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## Einstein Dedicates Its New Classroom

On March 2, Albert Einstein Academy (AEA) dedicated its new portable classroom during a special Hanukat Habayit service, which literally means blessing of the home. During this service, the classroom, which is known to its second grade inhabitants as "Einstein-on-Wheels," was blessed and a mezuzah was hung over the doorway.

Many dignitaries of the community attended the celebration, including Toni Young, President of the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD), Judy Wortman, Executive Vice President of the Jewish Federation of Delaware

(JFD), and David Sorkin, Executive Director of the Jewish Community Center (JCC).

Special plaques were also dedicated to recognize and honor several people and organizations without whom this project would not have been possible. Specifically, The Longwood Foundation and The Kutz Foundation were honored for their donations to help purchase the classroom. Also, Bob Kralovec, Art Trickey, and Jerry Heisler were honored for the many long hours they spent coordinating the purchase, construction, and installation of the classroom.

Albert Einstein Academy is a Jewish day school that provides an innovative, nurturing environment in which kindergarten through sixth grade children study both secular and Judaic subjects. For more information about Albert Einstein Academy, please contact Rabbi Ellen Bernhardt at 478-5026.

Bob Kravolec stands in front of a plaque at Albert Einstein which honors him for hours spent on the new portable classroom. With Bob is his children Lindsay and Jeffery. Jeffery is a student at AEA. Also honored were Art Trickey and Jerry Heisler.



Reenacting the story of Esther and Haman was a high point in the Purim festival staged by Italian Jewish orphans in a children's home maintained by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) in 1949. The JDC is a beneficiary of the "Live Jewish" Community Campaign which is administered by The Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD).

Photo: JDC



Today, children in Meknes, Morocco celebrate Purim at a holiday party. The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) sponsors cultural and educational programs in Morocco. The JDC is a beneficiary of the "Live Jewish" Community Campaign which is administered by The Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD).

Photo: JDC

## Jewish Support For NAACP Expected to Strengthen With New Chair

By LAWRENCE COHLER

New York Jewish Week

NEW YORK, (JTA) — Jewish support for the NAACP should resurge to earlier levels with the election of Myrlie Evers-Williams as its chairwoman, several Jews close to the nation's most prominent civil rights organization have predicted.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has enjoyed strong Jewish support since its founding in 1909. But the organization suffered a hemorrhage in Jewish contributions during the 15-month tenure of civil rights activist Benjamin Chavis as its executive director, according to these

sources.

Many Jews were enraged by his embrace of Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan. And although Chavis' firing last August brought some Jews back, others held out, awaiting more comprehensive reform.

"My instinct says most of those who left will now come back," said Albert Vorspan, former senior vice president of Reform Judaism's Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Gilbert Jonas, a Jewish member of the NAACP for 46 years and its longtime chief fund-raiser, agreed. "I'm certain our traditional sources of revenue will come back with as much strength as ever, including our Jewish

supporters," he said.

Jonas stressed that financial support from Jews has "not been crucial" to the NAACP since the early 1960s. It was then that the organization's legal department split off as a separate organization and many of its Jewish backers put their money behind the now-separate NAACP Legal Defense Fund, he said.

Still, he said, the NAACP retained a significant number of Jewish contributors — until Chavis' embrace of Farrakhan last year provoked an outpouring of outrage.

Evers-Williams, 61, is herself strongly associated with the NAACP's history of close cooperation with Jews, who were much more prominent and numerous in the group's own leadership in earlier years.

Her late husband, Medgar Evers, headed the Mississippi NAACP during the height of the black-Jewish cooperation for civil rights.

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The Jewish Voice features the work of artists such as Riva Brown.



The Jewish Voice features news photos like these. Here, Israeli Rabbi Isaac Klonski closes the tabernacle in an historic synagogue in Prague during a ceremony for the bringing in of the Torah March 3. The ceremony took place in Prague for the first time in 90 years. CREDIT: RNS PHOTO/Reuters.

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## BRIEFS

## Indyk Confirmed As Ambassador

By MATTHEW DORF

WASHINGTON (JTA) — It's official. Martin Indyk is the first Jewish U.S. ambassador to Israel. The Senate confirmed Indyk's nomination. The native Australian, 43, will be going to the Jewish state to assume his post in the coming weeks, according to a State Department official. Indyk, one of the senior members of President Clinton's Middle East peace process team, has served until now as the National Security Council director of Near East and South Asian affairs.

Mark Parris, a senior deputy secretary of state in the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs at the State Department, will succeed Indyk at NSC. According to Jewish leaders across the political spectrum, Parris' appointment "raises no red flags."

## Holocaust Museum Likely To Choose New Director From Past Candidates

By LARRY YUDELSON

NEW YORK (JTA) — The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum is again looking for a director, after Steven Katz resigned last weekend from the post he was scheduled to assume March 16. Katz, a professor at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y., had been elected to the post to replace Jeshajahu Weinberg, who is retiring. His resignation came less than two weeks after the Washington Post published a report detailing disciplinary measures taken against him by Cornell during his 11-year tenure there. Museum officials say it is "quite possible" that one of the other candidates originally considered for the post will now get the nod. Cornell took the measures against Katz four years ago, after Katz misled the school about a book contract and improperly took a job while on a paid study leave from the university.

In a resignation letter to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, Katz wrote, "I feel that at the present time the frivolous and non-meritorious allegations which have been asserted would unduly distract from the important educational mission which the Council and I share."

## GSS Nabs Hamas Suspect

By NAOMI SEGAL

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A member of a Hamas cell suspected of planting two bombs in Beersheba five months ago has been captured by the General Security Service.

The announcement was made by the police commander of the southern district, who said members of the cell were captured about one month ago.

One of the bombs went off near a Muslim cemetery, lightly wounding one person, Israel Radio reported. No one was hurt in the other explosion.

## Lithuanian Leader Apologizes To Jews During Knesset Speech

By NAOMI SEGAL

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The president of Lithuania has offered a public apology to the Jewish people for the mass murder of Lithuania's Jews by his country's citizens during World War II.

Addressing the Knesset last month, President Algirdas Brazauskas sought forgiveness for the role his people played in the murder of more than 200,000 Lithuanian Jews. He said the Lithuanians have had a difficult time coming to terms with their past, but promised that war criminals would be brought to justice.

Several Lithuanian survivors were present during the speech. One of them, former Knesset member Gustav Badyan, was overcome by emotion and was taken to the hospital with chest pains, Israel Television said.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin told the Knesset that Israel would hold Brazauskas to his pledge to repeal a blanket pardon given to Nazi criminals in 1991, when Lithuania became independent.

An estimated 5,000 Lithuanians involved in the murder of Jews are among those who were rehabilitated by the government.

## NEWS &amp; COMMENTARY

## Neo-Cons Must Condemn Pat Buchanan's Bigotry

By ALAN M. DERSHOWITZ  
CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (JTA) —

Now that Patrick Buchanan appears on the eve of announcing yet another run for the presidency, the pressure is on all decent Republicans and conservatives to denounce this potential candidate as the bigot and anti-Semite that he is.

The pressure will be particularly great on the vocal group of young Jewish neo-cons who were recently profiled for a cover story in the New York Times Magazine. Up until now most of these conservatives have been unwilling to criticize publicly any of their allies on the right, regardless of their bigotry.

The guru of conservatism — William Buckley — has placed his imprimatur on the inescapable conclusion that many of Buchanan's views are anti-Semitic.

After a thorough review of Buchanan's writings, this is what Buckley said: "I find it impossible to defend Pat Buchanan against the charges that what he said and did during the period under examination amounted to anti-Semitism."

Nor has Buchanan's fling with this primitive form of bigotry been merely a one-night stand. Over a great many years, Buchanan has been the mainstream spokesman for the lunatic fringe Jew-haters of the right.

These kooks know they can get a hearing from Buchanan, as evidenced by a column he wrote casting doubt on whether Jews were gassed at Treblinka. As evidence for this canard, he quoted the following: "In 1988, 97 kids, trapped 400 feet underground in a Washington, D.C. tunnel while two locomotives spewed diesel exhaust into the car, emerged unharmed after 45 minutes."

When asked where he got this nutty idea, Buchanan responded, "Somebody sent it to me."

A journalist, reviewing Buchanan's anti-Semitic writings concluded that "much of the material on which Buchanan bases his [frequent columns on the Holocaust] is sent to him by pro-Nazi, anti-Semitic cranks."

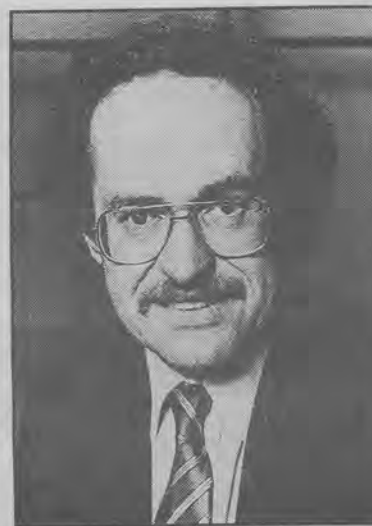
It is not surprising, therefore, that Buchanan has written that people who claim to have survived the Holocaust suffer from "Holocaust survivors syndrome" and experience "group fantasies of martyrdom and heroics."

Nor is Buchanan's anti-Semitism limited to denigrating the Holocaust and its survivors. He has invoked "Catholic rage" against the Jews, arguing that "to Orthodox Catholics, the demand that we be more 'sensitive' to Jewish concerns is becoming a joke."

Then in a tone reminiscent of an incitement to a 19th century religious pogrom, he prophesied that "the slumbering giant of Catholicism may be about to awaken."

Lest there be any doubt about the target of this giant's wrath, Buchanan pointed to "those who so evidently despise our Church" — namely, "the Jews."

Buchanan has also railed against American Cardinals who have tried to build bridges between Catholics and Jews, characterizing their conciliatory efforts — which have been



Alan Dershowitz

blessed by the Pope himself — as "clucking appeasement."

Several years ago, I debated the godfather of the Jewish neo-conservative movement, Norman Podhoretz. During the debate, I condemned the anti-Semitism of the extreme left and challenged Podhoretz to "unequivocally condemn these elements of the right which are anti-Jewish," such as Buchanan. Podhoretz declined my invitation.

Now the torch of neo-conservatism has been passed to a younger generation, which includes Podhoretz's son, Irving Kristol's son and other ambitious young men and women, many of whom are Jewish.

Let us see if they are more principled and courageous than their elders. Thus far the evidence does not suggest much hope.

When interviewed by the New York Times Magazine, these neo-cons seemed willing to echo and justify some of the bigotry of their political bedfellows. One was quoted as asking, "What's the name of our Jew from the West Coast?" Another characterized "the typical New York Jewish view of the world [as] that people who weren't from New York and Jewish were unfortunate."

A third opined that "deep down I believe that a little anti-Semitism is good for the Jews." And another fantasized that "30 years from now . . . Harvard Square [will be] filled with Christian students."

These Jewish mini-cons are obviously spending too much time hanging around Pat Buchanan and sucking up to the religious right. They do not understand that they are being used by reactionaries, whose vision of a Christian America is a place where "clever Jews" like them write speeches for presidential candidates but cannot aspire to be president.

The responsibility to condemn anti-Semitism belongs to all decent people regardless of religion, as William Buckley showed. But there is a special responsibility on the shoulders of Jews who share a conservative bed with right wing bigots.

Instead of accepting the exclusionary gospel of the Pat Robertsons, they should be responding to the challenge posed by the great Jewish sage Hillel nearly 2,000 years ago:

If I am not for myself, who will be for me?

If I am for myself alone, what am I?

If not now, when?

We are waiting to hear from these usually vocal young neo-cons about the candidacy of Patrick Buchanan. (Alan M. Dershowitz is Felix Frankfurter professor of law at Harvard Law school, and author of "The Advocate's Devil" (Warner Books))

## LATE BITS

(The following summaries relate to late breaking stories and other items of interest. Much of what follows was not available in a more substantial form at press time. Other items are included in summarized form to reflect current developments. These news summaries are adapted from what has been provided to The Jewish Voice from the Jewish Telegraphic Agency (JTA))

WASHINGTON — Jewish groups protest a HUD investigation that clears Nation of Islam-affiliated security companies of any wrongdoing.

MONTREAL — The battle over abortion rights shifts to Canada, with the Jewish community a major focus of attention.

JERUSALEM — A barrage of reserve generals in the Israel Defense Force prepare to descend on Washington to lobby for and against Israeli government peace policies.

UNITED NATIONS — As the Israeli naval blockade of Lebanon continues, the president of the U.N. Security Council takes up the issue here.

WASHINGTON — Israeli and Jewish groups reject a statement by Christian leaders that Israel should stop annexing Arab land around Jerusalem.

JERUSALEM — Already beset by political ill-fortune, the Labor Party faces new woes as the police investigate the alleged misuse of funds in the Histadrut labor federation.

WASHINGTON — Holocaust survivor Hugo Prinez scores a victory in his fight to win reparations from Germany.

JERUSALEM — Israelis are barred from visiting Aaron's Tomb near Petra, Jordan after a group of tourists reportedly vandalized the site.

JERUSALEM — At observances for international women's rights day, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin denounces violence and discrimination against women.

TORONTO — It took the collapse of the former Soviet Union to bring about a reunion of two once-bitter enemies with varying visions of Jewish life in Canada.

LONDON — Barbara Streisand contemplates making a film about a controversial Lubavitch rabbi of Oxford.

BUDAPEST — The Budapest Jewish museum reopens in a newly refurbished and enlarged location.

WASHINGTON — Amid concerns over the consequences for both the general and Jewish community, Jewish groups gear up to oppose Republican proposals to overhaul the welfare system.

NEW YORK — With affirmative action back on the table, Jewish community activists re-examine their positions and assess relations between Blacks and Jews.

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## EDITORIAL

# New Directions For Delaware Education

"New Directions for Education in Delaware" is an initiative for improving academic achievement throughout the state. The principles on which this initiative is based are to provide every student with meaningful educational experiences; every student should be held to high standards of knowledge and performance; each student is measured against the standards and help is provided to students of all levels to attain the standards. The initiative trumpets guiding principles such as "excellence and equity," "respecting the diversity of all Delaware's learners," and collaboration among educators, family, business and community.

Why is there a need for New Directions? Delawareans and others face an often complex, changing world. Education has to change to meet the challenges such changes bring. Supporters of the New Directions initiative are committed to increasing academic achievement for all Delaware students. They believe that the very best education provides opportunities to develop, to learn, to be valued and to be successful. Proponents of New Directions speak of their commitment to bring about a renaissance that honors and celebrates teaching and learning in Delaware. Without New Directions, planners say such commitments can not be met.

New Directions was started by Delaware State Superintendent Pascal (Pat) Forgione along with leading educators, parents and community leaders. The JCRC of The Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD) has followed the progress on the New Directions from its conception. Forgione met in early January with the JCRC. This step was more than a gesture. The JCRC has expertise and a particular perspective that would be helpful in tailoring New Directions initiative to better meet one of its guiding principles: a safe and supportive environment that respects the diversity of all Delaware's learners. Coalition-building and creating a better community are goals held by both the JCRC and the initiators of New Directions.

Mark Wagman, Chairperson of the Public Education Task Force of the JCRC said that the task force supports the measure although formal endorsement has not yet been consid-

ered by the full JCRC. Wagman called particular attention to the fact that the standards on which the New Directions are based are well respected by national groups and experts. Wagman applauded the composition of the groups which have fleshed out the New Directions' Content Standards. Wagman characterizes the heavy involvement of teachers as indicative of a "grass roots" quality to the effort. He notes teacher involvement is particularly significant since they will be charged with putting it into practice. Wagman also saluted the teacher retraining provisions of New Directions. The recently released content standards are merely a first step toward broad educational reform, says Wagman, underscoring the need for further stages of curriculum development by districts and teachers.

Wagman answers those who question the cost of the ambitious educational reform by saying that these changes are needed and are worth it. He points to the need to interest children in what they are learning. New Directions, he says, emphasizes real skills and seeks a lesser role for rote memorization. Ultimately, New Directions is designed to prepare Delaware students for life in the 21st century.

The goals of New Directions include establishment of rigorous subject content and student performance standards for all K-12 public school students. New Directions promotes teaching practices and strategies that enable students to achieve these content and performance standards. Another goal of New Directions is to use assessments that measure how well students have achieved the standards.

While one goal is to hold school districts accountable for demonstrating student progress toward the standards, another goal is to give local school districts the freedom to decide how their students reach educational standards. In fact, each school district in the State has "bought-in" to the development of New Directions by providing funds and personnel to make it possible. The New Directions proposal also would hold the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) accountable for insuring continuous progress toward the goals. Finally, the New Directions initiative would ensure local and state support through

partnerships among educators, policy makers, family, community and business.

Critics say that they have heard quixotic schemes for school reform before. They believe that even sensible, well-thought out plans are often poorly implemented if implemented at all. "What is the schedule for its implementation?" they ask, or "What assurance is there that there will be a follow-through?" One long-time Delaware resident said she has seen something new in educational reform come down the pike every few years but nothing ever really changes. Other critics say that real reform should begin by treating teachers as professionals and seeking their primary input on educational reform. Others have mentioned the need for teachers to have greater say over which texts are used in their own classroom. Textbooks, it has been said, are often selected on the basis of price rather than content. Another source of opposition comes from the religious extreme that opposes teaching concepts such as evolution and cultural diversity.

Some of these concerns may be well founded but critics should first look closely at how New Directions has attempted to resolve such matters. Teachers have had significant input into New Directions as Mark Wagman noted above. What's more, advocates of New Directions say that it represents only the ground work for future reform rather than the last opportunity for real change. Good reform, even if it does not fix every problem, is better than no reform.

Mark Wagman invites the readership of *The Jewish Voice* to a community forum sponsored by the JCRC on New Directions on Monday evening, April 10 from 7:30 to 9:30 at Congregation Beth Emeth. At the forum, Rabbi Grumbacher will speak about why public edu-

cation is a Jewish concern. Another speaker will present general information on the background and philosophy of the New Directions initiative. Attendees will then break into groups and experience an actual performance task informed by the New Directions Content Standards.

In the view of the Editorial Committee of *The Jewish Voice* a good educational system is a bulwark against ignorance and prejudice. Good students make good citizens. As people of the book we have placed learning at the center of our tradition. The least we can do is to advocate constructive educational reform on a state-wide basis. We applaud the extensive consultation with teachers who have perhaps a closer perspective to the educational process than any other. Teacher participation in developing New Directions has yielded teacher support that extends to lobbying for its passage. We salute the early and extensive consultations with the JCRC as a welcome and appropriate step. We recommend and support the New Directions for Education in Delaware.

If you support New Directions or merely want to learn more about it you should attend the community forums, read the standards and fill out public response forms for DPI which are available through the JCRC at 478-6200. New Directions requires resources for professional development and school system enhancement for local schools in order to bring about new teaching and learning strategies in Delaware classrooms. Most importantly, to succeed New Directions needs legislative approval. It is suggested that those who support these New Directions communicate such approval to their representatives in the Delaware legislature.

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The Centennial Anniversary of this founding will occur on March 15, 1996. The JWV has proposed to the United States Postal Service that a special postage stamp be issued in recognition of our 100 years of service to the United States and of all those other veterans who equally deserve to be honored. This entirely fitting and proper request has been repeatedly refused, as "inappropriate," by the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee of the U.S. Postal Service and the Postmaster General - despite full support by all of the other National veterans organizations, House and Senate Veterans Affairs Committees and other members of Congress, and other groups of concerned citizens and organizations. Delaware's entire Congressional delegation have all endorsed this JWV Centennial stamp.

This opposition by the Postal Service is particularly difficult to understand, considering the hundreds of diverse themes and personalities so recognized over the last three years including Marilyn Monroe, Comic characters, Chinese New Year, Broadway, etc.

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Sincerely,  
 R.E. Barnett

### Limiting Integration

To the Editor:

I am a Jew; an involved Jew; a Jew by birth. But my voice is not among the majority in

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## OPINION

## Raising Jewish Children: The Shalach Manot Adventure



By KAREN MOSS

Special To The Jewish Voice

We all want to raise Jewish children, who will in turn raise their own Jewish children, but it's hard to steer a Jewish path through all the secular demands in our own and our

children's lives. One solution is to never pass up an opportunity to incorporate positive, meaningful, fun Jewish experiences into our everyday existence. Making and distributing *mishloach manot* provide a perfect opportunity to do just that.

*Mishloach manot* (usually shortened to *shalach manot*) are gifts of food sent to friends and family on Purim. It is one of the four *mitzvot* which Mordecai commanded the Jews to follow after Haman and his sons were hanged and the uprisings against the Jews had been put down. *Shalach manot* often include *hamantaschen* and other cakes or cookies, fruit, candy and nuts, but the only actual requirement is that they contain two different kinds of food.

*Shalach manot* are great fun to assemble, great fun to deliver and great fun to receive. It's easy to involve your children in each step of the process.

First, make a list of people you'd like to send them to. The list can include friends, neighbors, teachers, relatives and acquaintances.

Next, decide what articles you will use to hold the goodies. A basket is elegant, a Tupperware-type container is useful, but a paper plate will do quite nicely. Consider hav-

ing your children decorate paper plates with crayons, markers, stickers, etc., then pinch and staple the rim of each plate in three roughly equidistant places. Voila...a *hamantaschen*-shaped *shalach manot* basket. If your list of potential recipients is long, I definitely recommend going the paper plate route.

Third, purchase lots and lots of kosher goodies.

Now for the really fun part.

At our house, we run a pre-Purim production detail that resembles a GM assembly line. We put all four leaves in our dining room table, and place empty baskets along the perimeter of the now-capacious table.

Next, each child selects a bag of fruit. Jessica begins circling slowly around the table, placing an orange in each basket as she walks by. Noah, following closely behind her, plunks an apple down next to each orange. And so it goes. This year, Anna, nearly three, will join in. Maybe we'll let her toss in the peanuts.

Let me pass along a few tips I've learned from experience. Even if your *shalach manot* contain no baked goods or other items that might get stale if exposed to the air, wrap them well. Baskets don't require this treatment, but a trunk full of paper plates laden with holiday

treats won't fare well if you have to brake suddenly. In the spirit of *hiddur mitzvah* (beautifying a commandment), consider using colorful plastic wrap or cellophane and tying up the finished product with a pretty ribbon.

Don't forget to label the baskets. Invariably, someone on your list won't be home, but you can be sure they'd like to know who sent the *shalach manot*. Creating labels provides another opportunity for your kids to use their artistry and imagination. Although I'm partial to hand lettered ones, I've even seen some lovely computer-generated ones.

Ideally, a third party should deliver the packages. Children make particularly enthusiastic messengers. And if all goes well, your *shalach manot* should be distributed on Purim, which falls on March 16 this year, but if your schedule doesn't permit this, deliver them as close to the holiday as you can manage.

And finally, relax and enjoy. Don't attempt to create elaborate creations your first time around. *Hiddur mitzvah* notwithstanding, two cookies and an apple on a plain paper plate really do suffice. It is far better to do a little, comfortably, than to turn a joyous custom into an intimidating major production. According to Jewish educator Joel Lurie Grishaver, when it comes to raising Jewish children, every Jewish tradition we observe is "a check in the plus column." So why miss out on such an easy and fun way to rack up a few extra points?

(Karen Moss is a former Editor of The Jewish Voice.)

## A Message For My Congressman

By CONNIE KRESHTOOL

Special To The Jewish Voice

In the rush to fulfill the "Contract With America" members of Congress are undermining what I believe is the promise of America...Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness for all its inhabitants.

There seems to be total disregard for the poor, the homeless, children, legal and illegal immigrants, and minorities who for the most part struggle everyday for the basic necessities of life. To add insult to injury there is the campaign to dismantle affirmative action programs which have helped minorities move into the economic mainstream. Is there racism here?

I believe that the time to shift Federal programs to the states has passed. Today America is on the move.... families are transferred by

their employers from one state to another, many work in one state and reside in another and retirees live their productive lives in one state and retire to another. I also recall that it was the failure of the states to take care of their poor and dispossessed that forced the Federal government to take action some sixty years ago. Who can forget the starving children in Mississippi or the bread lines in New York?

I am concerned that legislation to award block grants to the states will adversely affect small states like Delaware. There are economies of scale which Delaware can never achieve. I am trying hard to understand how the administrative costs for fifty state school lunch programs will be less than one Federal program.

I also fear the relaxation of federal regulations which maintain the safety of the air we

breathe, the water we drink and the food we eat. Economics are important.. but at the expense of lives? Do we need higher cancer rates in Delaware?

I agree that there are always places to achieve savings within the federal budget. I welcome those that make sense and do not punish the powerless and award the powerful. It seems to me in too many ways the "Contract With America" is "throwing the baby out with the bathwater."

I respectfully urge you to judge each piece of legislation on its merits and not on its ideology. The Life, Liberty and....Happiness of Delawareans are at stake.

(Connie Kreshtool is a member of The Jewish Voice Editorial committee and is a longtime leader in Delaware's Jewish community.)



## Intergenerational Programs Benefit Young and Old

By MOLLIE A. EPSTEIN

Social Services- Kutz Home

D'or L' D'or - generation to generation - is a familiar phrase in the Jewish community. The concept of continuity, of handing down history, traditions, beliefs, wisdom, stories and respect from our old to our young, is one we hold as vital to our survival. Margaret Mead wrote in 1970, "The continuity of all cultures depends on the living presence of at least three generations". Demographic changes studied over the last three decades have shown a movement away from three generation nuclear families. Carol Seefeldt, Professor of Education at University of Maryland, wrote in 1989, "The natural ways the old and young used to interact, share with and care for one another are disappearing in our society. New ways are being found to provide the 'living presence' of three generations for today's children."

One method of restoring the caring connection between old and young is through the development of intergenerational programs. The goal is to recreate the once natural interaction between the generations and foster

positive attitudes between the young and old. Typically, intergenerational programs are sponsored by school systems, child care centers and community centers. The Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), provides older volunteers to school systems nationally. The Foster Grandparent Program was established in 1965 as a federally sponsored intergenerational program pairing older Americans with special needs children.

Studies of the effects of intergenerational programs support their value. The elderly are believed to benefit from contact with the young. They gain feelings of improved self-esteem and life satisfaction. They find renewed feelings of usefulness, purpose in life, and satisfying social contacts. In observing the results of their work with children in extended programs, the elders saw the difference their interaction made in the children's lives.

Intergenerational programs benefit the children as well. The contact with the elders helps to dispel myths about aging and the old. Reviews of the impact of intergenerational programs on children have concluded that, as a result of their participation, children appear



At a luncheon at the Kutz Home on February 15th, students from the Albert Einstein Academy share some good times with residents. This is an example of an intergenerational program activity at work here in Delaware.

to develop a more realistic understanding of the aging process and change some of their negative thinking about the elderly. This participation can influence later moral and personal development.

In our community, an intergenerational program is underway at the Milton and Hattie

Kutz Home. Developed in cooperation with the Albert Einstein Academy, Kutz Home residents were paired with fourth and fifth grade Einstein students. A calendar of reciprocal visits and programs was formulated to provide varied shared experiences for the group.

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## Toni Young Speaks About Peace Process At Beth El

By DANIEL WARREN  
HALPRIN

Special to *The Jewish Voice*

On Sunday, February 26, the Temple Beth El Men's Club Breakfast Meeting welcomed Toni Young for her "Reflections on the Peace Process". She spoke, she said, not as an expert on the Arab-Israeli peace process, nor as the President of the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD); she was there as a returning eyewitness. Mrs. Young has heard presentations on the peace process by Prime Minister Rabin, Foreign Minister Peres and Ambassador Rabinovich; a leading Palestinian, Dr. Mustafa Barghouti; and Mr. Yair Hirschfeld, initiator of the Oslo talks. In November, she visited Israel and Jordan.

She began her talk by summarizing the history of the peace process that has resulted in the Israeli-P.L.O. Declaration of Principles and the Peace Treaty between Israel and Jordan, as well as a virtual end to the Arab economic boycott of Israel.

She started this recounting with the first Madrid Conference in October 1991, which was jointly sponsored by the U.S. and what was then the USSR. Two tracks were set up for the conference; one was for bilateral peace talks between Israel and her neighbors, the other was a multinational track in which issues of trade, water rights, travel and the like would be negotiated and any nation which wished to be involved could participate.

Only those involved in the first track, along with the conference's

sponsors, attended the Madrid Conference. "It was agreed upon at that time that the [Madrid] Conference, once adjourned, would only reconvene if all the parties agreed to reconvene the conference," Ms. Young said.

She pointed often to the emphasis on voluntary talks that marked the first Madrid Conference, and which has continued throughout the negotiations, as a major contributor to the talks' successes. She explained that such factors as the end of Soviet funding for Arab countries in the Middle East after the Cold War; the rise of the fundamentalist's threat to Arab governments; shrinking water supplies in the region, growing Middle East deserts, and explosive regional population growth have made Arab-Israeli cooperation increasingly necessary and practical.

She said that the peace process has become inevitable. For forty years, she said, Palestinians have pursued the dream of a greater Palestine, and Israelis have pursued the dream of a greater Israel. It has brought the Palestinians death, poverty, and lowering of their status in the world, and has nearly cost Israel her identity. She explained the importance to Israel and Judaism as a whole of Israel maintaining its self-awareness and moral honor. As Shimon Peres says, for centuries, Jews had no land, but had a message; and now that Jews have land, they do not want to become a people with no message.

She quoted Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin on the subject to show

how this had played an important part in Israeli decision-making: For Israel to be a Jewish state, she quoted, "at least 80% of Israelis must be Jews and they must respect minorities."

She then went on to discuss the Israel-Syria negotiations. She sees some progress although negotiations are slow, Assad has not come to Israel and no agreements have been signed. However, there have been talks between Israel and Syria on an official level, she said. Negotiations are now concentrating less on when will the peace come and more on what will be the nature of the peace. Another concern is what will be the buffer zone between Israel and Syria?

She cautioned that Israel's supporters must be this tolerant with the negotiations, and with people's fears of them. She said it was a positive sign for Israeli-Syrian relations that Syrian TV did broadcast the signing

between Jordan's King Hussein and Prime Minister Rabin of Israel. Mrs. Young took this to mean that President Assad of Syria is preparing his people to deal with Israel in a different light than in the past.

She also quoted King Hussein as part of this new mood. Hussein said that the Israelis, Palestinians and Jordanians are all "children of Abraham."

But she said that even when clearly positive messages are not being sent

by the other side, one must be a constructive listener. Yair Hirschfeld, who negotiated for several months with the Palestinians, and who she heard speak, said that the critical element to negotiations is, "you have listen." Young described three attitudes which must be overcome: the mentality that "all the land belongs to me", Islamic Fundamentalism, and figuring out how to make

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## Poet Rappoport To Speak At U of D

On Tuesday, March 21, at 7 p.m., novelist and poet Nessa Rappoport will read from her works at the University of Delaware. Author of the award-winning novel, "Preparing for Sabbath," and the recent volume of poetry, "A Woman's Book of Griev-

ing," Ms. Rappoport writes about contemporary Jewish life in America. Her talk will take place in Memorial Hall, room 110. It is cosponsored by the Jewish Studies Program and the English Department, and is free and open to the public.

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## Barnes Exhibit

By STEVE COHEN  
Special to *The Jewish Voice*

It was many years ago that I first heard about Albert Barnes' fabulous collection of paintings at his mansion in Merion, and started going there to see all those Renoirs, Matisse's and Cezannes. The Barnes Foundation was a well-known cultural landmark among my contemporaries. Many of us went there on dates. It impressed the hell out of whomever you took.

It wasn't hard to get in. You just phoned and put your name on a list. But most of the public and the media didn't seem to know what treasures were inside.

All of this was brought to attention recently, when so many people, and the media, expressed amazement at this collection. After 70 years in the Delaware Valley — after more than 30 years of being available to the public — the beauty of the Barnes Collection shouldn't have been a surprise to anyone. But it was.

During Barnes' lifetime (1872-1951) he never permitted critics or the public to come in. And his will stipulated that they never be allowed. The will was partially broken in 1960 by a court which ruled that a small number of visitors be permitted to enter at times that wouldn't burden the staff.

Barnes had further stipulated that none of his paintings ever be taken outside the Barnes mansion. In 1992 that part of his will was broken also. A one-time-only international tour was allowed, to raise money to keep the Barnes Foundation solvent. So highlights from the collection have been seen during the past two years by record-breaking crowds in Washington, Paris, Tokyo, Fort Worth, Toronto, and now at the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

I don't know how a judge could so flagrantly overrule Barnes' clear intentions. But I'm glad he did. The exhibition at the Art Museum, subtitled "Great French Paintings From The Barnes Foundation," is stunning.

It reveals familiar paintings in a totally new light. Literally. The worst thing about the Barnes Gallery was its dark illumination.

The Art Museum also groups the paintings differently, showing relationships much more clearly. And each work is identified. At the Barnes, there were no labels at all. There's plenty of space around each masterpiece on the Parkway, whereas the mansion in Merion had paintings jammed together from floor to ceiling.

This exhibition displays 84 French paintings, mostly Impressionists, in a beautifully grouped, perfectly lit setting. It shows what taste Albert Barnes had in buying these works, which were contemporary to him. And what guts he had in defying the art establishment of his day by specializing in works that some critics called "common" and "ugly."

There's irony in having the Barnes paintings at this place, because the collector hated the Philadelphia Museum of Art. He was an outsider, fighting the establishment and its leaders. They snubbed him and insulted him, and he insulted them back.

Barnes was joined in this battle by some prominent Jewish artists and collectors of the 1920's and 1930's. Mrs. Maurice Speiser, a prominent collector, told me how the establishment "would have nothing to do with us, or with artists like Artie Carles or Jacques Lipchitz. Barnes hated the establishment people. They were so waspy. Gentele and gentele, you know. And they were snobs. To them, we were outsiders, and Dr. Barnes was the ultimate outsider, from the working class."

Arthur Carles, a Philadelphian who studied with Matisse, fought to get recognition for Barnes, and Leo Stein helped Barnes choose many paintings. Barnes called Stein his "collaborator" in his collection. Lipchitz was commissioned to sculpt reliefs for the walls of Barnes' home and a garden vase to stand outside.

In addition to investing money in Lipchitz, Barnes also was one of the earliest benefactors of the Lithuanian-Jewish surrealist, Chaim Soutine.

There are so many beauties in this

exhibit that it's pointless to list them, except for two that struck me: Monet's *The Boat Studio*, which shimmered more in this new light than I remembered from the past, and a lovely Matisse oil from 1947, *Two Girls in Yellow and Red*, which complimented the roomful of his paintings from the 1905-1922 period.

But there is something missing. Specifically, more than 500 paintings that are as much a part of the Barnes collection as the 84 that are being shown. A significant component of the Barnes is the sheer volume of it. There are more Renoirs and more Cezannes in the Barnes than anywhere else in the world. And there's a Matisse mural which was painted specifically for an interior wall in the Merion building. (It's at the Art Museum, but it looks lost.)

To give you an idea of scale, this lavish exhibit contains 16 Renoirs. There are 180 Renoirs at the Barnes Foundation.

So I urge you to see this show before it closes on April 9. I also urge you to see the complete Barnes collection back in its home, when that reopens later this year.

The opinionated Barnes opposed photographs of his paintings. There never were postcards, reproductions or posters. Now there are. And sweatshirts. The Art Museum has a book-length catalog, published by Knopf, with a history of the collection and many reproductions. The hard-cover, coffee-table version is \$65, the softback a reasonable \$29.95. Even in the softback the color photographs look good, with the caveat that texture, important to the Impressionists, cannot translate to two-dimensional paper. For the curious who never visited the Merion gallery, there are several shots of the original wall arrangements there.

I also saw a video entitled "Citizen Barnes." It tells the story of the man and his collection, with lots of personal interviews. And there's a CD-ROM, "A Passion For Art," which dramatically illustrates how Barnes now has entered the electronic age.

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Back for Good Health." Mr. Catalano is a Physical Therapist whose areas of professional interest includes Industrial Medicine, Work Hardening and Ergonomics. He is also involved with Sports Medicine and General Orthopedics. Mr. Catalano is a graduate of The School of Allied Health, Ithaca College, and the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Ithaca, New York where he received his B.S.

Degree in 1977. He received his M.A. from Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan in 1985. He is licensed in both Delaware and Pennsylvania. Mr. Catalano is a member of the American Physical Therapy Association, Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Section, a Fellow of the American Back Society and Adjunct Professor at the School of Allied Health at the University of Delaware. Reservations and information can be obtained by calling either Ann Jaffee at 762-5882 or Eva Weissman at 478-4514. The cost is \$6.00 per person.

## Dennis Greenhouse To Speak At Temple Beth El

The March 19th Temple Beth El Men's Club Breakfast presentation will feature Mr. Dennis Greenhouse, County Executive, New Castle County, speaking on "The Current Situation in Israel." Mr. Greenhouse took part in a recent B'nai B'rith World Leadership Seminar in Israel, which included participants from nine different countries. The group had an opportunity to meet with Political Leaders, Israeli citizens and employees of the Palestinian Broad-

casting Company with discussions including such topics as the peace process, Israeli-Arab Relations and Israel's law of return. Mr. Greenhouse's first-hand contact will certainly offer us a great chance to get up to date in a very critical area.

The presentation is free and open to all in the community and will begin at 10:30 a.m. It will be preceded by a bagel and lox breakfast buffet for which there is a \$5.00 charge at 9:30 a.m.



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including homemade hamantaschen. After lunch, the AEA students will present a short skit and sing songs relating the holiday. The luncheon will be held on Friday, March 17 at noon.

Reservations are requested by March 15 by calling the Senior Center at (302) 478-5660. A holiday donation is requested and transportation is available.

### Wortman To Speak At Lodge Meeting

The next B'nai B'rith Lodge 470 general membership meeting, will be on Sunday, March 12 at 10:00 a.m. at the B'nai B'rith House at 8000 Society Drive. Call 1-302-475-2430 for information.

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**Translations: Jewish Female Nobel Prize Winners**

From: LAMISHPAHA Hebrew Monthly Magazine January, 1995

Translated by DOV SEIDEL רבו ת בנוות עשו חייך

Many daughters have done virtuously... Proverbs 31, 29 On Jewish Women Who Have Won The Nobel Prize

The first Jewish woman to win the Nobel Prize was the poetess Nelly Sachs. She was born in 1891 to a wealthy German family, and began to write poems at the age of 17. With the rise of Hitler to power, she became interested in Judaism, and in the Book of Zohar.

All of her family, except for her mother, perished in the Shoah. The Swedish poet Selma Lagerlof (win-

ner of the Nobel Prize in 1909), pleaded on her deathbed to the Swedish royalty to bring Nelly and her mother to Sweden; in this way she rescued them. Selma Lagerlof died before Nelly arrived in Stockholm.

The Shoah became the central topic of Sach's poems. Her most famous poem was on the chimneys of the death-camp ovens.

In 1966, Nelly Sachs received the Nobel Prize for literature with the first Israeli to win this prize - the writer Shlomo Yosef Agnon. At the Nobel ceremony, Sachs said Agnon represents the state of Israel. I represent the tragedy of the Jewish people.

The first American woman to win the Nobel Prize for science was the Jewish scientist Rosalyn Yallow. She

was born in 1921 in the Bronx, New York. From an early age, she excelled in her studies, and when she was 15, she finished high school and began to study at Hunter College, in Manhattan. Rosalyn finished college with honors in physics and chemistry, and in 1945 received her Ph.D. from the University of Illinois.

She began research in the area of radioactive isotopes and their use in medicine. With the help of these materials, which stick to certain cells in the body, it is possible to diagnose illnesses and even take care of them. Thousands of laboratories in the world today use the technique, which Rosalyn Yallow succeeded in developing. She received the Nobel Prize for medicine in 1977.

In 1943 she married the son of an Orthodox rabbi, became interested in Judaism, and began to keep a religious home.

In 1986 and in 1988, two Jewish women scientists having remarkable similarities - Rita Levy-Montalchini and Gertrude Ilyon- received the Nobel Prize. They both turned to scientific research because of illness and death of a loved one, with the

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**Medicare Information Program**

Michael Facciolo, a representative from U.S. Healthcare, will present a program for medicare beneficiaries at the JCC Senior Center on Wednesday, March 15 at 10:30 a.m. Beginning January 19, 1995, U.S. Healthcare lowered its rates and

more benefits were added. These new changes are available to all medicare residents of Delaware. The program is free of charge and open to the community. Raffle prizes and a free apple will be available to everyone attending this seminar. For more information, call Ray Freschman of the JCC Senior Center at (302) 478-5660. The JCC is a beneficiary of the 1995 "Live Jewish" Community Campaign which is administered by the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD).



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The Jewish Community Center and the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Center are hosting a photographic exhibit entitled "Fifty Faces: The Holocaust Remembered". The exhibit features photographs of Holocaust survivors as they are today, along with personal reflections about their remarkable journeys. The exhibit creates a powerful image of the horrors, sadness and courage of that era. A local Holocaust survivor or a second generation family member will act as a guide through this unforgettable journey and will be available to share his or her personal story. They are people on the bus, in a restaurant, next to you in line at the grocery store. They have children and grandchildren. They vote, own homes and speak highly of their respective community involvement. They are just like you and me - only different. When you look into their eyes, there is an intense sadness. It is that sadness in their eyes - not always apparent at first glance - that brings back Auschwitz, Dachau, Terezin and hundreds of other names associated with the Holocaust. It is their eyes that tell the story. It is through their eyes and their words that their stories live. It is through their eyes that we see, and we share. The exhibit will open on Thursday, March 30, 1995, at

the Jewish Community Center and will remain throughout the month of April. It will be open Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m., Friday and Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. The exhibit, plus the interpretation and a question and answer period, should take approximately 60-75 minutes. The Jewish Community Center is a fully accessible building. For additional information, contact Artie Allen at (302) 478-5660. For information about the Holocaust Education Resource Center, contact Rabbi Marla Feldman at (302) 478-6200. *The JCC and the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Resource Center are beneficiaries of the 1995 "Live Jewish" Community Campaign which is administered by the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD).*

### Craft Show

The DuPont Country Club presents its annual Spring Craft Show. This is the largest indoor craft show in the area with over 150 craft persons and artisans.

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### Julius Lester's Photograph Is At U of D

An exhibition of photographs from the Civil Rights era will be on display at the University of Delaware from March 8 through April 10 at the University Gallery. The exhibition will be open to the public from eleven a.m. to five p.m. Monday through Friday and from one p.m. to five p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Along with photographs of such subjects as Ella Baker speaking outside the Democratic National Convention in 1964 and a photograph of voting rights marchers attacked by Alabama state troopers in Selma, is a photograph taken by Julius Lester.

Lester, an African-American convert to Judaism, spoke on January 8 at the Hotel DuPont at the Chai Brunch, an event associated with the 1995 "Live Jewish" Community Campaign which is administered by the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD). Lester is a full professor of the University of Massachusetts/Amherst in Judaic and Near East Studies Department, and adjunct professor in the English and history departments.

The photograph taken by Lester which is included in the University of Delaware exhibit is titled "Sharecropper family, Mississippi Delta" and it was taken in the Spring of 1966.

The photograph pictures a large family in front of a house. For more information on the exhibition call the University Gallery at (302) 831-8242.

### Translations

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goal of preventing suffering in others. They both dedicated their lives to this - they didn't marry and didn't have children, but rather devoted themselves to their research. In both cases, the results of their research were of great significance, and won them Nobel Prizes.

The courses of their lives, however, were very different - one was born in Europe during the Nazi period and was forced to flee from place to place; the second was born in the United States as a free person, able to do what she wanted.

Rita Levy-Montalchini was born in 1909 in Turin, Italy to a non-religious Jewish family. When she was 20, her former governess became ill with cancer. After the death of the governess, Rita began to study medicine. She finished her studies specializing in neurology.

In 1938, the Italian fascist government prohibited Jews from studying in the university or working in medicine, and she was fired from her job. Her wanderings from place to place began.

She traveled to Belgium, and there

began her research, but after a short time, the Nazis invaded Belgium and she returned to Turin. There she continued her studies of the nervous system. An important article that she wrote on her research was not published in fascist Italy because the composer of the article belonged to the Jewish race. The article was published in Belgium.

In 1943, the Germans controlled Turin, and she fled to Florence. In 1946, she arrived in the United States, and taught and did research in St. Louis. In 1960 she returned to Italy and established a research laboratory. During all the years of wanderings and flight, she continued to work on her research. She discovered the protein which causes the growth of nerve cells (NGF), and for this she received the Nobel Prize in medicine in 1986. This discovery shed light on many illnesses, among them cancer and Alzheimers disease. ease.

Gertrude Ilyon, American biochemist, received the Nobel Prize in 1988. She was born in New York in 1918 to parents who immigrated to the United States from eastern Europe.

While she was studying in Hunter College, her grandfather became ill from cancer, and died painfully. She began to study chemistry, in order to try to conquer cancer.

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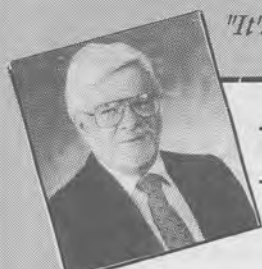
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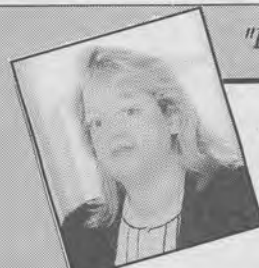
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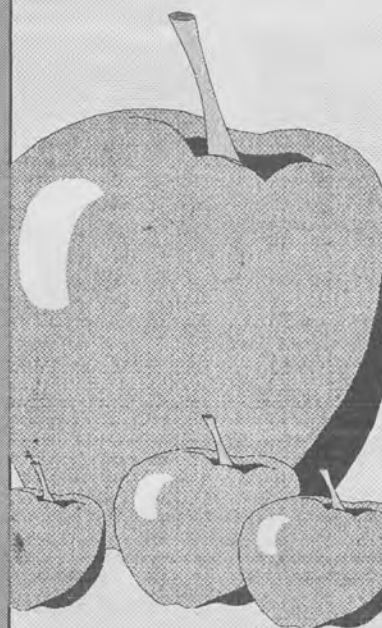
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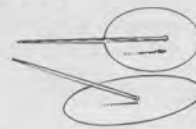


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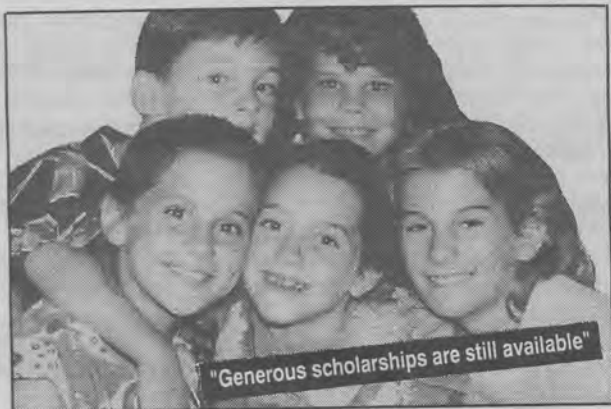
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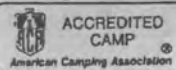
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This weekend, March 10-12, 1995, the Beth Emeth Senior Temple Youth (BESTY) group is hosting the North American Federation of Temple Youth - Mid Atlantic Region (NFTY-MAR) conclave. One hundred and eighty-three teenagers from North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, West Virginia, Washington, D.C., and Delaware are coming to Wilmington and Congregation Beth Emeth for a mid-winter conclave. The theme for the weekend is "Relationships of the 90's: An Issue of Jewish Continuity." The teenagers will be looking at issues of inter-faith relationships, inter-racial relationships, and homosexual relationships and their impact on the future of Judaism. In addition to discussions

and skits, the teenagers will hear from speakers and have the opportunity to let their voices be heard.

They will gather on Friday evening to celebrate Shabbat together with meals, song sessions, creative Shabbat services, mixers, educational programming, and lots of fun. Several people in the community will be assisting the youth at Congregation Beth Emeth. Joining Rabbi Grumbacher and Rabbi Malinger will be Rabbi Marla Feldman of the Jewish Community Relations Council and our community Teen Worker Etai Belinky as they help these young people learn about these issues and about themselves. The advisors of BESTY, Dr. Joseph Goldberg and Mrs. Ethel Parsons look forward to this promising event and believe it will be most worthwhile for participants.

### Choose To Make A Difference: The Message Of Purim Today

By Rabbi  
LAURENCE P. MALINGER  
Special to The Jewish Voice

For thousands of years, when we Jews were "guests" in lands often not too friendly to us, the message of Purim revolved around the concept of hope, of relief from oppression, and of redemption from the hands of a tyrant.

Many scholars look at the story of Queen Esther as a fable, a story of hope for a people at a time when they had very little hope. Others, especially Jews from the East, believe that the story is an historical event, embellished perhaps, but an important part of Jewish and Persian history.

Today, in America, our Jewish community is far from oppressed. We live in a new Golden Age of opportunity, success, comfort, and acceptance. For Purim to be meaningful to us, we have to focus on a different part of the story. For us, the meaning of Purim centers on Esther's risk to her crown and to her life in order to save her Jewish community.

In the story, Esther hesitates when she has the opportunity to save her people. She is the queen and living in the lap of luxury. To approach the King to ask for help, and to announce that she, too, is Jewish, could mean the end of her position as queen, and possibly cost her life.

Esther is told that she is who she is because it is her destiny to save the Jewish people. All that had happened beforehand — the exile of the king's first wife, Vashi, and the beauty contest that resulted in Esther becoming the next Queen — was God's way to put her in a special position at a special time. Should she choose to ignore her responsibility, to turn away and remain safe, someone or something else would accomplish the necessary task at hand, and there would be no memory of her.

Esther, after much prodding, accepted her responsibility, took the risks, and saved our people. Each of us today has to be aware that we, too, are called to take risks, to do things that may be pivotal events in the lives of our families, our communities, perhaps even our nation. For a very few, this arena is the world

itself.

The point of the story of Esther is that if we turn away when we are called, someone else will fill the void. Thirty-five hundred years of Judaism has demonstrated that God works through history. If we, as individuals or as a community, have the opportunity to help make a better world and we decline it, "history" will appoint someone else and we will be left from it and be forgotten.

This year, take time to read the Purim story before the holiday. Discover the joy of celebrating Purim with the community's children. Go to a communal service as an adult and enjoy the groggers, the noise and the adult's delight. Let the children see that you are celebrating the holiday as an adult, so that they come to understand that Judaism is also for grown-ups. Understand, too, that part of our joy in being Jewish is serving Judaism by answering a call that comes to us to do more.

(Rabbi Laurence P. Malinger is the Assistant Rabbi and Director of Education at Congregation Beth Emeth)

### Party

Israel House, a branch of the Israeli consulate, is throwing its annual Purim party from 5 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, March 19th at the Gershman Jewish Community Center, 401 S. Broad Street in Philadelphia. Those interested in joining Israel House can call Livnat at 215-546-5556.

### AKSE Hosts Community Seder

AKSE once again will host a Community Seder on the second nite of Passover. The Seder, which is Glatt Kosher, will be catered by Steve Bonner of Ala Carte Caterers.

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The JEWISH VOICE  
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**FRANK L. CHAIKEN**

Frank "Sonny" Chaiken, a local businessman who was active in the Delaware Jewish community, died February 28 of pancreatic cancer at his home, 4002 Lakeview Drive at age 74. His family described him as "a community leader who believed in giving," adding that he "had a strong commitment to the Jewish community and gave selflessly of himself." Mr. Chaiken founded the Benjamin F. Rich Co., a Stanton-based storm door and window manufacturing company in 1957. The business grew from five employees to more than 150. Chaiken once told *The Jewish Voice* that "after a one-year struggle, the business became a

marvelous success story." Its products are included in the buildings at Winterthur and custom work incorporated in the German consulate in Washington. He sold the business and retired about five years ago but remained as a consultant. During his presidency, he was the first chairman of the Aluminum Fabricators Trade Association.

Beginning in 1990, Mr. Chaiken and his wife, Yetta Chaiken, raised more than \$500,000 for a new Hillel Student Center at the University of Delaware, which opened in 1993. He was fund-raising chairman and a board member. In a Hillel publication Chaiken is quoted, reflecting upon the dedication of the Abe and Pearl Kristol Hillel House, as saying "It's been a lot of hard work, aggravation and frustration, but the reality of the building is exciting." Dan Kristol, whose mother's gift made the Hillel house possible, said "You know it's easy to give money but its hard to raise it. It was Sonny Chaiken's presentation of the project and his perseverance that persuaded us." When the Chaikens were initially approached about co-chairing the fund-raising for the Hillel building, Sonny once explained "they really caught us at an opportune time. I was retired and didn't have a major Jewish involvement at that time."

In November 1994, the couple endowed the Jewish Studies Program at the university, which recently named a building for them to house the newly created program. Besides housing the office of Professor Sara Horowitz, the center provides students with resources such as books, periodicals, as well as videos. It also provides professors with a meeting place. The grand opening of the Frank and Yetta Chaiken Center for Jewish Studies was celebrated November 9. December 1993 marked the first Yetta and Sonny Chaiken Jewish Culture lecture.

Prior to that time Chaiken had served Delaware's Jewish community in a variety of capacities. Mr. Chaiken served as a board member of the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD)

from 1976-1986; he was the chairperson of the Community Campaign administered by JFD in 1980-1981; he was a member of the board of the Jewish Community Center (JCC) in the early 1970s and was president of the JCC from 1974-1976. The year during which Chaiken served as chairperson of the Community Campaign was believed to be the first time that over one million dollars was brought in. Chaiken chaired the committee responsible for the Holocaust Memorial Sculpture by the late sculptor Elbert Weinberg, on the plaza between the city and county buildings in Wilmington. In 1985, Sonny Chaiken and Sonny Schutman originated what is now known as the Jewish Community of Delaware Endowment Fund, with Chaiken serving as a board member from 1985-1991.

For a 1992 profile of Chaiken, his friend Bernard Siegel told *The Jew-*

*ish Voice* that he had "always been impressed with Sonny's determination both in business and philanthropic causes." Siegel said that "as chairman of fundraising for the Hillel house of the University of Delaware," Chaiken "almost single-handedly, not only handled the solicitations but followed up by collecting the pledges so that the house could become a reality..." Siegel added that "Sonny gives generously of himself and his resources and is a role model in both the Jewish and larger community, and we love him for it."

Last week Rabbi Stephen Booth, Hillel Director said, "There was a

comment at the funeral by one of his nephews that (Chaiken) has now been stripped of his worldly goods, but with the legacy of what he achieved he is still a rich man." Booth told *The Jewish Voice* that "In a very real sense being here at Hillel, we are his legacy. The Jewish Community of Delaware is immensely richer because of the generosity of Sonny and Yetta toward Hillel and the Jewish Studies program. Sonny was giving much of his life right until the end in designating Hillel as the place to make donations (in his honor)." Booth said, "We feel a deep gratitude for the whole Chaiken family

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she was 32, she discovered a medicine for leukemia. Up until that time, half of the children who became ill from leukemia died several months after they became ill. With the help of IlyonUs medicine, 80% of the ill children recovered completely.

When she was near 70, she tried to find a medicine for viruses. Her discoveries in this area helped heal many illnesses, and brought to fruition the medicine AZT for the AIDS virus.

Nadine Gordimer won the Nobel Prize for literature in 1991. She was born in 1923 near Johannesburg, South Africa. Her father, who immigrated there from Latvia, was a religious Jew; her mother came from a secular Jewish family from England.

Nadine began to write literature at an early age, and soon began to write novels.

The prominent basis in her personality and in her books was the sharp opposition to the policy of apartheid of the government of South Africa, and to every manifestation of racism.

(Dr. Barry "Dov" Seidel is Immediate Past Chairperson of the Editorial Committee of *The Jewish Voice*)

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Arabs and Israelis sit down and talk to one another.

For instance, she said, from the Israeli point of view, Syria was aggressing against Israel with no just cause when it bombed Israeli citizens from the Golan Heights. However, she said, from the Syrian point of view, Syria was protecting its borders, not aggressing, when it bombed Israel.

She described three elements which would make all sides less defensive about such different interpretations. They were economic security, political security and national pride for all of the countries involved and a respect of these elements in each of these countries by all the countries involved.

Most important, in real terms, she said, is the need for economic security. Economic growth, is, in fact, needed for the peace process to grow and have the support of the vast majority of the Middle East population. This was reiterated by many who spoke after her during a brief discussion. One man who spoke after Ms. Young said that the peace process needs to affect people on a "personal level". Ms. Young agreed that its results must be felt on the ground.

There was a question about why Egypt was suddenly demanding that Israel sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. Karen Venezky, who attended the meeting, said that she believed this was due mostly to insecurity by the Egyptian government about its importance in the Middle East, now that other Arab countries, like Jordan, are signing agreements with Israel.

Ms. Young agreed in part with Ms. Venezky, but also attributed some of Egypt's loss of confidence in its former approach to Israel to the rising tide of Islamic Fundamentalism and the Egyptian government's fear of appeasing it or being ruined. She does not see nuclear treaty disagreement between Egypt and Israel as a major problem.

As the meeting came near an end, Ed Tucker, who had organized the event, said, "Its easy to interpret difficulties as insincerity. Do you believe the parties are sincere?"

Yes, Ms. Young said, "I think there's a real sincerity." In the past, Ms. Young has explained that each party's self-interest in the process underscores such sincerity.

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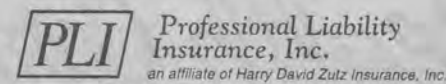
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for the caring and hard work they have done toward building a viable Jewish presence on campus."

Sara Horowitz told *The Jewish Voice* that "The Jewish Studies Program at the University of Delaware owes its success, in large measure, to the vision and generosity of Sonny and Yetta Chaiken. Even before the program had come into existence, Sonny was a strong advocate for its creation on campus. He was impatient on the program's full potential. He turned his attention to our activi-

ties, not only the big picture but also the small details that can make a great difference. He often phoned me after Jewish Studies events with ideas and suggestions. The opening of the Frank and Yetta Chaiken Jewish Studies Center earlier this year marked a quantum leap for Jewish academic life. Jewish life on campus bears the unmistakable mark of Sonny Chaiken's caring presence. He was a rare and special friend to us at the university, whose influence will be felt for a long time, and who will be sorely missed."

A Wilmington native, Chaiken graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of

Business in 1941. Sonny and Yetta were married in 1942. Sonny enlisted in the Navy and received an assignment with the same Eltkon munitions plant in which he was then employed. After serving in the Navy from 1942 to 1946, he joined his father's business, Bob's Men's Shop, Fourth and Walnut streets, which had begun as a tobacco shop before expanding into a men's furnishing store. During that time, Mr. Chaiken was a board member of the Delaware State Chamber of Commerce and presided over the merchant retail section for several years.

Sonny told *The Jewish Voice* in 1992 that before he was born, an Italian neighbor suggested the name "Frank" to Chaiken's European born parents who were looking for an American name for a boy. His mother called him "zinnele" which led to his nickname "Sonny." The Chaiken family belonged to Adas Kodesh (now AKSE) where he was *bar-mitzvahed*. In 1992, Sonny recalled that as a member of the Jewish Boy Scout Troop 28 "I was one of Isadore Silverman's boys." He noted that he was "one of the first and youngest members" of the YM/YWHA (Young Men's/Young Women's Hebrew Association), now the JCC, and consistently maintained his membership. He met his future wife Yetta while both attended P.S. duPont High School.

Chaiken told *The Jewish Voice* in 1992 that "it never occurred to me to be anything other than Jewish and

fiercely patriotic to my people...from the time I was a toddler, I was always involved with something Jewish."

Besides his wife of 52 years, Mr. Chaiken is survived by three daughters, Dr. Janice Selekmann of Wilmington, Lesley Kravitz of Fairfax, Va., and Barbara Chaiken of Chapel Hill, N.C.; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. The family suggest contributions to the Abe and Pearl Kristol Student Center (Hillel House), 47 W. Delaware Ave., Newark.

**SYLVIA GRANITE** - On March 3, 1995, Sylvia (nee Brenner) Granite, the wife of the late Samuel died. She was the mother of Dr. Edwin and Bell Granite of Chadds Ford, PA. Grandmother of Jodi and Jeffrey Nash and Larry Granite. She was the great grandmother of Adam Samuel and Samantha Loren Nash. Contributions in her memory may be made to the York House Hospice Program, 5325 Old York Rd., Phila, PA. 19141.

**ARTHUR GREENSTEIN**

On February 27, 1995, Arthur Greenstein of Milton Drive, Brandywine Hills, age 61, passed away. He is survived by his widow, Evelyn Greenstein, his son Victor Greenstein of Penarth, his daughter

Audrey Greenstein of Philadelphia, his daughter Sandra Rosenbaum of Cherry Hill; his brother Garry Greenstein of Wilmington and his sister Janet Potter of Philadelphia. He is also survived by 5 grandchildren.

The family suggests contributions to the charity of your choice.

**MARGARET H. MAY**

Margaret H. May, a private therapist, Howard Career Center counselor and civil leader, died March 2, of cancer at her home near Kennett Square. She was 73.

She graduated from Hunter College, then married engineer Harold May. The couple moved to Wilmington in 1955. She then earned master's degrees in psychology and career counseling from the University of Delaware.

In 1969, she became a counselor at Howard.

She left in 1979 to open her own psychology practice. She retired in 1990.

In 1986, the state National Conference of Christians and Jews honored her for volunteerism. In 1993, the National Council of Jewish Women gave her its Ginns Lifetime Dedication Award. Her alma maters also honored her for work on their behalf.

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