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Back-To-School For Federation Agencies

By Ilene J. Diamond

When turning the calendar from August to September, many Jewish families thoughts are turning to two very important new beginnings. Most families are thinking of the High Holy Days at the end of the month and, like every September, children of all ages are thinking about the first day of school.

Following Jewish Federation of Delaware's goals statement to "foster identification with our Jewish teachings and heritage to inspire an informed and involved community" many of Federation's partnership agencies are busy doing just that as the new school year gets underway.

Expansion and growth are just one of the highlights of the Jewish Community Center's Preschool and Preschool Plus Program, Susan Gentry, Director of the Early Childhood Center explains. "This year we are so thrilled to offer an extension of our program in a new site near the University of Delaware," Gentry says. Right now the Early Childhood Center has a total enrollment average of 160 in Wilmington with the new site offering space for 52 children, Gentry explains.

"Our new site at Willa Road in Newark is due to the demographic study done by Federation over the past few years which showed that there are many young families that need what we provide," explains Gentry. Along with the main JCC Preschool site on Garden of Eden Road, the program also reaches more than 30 families in the community at Temple Beth El in Newark. In the past, a program of Jewish Enrichment has been offered one day a week in Dover to meet the needs of the Jewish preschoolers downstate, according to Gentry.

"Without Federation identifying these areas where families are moving to and assessing their needs, we would not be able to provide the smaller communities with our programs," Gentry says.

For Gentry, who has been involved in Early Childhood Education for 11 years, the same questions always arises, "How do I prepare my child for preschool?" She suggests that the first step to a smooth start is to help your child become familiar with the school. "Start making the JCC a regular

place to go, take walks around the grounds and go to the pool, reminding the child that in this building is their new school," Gentry says.

Separation anxiety will occur at any age and is very normal, Gentry says. Ways to ease the anxiety for both parent and child include coming early to school and spending a few extra minutes with your child, Gentry explains. "Don't sneak out, always say good-bye and remind the child that you will be back later," she says. Usually separation at school is "harder for the parent", Gentry says. If you need to, stay in the hall and observe for a few minutes before leaving, she suggests. You will notice that there is less crying, the child will be more interested in the things in the room and soon your child will be focused on school and not the separation, Gentry explains.

Rabbi Ellen Bernhardt, Head of School at Albert Einstein Academy, explains how the community day school meets the "wide range of religious observances and secular needs of the community."

"We are based on the principal to educate the whole child," Bernhardt says. "Spiritually, physically and intellectually." AEA does that by offering a complete range of school topics with two-thirds of the day spent on English studies and one-third spent on Hebrew studies, Bernhardt explains.

Serving over 115 children in pre-K to sixth grade, Bernhardt explains that AEA is one of many thousands of Jewish Day Schools around North America where "ethical principles and values are matched." The emphasis at AEA is on the student's strengths, Bernhardt says. "We instill a love of learning and make the child feel like a whole person whose values are reinforced by what is being taught," she says.

While AEA is a private school, 30% of families receive tuition aid through Federation scholarships. "If a family is interested in attending our school, and need financial aid we are here to assist them along with Federation's help in providing AEA with money for scholarships," Bernhardt explains. Federation also

plays a part in the future goals of AEA. "The ideal is to have enough space to have all our classrooms under one room," Bernhardt says. Right now three classes are housed in portable classrooms outside of the building. Bernhardt is excited that this year an enhanced art program is being offered as well as a new music program that includes vocal, theory and instrumental instruction.

With future support from Federation, AEA hopes to benefit by receiving donations to build more classrooms and eventually look towards offering classes up to eight grade. "More specialty classroom would be great," Bernhardt says, "It would be wonderful to have a separate music room, library and technology room." Computers are in every class, Bernhardt explains, but now a few specialty classrooms still overlap.

Bernhardt believes the key to a successful student is family participation, education of the whole child and a strong community service commitment. "Each class has a community service project that teaches children how to help repair the community in which they live, which is also a goal of Federation as well," Bernhardt said. Whether it is working with animals, an intercity school buddy program or visiting a nursing home, community service adds a whole another component to teach the child that they can make a difference in this community, Bernhardt explains.

The Jewish education that begins at AEA or your local synagogue can continue at Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School which is, "the best kept secret," according to its principal, Marlene Milunsky. "We are the only community Hebrew high school in the state," Milunsky explains. "Delaware Gratz is a great place for students in grades 7-12 to meet and learn together."

While formal learning is most important at Delaware Gratz, Milunsky reminds parents that at these ages, informal learning should not be overlooked. "Social interaction with other Jewish teens is very important at this age," Milunsky says.

"Since Delaware Gratz shares

space with AEA some of the rooms are not age appropriate for teens," Milunsky explains. Future plans for Delaware Gratz, with help from Federation include "a more appropriate space that is appealing to teens where they can feel like a cohesive school and not so spread out and isolated," Milunsky says.

Space issues aside, Delaware Gratz offers students a flexible schedule with classes held two nights a week and Sundays, in a wide variety of areas. Certificates are given out for completion of different studies and students can earn their Hebrew teaching certificate as well. College credit is given for some of the courses as well as extra curricular activity credit in high school. "We offer a Youth Leadership Program which we are very proud of," Milunsky says. "This is what will build Jewish Community in the future and teach students how to be competent youth officers in secular as well as Jewish organizations," she adds.

Since studies show that teens who are involved in Jewish Studies tend to marry, lead and stay affiliated within the Jewish Community, Milunsky feels that the need is great for continuing Jewish education. "These are individuals who will have a strong, direct impact on our community in a few short years.

Delaware Gratz's courses can help them build their leadership skills, knowledge of Judaism and the world and strengthen their ties to other Jewish teens," Milunsky explains.

"The bulk of our budget comes from Federation," Milunsky says, "they" have supported us from the beginning." Through guest lecturers, trips and even working with Jewish Family Service to make students more sensitive to the community at large, the bond between Delaware Gratz and Federation is apparent, Milunsky adds.

If you think that parents worries are over in September when their children have graduated from high school, Renee Shatz, Director of

Hillel at the University of Delaware will tell you otherwise.

"With 2,000 Jewish students on campus, roughly 11% of the college's population is touched by Hillel," Shatz says. There is no membership fee to join Hillel and in house fundraising provides some of the money necessary to run programs, but as Shatz explains, "Federation's contributions makes up 35% of our budget, not including grants and we would not have a program director or scholarships for Israel without their support."

Hillel offers a variety of social activities, like racquetball, semi-formals and just hanging out for lunch with other students in the Hillel House as well as community service projects and religious services. "There are conservative and reform minyans every Friday night and a Shabbat dinner that we all come together for after Kiddish," Shatz explains. "The most important thing for any new student is to get involved where they are most comfortable," she adds. Shatz is most proud of Hillel's winning an award for Website of the Year given out by the University's Student Activities Office. "We are quickly becoming one of the most active groups on campus," she adds.

"Some students learn about Hillel by attending High Holy day services, or a social event here and there. But, if needed students know Hillel is here for them to help with problems and issues ranging from picking a major or eating disorders to roommate hassles and tutoring help," she says.

"Being connected through Federation enables Hillel to work hand in hand with Jewish Family Service to build programs around these topics to help our students," Shatz explains. "This partnership works very well together and when we need Kosher meals for some of our events the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home's kitchen even helps us out," she adds.

Along with Federation, the various schools are excited to start the new school year and continue a partnership that builds community, provides comfort and makes dreams come true. Federation is a special place that belongs to all of us.

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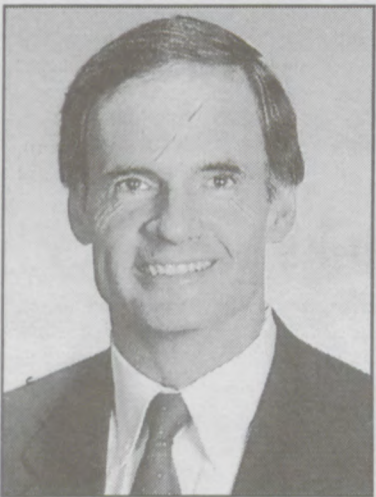
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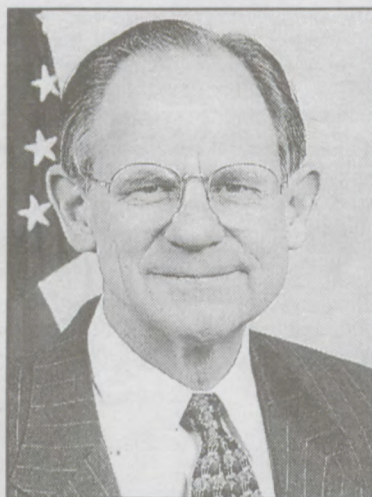
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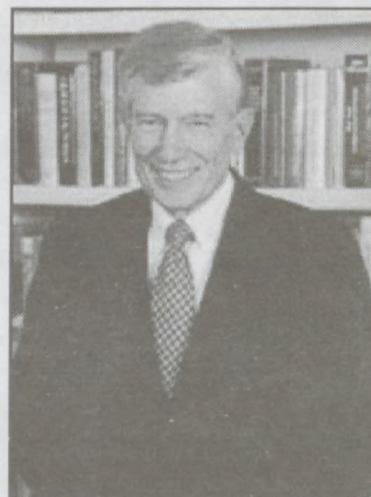
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Lt. Gov. Ruth Ann Minner

A September 11 forum is planned for major-party candidates for U.S. Senate, U.S. House and most Delaware State offices.

The Forum, slated to begin promptly at 7:15 p.m., will be held at the Jewish Community Center, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington.

Each candidate will have the opportunity to present comments and entertain questions from the audience.

The following candidates have committed to attend:

U.S. Senate
Governor Thomas R. Carper (D)
William V. Roth Jr. (R)

U.S. Congress
Michael N. Castle (R)
Micheal C. Miller (D)

Governor
Ruth Ann Minner (D)

And either John M. Burris (R) or William Swain Lee (R) (based on the outcome of the September 9 Delaware Primary Election)

Lieutenant Governor
John C. Carney (D)
Dennis Rochford (R)

Insurance Commissioner
Karen Weldin Stewart (D)
Donna Lee Williams (R)

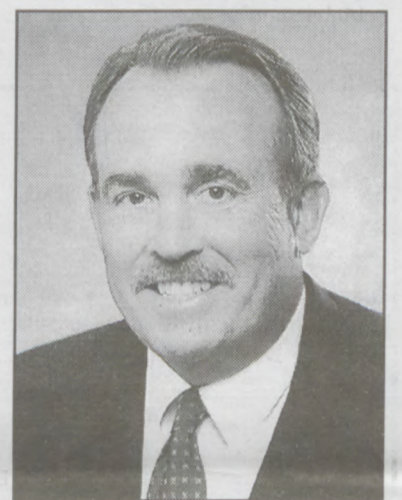
The Forum, co-sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware and the Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah, offers the candidates a public forum to present their views, educates the public, motivates voters to participate in the election and gives them the opportunity to hear the views of the major-party candidates.

As non-profit organizations,

Hadassah and JCRC have no interest in the outcome of the election.

The program is free of charge and open to the general public. Light refreshments will be available. The formal part of the program will end at 9:00 p.m. Candidates have been invited to remain and chat with participants.

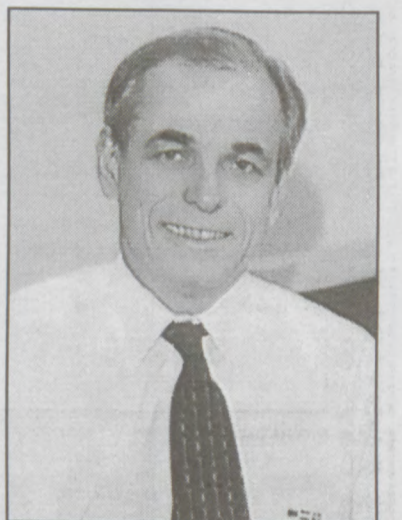
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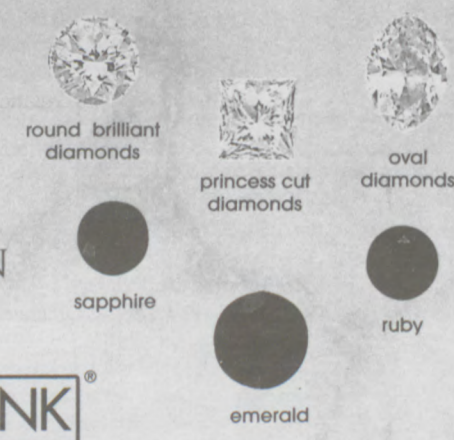
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EDITORIAL

Have Our Candidates Crossed The Line?

E Pluribus Unum-In God We Trust-This is the motto engraved on every piece of United States currency. American money talks of our nation's devotion to God, but should American politicians?

The "F" word - faith - has become an integral part of the 2000 presidential campaign-and many political pundits are up in arms. In numerous campaign appearances, George W. Bush and Al Gore have spoken about the tremendous role that faith plays in the lives of many Americans. Both men openly identify as Christians and profess that God is their moral compass.

Although Republican presidential nominee Bush has taken heat for his declaration of "Jesus Day" in his native Texas, Democratic vice-presidential candidate Joseph Lieberman appears to have attracted the most controversy for his open discussion of religion on the campaign trail.

Lieberman's recent remarks to an audience assembled at an African-American

church in Detroit calling for "a renewal of the dedication of our nation and ourselves to God and God's purpose" were construed by the Anti-Defamation League as crossing the line that separates church and state.

ADL National Director, Abraham Foxman lambasted Lieberman in a letter asserting that "appealing across religious lines, or advocating belief in God is contrary to the American ideal".

The ADL is not alone in its discomfort. Reverend Barry Lynn of Americans United for Separation of Church and State castigated the candidate for "using religion repeatedly in the context of a presidential campaign." While he applauds Lieberman for presenting himself as a religious man, Lynn cautions against "manipulating religion" and "making faith a political tool".

Lieberman maintains that faith in God is not inconsistent with belief in America's historic separation of church and state.

What do you think?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Proud To Be A Federation Beneficiary

In the August 18th edition of the Jewish Voice, the Jewish Historical Society of Delaware was listed as a non-beneficiary agency of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. This is an error. We are an appreciative beneficiary of the Federation. Without their support, we would not have been able to mount our exhibit last October-

"From Al's to Zutz: Celebrating a Century of Delaware's Business Tradition."

The Jewish Federation of Delaware has supported the establishment and encouraged the maintenance and growth of the Jewish Historical Society since its founding in 1974.

Shalom,
Marvin S. Balick, President

Gratz Says Thanks

On behalf of my staff and myself, I am delighted to express our gratitude for a most marvelous learning experience in attending the Conference on Alternatives in Jewish education sponsored by CAJE, the Coalition for the Advancement of Jewish Education.

Our days were packed with formal classes, many of which were nothing short of inspirational, filling us with new ideas and enthusiasm for the upcoming school year. The evenings were brimming over with CAJE "Edutainment", a specially engineered informal learning experience centering around Judaism, adding depth and dimension to our learning.

From classroom strategies to text analysis, to the dramatization of history, we have learned exponentially and have had our batteries absolutely recharged. My enthusiasm for continuing faculty education of this caliber is boundless, and the entire Jewish community will benefit as a result of having helped to send our community's teachers of Jewish studies to CAJE.

I hope that this precedent-setting event will become a regular part of the commitment our community makes to itself in future years.

Sincerely,
Marlene C. Milunsky
Principal



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PARSHA PLACE

Week of September 9

Ki Teitzei

Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9

By Rabbi Joel Laks

Parshat Ki Teitzei enjoys the distinction of presenting 74 mitzvot, or some twelve per cent, of the 613 mitzvot of the Torah. Of these, a substantial number concern the establishment of a home, the roles of husband and wife, and of parents and children.

The opening verse of the parshah describes one means by which a woman was conquered in ancient times-taken as a captive in the course of war. The Torah does not approve of this method and indicates the difficult, even tragic, consequences of this application of brute force, its failure to achieve a home that is blissful and spiritually fruitful. Coercion, we are taught, leads to results that are ultimately precarious, even if momentarily satisfying.

Subsequently the Torah depicts difficulties that can arise in marriage, such as failure of adjustment, leading to motzi shem ra, bitter criticism of one another. Sadly, a couple may feel driven to turn to the courts as a final resort.

To counter this scenario, the Torah invites us to reflect on the proper approach to marriage. First, the Torah announces that the newlywed husband is exempt from public service, even from serving in the armed forces. For the first year of marriage he must devote himself to his home "and make his wife happy."

Immediately thereafter the Torah bids, "No man shall take the mill or the upper millstone as a pledge for a loan." Seizing as surety from a debtor the tools needed for economic survival is not allowed, "ki nefesh hu chovel"-for it endangers the survival of that person.

These two seemingly independent directives are not unrelated. Though one deals with marriage, and the other with financial matters, the Baal Haturim and other commentaries suggest that the second command is an extension of the first. The millstones may be taken as a metaphor for husband and wife striving in harmonious unity to sustain their home. That harmony must not be spoiled.

As a couple undergoes a process of adjustment to one another it is easy to disturb their relationship and add to their agitation. Understand that such interference is not allowed, "ki nefesh hu chovel." We must not cause pain to human souls, theirs and their progeny.

Instead, we are called upon to devise means to assist young people to meet, to be properly prepared for marriage, and to establish homes that are permeated with the spirit of Torah and sensitive to the service of Hashem. In this way, they will reap the blessings of love, fellowship and fulfillment. We are bidden to remember, that otherwise "ki nefesh hu chovel," irreparable damage to souls can result, affecting the very future of Israel.

Rabbi Laks is rav of the Jewish Center Torah Emeth in Kew Garden Hills, New York.

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Contributing to the Annual Campaign supports our local Jewish Community Center that serves 4000+ members with a warm Jewish environment, a sense of family and belonging and enriching Judaic experiences...the Senior Center of the JCC which provides a daily kosher lunch program, Jewish enrichment, classes and companionship for hundreds of seniors...several high quality Jewish day care environments in Newark, Wilmington and at Temple Beth El for children six weeks through 4...educational, recreational and social opportunities for Jewish teens in our area...the launching of JCC Newark campus programs with tremendous participation for Mommy and Me programs, adult classes, and family events.

The Federation Annual Campaign and YOU support a 10 city plan to integrate 24,000 Ethiopian schoolchildren into modern Israeli society...after school centers for 2,500 Ethiopian children who need special help...post-high school scholarships for all Ethiopian students...housing for 3,000 recently arrived Jews from Quara, a remote region in Ethiopia...residential programs that give troubled Ethiopian teenagers a fresh start.

YOU support 120+ students enrolled at Albert Einstein Academy with a comprehensive secular and Judaic program emphasizing

Jewish values and state-of-the-art elementary education for kindergarten through sixth grade...scholarships to more than sixty families unable to afford the full tuition...van transportation for students traveling from Newark, West Chester, Hockessin and Southern Chester County

Together we have supported hundreds of thousands of volunteers to repair the world...assistance to victims of earthquakes in Turkey, Armenia and Columbia...and hurricanes Georges, Mitch and Floyd... humanitarian relief for Kosovar refugees... the repair and reopening of 15 elementary schools and the distribution of posters that warn children about the dangers of land mines...one of the few winterized refugee camps in Albania...physicians and nurses who provided care for Kosovar refugees and strengthened the skills of Albanian professionals. YOU support the conversation among nearly 800 North American Rabbis - from all denominations - who convene to support and build the Jewish people.

Your pledge to the Annual Campaign supports social, cultural, religious, social action and educational programs for more than 1800 students at Hillel at the University of Delaware... 20 students who visited Israel as part of Israel 2000...a campus Holocaust Awareness Week reaching 1500 individuals...Jewish holiday services and dinners connecting 1000 students...exciting social activities reaching more than 500 U. of DE college students.

Well beyond North Wilmington, Hockessin and Newark, your support of the Annual Campaign provides assistance to Jewish families in Dover with van transportation to the JCC Camp...special programs and lectures...help for elderly wishing to go to synagogue and expanded services in Dover for youth and senior citizens.

YOU support the rebuilding of more than 1,000 Jewish communities in the FSU: 163 Jewish libraries, 16,500 people trained to lead; 34 Jewish kindergartens, 22

Hillel centers reaching more than 8,000 students; 3 Jewish universities; 54 day schools and 225 Sunday schools; winter and summer camps for 16,000. Jewish immigration and successful absorption from distressed countries to Israel...the immigration and absorption of 67,000 Jews from the former Soviet Union in 1999.

Your commitment to the Federation's Annual Campaign supports family counseling, services to the aged, Jewish Family Life Education, Emigre services and communal services through Jewish Family Service of Delaware with offices in Wilmington, Newark and Claymont... financial assistance, case management and vocational services for 4000+ service recipi-

ents...support groups, workshops and seminars for those facing personal challenges and transitions...pastoral and spiritual counseling, healing services and spiritual support groups for bereaved, caregivers and those coping with illness as part of the Kimmel-Spiller Jewish Healing Center.

Annual Campaign giving supports as many as 90+ students engaged in a broad curriculum at Gratz Hebrew High School including courses such as Tikkun Olam, Media and Torah Values, Bio-Medical Ethics, Midrash, Jewish Life Through Theatre, Jewish Contributions to the World...the participation of students in Panim el Panim, HOBY, Ta'am Yisrael

and March of the Living...Hebrew Ulpan courses...teacher training...a Youth Leadership Certificate Program...

The Jewish Federation of Delaware's Annual Campaign builds community, provides comfort, makes dreams come true. It's your connection to the Jewish person across the street and the Jewish individual around the world. It's seamless and global. It's meaningful philanthropy, hands-on voluntarism and shared commitment - from childhood to old age. Give generously of your time and resources. Buddy J. Berger, Esq. and Scott A. Feinman, Annual Campaign Co-Chairs; Rhonda L. Falk, Annual Campaign Director. Please call 427-2100, Ext. 16 to learn more.

Makovsky Keynotes Dinner of Commitment



David Makovsky

David Makovsky, Senior Fellow of the Washington Institute will keynote the Dinner of Commitment on Sunday, September 24, 6 p.m. at Oberod.

Guests who make a minimum household gift of \$10,000 to the Jewish Federation of Delaware/UJC Annual Campaign will dine in this spectacular Centreville mansion in the heart of the Brandywine Valley.

Built in 1937 as a country home for Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Lunger, Oberod sits on 40 acres of rolling hills.

Makovsky directs the Institute's Project on America, Israel and the Peace Process-a position ideally suited for a journalist who has covered the Middle East peace process since 1989.

He is the former executive editor of the Jerusalem Post and served as diplomatic correspondent for Israelis leading daily, Haifaetz.

For additional information about the Dinner of Commitment, which is chaired by Toni and Stuart B. Young, please call Rhonda Falk, campaign director, at (302) 427-2100, ext. 16.

Lion Of Judah Leadership To Visit Ellis Island

In recognition of the special role Ellis Island has played in our history, Lion of Judah women in our community will visit the Ellis Island Immigration Museum on Tuesday, October 17th. Museum highlights will include more than thirty galleries filled with artifacts, historic photos, posters, maps, oral histories, and ethnic music; all telling the story of what happened at the Ellis Island depot and to the newcomers who helped settle America. Participants will also have the opportunity to see Island of Hope, Island of

Tears, an award-winning film documenting the Ellis Island experience as well as Treasures From Home, a collection of priceless family heirlooms brought to America by immigrants. Titled Silent Voices, an exhibition of photographs and artifacts that describe an abandoned Ellis Island will also be on view. Barbara H. Schoenberg is the Chair of the Lion of Judah program.

Lion of Judah is a leadership giving level representing women who in any single campaign year contribute per-

sonal pledges to the Annual Campaign of at least \$5,000. Introduced in 1972, the Lion of Judah pin has firmly established itself in the hearts of American Jewish women.

Couvert of \$50 includes lunch, ferry ride, visit to Ellis Island Museum and round-trip transportation to and from New York. Luxury bus will leave from the JCC at 8:00 a.m. and return at approximately 6:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Rhonda Falk, Campaign Director at 427-2100, Ext. 16.

ENDOWING THE FUTURE

Happy And Healthy Financial Retirement



by Rachel A. Gross, Esq., Endowment Director

Many people dream of what their retirement will look like. Some people hope to travel, take classes or pursue hobbies with renewed intensity. For others retirement means the ability to become more engaged in volunteer activities or spend time with family and friends. Whatever your retirement dream, a portion of planning for retirement should incorporate financial planning.

For many people stocks make up a significant portion of retirement assets. During the 90's many people were fortunate in seeing

their stock portfolios increase in value. Take Sam as an example. For many years Sam worked for a large Wilmington company as a scientist. He retired from his job with a modest pension. In addition, he receives social security benefits. His home is paid for and his two children have successful careers and are on sound financial footing. In addition to other assets, Sam owns stock in his former employer's company. Sam has seen that stock increase in value over the years. The combined cost of the stock to Sam was approximately \$40,000. Today, that same stock is worth over \$200,000 but it pays Sam a dividend of only 1% or \$2,000 a year. Sam makes a modest gift to the Jewish Federation of Delaware's Annual Campaign as

well as other gifts to his synagogue and to local and national Jewish agencies. He would like to support the Jewish community in a larger way but feels that he needs the assets he has to live on during his retirement.

Recently, Sam read about a vehicle called a Charitable Remainder Trust or CRT. Sam was encouraged by what he read. A CRT would allow Sam to donate his highly appreciated stock to the Federation without incurring the capital gains which would be due if he sold the stock himself. Sam could then take an income tax charitable deduction for a portion of the fair market value of the stocks that he placed in the Trust.

This made Sam smile but the best part about the CRT is that it

will allow Sam to receive more than the 1% a year that he previously got from the stock. Based on his age and a number of other factors, Sam has elected a 6% payout rate on his CRT. Accordingly, stock that paid \$2,000 a year previously will now pay him, \$12,000 a year - an increase of \$10,000! Moreover, after Sam's death the Trust principal will become a permanent endowment fund at The Jewish Fund for the Future bearing his name and that of his late wife. Sam's fund will continue to make an annual gift to the Federation's Annual Campaign in his and his wife's names, forever.

Sam found that there was a way for him to create his own legacy at the Jewish Fund for the Future while increasing his current



Rachel A. Gross, Esq.

income. There are different options for everyone. Let us help you create your legacy. Call Rachel Gross, Esq., our Endowment Director, to schedule a free, confidential, no-obligation appointment. Her phone number is 427-2100 ext. 19 and she would enjoy speaking with you.

NEWARK NEWS

Hillel Hosts High Holiday Services

Jewish college students and unaffiliated faculty and community members are invited to worship at the University of Delaware Hillel Association during the upcoming High Holidays.

Erev Rosh Hashanah services will be held on Friday, September 29th, 7:00 p.m. Rosh Hashanah services will be held on Saturday, September 30 and Sunday,

October 1, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Join Hillel for Kol Nidre services on Sunday, October 8 at 7:00 p.m. Yom Kippur morning services begin at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, October 9. Afternoon services begin at 4:30 p.m.

Students will be admitted free. Faculty members not affiliated with a synagogue may attend

services for \$50. Individual non-affiliated community members will be charged \$100, with a fee of \$150 for unaffiliated community families. Faculty and other affiliated community members who wish to spend the holidays with students will be admitted free if they present valid tickets from their home synagogues.

Payment for High Holiday

tickets must be received no later than September 20, 2000. Please make checks payable to Hillel, 47 West Delaware Avenue,

Newark, DE 19711. For additional information, please call the Hillel Student Center at 453-0479.

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This is a mission that will leave you totally breathless – and ready for more. Whether you're here for a dream vacation or a spiritual awakening, you'll meet new people, make new friends, and become part of a world where everyone is a member of your extended family.

Join us on the Jewish Federation of Delaware's Community Mission. Call Rhonda Falk, Campaign Director, 427-2100, x16.

Cordially,

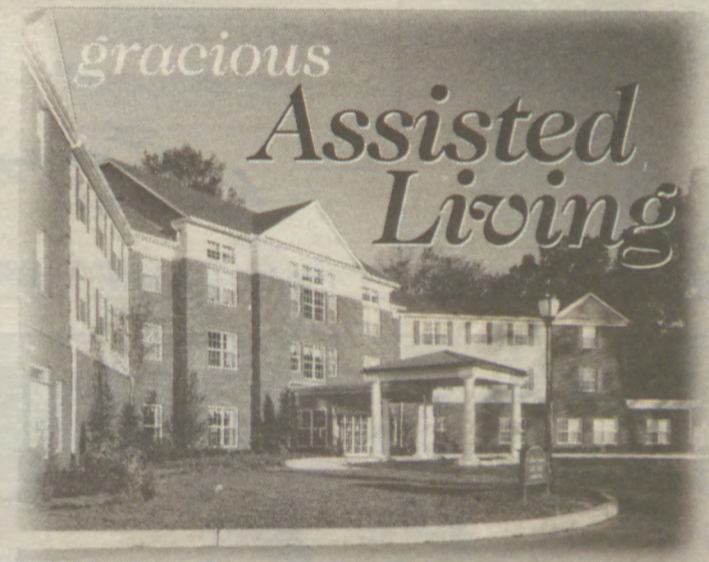
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COMMUNITY FOCUS NJPS-2000

American Jews Today: Different Choices, Different Decisions

By Vivian Klaff, Ph.D

In the past few weeks, two seemingly unrelated events took place that are likely to have a profound impact on the American Jewish population. The first event was the selection of Joseph Lieberman as the Democratic Party vice presidential candidate. The second, which received much less publicity, was the beginning of the interview phase for the National Jewish Population Survey (NJPS-2000), with the goal of completing interviews with 5000 Jewish households around the country by the end of the year.

In fact, there is a connection between the two events. The selection of Lieberman has created an instant increase in the salience of Jewish identity and over the next months will be the topic of conversation for Jews and non-Jews alike. Will this process have any impact on the way in which potential members of a diverse Jewish population view themselves and how they identify with the institutional framework of the Jewish community? The NJPS-2000 is designed to collect information about the socio-demographic characteristics of the Jewish population as well as information

about the extent of affiliation and ways of identifying with Judaism and being Jewish. Lipset and Raab in their 1995 book *Jews and the New American Scene* have suggested that over time Jews have felt a conflict between "a desire for the personal fulfillment provided by group identity, and a simultaneous desire for integration into the American mainstream". Is this indeed the position currently taken by American Jews, and if not, what is the new reality? The high visibility of a Jewish vice presidential candidate has introduced a new dimension into the identity debate. For some, the fact of selection, win or lose, has opened new possibilities for expressing a Jewish identity, while for others, this could represent a further measure of inclusion, minimizing the defensive need for group identity. The NJPS-2000 study will provide the background data to examine the demo-

graphic, social, behavioral and attitudinal mosaic of American Jewry. In particular it will be possible to examine the similarities and differences ranging from the ultra orthodox segment to the liberal secular segment of the Jewish population.

Until this data is available, however, we need to rely on the results of a previous survey conducted in 1990 which concluded that there were about 5.5 million "core" Jewish affiliated persons in the population. Of these, 4.2 million defined themselves as Jews by religion and 1.1 million referred to themselves as secular Jews

(born Jewish, but currently having no religion). Another 1.4 million, including about 700,000 children, were of a Jewish descent but reported that they followed or were being raised in another religion. Some other results reported from the study were high intermarriage rates where over 50% of recently marriage couples involved an intermarriage; 72% were not members of any Jewish organization; 85% had never visited Israel; about one-third contributed to the Federation system.

As a result of the 1990 study, in
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American Jews Today

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the organized Jewish community on a national and local level there developed a deep concern for the issue of Jewish identity, continuity and survival of American Jewry. It had become clear that the American Jewish population had reached the status of being "Jews by choice" and a number of questions are being asked: What does it mean to be Jewish? Are the definitions changing? What are the criteria for determining Jewish identity? Are Jews expressing their Judaism and Jewishness differently? How do we develop strategies to retain Jewish identity? Are there alternative ways and means to achieve the goal of a viable group identity? Recently a number of books have appeared with the titles: *The Vanishing American Jew*

(Dershowitz); *A People Divided* (Wertheimer); *Choosing Survival* (Susser and Liebman); *Jew versus Jew* (Sam Freedman) each focusing on some aspect of this debate.

During the Fall semester, the Frank and Yetta Chaiken Center for Jewish Studies at the University of Delaware, in cooperation with a number of Jewish organizations, including the Newark JCC, the Hillel Jewish Student Center, Newark Hadassah and Newark Chabad, will present a three event series to highlight the issue of Jewish identity in America. All events will be held at

the Trabant Student Center Theater on the University Newark campus, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The events are free to the public. The overall objective of the three session pro-

gram, "American Jews Today: Different Choices, Different Decisions" is to examine the dilemma of the Jewish community in the early 21st century. The community is encouraged to attend and participate in what promises to be an exciting and important program on an issue of critical importance.

On September 26, at 7:00 p.m., the program begins with a brief introduction of the topic, followed by a showing of the now-classic film, *The Chosen*, a story of two fathers and two sons and the pressures to pursue the Jewish connection they share in the way that is best suited to each. As the boys grow into young men, they discover in the other a link to an unexplored world that neither had ever

considered before.

On October 17, the evening will open with a collage of film clips that highlight a variety of approaches to identifying oneself as Jewish. Three guest speakers of different generations from the local community will then briefly present reasons for connecting with, or separating from a Jewish identity. A discussion period will follow.

On November 28 the Fall series will end with a discussion of whether a minority group such as the Jews can, or needs to, retain a strong identity in the constantly evolving American social structure. The discussion will focus on what alternative strategies of adaptation can be used by American Jews in an attempt to integrate into, or remain segregated from, main-

stream American society. Film clips will help to identify some approaches and speakers will briefly introduce some alternatives. Once again a discussion period will follow in which the audience will be encouraged to contribute to the debate.

For more information, please contact the Chaiken Center for Jewish Studies at (302) 831-3324, or by e-mail at cjs@udel.edu. Additional material related to the program will be added to the Center Website at <http://www.udel.edu/jsp> Fall Events section.

Dr. Klaff is the Director of the Chaiken Center for Jewish Studies and the co-chair of the National Technical Advisory Committee for NJPS 2000.

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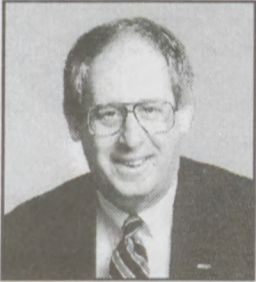
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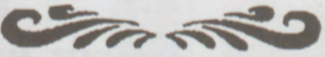
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Delaware Gratz Offers New Program For A New School Year

By **Marlene Milunsky,**
Principal

Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School – the Jewish Community High School of Gratz College, begins its classes for the year 2000/2001 on Sunday, September 10, 2000. Weekday classes begin on Tuesday, September 19th.

The supplementary school meets at the Jewish Community Center on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings, and offers a variety of classes and service-learning experiences for students in grades seven to twelve. Students may be able to receive college credit for some courses. The school also offers a certificate

that can help students find jobs at Jewish supplementary schools or summer camps, plus a new certificate in youth leadership.

Delaware Gratz, in partnership with the Department of Teen Services of Delaware, will debut a 60-hour program this year leading to certification by JCHS of Gratz College in Youth Leadership.

Students will develop leadership skills, roles, and styles while exploring conflict resolution, teen issues, group dynamics, program planning, interpersonal communication and Jewish identity.

Robyn Schwartz Greenberg, Community Teen Director for the Jewish Federation of Delaware will lead this program

for 9th graders which will be offered on Tuesday evenings, 7-9:05 p.m. beginning September 19th. Classes will meet at Delaware Gratz, on the JCC campus, 101 Garden of Eden Road,

Wilmington.

This Certificate Program is intended to coordinate with current leadership opportunities, such as approved Youth Group Conventions and Israel Summer

programs, March of the Living, Panim el Panim, Jewish Educational Summer Camps and other classes at JCHS. For more information or to register, call the Gratz office, 478-8100.

Two To Be Honored On Rosh Hoshanah

Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth Congregation will recognize Mollie Epstein-Makar and Mark Wagman with special "endowed" honors at High Holiday services. The endowed honor program, now in its tenth consecutive year, honors "pillars" of the congregation who have worked tirelessly for the benefit of the Shul. Mark and Mollie's efforts have ensured that the religious needs of not only the congregation but also the entire community continue to be met. Mollie will be honored at services on the first day of Rosh Hoshanah; Mark, on the second day.

Mollie has served as VP of Religious Affairs and President of Sisterhood. She co-chaired the AKSE kitchen renovation and

developed and initiated the Shalach Manot (Purim Basket) fundraiser. She served as curriculum coordinator for the 5760 Bikkurim class, and continues as the religious advisor to the Chaverot (teenage girls tefillah group). Mollie's community activities include Chair of the Va'ad Hakashruth. Under her leadership, a kosher bakery, deli, and meat cutting facility were established at Shop-Rite. Her other activities include the AKSE Dance Group, Women's Tefillah Group, several search committees, and chair of the Young Adult Committee.

Mark has been VP of Religious Affairs and has chaired the Ritual Committee, the Va'ad Hakashruth, the Cantor Search Committee, and

the High Holiday Committee. He has played a key role in the care of AKSE's Torah scrolls, including the repair of five scrolls and the project to have a new one scribed. Mark has also been active in the community, serving as VP of Community Affairs at AKSE and as an active member of the Jewish Community Relations Committee. He is a member of the AKSE Dance Group and the High Holiday Choir. Mark brought the endowed honor program to AKSE nine years ago and continues to administer it (but he does not select the honorees).

For further information about the endowed honors program, please contact the AKSE office at 762-2705.

Train To Teach At Delaware Gratz

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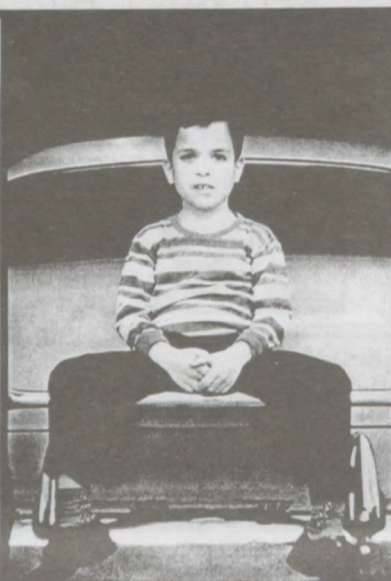
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A MATTER OF OPINION

Candidate Joseph Lieberman And The Jews

by E. E. JAFFE

The reaction to Al Gore's selection of Joseph Lieberman, a self proclaimed Orthodox Jew, as his running mate on the Democratic ticket has evoked a variety of emotions in the Jewish community ranging from elation to trepidation. This choice makes a major advancement in the standing of Jews in American society, a change which has been in progress for some time. There was a time not too long ago when Jews could not attend the college or graduate school of their choice or belong to certain exclusive clubs.

Jews have come a long way. Today they can attend any American university if they are qualified. They run and get elected to Congress in numbers out of proportion to their rank in the US population. Currently, eleven US senators are Jewish, an 11% share of the upper body of Congress vs. a 2.2% Jewish population in the USA. In fact, two states-California and Wisconsin-are each represented by two Jewish senators. Jews are also well represented in the executive and judicial branches of government. And now, Joseph Lieberman, who openly proclaims his Jewishness, is a vice presidential candidate.

As a senator, he has been frequently described as a man with moral authority unique on the national scale. He had the intestinal fortitude to publicly reprimand his friend President Clinton in the

Lewinski affair in a speech in the Senate. And it is he who late one Friday evening after a protracted senate session while walking home refused an offer from Al Gore to give him a ride. He explained that he does not drive or ride on Sabbath. Whereupon the Vice President and his Secret Service detail joined Senator Lieberman on his Sabbath walk home. That happened way before he was selected as a vice presidential running mate. Evidently the two men have been friends for a long time. The Liebermans were honored guests at Al Gore's older daughter's wedding in 1977.

Clearly, Lieberman's selection as Al Gore's running mate has delighted and energized the Jewish community.

Trepidation in some quarters stems from the fact that the senator may potentially be a heartbeat away from becoming president of the USA. Will the anti-Semites blame the Jews for any untoward developments in future US policy, not excluding the possibility of war or police actions abroad? Has the USA progressed sufficiently to make the religion of the president inconsequential? It is something to consider in light of the fact that anti-Semitism has not disappeared from the American scene. Will there be hesitancy by some voters in the general electorate to accept a Jew as a possible future president? If a poll by the

National Research Center is to be believed the proportion of Americans who state they are willing to vote for a Jew for president went up from 60% in 1958 to 90% today. That is a very encouraging statistic but is it an unequivocally true reflection of reality? I doubt it. It is my belief that anti-Semitism, though a much lesser force in this country than it used to be, is nevertheless still lurking below the surface of political and personal discourse.

The religious right and even people like G. W. Bush himself who considers Jesus Christ his "favored philosopher" and who proclaimed in March "Jesus Christ Day" in Texas do not inspire much confidence about the notion of full equality of all people and all religions, at least from their personal point of view. The declaration of a special day appears to be a blatant violation of separation of church and state. In addition, Bush has instituted rehabilitation at a Texas prison with a "Christ-centered" agenda, identified by the name "Inner Change" which is primarily supported by state funds. The program in a prison near Houston is open to members of any faith as well as nonbelievers. The prisoner transformation it promotes is strictly Christian in nature to the exclusion of other faiths. The prisoners are told that in order to avoid prison in the future they must accept the "life transforming power of Jesus Christ". Non-Christians are reported

to be stifled and marginalized.

Although the Supreme Court has allowed religious groups to be involved in government programs it has barred public funds to promote religious doctrine. G. W. Bush promises to "remove all barriers" to the use of federal funds by religious groups. Many religious groups, including Jewish groups, are very uncomfortable with this idea. Many have already joined Americans for Separation of Church and State in lobbying against the intended expansion of the prison program. A constitutional challenge is yet to come. Developments of this type that are troublesome to Jews, and ought to inspire them to prevent such a philosophy from triumphing in these United States of America. Clearly, all effort must be expanded to avoid the institution of a theocracy in this country.

Anti-Semitism is openly practiced by some black radicals and their few white supporters from the left and by P. Buchanan and some of his followers on the right. Fortunately, the former have been largely neutralized by Lieberman's civil rights work in Mississippi in 1964, just before he entered Yale Law School. And Buchanan, who recently was forced to disengage himself from the constraints of the Republican Party, has shown himself to be a true bigot and an uncompromising right wing radical, which probably will repel more peo-

ple than it will attract to his cause.

The selection of Lieberman by Gore may prove to be a brilliant move in the end. So far, it has had a positive effect. In the coming election, most Jews are likely to vote as they always have predominantly for the Democratic ticket, and those who would ordinarily vote for Bush are likely to switch their vote in gratitude for having a Jewish candidate for vice president. Although Jews are a small minority in this country, in some states they can help swing an election that is very close. This was the case in John Kennedy's victory over Richard Nixon by about 100,000 votes.

Is the phenomenon of Lieberman's selection and possible election to high office a first in the English speaking world? Some commentators say no because Benjamin Disraeli was prime minister of Great Britain in the late 1800's. In actuality, Disraeli, though born a Jew, at the age of 13 instead of becoming Bar Mitzvah was baptized and became a member of the Church of England in 1817, about 50 years before he became prime minister. Thus, if Lieberman were to be elected to high office, it would be truly a first, "only in America".

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"Shas: Blessing Or Curse"

By Nechemia Meyers

"The success of Shas is the best thing that has happened here in the last generation," says Yehuda Nini. That sentiment would not be startling had it been expressed by an ultra-Orthodox rabbi or politician. But it comes from a distinguished professor of Jewish studies at Tel Aviv University and a self-proclaimed Marxist.

Prof. Nini's attitude stems from his view that Shas is serving as a focus for the aspirations of Mizrahiim (Jews from North Africa and the Middle East), who have yet to achieve the influence that they deserve in Israeli society. And, he points out, while its leaders are

ultra-Orthodox haredim, its rank and file - though they don't know it - are Reform or Conservative Jews. This is because while they have a feeling for tradition and attend synagogue from time to time, they think nothing of putting down their prayer books and driving to the beach or attending a soccer game after Shabbat services.

"The great majority of them," Nini goes on, "work in the same fields as everyone else and serve in the army like their fellow Israelis. For even though Shas, as a party, supports exemptions from military service for yeshiva students, it won more army votes in the last elections than did the militantly secular

Meretz, which opposes such exemptions."

Nini understands Shas because he comes from the same Mizrahi background as its members. He grew up in a community of observant Yemenites near Rehovot and his early studies took place in a "heder" and were solely devoted to religious subjects. But later on, to his parents deep disappointment, he joined the left-wing Hashomer Hatzair youth movement, fought in the Palmach during the War of Independence and turned to university studies afterwards. Though he lacked even a high school diploma, he proved to be a brilliant student.

While freely admitting that he himself has never encountered discrimination because of his background, "Mizrahiim in general," Nini declares, "have not been given a fair shake because Israeli elites are overwhelmingly Ashkenazic and quite naturally favor those with a similar background."

The Tel Aviv University professor is not an admirer of Shas luminary Aryeh Deri, and sees no reason to protest against the three year prison sentence imposed on him for bribery. At the same time, he agrees with Shas that the courts are part and parcel of the Ashkenazic elite and should be more representative of the country

as a whole.

He also sees justice in the party's demand that more money be devoted to "their culture," even if that means taking away some of the funds from the Israel Opera and the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra. Despite his own devotion to "Ashkenazic culture," Nini declares: "When I buy a ticket to the opera, I know that it has a built-in Government subsidy of something like IS250. But thanks to the salary I receive from Tel Aviv University, I could still afford the ticket if the subsidy were reduced to IS125 and the money saved used to sponsor concerts devoted to Middle Eastern music."

Miriam's Well -

Thoughts On Jewish Healing



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Living healthfully involves balance. I have been struck by how so much of our suffering in life is exacerbated when we are out of balance. Too little sleep, too much caffeine, too little time for oneself, perhaps too much time devoted to oneself so that relationships or other responsibilities suffer. It's all about living in the balance, a dynamic, ever-changing balance. I know - it is NOT easy, especially perhaps in our fast-paced world. Often I encounter people who say to me that they wish they had more time in their lives to devote to prayer, reflection, study, and soli-

tude. Yet, the demands of family and work simply do not allow. I have met with people who want to spend more time with their families, more time visiting the museum or going on picnics or otherwise refreshing themselves with recreational activities. More time exercising. More time making music. More time for - alas, not enough time.

Finding that time involves finding balance in our lives, and this is a step by step, day by day affair. "Teach us to number our days, that we may acquire a heart of wisdom", says the psalmist. I have pondered this verse many times. It resonates each time I learn of a terminal illness, a sudden death or loss. I am not immortal; life is frag-

ile, and impermanence is of the essence, this verse suggests to me. Given that reality, it is then essential to make each moment count, moment by moment, day by day.

When a serious diagnosis is received, it can serve as a wake-up call to restructure priorities, to invest time differently because suddenly time itself is a precious commodity. What about those of us who have not (yet) been so diagnosed? In truth, as Jewish spiritual wisdom teaches, none of us knows how long we will be blessed with good health, or with life itself. I have received too many phone calls from those in shock, who tell me of the sudden and unexpected death of someone they love, to think that any of us is exempt from

the unpredictable nature of our existence. I myself remember the phone call years ago in which my father told me that my grandfather had suddenly died of a heart attack. I was young, and the words resonated throughout my body. Upon hanging up, I recall falling to the floor, my knees unable to support me in my response to the immediacy of the grief. Tradition teaches that we can turn towards a better way of life, seeking forgiveness for our indulgences, our mistakes, and our failures, right up until the last day of our lives. BUT, continues the teaching, with a wry smile as it speaks, none of us knows when that day will be. Therefore, it concludes, begin the turning today!

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JEWES AROUND THE WORLD

Congress Urged To Pass Hate Crimes Law

By Michael J. Jordan, JTA

Jewish groups are joining in a last-ditch effort to push through federal hate crimes legislation before the 106th U.S. Congress is history.

If they fail, advocates would practically have to start over again in the next Congress.

In a news conference on the steps of New York's City Hall, Hillary Rodham Clinton, the state's Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate, joined civil rights leaders and members of New York's congressional delegation in supporting the Hate Crimes Prevention Act.

They also unveiled a Web site, unitedagainststate.org, devoted to arm grass-roots activists with hate crimes-related information as they lobby their local representatives, who are now off on August recess.

The Senate already passed a version of the bill June 20. But it must

also pass the House of Representatives between now and the time the session ends, around Oct. 1. If not, the entire process must be repeated.

"This is the farthest we've ever gotten; after events like this, we know it'll pass if it's brought to the House floor," said Jody Rabhan, associate director of Washington operations for the National Council of Jewish Women, which co-sponsored the recent press event.

Republican leaders oppose the proposed measure because they say it would designate special classes of citizens, particularly gays and lesbians, who are already protected under existing state laws against violence.

But Rabhan said the new law would serve as better "protection and deterrence" than the current law.

It would widen the scope of crimes in which federal agencies could assist local authorities, mandate longer jail terms and expand the existing law—which focuses on violence motivated by race, color, religion or national origin—to include crimes based on gender, sexual orientation or disability.

"If people are specially attacked" for these reasons, "they must be specially protected," said New York Public Advocate Mark Green, a Jew who reportedly intends to run for mayor of New York in 2001.

At last Wednesday's event, Clinton was clearly the prime attraction, as photographers and television-camera operators jostled for prime spots and local officials crowded the first lady to be included in the camera frame.

The hate crime law, she said, is a key plank on her platform.

She also spoke of meeting with victims of the August 1999 shooting spree by a white supremacist at the North Valley Jewish Community Center in California, describing it as a "personally wrenching experience."

Support for this law is clear, said Clinton, "if you've ever held the hand and looked in the eye of victims."

Serving as backdrop to Clinton's appearance, her campaign is angling to pick up more Jewish voters following a few highly publicized incidents that have earned her scorn from some corners of the community.

Analysts suggest, however, she may benefit from a "Lieberman bounce" among Jewish voters—a result of the nomination of Sen. Joe Lieberman as Democratic presidential candidate Al Gore's running

mate.

"I don't really care what her reasons are for being here," Rabhan said.

"I think she, like most Americans, feels very deeply about this issue."

Speakers at the event signed a letter to representatives who have not yet supported the bill.

Among the Jewish signatories are the American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, Anti-Defamation League, Hadassah: the Women's Zionist Organization of America, Jewish War Veterans of the USA, Jewish Women International, Jewish Council for Public Affairs, Jewish Labor Committee, Na'amat USA, National Council of Jewish Women, National Jewish Democratic Council, Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and the Women of Reform Judaism.

Green Party Also Has Jew On Ticket

By Daniel Treiman

Jewish Student Press Service

Amid all the hubbub over Democratic vice presidential nominee Joseph Lieberman, few noticed that Green Party presidential candidate Ralph Nader beat Al Gore to the punch in picking a Jewish running mate.

For the second time in as many election cycles, the famed consumer advocate is joined on the Green Party line by environmentalist and American Indian activist Winona LaDuke, the daughter of a Jewish mother and an Anishinabekwe father.

Unlike 1996, when Nader and LaDuke didn't bother to mount a serious campaign, this time around they are garnering some national media attention with their relentless critique of corporate influence on the government, economy, society, environment—and not least of all—on the two major political parties.

The 41-year-old LaDuke, who lives on the White Earth Reservation in Minnesota with her three children, has a long record of activism on behalf of American Indians and the environment.

She is the founder of the White Earth Land Recovery Project, which buys back historical tribal lands, and has served on the board of Greenpeace USA. In 1994, Time magazine named her one of America's 50 most promising leaders under the age of 40.

That LaDuke's Jewish heritage has gone largely unnoticed is not entirely inexplicable. She's certainly not as Jewishly observant as Lieberman. While she does celebrate Chanukah and Passover, she mainly practices American Indian spiritual traditions.

Asked if she considers herself Jewish, she equivocates: "I consider that I come from a family that has Jewish ancestry." She adds, however, that she is "really proud" of her Jewish heritage.

LaDuke says her activism was nurtured by her Jewish mother and her grandmother, who was a member of the legendary International Ladies Garment Workers' Union.

"I come from a family of very progressive Jews." She says her

mother and grandmother taught her, "You shouldn't be afraid to say what is right, and you should think when you buy things if it was made in a sweatshop or if they were unionized when they built this, and you should ask questions about equity and justice."

The Nader/LaDuke candidacy has sparked considerable debate on the left where many find Gore's centrism off-putting. But many progressives fear that Nader will siphon off just enough votes from Gore to toss the election to Republican candidate Texas Gov. George W. Bush.

LaDuke admits that under a hypothetical system of preference voting, whereby voters could indicate a second and third preference for each office—something the Greens have championed—Gore would be her second choice.

But LaDuke makes no apologies for the possibility that her candidacy

could give the Republicans a victory in November by attracting voters away from the Gore-Lieberman ticket.

She cites the importance of engaging a broader spectrum of American voters, building the Green Party and qualifying the party for federal matching funds.

LaDuke acknowledges that on issues like the environment, Bush is "much worse" than Gore, contrasting the low level of environmental spending in Texas under Bush with Gore's authorship of a book on the environment, "Earth in the Balance." Gore, she says, "knows what's right."

But LaDuke is dissatisfied with Gore's record on the environment in the Clinton administration. She cites Gore's championing of the North American Free Trade Agreement and what she calls an "absence of leadership" on alterna-

tive energy and global warming.

She sees at least one similarity between Bush and Gore on the environment. "They both have their public policy largely influenced by corporate interests. And those corporate interests are not environmentally based."

She says her ticket has a chance of getting elected if those who do not ordinarily vote get out and cast their ballots this time. Non-voters, she says, are "the largest voting party in America."

It's a party LaDuke belonged to until recently, never having voted in a presidential election until she first ran with Nader in 1996. "I was one of those disenfranchised voters. Nothing resonated with me as far as what was being said or the candidates."

And what would the U.S.-Israel relationship look like in a Nader-LaDuke administration? LaDuke

says the two countries should maintain good relations and that she's basically pleased with the way the Clinton administration has handled relations with Israel, with one caveat. Citing the use of American-made weapons in conflicts throughout the world and U.S. military aid to Colombia, she says she is very concerned with the "militarization of foreign policy," adding that the U.S.-Israel relationship falls into that category.

"We need to diminish the amount of military aid given to Israel as well as other countries significantly." Asked whether Israel needs U.S. military aid for self-defense, she replies, "I think we need to be waging peace, not waging war."

This article originally appeared in *New Voices*, the national Jewish student magazine. Treiman serves as co-editor of this publication.

Parched Israel Digs For Water Solutions

By Avi Machlis, JTA

It has been a long, hot summer in Israel, and the country's scarce water supplies are being squeezed past their limits.

After three years of drought, Israeli water authorities have watched this summer in trepidation as the country's three main water sources—the Sea of Galilee, the coastal aquifer and mountain aquifer—have been rapidly sucked below danger levels.

With no alternative solutions in place, there was little they could do except to launch a big public campaign, showing Israelis how every extra toilet flush drains the Sea of Galilee, which has now dropped 13 centimeters below the red line of 213 meters below sea level.

Yet they know that the impact of publicity on water consumption habits is only a partial remedy, and solid solutions are needed to provide a long-term answer to an ongoing problem. So last month, the government pushed through a long-awaited comprehensive plan for a series of solutions, ranging from desalinization to importing water from nearby countries such as Turkey to recycling more sewage

for agriculture and industry.

But it will still take time for these projects to come to life, and even if the plan is pushed through quickly, the first desalinization plant will probably not come on line for more than two years. In the interim, rain is of the essence.

"If in the coming winter we will have an average rainfall or a dry year, we will be forced to cut the quotas of water for agriculture," said Shimon Tal, Israel's water commissioner.

"A rainy winter will allow us to get through the next year or two," he added. "However, over the next two years we are dependent on the mercy of heaven."

Those heavens have been far from merciful over the past decade. Even though rainfall was average in Israel last winter, the last three years have been very dry overall.

Over the past decade, there has only been one extremely rainy winter, in 1992. At the same time, 1 million immigrants came to Israel from former Soviet Union countries, adding additional strain on meager resources.

As part of a peace deal with Jordan, Israel agreed to transfer 55

million cubic meters of water a year to its Eastern neighbor, and water is on the agenda of the Israeli-Palestinian peace talks as well. Meanwhile, as Israel's standard of living has steadily climbed, water use has been steadily rising.

Although the signs of an imminent crisis were clear, the govern-

ment only decided to implement solutions last month.

Part of the problem is that the agricultural industry is the biggest consumer of water in the country, and the agricultural lobby is one of the most powerful pressure groups in Israel.

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Democratic Vice Presidential candidate, Senator Joe Lieberman and Kutz Home resident, David Gostin at a recent appearance in Claymont.

MILESTONES

APPELBAUM

Bernie Appelbaum, 87, died August 16. He was the husband of Millie Appelbaum; father of Arthur F. Appelbaum, Phyllis A. Stein and Linda B. Glickstein. Services, burial and shiva were held in New York.

EZRILSON

Jacob Ezrailson, 93, of Washington, DC-formerly of Wilmington-died on July 22. He was the husband of the late Lillian Ezrailson, and is survived by his daughter, Edith Cohen and her husband, Steven and son, Stuart Ezrailson and his wife, Wendy. Mr. Ezrailson is the brother of Jesse Marco. He is survived by four grandchildren.

Contributions in his memory may be made to Congregation Beth Shalom in Wilmington.

FONAROFF

Ida C. Fonaroff, 91, died August 31. She was a past president of the Sisterhood of Chesed Shel Emeth Congregation and was a member of Deborah Heart and Lung Foundation.

She is survived by her daughters, Myra Sachs and Sandra Schenk; her sister, Ray Sharov; six grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the Employee Appreciation Fund of The Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Wilmington, DE 19809

GORDON

Sadie T. Gordon, 96, of Gilpen Hall, died August 1. She was a member of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth and its Sisterhood. The widow of Julius Gordon, she is survived by her son, Mendel T. Gordon and three grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions in Mrs. Gordon's memory be made to Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, Washington Blvd. and Torah Drive, Wilmington, DE 19802

JARIN

Gerald S. Jarin, 64, of Wilmington, died July 21. A part owner and operator of Rinos Restaurant in Exton, PA, he was

an active member of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation and Brandywine Lodge #33 AF & AM.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth; son, Bruce of Wilmington; daughters, Linda of Wilmington and Sandra Shortt of West Chester; son-in-law, Lance Shortt; grandchildren, Samantha and Julian Shortt and in-laws, Morris and Grace Weintraub of Wilmington.

Contributions in Mr. Jarin's memory may be made to the Children Hospital Research Foundation, Pavilion Bldg., Room 2-129, 3333 Burnet Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45229-3039.

MADWAY

Theresa Madway of Wynnewood, PA, died July 25. She was the wife of the late Sam and is survived by her daughters, Linda Cook, Jill Madway and Constance Bressman and her sons-in-law, Brian Bressman and Dr.

Steven Cook. She is the sister of Ruth Grossman and Larry Heller. Mrs. Madway also is survived by her grandchildren, Daniel and Peter Cook, Jacob, Samantha and Jordan Bressman.

MEYERS

William Myers, 83, of DelRay Beach, Florida, died August 28. He was a member of Congregation Beth Emeth and a past president of its Brotherhood. He is survived by his wife Leanore; his son, Eric; daughter, Carole A.; brothers, Herbert and Leonard; two grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

The family requests that contributions in his memory be made to Hospice by the Sea, 1531 West Palmetto Park Road, Boca Raton, FL 33486.

WRIGHT

Peter Stuart Wright, 75, of Park Ridge, died August 28. He was a full lieutenant in the US Navy. The

Navy sent him to school at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology for the school's V-12 Program. There, and at the University of Pennsylvania, he trained to become an engineer. Professionally, Mr. Wright served as an engineer for Carolina Power and Light and taught at Wilmington College. He was a member of Congregation Beth Emeth in Wilmington.

Mr. Wright is survived by his wife, Naomi; sons, Peter, Jr., Edward, Jonathan, Justin and Harry; daughter, Martha Risner; grandchildren, Joseph, Daniel, Elizabeth, Alyson, Vickie, Eddie, Nathan and Eleanor; a step-son, Hal B. Goldberg; step-daughter, Gail Ellen Goldberg; two step-granddaughters, Sarah Ivona and Karyn.

Memorial contributions are requested to PANCAN, P.O. Box 4809, Palos Verdes, CA 90274.

The unveiling of Isadore Teder's headstone will be on Sunday, September 10th at 11am at the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road

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NACHAS NOOK Levy-Rappaport Married



Jennifer and David Rappaport

Miss Jennifer Lynn Levy and Mr. David Ian Rappaport were married on Sunday evening, June 18, 2000 in B'nai Torah Congregation, Boca Raton, Florida. Rabbi Daniel Satlow of Congregation Beth Shalom in Wilmington officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. and Mrs. Stephen F. Rollin, Tamarac, Florida and Mr. Bruce J. Levy, Boca Raton, Florida. The groom is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Jay B. Rappaport, Wilmington and the grandson of Mrs. Lillie Rappaport, West Orange, New Jersey.

The couple both graduated from Brown University in 1996. The bride graduated from NYU Law School in 1999 and is currently an attorney with Morgan, Lewis and Bockius in Philadelphia. The groom is a fourth-year medical student at Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia. The couple honeymooned in Italy and resides in Philadelphia.

Mazel Tov To...

Andrew Seth Jacobs, son of the Honorable and Mrs. Jack B. Jacobs of Greenville. Andrew, a second year student at Harvard

Law School, was recently invited to join the board of editors of the Harvard Law Review.

He is a 1993 graduate of

Tower Hill School and a 1997 magna cum laude graduate of Harvard College in Cambridge, Mass.

Two Philly Programs Draw Delawareans

By Paula S. Shulak

A number of interesting opportunities are opening up in Philadelphia this Fall and Delawareans are cordially invited to attend. On Sunday, Sept. 17 the National Museum of American Jewish History located on Independence Mall is having a program entitled STILL HOME: The Jews of South Philadelphia. It includes an exhibition and a panel discussion with Murray Dubin (author of South Philadelphia: Mummies, Memories and the Melrose Diner), Rakhmiel Peltz (author of From Immigrant to Ethnic Culture: American Yiddish in South Philadelphia) and Harry D. Boonin (author of The Jewish Quarter of Philadelphia). The program begins at 4 PM and more info may be obtained by calling 215-923-3811.

Another innovative program will be held at Drexel University's Mandell Theater (33rd and Chestnut Sts.) from 4-6 PM on Sunday Sept. 24. AN AFTERNOON OF PERSIAN JEWISH CULTURE will include readings from a new book called In Queen Esther's Garden by Vera Basch Moreen and Persian Jewish music sung by Hazzan Howard Dardashti. Refreshments will also be served. This program is sponsored by the Judaic Studies Center at Drexel. For more info call Kathy Carl at 215-895-6388

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.

AKSE SPONSORS SHABBAT WORKSHOP

The Family Education Committee of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth offers a special program for those who want to learn more about Making Shabbat in Your Home. Topics for this Sunday, September 10th program, offered from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. will include: the significance of Shabbat in Jewish life; the Kiddush (blessing over the wine), Candlelighting; Shalom Aleichem, Shabbat z'mirot (songs for the dinner table) and other rituals and customs. Registered participants will receive a copy of *The Art of Jewish Living-The Shabbat Seder*, by Dr. Ron Wolfson, and a personal, laminated copy of all Shabbat blessings and rituals. The registration fee is \$8 per family which includes the book and light refreshments. To make your reservation, please call Ann Greenstein, at 324-9904.

Miriam's Well

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I have found a spiritual tool which has helped enormously in the process of transformation to a more healthy, balanced way of living: perspective. Not only the perspective of temporal finitude, but mean spatial perspective as well. The perspective that we inhabit not one, but four worlds! In this view, each world has its own integrity and momentum that must be brought into alignment with all other worlds. According to Jewish mysticism, we exist simultaneously in the physical, the emotional, the intellectual and the spiritual domains. Who we are is more than the sum of these four parts. The "us" comprising these dimensions is the part which can observe all of these worlds, and

JEWISH COMMUNAL PROFESSIONALS SLATES OPENING PROGRAM

The Jewish Communal Professionals Association, an organization representing professionals in Delaware, Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey, hosts its fall opening event on September 20, 12 Noon to 2:00 p.m. at the Community Services Bldg., #800, 2100 Arch Street, Philadelphia. Rabbi Nancy Fuchs-Kreimer will discuss "Tikun Nefesh/Tikun Olam: Judaism, Health, and Healing". Cost for the program is \$8 for Association members and \$10 for the community. For additional information, please call Rebecca Rivera at (215) 832-0813.

NCJW HOSTS ANNUAL FORUM

National Council of Jewish Women will be hosting its Annual Public Affairs Forum on September 19. Scheduled speakers include Jan Schneiderman, National NCJW President and Donna Dees-Thomases, founder of the Million Mom March. Please call Marci Aerenson at (302) 652-7778 for more information.

CALLING SINGLES AGES 40+

If you are single and age 40 or better, Congregation Beth Emeth is the perfect place for you to be on

Sunday, September 10th at 4 p.m. The Wilmington congregation plays host to Singles Mingles-a social group for widowed or divorced men and women. Help plan the group's Fall program calendar. If you'd like additional information, please call Elinor Abend at 778-4432.

KLOTZ LEADS JEWISH HEALING SERVICE

Rabbi Myriam Klotz, staff director of the Kimmel-Spiller Jewish Healing Center of Jewish Family Service invites the community to an hour of prayer, songs, meditation and reflection. Based in traditional Jewish sources, this service is open to anyone wishing to pray for physical, spiritual or emotional healing for themselves or others. The next service will be held on Monday, September 11, 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Jewish Family Service of Delaware, 101 Garden of Eden Road in Wilmington. For further information, please call (302) 478-9411.

TWO WEEKS IN ISRAEL FOR \$300?

Livnot U'Lehibanot, the hiking, study and community service program of Tzfat and Jerusalem, is allocating a limited number of spaces on each of its upcoming programs to small groups of young people from the same community

to attend Livnot together.

Through a special arrangement with Birthright Israel Gifts, young Jewish adults between the ages of 21-26 who have never been to Israel on a peer group experience, can attend a two week Livnot program for only \$300. This includes round trip air fare from New York or other designated gateway cities. Space is very limited. For a complete listing of 2000 program dates call 1-888-LIVNOT-0 Or visit their website at www.livnot.org.il

JOIN TEEN LEADERS

Creative teens, ages 12 to 17, are invited to join the JCC Teen Leadership Council. The first meeting will be held on Monday, September 18 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center in North Wilmington. Share your ideas for trips, programs and community service activities. Pizza will be served. For more information, please call Robyn Greenberg, Community Teen Services Director, at (302) 478-5660 or e-mail her at teensdelaware@aol.com.

NEW PARENT/TODDLER PROGRAMS

The Children's Center at the Delaware JCC is offering two new Parent/Toddler Programs during the Fall. Arts-n-Crafts will be held on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Parents and their toddlers will enjoy an art project each week lead by Lisa Driban. Classes will begin on September

27. Cooking classes begin on September 28 for parents and their toddlers, also under the direction of Lisa Driban.

The fee is \$5 per class for JCC members and \$8 per class for non-members. Advance registration is required. For more information, please call Susan Gentry, Children's Center Director, at 478-5660.

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has the perspective to cradle these worlds in alignment, or balance. When we become out of sync in one world or area of our lives, it effects all others. Health and wellness involve fixing the imbalance. Healthful living means living in balance physically, emotionally, intellectually, and spiritually.

A friend and colleague of mine, Rabbi Shefa Gold, suggests that each of us must discern what our minimum daily requirements are to maintain health and balance in each world. What do I require this day for my basic physical health? Exercise, sleep, nutritional requirements. Emotionally, what do I need to "feel" right and balanced? Intellectually, what stimulation, activity, or silence, do I require to "know" deeply and

honestly today? Spiritually, what are the requirements of my soul to experience God's presence in my life moment to moment, today?

The wisdom of the heart that comes as a result of knowing our days are finite can create the willingness to not put off doing all that we can do to live fully, compassionately, and deeply into this day, the only day we've got. Knowing that we have inside of us not one but many worlds and realms, can help us discern how best to actualize this day with balance, perspective, and the wisdom of grace. Think about it: what might your minimum daily requirements be to live, indeed to thrive, this very day? As the psalmist says, "THIS is the day that God has made."

Parched Israel

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Water for agricultural use is heavily subsidized — costing 55 percent less than water for consumers — and farmers have successfully thwarted any attempt to raise the prices. They warn that more expensive water would make their products more expensive on world markets, and could be the kiss of death to an industry that is struggling to begin with.

"For years, the biggest mistake is that the water system in Israel has been run by the agricultural lobby, which has its own interests," said Yossi Inbar, deputy director general of Israel's Ministry of Environment.

Inbar also blames the Finance Ministry for blocking approval of water programs over the years. The treasury, he said, did not worry about an imminent crisis

since it calculates water projections and needs based on a multi-year rainfall average. This, he explains, is irrelevant because Israel's water sources have limited capacity, and one dry year knocks off the positive impact of a particularly wet year.

The Finance Ministry has argued that before building desalination plants, which will end up raising the cost of water to all consumers, subsidies for farmers should be reduced.

"When you have a vital and scarce resource, and not only don't you sell it at a realistic price but subsidize it heavily to the biggest consumer, you intensify the shortage greatly," said Zohar Yinon, director of the water and sewage unit at the finance ministry's budget division. "The real reason that our water sources have been over

pumped is because water is not sold at a price that reflects its true value."

Critics say the Finance Ministry was unrealistic in insisting on breaking the agricultural lobby. "It is a politically unlikely scenario," said one businessman involved in the water issue. "The Finance Ministry's argument is only correct if you ignore the social implications of abandoning hundreds of thousands of acres of land."

With the rapidly deteriorating situation, the future of Israeli Agriculture may no longer rest in the hands of water subsidies, but rather with the rain clouds that Israelis hope will come their way this autumn.

"If we have another dry year," says Inbar of the Environment Ministry, "Israeli agriculture may not survive."

Part-Time Program Director

PT position working with Jewish College students in the areas of program and leadership development, campus publicity and special events. A minimum of a Bachelors degree required. Experienced with young adults in a similar setting a plus. Minimum of 20 hrs./week. Annual salary \$15,000. Please fax resume. Renee Shatz, UD Hillel. (302) 453-0629. Resumes must be received by 9/15/00.

Senior Fundraiser

Full time position to manage \$1 million annual fundraiser campaign. 1-3 years experience in non-profit fundraising/development. Works well with volunteer committees. Event planning, volunteer recruitment, training and donor cultivation. MSW or Graduate Certificate in Jewish Communal Service preferred. BA in related field or equivalent will be considered. Strong computer skills required. Highly self-motivated candidate with strong organizational and interpersonal skills. Salary commensurate with experience.

Campaign Associate

Full time position to assist in annual community fundraising activities. Previous experience working with volunteer committees, event planning, donor cultivation and recruitment. MSW or Graduate Certificate in Jewish Communal Service preferred. BA in related field or equivalent will be considered. Strong computer skills required. Highly self-motivated candidate with strong organizational and interpersonal skills. Salary commensurate with experience.

Resumes to Mariam Shpeen Feist, Jewish Federation of Southern New Jersey, 1301 Springdale Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003, fax (856) 751-1687 or e-mail mfeist@jfedsnj.org.

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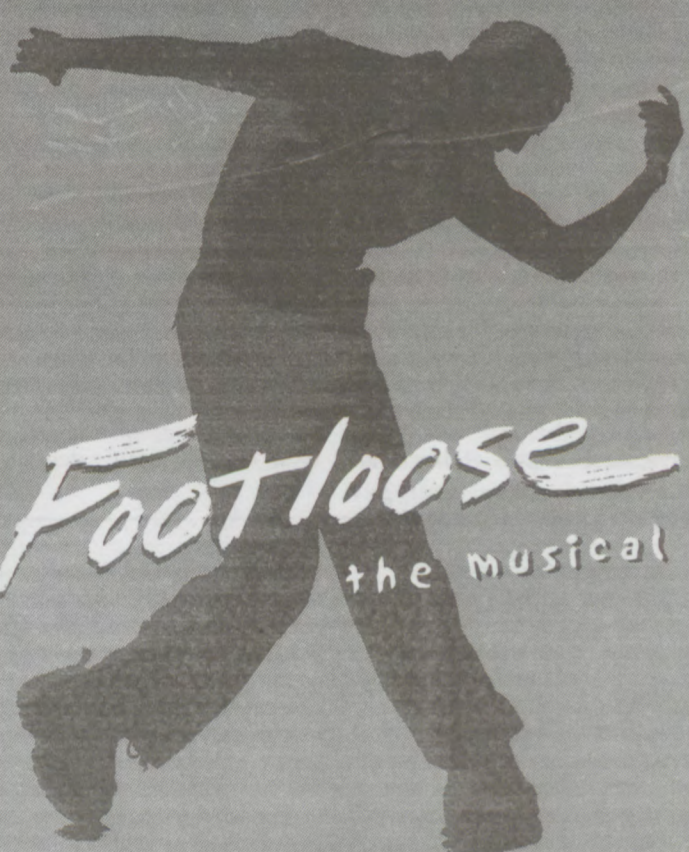
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