

**CJN Board Announced** *cont'd from page 1*

Spangenthal, Barry Wohl and Barbara Ziegler.

The group's initial meeting was scheduled for January 25 at Goldman's home. In addition to the members of the Board, Mike Minkin, Federation executive director, Bobbi Bernstein, Federation president, and Rita Mond, CJN editor, attended.

The purpose of the Board is to cover a wide range of issues involving the paper. It is hoped to establish a beneficial editorial policy for the entire community as well as

looking at profitable revenue producing programs including expanded advertising, better liaison between the paper and all organizations within the Jewish community and an ongoing staff policy to better equip both the Federation and the editor in achieving uninterrupted growth.

The appointment of the Editorial Board will be the first time in the history of the Federation that such a committee will be in existence.

**U.S. Denying Refuge to Hundreds Of Jews Leaving USSR**

NEW YORK (JTA) — For the first time, American immigration officials are challenging the refugee status of Soviet Jewish emigres, with the result that hundreds of them may not be allowed to come to the U.S. The challenges are occurring in Rome, usually the next-to-last stop for Soviet Jews intent on coming to the U.S. There, 179 Soviet Jews have been denied refugee visas since September. In addition, more than 300 "delayniks" are said to be in limbo in Rome, awaiting a decision by immigration officials that was once automatic for Soviet Jews.

Both State and Justice officials said that those denied refugee visas could enter the U.S. as public interest "parolees." Parolees must show an affidavit of support from a sponsor in the U.S. stating that the applicant will not be a liability on the public welfare system.

According to the Refugee Act of 1980, the State Department provides the Immigration and Naturalization Service with guidance on the political situation of a country's citizens. The State Department each year sets a

ceiling on the number of refugee visas available worldwide. This year, the quota is 94,000, of which only 84,000 slots are fully funded.

Only 16,000 of those slots have been set aside for all Soviet refugees: Jews, Armenians, Pentecostal Christians and ethnic Germans.

**Thornburgh Takes Steps To Allow More Soviet Jews in U.S.**

Attorney General Richard Thornburgh took steps to allow up to 2,000 Soviet emigres per month to enter the U.S. on the attorney general's parole authority, including all Jewish emigrants now in Rome.

In addition, the Justice Department will allow "immigrant class" entry to a "limited number of applicants who face special circumstances."

Thornburgh announced this interim measure in response to a request from Secretary of State George Shultz that something be done to help Soviet citizens who are unable to get visas to the U.S. because of the U.S. budget crunch.

**"Ripples in Time" Airs on WTVI**

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occurrences. Many still will not speak — the wounds of the past are too painful to reopen. Others do talk: as if, in some way, talking about their experiences helps to heal the wounds.

Profiled are people from different countries, with varied backgrounds. One is retired, another is a university professor. Two were American servicemen who helped liberate the camps. One is an American woman who, as a child, watched as her grandmother sent money to Poland every month to help her relatives escape — only to discover at the end of the war that the Nazis used that very money against the Jews. Another is an artist, whose experiences are reflected in her work.

Despite their varied backgrounds and livelihoods, all share a common bond — a need to uphold the rights of individuals to make their own decisions regarding their personal beliefs. There is also a real love for life, a love for art, music, education — and most of all, for Peace.

*Editor's note: Profiled in the film are Fred and Ilse Bergen, William Eskridge, Henry Hirschmann, Isaac Lepek, Marianne Lieberman, Irving Mond, Celia Scher, James Schrum and Susan Cernyak-Spatz.*

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