-

able at such gatherings and the only way to achieve that is to serve kosher meals.

**Rosemary Kaplan, IHC Temple Sisterhood:**

I have mixed feelings about this issue. In the past when our Brotherhood has gone out of their way to have a kosher meal for the Brotherhood Tri-Nite, only five or six people with a specific request for a kosher meal showed up, and many of the members who objected to the increase in price because of the kosher meal stayed away. Therefore attendance was greatly diminished.

At our Joint Sisterhood, the meal is always dairy. Those who are extremely observant will only go certain places regardless of what is promised.

I do feel pork products and shell fish should not be served at an event that is held anywhere in the Jewish community.

**Anonymous:**

No, I feel that most people do not observe kosher and if they do, mostly in the home. They will eat out. I also feel that there is no such thing as "community kosher". To have a function at IHC and serve dairy in pans that have had non-kosher is a shanda. Either everything is kosher or it isn't. To have dairy is somewhat insulting to those who observe. Those who do observe could never attend a dairy meal in a non-kosher institution or club.

## Centennial is marked of Muncie congregation

MUNCIE — *New Horizons: Jewish Liturgy Through The Centuries*, a program and discussion of Jewish music through the centuries, will be presented at 8 p.m., Friday, May 3 at Muncie Civic Theatre, 216 East Main St.

The program, which is free and open to the public, will feature historic and contemporary music of the synagogue performed by musicians and singers from Cincinnati led by Bonia Shur, director of Liturgical Arts at

Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

Jewish traditions through the centuries will be explored during open discussion by Dr. Emanuel Rubin, Professor of Musicology and Director of the School of Music, Ball State University, and Dr. Alvin Rosenfeld, Professor of English Literature and Director of the Jewish Studies Program of Indiana University.

The project is part of the 100 year celebration of the congregation's life in Muncie.

# Movie here produced by grandson of Daniel Frisch

By GISELA WEISZ  
255-5019



Gisela Weisz's growth and welfare was dependent upon the strength of the Zionist movement and in developing a strong private economic sector in the land. Executive producer Daniel Bacaner, who carries the first name of his grandfather, is

the son of Hadassah Frisch, daughter of the Indianapolis activist.

**THIRTEEN:** To honor Stephany Levin, on the occasion of her Bat Mitzvah on April 20, her parents, Sue and Elliott Levin, invited friends and relatives to the newly decorated Schuchman auditorium at the Beth-El Zedeck for dinner and dance.

Stephany in her white lace dress, her sister, Jenifer, in a black lace outfit and their mother, Sue, in an opera length pleated cranberry colored dress, topped with a

necklace made of gold-colored leaves in a filigree setting and father, Elliott Levin, welcomed everyone at the door.

On the large dance floor occupying the center of the room, hors d'oeuvres were offered. Bars provided liquid refreshments on two sides along the wall and soft dinner music supplied by "Double Exposure" filled the room. The 200 guests took part of concoctions, masterfully created by Gary Bravard caterers. Heart of palms sat on bib lettuce for appetizers, the entree was chicken scallops in mustard sauce, accompanied by baby carrots, asparagus rolls in tiny bundles with leeks and dutchess potatoes.

After grandfather Paul Steinmetz's blessings over the bread, each guest broke into his whole individual challah. Lemon souffle covered with raspberry sauce was the dessert.

After dinner, the orchestra changed to dance music for grandmother, Molly Levin, Miami Beach; and grandfather Steinmetz, Rose and Max Atlas, Miami Beach; Susan and Larry Berns, Leslie Enoch and Jeffrey Kanter, New York; Dale and Zeke Friedlander, Peg and Sam Frankovitz, Fannie Fox, Hencha and Harry Frankovitz, Jane and Tom Goldberg, Ruth Lazar, Florida; Estelle and Elliott Nelson, Natalie and Sam Smulyan, Joan and Morris Scherer, Miami Beach, Rosalie and Donald Seigel and many others.

globe spilled sweeping rounds of slowly sparkling stars. The benefit for the Indianapolis Repertory Theatre entertained about 700 people. When they were teenagers, a few decades ago, boys and girls arrived staying close to their own sex, and went home in pairs. Last week Mary Kay Falender, Sally and Irving Sacks, Jane and Gene Zuckerman and Sally and Al Morris — while they reveled in rich memories of the past — enjoyed the present.

tions and Bar and Bat Mitzvahs the splash-painted gifts are among the most welcome by the kids.

**VACATION:** Livia and Bradley Klain with children Jody and David, and grandmother, Blanche Klain, have returned from Cancun, Mexico.

**WHAT'S IN A NAME:** Dorothy Feibleman Gailbrah, London, England, daughter of Nahama Deckelbaum, whose creations are on display in several world famous museums around the world, has something named after her. A big company, which supplies artists with raw material — one of the largest in their field — features a new kind of tinted clay to be used for inlaid porcelain named the Dorothy Feibleman line. She is the only woman featured in their catalogue among several world famous male artisans. Dorothy is an artist, whose medium is porcelain and colored clay.



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**VISIT:** Clyde Lieberman, of Los Angeles, is visiting with his brother and sister-in-law, Judith and Robert Lieberman.

**THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES:** It was traveling down nostalgia lane when couples met for dancing and reminiscing at the ball on the Indiana Roof Saturday, April 20. Suspended from the ceiling the familiar mirrored

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# Norm Weisman

**FLASH!** A chuckle! The teacher opened the letter from an irate parent: "You must not paddle Billy, a sensitive, nervous and delicate child! At home we never hit him except in self defense!".....**FLASH!** I still predict that George Irvine, the Pacer coach, will have his contract renewed! The public likes him and is behind him!..... A tee hee! Question?? Should women have children after 35? Answer! No! 35 children are enough!

**FLASH!** Notice to the Beth-El Zedeck Men's Club Bowlers — your bowling banquet will be May 20 at Augustino's! (restaurant may be changed!).....**FLASH!** Did you know that our own Ben Domont is a 50 year Past Master of Masonic?.....Attention — all new fathers! Is it true that a baby wakes up in the "wee-wee" hours of the morning?

**FLASH!** To Doris and Henry Silver in Lafayette! A caravan of cars are bringing in many of your good friends from Indy to help celebrate your 50th anniversary May 4! Mazoltov! (Doris and Henry formerly lived her)....**FLASH!** Congrats to Phil Lande, new president to be installed on May 15, for the Beth-El Zedeck Mens Club and also congrats to Evalyn Pockrass, new president of the IHC Sisterhood! And a personal message to Mary Kaplan, past president of IHC Sisterhood — you did a great job — take a bow, Mary!

**FLASH!** Here's a goodie! Hear about the obstetrician who put himself through medical school by working in the post office! Now it takes him three months to deliver a baby!.....**FLASH!** April brought happy birthdays to Joe Yaver, Ida Alpert, Fred Robins, Edith Glazer, Rachel Lowe and Cecile Feirberg!.....**FLASH!** The American College of Nursing Home Administrators convened in Las Vegas last week, where our own Jeff Stern, executive director of Hooverwood, was made a "Fellow of the College"! A fine honor! Congrats Jeff!.....Gals — here's a good way to get a "him"! She got hers with "soft soap"! Now he washes the dishes!

**FLASH!** Back home again in Indiana is that popular couple, Eugene and Betty

Friedman, after their sojourn in Florida!.....**FLASH!** I predict that tennis at Broadmoor will soon catch up in popularity and compete with golf! Welcome to the tennis pro, Jody Slaughter, a very pleasant person, who will be an asset in the tennis circle at the club!.....Golfers — do you get that feeling when you are playing that everyone in front of you is playing slowly and the players behind you are much too fast!

**FLASH!** Back from a fabulous trip to Europe are Leonard and Joan Larman, who attended the Shopping Centers convention in Madrid, flew to Costa Del Sol, thence to Paris and a fast visit with friends in London before homeward bound!.....**FLASH!** Get the paddles ready fellows, it's Lou Shabler's birthday! (he's bound to get it in the end!)

**FLASH!** A series of quickies or cuties! (1) The girl got a bundle of joy from a football player and now they have a bouncing baby ball!.....OR..... (2) Do you know that you can save a fortune if you do your Xmas shopping on Jan. 5?.....OR.....(3) And a lady said to the hairdresser, "What do you have for gray hair" and the answer was, "The greatest respect, m'am!".....OR.....(4) There was a gal that didn't care for Tom, Dick or Harry! All she wanted was to get "Jack"!

**FLASH!** Congratulations to a charming couple, Abe and Frieda Fivel, who are celebrating their 59th year of togetherness! Happy Anniversary to them and also to make it a happy double-header, it's Abe's birthday too! (Sorry, but I can't resist a repeat of one of my favorite jokes! Abe and Anna were married for 25 years filled with togetherness and bliss! One day, during an argument, Abe got extremely angry and went to his club, and Anna left and went to her club! It was the first time that "Abe and Anna split"! (Get it?)

**FLASH!** Rose and Max Atlas, now of Florida, visiting their son, Arthur, and daughter-in-law, Elaine, grandchildren and great grandchildren! Nice to have them here and come back soon again!.....**FLASH!** Aren't a well-known local couple  
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## Lugar speaker at Hai Life banquet

# Academy to honor Freemans, Princes

Reservations deadline of May 6 has been set for the Hebrew Academy's Hai-Life Awards Dinner, to be held Sunday evening, May 19 at the school. Cocktails will be at 5:15 p.m., with dinner following at 6:00.

**GUEST SPEAKER** for the occasion will be Senator Richard Lugar, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. He will speak on the subject of U.S. foreign policy, and a surprise announcement has been promised.

Also on the program will be violinist Yefim Pastukh and pianist Lyudmila Pastukh, both Soviet emigres, as well as the Hebrew Academy Children's Choir.

To be honored for their years of commitment and devotion to the Hebrew Academy are Marc and Barbara Freeman and Irwin and Eileen Prince. Mr. Freeman, a staff statistical engineer in materials management for Detroit Diesel Allison Division of General Motors Corp., is a member of the Academy's board of directors who has also served on the board of Congregation B'nai Torah and on the steering committee of the Jewish Welfare's Young Leadership. Mrs. Freeman, a psychologist, has contributed her expertise to the boards of the Academy's Parent-Teacher Auxiliary and the JWF's Young Women's Division.

**MR. PRINCE** has been a member of the Hebrew Academy board since its inception, and has also served on the boards of the Jewish Community Relations Council, Congregation B'nai Torah, and the Jewish National Fund. He is a member of the law firm of Yosha and Cline. Mrs. Prince

is both the art teacher at the Academy and president of its Parent-Teacher Auxiliary. In addition, she has served as a board mem-

ber for Hadassah, the B'nai Torah Sisterhood, the Civic Theatre and the Children's Bureau of Indianapolis Auxiliary.

## Academy graduates get free Israel trip

A fully-paid summer tour of Israel will be awarded to every bonafide student who completes the eighth grade at the Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis, it was announced this week.

The tours will be made possible by a generous grant from Anna Ruth and Mark Hasten, as part of the continuing Anna Ruth and Mark Hasten Scholarship Program. According to education director Raymond Stern, the summer Israel experience is intended to enable students who have completed the Academy's middle school program to deepen their understanding of Israel and its Jewish heritage, plus encouraging further interest in Jewish studies.

This year's tour will be a six-week program sponsored

by the National Council of Synagogue Youth. Students will leave July 3 from New York City and return Aug. 12. Highlights of the program will be a week at a field school, a week at an army base, visits to settlements in Judea and Samaria, a Sabbath with a family in Jerusalem, and in-depth tours of historic sites and tourist attractions.

A similar program is offered by the Board of Jewish Education to those who finish three years of high school work. It provides for an \$850 allocation for a summer in Israel. Total cost is \$1750, and parents are enabled to start saving the additional \$900 for the trip as their children start high school.

## New Yiddish film at Center Sunday

The Yiddish Club of the Center will screen a recently-released Yiddish Film with English subtitles, "The Well" at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, May 5. Admission is \$1.00.

"The Well" is a visual parable about the world of Eastern

European Jewry. Set in the late 1930's and early 1940's, the story is about a young boy who leaves Eastern Europe to visit his uncle in New York and is unable to return home.

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## Money talk for singles

By RHODA ISRAELOV

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I want a safe investment because although I make a nice salary (about \$37,000). \$20,000 is the biggest lump sum I'm likely to have for a while.

HALF A HOUSE SELLER  
Dear Seller,  
You have obviously done some realistic thinking about

both your present and possible future circumstances. I can tell you have a responsible attitude toward your children and your job, and the job opportunities sound promising.

I'd recommend a Single Premium Deferred Annuity, or "insurance company CD". This is a safe investment which will pay you a competitive rate of interest for five or more years, and the money will compound without tax until you are ready to use it. Assuming your tax bracket is around 33%, the annuity rates today are even better than CD rates at banks, and because there will be no current tax, the money will grow faster for your future. If you need the money in five years for a new home, you can pull it out of the annuity, pay the tax (and a 5% tax penalty for withdrawal before age 59½) and still have more left over than had you left it in the bank. Or, depending on mortgage rates at that time, you may wish to use the annuity's collateral for a bank loan.

(Rhoda Israelov is a single Jewish parent of three sons,

## Academy extends childhood classes

A program for children in the Early Childhood Department of the Hebrew Academy which has proven popular will now be extended from two days a week to four days a week.

The Optional Extended Day Program will begin the week of Sept. 9 and will end the week of next Jan. 20. Its classes are open to all students who attend the regularly scheduled Early Childhood classes.

The goals of the program seek to develop the creative and inter-personal skills of the children, who are divided into three groups from 2½ years old, The Pe'uton class, to the Ganon Class and finally to kindergarten.

Call the school office at 251-1261 for further information.

and a Certified Financial Planner with EF Hutton and Co. For the next issue, you may send questions to Rhoda c/o Jewish Family and Childrens Services within the next two months. You may write anonymously, but please include your age and salary or tax bracket so Rhoda may consider these in her recommendation.)

## What Lafayette is doing to memorialize Holocaust

LAFAYETTE — Howard Vogel, a Lafayette resident, who recently visited Auschwitz with his father, Michael, shared a letter addressed to President Reagan with Purdue students, faculty, and townspeople, who participated in a special Holocaust Remembrance program on Sunday, April 21, at the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation here.

Howard Vogel endorsed the President's reconciliation gesture, but said, "However, our sense of friendship must not lead us to honor Hitler's SS men who are buried at Bitburg." The recent visitor to Auschwitz explained that he had become far more aware of the need to remember as part of reconciliation because of what he observed during his visit to Auschwitz and Birkenau.

Sixty-six individuals signed copies of his letter to indicate agreement. Howard wrote, "I implore you to find a more favorable site for your reconciliation ceremony so that we do not do violence to the eleven million non-combatants killed during the Holocaust by ruthless murderers whose memory should remain as a sign of Cain for all generations."

His father, Michael, read his own letter during a Holocaust

Remembrance Conference here on March 31, asking President Reagan that he visit Dachau. The following morning, members of the clergy of greater Lafayette signed copies of Michael's letter to the President.

The Mayor's Greater Lafayette Holocaust Remembrance Committee has for four years been developing ecumenical programs which relate the Holocaust to the present. All denominations have participated. "As an extracurricular activity, students learn better by doing," Rev. Ken Ewing, chairperson of the committee noted.

Rev. Ewing added: "We were most fortunate in having, for this fourth conference, such outstanding individuals as David Wyman and Edwin Black, author of *The Transfer Agreement*, in addition to many survivors and children of survivors, who interacted with townspeople, high school and college students. In addition, Holocaust survivors and some of their children spoke at schools and churches in the area to share their knowledge and experiences.

Howard and his father, Michael, from Indianapolis, were both participants in our Remembrance weekend."

## Adoptive parents workshop is set

A workshop on adoptive parents will be held at the Center for six Thursday evenings beginning May 16. The course, led by Jerome Smith, Ph.D., will focus on legal and psycho-

logical issues, genetic problems, research findings and other pertinent subjects.

Dr. Smith is an authority in the field.

The cost is \$20 per person.

## Eileen Spielman wins Piser essay contest

BLOOMINGTON — Eileen Spielman has won the 1985 Piser Essay Competition of the Jewish Studies Program at Indiana University.

The Crown Point senior's paper was entitled, "The Beautiful Wife," and was written for a course on Literature of the Bible.

## Perils of a teen's teeth

Music, cars, dates, sports, summer vacation and establishing good dental health habits are the most important things in a teenager's life.

Well, let's say that last item *should* be important to them. By the age of 13 most people have their permanent teeth (except for the wisdom teeth) and the care they get those first few years is important for a lifetime of good dental health.

Daily brushing and flossing, along with a balanced diet, is what those new teeth need. What they generally get are super-duper burgers, fries and a cola.

This is also the time of life when your dentist might suggest braces to correct crooked, badly spaced teeth. But that is no longer the traumatic experience it was just a few years ago. Braces today are often plastic or thin wires or even placed on the inner side of the teeth so they can't be seen at all. Seldom do you see the great expanses of glistening metal that were all too common for braces in the past.

When the braces have done their job and are removed, that perfect smile will not only help make a teenage heart throb, it will also mean fewer dental problems. There are fewer places for germs to hide in a "perfect" mouth.

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# Norm Weisman

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making plans to ?????? Will talk when I get the Okay! .....FLASH! A future "heart breaker" for the gals will be Adam Waldman, a terrific handsome kid! Too bad the gals have to wait a while, as Adam is 7 years old! Parents are Mike and Joan, and grandparents, Doris and Lester Waldman!

FLASH! The Indy Jewish Singles will be having fun at their "Qualification Party" on May 8 at the Lake Nora Arms Clubhouse, 8 pm to midnight! Join them!.....Hear this! He was waiting for a telephone call, but couldn't wait any longer, so he left the message on the receiver! .....And did you hear about the fellow who sat on the front steps of the New York Public Library trying to read between the "lions"?

FLASH! A welcome visitor to Indy is charming Rose Klein from San Antonio (with her Texas drawl) visiting her sister, Helen (Ron) Newmark, and lovely family! A nostalgic story about Ron! Years ago Ron was on the entertainment committee of IHC! Always trying to save money and attempting to get a well-known singer, Ron made the famous statement, "Maybe we can get her for a song"! I love those Newmarks!.....Joke! A million dollars doesn't always bring happiness! A man with ten million dollars is no happier than the man who has nine million dollars! (should happen to me)

FLASH! Joel Kirsh (of the Mike Kirsh's) has joined the law firm of Friedlander and Kirsh! Congrats Joel! Mike now has two lawyers and an accountant in the family! Ask Mike what else he wants and get a cute

answer! He's a great sport! .....Which reminds me of this lulu! When a judge said to the accused, "Have you ever been up before me" and the man answered, "What time do you get up, Judge"?.....True! Did you know that there is only ONE perfect child in the world, and every mother has one!.....Happy birthdays to Lou Silver and his cousin, Eric Lipp, enjoying the same natal day, May 7!

FLASH! A real belly laugh! The fellow, sitting at the soda fountain at the corner drug store asked, "What flavors do you have in ice cream?" The teenager behind the counter had an inflamed throat, and she answered in a hoarse voice, "Vanilla, Strawberry and Butter Pecan" and the customer asked, "you have laryngitis"? She whispered, "No, just Vanilla, Strawberry and Butter Pecan"! .....FLASH! Attention NFL Clubbers (not for ladies) A special big surprise at our May 15 meeting! Be sure to attend!

FLASH! A funny! Stuart had a sore throat and told his doctor his trouble! The doctor instructed him to go into the examining room and get undressed, saying "I'll be right with you"! Stuart stripped to his skin and sat down to wait! Then he noticed another man sitting there, also completely naked, holding a large package! Stuart said, "What's with this doctor! I have throat trouble and he makes me take all my clothes off"! "That's nothing" said the other naked man, "I came here to deliver this package!"

Editor's note: The P-O is searching for a teen columnist Anyone interested please call Gabriel Cohen at 927-7809.

## Mark Allen Zucker to be Bar Mitzvah

HAMMOND — The Bar Mitzvah of Mark Allen Zucker, son of Anita and Gerald Zucker, will take place at services at 8:45 a.m. Saturday, May

11 at Congregation Beth El. He will share the occasion with Albert Katz, of Kishinev. A kiddush will follow the services.

## Critic's Corner By Charles Epstein

### B&B bouncy and bawdy

Energy bursts upon the Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre stage. No, not bursts, explodes. The show is Chicago a musical vaudeville.

Too much praise cannot be said about this production. It is the best show I have seen in many years. It is sassy and brassy, witty as well as funny, but most of all it is a polish package of entertainment.

The action takes place in the late 20's when infidelity, hi-jinks and even murder are common place. But the story takes second place to the acting, dancing and singing.

Melinda Buckley and Sally Woodson play the leading ladies whose objectives are to get the most publicity for their stage careers by going on trial for murder. Both performers are tireless, relentless in their pursuit to entertain every moment they are on stage.

Lovable Brian Horton has finally found a role that seems written just for him, that of a nebish husband. He is superb as the man everyone forgets, especially his wife. The whole cast is magnificent.

But again the staff of Beef & Boards also deserves enormous credit. Scenic and lighting designer Michael Layton has developed an elevated

revolving stage with moving platforms. The design is breath taking. Debby Shively's costuming is again stunning as well as her acting and dancing. Choreographer Stephen W. Essner has pulled out all stops with rip-roaring dance routines. By the way, every musical number is a show stopper.

Musical director Richard Laughlin and his musicians are literally exhausted at the end of the first act having played 81 straight pages of

fast paced, toe tapping music. Their energy combined with that of the cast exudes that magical spark of delightful entertainment.

Director Douglas E. Stark has the whole show moving so fast and furious one is sorry it is over. No one wanted this show to end. If there ever was a show to see over and over again the Beef & Boards rendition of Chicago has to be it. Go, enjoy. Let your hands get calluses from applauding like mine did.



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## Brian Henry Mohr to be Bar Mitzvah

HAMMOND — Brian Henry Mohr will observe his Bar Mitzvah at services at 8:45 a.m. Saturday, May 4 at Congregation Beth El. He is the son of Nancy and Tom Mohr. Brian will share his Bar Mitzvah with Eugeny Ozerov, of Leningrad, who is unable to observe his own Bar Mitzvah.

A kiddush will follow services.

## Growth workshop Sunday at Center

A personal growth workshop, called Alternatives, has been scheduled at the Center from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, May 5, led by Marsha Kite, M.S. Included will be hands-on and interactive experience for those seeking to make positive changes in their lives. Cost is \$40 per person.

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# Yom HaShoah meet hears how village saved Jews

By GISELA WEISZ

Over 400 people listened to soul-shaking speeches during the Yom HaShoah observance at the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation on Sunday, April 21.

Child-survivor of the Sauvage Holocaust, Pierre Sauvage, who was born during the German occupation of the little French village, Le Chambon, related how the population of 5000 were able to save that number of Jews.

Now grown up, but still a relatively young man at the age of 41, Sauvage has dedicated his life to showing the world that there is an inherent goodness in man. With his films he set out to prove that in the face of terror and forced evil, people are capable and actually do loving deeds for their fellows.

Sauvage, who is a winner of an Emmy Award for a documentary film, dealing with a Jewish theme, voiced his dismay at the decision of President Reagan to visit the cemetery in Bitburg. "How can the president of the U.S. want to pay his respects to these men?" he asked his listeners, among them a number of Holocaust survivors.

In his address and in his film work, he accentuates the positive. He maintains that there is an inherent goodness in people, which at times creates heroes over and over in the face of terrorism. He himself is living proof that the inhabitants of Le Chambon systematically defied German orders and saved the lives of thousands of would-be-condemned Jews by hiding

them and lying about their whereabouts.

He recalled his own rescue: "For the most part seemingly ordinary men and women, through the weapons of the spirit, were rare individuals who saved lives. The Christians among them practiced their faith — while the world at large stood by and did nothing."

Dr. Michael Kinnamon, associate professor of Theology, Christian Theological Seminary, in his remarks said that "Speaking personally as a seminary professor, I feel a great responsibility, to know, to remember and to tell the many stories of horror, but also those few stories of hope that come from all of us. The same conviction brings us together today in the service of remembrance."

Six survivors are now living in Indianapolis. They are Fernande Frankovitz, Michael Bornstein, Zoltan Weisz, Rose Hirschberg, Alex Lande and Michael Vogel. With their children representing the second generation of survivors, they lit the six candles commemorating the six million killed.

The observance at the 40th anniversary of the slaughtering of six million Jews, was sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Council, The Christian Theological Seminary, and The Department of Ecumenical Concerns of Indiana, Council of Churches.

Filmmaker Sauvage presently is working on a documentary movie, telling the story of Le Chambon, and titled, "Through the Weapons of the Spirit." In the movie he explores the conducts of the Christians who acted according to their conscience.



Fernande and Morris Frankovitz and sons, Ronald and William, participate.



Alex Lande with sons, Phil and Jerry.



Rose and Louis Hirschberg, and daughter, Ruth Glanzman, take their turn.



Michael Bronstein and family

Photos by Gisela Weisz



**NOT FOR HIM** — Turning his face away from the poster at a bus-shelter in Mea She-arim, this man is showing his contempt at the advertisement for swimming suits. As a result of stones thrown at Egged buses because of the advertisement, service was discontinued by Egged lines, but later resumed. A window of one bus was smashed as it passed through the ultra-Orthodox section of Jerusalem. Some of the offensive posters have been removed.

## Indianapolis BB women say no on withdrawal

INDIANAPOLIS — Opposition to the move of B'nai B'rith Women to withdraw from the male body over the question of admission of women into membership was expressed by the board of B'nai B'rith Women's Chapter 324 here when it voted unanimously against such a development.

B'nai B'rith Women nationally is contacting local women's chapters on the decision to withdraw from the male organization.

MRS. JEROME Rubenstein, local BBW president, told The Post and Opinion that the

board members felt that they would lose participation in the work of Hillel, the B'nai B'rith Youth organization and the Anti-Defamation League in which they are very

active locally as the reason why the board considered it unwise to sever the affiliation. "We are a youth-oriented chapter," she said.

The action was taken after a representative from the national board of BBW presented the case for withdrawal.

ASKED IF SHE had been contacted on the question by BB president Gerald Kraft, who lives here, she said, no.

"It would not have been proper for him to have done so," she stated.

In answer to the question if she knew of other local women's lodges that also might vote against withdrawal, she said she had heard of some but none had actually taken such a step officially yet.

## Temple becomes refugee haven

ROCHESTER — Temple B'rith Kodesh here has joined the few Jewish congregations nationally which are offering their premises as sanctuaries for refugees from El Salvador, Haiti and

Guatemala. The 1,300-family temple voted for the action after Rabbi Judea Miller addressed a congregational meeting on the subject.

Four local churches have made the same commitment.

## Jackson still controversial

WASHINGTON — Rev. Jesse Jackson has taken in his stride the accusation that he is an anti-Semite by columnist Tom Braden in the Washington Times, and last week he appeared on the program of the Arab League at the Mayflower Hotel.

He was not alone on the program since he had the company of Vanessa Redgrave, and also Bruno Kreisky, former chancellor of Austria, who is Jewish and whose brother lives in Israel.

Braden reached his conclusion over Jackson's response to his question, "Do you find it appropriate to say something in praise of Israel's rescue of starving black Jews in Ethiopia?" Jackson responded in part that it was "a military mission even though it had humanitarian goals."

## A win and a loss on school religion

WASHINGTON — Win some and lose some.

A West Virginia school-prayer law has been ruled unconstitutional by a federal district judge, and in Houston a federal district judge has instructed two high schools to allow students to conduct meetings of a Christian club.

U.S. District Judge Elizabeth Hallahan said the newly-enacted law which requires public schools to set aside a period each day for "silent prayers, meditation or contemplation" violates the 1st Amendment because "it both advances and inhibits religion and fosters an excessive government entanglement with religion."

In Houston two high schools had refused permission for meetings of "a small group of students who have a common interest in Christianity." U.S. District Judge Norman Black ordered the two schools to permit the meetings.

## Christian clergy joins chorus

# President stands firm on Bitburg

WASHINGTON — When President Reagan visits the Bitburg cemetery in the coming week he will have withstood as tough and hostile opposition as any in his two terms.

Although the Jewish community was the most outraged, large elements in the United States, including the veterans, challenged Mr. Reagan's visit to a German cemetery where SS Waffen dead were buried.

THE FALLOUT from the President's determination to go ahead with what was a gaffe of large dimensions can hardly affect the President as he well realizes. He feels he is caught in the middle between domestic sources which sought a change in his plans and West Germany, which he feels he cannot afford to offend.

The proportions to which the situation has grown have made it an international affair, with most heads of state in the West sympathetic but in opposition to the cemetery visit, and with the normal enemies of the U.S. gleeful at his predicament.

WHAT PROBABLY was the last attempt to persuade the President was a large advertisement in the New York Times signed by leading clergy people from throughout the nation. Titled Open Letter it began, "As Americans and Christians, we feel morally compelled to stand with our Jewish brothers and sisters and express our profound disappointment over your decision to visit Bitburg cemetery where 47 members of the SS are buried." After stating "we are shocked," the ad continued: "The failure to distinguish between perpetrators and victims, between the death of combatants in battle and the slaughter of innocents in the Nazi concentration camps does injustice not only to the memory of the dead but to the most basic tenets of Jewish and Christian morality."

The ad concluded, "We urge you to change your mind and to choose instead of Bitburg another place that would be a clear and unmistakable symbol of reverence and reconciliation."

## 300 officers win out

# End of Aryan nation?

Arrests in various parts of the nation and final liquidation of the Covenant, the Sword and the Arm of the Lord have uncovered and hopefully spelled the end of a vast, seething network of anti-Semites loosely connected with the KKK, the neo-Nazis and the Aryan Nation, the latter accused of the assassination of the first Jew by anti-Semites in the U.S.

He was Alan Berg, Denver talk show host who was machine-gunned at his home.

The groups are known collectively as the Christian Identity Movement and what ties them together is their conviction that Jews are the children of Satan and should be exterminated.

The final chapter, if final it is, was the episode at Mountain Home, Ark., where 300 heavily armed state and Federal officers waited out the four who were cornered at the 224-acre Covenant camp, where large amounts of weapons and even bomb-making equipment were found. The men were charged with arson, murder, counterfeiting and armed robberies, including an armed truck of \$3.5 million.

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**Transformation as an Israel volunteer**

By CLAIRE METZGER

Dixon, Ill., often called "Reagan Country", seems duller than ever to Miriam and David Edelson after their recent return from their 1½ months in Natanya, Israel with the B'nai B'rith Active Retirees Program (ARI).

DESPITE calloused fingers from trimming trees in the Jewish National Forest, slightly wrenched backs from same activity, and added weight due to cholesterol type foods such as cholent, the Edelsons fondly recall their trip to serve as volunteers in that vital land. Scheduled for 3 months, their stay was cut short by Miriam's illness. So they returned in February to a Siberian-type winter with temperature going down to 15 degrees below zero and lower. Dave, retired superintendent of the Dixon Developmental Center for the Mentally Retarded (DDC), now a prison, and Miriam, formerly chief social worker there, are thinking of going back to Israel next year to complete the program.

The entire experience was hard to believe, says Miriam, who came originally from New York, as did Dave, to work in Dixon, (population 1200, and Jewish families, perhaps five. "All our lives we had been collecting money in the blue and white pushkes, for the Jewish National Fund. Then, all of a sudden, we men and women in our 60's and even up into the 80's, armed with axes and saws, were cutting off dead branches from trees in that forest. Unbelievable!"

THE EDELSONS had been in Israel years before, on a 10-day UJA tour. Then they had visited with leaders, including Abba Eban and Genn Bar Lev. In the ARI Program, however, 150 American and Canadian Jews were coming to do volunteer work, to help the Israeli state.

Said Miriam: "A high percentage of our group were professional men and women before retirement — teachers, business executives, artists (who never retire), a doctor,

a dentist, a farmer, a nurse, an 83-year-old writer. We watched with delight as a large group of Orthodox Jews laid tiffillin and said their prayers on the plane, Dixon was never like this!

"AFTER a 13-hour trip, we arrived, and were welcomed by Dr. Yitschak Ben Gad, deputy mayor of Natanya at a dinner, joined by B'nai B'rith officials and others. Elementary school children greeted us with flowers and hugs. These youngsters were from the Jonathan School, named for the young American officer killed in the rescue at Entebbe.

"We were to stay at two hotels in Natanya — the Metropole and the Sirnoit — the 100 of us from B'nai B'rith and 50 from Hadasah, who joined us. We were going to teach, do physical labor, inspect, work with Israeli Defense Forces, for six days a week. A busy, productive crew."

Getting started, says Miriam, was something else. First of all, about 65 percent of the group came down with the "Jerusalem Flu." Perhaps, she added, they simply were not acquainted with Israeli bugs. In a week or less, they were ready to go. Learning Hebrew was the first requirement. Some were knowledgeable, more or less; others, like the Edelsons knew only prayers recited by rote at synagogue. The textbook was printed entirely in Hebrew, and in small letters, to boot. There was not an English title or sketch to identify an item. "We had two hours of instruction each day," Miriam recalled. "So in order to avoid embarrassment, many of us got together for an hour of self-study before class. And a substantial number just dropped out altogether.

"AND WOULDN'T you know it — in that lovely weather (50 to 60 degrees, and very little rain which was not good for farmers) I got sick anyway. I had heard about the hospitals — that you had

to wait for a long time out in the hall; that there were no less than four in a room; that the sheets were short (tochis sheets, they were vulgarly called); that you brought your own orange juice.

Luckily none of these rumors applied to me. I made three office calls to as many doctors, paying \$40 for a visit. Each seemed to have a conflicting opinion of my problem, and one told me my tonsils were infected. "My tonsils were removed long ago," I cried. "Well," she said, "if you had tonsils, they would be infected!" "I began to long for my own physician at home, and considered returning."

BUT SOMETHING wonderful happened to make Miriam forget her miseries for the moment. "We were asked to help prepare for some refugees from Ethiopia. The people of Natanya had donated all types and sizes of men, women, and children's clothing, as well as toys and useful articles. In a space provided in the local synagogue, we folded and stacked the clothes, and decided which were useable and which to discard.

"The next morning, we learned that more than Ethiopian Jews had been airlifted from a certain secret point, where they had had to make their way. Now they were put up in hotels in Natanya. I was told not to go to see them, because of my illness and the possibility of contracting disease, if not a not so simple cold. What a disappointment! But I was told by Mildred Harris, an 83-year-old member of our group who was also a writer, of the tears and hugs, between volunteers and Ethiopians in those dramatic moments. Even old people had walked the precarious trail to freedom.

"DAVE, meanwhile, had been selected to work with the English Language Institute of the Israeli Army, to teach promising Israeli officers English, talking with them in the vernacular, and helping to give them a knowledge of American ways. I had been assigned to tutor 4th graders, about 10-year-old youngsters, in English. We would also help repair and renovate the schools,

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LEADING ROLES — Jacob Harran and Melanie Mayron star in the contemporary romantic comedy, "Crossing Delancey" at the Jewish Repertory Theatre, 344 E. 14th St.

**Jewish Theatre**

**'Crossing Delancey'**

By IRENE BACKALENICK

Is there still a world where decency triumphs over sham, where true love finds a way, where old-fashioned values prevail? And, more to the point for a theatre review, can such familiar themes provide the stuff for exciting

theatre?

The answer to the latter, surprisingly, is a resounding "yes!" Playwright Susan Sandler has written a warm and loving drama, *Crossing Delancey*, now at the Jewish Repertory Theatre in New York and running through May 12.

THE PLAY, with its upbeat philosophy and its quiet, genuine concerns, is a refreshing change in the world of entertainment, where violence and sensationalism usually prevail. Without resorting to gimmicks or

phony flashiness, the play makes a strong emotional impact on its audiences.

Sandler has, with great skill, brought two cultures into confrontation — the old Yiddish world of the Lower East Side and the contemporary American scene. While strong in sentiment, the play never stoops to sentimentality, never loses its integrity.

The heroine, a modern young woman, is torn between the two worlds and also two men — one a glamorous writer, darling of the literati, and the other, would you believe, a pickle man?

CENTRAL to the plot is the relationship of the heroine, Isabelle, and her grandmother — or "Bubbie," as her granddaughter lovingly calls her, a solidly-drawn relationship undoubtedly taken from life.

Sandler has given us a number of notable characters in this gem of a play. Bubbie is one that many of us will recognize — a woman who is strong, loving, funny, but at the same time sharp-tongued and self-centered. She is, in fact, so familiar that Sandler runs the danger of presenting a stereotype, however sincere

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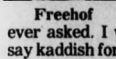
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# Freehof ready to improvise on Halachah

Rabbi Samuel Karff recalled in the bulletin of his Congregation Beth Israel, Houston, when he and Rabbi Solomon Freehof were on a plane from Atlanta headed for Montgomery, Ala., when an engine caught fire and the plane headed back to the field. There was high anxiety on the plane, Rabbi Karff related, and when it landed safely, he asked Dr. Freehof, who is considered even by the Orthodox as a leading leader in responsa, interpretation of halachah, what he had been thinking about. The Pittsburgh Rabbi responded: "My boy, I've been asked many questions on Jewish law in my time, but I was thinking of a question no one ever asked. I was thinking "is it permitted in Jewish law to say kaddish for yourself."



Freehof

## Three Jewish husbands

The theme in the article in Parade Magazine on "How to Share Life With a Famous Wife" was repeated, at least in the case of two Jewish husbands. Richard Blum, husband of Dianne Feinstein, San Francisco's mayor, said, "I like bright, successful women...My bright successful woman just happens to be the mayor of San Francisco." Dr. Leonard Gordon, husband of actress Rita Moreno, of West Side Story fame, said, "If I felt denied from ever doing what I had dreamed of doing, being a doctor, then perhaps there might be a problem. If you care about the other person...genuinely care, then you can get a genuine thrill in your wife's success. A third Jewish husband, Dr. Aaron Yalow, physicist, whose wife is Dr. Rosalyn Yalow, Nobel Prize winner in medicine, turned a pretty phrase when he said, "Being married to a Nobel prize-winning scientist, I call it gilt by association."

## Ezra Stiles recalled

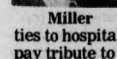
The president of Yale University who insisted that study of Hebrew be compulsory for all freshman and who delivered an oration in Hebrew at commencement exercises in 1781 was recalled when Rabbi Michael Menitoff was appointed associate fellow of Ezra Stiles College at the University. Rabbi Menitoff, who serves the 1000-member Congregation B'nai Jacob in suburban Woodbridge, Ct. holds a Ph.D degree from UCLA.

## Courageous Pritzker

What many a Jewish leader and major contributor would like to say but hesitates to do so didn't phase A.N. Pritzker, patriarch of one of the Chicago's wealthiest families. "I'm so tired of these goddamn affairs," the 89-year-old curmudgeon said, referring to fundraising affairs. "I just want to go home. I'd rather be eating cornflakes." The Pritzkers own the Hyatt Hotels and McCalls magazine, and he's in the process of writing his memoirs.

## Rich and outspoken

David Landau, who did that series for his paper, The Jerusalem Post, on American Jewry, introduced a colorful figure to its readers when he came across Sam Miller in Cleveland, who he wrote is considered the richest Jew in that city. "The trouble with our Yidden," Landau quoted Miller as saying, "is that they're hypnotized by the goyim. . .they try to become like them, but it's hopeless. I could join any club of theirs, but *ich hob zey in d'rerd* (roughly, they can go bury themselves). Despite his eccentricities, Miller is loved and admired in the Cleveland community. He is on the boards of some 20 prestigious gentile institutions, from universities to hospitals to museums. Why? "Because we Jews have to pay tribute to the king. We've always had to, and we still have to. But I've always felt different from the goy. Divided from him — and superior to him. If it weren't for Israel," he continues, "I wouldn't have a spine. But Israel is losing influence. There are the beginnings of slippage. Now, there are Jews all over the country who can call up senators, call up Washington,



Miller

and make themselves heard. But for how long? What's the matter with you people and your b'kakter economy?"

## Husband and wife

Husband and wife have been honored in the Jewish community before, but not when both were politicians. U.S. Senator Arlen Specter (R-Pa.) and his wife, Joan Specter, who is a Philadelphia City Councilwoman, will receive the American ORT Federation Community Achievement Award at a testimonial dinner in Philadelphia on June 6. The Senator has devoted most of his career to public service, and served eight years as District Attorney for Philadelphia prior to his election as Senator four years ago. Mrs. Specter has been responsible for important initiatives in behalf of women, minorities, children, the elderly and the disabled.



Arlen Joan

## The rabbi's wife

The rabbi's wife is the star of the production of "Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris." She is Judith Claire Stone, wife of Rabbi Kurt Stone, of Tamarac's Beth Torah Congregation. Although the graduate of both the Eastman School of Music and the Indiana University School of Music has appeared in opera with St. Louis and Cincinnati opera companies, it wasn't until she won the role in the Florida Repertory Theatre production at West Palm Beach that she felt she had arrived. "Doing a musical is an enormous break for me," she told Arlene Curtis of The Palm Beach Jewish World. As for the rabbi, she said, "Kurt respects my work and I respect his. He 'belongs' to the synagogue and that's as it should be. But he is also supportive of what I do. And so is the congregation."



Stone

## Consolation prize?

Robert S. Strauss who some commentators were mentioning as a possible candidate for the Presidency never even got a call to make the race, but at least he is being awarded the Truman Centennial Award by the State of Israel Bonds for his contribution to world peace. He was instrumental as President Carter's special representative in spurring negotiations which led to the Camp David Accords. The presentation took place in Dallas, where he was a past president of Temple Emanu-El, and Moshe Arens came from Israel to add his presence to the occasion.



Strauss

## Dershowitz and Kahane

When Prof. Alan Dershowitz of Harvard Law School debated with Rabbi Meir Kahane recently, the news account did not mention one significant factor — the two can prove they are experienced debaters. They were each captain of their debating team in high school — the Yeshiva University High School.

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NEW YORK — Its undisputed claim to the largest Jewish congregation in the world has been confirmed by announcement in its bulletin that Temple Emanu-El here has 3350 family members.

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## Jewish Theatre

### 'Crossing Delancey'

(Continued From Prev. Page) the portrayal. And there are moments of coarseness in Bubbie that seem out of step with the general tone of the play. But Bubbie is undoubtedly as she must be.

Isabelle, a symbol of youthful confusion is a very real young woman, is also effectively drawn. But it is Sam, the pickle man, with his gentleness, persistence and wisdom, who emerges as the most memorable character of *Crossing Delancey*, the one who remains with us long after the stage is dark.

SANDLER is fortunate in that this opening production — the premiere, in fact — does full justice to her play.

Set designer Jeffrey Schneider, fully in tune with the mood of the drama, has provided a delightful set that lets the scenes flow effortlessly from one to the next.

And director Pamela Berlin moves those scenes at a lively pace, so that the story never slows. Moreover, she gets top performances from her actors. Particularly noteworthy, as Bubbie, is Sylvia Kauders, who gleans full measure from her lines and turns in a highly comic performance that delights audiences. Melanie Myron is thoroughly ingratiating as an Isabelle with just the right mixture of appealing waif and comedienne. And Jacob Harran is born to the role of Sam, the pickle man.

In all, "Crossing Delancey" is a welcome addition to the growing body of Jewish dramatic work in this country, and in this particular production the JRT has added another gem to its list of first-rate shows.

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# Israel girds to not forget The Holocaust

By SAMSON KRUPNICK

On this Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Day in observance of the memory of the Six Million Jews gassed and slaughtered by the vile German Nazis and their equally vile henchman, the Poles, the Ukrainians, the Lithuanians, the Estonians, et al, there seemed to be a desperate feeling of urgency to get more evidence into the records, to speak more about the Holocaust, to show more films to as many viewers as possible, etc., etc. It almost appeared as if there were some important deadline to meet. On the 40th anniversary of the liberation from the camps, the survivors were determined to tell all that they had experienced in order to keep the horror alive for this and coming generations.

THEIR DEEP concern was, regretfully, justified. Both Prime Minister Shimon Peres and President Chaim Herzog, in the opening ceremonies at Yad V'shem emphasized the sad fact that anti-Semitism was rampant and the movement to place the Holocaust and all its implications in a fading background was gaining strength.

Even personalities and nations friendly to Israel and Jewish causes expressed sentiments to the effect that the Holocaust belonged to the past and our emphasis ought to be upon a better future. Some even advised soft-peddaling of the Holocaust so as not to disturb relations between a "new Germany" and the western allies, particularly the United States. President Ronald Reagan's reluctance to visit Dachau or Bergen-Belsen on his trip to Germany, yet lay a wreath on the grave of a Nazi soldier, reflects this disturbing attitude. Further it encourages increasing efforts to deny and debunk the entire Holocaust as a huge hoax upon "history" or at best as an exaggeration of a "minor" event common in all wars of a global nature.

BOTH ATTITUDES, each in their own way, contribute to the growing callousness about an event that is still very much alive in the eyes of millions. Some indications urging the putting of the Holocaust on a back burner were beginning to seep into Israel as well, particularly in certain elements of leftist youth movements anxious to disassociate themselves with Jews who "were led to the slaughter like sheep, offering no resistance."

The Jewish community worldwide, recognizing these ominous trends in western

society, is presently making heroic efforts to keep the Holocaust fresh in the minds of all enlightened people, and particularly in the minds of present-day German leaders. In Israel these efforts are by far more intensive. All school children in every class visit Yad V'shem, study the history of the Holocaust, participate in the many programs presented on Remembrance Day and are keenly aware of their relationship to the Holocaust.

This year much more material was presented on TV regarding resistance movements throughout Poland. The revolt in Bialystock was described in detail, with par-

ticipants relating their desperate struggle with limited arms against overwhelming odds and ruthless enemies. These accounts were told and retold so as to give a more reasonable picture of the hopelessness of the situation, wherein an entire world abandoned six million Jews and others to their sad fate. Yet many of our people fought, knowing that it was "mission impossible."

A RATHER provocative portion of the Holocaust programs on TV was a discussion by a panel of relatively young survivors who had worked in the camps as teenagers. The subject was "The Holocaust and Faith". The

moderator, Professor Pinchas Peli, posed challenging questions to Rabbi Lau, the Chief Rabbi of Netanya and to Itzhak Meir, head of the Torah and Culture Department of the Jewish Agency. "Do you have an answer to the question, 'Why did this happen to our people?'"

Rabbi Lau admitted that he had no specific answer that could possibly satisfy the queries of the survivors or of the families of the victims. Itzhak Meir, on the other hand insisted that there is an answer. The mere fact that we are alive as a people today is the answer to the Nazis of the past and present generations, as it was to those in previous generations who rose up to destroy us, going back to our bondage in Egypt, and many times thereafter. Anyone who stands by that monument in Rome today and sees the captive Judeans

carrying the Temple Menorah and the caption "Judea Capta" knows that we survived while other nations disappeared from the face of the earth.

RABBI LAU ADDED from the words of the great Maharal of Prague in quoting the Almighty's edict to Moses, "You may see My Glory only from a backside. My countenance you may not view." The Maharal applied it to the terrible events of his day over 300 years ago, that we simply are not in a position to understand the ways of the Almighty and must rely completely on faith. Rabbi Frankel, Chief Rabbi of Tel Aviv, however was more specific. He stated clearly, "There is undoubtedly a direct connection between the pangs of the Holocaust and the birth of a nation in the State of Israel".

(Samson Krupnick may be reached at 22 Pinsker, Jerusalem, Israel.)

## In Reading, Pa.

### Holocaust remembrance

By RABBI ALAN WEITZMAN

There has been some sentiment expressed by the Christian community both nationally and locally, that the Jewish community continually highlights the Holocaust. There are non-Jews who feel Weitzman that teaching it traumatizes our youngsters. Other co-religionists feel that children can't relate to it since it took place so many years ago.

WE ARE commemorating the 40th anniversary of this tragic event. Your columnist is happy to report that there has been an excellent response from our local colleges in regard to this commemoration.

Alvernia College, which is Catholic, has devoted an entire week to the observance. They are bringing in a number of speakers and are having a candlelight memorial service. Albright College which is United Methodist, has decided to have a convocation to memorialize it and are making

plans to bring in a speaker of national prominence. The Reading Area Community College has asked me to speak, but in order to broaden the base of the audience, they are putting it on video tape so it can be shown at a number of places. They have also rented a film to bear witness and to add visual impact.

THE CHRISTIAN community, as well as the Jewish community, needs to be reminded of man's inhumanity to man. As some of our sages have said, "We can forgive, but we must not forget." The average Christian who lives in the small town may be narrow in his thinking and may have his share of prejudice (as by the way, so do Jews), however, one of the most important ways to educate both the Jew and the non-Jew is by repetition.

The only footnote to be added is we should also remember, as well as mention, all the other people who were killed in the Holocaust. We should also memorialize them, as well, for their lives were equally valuable.



Weitzman

## With The Rabbis

### Pulpit changes

Rabbi Samuel R. Weinstein has been named associate at The Temple, Atlanta. . . Beth El Congregation, Ft. Worth, has elevated Rabbi Ralph Mecklenburger to associate. . . Rabbi Matthew D. Michaels has been named spiritual leader of Temple Adath BNai Israel, Evansville, In. . . Elected to lead Temple Emanuel, Beaumont, Tx. is Rabbi Peter Hyman. . . Beth Hillel Temple, North Hollywood, Ca., has named Rabbi David Frank as assistant. . . Rabbi Israel Zoberman has assumed the pulpit of Temple Emanuel, Virginia Beach, Va.

### Sermon of the week

Verbal Leprosy — Rabbi Sheldon E. Elster, Agudas Achim Congregation, Alexandria, Va.

### Quotation of the week

Recently, the president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis (Reform) was invited to speak at the annual convention of the Rabbinical Assembly (Conservative). The president of the RA has been invited to address the Reform Rabbis at its convention in June.

Dr. Gunther Plaut, the CCAR president, later wrote a column in the Canadian Jewish News in which he observed that there is a "trend which in my opinion expresses a desire of the vast majority (my italics, M.B.) of the two movements, Reform and Conservatism, and which in the years to come will lead if not to an amalgamation, certainly to closer cooperation and joint planning and action."

Marc Raphael observes in his published work, "Profiles In American Judaism," that when the United Synagogue of America (Conservative) was formed in 1913 any congregation using the Union Prayerbook and worshipping with bare heads was denied membership. Now that the Coservative movement has voted to ordain women as Rabbis and the Reform movement has introduced the new prayerbook, Gates of Prayer, and head covering is seen in greater profusion, are the movements almost indistinguishable one from the other?

I wonder also about that "vast majority" — is that statistically accurate or the desire of leadership to move in the direction stated.

Does not Reform Judaism have a historic integrity to validate its existence? Has the Conservative movement finally revealed the hollowness of its claim to represent "positive, historic Judaism?"

Questions, questions clamoring for open and honest discussion — Rabbi Murray Blackman, Temple Sinai, New Orleans.

### Bare breasts cost IS40,000

TEL AVIV — A fine of 40,000 shekels can be imposed on anyone exposing their breasts on an Israeli beach, even if as young as six years. David Jutan, who heads this city's beach department, said that "modern bathing suits are so scant anyway that I don't see how anything more may be exposed. But the law is the law and will be enforced," although he said no "breast-hunt" will take place.

### 654th fatality from Lebanon war

TEL AVIV — Fatalities from the Lebanon War increased to 654 as Pvt. Baruch Stern, 20, died of wounds suffered when a bomb exploded at the Kasmiyeh bridge over the Litani river.

The number making aliyah to Israel in March of this year from western countries dropped from 621 a year ago to 406 this year.

## Three different Jewish communities

By RABBI SAMUEL SILVER  
In one issue of the *Algemeiner Journal*, three overseas Jewish communities are reported on:

**Colombia:** Ten years ago the Jews of Colombia numbered 18,000 (of a population of 28 million), but now only about 5000 remain. The nation is relatively stable, having not had a violent government overthrow in 35 years, but the economic situation is not so good, although improving thanks to the export of coal, for which Israel is a customer, and the recent discovery of oil and gold. A member of the *Contadora* group, Colombia is trying hard to remain a neutral twixt the superpowers. President Belisario Betancur Cuartas was once openly partial towards Israel, but is less so now because he wants Third World favor.

**Uruguay:** This was the first Latin American country

A nation that's aromatic with drugs, Colombia suffers from outbreaks of probably drug-related crimes, including kidnappings. Victims of such happenings have been some well-off Jews, who had to pay ransom to be freed. Assimilation and intermarriage abound, the *Journal's* Simeon Baker was told by Rabbi Mordecai Boudani, a Sephardic leader in Barranquilla.

Not many Jews keep kosher. Jews are in the middle class, and one of their favorite resorts is Cartagena where the Hilton's Jewish manager, James Guzman, occasionally stages an Israeli night. There are pockets of Lebanese in the country and once in a while they show their anti-Israel venom. The largest Jewish community is in the capital, Bogota, with smaller groups in Medellin, Cali, and Barranquilla (whose Ashkenazic shul is looking for a rabbi).

to recognize Israel; its 2.9 million people include about 40,000 Jews who are well-organized and well off. Jews flocked to Uruguay after both World Wars, from Turkey, Hungary, Germany, etc. In Montevideo, a Satmar group flourishes and is not as anti-Zionistic as their counterparts elsewhere. There is a kehilla, complete with mikvah, synagogues, and a board of directors, a yeshivah named after the late Rabbi Kook of Israel, and also a kollel (academy where students study for the sake of studying.)

Rabbi Moshe Chaim Pecker, who visited the country where his relatives live and about which he reported in the *Journal*, enjoyed meeting a communal leader, Yehudah Feldfogel, who's been there since 1929. The chief rabbi is Rabbi Nehemiah Berman, father of seven, who invited the writer-rabbi to address the congregation.

There are several Jewish periodicals in Uruguay, and a daily two-hour Jewish radio program in Montevideo, conducted by a Mr. Yeruzalimski, from Poland, who plays music and also interprets the sedra of the week. There are B'nai B'rith, Bnei Akiva, Betar and a number of Zionist groups there, and, to Rabbi Pecker's alarm, a Reform rabbi has been flying in from Buenos Aires trying to start a congregation.

**Yugoslavia:** Unlike some other Communist regimes, Yugoslavia's 7000 Jews enjoy many privileges and a great deal of freedom. They are bound together in a federation, headed by Dr. Labuslav Kaldenberg and Mrs. Lucy Petrovitch. The Jews receive aid from the JDC and from the Yugoslav Society of New York City. The Yugos revive the memory of a Jew, Mosa Pijade, who, with Tito, helped the country throw off the Nazi yoke and became one of Tito's vice-presidents. Yugoslavia's third largest industry is tourism, and for that reason readers of the *Journal* got this report, because it was written by a Montreal travel agent who was given, along with hundreds of others, a free trip to the country. Chaim Maydek concludes his travelogue with the observation that Yugoslavia is a Communist country with a "capitalistic appetite."

During the Hitler era, Switzerland had a Raul Wallenberg, by the name of Paul Griniger, who was police commissioner in the city of St. Gallen. It should be remembered that Switzerland cravenly shut its doors to

### The Lox Box

#### Dose as you go

By MARTIN MOSKOVITZ

The Chinese medical fraternity has come up with a new and unique way of dispensing medication. You wear it.



Moskovitz ing.

The garment factories are turning out clothing with inner pouches sewn in to hold sachets of herbs, formulated to cure back pain, stomach aches and arthritis. The *China Daily*, in one of its medical columns, explained that the sachets of herbal remedies are effective for as long as two years and then they have to be replaced. These medicinal herbs perform their healing process through gradual absorption into the skin by wearing the clothing.

I can just picture the Chinese housewife questioning her husband about what he plans to wear for dinner that night. And hubby will probably reply something like this, "I think I'll wear my double-breasted arthritis suit tonight."

This could also bring about a radical change in the family doctor's instructions, such as, "Get dressed and call me in the morning."

fugitives from Nazism for fear of reprisals. The government sent back countless escapees who had smuggled their way into the country even though their fate was certain. But Griniger led a number of Jews in. What did the Swiss government do? It removed him from office and punished him. Now, 46

years later, a Socialist official has urged Switzerland to give him posthumous rehabilitation. Has the government said yes? No. The authorities are thinking about it. (A. Koray, in the *Yiddisher Kemper*, in an article entitled, "Der Tzadik in Sdom" — "The Righteous One in Sodom")



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### Arab doctors — Jewish patients

Can an Israeli Jewish doctor be expected to give the very best of medical care to a badly wounded Arab terrorist who was caught during a raid on a bus or school or other civilian target?

Can an Arab physician in an Israel hospital devote himself fully to the care of Jewish soldiers brought back wounded from Lebanon?

**THE LATTER QUESTION IS ONE** that is being quietly asked in Israel these days as rumors spread of some Arab doctors who are said to have expressed themselves irritably at having to care for the soldiers. There are lots of stories making the rounds, but so far only one case on record. In May, 1984, an Arab doctor was suspended from his post at the Rambam Hospital when five nurses brought charges that he had voiced sentiments against Israel and against the Jewish soldiers brought to the hospital. He denied it all.

One Jewish medical man has charged that when special teams were called upon to handle large numbers of emergency cases from Lebanon, many of the Arab doctors found excuses for not participating. An Arab physician, queried on the matter, denied vigorously that there was any connection between their private politics and their care of Jewish soldier patients.

To complicate the matter even further, it has been reported that Arab extremists have warned the Arab doctors that something unpleasant might happen to them if they continued saving the lives of Israeli soldiers.

**WHILE THERE ARE MANY Arab students in Israel's** medical schools, a large number of the Arabs practicing medicine in Israel today got their training in the U.S.S.R., Rumania or other eastern European countries, on Communist scholarships.

Rambam, the largest hospital in the north, which has established an excellent reputation for its handling of war casualties, has about 100 Arabs on its medical staff, with an additional 150 Arabs in the various services, including security guards, and a further 250 temporary workers brought in from Judea and Samaria. Questions have been asked as to why Arabs are permitted to work in hospitals which care for military personnel, when they are not engaged in security-related industries, and understand the reasons why. In semi-conscious state, soldiers may often give voice to delicate military secrets.

The whole subject is an unpleasant one, and it is not generally discussed in the press, but there's a lot of talk about it in unofficial circles, medical and non-medical. — A.C.

### A Swiss Wallenberg



## the social calendar

By Jean Herschaft

The Tree of Life Award, the most prestigious award of the Jewish National Fund went to Benjamin D. Holloway, chairman and chief executive officer of Equitable Real Estate Group, Inc., at its annual Real Estate Divisions dinner-dance at the Grand Hyatt Hotel. Donald Trump, JNF's 1983 awardee, was chairman. The Holloway Park and Recreation area is being established at the Hazorea Forest, Haifa, in his honor.

Trump, in lauding Holloway, pointed out that the Hyatt Hotel was renovated by him (Trump) with the financial backing of Holloway's Equitable group. "What better place to hold this gala affair," the young wizard of the New York real estate scene noted.

More than \$700,000 was realized at this JNF's largest fundraising affair in this division or any other," Dr. Cohen, executive vice president of the JNF told me.

The Tree of Life Award was seeded in 1981 with Evangeline Gouletas Carey (wife of then New York Governor Hugh Carey) and her brother, Nicholas Gouletas, to officially launch JNF's real estate benefactors. In '82 it was Sen. Alfonse M. D'Amato, Trump in '83 and Donald Zucker in '84.

Charlotte Jacobson, the ubiquitous JNF head charmer, clad in a full length two-piece black lace with orange gown, reflected in her talk with me at the head table. "It was most appropriate for JNF which in the last 84 years has transformed a once barren land into an Israel of forests, farms and settlements reclaimed from swamp and desert, to toast American real estate genius that is responsible for the cement empire in the U.S."

That this set of builders should by their interest and concern be responsible for the continued upbuilding of a land 6,000 miles away is a welcome development. More than half of the guests were not of the Jewish faith. But this JNF affair was introducing them to Israel in the language they understand best — upbuilding barren areas.

Hank Sopher, the New York area president, seemed to sum it up and tie up the strings well from USA to Israel, in his brief address. In praising Holloway, he noted that he gave more than financial support, "but also your time, your energy and your ideas." Then referring to his American creative genius, "I also want to express the appreciation of your colleagues and friends in the real estate industry for your vision and imagination, which have transformed the skyline of New York and dramatically improved the architecture of cities across the United States...It is exciting and encouraging that when Israel is faced with so many problems today, we can count on your support and commitment to the cause of Zionism and to the work of the JNF." Then referring to the park in Haifa that will bear his name, "and the residents of Haifa and all of this great little land, will enjoy its environment."

Enjoying the evening were the almost 1,000 guests. The JNF affair, probably the most elegant provided on the Jewish scene which is famous for its savoir faire in this area, lived up to its past tradition.

"Dances of the World," was the theme, with about half a hundred professional artists as a group entertaining and in solo and duet pairs in dazzling costumes and in sedate white organza, depending on the dances and countries with which they are identified. Of course, the guests in black tie finery joined on the dance floor.

Dramatic black was the color of the tablecloths enlivened with white camellia flowers, creatively set in each napkin holder atop a white pleated nakin on the finest china a caterer could produce! An onyx vase spurted orange blossoms as the center piece for each table. And, the most precious article atop each seat: the souvenir journal 4X8" in deep blue, bearing a truly beautiful photo that looked authentic: a gold thread embroidered tree bearing a tablet with the Ten Commandments proclaiming beneath in Hebrew lettering: *Etz Chaim Tree Of Life*.

Inside, however, was the precious legacy of JNF in Israel. A brief history of Israel (Palestine) and JNF with photographs that emphasized dramatically the Jewish National Fund saga of Israel being built. The back pages were devoted to the benefactors with simply their personal or company names emblazoned on a white page or colored page designating their monetary salute to the project. It reflected a simplicity which was the highest form of tribute. Special congratulations to the JNF staff who produced this one. I have placed it in my library of special events attended.

Some of the guests spotted: Dr. HaCohen, vice-president of Bank Leumi; Rabbi Friedman of Religious Zionists of America; Dr. Yashar Hirshaut, oncology specialist, Sloan Kettering Hospital and president of Israel Cancer Research Fund with Mrs. Hirshaut; former Congressman from New York, Bertram Podell with Mrs. Hirshaut; former Congress-

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## Jews By Choice

# What did you expect to find in Judaism?

By SAMANTHA LINDBLAD

In September of 1984 I received a letter from Ms. Mae Koppman of New York in which she told me that she is writing a book about people who have chosen Judaism and that my name had been suggested for inclusion in her book. She had enclosed a questionnaire, which she asked me to fill out and return to her, and as I struggled to keep my answers as brief as possible I realized that Judaism, at least to me, is a subject for which there are few short answers.

ONE OF THE QUESTIONS she asked was, "What things did you find that you did not expect to find?" A question that brought back many memories.

When I first began to read about the Jewish people I remember the first thing that came as a surprise was that Jews were still around. Until then, I had always thought of Jews as a people whose history and religion had died out two thousand years ago with the birth of Christianity. That Christianity had not only replaced, but completed the ideals that Judaism began.

I remember being astonished at learning that Jews believed in God because, until then, I had so confused the identities of God and Christ that it was difficult for me to reconcile the retention of the first, the Deity, with the rejection of the second, Jesus the messiah.

I was surprised to learn that one did not have to be born Jewish to be a Jew, but could become one through religious conversion. It was then that I wrote my first letter to Rabbi Cohn in San Bernardino telling him of my interest and expecting him to respond by sending me a catechism of "Instruction in the Jewish Faith" or some such title. Of course that's hardly what happened. Oh, he sent me a book all right, but it was hardly written in the manner I expected. Yes, there were

questions...and at least three (usually more) different viewpoints in answer to each of them. "If this is 'basic' Judaism," I thought, what must the 'advanced' course be like!"

It took a long time for me to understand that he was not going to give me a Jewish instruction manual of "do's and don'ts" in regard to belief and to realize that becoming a Jew is not just "changing your religion" but your whole way of life and thinking. It wasn't until my studies of Judaism were well underway when I began to fully understand that affiliation is not a matter of creed because Jews do not constitute a church but a people.

IN THE AUGUST 22, 1984 issue of The P-O there was a letter from a lady who said "I find it difficult to determine what 'Jewish' really means sometimes" and her confusion is certainly understandable. As Dr. Morris Adler wrote in *The World of the Talmud*: "One of the reasons the modern Jew finds it difficult to define his identity is that the English language offers no term to suggest the complex of ethnic, national, cultural and religious elements that constitute the collective life of the Jew. The irreligious Jew is not read out of the community. Affiliation...is not a matter of creed. The religion of the Jew embraces areas that modern man would call secular. There is no instance, in the Western world, of an ethnic group whose religion emerged out of its own history...the word church does not fit the Jewish situation."

There were many, many things which I found that I did not expect to find, but as Rabbi Yaakov Thompson, the first convert ever ordained by the Conservative movement, said "during my studies I somehow found that Judaism actually addressed what I had always believed. I found that Judaism was everything I thought was right. I just never knew that one called it Judaism."

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## New columnist?

# She has no intention of getting married

By GRETA SILVER

The night my daughter flew home from graduate school over the winter holidays, we stayed up long after her father and brothers had retired. It was time for our mother-daughter chat, a ritual we cherished even more because they were infrequent. That visit, I had to discuss... in a subtle way and for the countless time...the pros of marriage followed by the joys of motherhood a minimum of nine months later, and the ability of a modern day woman to combine career with family. With toes not touching, we played footsie from opposite ends of the sofa.

"So, what's new?" I wanted to hear that she was dating Jewish boys.

"I LOVE my classes, my friends and my life," she answered. "The only things that's missing is a man." Man? No more boys. She was grown up. "A nice Jewish man?" After a non-committal "Hmmm," my liberated daughter said, "I see you're still prejudiced and old fashioned."

"True. Kugel and sausage don't mix; chicken soup and matzo balls do. I don't think I could attend

your church wedding or my grandchild's baptism. I'd be too busy cleaning my drawers and closets and writing my will."

"NOT TO WORRY," she assured me. "I'm not interested in meeting anyone now. Besides, you know I won't marry until I'm at least 30; and then, only if I want a baby."

"You'll change your mind when the right man appears." I hoped I sounded more confident than I felt. Not leaving anything to fate, I listed the advantages of marriage. After ten minutes, I became aware she was unusually silent. I woke her so she could go to bed.

She returned to school leaving me plenty worried. I told my husband, at the rate our daughter wasn't looking for a soul mate, my chances of becoming a mother-in-law were as remote as his not snoring. Worse, her biological clock would run down before my dream of becoming a grandmother was answered. Yet, thinking of some friends of hers I had met, I was rather relieved none had become part of our family. Though nice, they all fell short of my expect-

ations. Joe wore a sweater with holes in the elbows, played guitar and didn't own a comb. Gordy majored in writing home for money. Stuart came out of the closet with a tee shirt that proclaimed, "Viva La Similitude." Normie twitched. I tried to relax. After all, she was happy; and marriage, even marriage with a capital J as in Jewish wouldn't assure her more. She was busy with her classes, friends and life.

SHE WAS BUSIER than I thought.

Two weeks later, I heard — from a friend who heard from a friend who had received a letter from my daughter — that my first born was in love and I was not to be told. "Why?" I asked the friend of the friend. "Because she wants to tell you herself." What did she want to tell me? Dear Lord, what? If she had met a nice Jewish man I would have been told immediately. Therefore, he was not Jewish. But, we had discussed that possibility a few hundred times in the past, and she knew I'd accept any decent loving man the second he's sign

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## Arlene gets serious on Mr. Reagan

By ARLENE G PECK

It's been interesting and a little sad to see the predicament that President Reagan has gotten himself into. Concerning his upcoming trip to Germany, it has really turned into a mess. I find it astounding that he and his advisors have gotten him ensnared in such a moral thicket. Every time he has tried to get out of his dilemma he has found himself digging a hole a little deeper for himself.

I HAVE my own feelings about the Germans and benevolence isn't one of them. I traveled to Munich briefly a few years ago and couldn't wait to get out of that country. Each time that I saw someone over 60 I felt as though they wanted to make soap from my skin. I can't help it if I'm not a very forgiving person.

Reagan however is a politician, and not a Jewish one at that. It is fine to toast America's alliance with West Germany and mutually observe the 40th anniversary of German surrender. But, no matter how he or his aides rewrite the script, can they diminish the horrors of the Nazis, nor can we forget the lessons we learned from the Holocaust.

AS YOU WELL know, I am a believer of positive attitude. Obviously President Reagan is also. Yet, no matter how upbeat his charm or how cheery he is, history cannot be re-written to get himself out of the mess that he's plunged into.

What on earth could the man have been thinking when he uttered the words that the Nazi SS troops were the victims of persecution just as surely as were the Jews in concentration camps? From all the history books that I've read, the SS troops were the most nazified of all Germans. The men at whose graves Reagan planned on his agenda to visit were the most loyal to Hitler and dedicated to the Nazi principles.

As Elie Weisel, the brilliant writer and chairman of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council said, "The issue here is not politics, but one of good and evil. And, we must never confuse them for I have seen the SS at work and, I have seen their victims."

I TRULY don't believe that President Reagan was really unaware of the destruction or who the real victims were. The soldiers had reason for a Nazi victory. The same cannot be said for the Jews who were slaughtered. It is also such a paradox because I have

found Reagan to be sensitive to anti-Semitism and committed to Israel. I believe that he was an early supporter of Israel and has remained so as he evolved from Democratic liberal to Republican conservative.

Yet, if President Reagan and Chancellor Helmut Kohl wanted to honor something, they should have honored the peace and the mutual prosperity and friendship that has evolved since that peace. Cemeteries with SS graves are not the place to have picked to reinforce those nice feelings. Nor, should they forget the evil that preceded it.

SOMEHOW, by this very large political blunder, they've managed to anger everyone. Even the gypsies were outraged. It served as a reminder that they also lost 500,000 of their own during the Holocaust. As Elie Weisel said, "Not all the victims were Jews but, all the Jews were victims."

Mr. President seems to be damned if he does, and damned if he doesn't. I read recently where a senior West German official said that the outcry in the United

States over President Reagan's plans to visit the cemetery had generated feelings of bitterness in West Germany. Feelings that could alienate younger Germans from the Atlantic alliance. It seems that in the opinions of the Germans the fairness of the Americans would be put to a severe test.

The Minister of State, Alois Mertes, stated that "the genocide against the European Jews was not an event of war. It was a terrible crime that happened in the name of Germany." He continued with, "But the outcry in the United States against the visit had generated perceptions in West Germany of collective guilt and race liability for Nazi crimes among generations of Germans born after the war."

WELL, FOLKS, somehow I can't feel sorry for the guilt, collective or otherwise that they might be feeling. To forget the past is to repeat it, and, frankly, I don't mind if the Germans are reminded of their past history every day of their lives.

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### Transformation as an Israeli volunteer

(Continued From Page 4) help at the home for the aged, and help set up camp for young men and women with problems, who were hopefully to be rehabilitated. This last program soon petered out.

"But I do recall," said Miriam, "going to the home for the aged, where many depressed women sat around. They spoke Russian, Rumanian, Yiddish, Hungarian — none of which I spoke — well, maybe a fractured Yiddish. And everyone knitted, so the women were helped with knitting and making dolls. More and more, I felt my education had been neglected in many important areas."

"I DO KNOW how to peel potatoes." She laughed as she recalled a visit to a Rest and Rehabilitation area where five women peeled about 100 pounds of potatoes. "My hands will never be the same."

When the Edelsons left for

home, they took memories of the strong vitality and spirit of the people. Shabbas, she recalled, was really observed, with traffic barred on the main streets, buses stopped, and stores closed. Family groups walked arm in arm along the beaches, and a large number went to the synagogues. It was an extended family.

"I thought idly that retired persons going there for six months a year would live very comfortably. In fact a former Chicago teacher receiving \$1500 a month, claims she lives better there than in Chicago. Young immigrants get tax breaks, reduced or free tuition..."

"Yes, we'd be back, eating eggplant and squash...planting trees...helping Israel in any way we can, as our best hope for the Jews of the world."

## Social calendar

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man from New York, Bertram Podell with Mrs. Bunny Podell and lovely daughter Ellen Podell; Mrs. Mona Ackerman (daughter of Mishulam Riklis) and Ely Hirschfeld, son of Abraham Hirschfeld with Mrs. Ely Hirschfeld, daughter of Mishulam Riklis who recently became parents of their second child, a son and City Criminal Court Judge Jerome Becker, a past JNF New York area president.

The JNF dazzler will be remembered by the guests as a fun-filled evening whose benefits will long shine in sun-drenched Israel in a Haifa Park where children will play, a park named Holloway..."

## No intention to marry

(Continued From Prev. Page) a contract in borscht that he's embrace Judaism. Maybe he wasn't Caucasian? I doubted that. What then? Aha! He had to be an Arab.

FEMALE intuition shouted my daughter had fallen in love with the son of a sheik. She was planning to convert to his religion in an elaborate desert wedding and reception at The Oasis 8. That's why she hadn't told me what she wanted to tell me. And just how was I supposed to react when she finally did tell me, for Pete's sake? Was I supposed to be thrilled and offer to provide the chopped liver? Say, "How wonderful, Darling, you'll be living in a tent with running camels!" I told my husband he could start pricing gas stoves. We were converting, too.

Her collect call finally arrived. After 30 seconds of interminable chatter about grades and classes, I casually asked, "So, what's new?"

"Oh," she giggled, "I'm in love! We've already decided on the names of our children!" People who only intend to say, "how to you do" don't discuss names of children. My daughter most certainly was in love. With an Arab. I said, "Oh? Tell me about him, Honey," and quickly slapped my hand over my mouth to muffle my hyperventilation.

"HE'S A sweetheart," she said, "6'4", thin, brown hair, brown eyes, beard, moustache, intelligent..."

Sure, the son of a sheik. I had seen one on T.V. that week. M.I.T. graduate. Wearing the nightie, holding the rifle. I thought about her past friends who suddenly seemed more appealing, ridiculous standards that parents set, where I had gone wrong, how it was all my husband's fault.

"...and he has a big nose..."

Um hum, that clinched it. He was an Arab. I suddenly saw his anti-Semitic Semite father brandishing a scimitar above my daughter's head and screaming, "Over her

dead body you'll marry her!" Good mother-daughter relationships be hanged. She was not going to marry an Arab and that was that. Parents have rights, dammit. But in case she insisted on marriage...I wondered how long it would take to have the gas stove installed, how long it would take to heat the oven.

"...and his name is Alex..."

ALEX, ALI, Alif, what difference? I decided to wear a girdle so that when my body was viewed from the posterior view, my hips wouldn't spread over the sides of the opened oven door.

"...Levin."  
"What did you say?"  
"Alex Levin."  
"LEVIN? He's Jewish! Oh, he's Jewish!"  
"He's a nice Jewish boy, Mom, and you'll love him."  
"Love him? I adore him. When's the wedding?"

Of course I love the zeikkeit. I loved him before I spoke to him that evening and I loved him more when I met him four weeks later on their wedding day in the rabbi's house where the rebbitzen showed me watches she sells for Hadassah. And, since I am prejudiced and old fashioned, I'll admit I love him because he's Jewish. But, I love him most of all because he understands that mother-daughter chats don't stop just because a daughter marries.

THE NEXT TIME he says "Isn't it time you women had your session?", I'll have the chance to ask, "So, what's new?" and then broach a ticklish subject in a subtle way and for the countless time — motherhood versus owning an 80 pound dog. Somehow I have to let her know that while plans for the dog's Bark Mitzvah in Israel are exciting, I'd prefer to attend a grandson's Bar Mitzvah. Maybe if I talk fast enough I'll be able to give her my opinion before she falls asleep in the restaurant.

Ah well, I do have more than 13 years.

## Travel service

If you wish information about Jewish places of interest anywhere in the world, including the synagogues or kosher restaurants or even mikvahs. The Post and Opinion has made arrangements to provide precise and up-to-the minute answers to requests from its readers.

Since considerable research is involved, please send along the label from your paper with your request, thus limiting this service only to our subscribers and their families. Address inquiries to Post and Opinion Travel Service, P.O. Box 449097, Indianapolis, IN 46202. If more information than on any other country or city or two in it is desired, a copy of The Jewish Travel Guide, a 296-page comprehensive and up-to-date book for any traveler about every country where there are Jews from Japan to Thailand, from Egypt to Zimbabwe and nations in between, as of course, Israel, Europe and the Americas, is recommended. It is available at the price on the cover — \$9.25 plus \$1.50 for postage and handling — from The Post and Opinion Travel Service. Also the new Guide to Jewish Europe, which because it concentrates on only one continent is much more detailed, is available at \$9.95 plus \$1.50 for postage and handling.

## Our Jewish Centers II

The discussion in last week's editorial here about the potential or lack of it for the campaign to transform the Jewish Community Centers into beehives of Jewish learning suggested a return to the traditional Jewish custom of hospitality, which in this nuclear age, can be an important factor in Jewish life.

In days past, every Jewish community had provision for Jewish travellers. There was a definite house where they could repair regardless of where they came from or their destination. The society was called hachnosos orchim, and your father and your mother no doubt contributed to its budget.

But today, a newcomer to a city can spend years in it without ever meeting another Jew, much less the Jewish community being aware of his or her presence. A valuable connection with Jewish life has been severed.

We are not here recommending the reestablishment of the hachnosos orchim process, but we are urging that in the new program provision be made for improving the one already adopted in the past year or two by B'nai B'rith and then later the Reform Movement of welcoming newcomers. Federations have a similar program, but it unfortunately was like too many Federation programs — based fundamentally on how much money the newcomer could contribute.

When the stream of Russian Jews began to reach into every Jewish community a few years ago, a program was worked out — we believe stimulated by the National Council of Jewish Women (incidentally our best national Jewish organization by far) for a group of local families to become sponsors for each Russian family and work with them for years until they were sufficiently integrated into the local community and local Jewish life.

This kind of welcome for newcomers — especially the young people coming from out-of-town to live in your community — would curtail or slow-down the erosion that has led to predictions of only 100,000 Jews in America a century hence. Judaism is not merely a religion, it is a way of life, and hospitality has always played a major role in Jewish continuity. (This writer has never forgiven the rabbi in a western city who ignored a request for him to contact his daughter moving into his community and introducing her around.)

Our editorial last week suggested not centering on Jewish study as such but on programs such as the havurahs, which while they lead inevitably to greater understanding and knowledge of Judaism, have the ingredient that binds the group together — not hospitality this time but friendships.

By the same token, instead of studies in Rashi, the Centers might zero in on the cultural aspects of Jewish life — music, art, drama, book reviews and even debating. Any person — there are not that many around — as old as this writer can recall the days when the Jewish Center Library was a beehive. The same person will recall that many of our leading symphony orchestras got their start in the orchestras of the Jewish Centers and also who doesn't remember that Dore Schary got his start, as did many other of our leading actors, in the Jewish Community Center.

Eventually, if the program Mortimer Mandel is sponsoring and funding is to succeed, it will lead to study of Rashi, of Hassidim or even Kabbalah, but if the present plans for the Centers is merely to establish themselves as Jewish schools, they are doomed to failure because they assume an interest which does not exist to any great extent at the present time, unfortunately.

That interest has to be stimulated, and it can be, but a direct frontal approach can only be self-defeating in the present cultural atmosphere no matter how much influence and pressure is brought to bear by the most sophisticated publicity program.

## The EDITOR'S CHAIR

A rabbi has sent us a page from The Jewish Press of Brooklyn in which a letter appears properly signed telling about the marriage of Anthony Lewis by a justice of the peace and therefore impugning the integrity of his columns in The New York Times challenging or criticizing Israel — take your pick. The wedding took place in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Calvin H. Plimpton, and Dr. Plimpton is the newly-elected president of the American University of Beirut, the letter-writer states and then draws the conclusion, "So now I know the company Mr. Lewis keeps, which helps explain his 'bias', period."

The deduction may or may not be accurate. We have been reading Mr. Lewis for a number of years, and we regard him as a conscientious observer, who if he leaned in any direction, was in trying to be too impartial. We often took issue, not too much with his analyses, but with the conclusions that he drew from them. Were he writing for an independent Jewish journal, as for instance Commentary or Moment, we doubt that he would be considered more than a strong critic of Israel, not as the writer of the letter wants us to believe, someone who is deserting his Jewish background and therefore may be in the camp of the anti-Israelites and even anti-Semitic.

For our part, we wish the Lewises a happy marriage, and we regard the fact that he was married by a justice of the peace an indication that he was not abandoning his Jewishness. Some of his children, and we hope there are many of them, may become hassidim and the likelihood that one may enter the rabbinate should not be dismissed.

WE HAVE WIDE ACQUAINTANCE with the publishers in the Jewish field and one of them is Philip Hockstein, former publisher of the Jewish Week of New York, and his son, Joseph, who was publisher of the Jewish Week of Washington. They are a fine and distinguished Jewish family, related to the Newhouses, and in fact, the father was a trouble shooter for their chain of daily papers. He left the organization over a family dispute, we learned, and bought the original American Hebrew which was operated by Joseph Biben, and which later became The Jewish Examiner. Finally under Hockstein an arrangement with the Federation was consummated whereby the paper secured a ready-made readership of 100,000, paid for by the Federation at a reduced subscription price.

Phil Hockstein did a noble job and labored against many difficulties, not the least of which was the Federation, according to his own account, which in different ways complained that it didn't always receive space for its activities and meanwhile paying only a pittance, not enough for the paper to avoid heavy losses which Philip bore out of his own pocket and the handsome pension he had received from the Newhouse organization.

This is a long introduction to the tragedies which have befallen the Hocksteins, the latest of which was the death at the hands of the Lebanese, of their paratrooper son and grandson, Marc, who died last month of injuries when a vehicle he was in was bombed by the lovely Shiite murderers. We met Marc, who was only 20 when his young life was sundered, when we were on a trip to Israel. He must have been about 15 years old, and Joe, his father, was with us on a trip sponsored by some Israel department for Jewish publishers in which we did not pay the full fee, but the balance was recovered by the agency in question by advertising space in the Jewish papers that participated. We had the use of a limousine and a driver at our disposal and were headed for Tel Aviv from Jerusalem, when Joe asked if he and his son could come along.

So we had the pleasure of their company. Marc, as fine a looking youngster as anyone could have wanted, had already spent a year in Israel, and was to matriculate at an Israeli university. He was the kind of son every parent would have been proud of.

As it was the entire Hockstein family, father, son, grandsons, made aliya.

One other tragedy. Joe lost his young wife, and Marc his mother, in Washington, and it was that tragedy that probably had the most bearing, we can assume, on Joe's selling The Jewish Week of Washington to Charles Fenyesi several years ago and his decision to try a new life in Israel.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE news story in last week's issue about the gay congregation in Los Angeles, the rabbi who sent us their bulletin from which we wrote the item, noted that "the percentage of their converts is high, about double the average in Los Angeles Reform congregations, and the service attendance is also high, over double most Los Angeles congregations. So in several ways gay Jews are better Jews than average."

When we read that Jews for Jesus had paid \$1.6 million for a building on 31st St. in Manhattan we wrote to Moishe Rosen for confirmation. We've had on and off correspondence with him for a number of years and we respect his professionalism but believe he has caused untold harm to so many Jews. He however doesn't believe so. He believes that his mission in the world is to save Jews from whatever fate it is that they face.

In any event, Jews for Jesus has bought the seven-story building at 109 E. 31 St., and he confirmed the price.

In his note he wrote "Thanks for verifying. Much of what is said about our activities is disinformation," and sent along a letter dated Feb. 25 of this year from the Task Force on Missionaries and Cults of the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York. In the letter Long Island rabbis were urged to contact their "Christian colleagues" to refuse to rent space in their church for Jews for Jesus or the American Board of Missions to the Jews. "Impress on them," the letter asks, "how serious an affront these Hebrew-Christian groups are to the Jewish community."

On the reverse side is a letter from Jews for Jesus addressed to "Dear Long Island Pastor" and stating that "we attempt to bring the gospel to the Jewish people" and "...you should be concerned when one religious group conspires to interfere with another's right to free speech." It adds, "You must also know that, by far and large, most Jewish people would be appalled at these tactics." Moishe underlines this sentence in red and on the margin notes: "We try to avoid giving ammunition to anti-Semites." Moishe, who formerly was a Baptist pastor, but born Jewish, is making an incorrect assumption. Jews feel that they are pursuing a defensive action, and seek by every means within the law to oppose the inroads from those who would entice Jews away from Judaism.

He then proceeds to state, "What we desire most is mutual respect between Jews and Christians, and that Christian love might abound toward the Jewish people."

Obviously Jews for Jesus have a right in a free society to missionize, but if they seek to hide their true intentions and resort to misinterpretation, then they employ dishonest tactics, and that is the principal Jewish objection to them.

## Freedom of the Press

All letters to the editor should be addressed to the Jewish Post and Opinion, P.O. Box 449097, Indianapolis, IN 46202. The letters should be typed and should be concise. Anonymous letters will not be printed. No letters will be returned. Short letters get preference.

## Facts on Holocaust Center at the Wiesenthal Center

Editor, POST and OPINION:

I hope your readers by now have realized your myopic vision and loss of all objectivity when it comes to the Simon Wiesenthal Center. Not only was last week's editorial, The L.A. Federation/Council, off the mark, but it made no attempt to square with the facts.

The facts are as follows:

1. The Simon Wiesenthal Center is very much a community organization, considering that 49,000 families are members in the state of California and 278,000 are members nationwide.

2. The Simon Wiesenthal Center is on the campus of the Yeshiva University of Los Angeles, but its agenda and program are non-sectarian and encompass the total community. This is evidenced by

the tremendous support the bill has received from the State Senate and the State Legislature committees who voted in favor of the proposal and whose members are overwhelmingly non-Jewish.

3. The Simon Wiesenthal Center is incorporated separately from Yeshiva University of Los Angeles and its Board of Trustees is made up largely of non-Orthodox Jews.

4. Your lack of objectivity prevents you from telling your readers the facts as they are, namely that only your good "friend," from B'nai B'rith days, Hyman Haves is kicking up a storm.

RHONDA BARAD  
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Simon Wiesenthal Center

## P-O asked to launch personals section

Editor, POST and OPINION:

If you started a Personals column similar to the one in B'nai B'rith's National Jewish Monthly, it would enhance life for those in your readership who are unattached, as it were. It would give them an opportunity to read the paper from the back to the front, making it more traditional (I have a weird sense of humor). Anyone who needs to enlarge their social circle would not object to paying a few dollars for the public forum this would afford them.

Moreover people of a certain age would not feel so isolated in a hostile world — especially for the elderly who are still young in spirit. People of refinement are no longer reluctant to reach out to a potential friend whose "Box #1" is offered like an extended hand.

It makes a lot of sense to me — it is a way of avoiding public places and having to venture out alone at night to

seek an enriched social life (a television is not a substitute) that offers hope in this difficult game of life. It would encourage people in their sixties and upward to enjoy writing letters and making new friends. Don't you agree?

This is not for myself, (I am married again) but I remember my years alone after my first husband died suddenly. Nobody should have to be alone, when these personals could be either just fun and maybe even something serious.

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Editor's note: The P-O is more than willing. We will set a modest fee — only \$3, and will ask that the "personals" be limited to 25 words.

## Looking Backward

1960

President Eisenhower wired the American Jewish Congress his regrets that a wave of anti-Semitic vandalism has become worldwide and his hopes that the incidents would end. Incidents began with the defacing of a Cologne synagogue on Christmas. . . In separate remarks in Mexico City and Kansas City, experts said the importance of the swastika-paintings should not be exaggerated. So advised famed Mexican criminologist Alfonso Quiroz Cuaron

and Label Katz, international president of B'nai B'rith. . .

1940

The American Friends Service Committee announced it would send no more relief to Poland, because German authorities were blocking Jews of their share. . . Numerous bills on immigration have glutted Congress, many of them calling for severe restrictions, but some including asylum for certain aliens.

## Rabbi Cohen said Orthodox our hope

Editor, POST and OPINION:

In your issue of April 17 you feature a story on Rabbi Armand Cohen of Cleveland which came from The Jerusalem Post. In the interview with Rabbi Cohen, the rabbi paints a dismal picture of the future of Reform and Conservative movements.

One very important idea that was mentioned in The Jerusalem Post article and that you failed to mention is quite significant. I quote from The Jerusalem Post article on Rabbi Cohen: "I believe Reform Judaism has legitimized assimilation. The Orthodox are the only ones who are holding the fort. Conservatism? It could have been the wave of the future, if it were practiced. But it isn't practiced."

As you can see by the above, Rabbi Cohen a leading Conservative rabbi, feels that it is the Orthodox community that will preserve and maintain our Jewish heritage. The deviationist movements such as Reform, Conservative and Reconstructionists are losing ground rapidly. Their only hope is to return to the Torah and its laws and rejoin the rest of Torah-true Jewry. By doing this they will insure a future for Klal Yisroel.

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## Jewish Genealogy

This column is aimed at aiding readers who are tracing their family roots. Irwin M. Berent is the founder of the first local Jewish genealogical club in America — the Jewish Genealogical Club of Tidewater, Virginia, and co-author of Jewish Genealogy: A Sourcebook of Family Histories and Genealogies. Readers may send their requests to Genealogy, Jewish Post and Opinion, P.O. Box 449097, Indianapolis, In. 46202. There already is a backlog of names to be researched, so time may elapse before the appearance of the answer to your request. Mr. Berent is also available for those who wish him to conduct additional research for a fee.

Jacob Krushen, of 3002 Kossuth St., Lafayette, IN, 47904, has sent a nice family tree of the Krushen and Teper families of Stepan and Rovne, Poland, and the Schwartz and Gordon families of Basigola and Ramigola, Lithuania, beginning around 1830, and including Wiesen, Shane, Blumberg, Zhorsky, Feldman, Kortchak, Bebczuk, Perlmutter, Azoulay, and Tal family descendants in Israel, Lafayette, Cleveland and Cincinnati. Mr. Krushen says that he would like to find out more information about his Krushen/Schwartz ancestors.

I suggest that you look at the memorial book which published in 1977 about the town of Stepan. Entitled *Ayaratenu Stepan* (Hebrew and English parts), its editor is listed as Yitzhak Ganuz of the Stepan Society, Tel Aviv. You should try to locate this man and/or the Society by checking in a Tel Aviv phone book in your nearest major library. The book is available probably in your nearest major library. The book is available probably in the New York area, and, of course, the Society in Tel Aviv could also provide you information about getting a copy of the book. I do also know that the University of Judaism in Los Angeles and the U.C.L.A. Research Library have copies of the book.

In addition, and perhaps even more significant, I have learned that there is a woman in Atlantic City, N.J., who is seeking information on the Tepper family of Stepan, Poland! The difference in the spelling of the name should not make much difference, and since both families were from Stepan it is quite likely that this is another branch of the family. The lady's name is Eve Miller (4712 Ventnor Ave., 3rd Fl., Atlantic City, NJ 08401). I do not know how long she has been researching the family or how much she knows about it, but I am sure that she will be helpful to you.

## Columnist nails Reagan on German trip

By RABBI MAURICE DAVIS

There is probably no one around who can read a prepared text better than President Reagan.

He has been doing it for more than half a century, and he knows his trade. He may not have been the world's greatest actor, but he knows how to handle a script.

IT IS WHEN he departs from the script that the blemishes begin to appear. He has three unfortunate habits which crop up when he departs from what has been written for him.

A. He has a way of misstating facts and figures.

B. He shows a vast insensitivity to the human condition.

C. . . He lies.

All three were evident in the foul-up of his planned visit to Germany; his wreath-laying at the German military cemetery at Bitburg, where 47 SS men are buried, and his initial refusal to visit a Concentration Camp and his subsequent reversal.

GRANTED he did not know about the SS men at the beginning. The staff work was messy. Twice his advance men visited the cemetery. The first time graves were covered with snow. The second time

it was raining, and his staff chose to remain in their cars.

But what happened when he did know? He defended his foul-up!

1. The soldiers buried there were only 18 years old. No one else knew that, even the Germans. What probably happened was A. Someone said, "Some of these soldiers were only 18." And Mr. Reagan translated "some" into "all."

Then he resorted to B. He announced that the Nazi soldiers buried there were victims of Nazism "just as surely as the victims in the Concentration Camp."

THE PRESIDENT saw no difference between soldiers who fell in battle, and victims of genocide. I can't even write the words without gasping.

The man who told us that the Contras were the "moral equivalent" of our founding fathers was now saying that the men who fought for Hitler, and who died in battle for Hitler were the moral equivalent of the victims slaughtered by the men who fought for Hitler!

Then the President decided to resolve the problem. He would reverse his previous decision concerning a Concentration Camp visit, and now would make one.

For this he had to move to

C. He was not going to go to Dachau or its like, he

had told us, because

1. He did not wish to lay a guilt trip on the German people.

2. There was nobody living who had witnessed the Holocaust years and

3. He was only a guest, and his host had not invited him to visit a Concentration Camp.

CHANCELLOR Kohl immediately pointed out that he had indeed invited him to visit Dachau, but that the President had declined.

President Reagan then told us that he thought the invitation had been a personal one, not an official one. Now that it was official he would be delighted to visit a Concentration Camp that was convenient to the itinerary.

There you have it. As simple as A,B,C. Misquoting, insensitivity, and falsehood.

About the only honest thing he said during the whole sorry mess was that if he backed down it might appear that he "caved in," under pressure. That was part of his Clint Eastwood approach, like "Make my day!"

THERE IS probably no one around who can read a prepared text better than President Reagan. Somebody ought to see to it that he sticks to the script.

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Book Beat

## Spring cleaning

By DR. SHARON WEINSTEIN

Review books line the walls of my study. They are stacked in the trunk of my car (in case I find time between teaching and grading).



They are now spilling over onto the stairway leading to my study. I leap over them to get to my typewriter.

Please. Let me share the riches. Then, at least, I can pack these away somewhere. Until I dig out some later on for deeper treatment.

### CONTEMPORARY AMERICANA

On May 30 Donald I. Fine, Inc. will bring out four books in their new Primus Library of Contemporary Americana series. Received so far:

**A Child Of The Century** by Ben Hecht — originally published in 1964 — (\$11.95 paper, \$19.95 hardcover). Sidney Zion, who introduces the volume, writes, "To write a great autobiography you have to live it. And while most writers are lucky to live half a life and are seldom comfortable doing it, Ben Hecht lived in half a dozen worlds." This journalist, playwright and screenwriter, who knew both Hollywood and Broadway, was also co-chairman of The Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe which finally succeeded in persuading Franklin D. Roosevelt to set up the War Refugee Board.

**A Mother's Kisses** by Bruce Jay Friedman — originally published in 1964 — (\$8.95, paper) is that infamous novel about "The Jewish Mother." Maybe we should forgive Friedman. Here's what he said when asked if the book would be different if it were written today. "Definitely. I couldn't write that way about the mother character today. I would be more understanding. I know a fraction more about women — maybe. It might not be as good."

**Dartin' Bill** by Jerome Charyn — originally published in 1980 — (\$8.95, paper) a novel about "Wild Bill Hickok," received the Richard and Hinda Rosenthal Foundation Award.

**War Cries Over Avenue C**, a new novel by Charyn, will also be published in May.

**The Age Of Suspicion** by James A. Wechsler — originally published in 1963 — (\$10.95, paper) is the autobiography of the "one-time editor of the New York Post who dared to confront and challenge Joe McCarthy."

### NOVELS

**Goldkorn Tales** by Leslie Epstein, (Dutton, \$16.95). "Leib Goldkorn is back," reads the publicity statement from Dutton. "The comical adventurous flautist, who made his debut in the award-winning novella, "The Steinway Quintet", has returned..."

Reviewer David Evanier (author of *The One-Star Jew*), however, in his analysis in *The New York Times Book Review*, (April 7) wasn't so excited. "Mr. Epstein is a very talented and even eloquent writer. But he has elected to deal with human suffering in historic contexts that are anything but amusing. It is this tension that animates his work. He seems to see his victims as their own nemeses. Goldkorn stage-manages his downfall — and it is conceivable that if he did not, life would do it for him. Yet the echo of the Holocaust is deliberate, and in denying his characters their full humanity, Mr. Epstein inevitably appears to deny Jewish history as well."

To tell you the truth — I read the first tale in the sequence of three ("The Steinway Quintet") — I actually read it twice. I liked it, but I didn't understand it. And after I read Evanier's review — which I didn't understand either — I felt we must have read different books.

**Tokyo Woes** by Bruce Jay Friedman (Donald I. Fine, \$14.95). Publication date: May 21.

"You've written an entire novel about Japan...without ever visiting the land of the rising sun...?" queries an unnamed interviewer in a publicity sheet from Fine. "I confess," says Friedman. "...Puccini set a precedent. His 'Madame Butterfly' is the most celebrated opera about Japan and he never set foot in the Orient. They even have shrines to Puccini in Japan. Sometimes myth can be closer to the truth than reality."

### SCHOLARSHIP

**A Remembered Future: A Study In Literary Mythology** by Harold Fisch (Indiana University Press, Tenth and Morton Streets, Bloomington, IN). Fisch is Professor of English and Comparative Literature at Bar-Ilan University, Israel and treats Bialik, Melville, T.S. Eliot, Kafka, and many others in this far-ranging study.

**Biblical Themes In World Literature** by Sol Litvin (KTAV, 900 Jefferson St., Box 6249, Hoboken, N.J. 07030, \$20.00).

**The Prophetic Minority: American Jewish Immigrant Radicals, 1880-1920**, by Gerald Sorin (Indiana University Press, \$24.95). Publication date: May 13.

**The Jewish Polity: Jewish Political Organization From Biblical Times To The Present** by Daniel J. Elazar and Stuart A. Cohen (Indiana University Press, \$27.95).

**The Image Of The Jew In Soviet Literature: The Post-Stalin Period** by Jakob Blum and Vera Rich (KTAV, \$25.00) Publication Date: May 15.

**Guts And Ruts: The Jewish Pioneer On The Trail In The American Southwest** by Floyd S. Fierman (KTAV).

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## Jewish ethical concepts

Rabbi Abraham P. Bloch's *A Book of Jewish Ethical Concepts, Biblical and Possiblical*. NY: Ktav, 1984, 294 pp. By RABBI DAVID MARK

Rabbi Abraham P. Bloch is an historian, author, scholar, and pulpit rabbi of many years' experience. His "Flashbacks in Jewish History" column has appeared in this newspaper for many years. Rabbi Bloch offers us a book of Jewish ethical concepts in encyclopedic form. It is suitable for a reference work or adult education text, dealing with such religious topics as "Education," "Filial Obligations," "Respect for Man," "Mourning," and the like. There are certainly other books which deal with these topics, but the author's alphabetical method and concise presentation make it easy to quickly find Biblical and Talmudic opinions on a particular topic.

THE BOOK'S uniqueness stems from its treatment of Jewish ethics in human interactions. These include "Confidence and Insecurity," "Admonition," "Hate and Grudge-bearing," "Lust," and the like. To his citations from Jewish sources, Rabbi Bloch adds personal reflections drawn from years in the rabbinate to show us the right way to live, whether with our families or in society.

To my knowledge, this is the only book on Jewish ethics which deals with "In-Laws." Most Jews assume that our Talmudic Sages, undoubtedly inhabiting a higher moral plane than the common folk, would not have anything to say about the eternal problem of the mother-in-law not getting along with her son's wife. Rabbi Bloch quotes

Tractate Shabbat 26a where, in the midst of a discussion of what type of oil to use for the Shabbat lamp, the rabbis inserted the following story: "A certain mother-in-law hated her daughter-in-law. Said she to her: 'Go and anoint yourself with balsam oil' (which is highly flammable). She went and anointed herself. On her return she said to her: 'Go and light the lamp.' She went and lit the lamp, a spark landed on her, and she was burned." That's one for "Dear Abby," indeed!

RABBI BLOCH has filled a need by creating a guidebook for ethical living, a handy reference of citation and explanation which gives the reader latitude either to take the author's statement at face value or return to the original source, there to draw personal conclusions in the best tradition of Torah study. Taking into consideration the limitations of space — some 56 topics are included in fewer than 300 pages — the author has performed a massive task. It fills a need not covered by Birnbaum's *A Book of Jewish Concepts* or even Montefiore and Loewe's monumental *Rabbinic Anthology*. With its practical application of rabbinic lore to our daily lives, it illustrates well the dictum that the Torah's purpose is not in heaven, but here on earth.

### Henry Frankel dies in Denver

DENVER — Henry Frankel, the first president of the Allied Jewish Council, which became the local Federation, died here at the age of

### Rabbi Ira Sanders succumbs at age 94

NEW YORK — The death at the age of 94 of Rabbi Ira Sanders, who served congregations in New York, Allentown, Pa., and Little Rock, Ark., was being mourned this week. He occupied the pulpit of Congregation B'nai Israel in Little Rock from 1926-1963.

He was president of the Little Rock Public Library, and the Ark Lighthouse for the Blind, and organized the Planned Parenthood Association of Arkansas. He was instrumental in launching many of Little Rock's Jewish agencies such as the Arkansas Jewish Assembly, the Jewish Welfare Federation, among others.

### Prof. Akzin dies; Jabotinsky aide

JERUSALEM — Benjamin Akzin, who rose to presidency of Haifa University after making aliya from the U.S. in 1949 where he was a fellow of the Rockefeller Foundation, died here at the age of 80. He was an associate of Vladimir Jabotinsky and one of the leading intellectuals of Revisionist Zionism.

He served on Harvard University's faculty, and was a member of the War Refugee Board created by President Roosevelt in 1944.

93. He was active in many organizations in which he took a leading role. He assumed a patriarchal position in affairs of the Jewish community.

### Flashbacks In Jewish History

## Open anti-Semitism in Gazetteer in 1795

By RABBI A. P. BLOCH

December 17, 1795 — In a letter published in the *New Daily Advertiser*, an anonymous writer rebuked Jerome Rivington, editor of *The New York Gazetteer*, for his anti-Semitic slurs in his preface to the American edition of "The Democrat" by the British author Henry James Pye.

THE CENTRAL FIGURE of *The Democrat* is a fictional liberal who was involved in the French Revolution and subsequently embarked upon a mission of promoting democracy in England. The fanatical Rivington, an adamant and unregenerated Tory, perceived a parallel between the liberal villain of the novel and the members of the Democratic Society founded in New York in 1794.

Rivington attacked the society for its close contacts

with other American democratic clubs and accused it of actively promoting the agitation of the "Grumblers" (the radical wing of the Whigs). Of the entire membership of the Democratic Society, Rivington singled out only one member for a personal attack, its vice president.

The vice president's distinction of becoming the target of Rivington's venom was due to his Jewishness. Solomon Simpson, a founder of the society, was a New York patriotic merchant. As a former president of Congregation Shearith Israel, the vicious attack upon him took on a particularly sinister appearance.

EMPLOYING the familiar strategy of hypocritical anti-Semites, Rivington did not mention the word "Jew" but used the code name, "a member of the tribe of Shylock". This condemnation was sufficient to brand the entire membership "who seem to be

of the same tribe".

In his reply to Rivington, the anonymous letter writer calls attention to the fact that Shakespeare's Shylock was based on an incident related in a biography of Pope Sixtus V, in which the merchant demanding a pound of flesh was a Christian and the victim was a Jew. He then proceeds to praise Simpson for "his liberality of sentiment and general character". Indeed Rivington was unable to impugn Simpson's integrity and outstanding patriotic record. Instead, he maliciously charged Simpson with the trait of Shylock, "a leering underlook and malicious grin". Strangely, the president of the society, a non-Jew, was spared by Rivington.

IN CONCLUSION, the letter-writer stated: "If by the word Shylock you mean a Jew, I dare say he would feel himself honored by the appellation, Judaism being his religious propensity and democracy is his political creed".



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