When I heard the exciting news that the State of Israel was at last a reality, I was overwhelmed! But I was living in Eldon, MD ... without a synagogue in which to celebrate or group of Jews with whom to share it.

In Baltimore, my native city, I had been a young Judea leader, a Hadassah board member and had attended many meetings to protest the British anti-immigration policies in then-Palestine and now at last we had a State!

Well, I had to wait until a week later when my Baltimore family came to visit, and together we drank a "L’Chayim" to share this great Simcha.

Ruth Siegel

In 1948, journalist Bill Frank was the head of the news department at WILM radio, which focused on local news. He was handling the news on Friday, May 14 when Ben Codor, executive director of the JFD, rushed into the studio with great excitement and announced that the State of Israel had just been established. "Codor asked me if I would announce it. I agreed, and Codor quickly wrote out an announcement of the declaration of statehood. Then Codor suggested that we play Hatikvah and handed me a record he had brought with him. As Hatikvah was played over the air, I could see Codor outside the newsroom weeping, really in tears. I felt I had cried. I had never heard Hatikvah on the radio. " (As told to Toni Young in 1989)

On Saturday, November 29, 1947, the day the United Nations voted on the Partition Plan, Rabbi Leonard Gewirtz gave a sermon about Pledge of Allegiance, Sabbath services. After Shabbat, he went to New York where he and Gladys danced in the streets with hundreds of other people. "The celebration and joy at the time of the partition plan was as great as on May 14, 1948," Rabbi Gewirtz remembers. "because that's when there was recognition that there would be a Jewish state. After partition, the declaration was a fait accompli."

The moment of Partition was also the beginning of continuous fighting.

Leah Kraft recalls the tremendous excitement among the people who gathered at Beth Shalom for Sabbath services on Friday, May 14, 1948. "People were thrilled—they felt they should go to synagogue to thank God. We had waited two thousand years, and now we were going to be successful. When we all sang Hatikvah, you can just imagine the feelings that went through people ... Although we knew the mandate was ending—our passions were not necessarily set against the British. We were more focused on the future and our new state."

Howard Kattler, 13 years old in Philadelphia, I lived in a multi-generational family with my grandmother, father, parents, sister and her husband. I remember sitting by the radio with the entire family listening to the news. My parents were really excited. I was not really aware of what they were excited about.

Deanne Kattler, I remember listening to the radio when the partition plan was approved. My father, who had volunteered with the Royal Fusiliers, a Jewish brigade that fought in Palestine during World War I, began to cry.

Bea Hirshout was a young mother in Eastern Maryland. "It was very exciting. There was a celebration at the synagogue twenty miles away."

Judge Bernard Balick—"Israel Independence Day was my eighth birthday. I remember being very proud that there was a Jewish state and that something so important had happened on my birthday."

Balick also recalls a celebration at Beth Shalom Hebrew School at 18th and Washington Streets. There were pictures of David Ben Gurion with his puffs of white hair and jovial appearance as well as Chaim Weizmann with his goatee and more serious, business-like demeanor as well as blue and white flags. We all sang Hatikvah.

Ruth Eisenstat Weinstein was in elementary school at #30. When she came home from school on Friday, May 14, her parents were all excited because the state of Israel had been declared. "I remember that it was especially important to my parents that the entire family go together to a Jewish place."

They wanted to express their unification with Israel and the closest thing was the synagogue. So the whole family went to Beth Shalom together. In addition to attending services with her family, Barbara Eisenstat Yalisove remembers the celebration at the Y. She was president of the Jewish sorority that belonged to the Y. The sorority used its fund raiser to collect money for youth aliyah.

Shortly after the state was formed, Ruth Ann Levin Gershon remembers going with her mother to the homes of South African ORT members to make clothing to send to Israel. "Women would cut and stitch while children were given small tasks. At that time, South Africa had the highest per capita giving to Israel."

In 1948, Sarah Goldstein was a music teacher and worked at Beth Shalom, Adas Kodesh, and Beth Emeth. She was part of their choir that sang at the community wide service at Congregation Beth Shalom. Sarah also remembers a big celebration at the Y. "The auditorium was filled with people, there were speeches and lots of excitement. When we sang Hatikvah it was like the bottom of everyone's soul coming up."

Nate Barnett was a student at the University of Cincinnati. "When I heard the news, I was very proud that Israel had been created, but I was disappointed with myself because I hadn't gone to Palestine. In 1947 an Israeli came to our Jewish Community Center to recruit volunteers to dig potatoes while workers went to war. I didn't volunteer because I had been a soldier in World War II and I wanted to fight not dig potatoes. I've always regretted not going to Palestine in 1948.

On Rosh Hashanah 1948, Dora Eisenstat, President of the Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah, wrote "As Americans and Jews, pledged to the support of democracy and freedom throughout the world, it is particularly fitting that we should greet the world's youngest democracy. For the Jews of Palestine, who declined their independence on May 14, are like our 'American' Colonists were in 1776, fighting to safeguard their national territory. We have faith and confidence in Israel. As members of Hadassah we rededicate ourselves to our program of concrete building and healing. Youth Aliyah, Medical Services, Education and Care for the future mothers and children of Israel, reform in courage and dignity. It is gratifying to know that through the efforts and generosity of our members and our local community, our local chapter added its strength to the many other Hadassah chapters throughout the United States in the "No Vacation" emergency campaign for medical supplies, clothing and funds, during this past summer, which was flown to Israel. The Yishuv is counting on this continued support so that our combined efforts can help to make Israel a real credit to us all."

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THE DRAMATIC NEWS OF ISRAEL'S BIRTH

Friday, May 14, 1948 Wilmington, DE

While the events of May 14 and 15, 1948 changed the lives of Jews throughout the world, Delawareans followed the fast paced drama in the overseas Jewish news. Local newspapers and the Jewish News carried the news as it unfolded. At 6 p.m. on May 14, the United Nations voted to partition the mandated territory of Palestine into two states, one Jewish and the other Arab. The Jewish state was to be named the State of Israel.

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Wilmington Rejoices

Wilmington Jews last night joined in a service of prayer to mark the birth of the new Zionist State of Israel in Palestine. Over 400 persons attended the joint service at Temple Beth Shalom. Eighteenth and Washington Streets, in which all local Jewish congregations, the Wilmington District, Zionist Organization of America, the Senior Hadassah, the Junior Hadassah, the United Federation of Jewish Workers Alliance participated.

“This is the greatest hour in the history of the Jewish people,” said Rabbi Jacob Kraft of Temple Beth Shalom. “Not only has a new state been established, but a new world has been born. It is an indication of a new era in human civilization.”

“Difficulties and hardships have been fought with magnificent courage.” He hailed President Truman’s action in recognizing the new Jewish state.

Rabbi Eliezer Ebner, of Chezshed Shel Emeth Congregation, said that the establishment of the state of Israel is the embodiment of Jewish history, and a source of dreams for the past 2,000 years. “This is the greatest hour in the history of the Jewish people,” said Rabbi Jacob Kraft of Temple Beth Shalom. “Not only has a new state been established, but a new world has been born. It is an indication of a new era in human civilization.”

He said that the new state posed a series of challenges to the Jewish people, but he added these would be met with success.

Rabbi Herbert E. Droso of Temple Beth Emeth led responsive readings and a prayer for the success of the new state. The Temple Beth Shalom Choir sang a group of selections, including a number of Palestinian hymns. The service was concluded with the singing of the Hatikvah.

Sylvan Silver

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1948 Redemption of Israel

As Israel celebrates the milestone of the first fifty years, how do we see Israel now? The Zionist vision was one of nationalistic pride and egalitarian ideology. Is it still? While Israel has grown stronger over the past fifty years, how has it changed? What do you see as the lasting achievements of the State of Israel?

Warm greetings to all those celebrating the 50th anniversary of the creation of the modern state of Israel.

As this country was declared the Land of Israel, a haven was created for those who in their oldest dream. With the establishment of the Jewish state, the dream made real.

The rebuilding of your homeland after centuries of war, hardships and economic strife speaks to your dedication to working towards creating a pluralistic democratic society.

Over the past half-century, Israel's economy has prospered. There is an established vibrant political system which supports free speech, press and fair and open elections, which have led to the establishment of many beneficial relationships with nation's people around the world.

This anniversary, not only provides an opportunity to pay tribute to your family, friends and fellow Jew who suffered and died in the Holocaust, but it is also an opportunity to honor the survivors of this genocide. These 250,000 survivors went to Britain to be the heel of Poland and worked hard and fought for the creation of the free state of Israel, while facing wars, terrorism and conflict and terror; full security for all, and enduring peace with all their Arab neighbors.

Dear Friends,

As Governor, I am pleased to extend to you my warmest greetings and best wishes as we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Israel's independence. This occasion provides a wonderful opportunity to celebrate a nation which has served as the home for Jewish people around the globe - as well as serving as new American's backbone.

One cannot overestimate the challenges posed to Israel's ever-since over the past five decades, help of Jewish Americans and others across the globe, Israel has met those challenges - and thrived beyond our wildest imagination. The success of the "Jewish state" is testament to the hard work, dedication, and resilience of Jews around the world - including those of you in Delaware's Jewish community.

As we celebrate this milestone, I salute you for your dedication to working towards creating a pluralistic democratic society.

Sincerely,

Michael N. Castle
Member of Congress

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Bill Clinton

The Jewish Voice
A1948 Redemption of Israel

On the 50th anniversary of the State of Israel, it's important to remember the ideals that formed a nation. We revere here the New York Herald Tribune's editorial of May 15, 1948. Rabbi Peretz, editor of the Jewish Voice, judged it the best of all the editorials on the creation of the new state and published it under the title of "Redemption of Israel." Everyone's mind and spirit were nourished on the great names and the great deeds of the Hebrew scriptures must sense the high drama of the call that went out from Tel Aviv yesterday, the summons to the struggle for the fulfillment of the dream of generations - the redemption of Israel. The story of Israel is woven into the fabric of our civilization; the tragedy of the age-old depopulation of Israel looms large in the history of many people; the terror visited upon Israel in bondage is a terror which this generation has known all too intimately. And now that story has come to a climax with the proclamation of the Republic of Israel in the "birthplace of the Jewish people." The climax has its own tragedy, its own hint of terror, in the war clouds that hang so heavy over Palestine and the hand-wringing impotence of the powers that might have averted them. But for the devoted band who have declared their allegiance to their nation in Tel Aviv, it is a climax of dedicated courage which cannot fail to win the respect of the world.

The Jews of Palestine have built a state. The chronicles of the world may deplore, the gentlemen at Lake Success may debate, the Arab Legion may falter, but the impelling power of the "dream of generations" has created a government, inspired an army, and made a desert bloom. Those achievements cannot be ignored or brushed away. They can neither be rationalized out of existence, nor beMarried Miller in the creation of the Jewish state. They are the results of unflagging labor and unfailing courage, of the desperation of some who have known Hitler's tortures and the aspiration of many who have fought an ancient goal. The story which was impounded upon the Jew as a badge of shame is on the flag of Israel today, and the deep, powerful emotions mobilized around that symbol are now the most significant forces in Palestine.

"In recognizing Israel, President Truman has recognized an inescapable fact. However oddly his act may cut into the pattern of American diplomacy in the Near East, this step was the only one which was consonant with American traditions and with the realities of the case. Since the United Nations, largely as the result of the determinations of the United States, has not asserted paramount authority over Palestine, this country is free to deal with Israel on its own terms. Then, since officially and unofficially over the last thirty years, the United States has done much to make a Jewish state possible, it could do nothing more in our own work and the declaration of Israel's independence must evoke a sympathetic response from a nation conscious of the shared spiritual heritage from which that declaration was drawn. Mr. Truman has given formal expression to the welcome Americans extend to Israel, the dream made real."
A Local Discussion...

What Is The Biggest Issue Facing Israel’s Future?

By Rabbi MOSHE V. GOLDBLUM

That the State of Israel is celebrating its fiftieth anniversary is a source of pride and fulfillment for Jews not only in Israel but for Jews throughout the world. However, I am personally unset with the implications of the celebration. Certainly one is forced to admit that modern Zionism has been one of the most unifying influences in modern Jewish life. It is well known to all of us that no other country in the world has been willing to accept Jews in the same manner or proportions as Israel has done. We cannot forget the lives taken endeavoring to break through the British blockade. We must not overlook the coldness of our own government when it came to increasing the immigration quota so that more Jews from the Displaced person camps could come to the land of freedom. The boat that headed for Cuba, but was not permitted to let any of its passengers disembark, went up the entire Atlantic coast of America and no port was any more hospitable than Havana.

We Jews have been clamoring for a state for almost two thousand years. Our mesianic hopes and our daily prayers recite and describe the close relationship we have always had with the land of Israel. To say that the thought of Israel today makes us feel like “Johnny come lately” who accepted the invitation to settle there as an after thought in our long history of four thousand years. The world must come to recognize that this modern state of Israel has come about as a result of thousands of years of sacrifice, suffering, and sanctions. The Day of the Holocaust precedes Israeli Independence Day by one week. One day brings in the nations of Israel and the hearts of the world with doubt and alarm. The second day brings us pride and joy and we wonder how we could have been so cruel and so blind. The loving and caring can disturb such a small people as the Jews. Let us remember often the warning of Albert Einstein: “The now defunct comic strip character ‘Pogo’ said it best when he said, “We have met the enemy and he is us.” It is we Jews who constitute Israelis greatest challenge in the present and for the future, not the Arab countries. This is the challenge for the next five decades.

As challenging as the last twenty-five years have been, they have also provided hope and confidence. The Oslo accords leading to a lasting peace, or the significant of a “Jewish” State being conceded by the world, have been, they have also provided hope and confidence. The Oslo accords leading to a lasting peace, or the significance of a “Jewish” State being conceded by the world, have been, they have also provided hope and confidence. The Oslo accords leading to a lasting peace, or the significance of a “Jewish” State being conceded by the world, have been, they have also provided hope and confidence. The Oslo accords leading to a lasting peace, or the significance of a “Jewish” State being conceded by the world, have been, they have also provided hope and confidence. The Oslo accords leading to a lasting peace, or the significance of a “Jewish” State being conceded by the world, have been, they have also provided hope and confidence. The Oslo accords leading to a lasting peace, or the significance of a “Jewish” State being conceded by the world, have been, they have also provided hope and confidence.
On June 3, 1948, less than three weeks after the State of Israel was declared, the deed to a colony purchased with funds raised by Delawareans and appropriately named Nachlath Delaware, was presented to a local committee which had been collecting money for five years.

Between 1943 and 1948, Harry Cohen, active Federation leader and former president of the Wilmington District of the Zionist Organization of America, David Katz, treasurer of the Wilmington district ZOA and Rabbi Simon Krinsky, president of the Delaware branch Jewish National Fund spearheaded the effort to raise $25,000, at the rate of $5,000 per year. The Jewish Federation of Delaware, Hadassah, Pioneer Women, the Jewish National Workers Alliance and Auxiliary, Wilmington District of the Zionist Organization and Junior Hadassah joined in the effort and made generous contributions. The Jewish Federation decided to include Nachlath in its budget providing that there was no direct solicitation in the community and that individuals and organizations continued giving as before. Harry Cohen, David Katz and Aaron Finger were the most generous individual contributors to the campaign. By 1948, the Delaware community had raised over $27,000 to purchase the land, which was in the Negev, twenty kilometers northwest of Beersheba. (In 1953 when David Zinman visited Nachlath Delaware, it was part of Kibbutz Shoval.)

Judge Morris Rothenberg, national president of the Jewish National Fund presented the deed to the 250 acre colony to the community at a mass meeting and celebration held at the YMHA. A large banner with the letters, "Long Live the Jewish State," in blue letters on a white background dominated the stage. Philip Cohen, president of the Wilmington World Zionist Organization presided. Addressing the continued fighting in Israel Judge Rothenberg told the crowd, "Britain holds the key to peace in Palestine. Jews and Arabs have agreed on the truce presented by the United Nations, but it will have meaning only if Britain makes King Abdullah come to terms with Israel." According to Rothenberg, Great Britain was "financing the present Arab attacks and directing military maneuvers through its officers."

The community celebration and ceremony made Delaware "the first to establish a colony since the proclamation of the State of Israel in Palestine." Delaware joined other states, cities and communities throughout the United States whose names graced land purchased by citizens of the Jewish faith.

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**CONGREGATION ADAS KODESH SHEL EMETH**

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By DAN WEINTRAUB
JCRC Director

The Jewish Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware supports Israel through education, communication with elected officials, countering anti-Israel propaganda, and monitoring Israel-related issues of concern. The JCRC tracks trends, especially those on the right, view reporting on Israel as objective rather than negative. They do not fault the media and are more concerned that Israel's policies or actions are unjust, inhumane or impolitic. These Jews distance themselves as American Jews from uncomfortable Israeli actions. Rubin summarizes, "Liberals hoped that Israel would not do anything to embarrass them; conservatives - ironically those who most praised American society - often argue that the government ought to harm an imperiled Israel through unfair criticism. Through Israel, both sides felt some of the sense of peril so often associated with being a Jew..." Here in Delaware competing responses to troubling news or opinions about Israel are weighed and carefully balanced by the JCRC. Sometimes a particular media action is widely seen as bias or, conversely, some particular Israeli actions or policies are broadly regarded as raising the mark. However, most often a strong consensus cannot be found. The search for such consensus strengthens our community. Media relations are important but not the only important work of JCRC. Community relations can be most effective when it is proactive and routine rather than reactive and occasional. Proactive efforts to work in coalitions with other groups of Delaware is essential for the greater good. Educational efforts when no crisis is present are most helpful. Working closely with the Jewish Council for Public Affairs, umbrella organization devoted to community relations, enhances the strength of our local community relations efforts. Experts with JCFA and its member agencies provide insights and examples which contribute to our best efforts here in Delaware.

As the State of Israel celebrates her 50th year and looks toward the future, the JCRC will continue to work here in Delaware on Israel's behalf. Today Israel is at peace with Egypt and Jordan. A stalemate with the Palestinian Authority and other continuing challenges remain for Israel. The JCRC advocacy work, speakers bureau and service as a clearinghouse for Israel information will continue to support the people of the Jewish state. We will work together for a secure Israel, at peace with her neighbors, prospering and enjoying peace among Jews.

We Have Two Delivery Options. Incredible. And Unbelievable.

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**State of Israel Proclamation of Independence**

The Proclamation of Independence was published by the Provisional State Council in Tel Aviv on May 14, 1948. The Provisional State Council was the precursor of the Knesset, the Israeli parliament. The British Mandate was terminated the following day and regular armed forces of Transjordan, Egypt, Syria and other Arab countries entered Palestine.

The Land of Israel was the birthplace of the Jewish people. Here their spiritual, religious and national identity was formed, achieved independence and created a culture of national and universal significance. Here they wrote and gave the Bible to the world.

Exiled from the Land of Israel, the Jewish people remained faithful to it in all the countries of their dispersion, never ceasing to pray and hope for their return and the restoration of their freedom.

Impelled by this historic association, Jews strove throughout the centuries to go back to the land of their fathers and to achieve independence and self-determination. In recent decades they returned in their masses. They reclaimed the wilderness, wrested their language, built cities and villages, and established a vigorous and ever-growing community, with its own economic and cultural life.

They sought peace, yet were predestined to struggle. Jews from other lands, who had not departed from their efforts to reach Eretz-Israel, in face of difficulties, obstacles and trials, also ceased to urge their right to a life of dignity, freedom and hope in their ancestral land.

In the second World War the Jewish people in Palestine made their full contribution to the struggle of the freedom-loving nations against the Nazi evil. The sacrifices of their soldiers and their war effort gained them the right to rank with the nations which founded the United Nations.

On November 29, 1947, the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted a Resolution requiring the establishment of a Jewish State in Palestine. The General Assembly called upon the inhabitants of the country to take all the necessary steps on their part to put the plan into effect. This recognition by the United Nations of the right of the Jewish people to establish their Independent State is unassailable.

It is the natural right of the Jewish people to lead, as do all other nations, an independent existence in its sovereign State.

ACCORDINGLY WE, the members of the National Council, representing the Jewish people in Palestine and the World Zionist Movement, are met together in solemn assembly today, the day of termination of the British Mandate for Palestine, and by virtue of the natural and historic right of the Jewish people and of the Resolution of the General Assembly of the United Nations,

WE HEREBY PROCLAIM the establishment of the Jewish State in Palestine, to be called Medinat Yisrael (The State of Israel).

WE HEREBY DECLARE that, as from the termination of the Mandate at midnight, the 14th-15th May, 1948, and pending the setting up of the duly elected bodies of the State in accordance with Constitution, to be drawn up by the Constituent Assembly not later than the 1st October, 1948, the National Council shall act as the Provisional State Council, and that the National Administration shall constitute the Provisional Government of the Jewish State, which shall be known as the Government of Israel.

THE STATE OF ISRAEL, will open to the immigration of Jews from all countries of the world. All Jews, adhering to the principles of liberty, justice and peace as conceived by the Prophets of Israel, who will uphold the full social and political equality of all its citizens, without distinction of religious, social, or race, will be guarantors of religious, political and scientific education and culture, will safeguard the Holy Places of all religions and will loyally uphold the principles of the United Nations Charter.

THE STATE OF ISRAEL will be ready to co-operate with the organs and representatives of the United Nations in the implementation of the General Assembly of November 29, 1947, and will take steps to bring about an economic union over the whole of Palestine.

We appeal to the United Nations to assist the Jewish people in the building of its State and to admit Israel into the family of nations.

In the midst of common aggression against the inhabitants of the State of Israel to preserve the ways of peace and play their part in the development of the State, on the basis of full and equal citizenship and due representation in its bodies and institutions - provisional and permanent.

We extend our hand in peace and friendship to all our neighbouring states and their peoples, and invite them to co-operate with the State of Israel for the common good of all.

The State of Israel is prepared to make all possible contributions to the progress of the Middle East as a whole.

On call goes out to the Jewish people all over the world to rally to our side in the task of immigration and development, and to stand by us in the great struggle for the fulfilment of the dream of generations for the redemption of Israel.

With trust in the Rock of Israel, we set our hand to this Declaration, at this Session of the Provisional State Council, on the soil of the Homeland, in the city of Tel-Aviv, on the Sabbath eve, the fifth of Iyar, 5708, the fourteenth of May, 1948.

**Document 27**

**The Law of Return**

The "Law of Return" was passed unanimously by the Knesset on July 5, 1950 and written into the State Law.

**The Law of Return states:**

1. Every Jew has the right to immigrate to the country.
2. (a) Immigration shall be on the basis of immigration visas.
3. (b) Immigrant visas shall be issued to any Jew expressing a desire to settle in Israel, except that the Minister of Immigration is satisfied that the applicant:
   (i) acts against the Jewish nation;
   (ii) may threaten the public health or State security.
4. (a) A Jew who comes to Israel and after his arrival expresses a desire to settle there may, while in Israel, obtain an immigrant certificate.
5. (b) The exceptions listed in Article 2 (b) shall apply also with respect to the issue of an immigrant certificate, but a person shall not be regarded as a threat to public health or State security.

Post Cards from Israel

Postcard purchased in Israel ca 1048-60 by Hans J. Peissel while living on Kibbutz Naan. Mr. Peissel is the father of Julian N. Peissel, JHSPArchivist.
Aaron Finger Advocate For A Jewish State

In September 1943, Finger wrote to Senator William asking him to support a movement to exempt the New York-born lawyer from the draft as he wanted to emigrate to Palestine. According to Finger, the White Paper of 1939 and to implement the Balfour Declaration so that the United Nations could recognize Jewish immigration into Palestine and the establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth at the conclusion of the war. According to Finger, the White Paper of 1939 was "in direct conflict with the Balfour Declaration and with the British Mandate for Palestine and was in every sense illegal. Palestine was under British Mandate, and Britain's relationship to Palestine under the Mandate was that of a Trustee. It had neither the legal nor the moral right to deal with Palestine as a possession or colony or to restrict Jewish immigration into that land." When the resolution to abrogate the White Paper was in Czolgosz in 1944, Finger wrote to Senators Tunnell and Williams explaining persuasively why the resolution should be adopted.

In February 1947, Finger wrote to Senator John J. Williams (1863-1944), a Delaware born, Jewish attorney who served as Chief Deputy Attorney General from 1920-1925 before resigning to pursue private practice. He became a founding partner of the law firm of Richards, Layton and Finger and a leading corporate lawyer in the state. During the years immediately preceding statehood, Finger, who had been active in Zionist affairs for more than thirty years, increased his involvement in the Jewish Agency and the Zionist Organization of America. He wrote letters advocating the establishment of a Jewish state to President Harry S. Truman, Senators John J. Williams, James M. Tunnell, and C. Douglas Buck, Delaware's two U.S. Senators, as well as to C. J. Caleb Boggs, Delaware's chief justice Clarence A. Miller, and Senator Joseph R. O'Brien.

Finger's letters provide insight into the events of the 1940s and illustrate the important role American Jewish leaders played in the struggle to create Israel.

Aaron Finger continued only until the Jews had attained the majority of the population there, and thereafter Palestine was to become a Jewish state, subject only to equal rights to the Arabs and other minorities and to suitable protection in respect to the holy places that are sacred to three religions. The trouble has grown almost entirely out of the fact that the execution of the Mandate was in the hands of the English Colonial Office, which has always been hostile to the enterprise and has done everything within its power to sabotage the Mandate by fomenting trouble between the Arabs and the Jews.

Finger also reminded Senator Williams, "Although little or no Arab support was given to the Arabs in Palestine and despite the conditions as found and reported in the Second World War, the Arabs, under a cloak of non-cooperation, have, from the first, occupied vast under-populated areas, containing more than ninety times the area of Palestine, has been given to the Arabs, with independent states set up, but the Palestine pledge recognizes the rights of the Jews in Palestine are entitled to the principal credit for having stopped the Berliner.

Finger emphasized that the Arabs were not being treated unfairly. "It is not a case of taking Palestine from the Arabs. It (Palestine) was wrested from Turkey under whom the Arabs lived wretchedly. For hundreds of years the Arab population in Palestine has numbered 600,000. In the lost twenty years, since the Jews began to develop the land, their economy has prospered more than doubled. You will thus see that Arabs are not being displaced. Their lands have not been taken, and their economic and health conditions have improved to the point that those who call Arabs the enemy of the rest of the Arab world." In January 1948, Finger wrote to Senators Williams and C. Douglas Buck and Congressman J. Caleb Boggs urging them to aid the Jews in their struggle. "It was touch and go," says Epstein.

Epstein was one of three advisors to the United Nations Committee on Palestine. He remembers the speech David Ben-Gurion gave roughly 60 percent of the UN's Security Council to support the plan, which chose partition over the Arab position. The trip was made to aid the Jews of the United States like to get into the General Assembly and overthrow the Jewish World and lectured the world -- dressed in the streets.

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By LENI MARCHELL

Although we have visited Israel many times, and our recent trip was "just to catch up with old friends" we saw two very interesting places that we would like to share with you.

The Ayalon Institute and the secret of "Kibbutzim Hill" Rechovoth was fascinating. Kibbutzim Hill was named during the years of 1932-42 when a Jewish settlement group (gar'inim) waited their turn on this hill to settle the secret of "Kibbutzim Hill", and to establish a kibbutz. In 1945 a group of "A Scouts" reached the hill, waiting their turn to start a new kibbutz and unknowingly its unsuspecting members were soon to become heroes. (Workers in a manufacturing facility for "sten" bullets used by the freedom fighters of 1948.)

Haganah recognized that the Palmach (its striking force) would need uniform weapons - with the British against immigration and Arab hostility looming they knew they would have to defend themselves. The British Sten gun was smuggled into the country and reproduced successfully - but one problem remained - the lack of ammunition. And so top priority was given for the production of Sten bullets. Due to Jewish forethought old machines for the production of bullets had been purchased in England and brought to Palestine from Poland - additional machinery needed for bullet production was purchased in England and brought to Palestine without undue suspicion.

However, now they needed a large area for the complicated process of bullet production, and it was decided to construct an underground ammunition plant in "Kibbutzim Hill", and to establish a kibbutz on the site as a cover and to provide the work force.

And so the "A Scout group" was chosen for the mission. They had planned to settle a kibbutz elsewhere - they would have to live under conditions of great secrecy, facing constant tension and danger. But after a stormy debate, they agreed and the details of implementation were carried out with maximum speed since arms and ammunition were essential to survival.

Remarkable construction was undertaken below the ground while above the structure was a bakery and laundry - not only to meet the needs of the kibbutz, but to camouflage the factory below. The noise of the laundry as well as thick mattresses concealed the noise of the machinery - and the oven's smoke stack enabled the flow of clean air inside.

Forty-five people worked in the plant - leading a double life - sworn to secrecy and no one else in the kibbutz knew what was happening. Although working conditions were difficult and the worker's health deteriorated they continued with the production of bullets for three years until 1948 when the machinery was transferred to a new factory in Tel Aviv. The cover of secrecy was removed after Independence. The Ayalon Institute was abandoned and neglected until 1975 when restoration was made and now the community and the world can learn of the heroism of the people of Kibbutzim Hill. A place worthwhile visiting.

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Jewish men and women between the ages of 18 and 35 had been against the possible invasion of Palestine.

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On Saturday, May 15, the Morning News announced, NEW JEWISH STATE RECOGNIZED BY THE U.S. In forty-two fateful words, recognizing the provisional government as the de facto author-
nity of the new state of Israel, President Truman placed the great
weight of American prestige behind the new state. Truman's action, eleven minutes after the creation of Israel, caused elation among the Zionists, stunned the Arabs and threw the United Nations into turmoil. At the U.N. meeting, the Arab faction immediately attacked the recognition as a mockery. In the first story with a headline of Tel Aviv-Israel, reporters announced that the city and had been bombed all day beginning about twelve hours after the state was proclaimed. The editorial in the Morning News realistically assessed the problem, "And the new entity called by the ancient name of the Jewish people is des-
tined to endure much more pain and suffering before it has made good its right to live." Noting the opposition in the U.N., the editori-
al said, "American recognition of the new state as the de facto author-
ity in Palestine does not con-
cede its right to exist. That right must still be established by Jewish
arms." With suspicion, the editori-

al continued, "But no one knows whether they, (the Israelis) have enough force to carry out their pur-
pose in the face of Arab opposition."

On Saturday afternoon the Evening Journal headline was ARABS INVADE ISRAEL ON TWO FRONTS. Spiritual leaders called on Arabs to bring holy war to Israel against the Zionists. Israel was invaded from the north and south and was shelled from the East. The Evening Journal's editorial clearly endorsed President Truman's recognition of Israel. "In any event the United States now has assumed a position of clear-cut leadership. This makes up at least in part for the indecision and bungling that marked its Palestine policy in the deliberations of the United Nations. For that we can surely be thankful."

With their focus on objective reporting, the news stories missed the idealism of the Jewish people which Rabbi Kritzman summed up well in the Jewish Voice's editorial. "Jewry will become united under the flag of Israel to help Israel become a beacon of light for Jewish folk in the near east and throughout the world. The State of Israel will become a center for Hebrew culture and the Hebrew language. Despite the raging of our enemies, they will not deter Jewry from progressing to its ultimate destination as a great factor for peace, harmony and progress among the nations. The State of Israel is pledged to the full and unqualified support of democracy, justice and freedom."

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fices of so many individuals without whom our newspapers would be reporting very different news today. It is also the moment to rededicate ourselves to the ideals of democracy, justice and freedom, which Israel's founders proclaimed so loudly.

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President Clinton will receive an honorary degree from The Hebrew University of Jerusalem at the White House as part of the White House's official celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the State of Israel.

"We confer this honorary doctorate as an expression of our deepest esteem not only for President Clinton, but for the American people. We, at the Hebrew University, like America, are strongly committed to a free exchange of ideas among people of different religious beliefs, ethnic backgrounds, and political viewpoints," said Hebrew University President Menachem Magidor.

"President Clinton’s aspirations and vision for a peaceful Middle East that will benefit the lives of all of its peoples, reiterate the hopes of the founders of the Hebrew University who envisioned the institution as a source of knowledge and advancement for all," Professor Magidor said, reading from the official scroll which he will present to President Clinton at the White House conferment ceremony.

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Winston Churchill

The Palestine Resolution of the Congress of the United States

RESOLVED by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that the United States of America favors the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people, it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of Christian and all other non-Jewish communities in Palestine, and that the holy places and religious buildings and sites in Palestine shall be adequately protected.

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FROM THE HOLOCAUST TO FREEDOM

By TONY YOUNG

"To me, the American flag represents freedom," says Dorothy Finger. "When I salute the flag or hear a John Philip Sousa patriotic march, I feel emotional. At the same time, when the flag of Israel flies, I cry," she explains. "The flag and the State of Israel represent the loss of my family and six million Jews."

Dorothy Krasnitz, a young schoolgirl living in Poland, survived five years of brutality in two ghettos, a labor camp and the forest. After the war she was taken to Eschwege, a displaced persons camp under American occupation in West Germany. If she had remained at the camp, she would have been sent to Palestine. However, Dorothy, who had lost everybody in her family yearned to be with some relative and remembered that her mother's brother had emigrated to the United States as a young man. She had heard that America was a wonderful place, with freedom for all people. So she gave a letter with her name and background information to one of the American soldiers at the DP camp and asked him to mail the letter for her. Dorothy's uncle had secured all the proper papers for her to emigrate to the United States, but she still had to wait three months until she was finally permitted to depart for the United States.

On November 17, 1947, Dorothy sailed on the 'Emine Pyle' under the care of the Committee for European Refugees in America. Dorothy sailed on a five-masted schooner. Doris Hecht, the wife of Avraham Hecht, a prominent photographer, who had sailed to America on the 'M.H. S. Doris Hecht' in 1947, arranged to have Dorothy sail on the 'Emine Pyle'. After Dorothy arrived in New York, she went out on the deck and looked at the wonderful light of the countryside. Full of life and happiness, which I hadn't had for so many years, I was so happy that I looked back to Europe. It looked so dark, full of tears which I left. And I thought about my future. I didn't believe it. I thought that it was a Utopia. But I was really in New York. I thought that it was a wonderful place.

During the year she lived with Arthur Krause and his wife in Bavaria, Dorothy had a private tutor in English. By the time the Krauses left Bavaria, Dorothy's uncle had secured all the necessary papers for her to emigrate to the United States. When the letter appeared in a New York newspaper, a distant cousin saw it and contacted Dorothy's uncle, Anna and Jacob Krause, in Wilmington.

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BOOK REVIEW

By Commander

JONATHAN A. PANITZ,
United States Naval Academy
Annapolis, Maryland


I AM MY BROTHER'S KEEPER, chronicles the involvement and personal loss faced by Netanyahu and his family during the year of 1947-1948. The book is filled with salient details for Jews of the world. The exploits of however Zion, lovers of Zion, and supporters of the Jewish state who fought for Israel's war for independence are graphically portrayed in this labor of love.

The American spirit has always prized freedom and democracy. From Zionists like Martin Buber, who graduated of the Military Academy at West Point and Paul Schalom, a graduate of the United States Naval Academy, who served with distinction during World War II, to lovers of democracy like American Indian Len Fitchett, this book is filled with notes to place in the cracks of the wall. Any good book needs a compelling story. The tragedy of the S.S. Warfield, renamed the Exodus is revealed. The book describes British attempts to prevent immigration and the clever schemes to circumvent British immigration acts. A diversion into the work of the Hagannah on the eve of Arab inva- sion after the UN partition plan-losses the stage for the following chapters. Anecdotal accounts reveal the life of Canadian Air Ace George Beurling, a non-Jew, and his recruitment into the fledging Israeli Air Force. America is devoted to the birth of Service Airways, the supply arm of the Hagannah, and its field operations.

I AM MY BROTHER'S KEEPER contains anecdotal and historical information that guarantees to spark the interest of any reader. The only successful bombing raid Cali, the site of the destruction of the Haifa oil refinery. The birth of the Israeli Air Force and its successes in legendary dog fights above the Negev desert are graphically portrayed in this book. Individuals who sacrificed education and status are portrayed with dignity and forceful sense. The human tragedy is painfully recounted even in the midst of the gloe and glory of the triumph of the Israeli military machine.

I AM MY BROTHER'S KEEPER has something for everyone. If you are a history buff, the events are well documented. If you are a political junkie, it will acquaint you with the events of Israel's emergence from the ashes of the Holocaust and its transformation into a living, breathing democracy.

Chaplain Jonathan A. Panitz, Commander, United States Navy, commander of the Order of the Star of David Chaplain at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. He is a member of the Rabbinical Assembly and has been a Navy Chaplain for over 25 years. His book was found. When the letter appeared in a New York newspaper, a distant cousin saw it and contacted Dorothy's uncle, Anna and Jacob Krause, in Wilmington.

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By RUDY BOSCHWITZ

Americans look with pride upon the Statue of Liberty, beckoning to our shores the freed, the poor, and all who yearn to be free. Throughout our country’s history, the spirit of that message has offered hope to the world’s downcast, those yearning to be free.

One only creature on the face of this earth has likewise served as a sanctuary for refugees of every culture and background: Israel.

As Israel approaches its 50th anniversary, its people can point with pride to an extraordinary range of accomplishments. From science and technology to art and literature, Israelis have every imaginable field and generously shared their achievements with the international community.

But above all, it is the human drama of Israeli ingathering literally millions of new citizens in the last few decades, forging a modern nation, that has so deeply moved Americans, who rightly see much of our own country’s spirit in the triumphs of a people who have overcome tyrant and terrorist attacks and several subsequent invasions. And despite the strains of ceaseless immigration and the hardships of fending off Arab assaults, Israel has developed one of the world’s most vibrant democracies. Americans have watched with admiration as a nation of immigrants, the children of the “melting pot,” has continued its legacy.

We have contributed thousands of idealistic men and women who have chosen to make Israel their new home and have brought Israel the benefits of their experiences growing up in America— including two future prime ministers, Golda Meir and Benjamin Netanyahu.

As Israel’s world view is strategically ally and a folk democracy—Israel must do all it can to build upon that alliance. For Israel, 51st year. We must continue providing Israel with the means to defend itself, to continue to cooperate closely with Israel in the struggle against international terrorist groups, rogue regimes that sponsor terrorism, and their mutual foes.

We must be careful to make sure that our good intentions regarding Middle East peace do not place us in a position of pressuring Israel to sacrifice its security needs. Our hopes for progress in the Middle East rely on the ability of the states themselves to foster greater confidence and trust, just as they did when the United States offered its good offices to help Arab-Israeli negotiations.

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My Grandmother, My Mother and Me

My Grandmother, My Mother and Me, a one woman show, featuring Ruth Kaye highlights this Spring's social events sponsored by Wilmington's Congregation Beth Shalom, on Sunday evening, May 17.

Miss Kaye, a mezzo-soprano, interweaves her family story with a potpourri of Jewish music taken from various sources. Miss Kaye's story begins in 19th Century Russia, as she portrays her grandmother Anna, who comes to America and begins to raise her family. As her narrative unfolds, Ruth focuses on her mother Leah, a beautiful young woman, who marries her childhood sweetheart, survives a family crisis, and learns to make a life of her own. Finally, Ruth reveals herself as an awkward young adult, who later blossoms into a wife, mother and musical personality. In a touching climax, Ruth celebrates the mysterious and beautiful link that connects one generation to another.

Ruth Kaye's one-woman shows have long been in demand by synagogues, civic groups, and private functions throughout the country.

Tickets are $18.00 per person, and includes gourmet desserts and coffee after the show. Sponsor and Patron tickets are also available at $50 and $100 and include two and four tickets respectively. Reservations can be made by calling the synagogue office (302) 654-4462 or mailing your remittance to the synagogue, 1801 Baynard Blvd., Wilmington, DE, 19803. The May 17th performance begins at 7:30 p.m.

"My Grandmother, My Mother and Me is a wonderful show, rich with memories, filled with music, laughter and tears, and a story for all ages" said Barbara Felzer, chair for this event, "and it couldn’t come to Wilmington at a more appropriate time, what a memorable and appropriate Mothers Day Gift."

Silverman Scholarships Awarded

Jacob Milunsky
Jacob Cabelli
Allison Goldberg

Jacob Cabelli, Allison Goldberg, and Jacob Milunsky have been named the 1998 recipients of the Sylvia and Isadore N. Silverman Scholarship awards. Given annually, these stipends assist young people participating in a summer program of Jewish study or enrichment, while recognizing their achievements.

Cabelli is an 11th grader at Mt. Pleasant High School. He will participate in the Young Leadership Program of Volunteers for Israel. He is the son of Michael Cabelli. (Continued on page 22)

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Letter From Yakov Neeman

Dear Friends:

With the approach of Passover it is fitting at this time of year to recall the story of the Exodus from Egypt. The tribes marched together, yet they did so one by one. Each one unique, with its own style and culture; each one with its own leadership and traditions. Yet, the tribes made up one very strong nation - the Children of Israel. No matter how disparate their individual customs, they shared one vision. And the way they chose to demonstrate that vision is beautiful - summed up in the Book of Exodus.

The past 15 months have been a period of both triumph and challenge, with the State of Israel marking its 50th anniversary. The future is bright because there has been a bonding quality to our deliberations. This event has strengthened us by recognizing the fragility of the Jewish connection, and the value we all place on it.

Sincerely,
Yakov Neeman

Silverman Scholarships

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and Rosanne Griff-Cabell. Allison Goldberg, an 11th grader at Concord High School, will attend the Ramah Seminar Program in Israel. Her parents are Vivian and Alan Goldberg.

Currently an 11th grader at Brandyswine High School, Jake Millinsky will attend the Leadership Training Conference of the Brit Birth Youth Organization. Jake is the son of Marilyn and Cyril Millinsky.

The Sylvia and Isadore N. Silverman Scholarship Fund was established in 1989, on the occasion of the Silvermans' 55th wedding anniversary, by their children and friends. The award honors their many years of dedication to the Wilmington community, especially to Adas Rodesch Shel Emeth Congregation and to the Boy Scouts of America.

Applications for next year's awards may be obtained at the office of Adas Rodesch Shel Emeth, Washington Boulevard and Torah Drive. The Scholarship program is open to all Jewish youth in Delaware.

CORRECTION

In the last issue of The Jewish Voice, Paige Alderson was incorrectly identified as a "committed Jewish Democrat" who wrote a wonderful thank you letter to the Jewish Federation of Delaware. In fact, Paige is a dedicated 10-year-old donor. We, thought she was older due to the time, effort and maturity displayed by her correspondence. Our apologies to the Alderson family, and we hope that Paige's actions are emulated by others - from 10 to 100.

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This event is not an offering, which can be made only by prospectus. Read it carefully before investing.
The women of NCJW celebrate Israel’s 50th.

The women of NCJW celebrate Israel’s 50th anniversary with commemorative coins and medals. The coins honor key events in Israel’s history, and the medals depict symbols of both the past and the future of the State of Israel.

The pure silver version of the coin measures 2 3/4 inches in diameter and weighs 60 grams (1.97 troy oz). It has a special colored ink (known as OVI), which changes color when looked at from certain angles. In addition, the serial numbers consist of only five digits (instead of the usual ten).

In total, only 20,000 notes were printed. 9,999 of them were offered as uncut sheets of three notes. These sold out soon after their release. 10,001 of them are still available individually for $49 each. They are protected in a souvenir “50th Anniversary Presentation Folder.”

In addition to these banknotes, an official State of Israel 50th Anniversary medal has been issued in silver and in large and small bronze versions. Designer Ruben Nutels configured the number “50” to form two almost complete circles. The closed circles symbolize the fifty years of Israeli statehood that have passed, while the second, open one represents the fifty years to come. The reverse features old and new symbols of the State: a stylized menorah, the Knesset building, the Western Wall, the emblem of the Israel Defense Forces, an ancient Torah scroll, and computer chip and the dove of peace.

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An introductory offer from the Israel Government Coins and Medals Corporation, those wishing to obtain one copy of the 1 1/2 inch, one ounce small bronze medal may do so for $14.95 delivered. Because of the demand for multiple pieces for use as gifts and mementos, additional medals cost only $9.90 each (all medals must be shipped in the same order).

To order, or for more information contact the Israel Government Coins and Medals Corporation, P.O. Box 7900, Jerusalem 91078, Israel (Fax orders: 011-972-561-2298, Internet address - http://www.coins.co.il). Orders may also be directed to the North American Distributor, The Coin & Currency Institute, Inc., P.O. Box 1057, Clifton, NJ 07014. Call toll-free from anywhere in the U.S. or Canada, 888-421-1866. Major credit cards are accepted.

Thank You Toni Young for your full collaboration and dedication to this project.

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For further information on programs funded by JAFI, contact Bernie Greenberg at the Federation office.

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accounts of the boat that was denied entry into British Palestine (May); After the First Rain: Israeli Poems on War and Peace, edited by Moshe Dor and Barbara Goldberg; and Translating Israel, by Alan Mintz, which examines the problem of why books by Israeli authors do not reach a wider American audience (fall). A Bridge Across the Jordan, by Aida and Abraham Shumley, tells the inspirational story of the friendship between Mendel Cohen, a Jewish carpenter from Jerusalem, and King Abdullah of Jordan, who invited him to work at his palace in Amman (Arcade).

The Founding Myths of Israel: Nationalism, Socialism and the Making of the Jewish State, by political scientist Zeev Sternhell (Princeton) challenged standard Zionist history. If you can't travel to Israel itself to celebrate this milestone year, these books offer numerous opportunities to revel in a land that has always balanced precariousness between triumph and turmoil, between dream and reality.

Rabbi Musleah is a freelance journalist and the co-author, with Rabbi Michael Kleinman, of Sharing Blessings: Children's Stories for Exploring the Spirit of the Jewish Holidays (Jewish Lights).
Let's talk about the

Good News
from Israel on Jewish unity

While the debate on religious diversity swirled around us, 800,000 Jews representing every religious and political orientation, and from all across North America, proved that, during good times and bad, the UJA Federation system is still the place where all Jews can come together to build tolerance and responsibility.

- Working with our partners in the religious movements and concerned Jews throughout our communities, the United Jewish Appeal/Council of Jewish Federations Partnership helped create a respectful place for the exchange of ideas.
- Over 80 Knesset members signed a petition supporting the recommendations of the Ne'eman Committee, the Israeli committee charged with finding accommodations on the issue of Jewish conversions. Many of those Knesset members also visited American Jewish communities and Federations over the past 90 days so that they could understand Jewish diversity in the U.S.
- Last week the Knesset officially resolved to support the Committee's report in its entirety.

There is still work to be done for the report to be fully implemented, yet Jewish Federations should be proud of their role in the developments to date... developments that could eventually preserve the unity of the Jewish people and create a far more tolerant Israel. Because, all through this, the UJA Federation system continued to ensure that no one was isolated or left out in the cold, no one went hungry, was left alone or uncared for.

As Jews we share a common history. Today, even as we celebrate the Knesset resolution, let us rededicate ourselves to a common future where all Jews are respected and every Jew who needs help gets it.
By JESSICA STEINBERG

JERUSALEM, Feb. 1 (UTA) - The Herzliya Gymnasium school sits on a corner plot of land in the prestigious neighborhood of Tel Aviv, a sandstone-colored building surrounded by palm trees and grassy areas studded with flowers and benches.

More than 1,000 junior high and high school students attend the Gymnasium, which was established in 1905, the first high school in the country that taught Hebrew and later became a cultural center for the emerging city of Tel Aviv.

At the school's entrance is a display of photos and essays commemorating Israel's jubilee year—a large portrait of Israel's first prime minister, David Ben-Gurion, is posted prominently in the middle, as if to remind the students whom their Doc Martens, shoes popular among Tel Aviv teens, are modeled after.

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"When they first thought about the student cafeteria, they thought it could be a place to hang out, have coffee, drink milk, discuss Zionism and patriotism in their country's 50th year of statehood.

Tel Aviv, a lively 11th grader huddled in her khaki green army-style jacket, is somewhat disillusioned with the concept of Zionism, commenting that it's a romantic concept from the past, existing only in politics. Her friends agree, adding that army duty and youth movements are two of the last vestiges of patriotism left in their young state, and even those are losing in popularity.

"They don't want to talk about history or roots, they're more interested in the concept of how today's headlines will affect them."

He adds that army duty has come to represent Zionism for most young Israelis, since "there aren't any swamps left to drain in the Negev, referring to agricultural projects done in the early years of the state."

Tsiporen, whose mother is American, believes that Jews outside of Israel are taking the jubilee year more seriously than Israelis, partly because they have no other identity.

"What they don't realize is that Judaism and Zionism are two different things. It's like, 'we're here, it's less important to us.'"

For the most part, Melitz educators are accustomed to approaching students with questions, not answers. It's a different attitude than that of the Education Ministry, which declared Israel's 50th anniversary as the central subject of the year, devoting additional class hours to the study of Israeli society's accomplishments. But even the ministry, as well as the government's jubilee celebrations, has been plagued by budget and internal troubles, and the recent death of Education Minister Zviulun Hammer hasn't simplified matters.

An Education Ministry spokesman said teachers spent several weeks preparing for an educational campaign organized by the ministry about how to teach the jubilee year. In September, the first day of school, educators organized a countrywide strike, protesting their low salaries.

They returned to their blackboards and workbooks within a few days, but refused to participate in any organized activities until their salaries improved. High school students also got involved, organizing a student union strike in several major cities to protest the lack of school trips and a new school tax.

Not a good start to the jubilee year, but typical of Israel's politically sensitive society.

"It's true," said Ben-Kareh of the Herzliya Gymnasium. "The Russians didn't come here for Zionism, they came because it was good for them. They don't even speak the language."

"Who can blame them?" asks Arnon Granot, former chairman of the Israeli Securities Authority.

But the people of Israel deserve our additional congratulations for having created an economic miracle that is both respected and envied throughout the world. They have produced a remarkably high Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of $98.4 billion in 1997, with a GDP growth during the past five years averaging 6 percent.

A major contributing factor to this formidable achievement has been the rapid expansion of the electronics industry. The growth of this sector alone reached $7.2 billion in 1997—stunningly outpacing the present and last year. And 80 percent of the country's electronics products were sold outside of Israel.

Israel, in fact, has become a second Silicon Valley, attracting hundreds of American companies. Many of the world's largest computer concerns, including Microsoft, IBM, Digital, Hewlett Packard, National Semiconductors and Motorola have located facilities in the country and have become parts of Israel—"the In-Place for Innovation."

There is every reason to predict that the nation will continue increasing its high-tech exports to Europe and the United States.

Currently, there are 2,000 startup companies operating facilities in Israel. They are active in a variety of innovative high-tech areas, including voice and handwriting recognition, Internet video and voice transfer, smart card security, push technology, bandwidth expansion, medical diagnostic equipment and design gear for the semiconductors industry. Invention only a few.

There are a few of my predictions for the latter economy in the "post-50" era:

• Startup companies will continue to raise capital on Wall Street and British and European stock exchanges because of the starting level of innovation and energy that has marked Israel's ascension in the world of high-tech.

• There will probably be a lessening of activity in Israel's high-tech industries because of high-labour costs. To compensate, many large companies operating factories in Israel will subcontract part of their production to Jordan, Egypt and, potentially, the West Bank, which has begun to compete with Gaza—assuming peace will come to the area.

• More American high-tech companies will complete their downsizing programs by opening factories in Israel. This takes advantage of Israel's unique incentives, including the country's high-quality engineers and technicians, the country's industries, which are booming, and access to Israel's international telephone service. The work force of 43,000, 60 percent of which are engineers and technicians, is expected to expand as companies grow.

• More American high-tech companies will be considering changes to their high-tech industries, some of which will be considered as "post-50" era—ones that Israel's high-tech industry will be looking to their own industries. Elmer L. Winter, chairman of the Committee for Economic Growth of Israel, was the co-founder and long-time president of the largest temporary help service.

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**MAY**

**SUNDAY  10**

**TUESDAY  12**
Board Meeting, Congregation Beth Shalom, 654-4462.

**THURSDAY  14**
Lag B’omer, Sports Day and Family Picnic. Congregation Beth Shalom, 654-4462.

**FRIDAY  15**
High Class Graduation, Congregation Beth Shalom, 654-4462.

**SATURDAY  16**
Junior Congregation Breakfast, Congregation Beth Shalom, 654-4462.

**MONDAY  18**
Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, all performances 7:30 p.m., at the Bluett Theater on St. Joseph’s campus. To reserve seats, call 610-667-4070 ext. 448. Program, My Grandmother, My Mother & Me. 7:30 p.m., Congregation Beth Shalom, 654-4462.

**TUESDAY  19**
Religious School, Last Day of Class & Awards Assembly, Congregation Beth Shalom, 654-4462.

**THURSDAY  21**
Hebrew School Closing, Faculty Meeting, Congregation Beth Shalom, 654-4462.

**JUNE**

**SUNDAY  22**
JCC Annual Meeting, 4 p.m. Annual Meeting includes election of Officers and Board members, followed by a family picnic with entertainment and family activities. Free of charge.

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**SUNDAY  24**
Yom Yerushalaim, Congregation Beth Shalom, 654-4462.

**TUESDAY  26**
Rosh Hodesh, Executive Board Meeting, Congregation Beth Shalom, 654-4462.

**THURSDAY  28**
Kraft Education Meeting, Congregation Beth Shalom, 654-4462.

**FRIDAY  29**

**JUNE**

**MONDAY  8**
Community Forums Discuss Patients Rights, 7:30 p.m. Participants include Rep. Jane Maroney, Dr. Robert Prelick and other health care professionals and legislators.

**WEDNESDAY  10**
Jewish Family Service Annual Meeting of Officers and Installation, 7:30 p.m. Call JFS for further info, 478-9411.

**MONDAY  17**
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