# The Shofar

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*Trust subsidy eases burden; survey shows strong support*

# Rabbi Sam Joseph to Serve UJC from September

*Wide community, regional benefits seen*

After serving as The UJC's High Holiday and long-distance rabbi for four years, Rabbi Sam Joseph has agreed to take a sabbatical from his teaching post at Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) in Cincinnati to become the Congregation's first fulltime, resident rabbi. He will arrive in September for a ten-month term, accompanied by his wife Dori and two teenage daughters Rachel and Bethami.

Rabbi Joseph's proven abilities and strong rapport with UJC members figured strongly in the decision to bring him to Hong Kong. The 15-member Executive Committee believes he will significantly strengthen the Congregation's pastoral, religious, and educational services to the Jewish Community. ''My biggest concern is that there will not be enough hours in the day,' the Rabbi said in accepting the position.

Members expressed strong support for the idea of a resident rabbi and Rabbi Joseph in particular in a survey conducted last month. Concern over the financial burden it would represent, however, was eased by a subvention granted by The Incorporated Trustees of the Jewish Community of Hong Kong to be applied 'towards the running costs' of The UJC. The grant was a key factor in the Committee's decision.

The subvention is provisional upon agreement by The UJC to make monthly contributions to the Jewish Benevolent Society and a minor amendment to its charter regarding death services. Committee members expressed no objection to these suggestions and will take the necessary steps to implement them in the weeks ahead (see page 5).

In making the decision to proceed, Committee members noted the need to keep dues at an affordable and reasonable level to sustain the strong growth the Congregation has enjoyed since its formation some four years ago. At the same time, it is realized that Rabbi Joseph will help build membership and thereby expand the support base.

The youngest-ever tenured professor at HUC-JIR, the 46-year-old Rabbi is a dynamic, widely published, and highly-respected member of his profession. In addition to leading weekly Shabbat services for The UJC, he is interested in establishing various outreach programs, teaching pre-Bar/Bat Mitzvah classes, and conducting seminars and retreats.

As UJC Chairman Bob Green has expressed it however, the key to realizing the Rabbi's real value to the Congregation and Community will lie with the members themselves.

Although the majority of congregants are Americans coming from a progressive Jewish background, the membership has broadened during the past year to include more Europeans and even a few Israelis. Applications also show that almost as many new members were previously affiliated with Conservative congregations as Reform or Liberal. This trend is expected to accelerate under Rabbi Joseph, given his wide experience and broad outlook. He has also pledged to help establish good relations with the Orthodox community. In a letter to the Trustees, Committee members said Rabbi Joseph could be expected to 'advance Hong Kong's reputation in the world community as an attractive, tolerant, and stimulating center of Jewish activity.'

Rabbi Joseph said he and his family were very excited about the prospect of coming to help 'build community.' The much-travelled professor has spent similar 'year-abroad' assignments with his family serving congregations in Melbourne and Sydney. It is expected that his presence in the region will give further impetus and encouragement to those involved or interested in establishing Reform/Liberal congregations in Singapore and Manila,

In a call from Jerusalem, Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch, Executive Director of the World Union of Progressive Judaism, expressed his support and confidence that Rabbi Joseph would greatly benefit the community and region.

Subcommittees are presently being set up to deal with the financing and logistics of the move, primarily the rites of passage having to do with housing, schooling, and amenities.

## Members Want Resident Rabbi

UJC members have expressed strong support for having a resident, fulltime rabbi.

There were 95 responses — over 50% of resident members —to the survey written by David and Karen Handmaker and mailed to members last month. This represents an exceptionally high response rate, according to the Handmakers, and shows 'great community interest — especially in a community where we all travel so much.'

Of the respondents, 88 percent favored The UJC having a permanent, fulltime, resident rabbi.' Slightly over 76 percent wanted to bring Rabbi Joseph here, if even for only one year. While voting 'yes,' a number of voters felt the decision should be contingent upon the Congregation receiving large contributions from individual members or the Trustees.

The average yearly dues voters said they would be willing to pay came to $2,102 (per person). Projected to include the entire Congregation (using the present membership fees as the basis for calculating totals for those who did not respond), expected receipts from membership came to $302,500.

The average, one-time gift members said they would give averaged $1,586 or $147,500 for the 95 respondents. This, combined with the figure above, comes to $450,000. Since some voters said they would give unspecified amounts above the maximums noted in the survey, this total may be considered a conservative figure.

Those generally in support said Rabbi Joseph could help the Congregation determine its needs, help find a suitable successor, help build membership, and fill educational needs. Others expressed concern about funds for future needs or alienating members who cannot afford or would be unwilling to pay more.

Committee members thanked the Handmakers for the highly-professional manner in which the survey was constructed and the findings analyzed.

*Rabbis to lead Shabbat services February 19, 26*

# Visitors Share Distinguished, Unusual Backgrounds

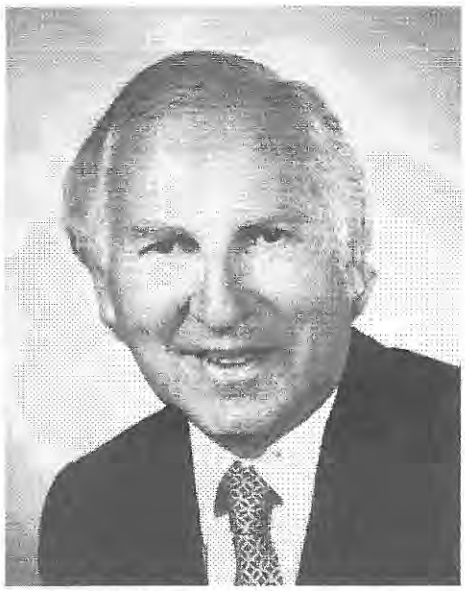
## *Rabbi Richard C. Hertz: First U.S. Rabbi to Meet Privately with Pope*

In a 50-year career including three congregations and a pulpit at sea, Rabbi Emeritus Richard C. Hertz of Temple Beth El in Detroit can list a number of notable achievements as community leader, civil rights advocate, professor, writer, and broadcaster.

In 1963, Dr. Hertz was the first American rabbi to be received in private audience at the papal palace by Pope Paul VI. He reported on his findings at the Vatican Council in a feature series in the *Detroit Free Press.*

Another interesting, important role was as presidential emissary on a special mission from the White House to the USSR in 1959 to investigate the status of Jews and Judaism behind the Iron Curtain. His report to President Eisenhower was printed in the Congressional Record.

For many years, Rabbi Hertz hosted a TV program called 'Open Doors.' He also appeared frequently on radio and television, was often quoted in the press, and was a frequent preacher on ABC's national radio program, 'The Message of Israel.'



**Rabbi Richard C. Hertz**

Born in St. Paul, Minnesota, Rabbi Hertz was ordained at Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) in Cincinnati in 1942 and earned a doctorate in 1948 from Northwestern University in Religious Education. He served congregations in Glencoe, Illinois and Chicago before coming to Temple Beth El as Senior Rabbi in 1953.

Dr. Hertz was on the boards of many civic and communal organizations in the Detroit area including Governor Romney's Committee on Ethics and Morals and the U.S. Civil Rights Commission for Michigan.

In 1970, he became Adjunct Professor of Jewish Studies at the University of Detroit. After retiring from Temple Beth El, a chair was established in his honor at UD and he was appointed Distinguished Professor of Jewish Studies. Six books written by the Rabbi plus a number of his sermons have been published. In 1967, HUC-HIR conferred upon him an honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

Under his leadership, Temple Beth El built a beautiful new temple designed by Minora Yamasaki, dedicated in 1972. The mortgage was burned the week he retired.

Dr. Hertz is a former chairman of the Board of Overseers at HUC-JIR. He also served as chairman of the Committee on Soviet Jewry of the CCAR (Central Conference of American Rabbis). In addition, the Rabbi has been active with the UJA, American Jewish Committee, Jewish Welfare Board, and Religious Education Association. In 1985, Histradrut conferred its Menorah Award upon him in recognition of his services to Israel.

Rabbi Hertz is one of the founders of the National Association of Retired Reform Rabbis and maintains an active association with the organization. For the last nine years, he has been Jewish chaplain for the Royal Viking Lines, travelling on long cruises in the Atlantic and Pacific.

Rabbi Hertz is married to Renda Gopttfurcht Ebner and is the father of two daughters and a stepson.

He will conduct the February 26th Shabbat service.

## *Rabbi Simeon J. Maslin: Merged Orthodox, Reform Congregations*

Among his many accomplishments, Senior Rabbi Simeon Maslin has the rather unique distinction of having brought about the merger of Reform Temple Emanuel and Orthodox Congregation Mikve Israel of Curacao in 1963.

After serving as rabbi at Temple of Liberal Judaism in Monroe, New York from 1957 to 1962, Rabbi Maslin accepted a position in Curacao — the largest of the Leeward Islands of the Netherlands Antilles in the Caribbean Sea some 30 kilometers north of the coast of Venezuela. Originally formed by Sephardic Jews who immigrated from Portugal in the 1500's, it is the home of the oldest continuously-inhabited Jewish community in the Western Hemisphere. Mikve Israel is the oldest Jewish congregation (1654) and Temple Emanuel is the oldest synagogue (1732) in the Americas.

Rabbi Maslin was head of Temple Emanuel and then United Congregation Mikve Israel-Emanuel, Curacao from 1962 to 1967.

He brought about his second congregational merger in 1971, joining K.A.M. (1847) with Isaiah Israel (1852) in Chicago. He was rabbi for K.A.M. Isaiah Israel from 1967 to 1980 before joining Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel in Elkins Park, Pennsylvania where he is now Senior Rabbi.

Dr. Maslin graduated *cum laude* from Harvard University in 1952, received a Master's degree from University of Pennsylvania in 1954 in Governmental Administration, and was ordained at HUC-JIR in 1956. In 1979, he received an advanced degree in Pastoral Counseling at Chicago Theological Seminary and an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from HUC-JIR in 1982.

Rabbi Maslin has sat as chairman or president on a wide variety of Jewish and ecumenical boards including Philadelphia Board of Rabbis, Chicago Association of Reform Rabbis, Jewish Publication Society of America, and Committee on Reform Jewish Practice. He has held teaching posts at several colleges and has been a guest lecturer and 'scholar-in-residence' at numerous congregations in the U.S. and the Caribbean area. The Rabbi is slated to become vice-president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis in June and will serve as president (God willing) during the 1995-97 term.

Among his many publications are *Shaarei Mitzvah (Gates of Mitzvah): A Guide to the Jewish Life Cycle*, N.Y., 1979, 172 pages; *Reform Rabbis and Mixed Marriage*, Philadelphia, 1984; and *One God, Sixteen Houses*, K.I. Press, 200 pages, 1990, and a number of sermon booklets. Rabbi Maslin has also contributed numerous papers at conferences and articles to Jewish and secular journals.

Rabbi Maslin was married in 1954 to Judith Blumberg. They have three children.

In addition to conducting the February 19th service and preaching the sermon, Rabbi Maslin will meet with members of the Basic Judaism course. UJC member Arnold Zeitlin whose parents were members of Keneseth Israel also hopes to spend some time with Rabbi and Mrs. Maslin.

An open letter to *Hadassah Magazine*

# *Hadassah: What About The UJC?*

Mr. Alan Tigay, Executive Editor
Hadassah Magazine
50 West 58th Street,
New York, New York 10019

Dear Mr. Tigay:

A number of our members have called my attention to your article on Hong Kong and the Jewish Community in the December, 1992 issue of *Hadassah Magazine*. I must compliment you for an interesting, informative piece which even I, as a longtime resident, found educational. In fact, of the many journalistic treatments of Hong Kong I have seen, it is one of the most comprehensive and entertaining.

The reason readers referred the article to me, however, arises from an apparent sin of omission rather than commission. I realize it's nearly impossible to get every detail right in a long article like this but somehow, the history of our Jewish Community as you relate it seems to have stopped in one respect around four years ago.

You have missed what I believe the majority of Jewish residents here would regard as the most interesting and exciting development in the Community's recent history — the birth and growth of a Jewish congregation devoted to the needs of non-Orthodox Jews — a hemispheric first of sorts. This is a very important chapter in the history of Jews in this part of the world which merits at least a few more words.

The only mention in your nearly-4,000-word article are these ten words: 'a Reform group holds High Holiday services in members' apartments.' Perhaps High Holidays have been confused with the Shabbat services we occasionally held in homes of members until around a year ago. Not only are these few words incorrect, but the absence of any other information about our activities inclines me to believe your informants may simply have misled you (not intentionally, of course).

For the past four years, The United Jewish Congregation of Hong Kong has held High Holiday services in the auditorium of The China Fleet Club. Attendance has consistently been the largest of any Jewish congregation or group in Hong Kong, frequently approaching or exceeding 300 people. The UJC is also the fastest-growing congregation here (and probably the largest) with well over 200 individual and family members, many of whom were previously affiliated with Conservative as well as Reform or Liberal congregations. The Congregation itself is an affiliate of The World Union of Progressive Judaism.

We hold regular Shabbat, festival and holiday services (mostly at The American Club or occasionally in other Clubs or hotels), have an active adult education program, publish a bi-monthly newsletter and interim flyers, and provide pastoral and life-cycle services to members — bar/bat mitzvahs, namings, conversions, etc., largely through the assistance of visiting rabbis — dozens of whom have made their help available to us in the last few years. Rabbi Samuel K. Joseph of the Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati has conducted High Holiday services for us for the past four years and has now agreed to become our first permanent, fulltime rabbi beginning in September of this year.

This bare-bones information cannot convey the spirit, goodwill, and enthusiasm which infuses the Congregation nor relate the effort and achievement to the difficulties faced. As a former journalist, that's what I consider the real story here, the story I'd like to write myself someday. How much does Hadassah Magazine pay per word?

Yours truly,

Bob Green, Chairman
The United Jewish Congregation of Hong Kong

cc: Rabbi Cliff Kulwin, Jean Salata, Arnold Zeitlin, et al

*From the chairman. . .*

# The Wisest Investment(s)

I've spoken of turning points in The UJC's history several times before but never about one as important as this. The decision by The Incorporated Trustees of The Jewish Community of Hong Kong to give a substantial subvention 'towards the running costs of The UJC' needs to be seen in perspective. It can be regarded as nothing less than a landmark event which gives the Congregation impetus and the opportunity to lock in on our Jewish tradition in the most meaningful way possible — through the interpreter of that tradition, a rabbi.

A rabbi is the link with our heritage, history, and faith — all of those things and more. Its a priceless link which nevertheless has a price — the ability of members to come up with the money to bring someone from abroad who will make those concerns his or her's everyday occupation. Building community is far more than attracting more members and holding more services. Building in this sense is building horizontally, building a framework but not the supports. To grow meaningfully, to grow in depth a community needs a rabbi. It costs more, it's worth more. It truly is, as we have written to the Trustees, 'the wisest investment that could be made to advance Community interests.' Thanks are due them for the wisdom to make this investment and commitment.

To reach a new plateau of growth, however, another investment is needed — an investment even more precious than money and one that no one can make except the members themselves. That investment is time. As dynamic, energetic, creative, and dedicated a rabbi may be, his or her talents are limited by the corresponding traits of those he/she serves. Measure for measure, members must pay for that devotion a rabbi brings with some of their precious time. It will never be a question of whether the rabbi is worth it. The question is simply whether we will make him/her worth it, it being the ethical, moral, religious, or social dimension he/she can bring to our lives, what having a rabbi is all about.

# Being a Cohen: Honor and Burdens

**By Karin Laub**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

There are thousands of Cohens in Israel. The name is an honor, but being a Cohen carries with it a peculiar set of obligations that can complicate life.

Being a Cohen, for instance, forced one Supreme Court judge to consider cutting off his toe.

The name Cohen, which means priest in Hebrew, has a long history. It is the oldest and most common Jewish surname. The name identifies its bearers as descendants of the high priest Aaron.

Cohens fill 33 pages of the Tel Aviv phone book, well ahead of other common names like Levy and Mizrahi.

While Cohens — and their many derivatives — are no different from the average Smith or Jones, the name gives them privileges and burdens that even a non-religious Cohen cannot escape.

The state rabbinate, which controls marriage and divorce, says Cohens cannot marry divorced women lest they be 'defiled.'

Haim Cohen, a Supreme Court judge who is now retired, wanted to marry a divorcee in 1966. He thought he saw a loophole in the biblical provision that men with physical defects don't qualify for the priestly caste.

'One possibility I seriously considered was to cut off a toe,' Mr. Cohen, 82, said in an interview. But rabbis told him self-mutilation was no option, so Mr. Cohen went abroad to marry. He offered to resign from the bench since he was violating a religious law, but the Justice Ministry refused.

Cohens cannot enter cemeteries except to bury close relatives. Thus the devout refrain from taking the main road out of Jerusalem to Jericho, since it crosses the Mount of Olives cemetery. A detour sign offers 'An Alternative route for Cohens.'

The Hebrew idiom for 'What's a nice guy like you doing in a place like this?' is 'What's a Cohen doing in a cemetery?'

[By consulting specialists in *Halacha*, the 3,500-year-old body of religious law, El Al, Israel's national airline, solved the problem raised by a Cohen when he saw a coffin being loaded into the plane's hold. The carrier transports the bodies of many observant Jews from abroad who wish to be buried in Israel. The airline now encloses coffins in cardboard containers which, the airline was told, gives the coffin its own 'house' according to *Halacha*, thus making it possible for Cohens to travel in the same plane.]

Descendants of the priestly caste also enjoy privileges.

Cohens get to bless the synagogue congregation from a platform, outstretched hands parted between the middle and ring-fingers in a V-sign.

If it looks a bit like the Vulcan greeting from *Star Trek,* it's no coincidence. Leonard (Mr. Spock) Nimoy wrote in his memoirs that he got the idea from attending synagogue as a child.

Israel's deputy housing minister, Ran Cohen, said that even though he is not an observant Jew, he performs the blessing on rare visits to the synagogue.

'Friends or neighbors sometimes ask me to come along as a Cohen for special occasions. This does not conflict with my values. It's a sign of respect to the worshippers,' he said.

Adapted from a feature appearing in *The Hong Kong Standard,* November 23, 1992 submitted by Robert Meyer.

UJC Invited to Address Governing Body

# Progressive Judaism 'Looks Ahead' at Convention in Israel in March

Hong Kong may be on the agenda at a convention of Reform, Progressive and Liberal Jews from 28 countries who will be looking at the likely role and challenges for Progressive Judaism in the coming century.

The convention of the World Union of Progressive Judaism will be addressed by President Chaim Herzog, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, and a number of Israeli cabinet ministers, scholars, philosophers, and historians.

WUPJ's Executive Director Richard G. Hirsch has also invited The UJC to have a representative speak to the governing body March 15. The invitation not only represents recognition of the Congregation's growing status but offers an opportunity to definitively put The UJC on the world map of Progressive Judaism.

The convention theme is 'Approaching the 21st century — ramifications for Israel, world Jewry and Progressive Judaism.' Topics to be discussed include Israeli politics and society; changing roles for Jewish women; and the situation of Jews in Eastern, Central, and Western Europe and the former Soviet Union.

On one of the evenings, a panel of leading members of Knesset from Israeli political parties will address critical issues facing the Jewish State and Progressive Judaism. Another program deals with 'The State of Religion in Israel and its Impact on Israel' and 'Diaspora Relations in the 21st century.'

A field excursion includes visits to Leo Baeck Education Center in Haifa and Reform Congregations in Haifa and Tel Aviv where delegates will be acquainted with immigrant absorption programs run by these institutions.

The convention program also includes a festive evening of Ethiopian and Russian food and folklore and a walking tour of Jerusalem.

The convention runs from March 14 to 21 with a one-week Russian and Baltic extension for those who wish to join a tour of Progressive Jewish communities in the former Soviet Union. Cities visited will be Moscow, Riga, and Kiev (St. Petersburg).

UJC members who wish to attend the convention can get more information from Bob Green. WUPJ executives believe UJC representatives would gain a great deal from information gathered at the convention and from connections established with leading figures in Progressive Judaism.

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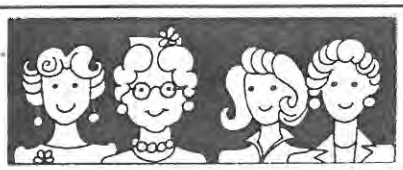

Adult education

## *A Rabbi and 'Rebbitsin'* Slated for Basic Judaism Sessions*

Rabbi Simeon Maslin of Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel and Mrs. Lotte Lapian, wife of Rabbi Benzion Lapian of Ohel Leah Synagogue have agreed to conduct sessions of The UJC's Basic Judaism course.

Mrs. Susan Millodot, the course administrator, has released the schedule of the classes for the next six weeks. The sessions are held Thursdays in The Jewish Club, Melbourne Plaza, 4th floor, Queens Road Central, beginning at 7:30 P.M. and are open to all members of the Community. Those wishing to attend may make arrangements by calling Mrs. Millodot at 311-5572.

**January 21:** ***Heritage,*** narrated by Abba Eban, followed by discussion. Please confirm in advance with Mrs. Millodot as this session may be affected by the Jewish Club's staffing schedule for Chinese New Year.

**January 28:** ***Living as a Jew — Home, Synagogue, Community.*** Discussion leader: Carol Betson

**February 4:** ***The Jewish Life Cycle — Mitzvot.*** Discussion leader: Joseph Ryant

**February 11:** ***Shabbat and the High Holidays.*** Discussion leader: David Paris

**February 18:** ***Prayer and Theology.*** Discussion leader: Rabbi Simeon Maslin

**February 25:** ***My Judaism.*** Discussion leader: Mrs. Lotte Lapian

* *Rebbitsin* —wife of a rabbi

## UJC Office 'Open for Business'

The UJC has its own 'official' office now and the new, part-time executive administrator Mrs. Amy DaSaro is willing to assist members of our dynamic, growing Congregation in whatever ways she can.

The office is on the 30th floor of The China Resources Building at 26 Harbour Road, Wanchai. The space has been offered courtesy of UJC member Henry Goldstein, President/C.E.O. of Pacific Link, and is decorated with posters and pictures of Israel, courtesy of Mark Regev and the Israeli Consulate.

Members are invited to stop by or call anytime. Hours generally are 10:00 A.M. — 2:00 P.M. but vary somewhat. Please call first if you are planning to visit. If Amy is not in, please leave a message on the answering machine (thanks to Kathy Goeld). The address and telephone numbers (which are also on the inside front cover of the 1993 Membership Directory) are:

The United Jewish Congregation of Hong Kong
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All members should have received the Directory by now. If you haven't, or need an extra one, please give Amy a call.

■ Amy DaSaro

Decisions

## UJC to Contribute to Jewish Benevolent Fund

### Change in Charter Regarding Cremation to be Proposed at EGM

The UJC Committee decided in its December meeting to make monthly contributions to The Jewish Benevolent Society, effective from January of this year, of no less than HK$1,000 per month.

The move came in response to a request from The Incorporated Trustees of the Jewish Community of Hong Kong who felt such action would be appropriate in light of the subvention which has been offered to the Congregation. The Jewish Benevolent Society, a charitable organization under the auspices of Ohel Leah Synagogue, is dedicated to assisting less fortunate members of Hong Kong's Jewish Community.

The Committee also decided, in agreement with the Trustees, to propose that a provision dealing with cremation be deleted from the Congregation's Memorandum and Articles of Association. According to traditional belief, the body must revert to its original state and be buried in the earth from which it came. Also, cremation is considered an unnaturally speedy way of disposing of a body of a person who was once a beloved family member. These beliefs are shared by many non-Orthodox Jews as well.

Considering The UJC's wish to extend as broad a reach as possible within the Jewish Community, Committee members felt that this provision, if it caused or potentially caused offence to anyone, would be better deleted as such.

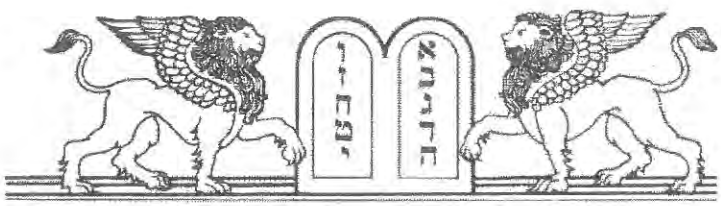
Because this requires a constitutional change needing approval by the general membership, the Committee decided to schedule an extraordinary general meeting for late February or early March.

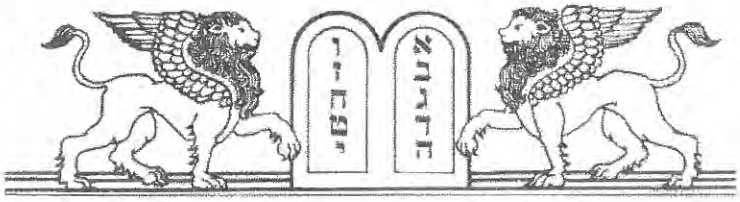
## Memorial Service

UJC members are invited to attend a special service honoring the memory of Allen Palitz, son of Robert and Bonnie Palitz, on Tuesday, February 2, 4:30 P.M., at Island School, 20 Borrett Road, Mid-Levels, Hong Kong. Robert Meyer will lead prayers.

The UJC sent condolences to the Palitz family last month following the tragic death of their son, Allen, resulting from a fall near their home in Pokfulam.

The Congregation echoes the words of Island School principal David James who, in a letter to parents, expressed the sincerest hope that the Palitz family 'can come to terms with, and accept with fortitude, that most cruel of blows, the death of a much loved child. It will be our hope, in later days when grief and bereavement have run their course, that Allen Palitz will continue to give joy and fond memories to [his] family and friends.'





# Chanukah Party Huge Success Thanks to Gang of Five (Ten?)

*'Purim no problem', say planners*

Star performances by Kathy Goeld, Jackie Blinderman, Mollie Blaum-Sherbin, Ann Friedman, and Laura Metoudi plus some help from David Blinderman and England's famous Fire Jugglers were main factors contributing to The UJC's most successful-ever Chanukah party.

Although attendance exceeded expectations due to some members who failed to book, the organizers managed to find a place for everyone — 107 altogether — and kept the kitchen busy stocking the buffet table.

The careful attention given to planning the menu, table settings, and decorations was generally regarded as time well spent. By all accounts, the food was delicious. The unusually mild weather allowed the party to spread from the Bay Room at The American Club onto the terrace and lawn where the Fire Jugglers did a pre-dinner workshop with the children and a spectacular after-dinner performance under the stars.

Toy magnate Steve Kahn donated dozens of toys as prizes for the children. To make it possible for all families to attend without creating any financial strain, children 12 and under were invited as guests.

David Blinderman conducted a *havdalah* service before dinner.

Anticipating an even greater number for next year's Chanukah party, organizers have reserved the entire dining room upstairs. Planning is now underway for the March 7 Purim Party which will also be held in the Bay Room.

# Shabbat, Shabbat, Shabbat

Friday, Jan. 29, 6:30 P.M.
**Family Service**
Conducted by
**Peter Kaminsky**

The American Club
Kam Shan Room
Exchange Square II, 49/fl

followed by
**Italian Buffet Supper**
Adults $125.00, children $90.00
Non-members:
Adults $140.00, children $140.00

Friday, Feb. 19, 6:30 P.M.
**Family Service**
Conducted by
**Rabbi Simeon J. Maslin**
Senior Rabbi
Keneseth Israel, Elkins Park, Pa.

The American Club
Kam Shan Room
Exchange Square II, 49/fl

followed by
**Dinner & Talk**
**The Jewish Club**
Melbourne Plaza, 4/f
**$150.00 per person**
**RESERVATIONS ESSENTIAL**

Friday, Feb. 26, 6:30 P.M.
**Family Service**
Conducted by
**Rabbi Richard C. Hertz**
Rabbi Emeritus
Temple Beth El, Detroit

The American Club
Kam Shan Room
Exchange Square II, 49/fl

followed by
**Italian Buffet Supper**
Adults $125.00, children $90.00
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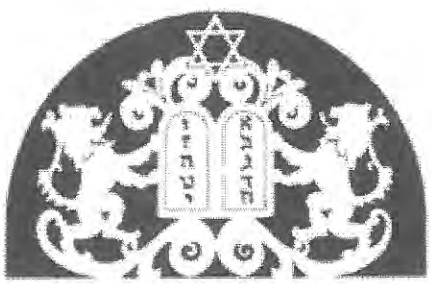
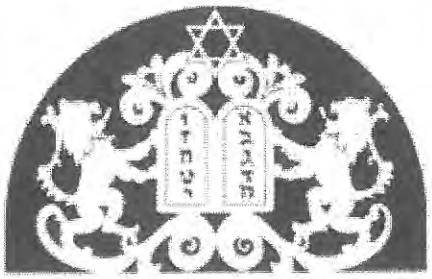
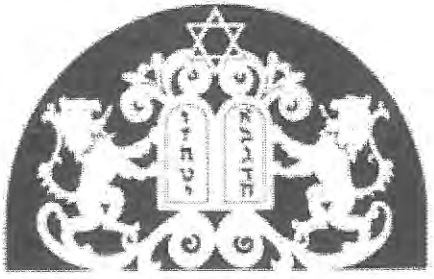
**Please call Amy DaSaro at 802-0012 (fax 802-1066) or Angela at 463-8156 (fax 456-3450) to book for dinner**







*Adult education: cooking lessons*

# Matzoh Balls and More

Feel the need to knead? Are you *borching* for borsht, crazy for kugel?

The USA Deli may describe its Chicken Soup with Kreplach as 'Jewish Wonton Soup' but it doesn't cut the mustard as 'comfort food.'

If you're interested in recovering your *bubbie's* lost secrets, sign up for The UJC's next dollop of Adult Education Classes: **Lessons in Jewish Cooking.**

Jacqueline and David Blinderman will offer two classes covering such classics as: blintzes, chopped liver, struedel, matzoh balls and more.

**The classes will be offered Sundays , February 28 and March 21, at 2:00 P.M. in their kitchen.** Class size is limited to 10 (sorry, no amahs) so contact Jacqueline (812-6991) to reserve a place. The fee for those attending will be determined by the cost of the ingredients.

Others who may be interested in sharing their Jewish culinary expertise (including Mediteranean specialties) are requested to call Mollie Blaum-Sherbin at 834-0412.

■ Mollie Blaum-Sherbin

## *Chicken soup*

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| one stewing chicken or portion thereof | **additions:** |
| 1 tablespoon salt | 1 beef bone or turkey giblet |
| 1 onion | 1 garlic clove |
| 4 celery tops | 1 parsnip |
| 2 carrots | 1 small potato |
| 2 bunches of parsley leaves | half a kohlrabi |
| for variety, try some of the following additions: | a cluster of cauliflower |

Clean the chicken. Cover it in a pot with 4 —5 quarts of water. Add salt and bring to a boil. Simmer for an hour. Add the vegetables and simmer another hour. Let the soup stand until it gets cold and skim off the top. Reheat.

From *The First Jewish Catalog*, Siegel, Strassfeld, and Strassfeld, Jewish Publication Society, Philadelphia

*Youth activities: Our first-ever Maccabiah team*

# *Chance of a Lifetime for UJC Kids*

The opportunity to compete in an international athletic meet without being a world-class athlete has been offered to the younger, more athletic members of Hong Kong's Jewish Community.

UJC members Dennis Leventhal and Tomas Bohmer are scouting for athletes to compete in the 17th Maccabiah this July in Israel. **An organizing meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 3 from 7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. in The Jewish Club.** Details on how to enter the Games will be given to those interested in participating.

**Sponsors and others who can help raise funds for fees, uniforms, and transportation are urgently needed.**

The organizers have asked Community members to "please come out [to the meeting] and help ''brainstorm' both problems and solutions. We need some crearive help if we want to make this 'historic' occasion happen successfully.

■ Tomas Bohmer

# 'The Chris Patten International Airport'?

## *'Not Likely,' Governor Tells Community*

The Right Honorable Christopher Patten was guest of honor at a reception January 5th in The Jewish Club for an old acquaintance of his — The Honorable Greville Janner QC MP, also known to UJC Treasurer Victor Falk. In addition to his parliamentary job, Mr. Janner serves as president of the Commonwealth Jewish Council. Considering that it had been 40 years since they had worked together as council members in London, Victor was mildly surprised when the MP approached him at the reception with the words 'I know you.'

After informal chats with Club members over cocktails and a delicious buffet spread, the Governor told guests he was surprised to learn that he was the first governor in over 80 years to attend a Jewish Community function. 'What were they all doing?', he asked.

He told how Hong Kong's only Jewish governor Sir Matthew Nathan (1904-1907), an engineer by training, had encountered formidable opposition when he proposed what many considered an outlandish, overly-ambitious project in his time — the building of Nathan Road. In something of an understatement, the Governor noted that he had also experienced opposition to some of his ideas and suggestions about various projects. "I'm quite certain, for example, that they won't be calling it 'The Chris Patten International Airport,'" he said.

The Governor praised Lord Lawrence Kadoorie, Chairman of The Incorporated Trustees of the Jewish Community of Hong Kong, as the most outstanding example of Jewish members of the community who have contributed to Hong Kong's growth and prosperity. In his reply, Lord Kadoorie expressed strong confidence in Hong Kong's future and predicted that in years to come, Hong Kong would be the largest and most important city in southeast Asia. Trustees William Mocatta and Victor Zirinsky, Jewish Club Chairman Anne Godfrey, and a number of UJC Executive Committee members were also present.

# Kaifeng Again a Center for Jewish Studies

For the first time in several centuries, Kaifeng has again become a center for Jewish studies in China. The earliest-known Jewish community in China is the site of the recently-established Research Centre of Jewish History in China. The Centre, at the University of Henan in Kaifeng, is latest in a number of research centers and study institutes having to do with Jewish affairs that have been set up in the country. Its membership consists of 27 scholars, most of whom are from the University's History Department.

The new Centre, established November 17, has put out a call for Judaica textual materials of all kinds. **Donations should be addressed to Professor Tang Jia-hong; Research Centre for Jewish History in China; Henan University; Min-lun Street; Kaifeng, Henan; 475001 China.**

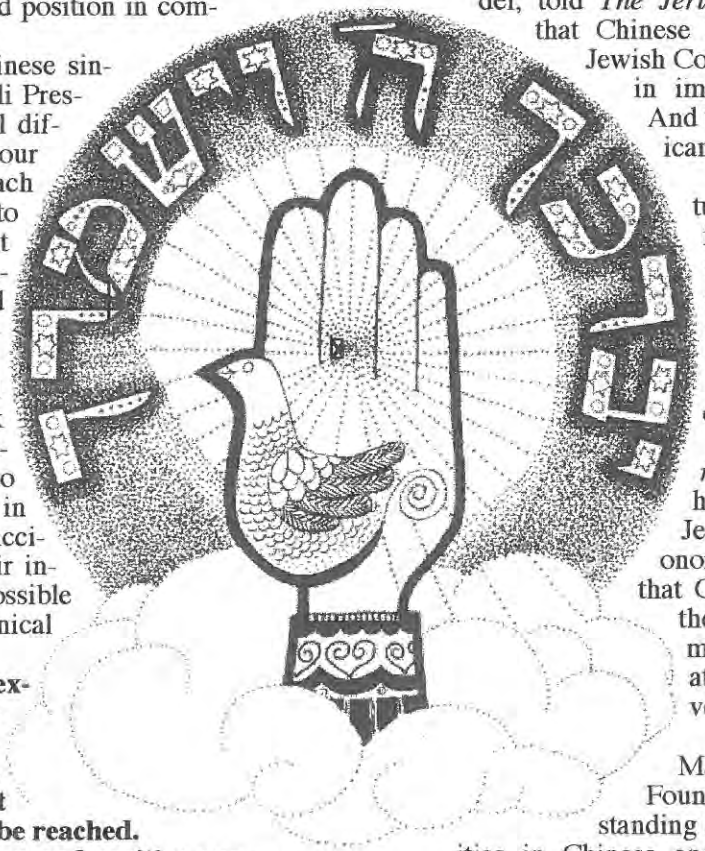
# Israeli President's 'Symbolically Important' Visit to China Points to Major Agreements Ahead, Vice-Consul Says

The visit to China in December by President Chaim Herzog, the first by an Israeli president, is likely to yield dividends in the months ahead, Israeli Vice-Consul Mark Regev said in a talk January 13th at the Jewish Club. Mr. Regev, who accompanied the President, said that although no special deals or agreements resulted from the trip, it was symbolically important in light of the fact that diplomatic relations between the two countries were established less than one year ago [January 24, 1992].

As constitutionally constructed, the presidential post in Israel is that of a figurehead and the person occupying it 'has no political teeth.' And yet, Mr. Regev said, 'the Chinese bent over backwards trying to be hospitable and making the President feel at home.' He noted that the very top leadership of China received him including Prime Minister Li Peng, the president of China, Communist Party secretary-general Jiang Zemin, the mayor of Shanghai, "or in other words, the elitist group or what may be called the 'Who's Who of China.' It demonstrates that China is no longer hostile to Israel. It used to automatically echo the Arab line. Now it takes a more even-handed position in commenting on the peace process."

Mr. Regev noted that the Chinese singled out a comment by the Israeli President that 'there are no historical differences or disputes between our two countries' and seemed to attach greater than expected attention to it. The remark apparently brought home to them that there were, indeed, no real reasons that should hinder the development of relations, he said.

Significantly, the vice-consul pointed out, the Chinese took President Herzog to visit a satellite launch center in Xian to show off their achievements in high technology. 'It was no accident,' he said. 'It signalled their interest in joint ventures and all possible forms of economic and technical cooperation.'



**Mr. Regev predicted an exchange of visits between key Israeli and Chinese political figures within the first half of this year with the expectation that some major agreements would be reached. 'The message we got was an open and positive one — that China wants economic development, trade, and joint ventures.'**

The only bone of contention between the two countries, he said, had to do with the problem of Chinese nuclear and missile technology being exported to the Middle East. He referred to a nuclear reactor which had been sent to Iran, the possibility of the same thing happening in Algeria, and sales to Syria and others. This indicated that despite China's official position on the matter, the Defence Ministry may not be bound by guidelines issued by the Foreign Ministry.

Mr. Regev described the visit as a moving exper-ience, speaking of the welcoming banquet in the Great Hall of the People, the sight of Israeli flags flying in Tiananmen Square next to the huge portrait of Mao Tse-Tung, and the cannon salute by the Peoples Liberation Army.

In Shanghai, the President visited two former synagogues which, like Ohel Leah Synagogue, were built by the Sassoon family and were of similar design. One is now being used by a teacher's union; the other has a civil defense office on the lower floor and a museum on the upper floor with a photographic exhibition showing 'the roots of Jewish life in Shanghai.' Both buildings were in good condition, according to Mr. Regev.

Israel was one of the first countries to recognize China when it came to power in 1949 but China did not reciprocate. It was the last permanent member of the United Nations Security Council to establish official links with Israel.

Some have speculated that contributing factors to the change of China's position have been the war in the Persian Gulf, the end of the Cold War, and a new recognition of Israel's worth. There is also the belief that China may believe improved relations with Israel will benefit their relations with the U.S. The Assistant Director of the Jewish Community Relations Council in New York, Harriet Mandel, told *The Jerusalem Post* in January, 1992 that Chinese leaders regard the American Jewish Community as an 'important link in improving Sino-U.S. relations.' And the key to winning over American Jewry is Israel, she said.

'China has its eye on the future and would like to move from a Third World country to a superpower before the 21st century,' she added. 'China sees a role for the Jewish community in fostering both its political and its economic development goals.'

Mandel also told the *Jerusalem Post* that the Chinese have a clear impression that Jews wield considerable economic and political power and that Chinese leaders are looking to the American Jewish community as a source of desperately needed foreign investment.

In the same report, Rabbi Marc Schneier, president of the Foundation for Ethnic Understanding in the U.S. pointed to similarities in Chinese and Jewish culture. Both have close-knit families and a respect for their elders and both stress the importance of education, especially when it comes to the youth; parents in both the Jewish and Chinese communities in the U.S., for example, labor around the clock to afford their children the best education.

Fred Teng, past president of the Chinese-American Planning Council, also spoke of the common threads running through both communities. 'Both suffered in WWII from the same enemy. We are both entrepreneurs and have suffered discrimination and restrictions in trade, yet we both achieved quite a lot; we both stress family and education and a pride in our heritage; we are both patriotic and loyal to America, but we share a great caring for the mother land — China and Israel. Both are seen as model groups and hard-working people.'

# Vice-Consul: Israeli Response to Hamas Terrorism Justified; Deportation Will Not Damage Long-Term Peace Prospects

Israeli Vice-Consul Mark Regev has blamed the media for a lot of the bad publicity Israel has suffered from deporting 415 Palestinians last month.

'One could conclude [from media coverage] that Israel has made every possible mistake it could; that it's actions have united the whole world behind Moslem extremists; that it has totally disrupted the peace process; that it has spat on international standards of behavior; that it doesn't give two hoots about international law and morality; that Israel is not serious about peace; that the differences between Rabin and Shamir are only cosmetic; and that Israel's image is that of a gun-toting, trigger-happy Ariel Sharon.'

This is the image created largely by the international media, he said, including BBC World Service, which often depicts 'the visual, but not necessarily the political truth of the matter.'

The Palestinians, deported in retaliation for a wave of killings of Israeli soldiers, are suspected of being members of the militant Islamic fundamentalist movements Hamas and Islamic Jihad. Pressure has been mounting on Israel to allow them to return home to the Israeli-occupied territories of Gaza and the West Bank.

According to the vice-consul, addressing some 70 members of the Jewish Community at a talk in The Jewish Club on January 13, 'the media have glossed over the real nature of the Hamas.'

'They are not your non-violent, Martin Luther King-style protagonists; they are very hard core, extremist Islamic fundamentalists — ultra-nationalistic with the belief that Allah condones all. They represent a form of religious and political extremism that allows no compromise. They believe that the end justifies all means. They are fighting for an end to Israel in the belief that Israel has no right to exist. The peace negotiations [between Israel, Syria, Jordan, Lebanon,and the Palestinians] are blasphemous in their opinion. No political settlement is possible. They are a small but highly-organized, highly-motivated and well-financed group [primarily by Iran] that has done everything possible to torpedo the peace process. They are bent on extending the spiral of violence and destabilizing the Middle East.'

The vice-consul said Israel acted in response to pressure from its citizens and that of the various options considered, deportation was the most moderate of alternatives.

'To defend yourself and deal with extremists, you have to hit them hard, you have to deal with terrorists in a tough way,' the vice-consul said. 'Their actions cause a violent response because this is the only way to deal with them; they don't accept reason or compromise. All the Middle Eastern states dealing with Moslem fundamentalists find there is no middle ground. How can you deal with a group that says you have no right to exist?', he asked.

Mr. Regev described difficulties that Moslem fundamentalist groups were creating for Egypt, Algeria, and Jordan, as well as among Palestinians. He said it was a kind of civil war in Cairo where areas controlled by the fundamentalists were cordoned off and special military teams hunted them down with strike forces operating at night.

'You don't hear about it from Syria,' he said, 'but as many as tens of thousands were killed in 1982 when the Syrian Government completely destroyed [a town] with an air strike where a Moslem fundamentalist uprising occurred.'

Mr. Regev said that 223 Arab Palestinians had been killed by the terrorists within recent months. 'You can get an ax in the head if you differ with their fundamentalist beliefs. You may be beaten if you drink a beer, wear a miniskirt, do business with Israelis, or for any behavior which offends what they believe is holy.'

He expressed the opinion that the sympathy and support that Arab countries have expressed for the deportees were only 'crocodile tears' — that they were only making a show of unity and support. 'It makes good propaganda but when you come to the crunch, none of them wants to accept them. That's a telling fact.'

[The vice-consul's observations were borne out by same day reports from Cairo in the *International Herald Tribune* which spoke of 'a deep antipathy, shared by the PLO, toward the militant Islamic fundamentalist movements Hamas and Islamic Jihad.' The report also said that Arab foreign ministers, meeting under the auspices of the 21-member League of Arab States, had resisted a call by the Palestine Liberation Organization for the suspension of peace talks with Israel.]

'The Hamas and PLO are not in the same camp,' Mr. Regev observed. Only superficially. There is no long term basis for cooperation. The Palestinians are facing an ideological and political cliff. They will have to decide to go either the way of Egypt or Iran.'

Mr. Regev said Israel's rationale in deporting the Palestinians was to buy time for the peace negotiations. 'No one expects this to end terrorism. But it will cripple their operations for at least two months. It will put them in the deep freeze, away from the center of operations, and will serve as a message of strength to moderate elements, give them room to move.'

'You must not let them win, set the agenda, and disrupt the peace process.. There is no common ground. You must deal with terrorists as terrorists. They are a cancer within the body politic.'

He said that although Israel had suffered a public relations blow, this was not necessarily the primary consideration. 'A public relations backlash was anticipated. Israel knew there would be heat but felt that for strategic reasons, it was necessary to hit the Hamas and hit them hard.'

Mr. Regev saw the increase in Hamas terrorist activity as a reaction to recent gains in peace negotiations, a recognition that there is a serious possibility of a deal being struck.

The vice-consul said he did not think the deportee issue would have long-term political effects nor have serious effects on peace prospects. He said the matter was already starting to blow over, and that when Warren Christopher, President-elect Bill Clinton's nominee as secretary of state begins his visits to the Middle East as part of the peace process, the issue would be largely forgotten.

'The peace process has not been destroyed. It will move forward. It is not conditional upon the return of the deportees. This is media politics,' he said.

*Observations*

# Writing: A Healing Craft

But why write at all?

There is, of course, no one answer for all writers and probably no one reason for one writer.

I gave one answer in my *A Version of Home: Letters From The World* in which I suggested that a specific act of writing is a meeting place for writer and imagined reader, a temporary home for the emotionally homeless.

But there are other reasons.

There is an old man in Hong Kong who wanders around the Central District. He is not one of the lame beggars who work the sub-way that leads to the Star Ferry, and I am not even sure that he is a beggar.

His body is covered with locks and chains. He wears them as if they were jewelry. I have seen him hundreds of times, but I've never thought about him very much.

Still, he has become a symbol for me. I realize: *self-imprisoned man.*

He is someone who, for whatever obscure reason (hidden most of all to himself), wants the world to know that he isn't free.

I think writers try to help themselves and others achieve 'inner freedom' (to use such an American phrase), freedom of self.

They try to open the locks.

Recently, someone told me a story about his son, a rabbi, who once had served in the Israeli secret service while he was studying in Jerusalem.

One of his misfortunes was to parachute into the Sudan and Egypt to help the Falashas [Ethiopian Jews] get out. Once he went into Cairo and bought an emaciated Falasha man, who was being sold into slavery (such things apparently still went on), for a hundred U.S. dollars.

He put the man in a sack and carried him on his back until he could get to a safe place for transport to Israel.

When his father told me this story in Hong Kong last year, I knew that it had something to do with writing; and I think today that it is the other side of the *self-imprisoned man.* It is: *man imprisoned by other.*

Writers often work, through their writing and through their actions, to free others from various forms of imposed bondage. *Uncle Tom's Cabin* is the most obvious example for an American to cite.

Medicine and writing were the two choices that presented themselves to me when I was a teenager. Had I been better at science (any science), I doubtless would have been a doctor (I mean, a *real* doctor, not an *academic* doctor.)

But it now seems to me that medicine and writing are closely related. Perhaps this is why so many doctors have become writers (Maugham, Gertrude Stein, William Carlos Williams).

It is, if done well, *a healing craft.*

For the writer, for the reader. ■ Dr. Howard Wolf

[About the author: *UJC member Dr. Howard Wolf, Professor of American and English literature at the State University of New York in Buffalo is the author of a number of books, short stories, and essays, and a volume of poetry. His worldwide readership is particularly strong in India where he has visited three times on lecture tours sponsored by U.S.I.S. and academic institutions. The theme that runs through much of his writing is what he calls 'the autobiographical impulse in American life.' Dr. Wolf is currently a lecturer in the English Department at Hong Kong University. His recently-completed manuscript* ***Ends and Other Beginnings: Mainly Sunday Letters from Hong Kong*** *should be in print soon.*]

## *Write for, Contribute to The Shofar*

*The Shofar* is pleased to welcome contributions in this issue from Dr. Howard Wolf, Mollie Blaum-Sherbin, Dennis Leventhal, Alice Gottesman, Tomas Bohmer, Robert Meyer, and Amy DaSaro. *The Shofar* is for and about members and is interested in publishing not only news about UJC activities but also essays, prose, poetry, sketches — whatever, hopefully with a Jewish theme, without respect to age. Because of space and other editorial considerations, we can't publish everything, but we'll try, even if it's in a later issue.

# *Art for Ark's Sake*

Noah anyone who wants to help build an ark and design and create the ark curtain *(parokhet).*

Our goal is to make a beautiful and original ark and curtain in anticipation of The UJC having a permanent sanctuary and perhaps even in time for this year's High Holidays.

Busy bee's and sewing bee's, please join in UJC's 'Art for Ark's Sake' first design and concept meeting. If you have books on sewing techniques, appliqué, embroidery, textiles, Jewish folk ark or others which might inspire our imaginations, please bring them. This group is guaranteed to have a hand in every phase of this project.

**Our first meeting will take place Tuesday, February 2, at the home of: Ann Friedman and Seth Maerowitz, Parkview, Tower 12, Apartment 1969. Please call Ann at 812-7567 if you'd like to join.**

■ Alice Gottesman

# *. . . and, all about arks*

Arks can be decorated in innumerable ways and come in many different sizes, shapes, and materials.

The central part of the ark is a cabinet that contains the Torah scrolls. This usually has a *parokhet* — curtain — covering it. The *parokhet* is often elaborately designed with many embellishments; some shuls have a special white *parokhet* used only for the High Holidays. Because the parokhet is considered holy, it is treated like any holy object — e.g. books, Torah scrolls, etc. — and is never discarded.

The *parokhet* can be drawn aside either by the pull of a cord (like drapes) or simply be pulled aside by hand. The cord is usually on the right side of the ark. Then there are the ark doors, which either slide apart to each side or open outward toward you. In some synagogues the doors are on the outside and the parokhet is on the inside.

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# *Welcome to our New Members*

Mr. Allan J. Kanter
Mr. Gitin Mitchell
Mr. William Mason
Mr. Bryan Bachner
Mr. Philip Marcovici
Mr. and Mrs. Lisa & David Kasten
Mr. Charles Berzon
Mr. & Mrs. Howard & Wendy Berk
Mr. Marvin Carsley
Mr. Jack Ormut
Mr. Ken Efland
Mr. Jonathan Fox
Mr. Julian Groves
Dr. Michael Weininger
Mr Michael March

# Membership Officer Targets Prospects in New Drive

***Prospective Member***
Johanna Rachel Elizabeth Geike
December 28, 1991

***New Member***
David Arthur Josephson
August 14, 1992

Membership officer Mark Michelson has revealed part of his new plan for recruiting members for The UJC.

In an exclusive interview with *The Shofar*, Mr. Michelson said he was confident that by scanning birth announcements in the English-language newspapers for Jewish-sounding names, he could target on previously-unaffiliated members of the community — not only the newly-born but their parents as well.

Sensitive to criticism that this might be perceived as 'robbing the cradle,' the Executive Committee member said that to the contrary, he would be doing the families a favor considering the interest most Jewish parents have in giving their children a Jewish upbringing. 'In this important undertaking, you can not start too young,' he said.

As a result, Mr. Michelson said he would soon be contacting Katherine and Horst Geike, parents of Johanna Geike. He also extended a special welcome to David Arthur Josephson, son of Committee member Martha Josephson and her husband Joseph, expressing the hope that David would come to the Purim Party with his parents in March and join the ranks of active UJC participants.

Mr. Michelson said that one of the UJC's priorities, now that Rabbi Joseph is coming in the fall, must be to increase membership. He will be presenting what he called 'an ambitious but realistic plan' at the next Exeutive Committee meeting.

Membership prospects may write to Mr. Michelson at The UJC office (GPO Box 5259) or contact him at 522-6313 (telephone) or 877-0541 (fax). He will gladly mail a membership application along with other relevant information and see to it that interested parties are put on the UJC mailing list.

# *Choosing a Name(s)*

Contrary to popular opinion, there are no legal requirements regarding the name of a child, only that the child be given a Hebrew name.

For example, Sephardic Jews (those originating from Middle Eastern countries) name a child after a living person. A son is frequently named after his living grandfather. Ashkenazim (originally from Central and Eastern Europe) usually follow the custom of naming a child after a deceased relative.

We are not certain why the two communities follow different practices. One theory is that Ashkenazic Jews associated the name with the person's soul. Therefore, to name a child after a living person could shorten the years of that person. Although the religious authorities were probably aware that this belief was based on superstition, they discouraged the custom of naming the child after a living person for a more practical reason: to have two people in one family with the same name would lead to confusion.

Ashkenazic children have not always been named after a deceased relative. Some children bear the name of eminent Jewish personalities. In certain Ashkenazic families, people have gone to great lengths to find some relative with a name that bears some resemblance to a preferred 'modern' name. Among the *hasidim* it was the custom to name the children after the rabbi who most influenced the family.

Since there are no specific laws regarding the giving of names, some children are named in connection with significant events. This tradition dates back to biblical times when events in the family or community inspired the naming of a newborn. In Israel today, this tradition has been restored. Hence the names of many Israelis are based on celebrated events relating to the State of Israel.

It is important to know your own Hebrew names as this will be used when you are called up to the Torah and like occasions.

You should also know your father's name since men will be called up for an *aliyah* as, for example, David *ben* (son of) Yosef (Joseph) or Sarah *bat* (daughter) Yosef instead of by your normal first and last name. To honor both parents, some people have begun to use their mother's name also, e.g., David *ben* Joseph *ve*-Rahel (and Rachel).

From *The Myth and Reality of Judaism* by Simon Glustrom, Behrman. 1989 [a gift from Rabbi Samuel K. Joseph] and *The Second Jewish Catralog*.

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***And the children of Israel multiplied and grew in number . . .***

# UJC CALENDAR

**Thursdays, January 21, 28; February 4, 11, 18, 25: Basic Judaism Classes**
7:30 P.M, The Jewish Club, Melbourne Plaza

***Friday, January 29, Shabbat Service**
American Club, led by Peter Kaminsky

**Thursday, February 3, Meeting**
Maccabiah Games, Jewish Club, 7 P.M.

**Friday, February 19, Shabbat Service**
American Club, led by Rabbi Simeon J. Maslin, followed by dinner and talk at The Jewish Club, Melbourne Plaza, 4/f, Queen's Rd. Central

**Friday, February 26, Shabbat Service**
American Club, led by Rabbi Richard C. Hertz

**Sunday, February 28, Cooking Class**
at home of David & Jacqueline Blinderman, Flat B28, 101 Repulse Bay Rd. (RSVP 812-6991)

**Sunday, March 7, Purim Party**
American Club, Tai Tam; from 4:30 P.M.

**Friday, March 19, Shabbat Service**
American Club

**Sunday, February 28, Cooking Class**
at the Blindermans (see above)

**Monday, April 5, Passover Seder**
Aberdeen Marina Club; details to be announced

**Friday, April 16, Shabbat Service**
details to be announced

**Friday, April 30, Shabbat Service**
details to be announced

* Unless otherwise specified, services at The American Club are in The Kam Shan Room, Exchange Square II, 49th floor, Central District, starting at 6:30 P.M. They are followed by an Oneg Shabbat and, for those who wish to stay, an Italian buffet dinner. Please book for the buffet with Amy (802-0012).


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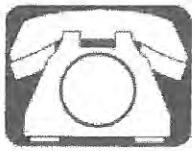

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