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TOWN CRIER

By G.M. COHEN

B'nai Torah Congregation will say farewell to Rabbi Ronald Gray at a reception in his honor tomorrow night, and he shortly will be leaving the city for the top executive position in Boystown, Jerusalem, with offices in New York.

In a recent sermon, as did Moses on leave-taking the people he had molded from a slave mentality, Rabbi Gray compared the status of Orthodoxy in the community from the day he arrived in Hoosierland to his departure. The list of the accomplishments he alluded to starts with the congregation he has brought to its present state of equal recognition with other wings of Judaism, to the establishment of the Hebrew Academy, and other achievements in the realm of Orthodoxy, even to the recent call by the Indianapolis Rabbinical Association for kashrut at major community affairs.

Rabbi Gray is not one to take credit for the elevation of Orthodoxy to an equal place in the community, and his sermon had proper reservations of modesty. Yet without Rabbi Gray it would have been difficult to achieve the progress that Orthodoxy has made in Indianapolis. Various Jewish communities are dominated by different wings of Judaism, as for instance Reform in St. Louis, and in Indianapolis the power had been divided between Reform and Conservative, with Orthodoxy practically left out.

Today such is no longer the case to the extent it was in the past.

Rabbi Gray's tenure was the longest of any of the city's rabbis, making him the senior rabbi in the city. That title now devolves to Rabbi David Korb. The fact of the youthfulness of the city's rabbis has been remarked on before.

Rabbi Gray enters a new field, although certainly a Jewish one, and the community wishes him well in his efforts to establish Boystown Jerusalem as a major institution in the long list of Israeli activities which deserves the support of American Jewry.

We have reserved for last Rabbi Gray's major achievement. It was with the youth. Almost from his first year, he began building the congregation's youth groups so that national recognition in the Orthodox world is today's status. Any one who has ever attended a service at B'nai Torah sees the young people as a major role in the service, either in conducting it, or in joining the service after their own youth services have concluded all the way down to the kinder services. The fruit of Rabbi Gray's tenure may be seen in the fact that more of the young people of B'nai Torah are attending yeshivas in New York, Baltimore and Chicago and elsewhere probably than in all the years of all the congregations in the city.

Sanctuary is strengthened

By RABBI JUDEA B. MILLER

When the Department of Immigration and Naturalization last took action against the sanctuary movement for Centra American refugees with three arrests last spring, the result was a strengthening of the movement. In less than a year, the number of sanctuary churches and synagogues across the country has grown from about 100 to more than 170.

The much wider net that was sprung last month by the Immigration and Naturalization Service with the arrest of some 65 aliens, including Alejandro and Leticia Gomez in Rochester, and 16 citizen activists in Arizona is likely to have a similar effect.

Here in Rochester, 800 people turned out on a wintry Sunday to give their support

to a cause that says the refugees should be given asylum and not deported at the risk of their lives.

Shortly after the arrests a national sanctuary conference was held in Tucson, Arizona. A principal speaker was Elie Wiesel who reminded people of the period of the 1930's and 1940's when those fleeing were Jews, who were denied sanctuary and sent back to their deaths in Nazi Europe. Elie Wiesel pleaded that the sin of denial of sanctuary to those fleeing for their lives not to be repeated again.

We do not judge our government's policy in Central America. Issues are debatable. But what is not debatable is that if these refugees were sent back now,

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Booksale to begin

The annual Jewish Center Booksale will open with a special preview night from 5 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, August 21, on the mall at Glendale. The sale will continue through Monday, Aug. 26. Daily hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and noon to 5:30 p.m. on Sunday.

More than 50,000 used books separated into 40 categories will be offered during the sale. There are books for students, teachers, and individuals with special or specific vocational or avocational interests.

Rare books and first editions will be offered through a silent auction that will take place during the six days of the sale.

As an added attraction Dance Kaleidoscope, Indianapolis' professional modern dance company, will perform in concert at the Booksale at 2 p.m., on Sunday, Aug. 25.

Parents of Israelis meet this Sunday

Parents of North American Israelis will meet this Sunday, August 25, at 2 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center.

Recent visitors to Israel, as well as delegates who attended the organization's International Convention, will give brief reports.

All parents who have children in Israel are invited to attend.

Wilking sponsors Beethoven Series II

Because of a large audience at the Discovery Series I, the Beethoven Foundation will inaugurate an evening Discovery Series titled Beethoven Foundation Piano Discovery Series II. Wilking Music will be the sponsor for the entire series. The six-program Discovery Series II will begin Wednesday, Aug. 21 at the Indiana Repertory Theatre, 140 West Washington Street. The one 1½-hour program will begin at 7:30 p.m. The Series will be filmed for production by American Cablevision of Indianapolis, but will also be shown on Indianapolis Cablevision.

Tickets for the Discovery Series II are available at the Indiana Repertory Theatre, 635-5252. For information regarding the Beethoven Foundation or its programming, call 637-2666.

JFCS new program for seniors and family

Under the theme "Do You Really Care?" Jewish Family and Children's Services this week began a Volunteer Recruitment Campaign.

A brochure outlining the new volunteer services was mailed to the entire Jewish community soliciting involvement in the Family Services Volunteer program. These programs will cover two main categories: service to seniors and services to families under stress. There are 13 different volunteer opportunities available through the agency, including Friendly Visitors, Telefriends, Transportation Escorts, Parenting Aides, and Peer Counselors.

According to Cherie Morgan, who is the volunteer coordinator, this new program will allow us to provide



Cherie Morgan

many essential services to those most in need, while at the same time creating meaningful and well supervised opportunities for those who serve.

Amit Women opening luncheon

Mrs. Fran Lashinsky, co-chairwoman of the National Membership Department of Amit Women (Mothers in Israel), will be at the opening luncheon meeting of the Indianapolis chapter. The luncheon is slated for Tuesday, Aug. 27 at 12:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Judy Leapman at 1314 Regal Dr. in Carmel.

Mrs. Lashinsky, a past National Vice President and a member of the Executive Board of Amit Women, has long been a most active Amit woman, in New York where she resides. She has served as Program Chairwoman in the Queens Council of Amit Women and as program consultant to the Ayelet Chapter of Amit Women. She has also held the post of National Organization Chairwoman and she was Program Chairwoman of the 52nd National Convention in Los Angeles. In addition, she was National Convention Chairwoman of Amit Women 1979 Convention in New York.

Dr. Alvin Lashinsky, her husband, is a practicing dermatologist who is also actively involved in the Jewish community. They have a daughter who is a law school student. Dr. and Mrs. Lashinsky divide their time between their homes in Tel Aviv and Holliswood, N.Y.



Fran Lashinsky

Fran emerges as an ideal profile of a young woman who has taken on responsibilities and leadership in Amit Women. She will prove to be an enthusiastic and inspiring speaker and a question and answer period will follow.

Mrs. Ruth Fruchter, program chairman, will introduce the speaker. Co-hostesses with Mrs. Leapman will be Mrs. Roza Zeckel and Mrs. Bernice Morris. New members will be honorary guests. Price is \$3 per person. Amit Women are dedicated to further child-care, vocational education and social services in Israel. Guests are welcome. For further information and reservations, please call: Mrs. Morris at 255-0472; Mrs. Zeckel at 255-5681 or Mrs. Fruchter at 255-1005.

Fraternity hosts promise a momentous reunion

By GISELA WEISZ
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HEY VERN, KNOW WHAT I MEAN?! The fraternity, Alpha Epsilon Pi, holds a reunion every summer. This summer's hosts Dan



Dana Getz, John Goldenberg, Mike Harding, Debbi Hoffman, Louri Killen, Tonja Murray, Art Mandelbaum, Mark Newman, Dan Philpot, Sheri and Jenni Simon, Sheldon Weiss, Dean Durette and Beth Bloomer; Scott Himmelstein and Anne Foy; Steve Klineman and Mary Etten; Jim Pollack and Barb Broberge; Derek Robertson and Karen Stratman; and many others entertained.

Athletic Union National Competition will take place at the University of Iowa and Scott plans to participate.

of grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Opal. The baby's mother is the former Denise Opal. Congratulations!

a trophy to prove it. Congratulations Morris!

Frisch and Jay Slavin utilized the commercial's character, Vern, to summon friends and acquaintances to a party on Aug. 3. Vern promised on the invitations that he will prove on Aug. 3 that "Indianapolis is not dead — know what I mean?"

The traffic was monitored by security and five kegs of Budweiser, 22 giant pizzas, as well as a well-functioning stereo system kept Dan Balsler, Katie Coble, Doug Cohn, Maria Carucci, Barb Chaplik, Kim and Pam Daly,

HERE: Lillian and Abe Kubersky from Far Rockaway, N.Y. were visiting their daughter and son-in-law, Ruth and Arnie Feinberg.

GYMNAST: Scott Eshowsky, son of Linda and Jeff Eshowsky, age 12, won three gold medals as well as one silver and one bronze at the White River Park State Games. He placed first in the state. Thirty-four children between the ages of 12 and 14 participated. The Amateur

FAMILY VISIT: Former resident, Selma (Kay) Jacobs, from Phoenix, Ariz., along with her granddaughters, Felice Farber, Canoga Park, Calif., and Nicki Winstian, Pa., visited here. Mrs. Jacobs is the sister of Helen Leftkowitz and Lil Roller. The visitors were entertained at the Broadmoor Country Club on Friday, Aug. 16 by Joan and Bob Brenner, Eunice and Dr. Samuel Patterson, and Carolyn and Sig Brenner.

ETHNIC: If you are familiar with the pastry called baklava, you will be glad to hear that six varieties of this flaky delicacy are available at each of O'Malia's supermarkets for 69 cents a piece.

LOVE TWO: Jeremy and Adam Seif are participating in the sanctioned United States Tournament Tennis Match.

SHALOM: Welcome to the two families who arrived from Israel this week. The Raybi family's children are Tzuril, 6, Elnatan, 7, boys; and the girls, Odia, 10 and Ruth, 1 year old. The Sharabi family's daughters are Hadar, 6, and Adi, 3, and their son is Elad, 3.

UNDER HER FEET: Linda Melrose and her mother-in-law, Lillian Melrose were in Phoenix. They visited Linda's brother-in-law, Jerry Melrose. They also went to Navajo craftman show in Flagstaff, Ariz. where Linda purchased a rug. The rug was auspiciously displayed in the museum during the time of the exhibit as an outstanding representation of the local rug weaving art. During this trip Linda and Lillian visited in Elsinor with their aunt Eleanor Frantz.

FROM ISRAEL: Arik Joffe from Natania, Israel, is visiting his uncle and aunt, Ruth and Uri Joffe.

IN NEW HOME: Lisl and Charlene Sego moved to Golden Woods condominiums.

RECORD: Morris Seif made a hole in one at the Broadmoor Country Club on Aug. 3. He did it on the 15th hole with a six iron and he has

VACATION: Miriam and Joe Frankovitz and children (Continued on page IN 4)

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You contribute \$2000 at the beginning of each year to an IRA earning 10%. After thirty years it will be worth \$362,000. If you invested astutely enough to earn 12%, on the other hand, you'd have \$541,000, almost a \$200,000 difference!

Intuitively, one would suppose that an account accruing at 16% would become twice as large as one invested at 8%. But the numbers don't work that way. 8% earnings each year grows the 30 year IRA to \$245,000, a poor showing compared with \$1,230,000 at 16%. The interest rate was double; the account quintuples. A little thing that means an awful lot.

Of course, other than bonds with 30-year maturities, investments usually don't earn exactly the same rate each year. When you get the higher returns is another of the little things that means a lot. Because of the time value of money, an extra point of interest this year is more valuable than down the road. That's because returns earned sooner can compound in later years. And, of course, in an inflationary economy such as ours, the later you receive dollars back, the less they will buy.

Confused? Too many factors to weigh on each investment? Perhaps, but a little difference in yield can show up in a big way on your bottom line.

(Rhoda Israelov is an account executive with EF Hutton & Co., Inc. and a Certified Financial Planner in Indianapolis. This opinions expressed in this column are not necessarily the opinions of this newspaper.)

Jeffrey Weinstein to be Bar Mitzvah

The Bar Mitzvah of Jeffrey David Weinstein, son of Dr. and Mrs. Allan Weinstein, will take place on Saturday, Aug. 24, at 10:30 a.m. at the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation. Jeffrey attends Park Tudor School where he is an honor student. He has been a member of the Park Tudor Middle School basketball and baseball teams. He also attended the Bureau of Jewish Education for one year.

Jeffrey's maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Philipson, will arrive from Washington, D.C. to attend the ceremony.

Ariela Faith Blatter to be Bat Mitzvah

Ariela Faith Blatter, daughter of Harold and Carol Judith Blatter, will become Bat Mitzvah at services Saturday, Aug. 24 at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck. Ariela is a student at the Hebrew Academy and plays the piano. Her interests are in dramatics and theatre arts. She is a member of Beth-El Teens, and plays racketball and swimming is one of her sports activities.



Ariela Blatter

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Gisela — California vacation

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Darrin and Jason visited California. With a rented car the family drove to Yosemite Park, visiting numerous friends along the way back on the California coast.

VISITORS: Ruth and Arnie Feinberg spent a week-end in Chicago, where they visited their daughters, Martha Feinberg and Marlyn Smith.

NOT TOO LATE: They call themselves the Merry-Makers. Golden Agers are members of a club at the Jewish Community Center. Any one who is advanced in years is eligible for membership. They were young and vibrant once again, on Tuesday, Aug. 13, when they put on their

variety show under the direction of Fran VerWayne, who also played the piano. The performance had a Western theme. Among the many stars performing in the musical show were Betty Gold, Anette Glick, Sarah Kruckover, Julia Rosenheim, Ruth Rosenstein, Morris Rocklin, Lena Schwimer, Doris Sacks, Morris Simon with Bill Schwartz on violin, and others.

The group has put on this show for an audience of a hundred. They are available to perform again, if asked.

JOINED: Gregory Silver is of counsel with the firm Garelick, Cohen and Fishman. Their office is at 3737 N. Meridian.



NORM WEISMAN

FLASH! A misprint in last week's column caused change in the gist of the sentence. Hope this will take away the bad taste it might have left with some people! **REPEATING, WITH CORRECTION:** Get well cards have become so **HUMOROUS** (was printed numerous), that they have a tendency to bring a "smile" even for a moment! (There's too much illness to make jest of it!)

FLASH! Remember the fabulous J.C.C. Book Sale this week, Aug. 21 through 26 at the Glendale Center Mall! It's for a good cause!...Have a chuckle! If everything is coming your way, you probably are in the wrong lane!...**FLASH!** Students at a Detroit high school have christened one of their drinking fountains "Old Faceful"!

FLASH! The popular Morris Sief was on the 15th tee at Broadmoor last week and hit the golf ball high. Where it landed, plenty of witnesses saw it roll into the cup! A heck of a way to describe a "hole in one"! Congrats, Morrie!

And hear this! Morrie has just designed and patented (pending) the "Rain Cover" that looks like a winner! "Rain Cover" protects and covers golf bags, clubs and other golf equipment! It's now being sold at pro shops and is available in many sports shops. Also, the "Rain Cover" can be utilized for keeping many other things

dry. Best wishes, Morrie!

FLASH! A sermon for the holidays! At a religious meeting, the leader was telling his congregation: "Repent the day before thy death." When asked: "How will anyone know when that day will be?" the leader said, "You don't. You just keep on repenting!"

FLASH! Birthday greetings to nice people like Lee Mallah, Rose Pallman and Harry Brodey. Best wishes!...Attention Fort Wayne, don't say I said so, but get that birthday paddle out for that swell guy, Lou Hoodwin. He is 70 years young and goes like 60! Let's hear from you, Lou!

FLASH! It is with pride that I tell about my nephew, Ron Weisman, who was just promoted to lead analyst in the date processing systems and programming division at Indianapolis Life Insurance Company! Nice write up in the newspaper! Keep going, Ron, and stay as wonderful as you are!

FLASH! Birthday greetings Aug. 14 to Bertha Fine and also to Eleanor Roth (Aug. 18)!...**FLASH!** Laugh and feel better! The oculist asked his patient: "Can you read the third line?" and the patient said: "Sure, it's CWDK. I'm not good at pronouncing it, but I think he was a tackle at Notre Dame last year."!...Also, do you know that in 1918, the electric razor was invented by a man who had worked on it since he was a "little shaver"!

FLASH! **FLASH!** Attention J.C.C. Connection Club! It's this Sunday, Aug. 25, for a fun evening consisting of a wine and cheese party, plus elections, etc! Call the Center for more details. Don't miss it!...**FLASH!** I just received two gifts that will be enjoyable to show off. One was a one-inch square bar of soap with the words "Sexy Senior Citizen" on it! (I guess when I say some-

thing says I have to wash my mouth out!) And here is a natural! It's a pair of Playboy over-the-calf socks, with a pocket on the inside of the socks! It's great to hide money or jewelry, etc., in, and when you wear them it's not noticeable! Thanks for the two gifts!

FLASH! Here's the latest on the "Ankles Away, '85" show! Tickets are now being sold. A bit early, but it's first come, first choice. It will be a show of shows! All local IHC actors and actresses. Check the dates now! You may want to see it twice! Starts Thursday, Nov. 7! Show on Nov. 9 also, with a Sunday matinee and evening performance. And believe it or not, seven of the local cast have been on Broadway! Names later! More later!

A cutie! A sign on a Chinese restaurant: "All You Can Eat — 50¢. Only one chopstick per customer!"... And another goodie! There is another restaurant that is soooo high class, they even make gravy to match the vest!

Let's make Earl Smallbach's eyes light up! Mention the word "Cory"! It's one of the best tasting coffees and he sells it! (Earl, you have the item that sells from the 'ground' up!)...**FLASH!** Mazel tov to lovely Rae Lipken, celebrating a birthday with a luncheon given by her many friends and her sister, Shirley Schuchman, at the Hollyhock! It's great to write about happy affairs. Congrats, Rae!

FLASH! An attorney often refused to go to parties with his wife, because so many people spoiled his evening by asking his advice on legal matters. So the attorney asked his good friend the doctor: "Does this happen to you?" and the doctor said: "All the time." "How do you get rid of these people?" asked the lawyer. The doctor replied with a smile: "I have a wonderful remedy. When someone begins telling me their ailment, I stop them with one word. Undress!"

Julie Goldsmith recently joined the staff at Fairbanks Hospital as Marketing Director. She comes to Fairbanks from the Office of the Governor where she worked as Public Affairs Advisor.

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Old papers: Hooverwood rips 'em up

The Hooverwood Work Activities Center (W.A.C.) is always looking for work to keep their residents busy. They love the work, in addition to getting paid cash to do it. What has been done previously such as: mailings, collating, filing, sorting and more are difficult jobs to get anymore. Hooverwood

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(Continued from page IN 1) their lives would be in jeopardy.

If the government had hoped to intimidate the churches and synagogues, it's about to be proven wrong. "The church is a peculiar institution," the Rev. John Fife, one of the six clergymen indicted, told the press. "It always responds to pressure with renewed vigor. Governments never understand that."

Acting out of humanitarian tradition, the churches and synagogues are mounting a direct challenge to government political policy. It's the inflexible attitude of the INS that those fleeing Central Americans who now are immigrating illegally are not true political refugees but are people seeking a better economic life. Similar things were said about Jews fleeing Germany.

We strongly disagree. We feel that to send refugees

back is to endanger their lives. Those American citizens who have been indicted will be making the case in their trial that the Central Americans they're accused of smuggling and harboring illegally should be considered legal political refugees under the U.S. Refugee Act of 1980, the Geneva Convention on the treatment of civilians during war, and the U.N. Protocols on Refugees, to which the U.S. is a signatory.

The evidence strongly suggests that the refugees should be considered the victims of political oppression and treated with this country's traditional humanity.

We Jews are particularly sensitive to this. We, too, have been unwanted pariahs sent back to lands of persecution and death. We are commanded in Exodus to "Remember the heart of the stranger, for you, too, were strangers in the Land of Egypt."

papers like no longer needed cancelled checks, old leases, or anything that has your signature or name on it and is of no further value. The Shredder will take any paper up to 18 inches wide (or they can double or triple it) up to 22 sheets at a time. One machine makes work for two of the Hooverwood residents and they hope to get more machines in the future.

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Beethoven Foundation to begin third season

The Beethoven Foundation, with national headquarters in Indianapolis, will again present the Beethoven Foundation Discovery Series I at Christ Church Cathedral on Monument Circle. The first program of this popular 45-minute recital series will be sponsored by American Fletcher National Bank on August 22, at 12:00 noon. The concert is designed to accommodate the lunch times of downtowners and is free to the public. Dmitry Rachmanov, 1985 Fellow, will be the featured artist.

Dmitry Rachmanov is a 1985 Beethoven Foundation Fellowship Winner and was awarded the A T & T grant. Both fellowship and grant are concurrent for three years and provide career development through financial and study grants, recitals and symphony orchestra engagements and Beethoven Foundation sponsorship to piano competitions abroad.

Mr. Rachmanov attended Mannes College in New York

City and received the Bachelor of Music and Master of Music degrees from the Juilliard School of Music. He is currently pursuing studies for his Doctoral degree at the Manhattan School of Music where he is studying with Arkady Aronov. His former teachers include Nadia Reisenberg and Alexander Eydelman.

On an international level, Mr. Rachmanov won high honors in Italy, where he participated in the Senigallia Piano Competition and the E. Pazzolli Competition. In 1983, Mr. Rachmanov won first prize at the Piano Teachers Congress in New York City.

Mr. Rachmanov's New York City Carnegie Recital Hall debut was made in April of 1984.

Mr. Rachmanov's program for his August 22 performance will include: Sonata No. 13 in A major, D. 664 by Schubert, L'Isle Joyeuse by Debussy and Five Preludes by Rachmaninoff.

Fairbanks Hospital announces the promotion of James Schroeder to Director, Greenwood Counseling Center. He has been employed as

a counselor at Fairbanks Hospital for the past two years and is a graduate of Indiana University School of Social Work.

BIRTHS

Cantor and Mrs. Ira Schnali became the parents of a daughter, Gila, on August 12. The baby was born at St. Vincent Hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mittel and Mrs. Anna Schnall, New York. Great-grandmother is Mrs. Kuni Mittel. The name giving service was held at the B'nai Torah synagogue on August 15. The Schnall's other children are Shlomo Dov 9, Adina 7, and Aryeh 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary L. Miller announce the birth of twin daughters, Miriam Rachel and Leah Elizabeth, on August 4 at Indiana University Hospital. Mrs. Miller is the former Rebecca Ann Green. Maternal grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Oscar Green, Carmel and Judge and Mrs. Stanley B. Miller.

Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William B. Miller.

Jason Spector to be Bar Mitzvah

Jason Howard Spector, son of Lawrence and Carolyn Spector, will become Bar Mitzvah at services Saturday, Aug. 31 at Congregation B'nai Torah. Jason, a student at Northview Middle School, previously attended the Hebrew Academy and graduated from the Bureau of Jewish Education.

Jason's activities include diving. He placed third in the finals of the Indiana White River Park State Games in 1984 at the I.U. Natatorium. Jason plays the drums in the school band and enjoys participating in basketball and soccer.

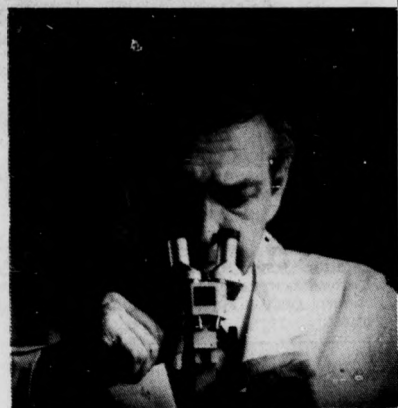
Hostesses will be Mrs. Blanche Kraus, maternal grandmother; Mrs. Dorothy Abraham, and Mrs. Libby Fogle.

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Hate station in court

A Kansas radio station that has come under fire for anti-Semitic and anti-black broadcasts has won a round in a legal battle to renew its broadcast license.

In a ruling, the Federal Communications Commission reaffirmed a prior finding that the broadcasts could not be used to deny the station's application for renewal. The license of the station, KTTL-FM, in Dodge City, had been challenged by local residents, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the National Black Media Coalition.

Those groups contended that the station, which is owned by Charles and Nellie Babbs, had acted irresponsibly by broadcasting several hundred hours of programming that attacked Jews and blacks and urged disregard for the law. The groups also claimed that the station had violated the Federal requirement that air time be given to differing opinions on matters of public concern.

The FCC, finding that the station is protected under the First Amendment, has limited an administrative law judge to the determination of whether

the station's owners were in violation of commission standards when they were found by a Kansas court to be in violation of state tax laws. If the owners are found in violation of Federal standards, the judge may fine the station and recommend whether to renew the station's license.

Reaction to the FCC's ruling from the Anti-Defamation League was sharp. Nathan Perlmutter, in a text released to news organizations, said: "Broadcasts which urge listeners to 'get violent, start making doissiers, names, addresses, phone numbers, car license numbers, on every damn Jew rabbi in this land, and every Anti-Defamation League leader... (to) get these roadblock locations, where you can set up ambushes and get it all working now' must be grounds for refusing to renew a station's license to broadcast."

He added: "The Anti-Defamation League does not regard (the) FCC action as the final word on this matter... There will be further legal proceedings and the ADL plans to be involved."



WHAT'S IN A NAME? — Avital could well become a popular girl's name in the Jewish community, following the lead of Rabbi Irvin and Margie Ungar who have named their daughter after Avital Shecharansky, wife of Anatoly, who the Soviet authorities refuse to permit to emigrate despite one of the strongest protests ever for a Jewish prisoner of conscience. At the naming ceremony where this picture was taken, cards were signed by those in attendance for transmission to Soviet officials and President Reagan appealing for the release of the Jewish activist.

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Anti-Semitism not significant

New era of vitality for American Jewry

NEW YORK — American Judaism is entering an unprecedented period of vitality and strength, according to a well-known Jewish author.

In stark contrast to those who have forecast a gloomy future for American Jewry, the award-winning writer, Charles E. Silberman, has found that anti-Semitism is no longer a significant factor in Jewish life, that the commitment to Judaism is stronger than ever before, and that a new era of opportunity for American Jews is beginning.

"American Jews are going through a period of extraordinary ferment," writes Silberman in his controversial new book, "A Certain People: American Jews and Their Lives Today." The book, published by Summit Books, will be available in bookstores at the beginning of September.

Contrasting today's society with that of a generation ago, Silberman shatters many of the beliefs still held in regard to the Jewish community.

For instance, Silberman asserts that anti-Semitism is no longer a significant factor in the life of American Jews. He

points out that anti-Semitism is limited to the individual because there are powerful prohibitions that prevent anti-Semitism from becoming of fiscal policy.

"America really is different," Silberman writes, "different in kind, not just degree from any society in which Jews have ever lived." Citing the absence of any increase in anti-Semitism during the controversy surrounding President Reagan's visit to Bitburg cemetery and, more recently, the absence of any such anti-Semitic backlash during the TWA hostage crisis — as some had predicted — Silberman suggests that American resistance to such prejudice and hatred is far stronger than had been realized.

Furthermore, as Silberman maintains in "A Certain People," which is based on six years of interviews and research, American Judaism is stronger and more vital than ever. While recognizing that the openness of American society has had some harmful effects on Judaism, Silberman writes: "An open society makes it easier for Jews to abandon their Jewishness, to be sure,

but it also reduces the temptation to try, for Jewishness no longer is perceived as a burden, still less as an embarrassment, as it was a generation ago."

Silberman suggests that the Jewish community today is in the early stages of a major renaissance. The women's movement, he writes, is likely to be the most important source of religious renewal in this country.

He takes to task doomsayers who have foretold the dissolution of American Jewry through a high intermarriage rate and a low birth rate. Based on his own demographic analysis of two third of Jews in this country, Silberman has found that the intermarriage rate is lower and the birth rate is higher than is generally assumed. In addition, he finds intermarriage is far less harmful to the community than had been thought. At worst, Silberman says, it will lead to a slight reduction in the numbers of Jews, but it could also bring about an increase in numbers.

One of Silberman's central tenets is that there is a growing acceptance of Jews

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Jewish education needs cooperation between fundraisers and researchers

DE KALB, Ill. — Research in Jewish education, which is urgently needed to improve the quality of schools and teachers, is floundering for lack of coordination between researchers and the funding and policy making bodies of the Jewish community, it was asserted at a two-day seminar on the subject recently.

The seminar was part of the Coalition for Alternatives in Jewish Education's (CAJE) 10th annual conference, which brought together 2,000 educators from around the globe.

A major concern of all the seminar participants was the need for a network of communication that would involve all parts of the Jewish community that have a stake in Jewish education —

funders, policy makers, educators, and researchers. A concomitant need, it was agreed, was for one or more clearing houses or centers of information that would record research completed or in progress, and thereby avoid duplication of time and effort, as well as affording an opportunity for matching people with common interests.

Up to now, most researchers have been working individually, with only minimum knowledge of what their colleagues might be investigating.

As a specific step toward building a Jewish research network, the researchers at the CAJE session agreed to constitute themselves as the beginning of such a network, and to extend that network through personal con-

tacts and the provision of lists for special solicitations by mail.

Speaking from a funder's point of view, Dr. Feldstein of the Council of Jewish Federations, cautioned the group to keep in mind that federations are oriented to action, and will usually fund research only if it relates to practice.

"They will never be a rich source for basic research," he stated, "but for projects the door is more open than you realize."

He urged researchers to "build credibility by committing yourselves to greater rigor," and pointed out that those who have already established reputations for accuracy and accountability can always be assured of a fair hearing and a potentially favorable decision.

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Arabs driven from Israeli beaches

On at least three occasions recently, Arabs have been driven from public beaches by Jewish thugs or public facilities administrators simply because they were Arabs. According to a report in the London Jewish Chronicle, the incidents occurred in Tel Aviv, Netanya and Maayan Harold. The Arab swimmers were told to leave because "We say so. And because you are Arabs."

Worst monthly inflation rate ever

Israel lost another round to inflation as it reported the worst monthly inflation ever last month. The Central Bureau of Statistics recorded a 27.5 percent surge in inflation but said that such an increase was predicted when the government announced its emergency economic measures in July. Prices were inflated by a devaluation of the shekel and by cuts in government food subsidies, which were part of the economic package. Officials predicted at the time the austerity program was announced that the inflation rate for August would be substantially reduced.

Israelis build African church

An Israeli construction firm, Solel Boneh, working in a joint venture with the government of the Ivory Coast, built the second largest cathedral in the world, which was dedicated recently by Pope John Paul II on his tour of Africa. The cathedral, which can hold about 6,000 people, cost \$15 million to build. Solel Boneh officials were present at the dedication ceremony and were presented to the Pope, according to a Jewish Telegraphic Agency report.

Israelis, please come home

Israel will soon be using high technology incentives to bring home a number of Israelis who are living abroad. Four job fairs will be held on the North American continent, during which some 20 Israeli firms will be looking for Israeli engineers and other highly-skilled workers. Also, Jerusalem and the United States will be linked by satellite so that a program can be shown in which representatives of Israeli firms can discuss their personnel needs and Israelis abroad can present their credentials. Predictions suggest that up to 30,000 Israelis will emigrate this year.

Largest Hebrew program opens

Israel's largest summer ulpan (Hebrew language instruction program) has opened at the Rothberg School for Overseas Students of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, with an enrollment of some 750 students from all over the world, including some from the Far East, as well as Ethiopian immigrants. The ulpan will continue until Sept. 27 and includes intensive daily instruction in Hebrew language, at six different levels of proficiency, as well as field trips to significant sites in the country and informal educational and social programs. Many of the students in the ulpan live in the University's dormitories on Mount Scopus. This is the 22d consecutive year that the ulpan has been in operation for overseas students at the Hebrew University.

Robot for handicapped being developed

Researchers at the Technion are developing a robot that will run errands, fetch objects, and serve and cook, according to a Jewish Telegraphic Agency report. The robot will respond to verbal commands and will be capable of doing a variety of tasks for the physically handicapped. For instance, a telephone link will allow the robot to dial phone numbers on request if an emergency occurs. A robot eye, similar to that of a range finder on a camera, will enable it to see. Target retail price is \$10,000.

Largest academic conference in Jerusalem

The world's largest gathering of academics in all areas of Jewish studies is being held in Jerusalem. Some 900 scholars in Jewish studies have assembled on the Mt. Scopus Campus of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem for the ninth World Congress of Jewish Studies. The conference, which is held every four years, began on August 5 and is scheduled to last four weeks.

'Zionism is racism' prof denied tenure

NEW YORK — A professor at the State University at Stony Brook, L.I., who taught a course linking Zionism with racism, has been denied tenure by the university and will be forced to leave at the end of the coming academic year.

The professor, Ernest Dube, a native of black South Africa who joined the faculty at Stony Brook in 1977, first became the center of controversy two years ago after a visiting Israeli professor wrote a letter to the administration, stating that Dube's linking of Zionism and racism was "sloganeering practiced by the anti-Semite."

The Israeli professor, Selwyn Troen, who said at the time that he had never talked with Professor Dube, nor attended his classes, based his

accusations on the course syllabus and the complaint of a student in the course. According to a report in The New York Times, the syllabus read in part: "Fifth Week: the three forms of racism and how they have manifested themselves. 1. Nazism in Germany. 2. Apartheid in South Africa. 3. Zionism in Israel."

Professor Dube, according to the account in the Times, said that he linked Zionism with racism because he believed that there was a tendency of people who had been victims to, in turn, victimize others. He said that he taught that many Israeli Jews, the victims of Nazi persecution, had developed racist attitudes towards the Arabs.

In announcing the decision to deny Dube tenure, the

university said that the controversy over his teachings did not enter consideration. In a statement, the president of the school, Dr. John M. Marburger 3rd, said: "I have concluded that external pressures did not affect the recommendations that were transmitted to me."

What is unusual is that Professor Dube had already been approved for tenure by all the academic committees, and was not turned down until the matter reached the administrative level.

At the time of the first charges against Professor Dube, a special committee was formed to investigate the affair, and that committee found that Professor Dube had not overstepped the bounds of academic freedom.

Florida's wandering Yiddish teacher

By HY WHITE

LAKE WORTH, Fla. — Yiddish, like the Jewish people in times of persecution, refuses to die.

Free-lance teacher Lou Mass is doing his part to keep it alive. At the Lucerne Pointe clubhouse, west of here, he recently gave one of the numerous classes he provides to those who want, as he put it, "to keep the torch going to keep the spark alive."

Why do the people come

to his classes? They say they want to recapture the language and feeling of their youth when they heard Yiddish spoken in their homes.

How does Mass keep the folks interested?

He tells stories about himself and the early Jewish neighborhoods and has the class sing Yiddish songs. Before long the members are talking Yiddish to one another. One student, Howard Cwick, 61, of Lake Worth, revealed that he grew up in a house-

hold so religious that one of his jobs was to tear the toilet paper into squares before the High Holy Days.

Then he added, "We're looking for warmth. It's the natural trait of Yiddishkeit."

Yiddish, Mass says, reflects the wanderings of the Jewish people, tracing it back to the 10th century, moving from France and Italy to Germany. Later picking up words from a number of languages, including Polish, Russian and of course English.

Mass gives about 15 classes a year in Yiddish and poetry at community schools, condominium clubhouses, private schools, and wherever else he can find 10 or 15 people who want to sign up.

"I believe that Yiddish will survive," Mass said. "It would be tragic if it did not. Hebrew is the language of my ancestors, but Yiddish is the language of my parents."

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Mengele team preparing final report

By MAURIE H. ORODENKER

Wilmington, Del. — As the American forensic team of scientists gathered here this week to prepare its final report on the identification of the remains of Nazi war criminal Dr. Josef Mengele, Ellis R. Kerley, a member of the team, said the evidence is so overwhelming that it is almost impossible that the remains would be that of someone else.

Kerley said the odds against someone else having all the characteristics used to identify Dr. Mengele approached "infinity." The group is meeting at the offices of Dr. Ali Z. Hameli, Delaware's state medical examiner, who was a member of the six-man team.

Although team members did not expect any changes from their preliminary report issued in June from Sao Paulo, Brazil. Dr. Hameli said the group did hope to find more medical evidence to further confirm their findings. One section of their final report, he said, would be left open for additional evidence.

Leslie Lukash, chief medical examiner in Nassau County, N.Y., a member of the team, said he believed full justice had not been accomplished in the Mengele case, and that he would continue to seek out those who aided the doctor. Lukash pointed out that while he is convinced that Mengele is dead, the crimes that he committed with his associates should not be forgotten.

Dr. Hameli said there were at least 24 consistent points of comparison that led the forensic scientist to agree that the exhumed remains found in a grave in Embut, Brazil, were those of Dr. Mengele. Their final report will include a more detailed and scientific account of their work and the evidence supporting Mengele's identification.

The forensic scientists were sent to Brazil by the Simon Wiesenthal Center, the

U.S. Marshal Service, and the U.S. Department of Justice.

Perlmutter: Jews think "worst"

NEW YORK — Nathan Perlmutter, national director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, said recently that some American Jews may be disposed to "believing the worst."

In an article reviewing events of the summer, prepared for publication in the October issue of the ADL Bulletin, the agency's national publication, Mr. Perlmutter cited as examples the hijacking of the TWA airliner and events following reports of the death of Nazi

war criminal Josef Mengele.

"I was troubled," Mr. Perlmutter wrote, "by the way some Jews hastily jumped to the conclusion that Uli Derickson had fingered Jewish hostages for the Shiite hijackers." Calling her a "genuine heroine," he went on to tell of a "related feeling of puzzlement at the alacrity with which some rejected the forensic evidence of Mengele's remains. 'Is it possible,' Mrs. Perlmutter wrote, 'that some of us have an emotionally vested interest in believing the worst?'"

Rabbi signs advertisement supporting Reverend Moon

NEW YORK — Rabbi Richard L. Rubenstein, a professor at Florida State University at Tallahassee and the author of the landmark book, "After Auschwitz — Radical Theology and Contemporary Judaism," has signed an advertisement in support of Rev. Sun Myung New Moon.

The advertisement, which appeared in The New York Times on August 14, was titled "Proud to Know Him," and stated that "...the world is a better place because of Rev. Moon's work. It needs more people like him — people that not only propose solutions, but also inspire others to work in a world of justice."

Rubenstein, who is teaching at the University of Virginia this fall, could not be reached by phone to comment.

An expert on the cult movement in the United States, Rabbi Maurice Davis of White Plains, N.Y. said that Rubenstein writes for the Washington Times, a paper owned by the Moon organization and lectures at the Moon seminary in New York.

Rabbi Davis said that the pace of Moon's recruiting of Jewish youth had not declined in recent years as many believe, but that the Jewish community was more on guard against cults. Rabbi Davis said he receives many calls from parents seeking to extricate their children from the Moonies as they are commonly known.

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Kahane denounced by American groups

NEW YORK — Twelve major American Jewish organizations have denounced Israel Knesset member Meir Kahane on the eve of a month-long visit to the United States. According to a report in The New York Times, the statement, which was signed by the heads of the 12 organizations, expressed their: "total and unequivocal rejection of violence, racism, demagoguery and hate-mongering." Kahane advocates the expulsion of all Arabs for Israel, and his party, Kach, which now holds one seat in the Knesset, is shown by Israeli pollsters to be increasingly popular in Israel. The groups signing the statement were: American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, B'nai B'rith, Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, Hadassah, Jewish Labor Committee, Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A., National Council of Jewish Women, Union of American Hebrew Congregations, United Synagogue of America, Women's League for Conservative Judaism and Women's American ort. No Orthodox Jewish groups signed the statement.

Bomb injures man once accused on Nazi past

NEW JERSEY — The leader of a radical Jewish organization has applauded the bomb attack on a man once accused by the Justice Department of concealing his membership in the Waffen SS. The man, Tschermir Soobzokov, who became a citizen in 1961, was critically injured when a bomb exploded at his home here. Although the special investigations unit of the Justice Department charged Soobzokov, now 61, with falsifying the record of his war time activities, the unit later withdrew the charges. Mordechai Levy of the Jewish Defense Organization, said that none of the members of his group were involved in the attack but: "The only thing I regret is that he is still alive. Whoever did it did a righteous act." Levy had recently denounced Soobzokov during a speech at a nearby synagogue, and said his group had been planning demonstrations outside Soobzokov's home.

Settlement approved in Sotheby's sale

NEW YORK — A New York judge has approved the settlement that the state Attorney General and Sotheby's auction house had reached last month concerning the disputed sale of rare Hebrew books and manuscripts. The agreement stipulated that the prestigious auction house would waive all profits from the sale of the 59 items and repurchase the books and manuscripts from buyers to be distributed to public institutions. Hebrew Union College protested at that time the agreement, saying that its professor emeritus, Dr. Alexander Guttman, who smuggled the books out of Nazi Germany more than 40 years ago, should not receive the \$900,000 he is awarded under the agreement because he never owned the books. According to a report in The New York Times, a lawyer for the college said that in light of the approval of the settlement the school would evaluate whether to take further steps.

Halacha forbids husband in delivery room

NEW YORK — Orthodoxy has issued a ban forbidding the presence of Jewish men in the delivery room when their wives are giving birth, according to a report by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. At one time the practice had been approved by a leading authority on Halacha, but the new ban in the form of an "isur" was issued at a special meeting of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada to counter the growing trend. The statement issued read in part: "The practice goes against the grain of halacha and violates the precious trait of zniut (modesty)."

Researchers identify defective gene

NEW YORK — Members of an international research team believe that they have identified a genetic fault that is the cause of a disorder that primarily affects Ashkenazic Jews. The disorder, which involves overgrowth of the adrenal glands, is known as nonclassical adrenal hyperplasia. Researchers believe that the genetic disease is the most common disorder caused by hidden defective genes that has yet been discovered, according to a report in The New York Times. Estimates suggest that about one in every 30 Ashkenazi Jews carries the defective gene. Although it is not fatal, the disease can cause infertility, premature sexual development, and other symptoms. Once the disorder is identified the patient can be treated with cortisole to remove the symptoms. Researchers claim that this finding could lead to important insights into the prevention and treatment of cancer and immunological disorders.

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Havurah on the West Coast

By ELLEN MARY SCHANTZ

In Los Angeles it seems that everyone is from somewhere else.

The influx of people from other areas has given this city the second largest Jewish population in the country. It has also created a Jewish population which, like many other ethnic and religious groups, feels alienated because it lacks old family and neighborhood ties.

But that is changing rapidly with the growth of the havurah movement, which began to spread here during the 1970s. The movement, taking its name from the Hebrew word for fellowship, operated at first through prayer groups outside the synagogue structure. Havurot gradually evolved into instruments for furthering education in Jewish history and tradition, for enhancing Jewish pride and for providing a sense of community.

At the beginning of this month, the Los Angeles havurah movement came of age when the city hosted

the first Summer Havurah Institute ever held on the West Coast. Jews on the East Coast have always regarded Los Angeles as "hicksville," a step-child without influence in the Jewish world, according to Rabbi Harold Schulweis of Valley Beth Shalom congregation in Encino.

"Holding the conference here is a recognition of the shifting intellectual and spiritual dynamism taking place in Jewish life in this country," he explained.

In the past, havurah institutes have been held on the East Coast or in the Midwest. This time more than 150 adults from 23 states and Canada came West for four days of lectures and workshops. Special programs were also designed for 25 children who attended.

Even before the Catholic laity began asserting itself after Vatican II, liberal Jews founded the havurah movement on the East Coast in the 1960s. They were disenchanted with the inflexibility

of traditional American Judaism, which sometimes gives the rabbinate control over community life.

"It gave lay people a chance to explore their Jewishness without having to depend on professionals," Schulweis said. "Havurah marks the emergence of the Jewish lay person."

Havurah was originally an anti-establishment response to the strictures of traditional Judaism, but it too has developed its own institutions, explained Peggy Brill of the National Havurah Committee, a New York-based organization that co-sponsored the institute with the Jewish Federation Council of Greater Los Angeles Council on Jewish Life.

"We have a national committee, a magazine and a concern for intra-Jewish relationships among the various Jewish factions," Brill said. They must avoid becoming elitist and remain open to all kinds of input, (Continued On Page 7)

Progressive Judaism comes of age

Two movements, Havurah and B'nai Or, have attempted to widen further Judaism's mainstream. Offering a contemporary, liberal, progressive outlook Havurah and B'nai Or have each attracted followers who are alienated from Judaism's more conservative, traditional beliefs. Separately, but with a similar aim, they have tried to bring Judaism into the modern world, and have thus changed the complexion of what we collectively refer to as American Judaism.

By BEN COHEN

Jews from across the country gathered at Cabrini College near Philadelphia recently for a Kallah, a Jewish gathering for learning, sharing, and reinvigoration of Jewish spirit. The Kallah was sponsored by B'nai Or, a non-profit Jewish fellowship founded in 1962 and dedicated to expanding and enhancing Jewish experience.

The founder of B'nai Or and central figure at the Kallah was Reb Zalman Shachter, who was born in Poland in 1924, and ordained at the Lubavitch Yeshiva in New York in 1947. Deeply interested in Jewish mysticism, Shachter widened his spiritual understanding by exploring various religions, psychology, and the human potential movement. He has blended his diverse background into a spiritually rich Hassidic and Kabbalistic Judaism.

Shachter is also a professor of religion at Temple University, and teaches at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College (RRC) in Philadelphia. Well-loved as teacher, author, mystic and pioneer of new age Judaism, Reb Zalman applies mystical and spiritual teaching to practical daily living.

Before-breakfast davening and after-dinner entertainment, including plays, music and dance, framed the heart of the Kallah: the classes and workshops.

Several classes during the gathering which took place from July 1 to 7, focused on body disciplines for spiritual uplift. Dance, yoga and

B'nai Or on the East Coast



A Torah reading at the B'nai Or gathering

even a karate class taught by novelist Rhonda Shapiro-Reiser, were among the offerings.

"The idea of turning evil into good is a Jewish one," she said, "and that's what we do in Karate: a fight is turned into a...sort of dance. Traditionally, the Jewish people have put a lot more value on developing their minds than their bodies. But the body can really teach the mind and the spirit."

Jewish renewal is closely allied with the growing women's movement.

For instance, one class explored feminist ideas in Jewish writings, and another examined the history of women's religious expression through dance, words and song. Also, a play about an Eastern European Jewish woman's struggle for liberation made the message avail-

able to everyone.

Equal rights for all was the theme on Independence Day. After a picnic on the college grounds, a bearded young man wearing a yarmulke read the Declaration of Independence. Then a woman wearing a tallis read the Torah portion in Exodus describing the midwives, Shiphrah and Puah, who refused to obey Pharaoh's order to kill the male Jewish infants.

"At B'nai Or we feel strongly that a good spiritual life has to have a political action component," said Mordechai Lieblich, co-director of B'nai Or and Kallah coordinator. "We work very closely with New Jewish Agenda and the Shalom Center at RRC." The Shalom Center has been established to help prevent nuclear holocaust, and its director, Arthur Waskow, led (Continued On Page 6)

Less charities, more dollars

By RABBI ALAN WEITZMAN

The recent series of articles your columnist wrote on his visit to Eastern Europe resulted in a number of responses from our readers.



Many individuals expressed appreciation that there was a focus on some of the Jewish communities in that area. There were requests that articles be written on Poland, Czechoslovakia and other countries. There were feelings that more must be done to help our brothers and sisters. They must be given hope and financial assistance. Some people even suggested that a major campaign should be launched.

All of these suggestions are meritorious. The question is where and how do you begin? We are already solicited by a large number of charities in the Jewish and non-Jewish community. We are asked to belong to synagogues, centers and service organizations. We are asked to buy ambulances for Jewish hospitals, endow wings for universities, plant forests and trees in Israel. The list is endless, and some of us wear different hats. At one moment we are the solicitors for funds, and the next moment we are being tapped by someone for another cause.

It would take Solomonic wisdom to solve the problem.

However, there are some directions that may be pursued to help develop an approach, or a philosophy. From my vantage point, the list has to be expanded, and constantly scrutinized. We have to be able to add a concern for Eastern Europe, and cut back on another cause. We have to be made more aware of how our dollars are used. Americans are generous and sometimes they give without fully knowing or understanding how the gifts will be used.

There is also an urgent necessity for the Federation, both nationally and locally, to devise a process where all the organizations and institutions requesting help will be brought under this umbrella. In other words, you only give to one charity and everything is taken from this general fund. This is difficult, but not impossible.

In our small community of Reading, Penn., we could say all the dollars go to the United Jewish Appeal campaign, and if you want assistance for your group, you must approach the Federation for funding. This may also be a way of increasing the UJA Drive. Some people may want their dollars allocated to special causes. They may not be the big givers to Israel, but may want to contribute to help Russian Jewry or another cause. The task is monumental, but if we do not begin somewhere needy groups will go begging and all of us will continue to be bargared by countless requests for dollars.

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Boy's transplanted organs give life to many others

PALM BEACH, FL — A tragedy for one family was the hope of life for a number of other families.

Four days after his car was struck by another vehicle, 17-year-old Richard "Rick" Alexander hovered near death, with no hope for recovery, and during that time his heart, eyes, kidneys, pancreas and bone tissues were made available to give life to others.

At death, his heart went to Lewis Lanier, III, of Delray Beach; one kidney went to a 39-year-old Miami woman and another went to a woman living in Puerto Rico. The pancreas will be used for as many as eight people, and the eyes were donated within 24 hours.

"My wife and I made the decision the night of the accident to donate Rick's organs for transplants," John

Alexander told The Palm Beach Jewish World. "We wanted to relieve some of the suffering in this world. I don't know much about Talmudic teaching, but I think this is the essence of Judaism."

Rabbi Samuel Silver, who had officiated at Rick's bar mitzvah and at the wedding of his parents, officiated at the funeral.

Roger E. Sher

NEW YORK — Roger E. Sher, president of the Louise Wise Services, died here.

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Back to school: choosing courses

By JACOB NEUSNER

The week students come back to college stands still in time, no past, no future. Everything is possible, nothing threatens.



Among the students going back to college this week and next are thousands of young Jews. So let me speak this week as a teacher and talk to the college students, who are my life.

Next week, classes start, reality returns, and there is work to be done.

What work do students have to accomplish in this enchanted week, this week in which time stands still? It is to choose their courses for the coming semester.

Choose courses so that, a month from now, there still will be courses you want to follow to the end.

Now, when all things still seem possible, here is some advice on choosing courses. It all comes down to one word of advice: Nothing ventured, nothing gained. Take risks.

•Try something you have never studied, not a subject but a whole discipline.

In high school and in earlier years in college, you had English, history, foreign languages, math. But have you tried anthropology, geology, philosophy, Classics, studio art, or even the far-outs like Egyptology, Afro-American Studies, Theater Arts, Women's Studies, and Judaic Studies? Probably not. So: try it, you'll like it.

•Take courses that make points, not the ones that just tell you things.

Show and tell is for kids. A course will sustain your interest, even down into the depths of December, if for you and the teacher, there is something at stake. If a course merely informs or enlightens you, set that one aside in favor of a course with an argument, a polemic, a problem to solve, a point to make.

So, when considering a course, ask, Where's the beef?

•Look for courses that make a difference to you. The hardest job you have in college? It is to build a bridge between growth and learning, between where you are as a human being and what you are doing as a student.

Your inner feelings, your relationship to other students, your concerns about the future — these fill up reality. But

here we stand, in front of you, professors telling you things. Nearly everything we tell you has to do with a world out there, not with a world in here. Professors will not talk about how you feel and what worries you. There is a natural conflict of interest between studying and being.

So, when thinking about courses, ask, What's in it for me?

•A special word to freshmen: this is not high school, and your job is not to go farther along paths you've already walked. Here are five criteria for success in choosing your courses this year.

•At least one course each semester will allow you to

•At least one course each semester will be really hard, whether that means math or music, physics or philosophy: you will have to use your mind, not just memorize things.

•At least one course each semester will involve someone to read your writing carefully and critically.

•At least one course each semester will be fun.

Welcome back to college. This is the best week of the academic year, so enjoy it. The hard part is ahead. It comes in the months when the excitement is past, the learning under way, the reason for taking a course forgotten — or self-evident. But

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know a professor, meaning, the course will have fewer than 30 students. Risk upper level courses, obscure or odd courses, if the teacher reaches you and tells you important things.

•At least one course each semester will cover a subject you never heard of before you came to college. You get extra points if your parents think you are crazy for taking it.

if at a time of hope you make hopeful decisions, the semester before you will prove worth your time and trouble.

The best thing that can happen is for you to care about your studies, find that they matter to you in the things that really count. The worst thing that can happen is that you will merely learn this and that about one thing or another.

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Israel's hard-hitting version of "60 Minutes"

By JAY ROSS

There is a nationally acclaimed television program which has topped the TV rating chart here for years. In investigating fraud, deception and other illegal practices, the program often seems to wield more power and influence than many government ministries. Those whom the show finds guilty of wrongdoing can expect to face ridicule at best, and at worst a possible jail sentence. The show's popular host, an aggressive newsmen who knows what constitutes a good story, is recognized throughout the country.

In Israel people know the above description could only refer to "Kolbotek", a weekly 30-minute show which is largely devoted to defending consumer rights. That description is inadequate, however, if only for the reason that prior to "Kolbotek" there was no widespread awareness in Israel that something like "consumer rights" even existed. Today, Israelis know better. And "Kolbotek", something of a cross between Ralph Nader and "60 Minutes", continued to expose price-gouging, false advertising, graft, corruption and governmental incompetence.

"In my opinion, 'Kolbotek' today has too much influence," comments Rafi Ginat, the show's host, producer and editor. "We can destroy a business or a factory within a few minutes, and 'Kolbotek' has been responsible in the past for closing several companies."

That assessment by Ginat, who has been the driving force behind "Kolbotek" for the past six years (the show

annual study conducted by the nation's most prestigious pollsters, 94.6 percent of television owners watch the show on a regular basis. Only the nightly news gets a higher rating. The next highest show this past year after "Kolbotek" was "Dallas", with a rating of 80 percent. Moreover, "Kolbotek's" audience has been steadily growing for years. "That figure is simply unheard of in the United States or Britain," comments Ginat.

There are other methods of measuring the show's success. One is the amount of letters the staff receives each week from complainants who're seeking assistance and who turn, almost instinctively, to "Kolbotek." The nature of their complaint is a different matter.

"We get approximately 300 letters a week," comments Tzvia Weizman, assistant to the producer. "About 50 letters per day. Every one is read and receives a reply, though very few yield material which we can use."

Comments Benny Orr, one of the show's writers who, along with Tzvia, reads most of the letters sent each week: "We're satisfied if out of the 300 weekly letters, we find two which provide us with good material for a story." ("Good material" is defined by every "Kolbotek" staffer as that which meets at least two criteria: something which translates into a good visual story, well suited to the particular medium, and which contains an element of sufficient interest and importance so as to attract a wide audience.) In other words, it requires a lot of labor in order to find the nuggets which pan out.

"Many of the letters," continues Weizman, "are from people who feel they've been wronged but have no idea to who or where to turn, so they write to us. We often tell people, many of whom have limited education and have no idea that government agencies exist in order to investigate such complaints, who to contact and how. There are other people — real nudniks — who call us several times on the phone and demand that an investigation be launched immediately."

Letters which might make a good story are passed on to the producer, who confers with the staff. A recurring pattern of several complaints made against the same company often proves to be fruitful. Ginat finally decides which complaints will be investigated and then transformed into television reportage.

When "Israel Scene" was present, Weizman took some 15 letters at random from a large pile. One writer complained that his tele-

vision reception is faulty and that his set always goes on the blink just before his favorite shows are aired. No. Another letter writer noted that he hasn't yet received a response to the complaint he's written "Kolbotek" about one month earlier. One woman wrote that while walking through Jerusalem's Old City, she bit into a black olive "and nearly gagged from a taste of pesticide. Do we even know what we're eating in this country?" "Kolbotek" doesn't bite. Another complaint was sent



Assistant Tzvia Weizman

by someone who bought a used car but admitted to some complicity in what was an illegal transaction. No. ("Kolbotek" won't take on any stories in which the complainant was in the wrong," explains Weizman.) Another complaint concerned promises made by a building contractor which weren't honored, a familiar and woeful tale in this country. The last letter is a possibility, worthy of further attention. So it goes, every working day.

For "Kolbotek", controversy and success are mostly synonymous. Failure in this context may mean enormous law suits. If a particular story is inordinately controversial, Ginat will view it with Israel Television's director general and legal advisor prior to screening. Ninety-five percent of the time, says Ginat, the three see eye-to-eye and the number of shows which have been "spiked" can be counted on the fingers of one hand.

The program has been sued seven times, four of the suits having reached the High Court. One case is pending. Ginat takes pride in emphasizing that "Kolbotek" has yet to lose a case.

Among the more memorable episodes to date: the filming of a Communications Ministry employee as he was caught taking a \$500 bribe to install a telephone; a "wired" Tel Aviv optician who was threatened and coerced by a local cartel after he had voluntarily lowered his prices; a thorough investigation of a faulty General Motors' Oldsmobile which resulted in GM recalling all 250 of the diesel-powered cars and fully compensating the owners; and finally, a prize-winning exposure, one of the show's most controversial programs in which a well-

known organization claiming to carry out consumer surveys in order to determine the country's "most popular" stores was exposed selling a certificate of merit to a fictitious store "owned" by a "Kolbotek" staffer.

One additional program reveals, almost to a frightening degree, the extent of "Kolbotek's" influence. In order to promote conservation of electricity, "Kolbotek" presented a program five years ago in which viewers were urged to turn off, at a simultaneous specific moment, all household lights and appliances which were

wasting electricity. Lights went off at the same time all over the country and meters monitored on the spot showed a national reduction of drastic proportions. According to Ginat, the program — and result — was the first of its kind in the world.

It bears noting that the high-powered TV investigative journalists in the U.S. (such as Mike Wallace and Geraldo Rivera) are transformed into wealthy media superstars. No one has gotten rich from "Kolbotek's" success, for a simple reason. Israel Television, which is

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a class at the Kallah. Furthermore, an attitude conducive to world peace was evident in a class on 20th century Jewish mystic Rav Abraham Kook.

"Kook's quest in life," said class leader Rabbi Burt Jacobson, was for wholeness. He constantly sought to resolve the conflicts within himself and with others. In his teachings he sought to bring Arabs, Christians and Jews together."

Jewish renewal encourages exploring religions and ideas outside Judaism. The movement advocates openness to all peoples and ideas. In a nuclear age, the Jewish renewal movement believes a worldview which promotes understanding and open dialogue seems sensible.

The Kallah provided a vehicle for peace on inner planes as well. Many psychologists attended, and several classes blended Judaism, psychotherapy and humanistic psychology. One class showed how Hassidic tales were used as a counseling tool.

"The Hassidic rabbis knew it was better to avoid confronting a person with his problem directly," said one participant in the class. "So when someone came for advice, instead of telling him what to do, the Rebbe would say, 'I have no answer for you, but let me tell you this story,' and the story would contain the lesson."

Many rabbis and rabbinical students attending the meeting as well. A group of them formed a task force to create a siddur responsive to new age Judaism. "We're putting together a siddur that will make prayer and meditation inspiring — and easy for people to do," said Reb Zalmon Schacter.

One rabbi in attendance, Hanan Sills, is a circuit rabbi for several Oregon communities, and the director of an American moshav, Shivtei Shalom (Tribes of Peace).

It is situated on the lake property of an old summer camp in Dorena (near Eugene), Oregon, and hosts an annual summer retreat called "Joys of Jewishing."

"We hope the moshav will eventually become a western center for Jewish learning, healing and renewal," Sills said.

"There are so many classes and workshops to choose and so many people to get to know," one woman said, "that I'm getting run down."

A unique Shabbat was welcomed by all: An outdoor service Friday evening was led entirely by women. Based on the traditional Shabbat service, but rewritten with dance, poetry and song, the service melded beautifully into the twilight of Sabbath.

In addition, a well-received "coming out" ceremony of gays and lesbians attested to the openness and acceptance at the Kallah. In fact, as the week progressed, many people came out in the sense of sharing and opening themselves to each other, resulting in the creating of a loving and healing environment.

At the closing ceremony, a large painted urn was shattered. Everyone received a shard to take home and was asked to imagine the urn whole again. This was symbolic of a Kabbalistic tale in which the energy of God, at the dawn of creation, burst from the vessel containing it, sending sparks of light throughout the universe.

"It is our task," said Reb Zalmon, "to find those sparks in the world and reassemble them into the full light of God's creation."

"To make changes requires work," Kallah coordinator Mordechai Lieblich called to the large circle of hands surrounding the urn's broken remains, "social work, political work, inner work. That's what we mean by tikkun olam — repair of the world."



Producer Rafi Ginat

is 10 years old), needs to be analyzed carefully. He is neither threatening nor boasting — the program's results are a matter of public record. (The acting director of Israel Television has told the producer that "Kolbotek" is Israel Television's "Jewel in the Crown"). Mostly, though, Ginat is acknowledging the program's achievement — and expressing the concomitant responsibility he and other staffers must shoulder.

Just how popular is the show? The answer is astonishing, particularly when measured by American standards. According to an

U.S. Maccabians to play for Israel basketball teams

Two of the players on the U.S. Maccabiah basketball team have decided to accept offers to play for clubs in the highly competitive Israeli leagues. Howard Levy and Alan Dolensky have announced their intention of accepting offers from the Israeli teams and will stay in Israel.

The U.S. team defeated Israel by one point in one of the closest games in basketball history. The one point dividing the winners from the loser was hardly indicative.

The contest was universally acclaimed as the finest in the 53-year history of the Maccabiah Games. At the end of the first half, it seemed that the Americans would demolish their Israeli opponents. Shrinky says, "We put on a clinic." The score was 53-37.

The Israeli coach must have offered magical words to his players in the locker room because for the first eight minutes of the second half, they could not miss the

basket. A 20-point swing produced a four-point lead for the home team. Then, once again the momentum shifted, and the Americans re-established control.

With 18 seconds left, they had an eight-point lead, which seemed to be decisive. Until then, Doron Jumchee, the Israeli star who had averaged 50 points in the preceding games of the tournament, had been held to six points. In the next ten seconds, Jumchee scored seven, including four on a 40-foot shot in which he was fouled. Incredibly, the Israeli stole the next inbound pass and had Ari Rosenberg moving to the basket for a layup. However, at the last instant, Kenny Barer forced Rosenberg to alter his shot, and it fell harmlessly off the rim.

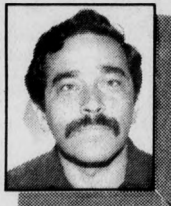
Although U.S. universities will lose two potential cage stars, several of the Israeli team members have been offered basketball scholarships at American schools.

SPORTS SCENE

Big league baseball

By SHELL WALLMAN

In professional baseball the pickings are slimmer than a world class fashion model. If the Jewish role grows much smaller there won't be



a Jewish role.

Major Leagues — For the first time in my memory, there are no Jewish players in the big leagues. Even worse, I don't know of any about to be brought up.

American Association — **Larry Rothschild (P)** — Iowa Cubs — from Chicago, Ill. Larry is a veteran pitcher, an ex-major leaguer, who is probably winding down his career.

Southern League — **Erez Borowsky** — Orlando Twins — from, of all places, Rues, Spain. Erez is a fine defensive catcher who must add some sting to his wing if he hopes to move up.

Class A — **Alan Ashkinazy** — Greensboro Hornets (SAL) — From Glen Oaks, N.Y. Alan debuted in the pros last year and failed to hit his weight. However, he stuck with it, has started to hit with authority and remains an excellent base stealer.

Jim Goldman — Butte Copper Kings (PL) — from St. Paul, Mn. Strangely, Jim was an excellent shortstop in college but is now being utilized as a pitcher in the pros.

Howie Manzoni — Kenosha Twins (MWL) — from Union, N.J. Larry has all the tools and now must produce in his rookie season.

Larry Schwartz — Tampa Tarpons (FSL) — from Huntington Station, N.Y. Larry was signed off the Seton Hall campus because of his 90+ MPH fastball.

We know of no other Jews in professional baseball.

It's a hot August evening as I work on this column, but as all sports fans know, the NFL season is drawing close. Let's take a look at the Jewish role for the NFL's 1985 season.

Four-time all-pro guard, Ed Newman of the Miami Dolphins, suffered severe ligament damage to his right knee during a pre-season exhibition game against Minnesota. Newman is expected to be in a cast for two months and will miss the entire season. A 12-year veteran who won out against two thyroid cancer operations in 1975, Ed may be at the end of his illustrious career.

Lyle Alzado (M), DE for the

L.A. Raiders, begins his 15th year in pro football. Although he is now 36-years-old, Lyle will continue to start on the Raider's feared front-line.

Brad Edelman missed six games for the New Orleans Saints after he sustained a knee injury, but the University of Missouri graduate is healed and will again start at OG in his fourth NFL season.

John Frank did not see much action at TED in his rookie season for the S.F. 49'ers, but the coaches liked what they saw and the Ohio State grad may well emerge as the club's first-string TE.

Ken Kaplan, a graduate of New Hampshire, is slated to play a reserve role for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers at OT, even though he started a few games in 1984.

After being released by the Baltimore Colts, just before the franchise was moved to Indianapolis, Sid Abramowitz was then picked up by the Seattle Seahawks. The three-year pro from the U of Tulsa will play a reserve role at OT.

The Washington Redskins drafted Mitch Geier, an OG, on the 9th round from Troy

State. Mitch hopes to survive the final cut, but the news was negative for UCLA free-agent Dave Baran who was released by the Denver Broncos at their training camp.

Sports shorts:

Sailing was introduced in the 1981 Maccabiah Games and Tufts' Dave Himmell, a junior from Miami, became the first American to win a gold medal. After winning two of the first four races, Himmell came in first in the final two races to edge out the University of California's Steven Rosenberg and clinch the gold.

Maccabiah Eva Funes of Bellevue, Wa., won the bronze medal for skeet at the U.S. Shooting Championships.

Maccabiah and National Sports Festival champion Marina Kunyavsky of Los Angeles was named to the four-member USA team going to the World Rhythmic Gymnastics Championships in Spain.

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Havurah on the West Coast

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she added. Although independent havrut still flourish in Los Angeles, synagogue-based groups have also taken hold as well. Valley Beth Shalom sponsors 60 groups each consisting of about 10 families.

Sally Weber, program director of Congregation Adat Ari Al in North Hollywood and co-chair of the institute with Schulweis, said it would be hard to find a Los Angeles synagogue that does not have a havurah program. Her congregation includes 45 such groups.

"Their hallmark is a commitment to being a pluralistic voice within the Jewish community. A lot of our members don't think of themselves as being Conservative, Reform or whatever — just Jewish," Weber explained.

In addition, by working within the synagogue system, havrut have formed a much needed link between formal Judaism and the family, Schulweis said. "Havrut have created a shared agenda that brings the two together."

Although the institute included some Orthodox speakers, the more traditional wing of Judaism has so far remained aloof from the havurah movement. Orthodox Jews are reluctant to participate because of their beliefs regarding the role of women and strict adherence to Jewish law. Both these problems put them at odds with the main thrust of the movement, members of the Orthodox wing agreed.

"Havrut have been especially significant for women because they have

enabled us to participate in all aspects of Jewish life. In the rigidity of congregational life, women have been disenfranchised," Weber said.

Singles, who often feel like outcasts in the family-oriented synagogue have been welcomed into havrut with open arms. Congregation Adat Ari Al, for example, has five havrut for singles only. Gays and handicapped people have also been embraced and made welcome. These groups have never been accepted in the traditional Jewish setting, Weber added.

Havurah has also become a means of spiritual renewal. One 42-year-old woman said that, although her family always observed Jewish rituals and customs, she had never had a religious experience of the Sabbath. "After my childhood, I spent years running away from my Jewishness," she said. But her spiritual alienation ended when she joined a havrut group. Now her life revolves around a new sense of pride and joy in being Jewish.

As the movement has matured, it has provided a sense of belonging. The desire to be part of a community has brought many Jews from other cities into the movement. They miss the sense of extended family which exists in more settled areas of cities like Chicago and New York, Schulweis said.

"Havrut took Jews out of sterile meeting rooms and brought them into each other's homes. Personalization and humanization is what this is all about," said an enthusiastic woman who attended the institute with her husband and two children.

Alcott comes from behind to take World Championships

BUFORD, Ga. — Amy Alcott came charging from three strokes behind and three holes to play to win in a sudden death playoff in the World Championships of Women's Golf here as Patty Sheehan faltered on the 18th hole Sunday, taking a bogey.

The Jewish star birdied both the 16th and 17th holes to only one stroke and then tied her opponent who missed a four-foot putt on the final hole.

Alcott is known on the circuit as a tough competitor and once again showed that if first place is anywhere in sight, she cannot be dismissed as a winner. The loot was \$65,000, which, when added to her earnings so far this year brings her near the half million dollar mark.

The California girl, who was born in Kansas City, won the



Amy Alcott

junior title in 1973 at Somerset Hills Country Club in New Jersey. She was runner up two years earlier for the junior crown in 1971. Nancy Lopez, this year's leading money winner, won the junior titles in 1972 and 1974.

Junior tennis stars play stronger in Europe

TEL AVIV — Israeli tennis youngsters are covering themselves with glory in junior tournaments in Europe.

Amit Naor won the boys' under 18 final at Ulm, Germany, and Dalia Coriat repeated the victory in the girls' under 16 competition.

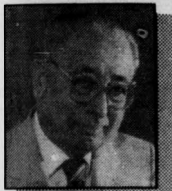
Naor also won his match in singles at the Valerio Cup boys' under-18 competition at

Cannes, as did his teammate Gilad Bloom, but when they joined in doubles, they lost to the West German team. The German team was seeded number one.

Israel might have come out on top had either Haim Zion or Raviv Weidenfeld won either of their singles match.

Unflappable Israeli inventor

By RABBI SAMUEL SILVER
Alexander Zarchin, who came to Israel from Russia, is in his 90s, but he is still vibrantly active as "a man of patents." He has created



West Bank. Soon he will become a brigadier general. The Yiddisher Kempfer's A. Kruger marvels at the chronicle of the two Snehs.

Return to the fold

A remarkable baal tshuvah (one who has become Orthodox), is Richard Remba, who was born in Paris, became an opera impresario, then a film producer after his turn towards traditionalism.

He will not work on Shabbat or permit anyone in his employ to do so. He observes the mitzvot and will not permit a love scene (let alone nudity) in any of his pictures.

And he is eminently successful, so much so that his picture, "Dangerous Moves," about chess, won every prize in France and also an Oscar as the best foreign film.

He is currently doing a film biography of Mozart and in so doing he ran into a problem: it seems that one of Mozart's lyricists was a meshumad (an apostate Jew).

Would it be kosher for a pious Jew to portray one who had abandoned the faith? He brought his problem to his rabbi, who said would be permissible.

In his profile of Remba, the Forward's L. Leneman discloses that he is one of a large group of people in the arts who have latterly turned to tra-

ditionalism. There is such a group in Israel too, but the difference is that for the most part the Israeli baalay tshuvah have given up their occupations and have gone into yeshivot.

But in France the aesthetes concerned have remained in their vocations while adopting a kosher life style.

Young Yiddishists

A young people's organization interested in promoting the use of Yiddish is called Yugenstruf (Youth Call).

At a conference the group conducted last March delegates came from California, Michigan, Pennsylvania, France and Germany to New York for seminars and musical programs in mame lashon.

One of the speakers, Adina Zimet-Singer, who teaches at Columbia University, said that the outlook of her family has changed since she accustomed everyone to speaking Yiddish. Another speaker, Cantor Menachem Bazian, agreed. So did Gedalia Breyer, who works for the Forward. Presiding was Sarah Rachel Schechter-Adelman. The gathering indulged in animated conversations and in songs led by a female contingent of "Klezmerin."

(Rabbi Samuel Silver can be reached at 16553 Boca Delray Dr., Delray Beach, FL 33445.)



BLACK HATS — Pictured above is one of the works of New York photographer Leonard Freed. The photograph is part of an exhibition titled "Identity," which opened recently in Brussels.

The Bible has been translated into more than 1,000 languages at last count, including Mohawk and Chip-

pewa. And Hebrew words like hallelujah, cherub, babel, amen and jubilee are now part of the English language.

Rebuilding the Temple

By RABBI A.P. BLOCH

363 — Preparations for the reconstruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, ordered by Emperor Julian the Apostate, were abruptly suspended.



ed again," is merely an allusion to preliminary contacts with engineers. It was his death that led to the suspension.

Why did Julian favor rebuilding the Temple? According to Sozomenus, Julian was motivated by hatred of Christianity rather than love of Judaism. He further claims that Julian had entertained hopes of converting Jews to paganism.

Julian's extensive writings indeed reveal his hatred of Christianity. He criticizes vehement Jewish opposition to polytheism and the biblical Sabbath. He also regarded the failure of the Jewish people to produce a proportionate number of military leaders, artists, scientist and philosophers as proof of the shortcomings of Judaism.

Despite this criticism, Julian felt that paganism could coexist with Judaism within the context of his edict of universal religious freedom. Sacrificial ritualism was central to Judaism and paganism. However, the existence of the Temple was essential to the resumption of sacrificial rites. He therefore deemed it necessary to rebuild the Temple.

In Julian's pantheon of deities, there was room for a Jewish God whose jurisdiction would be limited to Palestine. There was no room, however, for a Christian God because Christians were committed to the conversion of all pagans to Christianity.

Julian had assumed that the restoration of the Temple would lead to the withering of Christianity. He was wrong. The Christianity of his day was no longer linked to Judaism and assumed an independent life of its own.

The Christian version of the suspension was first recorded in 443 by Sozomenus, a Palestinian Greek, in his book Ecclesiastical History." According to his report, written 80 years after the event, the Jews had completed the removal of the old foundation of the Temple. However, as they began the laying of a new foundation, an earthquake threw up stones, which killed many workers and destroyed some homes.

When the Jews ignored the divine warning and resumed construction, fire flashed from the depth and consumed the laborers. The survivors were surprised by the appearance of the sign of the cross on their garments, leading many of them to convert to Christianity.

No other source corroborates the report of reconstruction work done by Jews. In Julian's "Letter to the Community of the Jews," written on the eve of his departure for war against Persia (362), he mentions a plan to rebuild "the sacred city of Jerusalem." His assertion in a "Letter to a Priest" (kohen): "Even now the Temple is being rais-

Moon advertisement

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Rev. Moon has been quoted as saying in People magazine that Rabbi Davis is the number one Satan in the United States.

Rabbi Davis went on to ridicule the advertising campaign, which he said seeks to whitewash Rev. Moon. Moon was recently released from prison where he served time for fraud in income tax

evasion. Rabbi Davis said that the tax evasion case involved forged signatures and postdated evidence despite the fact that Rev. Moon had available top attorneys to advise him of the dangers of such shady dealings.

There were over 175 signatures in support of the advertisement in the Times, many from academics around the world.

Israel's prawn exports to Europe doubles

Israel exports to Europe of prawn, the giant shrimp, are expected to reach 40 tons this season as compared with 23 tons that were sold abroad last year. The prawn are bred in artificial ponds. Breeders are also exporting about 1.5 tons of carp weekly for the American gefilte fish market.

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SOCIAL CALENDAR

BY JEAN HERSCHAFT

Peter V. Ueberroth, commissioner of baseball who was active in solving the player's strike recently was the honored guest at the American Friends of Hebrew University's ninth annual sports dinner recently.

Ueberroth, former president of the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee, was Time Magazine's selection for the 1984 "Man of the Year Award" for his supreme skill in "making the Games work and work brilliantly." Under his direction the Los Angeles Olympic Games resulted in a \$150 million surplus, which goes to youth and sports' programs throughout the United States.

His selection as AFHU Torch of Learning Laureate was announced by S. Savin, chairman of the AFHL National Munich Eleven Sports program. The Munich Eleven dinner has become a major annual event for athletes, sports figures and enthusiasts. Among those involved each year are Bowie Kuhn, Ueberroth's predecessor as baseball commissioner; David "Sonny" Werblin, president of Madison Square Garden; Edward Bennet Williams and Lee MacPhail.

Proceeds from the dinner provide aid for needy students at the HU in Jerusalem.

Chairman of the affair and host of the evening was the young business tycoon, Donald Trump. He had introduced the Westchester Jewish Center's Rabbi Irving Kosslow, who requested the guests to stand for a "moment of prayer" for the 11 athletes killed by terrorists at the Munich Olympics, in 1972.

Each year noted sportscaster Howard Cosell shares the same recollection of the Munich massacre with guests at the sports dinner, titled "A Tragedy Recalled".

"I lay there, on top of that little slope, forty, maybe fifty feet from building 31.

The hours passed, and my feelings of helplessness, frustration, outrage, and despair grew. How many, if any were still alive? How could this have happened? Where were the West German police? The whole thing was a dream.

But it wasn't. Occasionally there were those Arab faces at the windows. Suddenly, there were dozens of West German police (where were they last night?) strapping on their guns, encircling the building, climbing to the roof.

I thought of a thousand things, Dachau only a few miles away. Hitler. Six million. Emmy, who I knew was at Barnathan's Bungalow, ABC's operations headquarters just outside the athletes' entrance to the village. Was she all right? Was she worried? What the hell was going on? How the hell did this horror happen? I just wanted her safe.

I thought of my girls, Jill and Hilary, at home. How frightening and unbelieving they must be. And of David Berger, in that building, the kid from Cleveland for whom moving to Israel was a lifetime crusade. Would they ever stop killing Jews, I wondered bitterly. I looked behind me. I could see athletes in the distance, from many countries, playing pingpong, basketball, fun and games. "God damn them," I thought, "their goddamn games." But, I realized, they don't know. They don't have a clue as to what's happening — not yet anyway. They were all killed — all 11 of them. Make it six million and eleven. And how many more only God knows. But they'll never kill us all. Sept. 6, 1972, the Games went on — Avery Brundage saw to that."

Former Israel Ambassador to the United States Simcha Dinitz, now president of Hebrew University, was in for the dinner as well.

Dinitz spoke of Israel's severe economic measures. "Our University faculty," he said, "took an 8 percent cut in salary in order that services at Hebrew University won't be cut, assuring all students maintenance of the same high standards in education." He referred to terrorism assuring that Israel will stand with the United States together against terrorism."

The grand ballroom of the Hilton Hotel was studied with stars of the sports world, leading Ueberroth to remark, "It's the finest group of athletes ever assembled anywhere — in memorial tribute to the Munich 11."

Among the sports greats: Nat Holman, Floyd Patterson, Rusty Staub, Jerry Cooney, Lee McPhail, Mel Allen, Jose Torres, Herschel Walker, Wesley Walker, Gordie How, Al Sherman, Eddie Mo and Ralph Kiner.

Moses J. Neiditz, dies at age 86

HARTFORD, CT. — Moses J. Neiditz, a founding member of the Board of Regents of Hartford University, and who won the Herbert Lehman Award in 1964 for distinguished ser-

vice to the Jewish community, died here at the age of 86. He was active in the Federation, and a past president of the Greater Hartford Real Estate Board.

JEWIS BY CHOICE

Jewish family responds to missionaries

By MARY HOFMANN

Several weeks ago I wrote about my 12-year-old son, Cameron, and his Mormon friend, who, though a sweetheart, is inclined to prosely-



tize. Was there, I wondered, a Jewish curriculum on comparative religions? I wanted Cameron to know about other religions, but from a Jewish perspective. I was looking, I suppose, for a sort of preventive course.

In the three years that I've been writing this column, I've received a gratifying amount of mail. But when my husband came home from the post office one night and asked if I had opened a mail order business, I knew I'd touched a nerve. The response has been incredible. And the letters keep coming.

I've heard from rabbis and religious school teachers (and from the parents of both, who offered their children as sources for information). I have heard from scholars, educators and people whose English is broken and difficult. And I heard from Rhoda Herzog, who sent a whole text! Everyone has been generous with their ideas, their experience and their resources.

Suggestions seem to fall into two categories: 1) actual texts describing the beliefs and practices of varying world religions, and 2) specific strategies for responding to the overtures of missionaries and proselytizers. Some of the material was mentioned by several people; others just by one person. I haven't had time to locate and read most of them, but (for those interested), the recommendations included the following:

"Our Religion and Our Neighbors," by Miller and Schwartzman; "You take Jesus, I'll Take G-d," by Klein; "Faith Strengthening," by Moses Mocatta; "Judaism

ready had a copy and was planning to use it, so I guess it's on the way to becoming a standard.

Back when I was studying communication in college, we talked about networking as a means of visualizing the process of people communicating over time and space in a sort of pattern. The word has been in my mind a lot since John came home with that first packet of letters.

I realize people from all over the country read The Jewish Post and Opinion and respond to it, but this outpouring of advice, assistance and love has been overwhelming. I keep seeing in my mind's

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and Christianity: What We Believe," by William Silverman; "Conversations with Rabbi Small," by Harry Kemelman; "Missionary and Cult Movements," a publication of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations; "Jewish Assertiveness Training," a course by Rabbi Richard Birnholz.

The last is the one Rhoda sent, and since I've read it, I can vouch for it. As it happens, our new rabbi al-

eye, a map of the United States with lines from all over converging on little Merced. The lines are like threads woven into a fabric, holding together so many very different people otherwise separated by so many different factors.

But we have one thing, at least, in common. And that one thing, in many ways, supercedes everything else.

How grateful I am to be part of the Jewish family. Thank you!

New era of vitality for American Jews

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as full and equal members of American society. Contrasting today's situation with the status of Jews before and during World War II, Silberman finds much to cheer about.

For instance, in professions where Jews had been the victims of discrimination and prejudice such as academia, the law, politics and the corporate world, Silberman today finds a full integration of Jews. "A new climate of acceptance has dramatically altered the choices now open to American Jews — choices about where to study, where to work and at what occupation or profession and where to live," Silberman writes.

In a detailed analysis of Jews in corporate America, Silberman, who was on the staff of Fortune magazine from 1953 to 1971 and is a member of its board of editors, writes that for a long time corporate management seemed to be immune to the progressive change overtaking the rest of American

society. However, Silberman suggests, that with the election of Irving S. Shapiro as chairman and chief executive officer of E. I. du Pont de Nemours in 1973, anti-Semitism as a significant obstacle in corporate life came to an end.

Taking examples from Dow Jones Inc., Time Inc., and American Telephone and Telegraph, among others, Silberman writes: "It is only in the last few years that significant numbers of Jews who started at the bottom have reached the senior management level and have thus been eligible for promotion to the top. And they are being promoted."

Silberman is the author of "Crisis in Black and White" (1964), "Crisis in the Classroom" (1970) and "Criminal Violence, Criminal Justice" (1978). From 1979 to 1984 he was Director of The Study of Jewish Life, a research project of the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture and in this capacity researched and wrote "A Certain People: American Jews and Their Lives Today."

Silberman is also a member of the Board of Governors of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College and the Editorial Board of The Reconstructionist Magazine and chairs the Reconstructionist Prayerbook Commission. He is, as well, a director of the Radium Institute, the Synagogue Council of America, the Institute for Jewish Policy Planning and Research, and the New York Chapter of The American Jewish Committee; and a member of various national committees and commissions of The American Jewish Committee, The American Jewish Congress, and the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council.

The campaign to raise \$6 million for the Building and Endowment Fund of Temple Israel of Minneapolis has reached the \$4,267,930 mark.

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Toronto trek: kosher pizza and more

By ARLENE G. PECK

Toronto: What a lovely city! Daughter Dana and I settled into lovely quarters at the York Hanover Skyline. Unfortunately, it was just in



time to pig out at their fabulous Creole restaurant.

Once I was made aware that the hotel had a fully-equipped gym, my conscience felt better. It's amazing how the body disintegrates after only a week away. It was a vicious circle. I was eating too well and found my body turning into a giant squid. I began to force myself to getting 6:30 a.m. wake-up calls so that I could make the 6:45 a.m. aerobics class. My vanity sometimes astounds even me!

In my efforts to get away from the nonstop wonderful meals that I was getting at the Skyline, I booked tickets at the last minute for a darling review. I don't usually rave about shows that I see, especially in my column, but this one is a winner. It's all about the baby boomers and appropriately called, "Yuppies." The writer, Vince Gritani, describes the Guppies (Gay Urban Professionals), the Buppies (Black Urban Professionals), the Juppies (Jewish Urban Professionals) and even the Grumpies, who are Yuppies, but don't like to admit to being it.

We were lucky enough to meet Vince who took us on a wonderful tour of Toronto. Unlike Atlanta, where there is a mass exodus each day from the city, Toronto's downtown is bustling. Outdoor cafes are all over and people are walking everywhere. Walking the immaculate streets safely I might add. It is a sparkling city, which seems to be filled with lakes, boats, parks and greenery. On the other side of the coin, however, we also saw a section where the streets were filled with young hookers. Some of them looked no older than their early teens.

The Jewish population surprised me the most. I had no idea that it is as large as it is. At least, to someone like me who's been raised in the Bible Belt, it is gigantic.

There are approximately 123,000 Jews living in Toronto. And, of course I was told, most are active in Jewish life and causes.

Toronto is a model for many Jewish communities because they are top on the list of cities who give the most to the UJA, Federations

and other charities. Everyone gives. Not just the wealthy.

Canadian Jews are unique. We, in the United States, are about a generation ahead of them. Ahead of them, that is, in fleeing the pogroms of Europe. Our parents and grandparents came over at the turn of the century. As a result, we in the states have assimilated into the general population. In Canada, however, the situation is different.

Over 50 percent of their population came to Canada after World War II. There are many concentration camp survivors in Canada who therefore have closer generational ties to Europe. Also, about 25 percent of the Jewish residents emigrated from North Africa because they were French speaking.

I was driven down streets

day schools, I was told that in addition to every kind of Jewish day school one could imagine, they even have non-religious schools. These are sponsored by the Labor Zionist Organization and Pioneer Women. While there I stopped by two large synagogues. They were the Beth Tzedek and the Holy Blossom Reform Synagogue. The Beth Tzedek is supposedly the second largest in North America.

Further down the road was Forest Hills Village which is a lovely residential area that is predominantly Jewish. When we passed Bay Crest Centre, a large senior citizen home and hospital and daycare center for the elderly, I was impressed. Even the parks had Jewish concerts and recreational activities.

Bathers Street, the heart

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that went on for six or seven miles and the entire area was totally Jewish. The Orthodox have become so strong that when you walk through parts of Toronto you would swear you were in Mea Sharim in Jerusalem.

Bathurst Street is now the center of the Jewish community. The old Jewish community is called Spadina and is located very close to the downtown. It is almost greater than Williamsburg, New York in Jewish flavor. Hebrew day-school students were filling the streets. Old Hassidic men in black coats and flowing beards were rushing by. And the smells were wonderful. Never have I seen so many kosher restaurants. The synagogues, delis, bakers and Jewish organizational buildings were all mashed together. There was even a kosher Chinese restaurant and a pizzeria.

Speaking of synagogues and

of the Jewish life, divides the city in half. As of late, however, the Young Jewish Professionals have abandoned Bathers Street. They have settled in favor of their own suburb, called Thorn Hill.

I have to tell you, when I checked out of the Skyline it was with a good deal of reluctance. I found Toronto and its hospitality quite impressive. I was so busy checking out the Jewish community that it wasn't until I was leaving that I found out that the Italian community of Toronto is second only to Rome. It's probably just as well. I have always thought that Italian and Israeli men are about the sexiest in the world. I might have been too distracted and found it difficult visiting synagogues and Jewish neighborhoods while under the influence of either.

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Gush Emunim opposes settlers who meditate

TEL AVIV — Opposition has developed to a group of potential settlers who practice meditation although the Jewish Agency executive has recognized them as valid. What remains to be decided is where they will be able to establish their colony.

Gush Emunim, aided by

the Samaria Regional Council, has opposed the site being considered near Ma'ale Ephraim, contending that the group's practices have nothing to do with Judaism. All of the prospective settlers have served in the Israel Defense Forces.

According to a report in the American Jewish Congress' "Boycott Report," which monitors developments and trends affecting the Arab boycott and Arab in-

fluence in the United States, kosher frankfurters made in Israel will shortly be available in Saudi Arabia. The franks will come by way of two European middlemen.

VISITING WITH RHODA HAUPTMAN



I never thought the day would come when I'd find myself praising Chicago's weather.

However, we have had a great summer, so far, and I, who hate the heat, have been grateful for the below normal temperatures.

Last night, a friend and I spent one of those glorious evenings in the courtyard of the University of Chicago, listening to music. The place itself is lovely. One has a sense of being in England at Oxford University, perhaps, for the architecture of the university is very much like Oxford.

One pays admission, rents a chair, and emerges into Hutchison Court. We were certainly not alone and at least half the audience last evening were neighbors and friends. Like us, they were for the most part over 40. The artist of the evening, Corky Siegel, was almost 40.

I wish I could share the atmosphere with you. Mr. Siegel played the piano and the harmonica. He sang and talked and his audience fell in love with his delightful informality before darkness even set in.

Did you ever notice that there is something about a professional that cannot be simulated? If one is a match salesperson, a computer programmer or a brick layer, all you have to do is observe the performance to recognize expertise.

Siegel is very, very good, and I urge you to go to see him if he happens to be in your vicinity.

I think I wrote you when my grandson, Jon, was in Chicago a couple of weeks ago.

I doubt that I was able sufficiently to impart my own great pleasure, but the visit gave me enough joy to stretch out until the next time I am able to visit with my dear ones. I shall soon have such an opportunity when I go to the bat mitzvah of the youngest of the clan, Susan.

This will take place in southern California's Orange County at the end of August. We have not been able to get together as a family since Alison's bat mitzvah in Ottawa, Canada, last year.

Have you ever noticed that happy days tend to bunch up? In most families, it is either feast or famine. My mother used to complain that September was a very expensive month for her, inasmuch as there were many birthdays and wedding anniversaries in her family at that time.

Fate has been kinder to me and has spread out more equitably the special occasions. But, because Peggy and Philip each have a child in the same year, we have had two bar mitzvahs rather close together, and we will have had two bat mitzvahs within a year, also. You will certainly be hearing more of the coming event in a later column.

Summer offers an opportunity for me to socialize more and to do a little traveling. It is no wonder, then, that I look forward to it. The only trouble is that like most happy things, it is over too soon. As the days grow shorter, in the autumn, the pace of my social life slows and the certainty grows within me that time is growing more and more precious.

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SERVICE CENTER

The Service Center will answer any questions submitted by readers. For instance, you are moving to another community and would like to know where the synagogues are? or the schools? Would you like to know who to contact to meet a need in the Jewish community or for yourself? Also, The Service Center is pleased to answer inquiries about Jewish books, recordings, or anything else of Jewish interest. Write to: Service Center, The Jewish Post and Opinion, P.O. Box 449097, Indianapolis, IN 46202.

The Justice Department has requested the assistance of the World Jewish Congress in locating witnesses to the activities of Nazi-backed Ukrainian militia during World War II in the towns of Wisniowczyk, Podgaitse, and Berzany in the Tarnopol Region of Poland (now the Ukraine), as well as the Litiatyn Forest, occupied by the forces of Nazi Germany between 1941 and 1944. Information is sought regarding the treatment of local citizens, including Jews and other minorities, by the Nazi-sponsored Ukrainian police. Those who might be of assistance in locating survivors from these areas, may contact Bessy Pupko, World Jewish Congress, One Park Avenue, New York, NY 10016.

An Imperfect Peace

Amos Oz, *A Perfect Peace*, Trans. Hillel Halkin, New York: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1985, 374 pp. \$16.95.

By GREGG BIRNBAUM

Yonatan Lifshitz, the central character in Amos Oz's latest novel, is unhappy. Thus, he decamps from the kibbutz where he spent his first 26 years for Israel's southern sands and the ancient Jordanian city of Petra, which, he reads in a poem, is "A rose-red city, half as old as time." Armed with a Russian machine gun (war booty), Yoni heads toward the forbidden city and suicide. He is on a self-imposed death march.

But before he attains the death that "would turn him into just another rock in the stony desert, Yoni, who had been so single-mindedly determined to carry through to the end, solitary in the eerie silence and darkness and mystery of the mountains, lets loose simultaneously volleys of gunfire and streams of urine and vomit under the moonlight. Nearly paralyzed by fear, he scampers back to his home, Israel.

Prior to Yoni's existential misadventure, Oz offers us scenes of Yoni's bleak existence on the kibbutz — typified by his relationship with his wife, Rimona — as clues to Yoni's angst. Rimona is a silent shadow of a woman; she is almost a cipher. She seems to do little more than make tea and sit clutching her mug in both hands for warmth. She is reticent — happy or unhappy in her odd quiet, we don't know for Oz has fashioned something of a cardboard simoleon. For instance, aware of her husband's vague discontents, Rimona says: "What should happen, Yoni? You're a grown man. I'm your wife. This is home. All this is us. And it's the middle of winter."

Indeed, it is winter. A chilly rain drenches the kibbutz daily. And like the frozen fields whose earth yields no crops, Rimona, we learn, is barren. Unable to bear Yoni a child — she aborted the first and miscarried the second — there can be no happiness between husband and wife, who now do little more than exchange banalities, until life begins again inside her.

Enter Yoni and Rimona's surrogate child, Azariah Gitlin. Fresh from army service, quoting Spinoza and reeling off Russian proverbs, this young idealist seeks a place on the kibbutz, which he sees as a hope for personal redemption. Azariah says: "I'm definitely not one of those people who come to the kibbutz with all kinds of

personal problems and expect to find heaven on earth. But you people still relate to each other...I want to join you and change my life for the better. And in relating to others, I believe, one relates better to one's own inner self."

Azariah, the thinker, the dreamer, who, in a solipsistic fantasy envisages himself holding high positions in the Labor Party, advising prime ministers and courageously leading the nation to peace, moves in with Yoni and Rimona (there is a housing shortage) and their menage a trois provides oil for the gears of the kibbutz gossip machine.

The year of the novel's beginning is 1965. Israel is, as one character says, "between wars." The Israel, however, that Oz mines is not a state of political events, of heated Knesset debates, of continuous concern with the threat of war with the Arab states of the Levant.

The public Israel that we do meet in "A Perfect Peace" is the canvas upon which Oz sketches personal dramas. But the oblique glimpse that Oz offers of the Promised Land is of a bizarre mosaic of disconnected events. Reading the newspaper, Yoni's eye rests upon such items: the president of Syria, a former gynecologist, and the foreign minister, a former ophthalmologist, call for the extermination of Israel without sparing one drop of its blood; an Arab, on trial for peeping at a woman undressing, is let off because the judge was "so tickled" with the youth's defense in fluent Hebrew, citing the biblical precedent of David and Bathsheba; and, as Yolek, Yoni's father, says: "We are a mob of the strangest individuals...whoever pretended to be a people."

A vague, underlying current of public fear, misapprehension and the distant threat of imminent war flows through the book, but Oz's characters shrink from the public nightmare into the private anguish of the individual. Between Yoni and Rimona — as between all the characters — a personal violence of words supercedes all else.

At one of the all too few points where public and private lives do intersect, Yolek, who is the secretary of the kibbutz and who was, at one time, a powerful Labor Party politico, enlists the help of his old friend and enemy — in Zionist politics they were frequently one in the same depending on the time of day — Levi Eshkol, Israel's current prime minister and foreign minister. Eshkol comes to the kibbutz to grant his help in locating Yoni and, in some of the

novel's best scenes, the two battle-fatigued Zionist pioneers, majestic figures, who together built and served the state of Israel, try to bridge an emptiness that sits between them like a brick wall. The decades of infighting, plotting, maneuvering, shifting alliances, lies and double-crosses have exhausted Yolek. The pioneer generation is being eclipsed, giving ground as the first of their sons and daughters, native-born Israelis, comes of age. Does Yoni, who so easily, so hastily, so senselessly forsook everything that men like Eshkol and Yolek had created augur a dismal fate for Israel?

Oz has burdened sabra Yoni with the weight of great expectations on the one hand and with the modern malaise of unsatisfying personal relationships on the other. Melancholy Yoni, who finds no joy in his wife, his work, his family, the kibbutz, Israel, or anything else for that matter, is trapped. But the epiphany he experiences in the novel's desert denouement is unconvincing. By some mysterious mechanism, he comes to understand the harm he has done unwittingly to Rimona and to others. In his moonlight moment of edification, he recognizes the violence of words and the hurt that he has wrought. Yet there seems to be no logical process to his new-found awareness and compassion other than Oz's manipulative hand, which has swept a deus ex machina psychic healing across the ending pages of "A Perfect Peace."

In the end, Yoni returns to a somehow miraculously changed world. Rimona is pregnant, she has become a woman instead of the ghost she once was. And Azariah, the naive youth, has become a man and is Rimona's lover. Yoni, at one time unfeeling, unsatisfied, walks into his home a compassionate human being. A metamorphosis has taken place. It's spring and the Six-Day War is upon them all. Oz ties it all together in a clever, neat package — he brings peace to his creations, perhaps not a perfect peace, but peace nonetheless. It's too bad that his characters don't seem to possess any traits — courage, strength, understanding, faith, desire — that would make their fates the convincing result of human choices rather than the contrived creation of the novelist's well-ordered imagination. Is there anyplace in life we can find the balanced arrangements of Oz's fictional world?

If, from a novel, we are to learn about a country, a place, then "A Perfect Peace" fails to tell us much about Israel in the time before the Six-Day War. If, from the work of one of Israel's lead-

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Uris off course

Leon Uris, *The Haj*, Garden City, NY: Doubleday, 1984. (hardcover) NY: Bantam, 1985 (paper)



By RABBI DAVID H. MARK

Leon Uris is an American Jewish institution. When I was 11 years old, I read his "Exodus." From its pages, I learned for the first time about the Nazis, the death camps, Orde Wingate, the Bericha (refugee escape) movement, the American volunteer sailors who sailed ships like the Exodus, the Irgun, Hagana, Palmach and Stern Gang, all in the faltering days of the British Mandate. I loved the book.

Over the years, Uris has turned out outstanding examples of the genre he created — the historical Jewish novel — which, while hardly great literature, were always a good read.

Perhaps the best way to describe Uris' style is in movie terms: information-laden narratives of historical background, linking dialogue spoken by characters who are not real people so much as types — the Gruff Old Patriarch, the Nubile Young Heroine (always the same type, regardless of nationality), or the Noble Savage, of which "The Haj's" title character is a stunning, or shameful, example.

Uris began with "Battle Cry," which thrilled me when I was 12. It is a standard, but popular in its time, Hollywood-style paean to the U.S. Marines of World War II, complete with the obligatory stock characters: Brooklyn Jew, Italian Catholic, and others. What "Exodus" did for Israel, "Mila 18" did for the Warsaw Ghetto, "Armageddon" for Germany in the throes of defeat, and "QB VII" for Nazi war criminals.

And then we come to "The Haj," similar in style to Uris' other books, but shockingly racist in its message. His subject here is the dark underside of the Middle East question, the fate of the Palestinian Arab refugees. What is sad about "The Haj" is that it is a slur against Arabs, plain and simple. Had an Arab written this book about Jews, he would be denounced as a Jew-hater. What is shameful is that no one in the Jewish community, either here or in Israel, has protested this novel as racist.

Leon Uris is a 101 percent

Zionist, and we must recognize his role in shaping American Jewish perceptions about Israel: until 1971, when I spent a year in Israel and my eyes were opened, I had envisioned Israeli girls as Uzi-toting Amazons, thanks to Uris. Perhaps, in this age of Kahanism, his views do not appear too extreme. His Arabs are oversexed, illiterate, hopelessly backward, tied by birth to an unyielding, bigoted faith, but possessed of a high sense of honor (read: pig-headedness), coupled with an eternal thirst for revenge on those who have violated this honor.

Haj Ibrahim is ruler and patriarch of Tabah, an Arab village whose chief asset, besides its "timeless, Biblical quality," to quote the jacket blurb, is that it adjoins a Jewish kibbutz named Shemesh (literally, "sun"). The twist in the story is that Haj Ibrahim's greatest friend and adviser is former member of Ha-Shomer (the earliest Jewish self-defense force in Israel) and sometime political adviser to David Ben-Gurion, the sabra kibbutznik, Gideon Asch, a Moshe Dayan-type who well understands the Arab mentality. He is a warmed-over character at best; Uris loves Dayan, who was the inspiration for "Exodus" Uri Ben Canaan as well.

The novel is at least true to history, pointing up historical instances of the Arab world's betrayal of the Palestinian refugees who fled Israel in 1948. It contains obligatory denunciations of the weak-kneed British in the Mandate's waning days, the complicity between the Grand Mufti and the Nazis, and the beginning of the Arab fedayeen (guerrilla) movement, which coalesced into today's fragmented but deadly PLO. Of course, there are the standard rape and lovmaking scenes provided by the author, in which Iraqi soldiers violating the Haj's wives bear a striking similarity to the Russian soldiers raping German women in "Armageddon." Uris always includes a measure of sex and violence, which he relates with gusto.

Haj Ibrahim's son Ishmael — did Uris choose this name from Genesis or "Moby Dick"? — narrates the story. He is proficient in Arabic, Hebrew, and English, and has more brains than his brothers, so he becomes a sort of secretary to his father who, despite native cunning and survival instinct, plus more than a touch of Hollywood movie sheik, is illiterate. Other stock characters abound, with Ishmael's sister Nada in the role of heroine. And there is an ending bloody enough to satisfy anyone.

Leon Uris has earned his reputation. The "Haj" is going to be read, but it deserves mixed praise at best.

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LOX BOX

BY MARTIN MOSKOVITZ



Frisbee friendship

Not too long ago, the United States and China improved relations through a kind of diplomacy called Ping Pong. Some of their people came here to play and we reciprocated. Now they're starting to do it with Frisbees.

A few weeks ago, a group of young Americans, armed with orange Frisbees, flew to Peking to demonstrate this popular American pastime. Ron Kaufman, the young Californian who organized this project, called, "The China Flyer Friendship Tour," said he hopes to "contribute to world peace and international friendship through cultural and sports exchange."

"In fact," Kaufman pointed out, "two people with a Frisbee can draw a crowd in any country and that's when curiosity leads to contact and then to friendship with people throughout the world."

It's a great attitude, and I predict that if we continue to get real chummy with the Chinese, we might even send them our secret recipe for that exotic American dish called Chow Mein.

Book review

"A Perfect Peace"

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ing writers, we are to gain insight into people and the way they live, then Oz has left us asking for more. The place of the individual in a collective society, the nature of private life in a country where public events come crashing

through the roof of every home, the attainment of happiness in the midst of so much unhappiness are important themes of which Oz just scratched the surface, making "A Perfect Peace" a badly-flawed disappointment.

"60 Minutes" Israel style

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government-owned, pays its employees a public-sector wage. The average monthly salary — which is based strictly on seniority, not position — is the shekel equivalent of \$500 (after taxes). The staffers' dedication is not motivated by financial profit. And with the exception of Rafi Ginat or acting host and producer Arieh Orgad, very few of the writers and investigators are known to the public, which means, of course, that they can continue with their work.

Ginat, who, for the past two months has been the guest (along with 30 other journalists from around the world) of the U.S. State Department, says he sees himself working at "Kolbotek" indefinitely. He would like to see more in-depth investigations, though he agrees with Israel TV's former director Yosef Lapid that guarding consumer interests is the program's most important function. "There is nothing which can't be improved," he comments, "and while consumer awareness in this country has risen greatly, we still have a great deal to learn from the U.S."

(Reprinted from *Israel Scene*.)

Book review

Uris off course

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It begins in the 1920s and ends in 1956, its historical narrative flowing along in a grand sweep, studded with racism and gratuitous sex and violence. According to "The Haj's" jacket blurb, "Leon Uris...believes that we must understand each other if we are to share this planet." I believe that this novel will foster less understanding and more hatred, between Arabs and Jews.

WITH THE CONGREGATIONS

Pulpit changes

Rabbi L. I. Schechter has assumed the pulpit of Agudas Achim Congregation, San Antonio...Beth Jacob Congregation, Los Angeles, has elected Rabbi Abner Weiss as its spiritual leader...Rabbi Charles P. Rabinowitz has been named to fill the pulpit of the Beth Samuel Jewish Center, Ambridge, Penn...The new spiritual leader of Congregation B'nai Israel, Galveston, is Rabbi Martin W. Levy...Rabbi Stephen F. Moch has assumed the pulpit of Temple B'rith Shalom, Springfield, Ill...The Arden Heights Blvd. Jewish Center, Staten Island, NY, has named Rabbi Irvin S. Beigel as its spiritual leader...Rabbi Leo Heim has been elected to the pulpit of B'nai Israel Synagogue, Corpus Christi, Tex.

Quotation of the week

Some years ago I spoke at the High Holydays and was interrupted by a phone call...from God! Now that we've had a revolution in phone service, here's how the conversation might go:

"Hello, this is God."

"I'm glad you (click) just a minute, I have another call. Can you hold, God? That you." (click, click) "OK, what was it you wanted?"

"It's Rosh Hashanah, and I (click...)"

"One moment, God, there's someone on the line. (clickety clack) Go ahead."

"Well, Rosh Hashanah is a time to think about (clackety)."

"Can you hold, Adonai? It won't be but a minute." (Clack, Cluck, click) "We're back."

"Yopu keep me waiting. I don't know how long I can continue to hold the line. Do you think you could (click click)..."

"Oh God, another call. Give me your number and I'll call you back later."

All year we put off our conversation with the Holy One. We wait and wait to ask forgiveness or to repent of our misdeeds. And God waits for us to return. How long can we put these important matters on hold? How long can we avoid issues of spiritual health? May this year's services inspire us to come closer to God, the heart of life itself, through prayer, repentance, and deeds of loving kindness.

Roxy, Meredith, Sasha, and I wish you the best of New Years. — Rabbi Leigh Lerner, Mt. Zion Temple, St. Paul.

Elected

Rabbi Jacob S. Friedman, Beth Torah Congregation, Ocean, N.J. has been elected president of the American Association of Rabbis.



KIRKPATRICK IN JERUSALEM — Jeanne J. Kirkpatrick, former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, visits with newly-arrived Ethiopian immigrants on her visit to Israel last month. Mrs. Kirkpatrick called her trip to Israel "The great adventure of my life." Behind her (with the beard) is her husband, Evron.

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Revolutionary proposal

This is our annual Rosh Hashanah editorial. All efforts — and there have been many and all kinds — to attract the unaffiliated have not met with success. In many communities — Los Angeles as we recall — united attempts on a large scale have met with no substantial results. If there is an answer, none has thus far been found.

Our annual suggestion is for announcements to be made in the daily press of free High Holy Day services in every community. The most able of the rabbis in the community should officiate and a hall in center city engaged — perhaps at a leading hotel. There should be no fundraising, no effort to solicit membership. But perhaps a small brochure made available listing the congregations and other institutions in the community, what they have to offer and statements to the effect that membership is available for all at prices budgets can afford — at least for the first year if not longer.

There is no guarantee of success, but the experiment should be made. If the problem of the unaffiliated can be solved, even to some small degree, there are many pluses that can be envisaged.

Our proposal would rob those who claim that Judaism is money-minded of any excuses. And it would do more. And the least of these would be that it would enable large numbers — if our assessment is correct — to observe the High Holidays.

At present because of the fear of the few that would take advantage of free services and thus affect membership totals in present congregations, we do a disservice to Judaism and to its perception among the Jewish masses.

What the possibilities are from such experiments are almost beyond calculation. The entire Jewish community could be revolutionized.

Those who would be affected most would be our alienated young people. In one fell swoop, all their arguments against organized religion would be swept away.

The full extent of what this one move would achieve is beyond the imagination.

Which community (ies) will make the experiment?

Sensitivity, not money, beats shortest path to chuppa: study

TEL AVIV — Once single men and women looked for wealth and occupational prestige in their prospective mates, but today those traits are no longer considered as important as they were at one time. According to a Tel Aviv University sociologist, men and women are now looking for qualities such as sensitivity, gentleness, energy and humor — attributes that were once considered insignificant to singles.

The sociologist, Professor Yohanan Peres accumulated 1,800 matrimonial ads which appeared in the Israeli daily, Ma'ariv, between 1948 and 1983. Through a detailed content analysis of the advertisements, the researchers discovered important changes in the self-presentations of men and women over the years.

"One of the first observations was that the requirements for male and female mates have become more similar over time. Men and women today look for similar characteristics in each other," Prof. Peres explained. "In the past, men presented themselves as good providers,

steady job holders, industrious, etc. Women painted themselves as domestic, sociable, good-looking and sometimes able to provide capital. The respective descriptions were based on traditional sex-role expectations."

But differences between male and female attributes have decreased as traditional sex roles have changed, birth rates fallen and female employment increased, the study points out. As the earning potential of women has risen, women have become less economically dependent on men.

"This has led to a gradual transition in marriage," Prof. Peres says. "It is becoming less of an economic partnership and more of an intimate companionship." Women are also more selective today, since their status in society is less dependent on their husband's achievements.

Dorah H. Sterns is probably the oldest active member of a congregation board. At almost 89, she is a member of Temple Emanu-El in Birmingham, Ala.

WE HAVE A NOTE from Jack Greenwald, of Denver, adding another name to those who emanated from a small Jewish community — Marietta, Ohio — and have become major factors in American Jewish life. We said here that some author looking for a highly successful book ought to write the story of the Marietta Jewish community. Do not any of our readers know Stephen Birmingham, who has written those successful tomes about Jews who have made it big in America? He probably will appreciate the suggestion.

Jack writes as follows:

You should be advised that one of the members of the group from Marietta, Sheldon Beren has lived in Denver since 1959 and is a mainstay of the Orthodox community.

Not only is he a substantial supporter of a local Yeshiva, the Beth Jacob High School and the Orthodox day school, but he is the national president of Torah Umesorah which, traditionally, has always found its head man from the East coast.

Interestingly enough, Sheldon Beren is also in the oil business.

We reported here some months ago when \$6.5 million had been raised toward the \$10 million goal of the Golda Meir Fellowship Fund at the Hebrew University that given a few more months Sam Rothberg, the best fundraiser in America since the days of Henry Montor, would complete the project. Well that goal has been subscribed, and anyone who knows Sam would have expected what has been announced. He has merely increased the goal another \$10 million for a total of \$20 million.

Not only has Sam charisma and dedication, but he has about the best knowledge of Jewish bigwigs of anyone living. That he has devoted his whole life to Jewish causes is not unique of course, but that his skill is unsurpassed is generally conceded. We recall a 60th birthday celebration for him in Washington, D.C., (or was it 65) when in calling the cards for purchases of Israel Bonds, as a buyer arose to announce his amount, Sam would call out man after man, give my regards to your wife, Sally, or why didn't you bring Rose along, or you're a lucky man to have such an attractive helpmate as Deborah, etc. etc.

Here are a few paragraphs from the news release by the Hebrew University announcing the doubling of the goal, so when Sam comes after you, you'll know to what purpose your contribution will be devoted:

"...the doubling of the goal is an acknowledgement of the importance the leaders of the University attach to the fund, whose purpose it is to provide an academic reservoir which will guarantee the continued existence of a high level of study and research at the University despite the continued cutbacks in

Israeli government funding for higher education.

"The first 27 Golda Meir fellowships were awarded in a ceremony held at the University last December on the anniversary of Mrs. Meir's death and went to post-doctoral scholars as well as Ph.D. and master's degree candidates from nine countries. The fellows represent a variety of academic disciplines. It is hoped that 50 fellowships will be awarded by the fund at this year's ceremony."

Only a few readers of the P-O will recall the forums that proliferated in every Jewish community in the heyday of Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, Abraham Sachar, and Maurice Samuel among others who criss-crossed the United States in Jewish communities for the speaking engagements during the winter season.

Tickets for the series were sold, and seating space was at a premium, so well-attended were the engagements. And the price was a bargain, because if anyone could stir up an audience, it was speakers (orators) of that ilk.

The forum has disappeared from Jewish life, and that is a loss. Going to hear speakers in the day of radio and TV just doesn't have the same appeal as back in those times when everyone sought to become sophisticated and the means of communication in the Jewish community were limited.

Now we note where the Department of Jewish Education of the New Haven Jewish Federation has scheduled a series of seven weekly addresses, which have as their inspiration the Abba Eban TV series "Heritage." Each is at a different synagogue or at the Community Center.

We're listing the full schedule, because it well could be that other communities may want to pattern similar programs.

Prof. David Ruderman of Yale University will speak on "Celebration of the Past," a reflection on the TV series, at 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 3; Prof. William Hallo of Yale will speak on "A People Is Born," the ancient period on Oct. 24; Prof. David Altschuler of George Washington U. will speak on "The Power of the Word," the Hellenistic period on Oct. 31; Prof. Michael Chernick of HUC-JIR will speak on "The Shaping of Traditions," the rabbinic period on Nov. 14; Prof. Ivan Marcus of the Jewish Theological Seminary will speak on "The Crucible of Europe," the Middle Ages on Nov. 21; Bernard Cooperman of Harvard, will speak on "The Search for Deliverance," the early modern period on Dec. 5; and Prof. Michael Stanislawski, of Columbia U., will speak on "Out of the Ashes," the modern period, on Dec. 12.

Except for the first program on Sunday afternoon, all the others are at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, beginning with an hour's replay of the TV segment, followed at 8 p.m. with the lecture.

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Klutznick responds to critics

Editor, POST and OPINION:

To prove that I read your publication from the first to the last page, I am writing you what I think is my first letter to you as the Editor even though we have known each other many years.

You recently devoted considerable space to the piece which I wrote endorsing the views of Meir Merhav, the editorial writer for the Jerusalem Post, and bearing on negotiations between Israel and her enemies.

I think it is good that people are sufficiently interested in the subject to express their views even though they do not accept mine. If what I write stimulates people to think about the question, that in itself is profitable. I have been criticized by one who identifies himself as a former Mayor of Beverly Hills and a former diplomat. I have got a lot of "formers" after my name too and that is one of the problems. That is also I only utter my views occasionally when I feel them keenly.

Being a "former" in quite a few positions that I shall not identify, I have lived an interesting and stimulating life in the midst of some of the problems that casual observers treat with such seriousness. I do not take offense at criticism nor do I dislike the quotations that most critics tend to use.

Your latest piece by Mr. Garmel in which he cites Santayana's caution, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it," cautions me to take it to heart. I assure him I have.

The blessed Jewish state of today is not the first in Jewish history. It is the third. I want to do everything within my power with my voice and with my resources to make sure that my children and grandchildren and their children and grandchildren will enjoy the privilege of

living in a world, whether there or not, which has the advantage of a Jewish state.

I would suggest to your subscriber that he quit thinking in terms of history of this generation when most who live now and are aged, like this writer, lived in a period when there was not a Jewish state. We should think of the periods when the Jewish state disappeared and ask ourselves why. There are similarities. Just the same as Santayana has a quote, there are others who suggest that history can repeat itself.

In what I have written, I have not told the government of Israel, who is responsible for the decisions that affect that state and certainly the Jewish community, what kind of transaction they should effect with its enemies. All I do is to urge that we identify those with whom peace must be made, if there is to be a peace, and that they face the Israeli responsible people and the responsible people of Israel face them. Some very good thinkers of this era have reminded us that war is much easier to make than peace. Peace at best is an arduous and difficult exercise and that is why so frequently we find flags flying, guns shooting, and people dying.

I thank you, Mr. Editor, for leaving your columns open for a consideration of the subject which has moved me so completely for so long. If we can get our people to talk about it and write about it, even though we disagree, maybe together we will find a better answer than what is happening in the Middle East today, including an extremely serious and desperate situation for our co-religionists in the State of Israel.

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PLO and political reality

Editor, POST and OPINION:

The August 7 responses to Klutznick's proposal regarding Israel and the PLO prove too many people have no idea of political reality.

The present situation can't go on forever, nor can it stand still. Time does move, and even when we are stationary in one place, we are moving through space.

Until past history, and growing antagonisms, are put in their proper place, and there's a willingness on both sides to find a means to peace, without sacrificing each's own sense of security, it'll mean continue war, albeit terrorism tactically.

One thing your readers can

be assured, while Phil Klutznick is a man who makes his own judgements, and speaks our regardless of reactions, this highly regarded and wise personality does not operate in a vacuum. He confers on a regular basis with authorities in all the countries affected and involved. I know this for a fact, as I've enjoyed a friendship with him for more than 50 years, and in recent years, enjoy a deep, personal relationship, and a constant exchange of views and ideas.

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Sitting down with the PLO

Editor, POST and OPINION:

You must highly respect Philip M. Klutznick. Justly so, after all, he is a veteran great Jewish leader. I confess, I did not read his lengthy deliberation with much thoughtfulness since the title says it all. I have one short and simple question to Mr. Klutznick: With which fraction of the 8-way fragmented organization should Israel talk? Which can be trusted? Mr. Merhav, Mr. Klutznick and Dov Rapaport we all have individual Arab friends. It cannot be taken as a hope of a glimmer of new thinking.

What counts is the general Arab attitude which is guided by the Islamic Doctrine totally rejecting the legitimacy of any form of Jewish statehood in Palestine. I too urge Israel to sit down with the PLO. The encounter would be very short. The PLO will tell Israel "get lost" and the meeting is over. They couldn't change. It must take many more generations to reach that stage.

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Jordan's true intentions

Editor, POST and OPINION:

I don't trust Jordan. When Jordan seized control over Jerusalem, Samaria and Judea in 1948 — she expelled all the Jews. The Jordan occupiers destroyed all the Jewish synagogues of Jerusalem, demolished the Jewish cemeteries, used the tombstones for latrines and roads. A convoy of doctors and nurses on their way to the Hadassah Hospital on Mt. Scopus were massacred.

Jordan's close alliance with the P.L.O., whose doctrine calls for the extermination of Israel, is significant. A map of the Middle East, distributed at the Saudi-Arabian pavilion at the 1962 World Fair in Knoxville, Tenn., showed Israel as not existing — with the land that is Israel part of Jordan.

I am also concerned about the Labor Party of Israel considering to get Jordan involved in the so-called "West Bank." Samaria and Judea, which include Jerusalem, represent the cornerstone of Israel's existence.

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Pepsi's bitter after taste

Editor, POST and OPINION:

Much has been in the news recently about Coca-Cola Classic. New Coke, Pepsi and who is number one in the cola wars. When such occurrences took place it used to be the vogue to question "Is this good for the Jews?"

This Coke war with Pepsi — how does this affect Israel?

Israel does have Coca-Cola. We may remember when bottle collectors vied for the Coke bottles from Israel, and in fact there were T-shirts with the Israeli Coca-Cola emblem. What about Pepsi or Pepsico the parent company?

Pepsico products are sold in 148 countries and territories. Pepsico has 49 plants (at last count) in Arab countries, six in the Soviet Union and none in Israel. Pepsico is a major contributor to the Jews for Jesus type college organizations and is our nation's number one lobby against Soviet Jewry.

Pepsico's chairman of the Board and chief executive officer has also been the chairman of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce during one of the dirtiest and bloodiest battles launched by industry against Israel and the Jewish Community to "push through" the sale of: (1) AWACS to Saudi Arabia, along with (2) long

range fuel tanks which will enable Saudi planes to reach Israel with a full-bomb load, and (3) battle-tested air-to-air missiles for use against defending Israeli aircraft. Pepsico distributors also joined the many industrial groups pressuring Congress with a barrage of telegrams urging passage of the AWAC enhancement package to the Saudis. ("Petro Dollar Connection," New Republic magazine, 2/17/82)

Also, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce under the chairmanship of the Pepsico chief executive officer sent a contingent of Chamber members to visit Arab lands and bring their "message" back to U.S. groups.

Pepsico and Pizza Hut (a Pepsico subsidiary) was listed among the larger contributors for "honorariums" to Rep. Paul Findley, who is Arafat's spokesman in Congress.

Anyone who is sympathetic to the Jews, Israel, or Soviet Jewry should know that the Pepsico company includes all the Pepsi drinks, Teem, Patio, Slice and Mountain Dew. Other operations include Pizza Hut, Taco Bell and the Wilson Sporting Goods.

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Mormon missionaries

Editor, POST and OPINION:

The Church of the Latter Day Saints is building "a multi million-dollar Mormon institution on Mt. Scopus near the Hebrew University in Israel. The ultimate goal of this Mormon "Academic" Center, as we have sadly learned, is to convert the Israelis, particularly unsuspecting Jewish students.

The Mormons have succeeded in tricking and/or persuading Israel government officials that they are benign. The truth of the matter is that they are considered to be one of the most aggressive of Christian missionary groups operating all over the world. Jews, as well as all true friends of Israel, must organize and make their voices heard to stop these deceitful soul snatchers from completing this missionizing center.

The Mormons support for the return of the Jews to Israel and for the restoration of the Temple, however, does

not mean that Mormons want Jews to remain Jews. For Mormons view the establishment of the Jewish state as a necessary precursor to the mass conversion of Jews to their true modern selves — Mormons. This conversion will usher in the return of Jesus Christ, they believe.

One way to protest and to stop further Mormon construction is to write to the Mayor of Jerusalem, Teddy Kolkol and especially to Prime Minister Shimon Peres, c/o The Knesset, Jerusalem, Israel. For more information and advice on the subject, write to a Jewish (anti-missionary) organization such as Yad L'Achim, P.O.B. 5195, Jerusalem, Israel.

Act now as time is short. Do not delay. Be persistent. Let's prevent a spiritual holocaust.

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Restricted Miami Beach golf club opens doors to Jews — temporarily

MIAMI — The barring of Jews from "restricted" golf clubs took a ridiculous turn here when the LaGorce Country Club, which the Miami Herald noted, "over the decades has not had Jewish members," extended an invitation to golfers from the predominantly Jewish Westview

Country Club.

Westview members were privileged to play LaGorce from Aug. 12-27, while its own course and clubhouse is closed for improvements. LaGorce is returning the favor extended to its members several years ago when its course was under repair.

NAMES IN THE NEWS

Dustin Hoffman Bar Mitzvah

There should be a rush of rabbis who will take up Dustin Hoffman's wish to become bar mitzvah. The movie star told Ladies Home Journal, that "although I grew up in a Jewish home, my family was not religious. I can't for the life of me understand why I have faith. We never went to temple," Dustin added. "There are a few things I really want to do before it's too late. I want to learn Hebrew, and I would love to be bar mitzvah-ed."

Gymnast goes to college

Lucy Wene who made the U.S. Olympic team in gymnastics but was prevented from participating in Los Angeles because of injuries, has elected to attend the University of Georgia, at Athens. The 18-year-old Memphis girl believes she can lead the Georgia team from seventh place ranking to first in the nation. She was sought by a number of colleges. She has given up hope for the 1988 Olympics. "I won't try out for 1988," she told Mark Hayden of the Hebrew Watchman, "my body can't take it." She has been through three operations during her career.

Memento of peace

Mrs. Phyllis Heideman, of Louisville, has a memento from the U.N. Conference on Women that may be prophetic, or at least it is hoped so. As a delegate from B'nai B'rith to the conference, she endured the pain of seeing the Arabs and other delegations leave the hall when the Israeli members took the rostrum, but when on the final day she walked over to a PLO delegate to inquire where she might purchase a shawl like hers, she was almost embarrassed when the delegate took it off and told her she could have it. "I keep it to remind me of the terrorism in the Middle East and how all people need to work together for peace. I hope I never forget that."

Victor Borge, a quick wit

Everyone knows how quick on the draw is Victor Borge, but Daniel J. Terra, the U.S. Ambassador at Large for Cultural Affairs, had to learn it the hard way. The Jewish musical humorist was in Washington for performances at the Kennedy Center so the Danish Embassy honored him with a luncheon at which Terra was the master of ceremonies. He asked Borge whether music or humor was more important to him and questioned, "What came first?" Borge answered, "My mother." Then Terra, hardly nonplussed, asked, "Do you do anything differently when you perform in Denmark?" And Borge answered, "Yes, particularly the language."

Better late...

Forty years late, Aaron Reich, of San Antonio, will receive two Purple Heart medals he won as a demolition expert during World War II. As a member of the 90th Infantry Division, he was wounded twice in separate actions in clearing enemy mine fields and destroying pill boxes along the Siegfried Line. Somehow the paperwork was lost as he was transferred to several hospitals. He is a loyal attendant at the morning minyan of San Antonio Congregation Agudath Achim.

Not all in fun

Guidelines that will determine the winner of the \$1000 a year scholarship he has established at the University of California's School of Journalism have been set by Art Buchwald. The syndicated satirist was probably poking fun at himself when he said, "The student should be anti-establishment and contemptuous of the scholarship...If the person is on probation for something he or she wrote, that should be considered a plus...and the winner doesn't even have to say thank you." Buchwald was quick to add that he would not be "responsible for the student getting a job, getting published or even for talking to him if I don't want to."

James Michener

Famed author James Michener, doesn't really know who he is. In an article in "Modern Maturity Magazine," he says he might be "Jewish or Lithuanian, or part black...I seem to have a Germanic turn of mind...With that background, one's attitude becomes tolerant very early."

Michener actually is the name of the woman who found him on her doorstep in Doylestown, Penn., and adopted him, and he has no idea who his natural parents are. Mabel Michener, a widow when she took in the waif, had one son of her own, and has raised five or six other children at various times. She scratched out a living as a laundress, but loved literature and read the classics to the children nearly every night.

Michener's novel, *The Source*, was fashioned around Megiddo, and like most of his other works was a runaway best seller.

Made for each other

Actors Renee Taylor and Joe Bologna, who starred in "Made for Each Other" in 1971, reaffirmed their wedding vows with a Jewish service with an Italian flavor. Bella Abzug, former New York Congresswoman, was matron of honor at the ceremony held at the home of producer Aaron Schwab in Beverly Hills. (The first wedding, held 20 years ago, was a Catholic ceremony). The couple will take their son, Gabriel, 16, along on their second honeymoon to Israel.

The Italian-Jewish flavor at the wedding consisted of food — lasagna, a cake with a chocolate rabbi on it, and a chopped liver heart, for Jewish Renee and Italian Joe, according to USA Today.

Social Security maven

Wilbur Cohen, who 50 years ago helped write the Social Security legislation and is now one of its most visible defenders, is currently a professor at the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas. Born of the Great Depression, Social Security's guiding principles then and now are to help assure the elderly and later the disabled, to have a guaranteed income against the day they can no longer work, and to avoid the stigma of welfare to those in need.

The Act was signed August 14, 1935 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Irreconcilable differences

Divorce Mediator Burton Zoub claims he became a lawyer because "I was the victim of the only-Jewish-son syndrome. You know that old joke — a lawyer is a Jewish boy who's afraid of blood? Those were the only choices then, doctor or lawyer. And I was afraid of blood." So, on graduation from Northwestern University Zoub became a divorce lawyer. His own two marriages did not survive since they preceded "divorce mediation" — the voluntary procedure where husband and wife sit down and work out with trained neutral parties issues such as parent concerns and division of property.

Since Zoub is both a divorce lawyer and divorce mediator (he is chairman of the American Bar Association Mediation and Arbitration Committee and secretary of the National Academy of Family Mediators) thus he wears two hats, according to an interview in the Chicago Sun-Times.



Vice Premier Yitzhak Shamir with Betar youth movement members at the inaugural opening of the Betar-affiliated settlement,

Adora in the Hebron hills last week. Settlers have been living on the site for a year.

CONTEST

Do you know who's who?

THE CLUE:

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His father was a former prop-man at Columbia Studios.

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