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## MANYA PEREL SHARES HER STORY NEXT TUESDAY

**...Survivor to Speak  
During April 20th  
Yom Ha'Shoah Program  
in Wilmington**

Holocaust deniers like Hutton Gibson, father of actor/director Mel Gibson, make Manya Perel's blood boil. Manya, the mother of Wilmington resident Sylvia Wagman, talks to student groups all over Pennsylvania about her horrific experiences as a Holocaust survivor. She counters the elder Gibson's contentions that the Shoah was "mostly fiction" with cold, hard facts.

"I am an eyewitness to the hell on earth that claimed the lives of my parents and five of my brothers and sisters," said Manya, who made a deathbed promise to her mother that she would survive to bear witness to the darkest chapter in modern Jewish history. She will share her horrific experiences as a prisoner in eight concentration camps in Poland and Germany on Tuesday, April 20th, 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Carvel Building Auditorium on 820 North French Street in Wilmington during the 2004 Yom Ha'Shoah Interfaith Program. The program is presented by the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Committee of the Jewish

Federation of Delaware. "It is free and open to the entire community," said Committee chairperson Regina Kerr Alonzo.

Manya was a 15 year old high school student when the Nazis invaded Poland and brought a crashing halt to normal childhood pleasures. After September 5, 1939, Polish children could no longer attend school or walk on the sidewalks with their friends. Adults were forced to sell their businesses and move their families into ghettos where both food and housing were in short supply.

Despite deplorable living conditions, the large family drew comfort from the love they shared with one another—a love that lives on in cherished memories. Those memories comfort her when the nightmares of her experiences at the hands of the Nazis shatter her sleep.

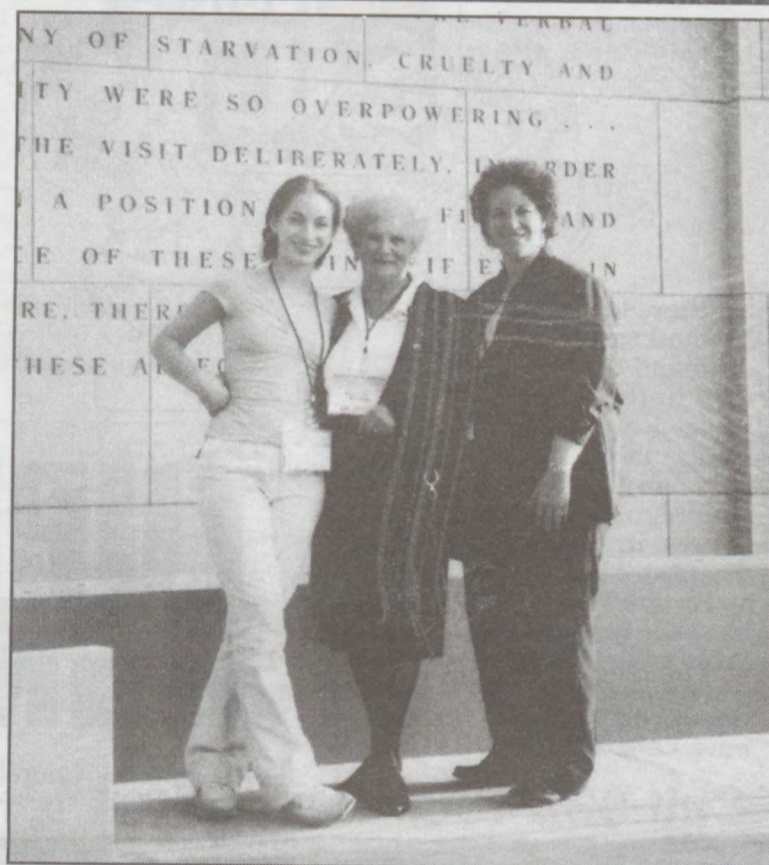
She recalls August 17, 1942 as one of the darkest days of her life. Her family and friends in the ghetto were chased out of their homes by members of the SS and escorted by gunpoint to an open field. Husbands, wives, brothers and sisters were separated into two lines. Despite her fervent pleas to remain with her parents, Manya was prodded to the left. She watched helplessly as her entire

family was herded to the right where trains transported them to Treblinka. All were exterminated.

Manya was one of the "lucky" ones deemed healthy enough to contribute to the Nazi war effort. For six years she toiled at death camps, stripped of her dignity and subjected to frequent beatings and near starvation. She performed back-breaking labor in the harshest of weather, clothed only in a striped prison uniform that was a magnet for lice.

At Auschwitz, she experienced the agony of humiliation when her hair was shaved from her head and the ecstasy of her miraculous escape from the clutches of Dr. Mengele. Manya was in the infirmary seeking treatment for a raging infection when the doctor saw Mengele approach and told her to run away. She was just minutes away from being selected as a subject for one of "Dr. Death's" diabolical experiments.

As the war continued and the Germans appeared headed for certain defeat, conditions at the camps deteriorated. "We looked more like skeletons than human beings," Manya said, adding that the prisoners started to act like the starved animals they resembled. "We almost suffocated in a race for the scraps of food that



Rina Wagman (left) and her mother Sylvia (right) proudly stand beside their grandmother and mother, Manya Perel at a recent ceremony marking the 10th anniversary of the National Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C.

the Germans dropped on the floor," she commented.

The Russians were fast approaching and the Nazis evacuated the camps. They led the prisoners on death marches. "If we fell because we were so weak from starvation then the guards would shoot us," she remembered.

Manya remained on her feet because "...if they killed everybody on the march then no one would be

left to tell the story of what these monsters did to the Jewish people!"

Hear Manya Perel's compelling story on Tuesday, April 20th, 11:45 a.m. at the 2004 Yom Ha'Shoah Interfaith Program in downtown Wilmington. Please arrive early to allow for security clearances.

For additional information, please call Jack Zigon, JCRC staff director, at 302-427-2100, ext. 30.

## YOM HA'SHOAH COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Sunday, April 18, 9:30 a.m.**

**YOM HASHOAH - HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY**  
Men's Club and Adult Education Breakfast at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth  
Washington Blvd. Extension & Torah Way, Wilmington - Phone: 762-2705

Morris Freschman, a Holocaust survivor, will be describing his experiences in public for the first time at AKSE. He was ten years old in 1939 when Germany invaded his homeland of Poland. He was a prisoner at three different Nazi death camps from 1941 until his liberation in April, 1945.

**Sunday, April 18, 4:00 p.m.**

**YOM HASHOAH MEMORIAL SERVICE AT CONGREGATION BETH EMETH**  
300 W. Lea Boulevard, Wilmington - Phone: 764-2393  
Sponsored by Rabbinical Association of Delaware

**Speaker: Joel Glazier - "New Trends in Holocaust Education. . . (The Old Ones Haven't Worked!)"**

The guest speaker, a native Wilmingtonian, has been a public school teacher for 28 years. In 1988 he was the first Delaware teacher chosen to participate in the Summer Fellowship Program on The Holocaust and Jewish Resistance held in Israel. He serves as a community reporter for the Jewish Voice and is a member of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation.

**Monday, April 19, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

**HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY - U.DEL. MEMORIAL NAME READING**  
Trabant Student Center, 17 West Main Street, Newark

Come show your respect for the six million Jews murdered by the Nazis in World War II. If you or a student group you are involved in would like to take part in the name reading, contact Ian Cooper by e-mail at [ijcooper@udel.edu](mailto:ijcooper@udel.edu) to sign up for a time or just come on by the Hillel kiosk.

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### Area Students Hear Holocaust Survivors at JCC

Photo and Caption  
By Joel Glazier

200 middle and high school students from throughout Delaware learned about The Holocaust recently at the Wilmington JCC. Survivors Ann Jaffe and Henry Kahn shared their personal stories with the students and their teachers as part of a program organized by the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee and the NEWS JOURNAL Newspaper -in-Education Program.

Mrs. Jaffe told of her survival in the forests of Poland and her help from partisan fighters. Mr. Kahn told of his luck in surviving



Survivors Henry Kahn and Ann Jaffe shared their stories with 200 Delaware middle and high school students.

several concentration camps in Europe. After the presentations, the students visited the Garden of the Righteous, in front of the JCC. There they heard further stories from those who had helped hide and rescue Jews during The Holocaust.

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## EDITORIAL

### Passover post-script - An Exodus from Gaza

Just hours after Pesach ended in Israel, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon embarked on an exodus of his own. He traveled to Washington for a Wednesday morning meeting with President George W. Bush. Perhaps inspired by the spirit of the ancient Seder story, Sharon vowed to "let his people go" - proposing a total withdrawal from the Gaza and a pull-back from all but six settlements in the highly contentious West Bank territories that Israel seized from Jordan during the 1967 Six-Day War.

Initial reaction to Sharon's proposed pull-backs from Bush and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak has been positive. America's president called Sharon's actions "historic and courageous" while Egypt's leader - who discussed Sharon's proposal earlier in the week during a meeting with Bush at his Texas ranch - said that a withdrawal from Gaza would be seen as a positive gesture if the Israeli leader also demonstrated a commitment to getting back on track with the Road Map to Mideast Peace.

It appears that Sharon's expressed desire to pull-out from the entire Gaza region and to disengage from all West Bank settlements established since March, 2001 more than demonstrates a good-faith effort to comply

with the stipulations of Phase 1 of the Road Map. (Jewish settlements inside Hebron and the nearby enclave of Kiryat Arba, as well as Maaleh Adumim, Givat Ze'ev, Ariel and Gush Etzion were established before March 2001).

The Palestinians, despite their lack of compliance with the Phase I demand that they end attacks against Israel, refuse to say "Dayeinu" to Sharon's conciliatory gestures. "Sharon's intent to keep six settlements in the West Bank will close all doors to peace," said Chief Palestinian Negotiator Saeb Erakat. Even before the Bush/Sharon meeting took place, some Palestinian Authority leaders warned that Bush's acceptance of Sharon's plans would be a "dangerous development."

"As of 11 a.m. today, (the time set for Wednesday's meeting between Bush and Sharon) the Palestinian leadership will be in constant meetings to....show how dangerous this development is," said Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qorie.

Veiled threats of violence undermine the credibility of a true "peace partner". Shabbat Shalom,

*Lynn B. Edelman*

Lynn B. Edelman, Editor

## Photo Of The Week

**AEA PRE-K STUDENTS REENACT EXODUS FROM EGYPT** - Four and five-year-old students in Albert Einstein Academy's Pre-K Judaic Enrichment Class reenacted the Exodus from Egypt last month. Donning backpacks, they pretended to be slaves doubled over by the weight of their



heavy burdens. After they crossed the Red Sea and arrived safely on the other side, they shed their backpacks. To celebrate their new found freedom, their teacher, Karen Moss, led them in dancing with tambourines while listening to "Miriam's Song," by Debbie Friedman. Depicted L-R: Erik Schultz, Molly Ballard, Hannah Goodman, Ben and Amanda Ebner. AEA offers Pre-K Judaic Enrichment Thursday afternoon in Wilmington, and Monday afternoon in Newark. For further information, or to enroll your child in either program, call the school at 478-5026.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Gratz Shabbaton a Success

The Jewish Community of Wilmington, Delaware, has good reason to be proud of its teens. The weekend of March 12-14, 2004 was the Gratz Hebrew High School Shabbaton at Hemlock Farms, Pennsylvania, a community in the Poconos. Our teens attended Shabbat morning services at the Jewish Fellowship at Hemlock Farms. The Rabbi of that synagogue, Rabbi J. Bickhardt, invited our students to participate in the service. Some of our students led the congregation by singing, or chanting prayers; others had aliyot, some carried the Torahs and had many other honors during the service. We had many opportunities to be proud. They brought us a great deal of nachas.

Members of the congregation thanked me for bringing this wonderful group of young people to pray with them. Some of the comments included: "It is such a pleas-

ure to see young people who are studying Judaism", "They are such wonderful teens, and so knowledgeable, their Hebrew pronunciation was perfect". Our students were given a tour of the synagogue and interacted with many of the congregants. The Rabbi and congregation were so impressed by our students that we have been formally invited back to their community for another Shabbaton. I hope that the rest of the Jewish Community of Wilmington feels as proud as I am of our teens.

I would like to thank all of the adults that helped out at our Shabbaton: Drs. Barry and Ruth Wexler, Sherri Evans-Stanton, and Dr. Jerald Eng. In addition, I would like to thank Rabbi and Mrs. Sneiderman for helping with all of the food for the Shabbaton.

Robin A. Karol-Eng, Ph.D.

President, Gratz Hebrew High School

## PARSHA PLACE

Week of April 17

Shemini

Leviticus 9:1 - 11:37

By Joseph Telushkin for CLAL

The Torah identifies the characteristics of animals that are permitted (kosher) for Jews to eat (Leviticus, chapter 11). A land animal must chew its cud and have split hooves, a fish must have both fins and scales, and a bird must not be a bird of prey.

Since these characteristics alone determine which animals are kosher, one cannot speak of a Jewish "taboo" on pigs or any other particular animal. Pig is non-kosher solely because it does not chew its cud, not because it is "dirty" nor for any other reason.

But why these characteristics? If the characteristics of kosher animals were reversed or altogether different, would we not ask the same question? Why land animals must chew their cuds and have split hooves is an interesting question, but it is also irrelevant to kashrut's moral purpose of limiting our killing and eating of animals. It is like asking why red lights signify "stop" and green ones mean "go". There may be psychological or other reasons for the choice of these colors, but they are irrelevant to traffic lights' primary purpose, which is to guide traffic. Red and green may have been selected arbitrarily.

The signs that make animals kosher may be seen as having been arbitrarily selected. But the purpose is not at all arbitrary. The system's logic is found in its addition of one more element to our tradition's thoroughgoing program to sanctify our lives. By simply making us pay attention to what and how we eat, the Torah encourages us to engage that part of us that is most God-like, namely our consciousness, in every mundane detail of our lives.

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## Addendums and Corrections

In the March 16th edition of The Jewish Voice, an article on Shabbat Across America at Congregation Beth Shalom in Dover omitted the name of one of the event co-chairpersons. Helen Gelof, Caroline Schwartz and Steve Schlesinger served as co-chairpersons. We apologize for the oversight.



## FEDERATION FOCUS

### Israel is our "Birthright"



**Samuel H. Asher**  
Executive Vice President

Many of you have heard by now about the "birthright Israel" program, which is a unique partnership between the people of Israel and the American Jewish communities. Every year, the Jewish Federation of Delaware makes a contribution to the "birthright Israel" program as do all of the Federations across North America.

Birthright provides a precious gift of an all-expense paid, educational trip to Israel for young adults ages 18 to 26 who have never before traveled to the Jewish State on an organized tour. The founders of "birthright Israel" believe that it is every

Jewish person's birthright to visit Israel. Since its founding some five years ago, over 60,000 young adults have traveled to Israel for the first time on "birthright Israel" trips including an estimated 46,500 North American young people from North America.

Participants return home with a greater appreciation of their Jewishness and a stronger sense of connection to the Jewish people and their communities.

The initial funding of "birthright Israel" came from the state of Israel, some national leaders, and the Jewish Federations in North America.

More recently, there have been more requests for trips than funding to send people to Israel. To help assure the program's continuity The Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation has offered a special partnership grant. The grant stipulates that the Foundation will make a \$1 gift to our annual campaign for every \$2 that is contributed directly to the "birthright Israel" by members of our community. This is a great opportunity for our Federation as well as an opportunity to send more young people to Israel.

If you are interested in supporting "birthright Israel" direct-

ly, please contact me at the Federation office (302-427-2100, ext. 14). Together, we can help increase the number of young people going to Israel every year. I know that Federation will continue its commitment to "birthright Israel" and I hope that others will find this a worthwhile cause to contribute to over and above their regular contribution to Federation.

Let's give our young people the "birthright" they so richly deserve. We owe it to these future leaders of the Delaware Jewish community to support this invaluable Jewish identity building block.

## Five easy ways to create a Lion of Judah Endowment



**Jennifer Young**  
Endowment and Women's  
Philanthropy Director, JFD

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network of extraordinary women. The Lion of Judah program, a national level recognizing women that contribute a minimum of \$5,000 to the annual campaign, is the standard for excellence in Jewish leadership and charitable giving. Join the Lions who have already made LOJE commitments and wear the Or L'Atid flame attached to their Lion pins. May is LOJE month. This year consider a forever gift for Mother's Day. A LOJE allows you to continue to contribute to things that are most important to you throughout your lifetime and well into the future. It allows you to, in your own personal way, help secure a strong and vibrant Jewish community for your children and grandchildren to enjoy.

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worth a minimum of \$100,000. If you are in reasonably good health or insurable, you can ensure that money is not diverted from family members by using the required distributions from retirement accounts to purchase a life insurance policy. Life insurance policy benefits are paid tax free - so your family will actually receive more money than through a retirement plan.

#### LIFE INSURANCE

You could name the Jewish Federation of Delaware as the beneficiary on an existing life insurance policy you no longer need, or purchase a new life insurance policy for at least \$100,000. The exact cost of such a policy depends on your age and health. The Jewish Fund for the Future can help provide you with the information you need if you find this an interesting option.

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# ISRAEL FOCUS

## Ethiopians of Israel – Unite!

By Dina Kraft, JTA

In a combination bomb shelter and student lounge in the dormitories of Tel Aviv University, several Ethiopian Israeli college students sit in a circle of overstuffed chairs and plan the official launch of their new organization.

They have named their group Sulam, Hebrew for ladder, and their goal is to help their fellow Ethiopian students and graduates of universities and colleges across the country succeed.

"We have made it into higher education, but we leave many behind," said Hillel, a criminology student from Ashkelon. "We want to be a community that is contributing to Israel, not a people that has to be helped out as if it is needy."

They see themselves as the vanguard of their generation — bright, driven and dedicated to helping integrate their fellow Ethiopians into Israeli society. Higher educa-

tion is the key to getting there, they say.

Among them are law students and recently minted lawyers, students of electrical engineering, computer engineering, social work and education.

This group of about 10 — students and recent graduates — constitute Sulam's executive committee. This is one of their first meetings and the first rule of business is introductions.

First to introduce herself is Almaz Zeru, 23, who has been designated spokeswoman for the group. The second-year law and business-management student from Lod was born in a jail in Addis Ababa, where both her parents were being held for their covert efforts to smuggle Jews to Israel.

Zeru spent her first year of life in the prison. Sometimes one of the prison guards would hold her in his arms and another would lash her mother with beatings.

Now a 19-year veteran of life in Israel, with long, tightly wound braids spilling onto her shoulders, Zeru says she feels every bit the Israeli. In an interview after the group meeting, Zeru talks about her goals and how she knows her parents made great sacrifices so she could grow up in Israel.

"I want to achieve, to become a lawyer and then maybe even a Knesset member. I know that because of my parents I am here," she said. "We cannot give up because we are black. We need to go far in academia, in the media — we need to be everywhere."

Hailu Alemu, a computer engineering student, introduces himself as president of the nascent group. A serious 24-year-old, he presses his palms together in thought and encourages his fellow student leaders to take action. He tells them the real goal of today's meeting is "that we as a group go out into the field."

They debate what kind of pro-

grams they should create. One suggestion is to help prepare Ethiopian high school students and soldiers for university studies by explaining to them the requirements for different degrees, scholarship opportunities and what student benefits they are entitled to from the government.

The number of Ethiopian students passing high school matriculation exams is on the rise, and there are some 2,000 Ethiopians currently enrolled in Israel's colleges and universities.

But lacking guidance at home about educational opportunities — their immigrant parents often are unemployed and do not speak Hebrew — these university-aged Ethiopians serve as a lifeline for the younger generation.

The Sulam leaders also discuss getting involved in government policy decisions regarding the Ethiopian community, what kind of Internet site they should build, the organization logo and fund-raising

strategies.

Soon they hone in on what they regard as one of the most serious problems facing them as educated young Ethiopians: difficulties finding work in their fields once they graduate.

They bemoan the grim economic situation in Israel and their lack of inside connections, which can be key to landing work in this small country.

"Where is our self-confidence to prove ourselves in the market?" Zeru asked. "We need to find our roles within the community, to be proud of ourselves and show we can play our part" in society.

The students also talk about the often heavy feelings of responsibility they feel as those who are among the first of their community to study for higher degrees.

"We feel responsible not only toward our parents, but to our generation and the generation that will follow us," Zeru said.

## Birthright's future looks brighter

By Elana Romirowsky  
Special to the Jewish Voice

Over the past several months, many college-aged students have been panicking, fearing that their one and only chance to visit Israel for free is ending. It is now time to breathe a sigh of relief, as the Birthright Israel foundation has assured that it's not going anywhere.

Avi Green, director of the North American office of Israel Outdoors ([www.israeloutdoors.com](http://www.israeloutdoors.com)), explained that Birthright already has the funds to allow individuals to experience Israel for the first time until the end of this upcoming summer. The organization is also actively raising money to keep the program running for the next three to five years.

Originally, Green said, there was going to be a very small round of trips with only 2500 people this upcoming summer. Now, however, there is enough funding for 8500-10,000 people to visit Israel.

Birthright was given an \$8 million grant from the Avi-Chai Foundation, a non-profit foundation dedicated to ensuring a fully

funded summer because the State of Israel has decreased funding for the summer, according to Green.

Not only does the future look brighter now for the birthright Israel program, but the Israel Outdoors program, an independent program licensed by Birthright, has created several new Israel programs, such as Israel Trek Challenge and My Turn, to attract a wider variety of people to visit Israel in the spirit of the Birthright Israel program.

**Israel Outdoors**, an outdoor-oriented trip run by Tlalim tours, was created in 1982 and was designed to appeal to younger people as a different way to experience Israel by hiking, biking and swimming.

One of the new programs that has been created by Israel Outdoors is Israel Trek Challenge, an 8-day trip offered to Israel Outdoors and Birthright alumni. The program is designed for individuals interested in intensive and extreme outdoors experiences.

During Israel Trek Challenge, participants can count luxury out, as they will be camping throughout the trip in various national

parks in Israel.

One of the highlights of the trip, according to Green, is a night hike, which starts in the mountains of the Red Sea and ends at sunrise on the beach in Eilat.

**My Turn**, another program by Israel Outdoors, was created for parents of birthright alumni who have either never been to Israel, or never had a "full" touring experience there, according to Green.

Green explained that this trip, which is also eight days long, hits a lot of the same components as Israel Outdoors, but since it is parent-oriented, it will be similar in experience but more geared towards parents and families.

Unlike Birthright and Israel Outdoors, the new programs are not free, but are heavily subsidized to lower the costs of the trips. My Turn costs approximately \$1640 including airfare, and Israel Trek Challenge costs \$1350 including airfare, leaving from New York.

Green and his colleagues developed new programs and are still brainstorming ideas for future trips, because they want birthright alumni and their parents to follow up on their Israel experiences by returning to Israel affordably, according to Green.

The first parent trip has been scheduled to begin on June 27 until July 4.

While Birthright Israel continues to sort out



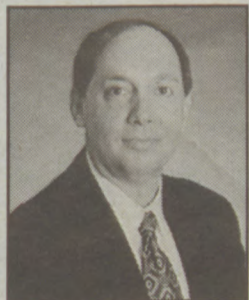
Young people throughout North America explore Israel and make friendships that will last a lifetime.

its long term funding strategy, Green and other people associated with Birthright hope to create new programs in order to "keep the spirit of the birthright Israel foundation alive."

For more information, visit the

Israel Outdoors Web site at [www.israeloutdoors.com/parents](http://www.israeloutdoors.com/parents) or [www.israeloutdoors.com/trek](http://www.israeloutdoors.com/trek).

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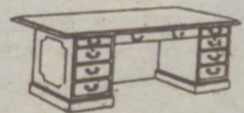
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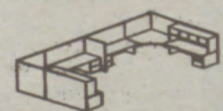
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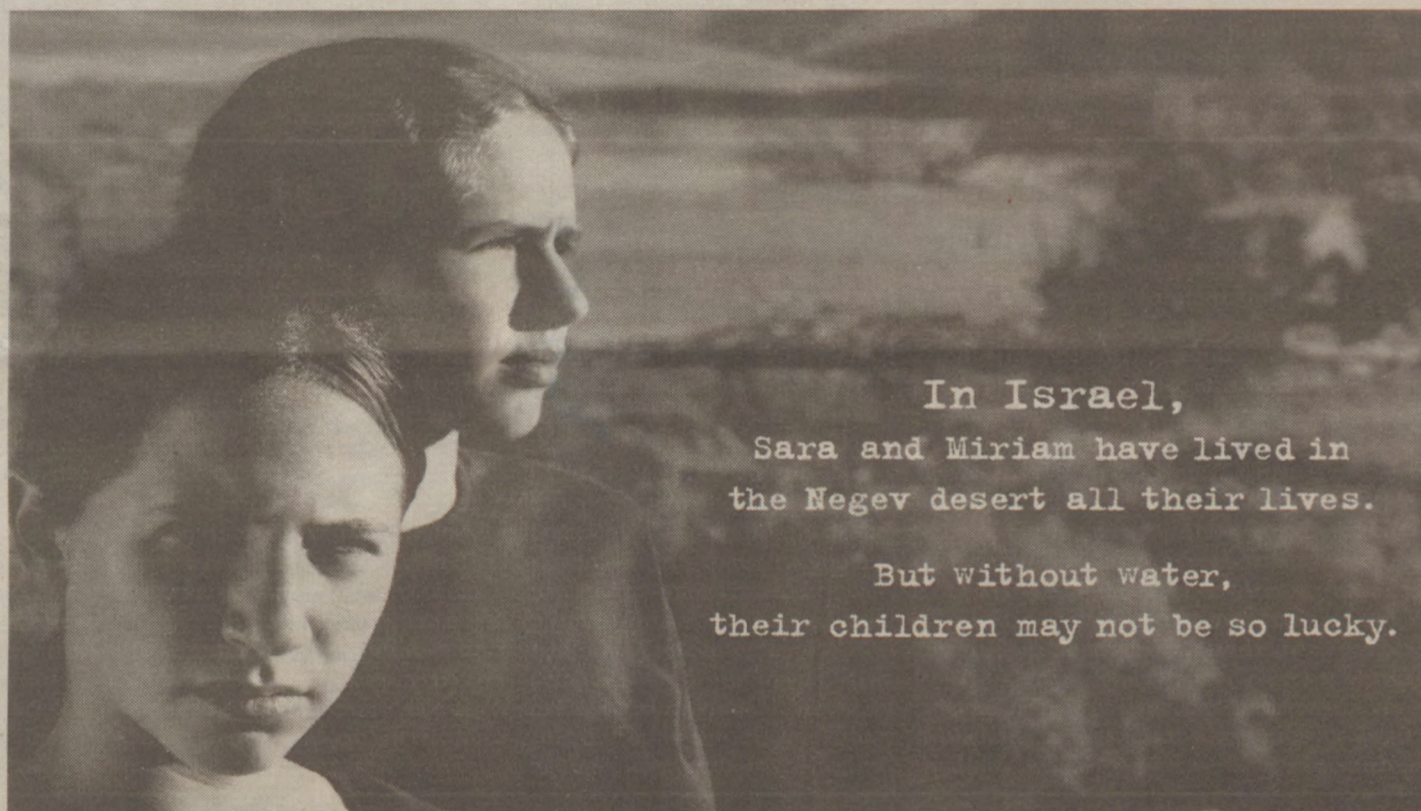
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## INSIDE DELAWARE

### Hadassah invites community to meet the artists at the Riverfront!



Riva Brown

On Sunday, May 2, 2004, the Northern Seaboard Region of Hadassah will sponsor a day of art education, from 9 to 13 at the

Delaware Center for Contemporary Art on Wilmington's Riverfront. Enjoy a continental breakfast at 9 am followed by an update of what is going on in Hadassah at the regional, national and international levels.

Riva Brown, Wilmington's own noted artist, will deliver the keynote presentation, "The Torah as Object." She will discuss all that goes into preparing and writing a Torah—the scroll, the skins, inks, lettering and much more. Following her presentation, there will be a buffet lunch.

Three art-related sessions will be offered during the afternoon. Ann Rennie, a potter, will demonstrate her unique style of building pots. There will be an opportunity to tour Rennie's studio and purchase pottery.

Judy Rosenthal's session on Family Art Projects will focus on finished projects. Participants will be provided with the materials

and instructions to complete them at home. Rosenthal teaches art in Alloway, New Jersey. She will explore the importance of art education and its influence on the developing brain and discuss how art can help individuals to alleviate stress.

Riva Brown will present a workshop on Hebrew calligraphy. Registrants also have the option of repeating the session they attended earlier in the afternoon. Throughout the day, the DCCA galleries, will be open for exploration.

Participants do not have to be artistic or members of Hadassah. Everyone is invited and the cost is a reasonable \$30 (first timers pay only \$20).

Questions or reservation? RSVP to Suzy Grumbacher with a **check and choice of workshops** at 300 Woodland Drive, Wilmington, DE 19809 (764-8050).

### AEA students mark two Jewish holidays

By Elana Romirowsky  
Special to the Jewish Voice

On April 19th, the Albert Einstein Academy will host a Yom Hashoah service in the JCC auditorium from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

Every year, Jews around the world commemorate the brutal killings of more than 6 million people in the Holocaust during a holiday called Yom Hashoah. It is a day filled with prayers, moments of silence, commemorative songs and sermons.

Yom Hashoah is a stoic and sobering holiday for members of younger generations, but for individuals who were lucky enough to survive the Holocaust, is a day for them to tell their stories.

Children and grandchildren of survivors who tell their stories are able to learn of the horrific acts which occurred by people who experienced it firsthand.

The era of Holocaust survivors who are young enough to retell their stories is nearing its end. How will the new children learn about the past in order to develop a personal connection with it?

The duty is now upon children and grandchildren of Holocaust survivors to relay the messages of the past to new generations. The tears must be shed, the songs must be sung, and the poems must be read.

Without personal and firsthand stories, we must make our history come alive as much as possible in order that our children will understand that the Holocaust did, in fact happen and it is not a story.

For information on this program or on the Albert Einstein Academy, please call 302-478-5026 or check our website at [www.aeacademy.org](http://www.aeacademy.org). ALSO AT ALBERT EINSTEIN ACADEMY....

May 14, 2004 marks a momentous occasion for the Jewish people. It is the anniversary of the birth of the state of Israel, which

was established in 1948. Approximately 56 years ago, Jews around the world rejoiced, as there was finally a homeland where all Jews were welcome. Today, though many people fear the land of Israel due to the volatile situation in the Middle East, Jews continue to be welcomed with open arms. Each year, the students from the Albert Einstein Academy participate in a school-wide celebration of Israel's birthday, led by the sixth grade students. Part of Einstein's celebration of Israel's growth is an organized party, at which there are several stations depicting different aspects of modern daily life in Israel.

During the Israel Independence Day party, students will take an imaginary trip to Israel using passports that they, themselves created, and stamps that "passport control" would put onto them. Students will also sample Israeli food including falafel, the national dish of Israel made of chick peas, served with salad in pita bread. The day will be topped off with Israeli dancing and singing and a birthday cake in honor of Israel's birthday.

This year's festivities will take place on Monday, April 26th from 12:15-3 p.m. at 101 Garden of Eden Road at the Jewish Family Campus located next to Albert Einstein Academy's main building. All are welcome to join in the festivities and to learn about the many wonderful facets that Israel and Jewish culture have to offer.

Albert Einstein Academy is the only Jewish Day school in the Brandywine Valley. It offers a bilingual education for children in pre-Kindergarten through the sixth grade.

For further information, contact AEA at 302-478-5026 or visit the school's Web site at [www.aeacademy.org](http://www.aeacademy.org).

Elana Romirowsky, currently a sophomore at the University of Maryland, is an alumnus of Albert Einstein Academy.

### Celebrate Israel Independence Day with AKSE

By Harriet Ainbinder  
Special to the Jewish Voice

Come celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel Independence Day, on Monday, April 26th, at 7:00 p.m. at Borders on the Concord Pike. There is no charge for this program. The following three children's groups will perform.

**Harokdim** is a community-wide, teenage dance group, which has performed for many groups in a variety of settings. Most recently, they participated in the Israel Dance Festival, in New York City. This annual festival brings together more than 300 performers, from states as far away as Missouri and Massachusetts, in a gala celebration of Israeli dance and song.

Harokdim members are: Sarah Alexander, Rotem Herrmann, Jillian Lipman, Shira Tiffany, Talia Tiffany, Rina Wagman. Leader: Harriet Ainbinder.

**AKids** is a folk dance group for 2nd-6th graders.

AKids members are: Lisa Belfer, Emma Brown, Lindsay Hazen and Sarah Hoover. Leader: Karen Moss.

**Shir Chadash** is a children's choir featuring songs in Hebrew and English with a Jewish theme. Shir Chadash members are: Lisa Belfer, Tasha Berman, Elizabeth Biener, Adam Goldstein, Lindsay Hazen, Jonathan Lattin, Benjamin Russell, Isaac Russell, Abby Samuels, Rebecca Slomowitz, Ryan Tocker. Leader: Cantor Joel Kessler.

Although the groups draw from the entire community, they are sponsored by Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth. Don't miss the chance to see them again (in a slightly different program) at the community-



Members of AKSE's Harokdim dance troupe include: (from left) Rina Wagman, Talia Tiffany, Sarah Alexander, Jillian Lipman, Shira Tiffany, Rotem Herrmann.

wide Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration on May 19th, at the JCC and at Café Tamar, on May 31st, at AKSE.

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## INSIDE DELAWARE

### AIPAC hosts first regional community program

The American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) invites the Delaware Jewish community to its first regional pro-Israel event. On May 10, 2004, AIPAC will present an evening of activism on behalf of Israel featuring dinner with Senator Mitch McConnell (R-KY) and AIPAC Executive Director Howard A. Kohr. Representative Robert Menendez (D-NJ) has also been invited to attend. They will talk about Israel and its relationship with the United States.

AIPAC has been advocating for Israel for more than 50 years. Today, AIPAC is working to promote strategic cooperation between the United States and Israel in developing sound U.S. anti-terrorist policies and in stopping rogue nations from acquiring weapons of mass destruction.

Every day the organization's professional and volunteer activists educate members of Congress, candidates for public office, policy makers, media professionals, and student leaders on

college campuses about the importance of the U.S.-Israel friendship. Headquartered in Washington D.C., the organization has ten regional offices throughout the country.

In 2003 AIPAC and the pro-Israel community achieved a series of legislative successes on Capitol Hill, among them \$2.7 billion in Foreign Aid to Israel, \$10 billion in loan guarantees along with \$1 billion in additional military aid to Israel, and overwhelming support in the House

and Senate for the Syria Accountability Act that was signed into law by the President in December. The incredible commitment of the Delaware Valley community, along with other Jewish communities around the country, to a strong U.S.-Israel relationship enables AIPAC to work each day on issues important to the pro-Israel community.

AIPAC is registered as a domestic lobby and supported financially by private donations. The organization receives no

financial assistance from Israel, from any national organization or any foreign group. AIPAC is not a political action committee. It does not rate, endorse or contribute to candidates.

The May 10th program is a community gathering, not a fundraiser. The cost for the program and dinner will be \$50 per person. For security reasons, reservations are required by Monday, May 3, 2004. Reservations for the event can be made by contacting Alan Isaacs at (609) 278-1514.

### DE Jewish organizations travel to Washington for Women's March

The Wilmington Chapter of the National Council of Jewish Women, Hadassah, ORT and the Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Emeth have joined forces to ensure a strong Delaware delegation to the March for Women's Lives in Washington, D.C., on Sunday, April 25th.

The groups have chartered

buses, which will depart from A.I. DuPont High School at 7:30 a.m. and will return to the school approximately 7:30 p.m. Every rider, regardless of organizational affiliation, will receive an NCJW cap and a Hadassah T-shirt. An NCJW member donated a snack bag for every rider on the way home.

Some 60 men, women and children have registered to date. The cost is \$25 per person which includes round-trip bus transportation, a t-shirt and cap, Metro train pass and snacks.

Limited seating is still available. If you are interested, please call Gail Ball at 302-494-7525 or email her at GBall20677@aol.com.

### JFS announces board openings

Jewish Family Service's Board of Directors is pleased to announce that board positions will open for its upcoming year 2004-2005. All will be a three-year term membership.

JFS is looking for individuals who want to devote their time, energy and talent to helping the agency meet the changing needs of the community in the 21st century. JFS requires board members

to attend six board meetings each year and to volunteer to participate on one of the various committees and to contribute to the agency's Friends Campaign, United Way and Jewish Federation.

To nominate a potential board member, please call the chair of the Nominations Committee, Marla Eskin 426-0166, or Board Development chair Steve Tanny at 239-4969.

### Movie fundraiser benefits Dover and Seaside Jewish communities

Congregation Beth Shalom in Dover and the Seaside Jewish Community will benefit from a May 16th, 7:30 p.m. special screening of the critically acclaimed film "Unlikely Heroes." This film, from the Wiesenthal Center's Moriah Films Division, examines what it took to resist and stand up to the Nazis by shedding light on previously unknown sagas of courage and heroism during the most desperate days of the Holocaust. "Unlikely Heroes" highlights the personal stories of extraordinary people whose heroic

deeds were virtually unknown and who exemplify the highest level of courage and human dignity.

Guests will enjoy a cash bar reception prior to the screening at the Schwartz Center in Dover. Tickets are \$50 a person and the Dover and Seaside congregations will get to keep \$10 of every ticket sold. The rest of the money helps support the Schwartz center.

If you are interested in getting tickets please contact Lynne Chichi at (302) 644-2209 or Beth Shalom at (302) 734-5578.

### Gratz Auxiliary presents Games Night

Have fun and raise funds for Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School. The newly formed Gratz Auxiliary will present a Games Night on Tuesday, April 20, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the JCC Auditorium, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington.

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The cost is \$10 per person and includes dessert and coffee or tea.

For further information, please call Annette Chason at 302-479-0848.

### Negotiator Ron Shapiro keynotes Kutz Home Donor Luncheon

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A graduate of Harvard Law School, Shapiro is the founding partner for the Baltimore law firm Shapiro, Sher, Guinot & Sandler.

The luncheon is sponsored by the Auxiliary of the Milton & Hattie Kutz Home and will be held at the Brandywine Country Club on Tuesday, April 20th from 11:30 am - 2:00 pm. The minimum ticket price is \$55 per person.

For further information about The Kutz home please call Karen Friedman, Kutz Home Executive Director (302) 764-7000 or email her at [kfriedman@kutzhome.org](mailto:kfriedman@kutzhome.org).

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# MATTER OF OPINION

## Thoughts about Palestinian children

By Giora Becher

Twice in recent weeks Palestinian terrorists were using youngsters as a human bomb.

The first one was when an Israeli woman soldier found a bomb in the rucksack of Abdullah Qura, an 11-year-old Palestinian boy. The child had been asked by the Palestinian terrorist organization Tanzim to carry a number of bags into Israeli territory. Investigators discovered that those who sent Abdullah had apparently planned to detonate the bomb - unknown to the boy - by means of a cellular phone when he crossed into Israel and passed near Israeli soldiers.

The second time happened when a 14 year old boy, Husam Abdu, trying to cross the Hawarah checkpoint near Nablus, was found to be wearing a vest filled with explosives ready for detonation.

He had told his mother that morning that he was headed for school, but instead, he headed for an Israeli city, in order to blow himself up and murder innocents.

The boy, who suffered from learning disabilities and was teased in school, explained that wanted to become a hero. He said that his terrorist handlers promised him that his mother would receive about 20 dollars, and that he would receive 72 virgins in paradise if he became a 'Jihad' martyr and died while killing Israelis.

These repeated attempts by the Palestinian terrorists to exploit young children in order to smuggle armed explosives or even become suicide bombers raises a number of grave questions.

The cynical and cruel exploitation of Palestinian children as part of the ongoing wave of terrorism against Israel is nothing new. Since the current round of Palestinian terrorism began in September 2000, there have been 31 suicide bombings carried out by youths younger than 18, and an additional 40 young bombers were arrested before they could explode themselves.

One question that must be asked

is what drives these terrorist organizations to use an 11-year-old boy, to place a pack of explosives on his back, and to send him off as a human time bomb? It appears that only the vile and corrupt Palestinian leadership, a leadership caught up in a maelstrom of terrorism, murder, and violence, a leadership that has lost its moral compass, a leadership that has made terrorism and death the central values with which it educates its youth, only such a leadership can sink to the moral depths of employing the unwitting "services" of the boy, Abdullah.

The Palestinians repeatedly use the slogan "Israeli occupation" as if this were the cause of terrorism, despite the fact that everyone knows Palestinian terrorism began long before the Six Day War. The "occupation" argument apparently justifies everything. It provides legitimization for sending a suicide bomber to blow himself up on an Israeli bus full of innocent civilians on their way to work. The "occupation" mantra apparently also

gives the Palestinians the moral right to use children as bombs.

However, what brought the Palestinians to utilize these boys as walking bombs is not the "occupation" but the Palestinian culture of hatred.

It is a culture of enmity that the Palestinian leadership has cultivated for years, placing the so-called "shahid" (martyr) - the suicide bomber-murderer - and the holy war of jihad at the center of the Palestinian national ethos. For years the Palestinian leadership has placed before its children and youth the image of the suicide attacker as an ideal, a role model to follow. The distance from here to using children as living bombs is quite short.

The question that every Palestinian mother and father must pose to the terrorist organizations is that of the future of their children. What kind of future does the Palestinian leadership offer its children, its youth, the future generation? Will this be a future based on reasonable compromise with Israel,

or a future in which children will continue to fight the jihad, a war that can only lead to a dead end without a better posterity, without hope, and without a chance to improve their lives?

Thoughts about these two boys also arouse the toughest question of all: How many children will be exploited by the Palestinian terrorist organizations until their parents understand that their offspring deserve a better future? When will the parents begin to demand that the Palestinian leadership stop the bloodbath of terrorism and murder and return to the negotiating table to reach a peace agreement with Israel?

No political ideology, no religious faith, and no "holy war" can justify the cynical and evil exploitation of innocent Palestinian children.

This is a moral axiom that the leaders of the Palestinian people must restore before it is too late.

Giora Becher is the Consul General of Israel for Mid-Atlantic Region.

## Israel's fate linked to battle for Baghdad

By Nechemia Meyers

Israel's fate may well depend more on what happens in the streets of Baghdad than in the streets of Tel Aviv or Jerusalem, because an American defeat in Iraq would have dire consequences for the Jewish State.

It would almost certainly lead to the Jihadists taking power in a number of Arab countries, among them Jordan, and could well convince Libya's Kaddafi to return to his old terrorist-supporting ways. Moreover Iran, now very close to producing an A-bomb, would presumably stop worrying about United States opposition to its nuclear ambitions.

Perhaps—as is claimed by many

Americans and some Israelis as well—Bush should never have initiated the US invasion of Iraq. But that makes very little difference now. The Americans are there and should they depart as they did from Saigon, their enemies, who are also our enemies, would exploit this situation to the fullest.

Meanwhile, the Jews, and particularly neo-conservative Jews, are being charged with responsibility for getting America involved in Iraq in order to help Israel. Such opinions have been expressed by the likes of Pat Buchanan and even such respectable writers as Maureen Dowd of the "New York Times", who will usually

combine this charge with a reference to her Jewish friends.

As the weeks go by, more and more such allegations are being made. The dubious distinction of leading the pack belongs to a Canadian magazine called "Adbusters", which usually devotes most of its pages to attacking globalization. But the central article in its most recent issue was devoted to the diabolical influence of neo-conservative Jews on US policy. Headlined "Why Won't Anyone Say They are Jewish," the magazine notes that the neocons, half of whom are Jewish, "have a special affinity for Israel that influences their political

thinking and consequently American foreign policy in the Middle East."

After scores of readers charged the magazine with racism for publishing the piece, its author answered the criticism in a manner reminiscent of the infamous "Protocols of the Elders of Zion": While admitting that spotlighting the Jews was a provocation, he said it was justified because "the neocons are no ordinary group—they are the most influential political/intellectual force in the world right now. They have the power to start wars and to stop them. They have been the prime architects of American foreign policy since 9/11—a policy that is weighted in

favor of Israel and is a key source of anti-Americanism around the world."

It is ridiculous to suggest that "the Jews" pushed America into Iraq, but, without a doubt, the Jews—and particularly the Israelis—will pay a heavy price if the US is pushed out. This has been acknowledged by many Israeli commentators, among them Dr. Guy Bechor, a leading Israeli expert on the Middle East. "If the American Army is forced to leave Iraq, the country, like neighboring Iran, will fall into the hands of the Shiite Jihadists. This is a possibility that should worry the Americans, and it should worry the Israelis as well."

## Tears are not enough

by Rabbi Jerome Epstein

Few events in human history elicit the same sense of sorrow, horror, and shared revulsion evoked by the Holocaust. Born of hatred nurtured by evil on one hand and apathy on the other, the Shoah devoured an entire generation of Jews and scarred the minds and bodies of those who were fortunate enough to escape with their lives.

Yom HaShoah, observed this year on April 19, is a time for remembering this horrible event and for mourning its victims. We mourn not only the utter devastation of that which was, but also that which might have been. It is right that we cry; it is right that our community sponsor programs dealing with every aspect of the Holocaust, loudly reiterating the atrocities committed against our people.

In the face of revisionism, and in response to those who urge us

to forget the past and move forward, we must stand up and reaffirm the value of remembering. But we must be clear ourselves as to why we continue to open our wounds. We must know why we cry and why we ask our young people who have no firsthand experience of the Shoah themselves to come and cry with us.

Our children may remind us that some 60 years have passed, that there are now new "causes," new issues on which to speak out. We must restrain our impulse to lash out at our sons and daughters, admonishing them that they are being insensitive and separating themselves from their people.

Our challenge is not to silence their voices but rather to create for them, and for ourselves, a very real connection between the past and the present to bind together our history and our future.

For, in reality, if we cry for the

victims of the Holocaust without feeling sorrow over continuing acts of anti-Semitism throughout the world or without losing sleep at the thought of the lives being lost today in Iraq; if we recoil from the horrible image of Jews pent up like animals in Nazi concentration camps without grieving over the ongoing terrorist attacks in Israel; if we weep at the sight of emaciated Jews with shrunken bodies and lifeless eyes without feeling a sense of loss at the sight of half-dead children in Ethiopia, Somalia and the Sudan; or if we cringe at the sight of crematoria without being shaken by the empty hole that used to be the World Trade Center, then we have not learned the lesson our suffering should have taught.

We recently celebrated the holiday of Passover. While at that time we were enjoined to eat and drink and rejoice in our freedom, we were told also to invite all

who are hungry to come and eat, and we were instructed to consider ourselves as if we too had been slaves in Egypt. These are more than colorful phrases they are calls to action, to involvement, and to justice.

Human life is a valuable commodity. In the face of mass death, we may lose sight of the inestimable value of one soul. Certainly, those who perpetuate terror place little value on the life of the individual. While death tolls have increasingly become a matter of statistics, we must not allow ourselves to become immune to horror.

Just as the diary of Anne Frank forced countless readers to discern a personal face beneath the numbing slaughter of the Holocaust, so too must we now find a way not to lose sight of the horror of continued injustice.

In the face of insanity, one cannot counter with apathy. If we

cannot love one another, we can at least try to protect one another from irrational hatred and arbitrary violence. The Torah commands us to "teach our children." And indeed, we must teach them about the horrors of the Holocaust. But if we do not seize this opportunity to teach them equally about our responsibility as human beings to speak out not only against our own destruction but that of other groups as well, then not only will we not have fulfilled the biblical injunction, but we also will have violated the dictates of our communal conscience and the essence of our religious teachings.

Let us remember, but let us also act.

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# JEWISH LIFESTYLES

## Fiddler on the Mall

By Joel Glazier  
Special to the Jewish Voice

During the breathtaking performance by Itzak Perlman on Purim night at the Grand Opera House in Wilmington, a hair on the virtuoso's bow broke. The musician never lost a note but in the 3rd row, one patron was overhead asking, "Do you think he needs to call David Bromberg?" Indeed, Bromberg, operator of a shop where Fine Violins are made, displayed and repaired is two blocks from The Grand on the Market Street Mall. Bromberg was not

Bromberg has been known by many musicians and audiences around the world since 1970. His current role has been described by some as one of resident musician in Wilmington. He and artist wife Nancy Josephson, have lived and worked at 6th and Market Streets for the past two years. A staff makes and repairs violins and complements Bromberg's more recent role as appraiser and collector of some of the world's finest violins.

"By default I've become known as an expert on American violins," Bromberg admits as he recalls buy-

ing of Violin Making in Chicago in 1990.

### A memorable bris

Wilmington's resident musician is committed to participating in art education projects and performing locally. He can be found at the Tuesday and Thursday night jam sessions held at the 4W5 Café on 5th Street, sharing his skills, laid back personality and life stories with the crowd.

One story caught the attention of this writer. Bromberg was born in 1945 at St. Agnes Hospital in Philadelphia. He told the crowd one night, "My father told me the 'bris' was performed at St. Agnes and only 9 Jewish men had assembled. My father pointed to a crucifix on the wall and the mohel remarked, 'He was a bar mitzvah — let's go', and the *brit milah* was performed." Whether that was "kosher" reasoning or not is a matter of debate.

Bromberg developed an interest in music and left Columbia University after being drawn to the music scene in Greenwich Village. He would later play as a sideman on over 100 albums by the likes of Bob Dylan, Ringo Starr, Chubby Checker, The Eagles, and Tom Paxton. He released 4 albums on his own and cannot easily be categorized as his styles fit blues, country, jazz, folk and classical. One former band member, Andy Statman, has been the driving force behind the neo-Klezmer movement since the early 1980's.

### Influences and teacher

"He is a real mensch," declared

Polly Koster, owner of the 4W5 Café where Bromberg shows up every Tuesday and Thursday night to participate in Bluegrass and Blues jam sessions. "He actively encourages anyone to participate and many younger musicians take up the challenge and opportunity under David's guidance and accompaniment," said Koster. Bromberg occasionally leaves his Wilmington home to tour with some of the world's most talented musicians. Whether at The Grand Opera House where he recently performed with folk legend Richie Havens or on the back stage at 4W5 Café, Bromberg is relaxed and at home on stage.

"My grandmother was the ingenue of the traveling Yiddish Theater in Europe before immigrating to America. My father sometimes shared the stage with Paul Muni when a young child was needed in a scene," Bromberg reflected. Recalling more of his old country roots, "My grandmother's family were some of the rare Jews to be granted citizenship by the Czar as they acted as messengers to deliver the news of Napoleon's march into Russia. For this service they and their descendants were granted citizenship and were actually allowed to own property in Czarist Russia." Now in Wilmington, neighbor Koster acts as his Jewish Mother, and she prepared her matzo ball soup for him and her café customers during Passover.

"I really can't fiddle that well...but I do a little bit," admits



Polly Koster, owner of the 4W5 Café plays host to David Bromberg's twice weekly jam sessions open to area musicians and music fans.

Bromberg, as he works in his 6th and Market Street studio surrounded by the largest collection of American violins. Some violins for sale are valued upward of \$30,000. He is proud that some of the on location made bows and instruments will display the "Made in Wilmington" imprint. "I'm glad to be here in Wilmington and I hope my business and music grows with the city and all its downtown development," he says seriously with the changing Market Street Mall outside his windows. He also adds that hairs breaking on a violin bow are not unusual and Perlman did not need to pay a visit to his Mall shop.



601 Market Street Mall now houses Wilmington's "Fiddler on the Mall," David Bromberg. Bromberg's shop repairs and manufactures fine violins and bows.

called that night but he himself has performed at the Grand as well as in venues around the world with musicians like Bob Dylan, The Band and Jerry Garcia and has recorded with some of the most successful rock and folk artists of recent times.

ing up nice looking fiddles during his touring days as a musician, when no one was interested in them. "I've built some fiddles and violas but my skill is more with my eyes and not my hands." After active touring days, Bromberg graduated from the Kenneth Warren School

## Trendy kosher ice cream shop opens in Newark

By Joel Glazier

Lisa Kopolovic celebrated her Bat Mitzvah at Newark's Temple Beth El. She continued her Jewish studies and graduated from the Gratz High School program in 1988. Leaving Newark to earn a Bachelor's and Master's Degree at

Goldie Beacon College, she returned to Newark and has now added to Main Street the first Cold Stone Ice Cream franchise in Delaware. Her marketing and Jewish background have combined to proudly earn a Kosher Supervision certificate along with

an immediately popular destination for ice cream consumers.

"It was a conscious decision to keep the product Kosher," beamed Kopolovic as she created one of the shop's unique combinations of customer tailored flavors. "All the ice cream is made on the premises and when I noticed all the ingredients were Kosher I decided not to include a few of the possible add ins which would have jeopardized a totally Kosher product," she explained.

Combinations are an important aspect to the business woman's current operations. The shop has thirty-two flavors on hand and an additional forty mix-in choices. Employees combine and mix in the extras before the customer's eyes on a cold stone counter. For the thirsty hordes, milkshakes and smoothies are available as well as sundaes and sorbet that is lactose free. "We've already created ice cream cakes and bar mitzvah parties are one of the destinations."

### Serve ice cream and community service

The February grand opening was a huge success with lines out the door in the winter night. Some of the proceeds were given to the



Lisa Kopolovic, an alumna of Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School, proudly displays the Va'ad HaKashruth of Wilmington Supervision certificate in the newly opened Stone Cold Ice Cream Shop in Newark. All products served here are kosher.

Make A Wish Foundation and Kopolovic has already planned fund raising opportunities for area organizations like the Newark JCC by allowing guest scoopers on special nights. The organization that provides the personnel to scoop then gets some of the proceeds. Scoopers do have their work cut out for them as the ever present line of customers watch as every brownie, Snickers, piece of fresh fruit, nut or dollops of cake batter or pie filling get combined into

dishes, or waffle cups.

Even for those who opt for the Fat Free Sinless Sweet Cream flavor, the choices of servings provide for more decisions. The portion sizes are "Like It", "Love It" and "Gotta Have It," or perhaps the ultimate, "I'll have a large container to-go." Kopolovic plans to open another Cold Stone Ice Cream Shop in the Brandywine Town Center. On Tuesdays, you get double stamped on the Frequent Eater's Card! "Ess gezunterhait!"

## The Wannabe Jew returns to U of D

The University of Delaware's Professional Theatre Training Program will present the return engagement of THE WANNABE JEW, created and performed by PTPP alumnus Hayden Adams on Friday, April 30 at 7:30 PM, Saturday, May 1 at 12:30 PM and 7:30 PM, and Sunday, 12:30 PM on the U of D campus. Performances are held in the Hartshorn Theatre, corner of Academy St. and E. Park Pl., Newark.

The Wannabe Jew was created in Adams' kitchen on 102nd Street in New York in 1999. Fellow University of Delaware alumnus and roommate Liz Maher had formed a theatre company, The Beggar's Group, and she was looking for a short piece to precede the main play with her upcoming production.

Adams began writing. He explored "why a Presbyterian kid like me is so intrigued and fascinated and enamored of Judaism?" It is designed as a personal tribute to the values and traditions of his friends and neighbors. His brainchild has received critical acclaim and was last produced by NBC's development space in New York. Adams is currently adapting it into a screenplay, as well.

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# PERSPECTIVES

## What went wrong?

By Carl Alpert

When the early Zionists of a hundred years ago and more planned the re-establishment of a Jewish national home in the land which their forefathers had ruled two millennia earlier, what consideration did they give to any possible existing native population?

Though succeeding empires had ruled over the area, there had never been any emergence of a local loyalty to the land, or any desire for independence. On his visit to the country in 1867, Mark Twain reported that he found a desolate country, "whose soil is rich enough, but is given over wholly to weeds - a silent, mournful expanse... a scene of desolation and misery... a hopeless, dreary, heartbroken land." He was echoing what other observers had been reporting for centuries.

When Theodor Herzl wrote "The Jewish State" in 1896 there was no thought whatever of an existing population. The vision was only of a waste, and the only difficulty imagined was of wild

animals.

Mention of a local people appeared during the interview with the Kaiser in 1898. In his diary Herzl recorded that the German ruler responded warmly to the case for Jewish settlement, and went on: "There is room here for everyone. Only provide water and trees. The exertions of the colonists will also furnish a stimulating example to the native population. Your movement, with which I am thoroughly familiar, is based on a sound, healthy idea." A few days earlier Herzl had recorded his ride through "an Arab-blighted countryside".

In 1902 Herzl penned "Altneuland", his fictional account of the Jewish state as he imagined it in existence. Alex Bein, Herzl's biographer, summarized the picture that emerged:

"There are no race laws. The Arabs live in friendship side by side with the Jews. The incoming of the Jews has been nothing but a gain for them, first through the sale of superfluous lands and by well-

paid work in the draining of swamps, a work for which they, adapted as they are to the climate, are better fitted than the Jews. But on top of that they have learned much from the Jews in the way of new economic organization; the filth of their villages has disappeared under the influence of and through the example of adjacent Jewish settlements.

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"The Jews have enriched us," says David's friend, Reshid Bey. "Why should we have anything against them? They live with us like brothers, why should we not love them?"

What Herzl imagined began to take specific political form in the years that followed. King Hussein's newspaper in Mecca extended a cordial welcome to the returning exiles, "the original sons of the country, from which their Arab brethren would benefit materially as well as spiritually."

The warm welcome home to the Jews extended to Weizmann by Prince Feisal is well known. To Felix Frankfurter, head of the American Zionist delegation in Paris in 1919, Feisal wrote: "We are working together for a reformed and revived near east, and our two movements complement one another. The Jewish movement is national, and not imperialist... and there is room in Syria for both of us." Later Feisal retreated from his pro-Zionist stand.

Establishment of the State of Israel met with aggressive hostility from the Arabs, but Israel's Proclamation of Independence clearly stated that "the state of Israel... will promote the development of the country for the bene-

fit of all its inhabitants; will be based on the principles of liberty, justice and peace as conceived by the Prophets of Israel; will uphold the full social and political equality of all its citizens, without distinction of religion, race or sex; will guarantee freedom of religion, conscience, education and culture." And a few paragraphs later:

"In the midst of wanton aggression we yet call upon the Arab inhabitants of the State of Israel to preserve the ways of peace and play their part in the development of the State of Israel on the basis of full and equal citizenship and due representation in all its bodies and institutions."

As we look back, we may well ask: "What went wrong?"

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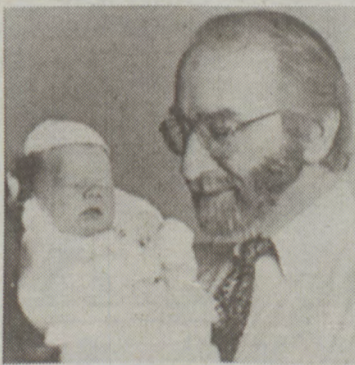


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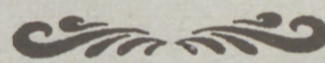


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# MILESTONES

## In Memoriam

### EHRICH

Dr. F. Frederick Ehrich of Wilmington died on March 14th. He was born and raised in New York City where he excelled in school. He graduated from high school at the age of 15. By the time he was 22 years old, he received his PhD in Organic Chemistry from the University of Maryland.

Dr. Ehrich served as a 1st Lieutenant in the United States Army Air Force from 1941-1945.

After the War, he joined DuPont and worked for 37 years as a research chemist. During his tenure he traveled widely, and at one point, lived in Mexico City as the head of Colorquim. He holds 17 U.S. patents and consulted with DuPont on numerous projects often after his 1985 retirement.

For the past 32 years, Dr. Ehrich and his wife, Ceceil, lived in Wilmington, where he was an active member of Congregation Beth Emeth. He volunteered as a mediator for the Better Business Bureau. He also volunteered for the Delaware Art Museum and the Brandywine River Museum.

He will be missed by his wife, Ceceil; his daughters and their husbands, Anne and David Alden of Bloomfield Hills, MI., Beth Ehrich Berkeley and her husband, Dr. Alan Berkeley of Scarsdale, NY and Meg Goodman and her husband, Bennett of Scarsdale, NY. He also will be mourned by his grandchildren, Ben, Peter, Lauren, Lissy, Lisa, Jared, Ellen, Alex, Rachel and Julia; his sister, Lillian Rapp of Cranbury, New Jersey and his brother,

Herbert Ehrich of Mountainside, NJ.

Funeral services were held on March 16th in Scarsdale, NY. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to either Mother and Child Hospital; or to the Hadassah Medical Hospital, both of Israel. These contributions can be directed to Hadassah, Wilmington, Delaware Chapter, c/o Sena Harber, 2303 Swynford Road, Wilmington, DE 19810.

### GLICK

Harry A. Glick, 90, of Sea Isle City, New Jersey, died April 7th after a short illness. He was born in Wilmington, Delaware to the late Bernard and Sadie Glick. Mr. Glick was a 1935 graduate of the University of Delaware. He served in the United States Navy during the World War II Pacific campaigns and was employed in the telecommunications industry until his 1976 retirement.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Madeline, who died in 1977. Survivors include his second wife, Barbara; son, Stephen; three step-daughters, Georgene, Mary-Jane and Carol; three grandchildren and a great grandchild.

Graveside services were held on April 13th in Beth Emeth Memorial Park on Faulkland Road.

### GOLDSTEIN

Louis Goldstein, 85, of Wilmington, died March 31st. He is survived by his wife, Selma; children, Steven, Ronald, and Karen Lipsy; and five grandchildren. Graveside services were held on Sunday, April 4th in Machzikey

Hadas Cemetery, Minquadale.

Memorial donations would be appreciated to either Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, Washington Blvd. and Torah Drive, Wilmington, DE 19802 or Hadassah, C/O Eva Weissman, 9 Devon Court, Wilmington, DE 19810.

### GROSSMAN

Irving J. Grossman of Wilmington died April 4th. Born in New York City, he was a Navy veteran of World War II and was a graduate of City College of New York. He was the CEO and Chairman of the Board of Beacon Container Corporation in Reading, PA.

Mr. Grossman and his wife, Danielle, recently made a \$1,000,000 pledge to the Federation Community Capital Campaign. In recognition of their philanthropy, the new Jewish Family and Children's Service facility will be named in their honor.

In addition to his wife, Danielle, Mr. Grossman is survived by his son, Jeffrey; and a sister, Edith Barlow.

Funeral services were held on April 8th at Congregation Beth Emeth, where he and his family were long-time members. Interment was in Beth Emeth Memorial Park.

### LEWIS

Susie F. Lewis, 74, of Wilmington, died April 7th. She is survived by her sons, Steve and Mark; a grandson; and two step-children.

Graveside services were held on Tuesday, April 13th at Beth Emeth

Memorial Park, on Faulkland Road.

Contributions in her memory may be directed to The American Diabetes Association, 100 West 10th Street, Wilmington, DE 19801.

### TORRES

Edward Torres, 51, of Wilmington, died April 1st. He is

survived by his mother, Dolores S. Maisel; a brother, Robert; nephews, Keith and Christopher; and his niece, Nicki. Services were private.

The family requests that memorial contributions be made to any Heart, Liver or Kidney Association.

### In Memoriam

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Marc is a graduate of Brandywine High School, Muhlenberg College and the

University of Delaware where he received his Masters Degree in Physical Therapy.

Abby is a graduate of Moses Brown School, Wake Forest University and the University of Delaware where she also received her Masters Degree in Physical Therapy.

An August wedding is planned in Newport, Rhode Island.

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### Welcome to the world, Matthew Stein



Michael and Karen Stein of Wilmington announce the arrival of their son, Matthew Davis on April 1, 2004. Matthew entered the world measuring 19 3/4 inches and weighing 7 lbs., 1 oz. He is the grandson of Sidney and Barbara Stein of Wilmington and Charles and Mary Ann Sheeler of Hoboken, New Jersey. Matthew was named in memory of his paternal great-grandfather, Herman Dinnerstein.

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### HOLOCAUST ART EXHIBIT IN PHILADELPHIA

Sonja's Legacy, an exhibit of paintings and drawings created by a Czechoslovakian Jewish girl who was killed with her family in Auschwitz, will be on display at the W.W. Hagerty Library on the Drexel University Campus in West Philadelphia. This free exhibit opens on Thursday, April 22nd and continues through May 28th.

### MOVIE FUNDRAISER BENEFITS DOVER AND SEASIDE

Congregation Beth Shalom in Dover and the Seaside Jewish Community Center are encouraging congregants to attend a private screening of the critically acclaimed film "Unlikely Heroes" at the Schwartz Center in Dover. This film, from the Wiesenthal Center's Moriah Films Division, examines what it took to resist and stand up to the Nazis by shedding light on previously unknown sagas of courage and heroism during the most desperate days of the Holocaust. "Unlikely Heroes"

highlights the personal stories of extraordinary people whose heroic deeds were virtually unknown and who exemplify the highest level of courage and human dignity. It is directed by Richard Trank and written and produced by Rabbi Marvin Hier.

The film is playing at the Schwartz Center in Dover on May 16th. The evening begins at 7pm with a cash bar followed by the 8pm screening. Tickets are \$50 a person and participating synagogues will get to keep \$10 of every ticket sold. The rest of the money helps support the Schwartz center.

If you are interested in getting tickets please contact Lynne Chichi at 302-644-2209 in Seaside or Barbara Sparks, at 302-730-8272 ASAP so that the synagogues know how many tickets to order.

### JCC NEWARK NEWS POKER TOURNAMENT ON TAP

Calling all card sharks! The JCC Newark is looking for participants in its upcoming Poker Tournament, Sunday, May 2nd, 12 Noon. The game of the day will be Texas Hold 'em. Entrance fee is \$25. Call Brandon Buglio at 302-368-9173 by April 28th to reserve your seat.

### KIDS NIGHT OUT—

Leave your parents at home alone on Saturday, May 8th and enjoy a night of pizza, games, swimming and more with the JCC Newark staff. The evening begins at 5:30 and ends at 9:30 p.m.—

ample time for a leisurely dinner. The cost is \$12 for members and \$17 for non-members. Call JCC Newark at 302-368-9173 to reserve a slot by May 5.

### RECYCLE AT THE "J"

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Please drop off cartridges in their original packaging, if possible, to protect them during shipment.

The JCC Newark is located at 318 South College Avenue. The Wilmington site is 101 Garden of Eden Road, just off Rte. 202.

### SAVE THE DATE

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### JOIN DELAWARE GRATZ ON THE BUS TO NEW YORK CITY

Seats to the May 2nd matinee performance of Golda's Balcony at the Helen Hayes Theater on Broadway have sold out. However,

there is some room on the bus to New York sponsored by Delaware Gratz. The bus will leave on Sunday, May 2nd, 10:00 a.m. and will return approximately 8:30 p.m. The cost for bus transportation is just \$90 per person round-trip.

Bus trip participants are asked to bring their own bagged lunch and/or supper.

### NEWARK JCC DISHING UP ICE CREAM

The Jewish Community Center Newark invites the community to visit the new Coldstone Creamery

on 168 B East Main Street on Sunday, May 23rd, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. when JCC staff will serve up dairy delights in honor of Shavuot. A percentage of the proceeds from ice cream sales that day will go to JCC Newark. For further information about the Shavuot Ice Cream Social or other Newark JCC offerings, call 302-368-9173.

Your check, payable to Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington, DE 19803, is your reservation.

## Attention: Ashkenazi Jews

The National Cancer Institute is sponsoring a nationwide study to help identify genes that may contribute to the development of kidney cancer.

The study is recruiting members of the Ashkenazi Jewish community who have two or more family members who have kidney cancer. This study, as well as others, will help scientists answer questions about kidney cancer and try to find better ways to prevent, diagnose, and treat the disease.

NCI wants the advocacy community to be informed of the study's purpose and goal. Please help us reach as many people as possible who may have an interest in participating in this study.

For more information, view:

<http://jewishfamilykidneycancer.ncifcrf.gov/>

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