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VIOLENCE ERUPTS IN MID-EAST



Palestinians throw stones in Hebron during clashes Monday with Israeli Soliders. The violence began Thursday on the Temple Mount, then spread to the West Bank, Gaza and inside Israel. By Thursday, at least 64 Palestinians and eight Israelis were Dead. (Quique Kierszenbaum/JTA)



Palestinians burn an Israeli flag in the West Bank town of Hebron during clashes with Israeli soliders Monday. The violence spread to the territories and parts of Israel. Israel blames Palestinian leaders for the violence. (Quique Kierszenbaum/JTA)

ISRAEL'S NEW CONSUL GENERAL TERMS PALESTINIANS "INSTIGATORS"

By Lynn Edelman, Editor

The honeymoon period traditionally afforded a new government official has been all too brief for Consul General Giora Becher. The sabra assumed his diplomatic duties at the Consulate General of Israel in Philadelphia just last month. He hoped to take his time and familiarize himself with his expansive new turf which includes Delaware, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kentucky, Southern New Jersey and West Virginia.

The tragic events of the last few days have caused him to redirect his efforts. Becher is devoting long hours to explaining his government's stance on the violence that has claimed more than 60 Israeli and Palestinian lives.

I spoke with him by phone on Tuesday afternoon-and the riots which started on Friday, Erev Rosh Hashanah showed few signs of abatement. He placed the blame for the violence and for the tragic death of the young Palestinian boy caught in the crossfire squarely on the shoulders of the Palestinian Authority. "This bloodshed was orchestrated by the Palestinian Authority to gain the world's sympathy for the Palestinians position as the weaker party in the peace process and secure more concessions from the Israelis," said Becher. He added that PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat is signaling his endorsement of these tactics by refusing to use his considerable clout and military resources to quell the rioting.

While the Consul General admits that Likud Party Leader Ariel Sharon's September 28th visit to the Temple Mount in Jerusalem might have triggered some of the violence it was not the cause of it. "The riots began 24 hours after he toured the site," he explained.

What began with Palestinians randomly throwing stones at civilians and soldiers quickly escalated into targeted gunfire. "Israeli soldiers retaliated only when there was a real threat to their lives and to the lives of their fellow citizens," said Becher.

Becher is confident that the pro-Palestinian rallies in Jordan and Egypt will not cause either government to back-off from their peace treaties with Israel. "Peace is in both nations strategic best interests," he said.

The Consul General is cautiously optimistic that the Israeli/ Palestinian peace track will continue despite this latest serious setback. As we go to press, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat are in France meeting with U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. It is hoped that the influence of Washington and the international community can help stop the bloodshed and re-start peace negotiations.



An Israeli policeman injured by a flying rock is carried away from the Temple Mount area on a stretcher, following Likud Party leader Ariel Sharon's visit to the Temple Mount in Jerusalem on Thursday. The visit may have been a catalyst for violence, but Israeli officials are holding Palestinian leaders directly responsible for the bloodshed that followed. (Brian Hendler/JTA)

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DELAWAREANS IN ACTION

Three Righteous Gentlemen

**By Rabbi David Wortman,
Special to the Jewish Voice**

Rabbi Wortman, a member of the JCRC Committee, lives in Wilmington. He has spent the last four weeks as a volunteer in Delaware's Partnership 2000 community of Arad.

I walked into Bet Gilead (a day-care program for the elderly) with fear of the unknown and wondering if anyone would understand my Hebrew. It was one of my first assignments and time would prove that it was the highlight of each day.

When I first walked in, one of

the women who work there took me to meet three men who were sitting together on the patio, yet far from the others. She said, "I want you to talk to these very intelligent men." She left me alone with them. I wondered what I would say to them after the first ten minutes and after using my complete Hebrew vocabulary.

In spite of my expectations, however, we had a fascinating conversation that evolved into each of the three relating to me their stories. One had immigrated to Israel in the 1930's, another after many years in various places in Europe.

He wrote eleven books in Yiddish. The third, who also been in Israel for a long time, talked about how things had been in Europe before WW2.

Over the following weeks, we would speak about history, philosophy, Bible, capitalism vs. communism, politics and more about their experiences. I would visit 3 - 4 times each week. Each visit revealed more and more about their lives. Periodically there would be minor "disagreements" about one topic or another - always in the interest of further understanding of the topic. Many of our conversa-

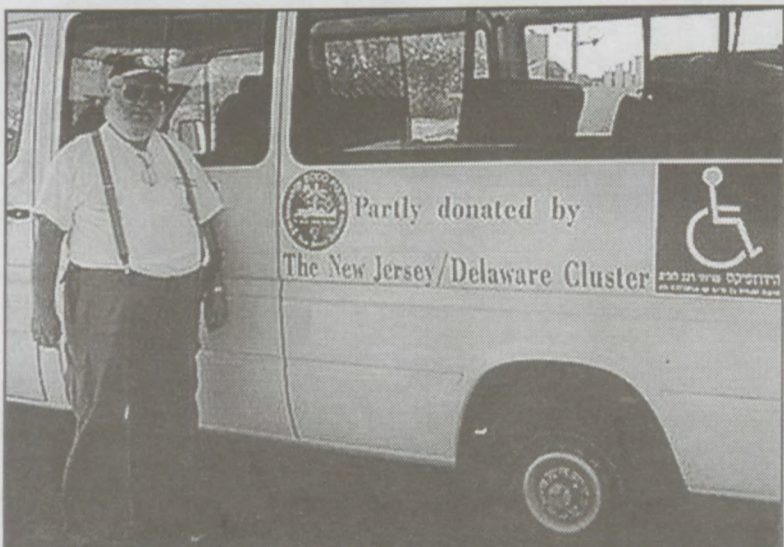
tions reminded me of "Conversations with Morrie," a book by Mitch Albom describing his many conversations with his favorite professor near the end of his professor's life. They, too, spoke of life's verities, of experiences and of the future.

All three men are in their 90's. Each has symptoms of growing old. They have problems with sight, with walking and with hearing. Yet there is nothing wrong with their exceedingly sharp minds. They challenge me in every visit to think and to feel. They exude a love of life, protestations to the

contrary notwithstanding.

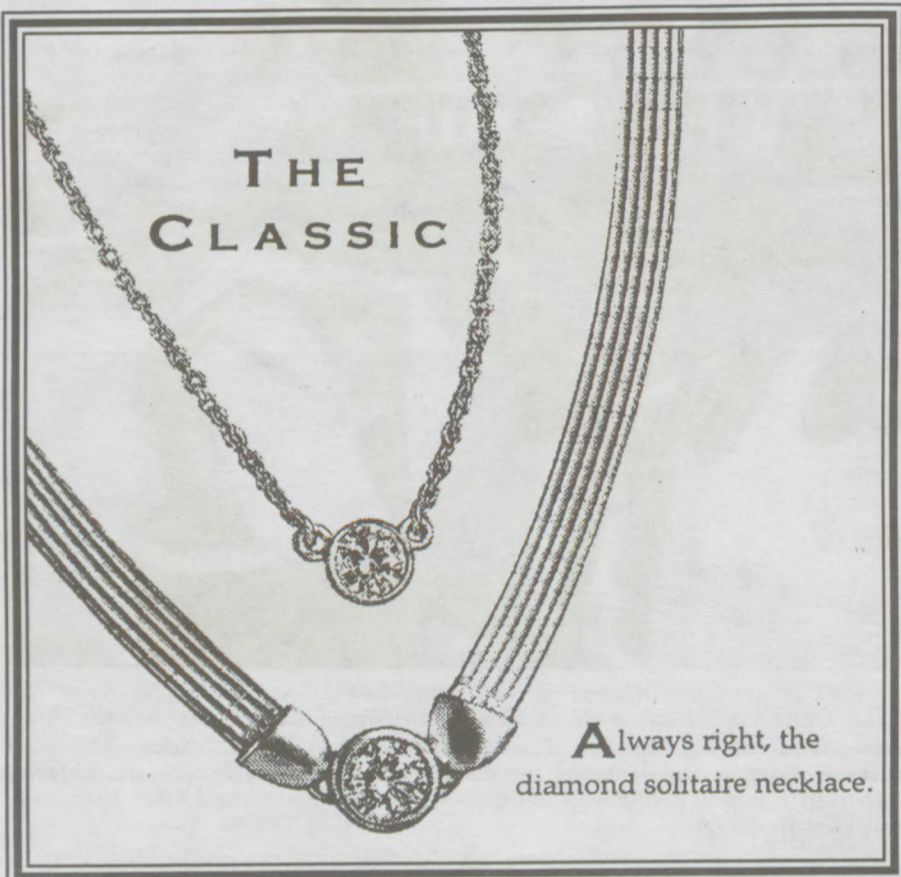
My gentlemen friends will stop the talking in order to go the exercise with a very warm and friendly Russian immigrant who leads them in simple yet necessary routines. I always go along with them and believe me that they can cause pain in someone 40 years younger. Then after another half hour of spirited quadrilogue, we break again for tea.

Our visit concludes after tea. I leave the building wondering what I will learn the following day. These are my three righteous gentlemen. May they live to 120.



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EDITORIAL

These AWEfull Days...

"On Rosh Hashanah it is written and on Yom Kippur it is sealed...Who will live and who will die...and only justice shall temper G-d's final decree."

These ten holy days are *awe full* or *awful*, depending upon how deeply you long for Mid-East peace.

For this Rosh Hashanah in Israel, rifle fire muted the shofar sounds. Worshippers were roused from quiet reflection by riots orchestrated by Palestinian leaders unhappy with their lot in the peace negotiations.

As we go to press, more than 55 men, women and-most tragically, children-have died in this senseless bloodbath. A thousand more-Palestinians, Israeli Arabs and Jews-have been wounded and the count climbs with each passing day.

How many more will lose life or limbs in this power-play? How deep is the damage to this fragile peace process?

And where is the justice in provoking

violence for political for political gain. News analysts believe that Likud leader Ariel Sharon, a man reviled by most Palestinians, may have triggered the tensions by an ill-timed visit to the Temple Mount, but PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat fanned the fires of hate by turning his back on the bloodshed wrought by rioters.

Leaders, like parents, should be selfless-putting the needs of their sons and daughters above personal ambitions and aspirations. Israeli and Palestinian lives hang in the balance while Arafat selfishly strives to enhance his international image.

Will the horrific loss of life during these sacred Days of Awe teach us the terrible cost of a failed peace? Can the shofar shatter our complacency and motivate us to be shalom builders?

In partnership with G-d, may we work to make 5761 a *Shana Tovah* for all Israelis.

PARSHA PLACE

Week of October 7, 2000

Parashat Ha' azinu
YOM KIPPUR

Deuteronomy 32:1-52

By Chancellor Ismar Schorsch

To fast for a day is not what makes Yom Kippur difficult for us. Fasting gets easier with age. The real challenge of Yom Kippur is to do without the distractions to which we are addicted. Ours is a society that abhors silence. We jog with earphones, run with music, fly with movies and even entertain company with the television droning in the background.

In contrast, Yom Kippur asks us to take refuge in the silence of our inner selves. As the cacophony of distractions wanes, we begin to feel the yearnings of our repressed souls: "Like a hind crying for water, my soul cries for You, O God; my soul thirsts for God, the living God; O when will I come to appear before God (Psalm 42:2-3)!" We are more than our appetites and belongings, our ambitions and achievements. We also bear within us a touch of transcendence that has the power to sustain and ennoble us.

In 1949 Abraham Joshua Heschel delivered a Hebrew address to an assembly of Orthodox day school principals entitled "Pikuah Neshama (To Save a Soul)." It is an early and exquisite distillation of his understanding of Judaism. The title, pointedly modeled on the traditional halakhic phrase *pikuah nefesh* (to save a life), vibrates with resonance. The latter refers to the principle that in moments of mortal danger all the Sabbath's restrictions are to be set aside. Human life is the supreme value. Heschel's arresting parallel is meant to convey that the supreme purpose of Judaism is to cultivate the inner life. Our souls also need attention. "...the life of a Jew requires focus and direction, and cannot be carried out offhandedly (Heschel, *Moral Grandeur and Spiritual Audacity*, ed. by Susannah Heschel, p. 55)."

Without inwardness our lives are stripped of true nobility. "What is the meaning of nobility?" Heschel asks. "A person possessing nobility is one whose hidden wealth surpasses his outward wealth, whose hidden treasures exceed his obvious treasures, whose inner depth surpasses by far that which he reveals."

Refinement is found only where inwardness is greater than outward appearance. The hidden is greater than the obvious, depth greater than breadth. Nobility is the redeemed quality which rises within the soul when it exchanges the transient for the permanent, the useful for the valuable (p. 56)."

The intensity of Heschel's piety is surely in order for us on Yom Kippur when we reach for eternity, not via the roar of a spaceship but the reverberations of our souls. It is the speck of divinity which resides at the core of our being and strives to be restored to its ultimate source, the Source of All Being. In the 11th century, the gifted Spanish Jewish poet and philosopher Solomon Ibn Gabirol, who died at age 37, called God in a striking formulation "the Soul of All Souls (*neshama lineshama*)." The linkage is indelible and inextricable.

The universal human quest for God is rooted in that spiritual patrimony. And the purity of our soul derives from its origin, a conviction which we affirm each morning at the beginning of our prayers. In a remarkable flight of religious imagination, the rabbinic authors of the Siddur set forth the six stages of the trajectory of the human soul. "The soul which You, my God, have given me is pure. You created it, You formed it, You breathed it into me; You keep body and soul together. One day You will take my soul from me, to restore it to me in life eternal (Siddur Sim Shalom pp. 9-11)."

The sequence of six successive verbs in the Hebrew (preserved by Rabbi Jules Harlow in translation) captures the unbroken relationship between the soul and God. The soul embarks on its earthly journey by being separated from God and then endowed with individuality.

Thereafter God inspirits it into one of us at birth, giving rise to a singular expression of human life. The process is repeated daily. At night the soul returns to its divine soulmate, to be mercifully restored to us again in the morning, and hence the occasion for this thanksgiving prayer. Death, which is traditionally defined by the cessation of breathing, marks the final departure of our soul in its earth-bound form. But the rupture is not permanent. In the life-to-come, as our souls are reabsorbed by God's all-encompassing Being, they are reattached to a semblance of our bodies for eternity.

The power of this conception of human life is that it makes us part of something infinitely greater than ourselves. For a fleeting moment we become the vessel of a spark of pure spirit, like a light bulb turned on with the flick of a switch. The electricity which flows through the circuit existed before the light went on and will not vanish after it goes out. The bulb is no more than one tiny fragment of a vast system of industrial energy.

Every one of us carries a deposit of ultimate worth. To save our soul, not in the sense of eternal salvation but spiritual nourishment, is the prerequisite for saving the life of another human being. Oblivious to the affinity between the human and the divine in each of us, we would not lift a finger to improve the welfare of our neighbors, near or far. May the insight that comes from the observance of Yom Kippur inspire us to reach for loftier standards of piety and ethical behavior in the year to come.

A good finish and an easy fast,

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Members of Lion of Judah, women who contribute a minimum of \$5000 to the Jewish Federation of Delaware 2001 Annual Campaign, will explore their Jewish roots on Tuesday, October 17 with a visit to the Ellis Island Immigration Museum.

Ellis Island stands as a constant reminder of our nation's immigrant

history. Located a few hundred yards north of the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor, it is a monument to the great traditions of freedom and opportunity in America.

The Museum tells the inspiring story of the largest human migration in modern history. Between 1892 and 1954, 12 million immigrants

were processed at Ellis Island.

Today more than 40 percent, or over 100 million, of all living Americans can trace their roots to an ancestor who came through Ellis Island.

The Museum offers visitors a look at the total immigrant experience, using displays that feature historic artifacts and photos, interactive

devices, computers and taped reminiscences of the immigrants themselves.

Visitors will enjoy an expanded Oral History Studio, Children's Visitor Center and Immigrant's Living Theatre, where the dramatic immigrant saga is brought to life.

A covert of \$50 includes lunch, a ferry ride, Museum tour and

round-trip transportation to and from New York. A luxury bus will leave from the JCC at 8:00 a.m. and will return at approximately 6:00 p.m.

Barbara H. Schoenberg is chairperson of the Lion of Judah event.

For additional information, please call Rhonda Falk at 427-2100, ext. 16.

Israel Happenings

By Ruth Weinstein
JCRC Committee Member

TEL AVIV EXPENSIVE

Tel Aviv is the most expensive city in the Middle East, according to an August survey in London's weekly Economist. The magazine reports that living expenses in Tel Aviv are rapidly approaching those of New York City. Cairo is second and Amman third on the list of 130 Middle East cities.

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ISRAELIS TOAST THE NEW YEAR WITH GOOD WINE

Israelis drank 11 million bottles of wine during Rosh Hashana, including many of the increasingly high quality varieties. It's a consumption that represents a

substantial increase of 17% over last year's figures from the same period. 87% of the wines were produced in Israel, an additional reason for local producers to celebrate.

FIGHTING WEST NILE VIRUS

An Israeli-developed strain of bacteria is being used in the U.S. to wipe out the larvae of mosquitos linked to the spread of West Nile Virus. Unfortunately poor water quality prevents the BTI bacteria (for bacillus thuringiensis israeliensis) from being widely used in Israel. The bacteria is introduced into bodies of water,

where it kills mosquito larvae. Because of Israel's polluted streams and reservoirs, it has very limited use in its country of development. Since August, 10 Israelis have died and 135 have been diagnosed as having contracted the malady.

FEMALE FIRST FOR ISRAEL ARMY

Col. Dvorah Hasid has been named head of the induction base at Tel Hashomer, where most new recruits are processed. The posting is part of a concerted army effort to promote female officers into positions formerly held by

men with combat experience.

EL AL EARNINGS

El Al earned \$5.7 million in net profit and increased revenues by 17% in the second quarter of 2000, despite a 78% rise in aviation fuel prices that increased costs by \$45 million. Keep flying!!

MORE ISRAELI THAN AMERICAN JEWS BY 2020

Israel will boast the world's largest Jewish community by 2020, according to a survey in the American Jewish Year Book. By 2020, the U.S. will have 5.6 million, while Israel will have 6.2 million Jewish citizens.

Federation Dinner Of Commitment Launches 2001 Campaign

More than fifty community leaders have contributed in excess of \$400,000 towards the 2001 Annual Campaign on behalf of the Jewish

Federation of Delaware. Funds raised will save, care for, reach out to and rebuild millions of lives — in Wilmington, Dover, Newark, Israel,

Ethiopia, the former Soviet Union... Through the Annual Campaign, one's commitment supports Albert Einstein Academy, Delaware Gratz

Hebrew High School, Hillel at the University of Delaware, the Jewish Community Center, Jewish Family Service of Delaware and the Milton

and Hattie Kutz Home. All in attendance were recognized for preserving Jewish traditions and values for future generations.

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Stuart B. Young, Esq. and Toni Young, Dinner of Commitment Chairs with keynote speaker David Makovsky, Senior Fellow and director of the Project on America, Israel and the Peace Process at The Washington Institute.



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“V” Rosh Hashanah YiKatevu U’v Yom Tzom Kippur Yechatemu”



By Rachel A. Gross, Esq.

“On Rosh Hashanah it is written and on Yom Kippur it is sealed.” This portion of the High Holiday liturgy refers to that which is “ordained” for each of us in the year to come. The liturgy goes on to state what might be in store for each of us, success and failure, life and death, health and happiness.

While the liturgy addresses only human concerns, each of us is responsible for the success and failure, the “life and death” of our community institutions, agencies and

programs. With the help of each member of the community — through contributions of money and time — issues and concerns can be addressed, new programs created, problems solved, and agencies, schools and synagogues strengthened. Without your help, programs will die or wither, activities will not be offered and needs will not be fulfilled.

Would you like to see more venues for adult education? More outreach to unaffiliated and intermarried families? Israel experiences for more of our community’s teens and young adults? Aid for elderly who

want to remain at home? Jewish community life programming? Counseling for those dealing with loss of a loved one? More money to help Jewish communities in the Former Soviet Union? Scholarships to provide Jewish school and camp experiences for all our Jewish children?

As you think about the year that has passed and the new year that is upon us ask yourself these questions:

What do I wish to see happen in my community in the year and years to come?

What issue or issues are most important to me?

How can I contribute to help make my community a better place?

Now ask yourself these questions:

What type of financial contribution can I make, either now or in the future, to help make these dreams come true for the community?

Have I made a provision in my Will to provide for the Jewish community and the institutions I care deeply about?

Have I met with my financial and legal advisors to make these plans a reality so that these goals can be met?

It is not a coincidence that Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur take

place in the Fall. Now is the time to get one’s “house in order” - with respect to relations with friends and family, with respect to one’s own spirituality and with respect to one’s financial plans. **Don’t wait until December!!**

After the hubbub of the holidays, the cooking, the baking, the visiting, the eating, the fasting and the praying, call Rachel Gross, the Endowment Director at Jewish Federation of Delaware at 427-2100 ext. 19. She can help you



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NCJW Holds Successful Public Affairs Forum

By Judi Feinson

The Wilmington Section of the National Council of Jewish Women presented Donna Dees-Thomases, organizer of the Million Mom March, with the Woman Who Dared Award at the Section's September 19th Public Affairs Forum at the DuPont Country Club. The program, entitled "Making a Difference from One to One-Million," featured guest speaker Jan Schneiderman, National President of NCJW. More than 100 people participated in the program which was co-chaired by Marci Aerenon and Barbara Spiller.

Donna Dees-Thomases, former

network publicist and mother of two related what she terms "the wake-up call of her life". While watching television on August 10, 1999, she learned of the horrific Jewish Community Center shooting in California.

Seven days after the shooting, Donna applied for a permit to march on Washington on Mother's Day. On the permit she estimated 10,000 marchers, but ultimately there were 750,000! With parallel marches in cities across the U.S., the total number of marchers on that day was, in fact, one million.

In her acceptance speech, Donna repeatedly emphasized the

need to end the gun lobby's stranglehold on Congress by working for stricter common sense gun laws, especially licensing and registration. In particular, Donna said, "We need to require that handgun owners be treated with the same seriousness as if they were applying for a license to drive a car. Handgun owners need to have "cooling-off periods" and background checks. They should be required to have photo IDs and to be fingerprinted. Owners must learn how to apply safety devices and how to store handguns safely. She stressed that handguns should be treated with the same respect as automobiles. "Handguns need to be

registered so that their owners think twice before letting that weapon fall into the hands of a child, or a criminal."

Donna urged all in attendance to get involved in the advocacy effort for common sense gun laws. She said that elected officials have told gun control advocates that "the only thing scarier than the deep-pocketed, gun-toting gun lobby is those mini-vans filled with angry moms who vote."

Featured speaker, Jan Schneiderman spoke of growing up as a Jew in a small Iowa town where she was castigated for refusing to participate in bible study classes. This

moving introduction became a motivating speech about the importance of advocating for social justice and the need to pursue tikkun olam (repairing the world.) She cited examples of critical problems plaguing our nation including domestic abuse, hate crimes, and the state of child care. Jan emphasized the need to preserve women's reproductive rights and protect the separation of church and state. She reminded us that "we advocate because democracy is not a spectator sport," adding that "when we do not speak up, we actually vote for the status quo."

Rabbi Ellen Bernhardt delivered the invocation and Jean Blumenfeld delivered the benediction. Members of the Public Affairs Forum Committee who made this event possible include: Annette Aerenon, Phyllis Aerenon, Donna Barrett, Gail Ball, Jean Blumenfeld, Cheryl Busch, Nancy Crain, Marla Eskin, Gloria Fine, Phyllis Gramlich, Linda Kushner, Andrea Levine, Susan Levinson, Caryl Marcus-Stape, Diane Newsom, Ellen Rigrodsky, Robin Saran, Verna Schenker, Dana Silverman, and Joan Wachstein.

For more information about the formation of a local Million Mom March chapter, please contact June Easley at 475-0407 or JuneEasley@email.msn.com.

Morris Dees To Speak In Wilmington

Attorney Morris Dees, co-founder of the Southern Poverty Law Center, will speak in Wilmington at the annual meeting of Pacem in Terris on Monday, October 16, 2000.

The Southern Poverty Law Center was established to provide a pool of lawyers, specializing in lawsuits involving civil rights violations and racially motivated crimes. In 1980, under Dees's direction, the Center founded "Klanwatch", in response to a resurgence in organized racist activity.

As chief trial counsel, Morris Dees has won case after case against the Klan and Skinheads. In 1998 he obtained the largest civil award ever won for damages in a verdict: \$37.8 million against the Christian Knights of the Ku Klux Klan for the burning of a church in South Carolina. More recently, the white supremacist Aryan Nations organization was hit with a \$6 million judgment for an attack by its security guards on passers-by. This September 7 decision will effectively close down the hate group's compound in Idaho, according to Dees's group, which had B'nai B'rith's ADL working alongside in the civil suit.

The Southern Poverty Law Center also provides education and community resources about ways to fight hate, and the Center's Intelligence Project tracks the activities of hundreds of racist, militia and neo-Nazi groups throughout North America.

A limited number of tickets are available for "An Evening with Morris Dees". The program will be in the Sanctuary of the Episcopal Church of Saints Andrew and Matthew, 8th and Shipley Streets in Wilmington, at 8:00 PM. Tickets for the talk are \$5.00 and for more information call Pacem in Terris at 656-2721

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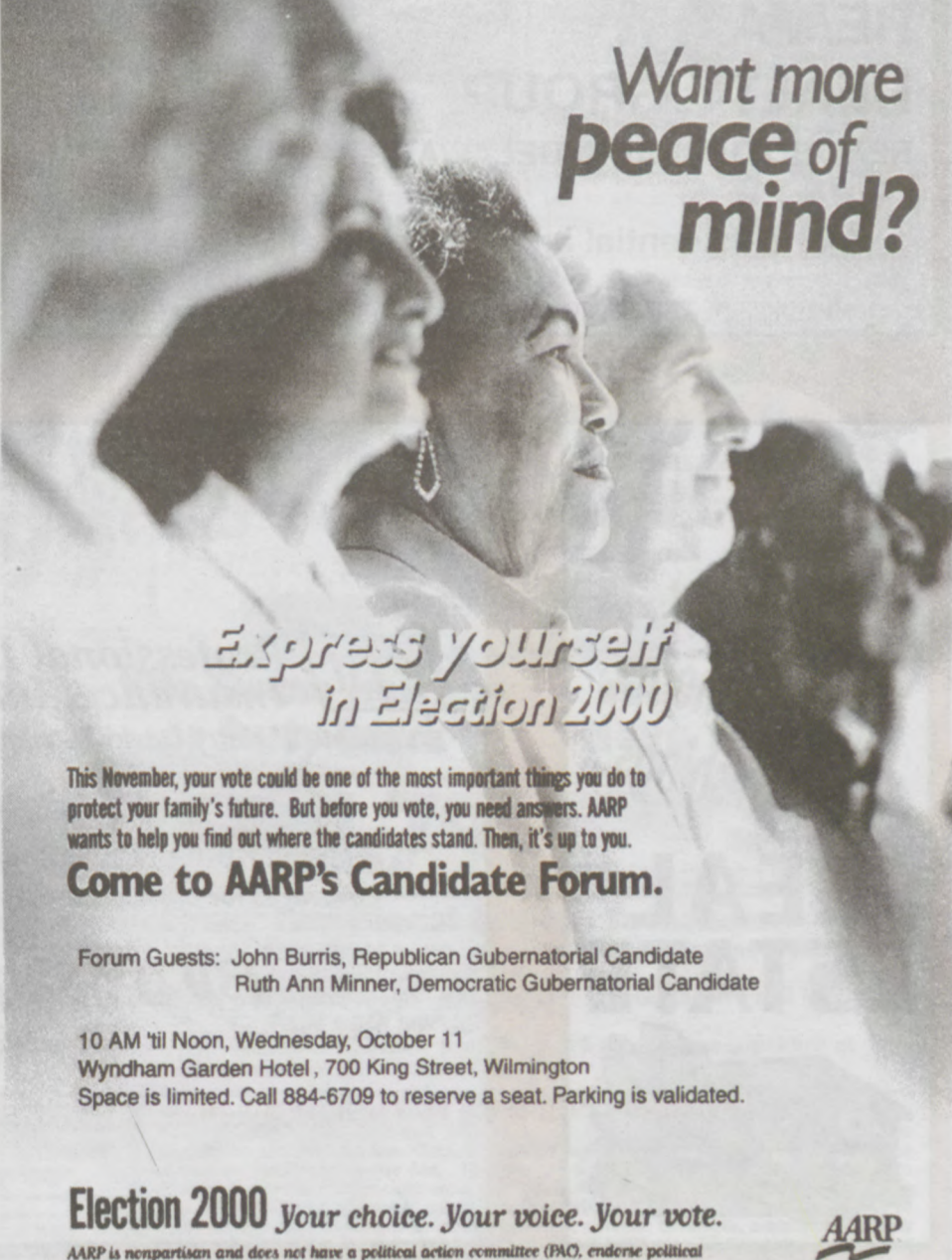
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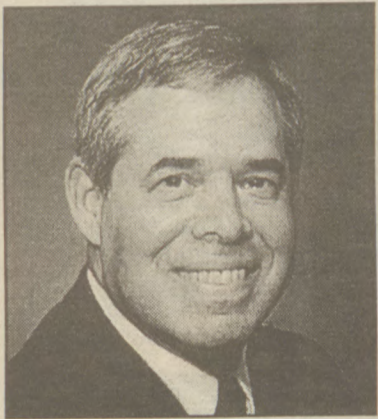
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Beth Shalom Celebrates Simchat Torah



Bob Berman

By: Marvin S. Cytron

On Sunday morning, October 22, Wilmington's Congregation Beth Shalom will, as part of their Simchat Torah celebration, honor two of their prominent members. Rhoda Dombchik and Bob Berman will be called to the Torah as kallah Torah (bride of the Torah) and hattan Torah (groom of the Torah). This long standing Beth Shalom tradition recognizes two individuals who have given much devotion and leadership to our synagogue, the Jewish Community and have exemplified the values and teaching of our Torah said Gladys Ariff, Chair of the celebration.

Rhoda Dombchik a native of southern Illinois, has been a member of our community since 1968

when her husband Steve accepted a position with the DuPont company. Both Rhoda and Steve are graduates of the University of Illinois, Champaign, Ill., Rhoda earning a Bachelor and Masters Degrees in Education and Steve a PhD. All three of the Dombchik's children were born in Wilmington. Jeff, an educator, is also a member of Beth Shalom, Greg a computer consultant resides in Virginia. Their second son, Brian, died 10 years ago from cancer. Rhoda has taught elementary school for over two decades, currently teaching second grade in the Christina School District. Her long and diverse synagogue and community work includes, President of Bnai Brith Women (BBW) for two years, BBW Regional Board member, and in 1985 honored by this organization as "Volunteer of the Year". Rhoda has been active in Beth Shalom life for thirty years, serving as Vice President in three administrations, Sisterhood President, and Synagogue President from 1996-1998. She has been a board member for 15 years and continues to chair many events and programs. Her community membership and activities also includes the Kutz Home Auxiliary, Hadassah, National Council of Jewish Women, and the Jewish Federation of Delaware. "I always felt that my life has been richer because of the people I have met

through my volunteering. These years of volunteering are times that I will always cherish", said Rhoda in looking back on her rich and valuable devotion to our community.

Bob Berman a native of Wilmington, is a second generation American, his paternal grandfather a watchmaker from Czarist Russia, his maternal grandfather, Joe Green, the first Jewish State Senator. Bob attended Elon College, Burlington, N.C., married his childhood sweetheart, Debbie (Cohen). Their families are long time members of Beth Shalom, Debbie's grandfather was a founding member of the synagogue. Her brothers, Bruce and Ron also are congregants.

Bob and Debbie were married in 1971, a "shidduch" arranged by their respective mothers. The couple has two sons, Andy, in his last year at Syracuse University School of Law and Kenny, a senior at Wilkes University majoring in Business Administration. Bob along with his brother, Gil, are the owners and managers of House of Watches founded in 1944 by his parents, the late Gerry and Ted. Another brother, Mike resides in Boston. Bob's diverse community activities include membership and leadership roles in Brandywine Hundred Rotary and Wilmington Marketplace, the organization developing the city Gateway on Washington Avenue in Wilming-

ton. His Jewish communal involvement includes service as President for both Bnai Brith Lodge 470 and The Jewish Community Cemetery Association.

At Beth Shalom, he has been a member of the Executive Committee for 12 years, and has served as Assistant Treasurer and Vice President of Finance and Administration. Bob has also served on the Synagogue Board of Directors for a number of years prior to his leadership role on the Executive Committee. "I have lived in and enjoyed this community all of my life and I feel a responsibility and devotion to give of myself," said Bob.

In his book, *The Jewish Way, Living the Holidays*, Rabbi Irving Greenberg describes the special aliyot (honors) for the hattan and kallah as one that "evokes the classical symbols of marriage and covenant



Rhoda Dombchik

to extol the faithfulness of Jews to the Torah". Friends, and family of Rhoda and Bob are cordially invited to the 9:30 AM service at the synagogue, 18th St. and Baynard Blvd. A kiddush and luncheon will follow the service.

Beth Emeth Hosts Expert On Family Violence

Laila Katz, a social worker with expertise in domestic violence issues, will speak during Friday, Oct. 13 Shabbat services at Congregation Beth Emeth, 300 West Lea Blvd., Wilmington. Services begin promptly at 8 p.m. Join congregants for a potluck Shabbat dinner at 6 p.m. Dinner participants should contribute a salad or appetizer. Shabbat services are open to the entire community. To attend the dinner, please call Ethel Parsons at the synagogue office, 764-2393.

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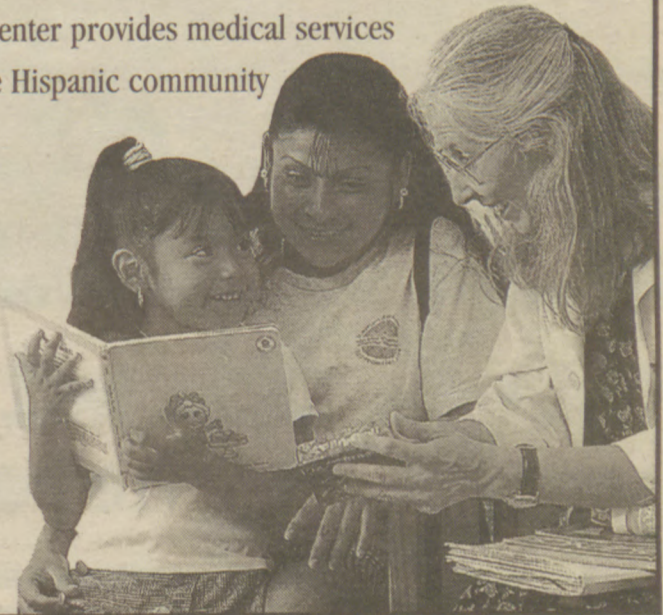
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our mission as Jews, Tikkun Olam, to repair this world, may be fulfilled. This is not accomplished by thinking about being Jewish. This is accomplished by fulfilling mitzvot. Merely being good is not enough if you are Jewish. Being Jewish means that you do good. An authentic Jew cannot look upon life with quiet eyes.

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On behalf of my wife, Lena, and my daughters, Rachel and Aviva, I wish you and your families and loved ones a healthy and happy New Year.

During 5761, may we find success and comfort in fulfilling our mission as Jews and keep the torch burning brightly for the next generation.

L' Shana Tovah,
John Elzufon

COMMUNITY COLLABORATIONS

WHYY And JFD Hold Holocaust Reception

Daring to Resist is a rare portrait of three remarkable women who, as teenagers, resisted Hitler's Final Solution in ways not usually publicized. They used neither guns nor explosives to fight back against Nazi evils. Their resistance was a combination of luck, courage and extreme determination not to remain passive.

The stories of these three survivors make up the hour-long film, which was broadcast in late September by WHYY. The public television station held three area screenings of the film before its broadcast and one of these screenings, co-sponsored by the Jewish

Federation of Delaware, was at the Delaware Museum of Natural History. The event included a reception and a question/answer session with two of the three women whose stories make up the movie.

This special screening and reception was offered as a collaboration between WHYY-TV12 and the JFD. On-going Holocaust education is provided to the Delaware community by the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee, part of the Jewish Community Relations Committee of JFD.

WHYY President William

Marrazzo welcomed the crowd to the screening. He noted that the event was particularly timely coming in the week before Rosh Hashanah, terming the holiday "a time to reflect and remember." JFD President John Elzufon reminded the crowd that the month of September was when the Nuremberg Laws were established in 1935 and September was the time of the massacre at Babi Yar. He added that the date of the screening (September 26) was the day the chief rabbi of Athens, dressed as a priest, was able to escape to Turkey and survive the war. The three women featured in

the film also were successful in surviving by unusual means.

After the film, two of the women profiled and the film makers, held a question/answer session with the audience. Both Shulamit Lack and Faye Schulman shared their concern that young people be taught about The Holocaust. "Young people should be told the truth. Propaganda and hate groups on the Internet can lead to more hate in the world," exclaimed Shulamit, who today lives in New York, after many years in Israel. She fought in Israel's War for Independence.

Faye Schulman could still recite

the recipe for film developing chemicals. Her knowledge and use of photography skills not only saved her from the Nazis but her photos have shown up in many Holocaust Museum displays and for documentation of her partisan fighting. She also had copies of her book, A Partisan's Memoir, available at the reception. Ms. Shulman today resides in Toronto and speaks often to school groups there.

Special thanks to Mister B Catering for providing the outstanding food and to Jack McGough for providing financial support.

Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Presented With Holocaust Torah

by Joel F. Glazier

Bernard (Baruch) Bank found himself in a Displaced Person's (DP) Camp at the end of World War II. He also found himself to be the only survivor of his immediate family, who had lived in Poland. In his 20's Bernie Bank crossed several borders and ended up remaining for five years at a DP Camp in Italy. In 1951, a vendor of cargo from freighter ships offered Torah Scrolls for sale. Bank spent his last funds (about \$37) on rescuing one of the holy scrolls and held onto it for nearly 50 years.

On September 17, 2000, this Holocaust Torah was presented in its fully restored state to Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, the first synagogue in the First State of Delaware. This Survivor of The Holocaust was rescued, treasured, and finally restored

to its Kosher state by another survivor, Mr. Bernard Bank, now 81 years old and a resident of Wilmington, Delaware since 1951. For years, Mr. Bank brought this rescued scroll to Kol Nidre Services and marched with it during the Simchat Torah hakafot. The rest of the year it remained safe in his home under his care.

Saving his funds again, Bernie Bank engaged Sofer, Rabbi David Gottesman of New York, to restore the century-old Sefer Torah for proper use. Joining Mr. Bank's whole mishpocheh of 3 sons, daughters-in-law and 4 grandchildren, Rabbi Gottesman brought the nearly restored Torah to Adas Kodesch Synagogue, where, along with hundreds of friends and community members, the final letters were completed. The "siyum hatorah" concluded with Mr. Bank

scripting in the final letter and the congregation joining in a parade of Torahs in and out of the synagogue to its new home, the Ark in Adas Kodesch.

"This Torah is unique," explained AKSE Rabbi Sanford Dresin to the crowded sanctuary. "Many Holocaust Torahs are preserved and put on display in a glass case. This Bank Holocaust Memorial Torah is completely Kosher and useable and will be read as part of our services - Sefer Torahs are not for display, they are for reading and learning." Dresin continued, "Judaism is not a religion of relics, and as this example of Am Yisroel Chai shows once again, our people continue to survive, and will continue to survive and flourish with Torah. Our first reading of The New Year 5761, on Rosh Hashanah, will be from this rescued Sefer Torah."

"Bernie Bank has given our congregation a rare gift," remarked AKSE Congregation President, Harriet Ainbinder. "In an act of Faith in G-d, Bernie spent his money to rescue this scroll and by this second act of faith, he has provided this Kosher Holocaust Torah a new home here. It will take its place among the scrolls which are opened and read in the

cycle of worship and in the cycle of life."

At day's end, the typically unassuming Bernard Bank commented, "I am tired, but very happy. I wish I could have done this before today."

As those in attendance enjoyed a lunch at the synagogue, perhaps the large decorated cake expressed many people's opinions of Bernard (Baruch) Bank, "Yasher Koach Bernie".

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Commerce Bank celebrated the opening of its new Talleyville Branch office on September 30. The new branch, located at the

intersection of Concord Pike (Rte. 202) and Silverside Road, was the fourth Commerce Bank branch to open in the State of Delaware.

The bank's first Delaware branch opened in December, 1999 at Naamans and Marsh Roads. Earlier this year, Commerce opened its downtown Wilmington branch at 9th and Shipley Sts. In August, its third branch opened at Churchman's

Corner near New Castle.

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A MATTER OF OPINION

Yom Kippur Balance Sheets

By Nechemia Meyers

With the approach of Yom Kippur and our annual accounting with the Almighty, people here are busy preparing their individual balance sheets, a process which is apt to spill over into a balance sheet for the country as a whole.

And where the latter is concerned, the Cassandras far outnumber the Pollyannas.

In fact, Israelis are second to none when it comes to national self-criticism.

It doesn't take much encouragement to get an average citizen of the Jewish State to start listing its shortcomings. For instance, if the person is observant, he will complain about

the increasingly "Goyish character" of life here, while, if he is a secularist, he will indignantly denounce various aspects of "religious coercion." And everyone you encounter will have gripes about our mayors and ministers. With the elderly, such litanies are likely to conclude with a discourse on the good old days, when people focused on the needs of the community rather than on their own self-interest, when pioneers far outnumbered profiteers. There is some truth in these nostalgic recollections, but not a great deal. The problems and behavior patterns we confront today aren't so very different than those that existed when I first came to Israel 50 years ago.

Just as there are young men today who shirk military service, so there were during the War of Independence, when the sons of some of Israel's most prominent families found it expedient to be studying in London rather than fighting in Latrun. And where Tammany Hall methods are concerned, Ovadia Yosef's Shas has nothing on David Ben-Gurion's Mapai. In the first decade of the State, a red Mapai membership card was the key to housing and jobs, when both were in short supply. Now very little is in short supply, and the increase in our standard of living is extraordinary. At a time when—

to give one example—the Government is trying to find some way of dealing with a surplus of eggs on the market, it is hard to remember that in the early 50s soldiers were being served eggs that had been imported from Poland, and weren't in very good condition when they reached the military mess kits. Neither were the Jews who arrived here during that period, whether they were Holocaust survivors from Europe or people from the Jewish ghettos of the Middle East. While their integration was not smooth, it succeeded for the most part, and their children have made Israel one of the most technologically advanced countries in the world.

With the High Holidays in the

offing, the balance sheet of Jewish continuity must also be considered. There the results are mixed, but few would dispute the fact that the Jewish future, if there is to be such a thing, depends on what happens in Israel. Some 40% of the world's Jews now live here, and with assimilation eating away at the Diaspora, that will soon be 50 or 60 percent. Moreover, whether or not our brethren elsewhere choose "the Jewish option" will depend in no small measure on whether they are proud or ashamed of the Jewish State.

Don't miss Meyer's visit to Wilmington on Oct. 16th. See page 7 for details.

Keeping The Locomotive on Track

By Douglas M. Bloomfield

The headline in the Washington Times screamed, "Sentiment grows to cut back U.S. aid to Israel."

The blaring headline was not backed up by facts. The suggestion that this "sentiment" reflects a new wave of anti-Israel feeling on Capitol Hill doesn't stand up to scrutiny, but there are problems looming that cannot be ignored.

Actually, Israel's aid has been shrinking for the past three years. The decline was an Israeli suggestion, made by then Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in a 1996 address to the Congress.

Economic assistance, which essentially pays off old military debts to the United States, will be \$840 million in the new fiscal year beginning October 1, down from \$1.2 billion three years ago. It is being trimmed by \$120 million a year (as part of a 10-year phase out), but only half of the cut stays in the Treasury while the other half goes to increase military aid to Israel, which will be \$1.98 billion next year.

It is tough to justify giving so much economic aid to a country with a per capita GDP greater than all its neighbors combined, more than double Russia and China together, greater than Greece, Spain or Portugal, or nearly equal to Great Britain.

Another gee whiz statistic: Israel gets more foreign aid than all of Latin America and sub-Sahara Africa combined.

Does it need it? The answer is a strong "yes" when it comes to military aid, but the economic assistance is another matter, and the administration would like to accelerate the phase out of that money.

Some in Israel like former minister of defense and foreign affairs Moshe Arens want to get off the American dole as quickly as possible because they feel it gives Washington too much leverage over their country. That is reflected in American insistence on having a say in Israel's arms sales to a handful of countries such as China, Russia, and India.

It was the planned Israeli sale of the Phalcon radar plane to China that exposed strains in the relationship that friends of Israel would

prefer not be revealed. In fact, the Phalcon episode may prove to have been a watershed.

The controversy exposed a slumbering animosity at the Pentagon that is too easily aroused. It has always been there and it has surfaced from time to time when various administrations wanted to apply pressure to Israel or just rough it up a bit.

This time the US Air Force and Navy were upset that the Israeli radar plane could potentially be used to help Chinese pilots shoot down American fliers if there was a confrontation over Taiwan.

Now there's grumbling about a Phalcon sale to India, and not simply because it could alter the balance of power in the longstanding conflict with Pakistan, but because American manufacturers like Boeing and Northrop Grumman might want to sell their own radar planes in that market, and the cozy relationship between the Pentagon and its suppliers is more incestuous than taxpayers realize.

The reaction to the China sale on the Hill, with Rep. Sonny Callahan leading the threats to cut

aid to Israel, was very revealing.

Callahan, who chairs the subcommittee which appropriates foreign aid dollars, is an outspoken critic of aid. This was not the first time he threatened to cut off funds for Israel. His support is grudging and less a matter of strategic partnership than pecuniary politics.

Term limits will force him to give up the chair if the GOP retains control of the House next year, but his replacement may not be any better.

The selection will be strongly influenced by GOP Whip Rep. Tom DeLay, who opposed the Mideast peace aid package on the grounds that it would enhance the legacy of his sworn enemy, Bill Clinton.

If Democrats win control of the House, the next chair of the subcommittee on foreign operations will be either Rep. Nancy Pelosi or Rep. Nita Lowey; both are robust and reliable supporters of Israel.

The Phalcon debate exposed the weakness of Congressional backing for aid to Israel, which may be a mile wide but in too many places is only an inch deep.

The next real test will come if and when the next Congress is asked to finance any peace agreement between Israel and the Palestinians, and possibly the Syrians.

The Israelis are not helping their cause by leaking astronomical figures. They began with "double digit billions" and one report even mentioned triple digits. Foreign aid is unpopular enough without recipients treating it like an entitlement program and brandishing their voracious appetite for American technology.

Pro-Israel activists complain such "arrogance" makes their job on Capitol Hill more difficult.

Making matters worse is news that while Israeli officials are in Washington negotiating increases in U.S. military aid and help in modernizing the Israel Defense Forces, their government is back home cutting taxes and defense spending. In the foreign policy community there is considerable resentment that an affluent country like Israel gets the lion's share of the foreign aid pie, but most of the blame lies with the critics' failure to

marshal the political support essential to enlarging the aid pie.

If aid to Israel were to be eliminated, instead of freeing up new money it could dry up the program. That is because Israel is the locomotive that drives the foreign aid train. Without the driving force of the pro-Israel community there would be little if any grassroots support for foreign aid to anyone. Historically, various groups have concentrated on their own slice of the pie each one deserving of that much and probably much more. They have been mostly no-shows when it comes to building a constituency back home as well as in Washington for final passage of the overall legislation.

The shrill headlines about a new crisis in U.S.-Israel relations are not justified; they are largely the result of spin by opponents of the Barak and Clinton governments. But there ARE significant structural problems that pro-Israel leaders need to address now, before they turn into major strains.

Douglas M. Bloomfield is a nationally syndicated columnist based in Washington, D.C.

A New Show For A New Year

by R.B. Strauss

The new year gets off to a great start at Wilmington's Jewish Community Center with a wonderful art show by the renowned Guillaume Azoulay. It features 21 pieces in a variety of mediums, from pen and ink drawings to a single serigraph, as well as the newest addition to the artist's repertoire, the Giclee. This is a process whereby Mr. Azoulay scans his work into a computer, then painstakingly colors it pixel by pixel. The effect is truly eye-catching, more finely rendered than watercolor, more subtle than pastel. The transition from one tint to the next is amazing, and yet more evidence that the computer is indeed more powerful than the brush—when used by the right hand (or left, as the case may be).

The youngest artist ever to exhibit in The Louvre, Mr. Azoulay also boasts work in public showcases from the Municipal Museum of Herzliya, Israel, to the Bibliotheque Nationale of Paris. As for private collections, his work is owned by

everyone from El Cordobes, a matador, to Jerry Lewis, something of a matador himself, and from Wilmington's Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kesselman, to Princess H'sna of Morocco—which is where Mr. Azoulay was born, though left, like too many others. He was left, in the dead of night with just the shirt on his back. Unlike others, however, he was saved by his art—And his Faith. A number of pieces included are Mr. Azoulay's Giclee, plus pen and ink, interpretations of Biblical woodcuts by Gustave Dore, who, in his own way, curiously enough, could be said to parallel this region's Brandywine School, thus making the work all the more appropriate.

Pen and ink brings to mind delicate lines done in a fine hand. However, Mr. Azoulay turns the concept upside down in the powerful "Etude Sharit." A portrait of a bearded rabbi wearing t'fillin, deep in prayer and radiating a strong sense of the ineffable, this piece is anything but quaint. The rabbi's countenance holds within itself a

gamut of emotions which draws the viewer in to also experience Utter Truth.

"Noah's Curse," one of the pieces inspired by Dore, is a tightly rendered work conveying both rage and sorrow. Noah is delineated with an economy of line, a highly stylized figure whose face is reduced by Mr. Azoulay's pen to a tangled mass of abstract lines which make him all the more imposing. However, his ankle length robe is detailed so that every nuanced fold is pronounced.

"Nocturne," a Giclee piece commissioned for this show, moves completely into the realm of the fantastic. A compact delight, it is marked by a balance between imagination and execution. A horse moves through a sea of stars—though this is a night sky seen only when one's eyes are closed. Awash in glorious combinations of colors, this one is guaranteed to lift your spirits.

An added bonus is the exhibition of five small works by another Sephardic artist, Raphael

Abecassis. These are excellent examples of decoupage, three dimensional work of precision handiwork depicting spiritual tranquility. Included are a Shabbat blessing rendered in a hand worthy of any sofer, to a very busy piece emanating power. The layers and bright colors are striking, and in all honesty, a magnifying glass would serve the viewer well.

This show is one of many expertly curated by art agent, Helen May Glickenstein, who will most certainly be affiliated with The JCC for many years to come. However, it is one of the last shows coordinated by the one and only Ella Zukoff, who is retiring after many years and will truly be missed by anyone who ever stepped into The Center. Still, in bringing Messrs. Azoulay and Abecassis once again to engage viewers, Mrs. Zukoff is bowing out with real style and impeccable taste, and I, for one, wish her all the best. Thanks, Ella!

R.B. Strauss writes regularly for Art Matters in Philadelphia

Kids Corner For Yom Kippur



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The Silver Flute

Many years ago, in a little village in Central Europe, there lived a boy named Daniel. He was fair of face, and was kind and helpful. But, alas, he was not good at his studies at school.

Although he tried, he did not speak well, he did not read well and, in fact, his family despaired of him ever learning his letters.

His family tried to help him, his friends tried to help him, his neighbors tried to help him. Even the rabbi tried...and tried...and tried, but Daniel just could not speak clearly, and could not read. Everyone tried, and Daniel tried the hardest, but it was no use.

There were, however, things that Daniel did very well. He tended sheep for his father, he brought water from the town pump and wood from the woodpile for his mother, and he shared his toys with his brothers and sisters.

There was one other thing that Daniel did often, not very well, mind you, but often - and he did it

with all his heart. Daniel played on a shiny silver flute that was a Hanukkah present from his grandparents.

Daniel took the flute where ever he went. He carried it with him to tend the sheep. He took it with him to chop wood in the forest. He took it with him to school. He even took it to bed with him and slept with the flute under his pillow.

Whenever Daniel was feeling sad, or lonely, or tired, he would take out his silver flute and play a little tune. You might not recognize it as a tune, but Daniel knew it was his tune, and it made him feel better.

Daniel felt particularly sad when he went to synagogue with his parents and brothers and sisters. No matter how hard he tried, he could not read the siddur as the other boys and girls did and he could not even say clearly the short prayer he had tried to memorize.

When Daniel went to syna-

gogue with his folks, he felt particularly sad. No matter how hard he tried, he could not read the prayers from the siddur as the other boys and girls did and he could not even remember the Shema prayer he had tried to memorize from school. And when the whole congregation sang parts of the service, Daniel would try hard to join in, but he could not quite catch onto the words or the tune. Year after year, Daniel tried, but he was just not able to sing the songs and read the prayers like the others.

One year, a well-known Rabbi came to their village for Yom Kippur to lead the service in the synagogue. Daniel, of course went to the synagogue with his siblings and father. After about an hour of sitting in synagogue next to his father, Daniel started to get restless.

Everyone was praying so hard, with such fervor, but though Daniel tried he could not follow the words or sing the songs.

Reaching into his pocket, he wanted to take out his silver flute, but his father gave him such a look that he quickly put it away.

After a while, the Rabbi, who had noticed Daniel's unsuccessful efforts to be part of the service, began the Neilah, which is the concluding service. He asked God to forgive those who were truly sorry for their past mistakes.

At this moment, Daniel could bear it no more. He, too, wanted to be part of the service. He pulled out his silver flute and blew a great, loud very beautiful note.

Everyone stopped. Everyone looked around. Where had this sound come from? And on Yom Kippur!

Daniel knew of course. His brothers and sisters guessed. His parents looked rather embarrassed.

But the Rabbi had seen Daniel blow that beautiful note on his flute. A big smile appeared on his face. The Rabbi cut the final prayer short and then stopped.

Looking at Daniel he said, "We Jews believe that each of us prays in his or her own special way. And if a prayer comes from the heart, it does not matter to God if it comes in words, or if it comes in song, or even if it comes through the sound of a flute." The Rabbi then turned to the congregation and said, "Each of us is important in his own different way. The note that Daniel played on his flute comes from his heart and G-d understands that it was a prayer, and it may be that all our prayers were accepted because Daniel tried so hard and was so sincere in wanting to reach God."

And the kind Rabbi smiled. And the congregation was glad. And Daniel's mother and father and brothers and sisters were very happy. Daniel hugged his flute, looked around at all the people beaming at him, and for the first time in all the years he had been coming to the synagogue, he was truly joyous. Daniel had found a way to connect with God.

MILESTONES

In Memoriam

CHERRIN

Samuel Cherrin, 82, of Wilmington, died September 21. He was a member of Congregation Beth Emeth, Montefiore Mutual Benefit Society and the Jewish War Veterans. He had been a supervisor for Yellow and Diamond Cab and Airport Shuttle. Mr. Cherrin is survived by his wife, Anne; sons, Alan and Dennis; four grandchildren and two great grandchildren. He is interred at the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road.

GOLDSTEIN

Abram Goldstein, 83, of Delray Beach, FL and formerly of Wilmington, died September 23. He was a former member of Congregation Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth and its Menis Club, B'nai B'rith Lodge #470 and its bowling league, Jewish Community Center, Montefiore Mutual Benefit Society, Orietal Lodge #27 AF & AM, Delaware Consistory and Nur Temple Shrine. The owner of Wilmington Rug Cleaners for more than 50 years, he was a past president of the National Institute of Rug Cleaning.

Mr. Goldstein is survived by his wife, Dorothy; son, Jeffrey P. of Annapolis, MD; daughter, Lorraine G. Miller of Coffee Run; brothers, Jack of Silver Spring, MD, Robert of Jupiter, FL, William and Melvin of New Jersey; five grandchildren; three great grandchildren; son-in-law, David Miller and daughter-in-law, Roberta Goldstein. The family requests that contributions in his memory be made to either Congregation Beth Shalom, 18th and Baynard Blvd, Wilmington, DE 19802 or Congregation Kneseth Israel, 1125 Spa Road, Annapolis, MD 21403.

KAHN

Myra Borin Kahn died September 29 in Indianapolis, IN. Born in Lithuania, her family

immigrated to the United States and set down roots in Indianapolis. The widow of Abraham Borin, she was active in Hadassah and was a member of Beth-El Zadek, Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation. She is remembered, locally, with love by her son, Dr. Howard Borin of Chadds Ford, PA. She is also survived by her second husband, Robert D. Kahn; daughter, Natalie Kroot of Indianapolis, IN; five grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. Contributions in her memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

LEVINE

Barnet (Bernie) Levine, 77, died September 25, at Churchman's Village. A native of Massachusetts, he spent much of his adult life in Maryland where he owned and operated several pizza shops. After retiring, he relocated to Delaware and worked as a security guard until illness forced his retirement.

His surviving loved ones, Esther Saxton Levine, his wife of 39 years; and his daughter, Felicia Levine of MD; recall him as an accomplished pianist with a love for music and devotion to his pets. He was a decorated veteran of World War II.

LUBIN

Abraham Lubin, 91, formerly of Ashbourne Hills, died September 29. He was a member of the Montefiore Mutual Benefit Society and B'nai Brith Lodge #470. Before his retirement in 1990, he worked as a salesman for Stormis Shoes and Coltonis.

He is survived by his sons, Richard and M. Steven; sister, Betty Lubin; a brother, Irvin; five grandchildren; six great grandchildren.

Contributions in his memory may be made to a favorite charity.

ROMANSKY

Dorothy Romansky, 83 of Wilmington, died September 25 of complications from Parkinson's disease. An outgoing people person, Mrs. Romansky enjoyed baking for her physicians, family, friends and neighbors at Shipley Manor, where she lived for the past five years. She enjoyed volunteering at the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home and Deborah.

She worked with her late husband, Nathan, in their grocery and meat business and also in their advertising specialty company.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Myra and Jerry Goldberg; two granddaughters, Pamela G. Dodd and Karen Sue Mengden and a grandson by marriage, David Mengden. Also beloved by great grandsons, T.J.

Dodd, Mitchell, Adam and Cory Mengden and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions in her memory be made to the Shipley Manor Employee Appreciation Fund, Parkinson's or Cancer Funds.

TRACHTMAN

Lawrence Trachtman, 66, of Weldin Park Drive, died October 1. He had been Treasurer of Binswanger Company in Philadelphia before his retirement. He was a member of Congregation Beth Emeth. Mr. Trachtman is survived by his wife, Bernice; sons, William and Andrew; daughter, Ilene Peterson; brother, Melvin and six grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family

suggests that contributions in his memory be made to a favorite charity.

WILDERMAN

Sylvia Wilderman, 80, died September 30. She had been a member of Congregation Beth Shalom, Kutz Home Auxiliary and Deborah Heart and Lung Foundation. The widow of Isadore Wilderman, she is survived by her daughters, Leslie Dardon of Pike Creek and Annette Wilk of Hockessin and two grandchildren.

The family requests that contributions in her memory be made to either Delaware Hospice, Suite 100, Clayton Bldg., 3515 Silverside Road, Wilmington, DE 19810 or to Hadassah, c/o Ruth Goodman, 2806 Bodine Drive, Wilmington, DE 19810

NACHAS

Saifer And Goldman To Wed

Gail and Mark Saifer of Philadelphia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Rachel Elizabeth, to Jonathan Scott Goldman, son of Eileen and Brian Goldman of Owings Mills, Maryland.

Rachel, a graduate of the

University of Delaware, earned her Master's Degree in Social Work from the University of Pennsylvania. She is the Associate Director of Hillel at the University of Pennsylvania.

Jonathan, a graduate of the Woodrow Wilson School of Public

Policy and International Affairs at Princeton University, earned his Master's of Fine Arts Degree from the Joint Program of Tufts University and the School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston.

An October 2001 wedding is planned.

Students Take Academic Honors

Nineteen Tower Hill students from the class of 2000 and eight current seniors have been named Advanced Placement Scholars by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level AP Exams. Hannah Grossman, David Klein and Jennifer Klein qualified for the AP Scholar With Distinction

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Entries for the Calendar of Events are due on the Thursday deadline published in *The Jewish Voice*. Please provide entries in the same format as seen on this page. *The Jewish Voice* fax number is 427-2438.

AKIBA HOSTS OPEN HOUSE

Akiba Hebrew Academy is having an Open House on Wednesday, October 25 beginning at 8:30 a.m. Parents will have the opportunity to hear from Rabbi Philip D. Field, Head of School and other members of the administrative team. Classes will be open for observation from 9:15 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

Akiba is a community Jewish Day School serving middle school and high school students. Located at 223 North Highland Avenue in Merion, Pennsylvania, students come from Delaware, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. The school's flexible Hebrew and Judaic Studies program allows for students to enter without previous day school experience.

To participate in the Open House, please call the Admissions Office at (610) 667-4070.

IS LIFE A CONSTANT WORRY?, JFS CAN HELP

"Overcoming Chronic Worry," explores healthy ways to cope with chronic worry to help reduce com-

pulsive and addictive behaviors and reconnect with people and activities that really matter. The program will be held on Thursday, November 2 at the Jewish Family Service Relationship Center, 288 East Main Street in Newark. Choose either 12 Noon to 1:30 p.m. or 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 per session. Advance registration is required. To sign-up, call JFS at 478-9411.

AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES FOUNDATION PRESENTS KANDLER AWARD

The American Civil Liberties Foundation of Delaware invites the community to attend the 15th Annual Gerald E. Kandler Memorial Award ceremonies on Wednesday, October 18, 5:30 p.m. at the Gold Ballroom of the Hotel DuPont. The award will be presented to: Henry H. Beckler, co-founder of the Delaware Chapter of People to People and founder of Star Financial LP; James H. Gilliam, Sr., retired Director of New Castle County's Department of Community Development and Housing and Chairman of the Board of the Metropolitan Wilmington Urban League; and the late Reverend Vin A. Harwell, an activist in human rights causes who served Presbyterian churches in Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and Florida.

JFS HELPS MAKE SECOND MARRIAGES WORK

"Marrying Again" introduces

couples to ideas and insights on how to make second marriages successful. The program will be presented on Thursday, October 26 at the Jewish Family Service Relationship Center, 288 East Main Street, Newark. Choose either 12 Noon to 1:30 p.m. or 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. \$30 per session. Advance registration is required. Please call Jewish Family Service at 478-9411 for more information.

BARNES AND NOBLE AND ADL HELP CLOSE THE BOOK ON HATE

Barnes & Noble, Inc. and the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) have joined forces to fight racism, anti-Semitism and bigotry. Their joint campaign, **Close the Book on Hate**, is dedicated to providing children and their parents, caregivers, teachers and civic leaders with resources and programs they need to help end prejudice and discrimination in America. At the heart of the campaign is the ADL's new book **Hate Hurts**, which is available for sale at the Barnes & Noble store in Wilmington.

Find out more about **Close the Book on Hate** at an October 12 program at the Barnes & Noble store in the Concord Mall. At 7:30 p.m., ADL's Emily Greytak will address educators at the store's annual Educator's Appreciation Night for pre-school and kindergarten teachers.

YOUNG JEWISH ADULTS PLAN FABULOUS FALL

Jewish Young Adults of Delaware invite single adults in their 20s and 30s to join them for a Sukkot Brunch on Sunday, October 15, 11 a.m. at the home of Lauren Katz. Schmooze in the sukkah with new friends. The cost is \$3 plus a picnic dish and a decoration. Please R.S.V.P. to Judy at 325-1836 by October 12.

On Sunday, October 29, the group will travel to New Hope, PA for a fun-filled afternoon. Board the van at the JCC at 11 a.m. Cost is \$5. To make your reservation, please call Ronni at 322-3228 by October 27.

Every Wednesday, Jewish Young Adults of Delaware takes over the JCC's gym for volleyball and then dinner at an area restaurant. Show up and have fun from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Cost is \$3.00.

SINGLES MINGLES

Jewish singles ages 40 and older are invited to join Singles Mingles on October 21st at 3:00 p.m. for a tour of the Faberge Exhibition. Meet the group at the First U.S.A. Riverfront Arts Center for the show and a dinner to follow. Tickets are \$14.50 at the door and \$13.50 for seniors, 62 years of age or older.

For additional information about Singles Mingles, come to the group's next organizational meeting, October 15, 3:30 p.m., in the

library of Congregation Beth Emeth, 300 West Lea Boulevard. Or, call Elinor Abend at 778-4432.

NEW ART EXHIBIT AT JCC

New works by Guillaume Azoulay and Raphaël Abecassis will be shown at the JCC Art Gallery during the month of October. This exhibit, coordinated by Helen May Glickenstein Contemporary Art Gallery, will feature Azoulay's most recent works, many of which portray biblical scenes. New pieces published in Israel by Raphaël Abecassis will also be on exhibit and available for purchase during this showing. Abecassis is known for his design of stained glass windows.

The JCC Art Gallery is open Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For additional information, please contact Ivy Harlev at (302) 478-5660.

RECIPES FOR A SWEET NEW YEAR

Break The Fast - And Break Your Diet - You Deserve It!

By Essa Bissele and Shayna Maidele

A review of *The World of Jewish Desserts: More Than 400 Delectable Recipes from Jewish Communities from Alsace to India*. Hardcover-\$30.00. By Gil Marks

L'Shana Tova! We hope you are enjoying your holiday and have an easy and meaningful Fast. And now it's time to think about food! So what else is new? When this beautiful cookbook arrived at our Jewish Voice office, of course your friendly cookbook-reviewer, now assisted by her shayna maidele daughter, was thrilled! We read it and, according to S.M., "it blew my keppalah off."

This book, by Gil Marks, chef, rabbi, historian and writer (what a combination!) offers a definitive collection of confections with a

rich ethnic and religious heritage. It includes fascinating insights into historical origins, cultural influences, and spiritual significance of 400 tempting treats. Reading it is like going on a gastronomical journey - without a passport, so buckle your seat-belt and take off for a world-wide taste-tour, and enjoy baking these fun and exotic yummys, especially with your kinderlach.

Here's a wonderful variation of the standard luchen kugel (or keegel, depending on your particular place of origin), called Stirai Metelt (Hungarian Noodle Pudding). Marks remarks that "Hungarians enriched noodle kugels with the addition of layers of jam or other flavorings. There are even more elaborate versions with several different layers, including Ashkenazic Poppy Seed Filling and Prune Lekvar or Apricot Lekvar." Dear fellow-bakers, if you want to know

more about these, buy the book, or e-mail me, c/o the editor of the Jewish Voice mail to: Lynn.edelman@shalomdel.org). Lynn will forward your questions to me, her favorite cookbook, reviewer (now, and daughter) so that we remain anonymous.

Stirai Metelt

- 4 large eggs, lightly beaten
 - 1 Cup sour cream, or 1 cup milk blended with 4 ounces soft-ened cream cheese
 - 1/2 to 3/4 cup granulated sugar, brown sugar or honey
 - 1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter or margarine, melted
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 - about 1 teaspoon salt
 - 1 pound fine or medium noodles, cooked and drained
 - 3/4 cup apricot jam, melted
 - 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- Preheat the oven to 350

degrees (325 if using a glass pan). Grease a 13-by-9 inch baking pan.

Beat together the eggs, sour cream, sugar, butter, vanilla and salt until light and smooth. Stir in the noodles.

Spoon half of the noodle mixture into the prepared pan, spread with the jam, then top with the remaining noodle mixture. Sprinkle with the cinnamon.

Bake until golden brown, about 1 hour. Serve warm or at room temperature.

We know that you're the type who goes to the store to buy the traditional lox and bagels to break the fast, but instead of buying some cut-and-dry meichel, use YOUR noodle, and make and cut-into this kugel. Impress your mother-in-law and happy baking with your kinderlach.

There will be more recipes from this cookbook - I can't wait to go to Italy and Greece!

Learn first-hand about Jewish Life in the Jewish State

Meet the Jewish Voice's very own Israel columnist, Nechemia Meyers

Monday, Oct. 16, 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Wilmington Convention & Visitors Bureau Conf. Room
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