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TEMPLE BETH EL CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OF SERVICE TO NEWARK JEWS

By Lynn B. Edelman
Editor

As Jews in North America celebrate 350 years on this continent, Temple Beth El proudly kicks off its 50th anniversary as an organized Jewish community in Newark, Delaware.

Today, more than 280 families enjoy vibrant Jewish life in the synagogue on Possum Park Road. They represent the fulfillment of a dream of 35 Jewish families who came together in the fall of 1954 to share their traditions and educate their children.

Like nomads they held Shabbat services at the YWCA and at the Newark Methodist Church. Sunday School classes were held in private homes. In the fall of 1956, for the first time in Newark's history, this fledgling congregation celebrated the Jewish New Year in St. Thomas Episcopal Church. United Synagogues of America appointed a rabbi to lead services.

One year later, the Newark Jewish Community elected its first officers. Norm Freeman was named president. Bob Pilnick and Werner Cohen served as inaugural vice-presidents. Congregants held weekly meetings at the YWCA, participated in adult study groups and enjoyed discussions and model seders conducted by guest rabbis.

By 1958, the congregation had grown to 46 families. There were five Sunday school classes and

three Hebrew school classes. With membership and activities increasing, the congregation made the decision to move into a Temple. That year, they purchased a small, split-level house on Carole Road in Chestnut Hill Estates.

Soon after the move to Chestnut Hill, Ira Riddle made history by becoming a Bar Mitzvah. To celebrate this milestone, Wilmington Congregation Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth donated the shul's first Torah. The late Rabbi Leonard Gewirtz made the presentation.

Over the next two decades, the synagogue would experience significant growth and change. A new, more permanent temple was constructed at Amstel Avenue. Congregant Herman Handloff donated the money to purchase the land. Construction was completed in time for the congregation to usher in Rosh Hashanah, 1964. Later that year, the Newark Jewish Community had a new name—Temple Beth El.

B'nai B'rith agreed to pay \$1,000 a year for five years if a Hillel room was added, and so that soon became part of the Temple. An additional grant for a Hillel room was given by the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

The heartbeat of the Temple, its religious school, grew even stronger as Rabbi Simon R. Krinsky became principal. Rabbi

Krinsky was the former principal of the religious school at Congregation Beth Emeth in Wilmington. Under his tutelage, the school would expand to include programming for children in grades kindergarten through 7 and a Bar Mitzvah class.

In 1971, Rabbi Paul Swerdlow, a recent graduate of Hebrew Union College, became the synagogue's first full-time rabbi. After his departure in 1973, he was succeeded by several talented students of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College.

By 1979, Temple Beth El had grown to 122 families. Space for classes, services, and social activities was at a premium. The congregation moved to its present home on 301 Possum Park Road in 1984. The sanctuary in this new facility was dedicated in honor of tireless volunteers Milton and Mary Wolf.

Ann Herman, came to Temple Beth El in 1980 as a young bride, whose husband was transferred from Maryland to DuPont's Glasgow site. She wanted to make

a connection with Jewish families in her new community and volunteered to teach in the synagogue's religious school. Later that year, the position of Hebrew School Principal and Temple Administrator was created and Herman accepted the responsibilities. The congregation continued to flourish under her leadership, which ended 24 years later with her recent retirement.

Herman believes that the synagogue was enriched by its 1982 decision to officially affiliate with the Federation of Reconstructionist Congregations and Havarot. She explained that Reconstructionism, an outgrowth of Conservative Judaism, evolved from the philosophy of Rabbi Mordecai Kaplan. "Our affiliation inspired us to become involved with a number of important social action initiatives and to look outside the confines of our synagogue and help address the needs of the greater Newark community.

She is particularly proud of the high caliber of Temple Beth El's religious school program and of

the tremendous dedication of the school's parents, teachers and University of Delaware students who work with the youth. "I feel that our children receive a strong religious and ethical foundation," said Herman, adding that "they are well prepared for b'nai mitzvot."

In her almost quarter century of involvement in the synagogue, she has taken great pleasure in the "warmth" extended to interfaith families. "I am awed by the fact that many of the non-Jewish partners are moved to convert to Judaism after 10, 15 or 20 years of synagogue involvement," she said, commenting that "it is a true testament to the welcoming environment of our congregational family and to the spiritual leadership of our beloved Rabbi David Baruch Kaplan," she concluded.

Yasher Koach, Temple Beth El. May you go from strength to strength in the years ahead.

Arlene Eckell, Howard Friedman, Paul Schragger and Bob Denemark graciously contributed to this story.

A WEEKEND OF 50TH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVITIES AT TEMPLE BETH EL

Temple Beth El in Newark turns 50 and the entire community is invited to join in this weekend's kick-off celebration. Congregant and State Treasurer Jack Markell will be the keynote speaker during Shabbat services. Former Beth El members from California, New Hampshire, Florida and other parts of the United States will return to the synagogue for a festive dinner dance on

Saturday, November 6th. Then, on Sunday, November 7th, the entire religious school will enjoy a special program featuring renowned puppeteer Marilyn Price and Rak-Dan, the Israeli Dancing Man!

For additional information, please contact Arlene Eckell, 50th Anniversary chairperson at 368-3530 or e-mail halenn@comcast.net; or call the Temple office at 366-8330.

STABLE STRATEGY TOWARDS ISRAEL IN PRESIDENT BUSH'S SECOND TERM

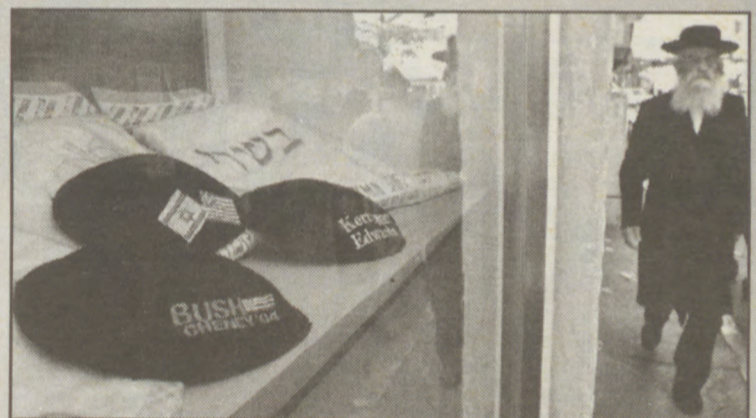
By Ron Kampeas, JTA

Having prevailed in a tight re-election contest, President Bush can forever put behind him questions about his mandate: He will use his clear majority of the popular vote and the increased Republican strength in both houses of Congress to effect dramatic change at home and abroad.

Just don't expect change in Israel.

The intractability of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, coupled with Bush's sincere sympathy for the Jewish state, suggests that the president will not use his second term to pressure Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon into peace talks with an unreformed Palestinian Authority.

"I don't see any shift in Bush's policy or his attitude toward the Israeli-Palestinian sit-



As U.S. election voting returns come in, Israelis pass by a storefront selling yarmulkes bearing the names of the competing candidates, in Jerusalem's Mea Shearim neighborhood, Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2004. Credit: Brian Hender/JTA

uation," said Jack Rosen, president of the American Jewish Congress and a friend of Bush.

Bush's black-and-white worldview makes a shift on Middle East policy unlikely, agreed David Harris, executive director of the American Jewish Committee.

"He's driven very much by his own moral code of what's right and wrong, and that will determine his policy," Harris said.

"He has a strong sense of those nations that are friends and those nations that are foes, and that won't change because of voting patterns on Nov. 2."

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The Goldinger Legacy

By Toni Young
Special to the Jewish Voice

Joshua Goldinger was a Delaware farmer who began a wholesale livestock business near Smyrna, Delaware in the late 1930s. When he died in 1985, he generously left the majority of his farmland to the Jewish Federation of Delaware with the desire "to promote and expand agricultural research for food and fiber and animal science." His wife Marge still lives on a portion of the farmland. Today, the Jewish Fund for the Future (JFF) manages the Goldinger Trust (an endowment created with the funds from the sale of his farmland) and reviews requests for funds on an annual basis. When members of the JFF Grants Committee review applications, we look for experiments whose results have the potential to create new jobs as well as projects that have other funders. We try when possible to fund research near Arad-Tamar, our Partnership 2000 Region. During the recent grant cycle, the Jewish Fund for the Future distributed \$120,000 from the Trust to support agricultural projects in Israel. At the end of October, Jennifer Young, director of the JFF, and I had the opportunity to visit the four agricultural research projects currently conducted with grants from the Goldinger Trust. We were excited by the progress and

potential of the Goldinger experiments.

Our first visit was to the Central Arava where seven communities comprising about 420 families, produce over 60% of Israel's agricultural exports. For 45 years, the people in this area have earned their livelihoods through agriculture. They are constantly searching for ways to improve their yield and produce. Currently, peppers account for 70% of their crop yield. Farmers recognize the need to diversify because the failure of the pepper crop would cause economic disaster to the area.

We toured the Research and Development Station of the Central Arava in Ein Yahav where Rivka Offenbach, a specialist in Greenhouse vegetables, showed us the net-houses and plastic covered houses, which are climate controlled so that farmers can grow vegetables year round. Today, 30-40% of their crops are grown with biological control rather than chemicals so that they can be exported to the United States and other countries. The Goldinger funds are used for an experiment to develop a biological filter for recycled water that will be environmentally friendly and will reduce the cost of recycling water.

At Tel Arad, a few kilometers from our Partnership 2000 city of Arad, we reviewed the progress in a four year experiment to

improve farming in the poor soil of the Arad Valley. Dr. Nirit Bernstein of the Volcani Institute explained an experiment that seeks to develop frankia, a friendly bacteria that takes nitrogen from the air and deposits it on plant roots, to improve the nutritional status of agricultural crops in the Arad Valley Region. About two months ago, scientists found an Israeli frankia. Now, they are searching for a variety that will be suitable to the conditions of the Arad Valley. The four groups in the experiment test normal drinking water versus recycled, treated water, and the use of compost or no compost. Dr. Bernstein works closely with people of the Research and Development Extension Service who are consultants to area farmers and share the results of experiments. At the end of the four years, procedures will be developed to inoculate plants with frankia and farmers will be taught how to implement them.

In a second multi-year experiment at Tel Arad, Dr. Bernstein and scientists from the Volcani Institute are testing different varieties of cut flowers that can grow in less than optimal conditions. Given the poor soil and the lack of fresh water, farmers in the Arad Valley have not been able to grow flowers or ornamental crops that have a higher income potential per acre. The Goldinger funds along

with money from the Ministry of Agriculture allow scientists to evaluate a range of flower species for their suitability to grow with the treated, recycled water in the Arad Region. At the end of the experiment, a new profitable production system will increase income for local farmers and create new jobs. Additionally, controlled use of recycled water will minimize environmental pollution of the Arad Desert Valley.

At the Hot-House for Agricultural and Environmental Studies next to Kibbutz Ein Gedi, Itsik Dishon explained his experiments to find the best way to purify recycled water. Given the scarcity of water, it is essential to recycle it, but recycled water often accelerates the spreading of plant diseases. He is experimenting with several kinds of bio-filters as well as ultra-violet radiation and solar pasteurization to solve the problem.

Our recent visit showed us that the Goldinger Trust is making a real difference in science and life in Israel. How lucky Israel and Delaware are that Joshua Goldinger created such a meaningful legacy. We intend to schedule future trips to Israel to review the Goldinger experiments. If you are interested in working with the JFF in this area, please contact Jennifer Young at 302-427-2100.

Toni Young is chairperson of the Jewish Fund for the Future.



Rivka Offenbach at the Research and Development Station of the Central Arava.



Toni Young and Itsik Dishon at the hot-house in Ein Gedi.



Flowering plants grow with recycled water at Tel Arad.



Recycled water in ponds at Tel Arad.

So let me tell you about my son's Bar Mitzvah ...



Ruth Rosenberg

By Ruth Rosenberg
Campaign Director

On the Shabbat following Rosh Hashanah this year, my family celebrated a wonderful event, my son's bar mitzvah. It was a joyful day as anyone who has had such a celebration will attest. After months/years of prepa-

ration, Kenny performed flawlessly (remember, I'm his mother) and partied hearty with family and friends. In his speech, he spoke of the pride he takes in his Jewish identity and the importance of standing up for who you are. The *ruach* was palatable; I couldn't have been prouder.

There are so many ways to commemorate such a milestone. Parties range from simple luncheons to lavish affairs. Guest lists may include immediate family to your family's immediate universe. But whatever is served, no matter what you wear or what kind of party favors you offer, the intent is the same. A bar mitzvah is a marker—a moment in time when a family joins together to celebrate a child's coming of age within our community. It is a chance for a community to recognize the accomplishment of a child while a family states publicly their own commitment to the perpetuation of our people. To me, the whole experience is sublime.

I'd like to offer you another option to celebrate a bar mitzvah, your commitment to community or just another really cool way to be with your family. Next summer, the Jewish Federation of Delaware will be participating in the UJC's Family Mission to Israel (July 24 to August 3, 2005 with an optional extension). While the trip will include a bar mitzvah component, you don't need a teenager

along to share this incredible experience. Together, you and your family can hike in the Golan Heights, climb the fortress of Masada, take a jeep ride through the desert, float in the Dead Sea, explore the streets of Tel Aviv and Jerusalem and explore your Jewish roots. The trip is open to all family members (over the age of 5 years), all generations.

I invite you to join your community in marking time, whether you have a bar mitzvah to

celebrate or not. The shared experience of visiting Israel is like no other. I guarantee that the trip will infuse your spirit with pride in your own identity and strengthen your connection to the entire community, *Klal Yisrael*. You will stand tall, feeling connected and proud while having a blast. Just like Kenny.

To add your name to the growing list of interested families, call or write to me at (302) 427-2100 ext 17 or ruth.rosenberg@shalomdel.org. Next year in Jerusalem!

FACT of the week

United Jewish Communities

In the summer of 2004, 7,000 children ranging from pre-school age to 17 attended federation-sponsored camps in dozens of locations throughout the former Soviet Union. Week-long camp sessions combined recreational activities with educational and cultural programs designed to provide a sense of Jewish identity. For many of the youngsters, this was their first exposure to Judaism.

EDITORIALS AND OPINIONS

A time to heal

Delaware, the first state to ratify the U.S. Constitution, is a pacesetter in promoting post-election reconciliation. On Thursday, Governor Ruth Ann Minner and Bill Lee, the man she narrowly defeated in her bid for re-election, traveled together to Georgetown, quite literally, "Bury the Hatchet" in the sand and move forward.

These two politicians participated in a proud local tradition known as "Return Day" - a time both to celebrate electoral victories and heal the rifts caused by often contentious campaigns. Begun in 1792, this ritual traces its roots to a time when all Sussex County votes were cast in Georgetown, the county seat. After doing their civic duty, residents would travel back to their homes while votes were counted, then return two days later to learn the results.

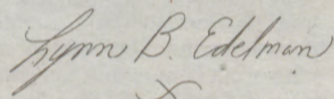
Although we now live in an information age where election results are beamed into homes via radio, television and the internet, "Return Day" rituals remain relevant and inspirational. In every election, ultimately, one candidate emerges as the victor. He or she must try to end the acrimony and build bridges with former adversaries to promote

a positive political agenda. The loser too, must reach out, because a strong bridge cannot be built resting on a singular shore.

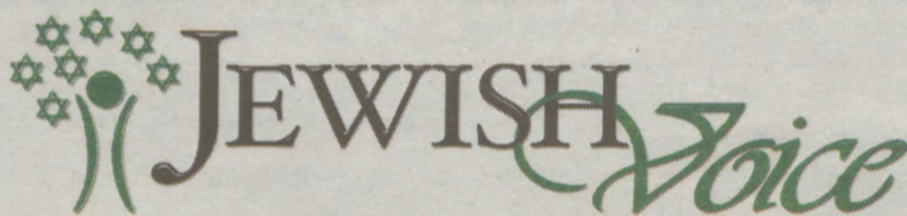
American Jewish voters have much to be proud of in the 2004 elections. We honored the memories of our immigrant ancestors by turning out to vote in record numbers. By exercising this right of citizenship, we have clearly communicated our interests and concerns to all duly elected officials.

Now, it is incumbent upon us as American Jews - both Democrats and Republicans - to continue to advance our Jewish agenda in the House, in the Senate and in the Oval Office. President Bush has won his bid for re-election. We pray that he continues his steadfast support of Israel during this second term in office and hope that he and the Democrats will "bury the hatchet", and reach out to each other to effectively meet the many challenges that lie ahead as one America.

Shabbat Shalom,



Lynn B. Edelman



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dance studio sensitive to Jewish community

Since we are active in response to those who are insensitive to the needs of the Jewish community, as we should be, I think we should be equally aware of those who are sympathetic to our positions.

This December, the Anna Marie Dance Studio will be presenting a "holiday" show, broader than the usual "Nutcracker". She is including a variety of ethnic dance groups and Harokdim, the teenage dance group sponsored by Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth was asked to be one of them.

The rehearsals are on Saturday and Sunday and the performances will be on Friday night, Saturday matinee, Saturday night and Sunday matinee. Obviously, Harokdim does not perform on Shabbat or Jewish holidays. When I presented this difficulty to Anna Marie Leo, she immediately said that she

would pencil our group in for Sunday rehearsals and that we would perform only on Saturday evening and Sunday matinee. She added that the publicity would indicate our performances and told us to be sure to let our families know when they could see our youngsters onstage.

Her quick understanding and willingness to accommodate enables our group to perform and creates an accepting atmosphere. We wish to commend Anna Marie publicly for her tolerance and flexibility and encourage the community to show their support by attending Harokdim performances. Harokdim will dance at the evening performance on Saturday evening, December 18th and the Sunday matinee performance on December 19th.

Harriet Aimbinder,
Leader, Harokdim

Jewish elderly need more interaction

Spare time is in short supply when one works 60 hours a week. Yet somehow, I always can find time to work with our Jewish elderly.

For several years I served as a full service lay chaplain at the Kutz Home. I recently decided to volunteer to conduct Friday night Shabbat services at residential facilities for the elderly. Sunrise, Forwood Manor and Shipley Manor accepted my offer. I now alternate services between these three facilities, bringing the beauty of Shabbat to 4 to 20 Jewish residents in attendance. I enjoy working with this age group because they have a philosophical and mature perspective on life.

Through dialogue and shared worship, we are bonded to each other and to our Jewish heritage. I enjoy applying my specialized

training in this area. I also teach Hebrew and Jewish studies to children and find that there are many similarities between working with the young and with the elderly. At both end of the spectrum, their spiritual needs and desire to think through ideas and explore concepts are at their peak. Both age groups bring enthusiasm and a refreshing perspective to common Jewish themes. Both groups are candid, responsive and loving.

I see a great need for interaction between the Jewish elderly, who are not in a position to travel to synagogues, and the "mainstream" Jewish community. I believe that there also should be a lot more intermingling between the old and the young.

Ann Greenstein
New Castle, DE

PARSHA PLACE

Week of November 6

Chayei Sarah

Genesis 23:1-25:18

A Powerful Matriarch

By David Kraemer, CLAL

In Chayei Sarah, we are introduced to perhaps the most powerful woman in Torah (or the Bible as a whole, for that matter), Rebekah. The model that Rebekah offers is a challenging one, well worth considering in an age when powerful women often imagine (and not without some reason) that Jewish tradition preserves few models for the kind of women they aspire to be.

The Torah makes it clear that Rebekah is exemplary of traditional values. First, we are told that in addition to being beautiful, she is (at the time we first meet her) "a virgin, neither had any man known her" (Gen. 24:16). She is modest as well; upon being introduced to Isaac, "she took her veil and covered herself" (24:65). She is even pious; when afflicted with two children struggling within her womb, "she went to inquire of the Lord" (25:22).

At the same time, Rebekah is a confident woman, willing to assert herself and use the power available to her. When asked whether she would accompany Eliezer to Canaan, she responds without hesitation: "I will go" (24:58). After God reveals to her which of her sons would rule the other (25:23), she does not hesitate to orchestrate affairs so that God's will would be done. Rebekah is the insightful partner, the protector of the covenant; Isaac is blind to it all (until the very end).

Thus, we may understand that there is no necessary conflict between the Torah's vision and a woman of power and insight. Whatever one wants to make of "traditional womanly values," taking command of her own affairs and the affairs of her nation need not be thought to be in tension with such values.

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EDITORIALS AND OPINIONS

Sudan: The Silence is Deafening

By Rabbi Reuven H. Taff

The Jewish High Holydays are always a time for introspection, a time to look deeply into ourselves and raise that inner voice within us to work to improve and correct our human imperfections. As all rabbis who serve congregations do, we agonize as to the messages we need to convey to our congregants, who more than any other time during the year gather by the thousands to synagogues in order to pray, to rekindle old acquaintances and most importantly I think, to be inspired. The task of preparing sermons on these holy days is a daunting one. There was no question that my conscience dictated my responsibility during these Days of Awe over the last month to speak about our silence while thousands in the Darfur Region of Sudan are raped, tortured, terrorized and murdered.

Just before Rosh Hashanah I called my aunt in upstate New York to wish her a "Gut Yontiff." ("Happy Holiday"). And when she asked me what my topics were for my Rosh Hashanah sermons, I shared with her that I was going to speak about the genocide in Sudan and contrast the silence of our

President to the silence of President Roosevelt during the Holocaust. I asked her why her generation was silent when it was common knowledge that Hitler was exterminating six million Jews and millions of others who were 'different.' I asked her why wasn't done to lobby the Roosevelt administration to act quickly and respond to Hitler's "Final Solution." She responded to me that "People just were not aware of all that was going on in Europe. There was no television, just radio and newspapers. It isn't like today with cable television and 24 hour news." I told her that in my research, there were many stories of the atrocities that were going on in Europe at that time in the newspapers as well as reports on the radio. I told her that I just couldn't comprehend how the Jewish community and the rest of the world during that time could be silent.

As I read about and watch reports of genocide happening right now I recall these haunting words:

"In Germany they came first for the Communists and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Communist. Then they came for the Jews and I didn't speak up because I wasn't

a Jew. Then they came for the trade unionists and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a trade unionist. Then they came for the Catholics and I didn't speak up because I was a Protestant. Then they came for me – and by that time no one was left to speak up."

Martin Niemöller wrote those famous words. He was the son of a pastor, a World War I U-Boat Captain and later a pastor in a comfortable Berlin Suburb. In the 1930s Niemöller did not start out as a great advocate for intellectual freedom. He initially supported Hitler but quickly grew disillusioned. Although arrested by the Gestapo in 1937 for his open opposition to Hitler and incarcerated in Sachsenhausen and Dachau concentration camps, he nonetheless berated himself for not doing more, as in the quote above.

Right here in our community of Sacramento there is an opportunity to raise our voices. Under the aegis of the Jewish Community Relations Council we have formed an emergency committee: Greater Sacramento Committee on Conscience. How sad that we need such a committee, but unlike some committees, this is a committee

of action. And the most important action right now is to educate the public with facts about the atrocities, like the stark reality that after girls and women are raped, they are immediately branded, like cattle. This committee has welcomed all citizens of conscience and specifically invited members of the interfaith clergy to work hand in hand as one community as we begin raising funds for the 1.5 million (and growing by the day) hungry and homeless refugees, to put pressure on the United States Government and to place pressure on the rest of the world to act to stop the genocide.

I beseech every American and every citizen of our world to stem the tides of silence and demand that action be taken to stop the genocide. Anything else, any other course of action will have our own children asking us: "Why did you not do anything about the atrocities? We will be unable to answer: "Sorry, we did not know!"

Reuven Taff is the rabbi and spiritual leader of Mosaic Law Congregation, Sacramento, California. He can be reached via email: taff5@aol.com.

The Danger of South Africanization

By Nechemia Meyers

The Arabs and their friends often compare Israel with South Africa before the abolishment of apartheid. But some Arabs, while finding validity in the comparison, nevertheless look forward to a solution different to the one achieved in South Africa. This is evident from the last issue of "Bitterlemons," a web magazine that presents contrasting Israeli and Palestinian views on current issues.

Ghassan Khatib, Palestinian Authority Minister of Labor and coeditor of "Bitterlemons," says that "the obvious parallels between the Palestinian-Israeli conflict and apartheid in South Africa do not necessarily lead one to the conclusion that the solution that succeeded there is applicable here."

To be sure, the idea of one-man, one-vote is attractive to the Palestinians, but, he adds, American support for the Israelis means that it can't be forced on Israel. Thus the only solution, Khatib declares, "is dividing the land between the two peoples in accordance with the relevant UN Security Council resolutions. This demands that people on both sides must renounce the use of violence and replace it by constructive dialogue and negotiations."

The approach of Hisham Ahmed, a professor of political science at Birzeit University, is similar. He too finds great similarities between

Israel and the old South Africa, comparing, for example, settler-only roads here to white-only restaurants there. But like Khatib, he finds that US backing for Israel prevents the kind of settlement he would like to see. And while he realizes that not all Palestinians agree with him, he sees no alternative to a two-state solution.

Another participant in the web magazine discussion, settler leader Yisrael Harel, is infuriated by an attempt to compare the situation in this country with the one that existed in South Africa. "The whites," he says, "conquered territories in Africa, installed colonialist rule, and a negligible minority ruled over an absolute majority. The lands where the colonialist forces settled were taken from their former inhabitants. Jews, in contrast, returned to their historic homeland. And after the Jews went into exile, no nation established its sovereignty here."

Harel argues that the Palestinians could have had their state several years ago, "but they are not satisfied with a state alongside Israel. They want a state instead of Israel." The second Israeli participant in the cyberspace discussion was Yossi Alpher, former director of the Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies at Tel Aviv University. Alpher is disturbed by the aforementioned comparison, which he finds "historically misleading but, nevertheless, a potent weapon against Israel."

To avoid real South Africanization, he says, "Israel must forego any attempt to create isolated Palestinian enclaves, what in South Africa were called bantustans. Instead – if and when a Palestinian partner emerges – Israel should agree to a viable two-state solution that would encompass Jerusalem and the Jordan Valley as well as

a genuine Gaza-West Bank Safe Passage."

While Alpher warmly welcomes Sharon's initiative to withdraw from the Gaza Strip, he charges that the Prime Minister continues to envision a truncated and non-viable Palestinian state, an attitude that "provides compelling ammunition for those who would accuse Israel of apartheid designs."

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NOVEMBER 2 1970

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NOVEMBER 2, 1883

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NOVEMBER 3, 1992

Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer were elected to the U.S. Senate on November 3, 1992, becoming the first Jewish women senators, the first female senators from California, and the first two women to ever represent any state at the same time.

NOVEMBER 5, 2002

On November 5, 2002, Linda Lingle became the first female and first Jew to be elected Governor in the state of Hawai'i.

NOVEMBER 7, 1984

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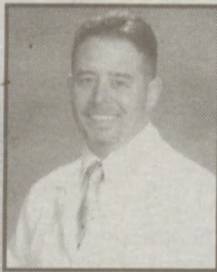
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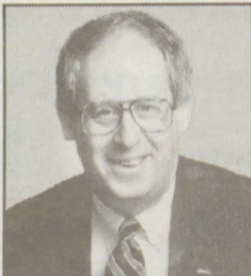
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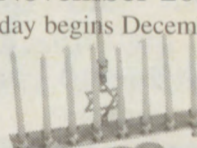
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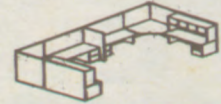
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From Russia with Love

Igor Varkin, the leader of Congregation Madregot in Tumen, Russia, recently came to Wilmington to meet with congregants of Beth Emeth, its "twinned" synagogue and to tour the Bernard and Ruth Siegel JCC and the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home. The Wilmington synagogue sponsored Varkin's visit, designed to show him American Reform Judaism in action.

Congregation Beth Emeth has had a Twinning relationship with Congregation Madregot since 2001. Congregation Madregot, a thriving congregation with both young and old members, has a synagogue building that is approximately 100 years old. It was rebuilt in 2001, after sustaining considerable damage during the Soviet period when organized religion was not allowed in the Soviet Union.

The synagogue sponsors a unique Summer drama camp where youth put on an elaborate play depicting Jewish history.

Varkin also spoke at the URJ Biennial in Norfolk, Virginia where he presented the benefits of supporting the efforts to rebuild Judaism in the Former Soviet Union.



Igor Varkin met with Rabbi Sarah Messinger and Rabbi Peter Grumbacher at Beth Emeth.

Kristallnacht commemorated November 14th

In remembrance of Kristallnacht, The infamous Night of Broken Glass, where Nazis shattered Jewish-owned businesses and synagogues throughout Germany, The Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee will present Dr. Willard Fletcher speaking on

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Open Israeli-dancing is now held at the Wilmington JCC on the second Sunday of each month (except December, canceled due to Super Sunday) from 3-5 p.m., in the JCC auditorium. All ages are welcome. The next session is SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14.

Sessions already scheduled for 2005 are: January 9, February 13, March 13 and April 10. The suggested donation is \$3 for students and JCC members, \$5 for others.

Israeli dancing continues to be popular with the Arden Folk Guild on the FOURTH WEDNESDAYS (except for November, due to Thanksgiving!) at the historic Arden Gild Hall from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Upcoming sessions there are October 27, December 1 & 22, January 26, February 23, March 23 and April 27. The Arden Gild Hall is located at 2126 The Highway in Arden (off Harvey Rd. between I-95 and Marsh Rd), (302) 475-3126.

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Gratz Shabbaton was "Awesome"

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I am a 12 year old student at Kennet Middle School who participated in the recent Delaware Gratz Shabbaton Retreat Weekend for 7th and 8th graders. It was fun and interesting. We made challah covers and had great conversations about what we thought about heaven. We had the opportunity to meet new Jewish people who are now some of our closest friends.

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took a tour of the University of Delaware. To sum it all up, the Shabbaton was awesome!

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Quiet anniversary for Israeli-Jordanian peace

By Gil Sedan, JTA

Ten years ago, in the midst of a desert storm in the Arava valley, the late King Hussein of Jordan and the late Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel signed a peace accord ushering in an era of hope that relations between the neighbors would become a model for a new Middle East.

The 10th anniversary of that momentous day went by last week with little fanfare and no official celebrations marking the milestone.

What happened?

The Israel-Jordan peace agreement was like the official marriage of a couple that had been carrying on a secret relationship for years. The leaders of both countries sighed with relief, pleased that they would no longer have to hide their affair.

Today, ties between Israel and its eastern neighbor are not at their best. This, though, has less to do with the couple itself not getting along than it does with tension inside the "family" — the Arab world, that is, and in particular the Palestinians, who comprise two-thirds of Jordan's 5.5 million population.

"We cannot ignore what's happening in the West Bank and Gaza, neither can we ignore terrorism," Marwan Mu'ashar, Jordan's foreign minister, told Israeli journalists in Amman recently.

The Israel-Jordan peace deal was followed by inflated optimism. Rosy scenarios envisaged other countries in the Middle East following suit, the economies of both countries prospering, the border opening up for mutual tourism and trade thriving — and spilling over from Jordan to the rest of the Arab world.

But this week in Amman, Israeli Ambassador Ya'acov Hadas sat in a fortified embassy, totally isolated from the local political community, lamenting the stagnation in relations.

Meanwhile, masses of Jordanians marked the anniversary by demonstrating against ties with the Jewish state.

"Our relations are like the relations between a couple," Hadas said in an interview with the Ma'ariv newspaper. "We have ups and downs, quarrels and appeasements."

The "downs" are the result primarily of the collapse of the peace process with the Palestinians and, long before that, the emergence of a strong anti-Israeli lobby in Jordan.

The first widely publicized misunderstanding took place in 1996, two years after the peace agreement, when Israel opened a new exit to an archaeological tunnel next to the Western Wall.

Palestinians claimed Israel was trying to collapse the mosques on the Temple Mount. As a result of the incitement, Palestinian Authority security forces faced off against Israeli soldiers, leaving some 70 people dead.

Later that year came Israel's botched assassination attempt on Hamas leader Khaled Meshaal in downtown Amman. Then, in March 1997, a Jordanian soldier opened fire on a group of teenaged Israeli girls on a field trip along the border, killing seven. The soldier became a hero in Jordan, and Jordanians were outraged when King Hussein apologized to the girls' families.

Relations really took a turn for the worse after September 2000, when the Palestinian intifada began. Two Israeli diplomats were injured in shooting attacks, and an Israeli businessman was murdered in Jordan in August 2001. Jordan is particularly perturbed by construction of Israel's West Bank security barrier, which Jordan says jeopardizes its own security by prompting fears of a new influx of Palestinians.

Israeli bureaucracy and lack of initiative bears some of the blame for the stagnation in relations between the two countries.

A case in point: Eight years ago Jordan and Israel signed an agreement on special

arrangements for the neighboring Red Sea port towns of Aqaba and Eilat.

The agreement stipulated that Israel and Jordan would cooperate on issues relating to the two cities. There was talk of cooperation on environmental management, pest control, flood management, town zoning and land use policies, energy and natural resources, emergency response services, and the promotion of bi-national and multi-national events.

The agreement also called for the establishment of a Special Tourism Zone in the region, in which cross-border tourism would be encouraged by simplifying crossing procedures; a bi-national Special Economic Zone; and a bi-national Red Sea Marine Peace Park.

All were dreams. All remained on paper.

Shimon Shamir, a former Israeli ambassador to Jordan, once spoke of an agreement to transport merchandise by truck from Jordan to the port of Haifa. The agreement was delayed because government ministries could not agree which of them would cover the approximately \$110 cost for the police motorcyclist to escort the motorcade.

According to Israel's Tourism Ministry, some 150,000 Israelis visited Jordan last year, the vast majority of them Israeli Arabs. Some 18,400 Jordanians visited Israel.

But the main obstacle to normalization between the two countries is located in Jordan.

Since the signing of the peace treaty in 1994, Jordan's monarchy has tried to maneuver carefully between its reliance on Israel as the behind-the-scenes guarantor of the regime and its desire to maintain close ties with the Arab world, which frowns on friendly relations with the Jewish state.

Shortly after the peace treaty was signed, Jordan's powerful trade unions formed an anti-normalization committee that essentially ruins the career of anyone cooperating with Israel.

Tareq Al-Humaidi, a Jordanian journalist who published "The Voice of Peace," a local pro-peace newspaper, was threatened and



Jordan's King Hussein lights Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's cigarette at the royal residence in Aqaba, Jordan, shortly after signing a peace treaty at the Arava border crossing in October 1994.

Photo Credit: Sa'ar Ya'acov/GPO

condemned by the anti-normalization committee. When he tried to take the committee to court, the Jordanian Bar Association disbarred Humaidi's lawyer.

The committee has operated mafia-style, and Jordanian authorities have done very little to counter this activity, thus legitimizing the strong anti-Israeli feelings in Jordan.

"The situation becomes more and more difficult," Aharon Efroni, an Israeli businessman told JTA this week.

Efroni, a Jew born in Iraq, makes a living bringing together businessmen from both countries.

"Unlike the past, Jordanian businessmen insist that no mention of Israel and no Hebrew will appear on documents I present," he said. "I make a point of not spending nights in Jordan, although I have not received any threats."

Still, according to an official statement from Israel's Foreign Ministry on the occasion of the anniversary, Israel regards Jordan as "an island of regional stability."

Arafat illness gives Israel hope

By Dan Baron, JTA

Yasser Arafat's illness has done what Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, for all of his attempts, could not: create a sense of hope in the possibilities of a future without the grizzled Palestinian Authority president.

There was an unusual hush when the matter of Arafat was raised at last Sunday's meeting of the Israeli Cabinet.

Previously, ministers of all political stripes had railed against him, belying Jerusalem's official line that Arafat was "irrelevant" to peacemaking. This time, with Arafat undergoing urgent and secretive tests at a French hospital, a sense of genuine hope dawned.

Israel plans to press ahead with its unilateral withdrawals from the Gaza Strip and West Bank despite Arafat's illness, Sharon told his Cabinet on Sunday, but he left open the possibility for further peace talks should new Palestinian leaders take over.

"If a leadership arises that acts to dismantle the terror infrastructure, we will be prepared to resume negotiations on the basis of the 'road map,'" Sharon told his ministers, referring to the U.S.-backed peace plan, rendered all-but defunct by persistent violence.

The chief of Israeli military intelligence, which had made clear in media leaks that it knew well in advance of Arafat's airlift to Paris last Friday that his condition was grave, sounded even more optimistic.

"I think we have an opportunity here to end the current round of conflict that began in 2000," Maj. Gen. Aharon Ze'evi-Farkash told the Cabinet in a briefing.

But Ze'evi-Farkash agreed with Sharon's assessment that the Palestinians must be left to their own devices in choosing a potential successor for Arafat. Any Israeli overtures toward this-or-that candidate would risk marking him as a stooge in the eyes of his countrymen — a death sentence politically, and perhaps even literally.

Arafat was reported to be in critical condition late last week, but by Sunday his condition apparently had improved, according to Leila Shahid, the Palestinian Authority's general delegate to France. Arafat does not have leukemia, she said, speaking to reporters Saturday outside the hospital near Paris where the 75-year-old Palestinian leader is undergoing medical tests.

Meanwhile, Israeli military chiefs boosted forces around the West Bank city of Ramallah, where Arafat had been confined to his compound before leaving for Paris.

According to security sources, army commanders were instructed to review a plan of action, written up last year, in anticipation of Arafat's death.

Israel fears Arafat, who always refused to groom a successor, will leave a power vacuum in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, triggering Palestinian factional fighting.

Given the confusion over the degree to which Arafat was incapacitated, his colleagues in Ramallah were playing it safe.

On Sunday, they held the first-ever PLO meeting without him. Arafat's empty chair was flanked by the current and former prime ministers of the Palestinian Authority, Ahmed Qurei and Mahmoud Abbas, who for now have divided Arafat's responsibilities

Mutual trade between the two countries rose from \$13 million in 1996 to \$130 million in 2003. Israel now holds the sixth spot on Jordan's export list.

Jordan's exports to Israel reached \$130 million in the first seven months of this year, an increase of 15 percent over the same period last year. Israeli exports to Jordan made an even greater leap, increasing in the same period by \$78 million, a rise of 40 percent.

But the most important "peace fruit" for Jordan has been the Qualified Industrial Zone agreement with Israel. Under the deal, if Jordan and Israel work together on products in the designated area, the products can enter the U.S. duty free.

Thanks to the industrial zone, Jordan has increased its exports to the United States by more than 10 times, making the United States the No. 1 destination for Jordanian exports. Annual Jordanian exports to the United States are expected to reach the \$1 billion mark at the end of this year, compared to \$40 million just five years ago.

This has relieved unemployment in the northern Irbid region, creating some 30,000 new jobs.

Israeli textile factories moved to Jordan, and Israeli high-tech companies employ several dozen Jordanian programmers who do their work in Jordan. Likewise, the two countries continue to develop joint water and tourism projects.

There also is a strong, if relatively unadvertised, security relationship between the two neighbors. Their intelligence services operate in close cooperation, including security patrols along their border.

In a hopeful development this week, an Israeli-Jordanian committee met to discuss construction of a new joint academic center in the Arava region.

The committee will map out a site for the "Bridging the Rift" bi-national university. Construction work on the new campus is scheduled to begin by the middle of next year.



A Palestinian cries after Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat leaves his compound in the West Bank city of Ramallah, Oct. 29, 2004, on his way to France for medical treatment for an undetermined illness.

Credit: Brian Hendler/JTA

between them.

Sharon had long said that were Arafat to leave the West Bank he would not be allowed to return, but last week the prime minister reversed this position in letting the Palestinian leader be flown out for treatment.

"We have made this commitment and we shall stick with it," Sharon told a Cabinet minister who suggested that Arafat be made to stay abroad.

MILESTONES

In Memoriam

COHEN

Gerald Franklin Cohen, 68, of Wilmington, died October 26th in Indianapolis, IL.

An entrepreneur, Mr. Cohen founded the Mr. Pizza chain in 1960 and continued in this business until 1987. In 1992, he founded Payless Sports, a licensed sports memorabilia business which he operated until his death.

He was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom in Wilmington and of the Oriental Lodge #27 AF&AM.

Survivors include Lorraine; his wife of 45 years; son and daughter-in-law, Jeff and Jennie Cohen of Carmel, IN; daughter and son-in-law, Wendy and Mark Gilbert of Andover, MA; grandchildren, Michelle, David and Sarah Gilbert and Kendall and John Cohen; and his brother, Allan, of Boca Raton, Florida.

Funeral services were held at Congregation Beth Shalom. Interment was in the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road. Contributions in his memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

DUKART

Leonard Dukart, co-founder of the Ronald McDonald House with his late wife, Dora, died peacefully at home on October 21st at the age of 81. A native of Chicago, IL, he attended the University of Illinois and graduated with a degree in business. Upon graduation, Pearl Harbor was bombed and Mr. Dukart joined the U.S. Army. He successfully completed the officer training program and was commissioned as a lieutenant.

He married his wife, Dora in 1942 and was sent overseas three years later. He earned a Purple Heart for his distinguished service in the Philippines and other Pacific Islands.

After the war, he worked with his

father, a men's clothing manufacturer. A 1958 meeting with Ray Kroc, founder of McDonald's, changed his life. He moved his family to Newark, DE in 1960 to open the state's first McDonalds. His firm, Dukart Management, run with the assistance of his youngest son, Alan and oldest son, Les, owns and operates eight McDonald's restaurants. Les' son, Michael is a third generation owner/operator. Mr. Dukart became a leader in the chain's owner/operator community and served in many local and national positions. In 1980, he received the Golden Arch, the highest honor given to a McDonald's licensee.

In addition to his involvement with the Ronald McDonald House, a safe, affordable place to stay for families of seriously ill or injured children, Mr. Dukart was an active member of Congregation Beth Shalom, B'nai B'rith, the Jewish War Veterans and the Bernard and Ruth Siegel Jewish Community Center, where he swam almost every day.

Dora died of leukemia in 1996. He is survived by his loving children and their spouses; Leslie and Barbara of Wilmington; David and Joanne of Cincinnati, Ohio; Gary and Marlene of Ambler, PA; and Alan and Janet of Boothwyn, PA. Also mourning his passing are his grandchildren: Michael and wife, Ann; Joel; Daniel; Jeremy; Rachel; Madelyn; Nora; Brian; Bradley; Lisa and Curtis; and his sisters, Lillian Shields of Chicago, IL and Adelle Seidman of Delray Beach, FL.

Funeral services were held on October 24th at Congregation Beth Shalom in Wilmington. The family requests that contributions in his memory be made to the Ronald McDonald House of Delaware, 1901 Rockland Road, Wilmington, DE 19803.

ISAACSON

Bernard B. Isaacson, formerly of Wilmington, died October 22nd in Palm Beach, FL. He was 87 years old.

A native New Yorker, Mr. Isaacson moved to Wilmington in 1940. There, he met and married his late wife, Cecilia Laub. The couple enjoyed 62 years of marriage before her death in 2003.

A Certified Public Accountant who was licensed in three states, Mr. Isaacson started his own firm, Isaacson, Stolper and Company, in 1945. He was active in many professional organizations and served as a past vice president of the American Institute of CPAs.

In Florida, he was a member of Temple Emanu-El and the Palm Beach Round Table. A member of numerous social and fraternal associations, Mr. Isaacson enjoyed an interest in golf, bridge and computers.

Preceded in death by his wife and two brothers, Daniel and Martin, he is survived by another brother, George Isaacson; his daughters, Barbara Dilsheimer and Dana Feldman; son-in-law, Robert Dilsheimer; grandchildren, Brian

Dilsheimer and his wife, Karen; Jessica Getson and her husband, Brian; Alexis Feldman and Brittany Feldman; and great-grandchildren, Abigail and Zachary Dilsheimer and Henry Getson.

Funeral services and interment were in Menorah Gardens in West Palm Beach, FL on October 24th.

LEVIN

Nathan Levin, the former owner of Kirkwood Dodge, died October 21st in King of Prussia, PA. He was married to his beloved wife, Esther, for 57 years and also is survived by his children, Mark and his wife, Marsha and his daughter, Leslie Edmiston; and his granddaughter, Annie.

Mr. Levin's funeral service was October 24th at Joseph Levine & Son in Broomall, PA. The family requests that contributions in his name be directed to diabetes research.

MYERS

Moss Myers, 64, of Wilmington, died October 25th after a long illness. A native of Philadelphia, he moved to Wilmington in 1966. He was a U.S. Army veteran who worked as a used car wholesaler and as a partner in M+M Motor

Sales. Prior to his illness, he was employed by Cox Auto Sales.

Predeceased by his wife, Marsha Myers and his mother, Rosalie Myers, he is survived by his son, Mark Myers of Philadelphia; a brother, Harris Myers of Morrisville, PA; a sister, Ilene Meyers of Wilmington and his father, Bernard Myers of Bradenton, FL.

A private funeral service was held in Philadelphia.

PORTNOY

Hyman Portnoy, 88, of Tavistock, died October 29th. He was the husband of the late Beatrice G. Portnoy, who died in 1999. He is survived by his niece, Phyllis Molchatsky; sister and brother-in-law, Nettie and Stanley Hard, Nina Roffman; and many other nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at Schoenberg Memorial Chapel on October 31st with interment in the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road.

The family requests that contributions in his memory be directed to The Milton and Hattie Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Wilmington, DE 19809 or to Congregation Beth Shalom, 18th and Baynard Blvd., Wilmington, DE 19802.

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COMING EVENTS FOR BRANDYWINE ORT

Join us for ORT Shabbat Dinner-Friday, November 19, 6:00 p.m. at the JCC. Please bring new/gently used coats to donate to Jewish Family Service in the spirit of Tikkun Olam.

For more information, call Liz at 610-268-3223.

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Volunteer for ORT's December Fundraiser on Friday, December 24th, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Borders. Help wrap holiday gifts for friends and neighbors. To assist, call Susan at

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NCJW HOSTS ANNUAL PUBLIC AFFAIRS FORUM

Come one, come all to the November 9th forum sponsored by the Wilmington Section of the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW). Explore issues around providing care and comfort to those with chronic illnesses or near the end of life. The event, to be held at the Brandywine Country Club, is entitled "Live Life to the Fullest: Care and Comfort Near the End of Life" and is aimed at patients and their families.

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Samuel G. Freedman, author of *Jew vs. Jew: The Struggle for the Soul of American Jewry*, will lecture and sign books on Tuesday, November 16th, 7:30-9:00 p.m. at the Stern Judaic Studies Seminar Room, 302 Hagerty Library, Drexel University, 33rd and Market Streets in Philadelphia. Freedman, professor and assistant dean of the Graduate School of

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Rabbi Dresin will speak at 10:00 a.m. His presentation is preceded by a breakfast served at 9:30 a.m. The cost of the breakfast is \$4.00.

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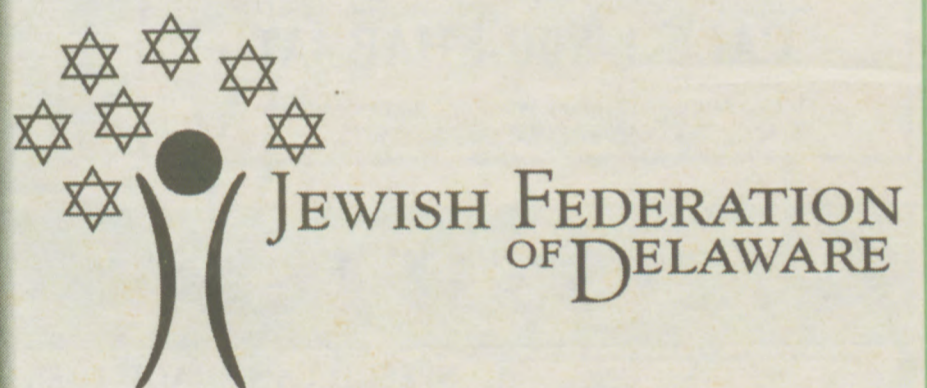
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