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MISPOCHA 101- AN ESSENTIAL COURSE FOR JEWISH COLLEGE STUDENTS

By Lynn B. Edelman,
Editor

"Judaism is not a religion", Avraham Infeld stated Tuesday to a startled audience of board members from the Jewish Federation of Delaware and the University of Delaware Hillel. As jaws dropped in astonishment around the room, Infeld, Counsel for Jewish Affairs for Hillel, explained the dangers in presenting Judaism as anything less than a "mispocha"-a family that often disagrees about politics and positions but shares a common commitment to each other's health and well-being.

"If we don't educate our young people to care about their fellow Jews as landsman then the prospects for Jewish survival are dim," he said, adding that any other explanation of the Jewish experience "can be very dangerous." "If Judaism is merely a religion then what relevancy does it hold to those who are not religiously observant?, and what possible need is there for Israel's

existence as a Jewish State, Infeld mused.

A South African native who immigrated to Israel in 1959, Infeld has dedicated his life to Jewish and Zionist education around the world. His experiences have taught him that Jewish young people can only love Israel if they understand the historic relationship between Jews and Israel and feel connected to its people as common members of a global Jewish tribe.

"This is the challenge of Hillels and other Jewish leadership organizations-to create creative, exciting opportunities for Jewish young people to connect with other Jews," Infeld said, stressing the importance of outreach efforts to attract those students who might be just as happy to be left alone.

He believes that the continued survival of the Jewish people depends upon Jewish young people feeling the same connection to Judaism expressed by Ruth to her mother-in-law, Naomi so many years ago—"Your people are my people and your G-d is my G-d."

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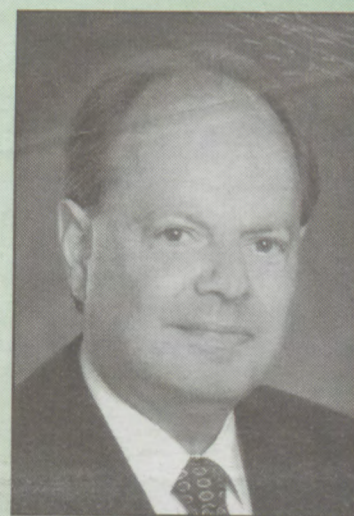
Gala Event is
March 15th!

Marsha and Howard Borin will receive the Community Builder Award for their outstanding commitment to AEA and the community at the 2003 Albert Einstein Academy Annual Gala Tribute Event, "Reaching for our Dreams..." on Saturday, March 15, 2003.

Marsha and Howard Borin have demonstrated a strong commitment to the school, the local Jewish community and to the community at large.

improving the cultural life of the Wilmington community. In 2000, Marsha chaired "Why Remember?", a community project that looked at the Holocaust through the eyes of survivors and liberators to explore the roots of evil and paths to tolerance. Currently Marsha serves as a consultant to the Campus Community School, a charter school in Dover, Delaware. Additionally, Marsha serves on the board of St Francis Hospital and the University of Delaware Visiting Board and is a member of the Wilmington Rotary Club and the Delaware Bar Association.

Howard Borin has been a practicing pediatrician in Wilmington for thirty-one years, where he has had the pleasure of keeping children healthy and watching them grow. His wise counsel and practical good advice has helped many families cope with infancy, illness and life transitions. With a calming reassurance, Dr. Borin has touched the lives of thousands of families and is always gratified to hear how many young people chose a career in medicine to follow in their pediatrician's footsteps. Dr. Borin is a fellow of the American Board of Pediatrics and serves as an attending physician at Christiana Care, duPont Hospital for Children and Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. He is a member of the Medical Society of Delaware, the American Medical Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Philadelphia Pediatric Society.



Howard Borin

The Gala, which begins at 7:30pm, will be held at the Brandywine Country Club, Wilmington, Delaware, according to Gala Committee Co-chairs Felisha Alderson and Susan Kauffman. This year's Tribute Co-chairs are Senator Joseph and Jill Biden and Ann and Melvyn Monzack.

"This is Albert Einstein Academy's premiere event," Alderson said. "We are pleased to honor Marsha and Howard for their dedication to the community and for their continued support of such worthwhile causes." Covert for the Gala Dinner Dance is \$125 per person and attire is black tie optional. For more information or tickets, contact Debbie Nachlis, Director of Development at AEA at 302-478-5026 ext. 25.



Marsha Borin

Marsha Borin is a member of the Delaware and Washington, D.C. Bars and was a partner in the firm of Borin and McDonald when she had the opportunity to found and direct the Russian Ballet Theater, which helped to fulfill her lifelong dream of



Jewish educator Avraham Infeld (center) addressed the boards of JFD and Hillel recently. Surrounding him are (from left) Susan Detwiler, Hillel Executive Director, Daniel Kristol, Hillel President, Barry S. Kayne, JFD president, and Samuel H. Asher, JFD Executive Vice-President.



Purim begins at sundown on
Monday, March 17th

Check out the many community celebrations on Page 14



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EDITORIAL

Think Summer

Purim is almost upon us. If I wasn't bound by journalistic ethics, I would explain that Haman cursed the February 21st edition of The Jewish Voice causing it to be published a full week late. But that would be a snow job.

Last week's snow emergency shut-down the city of Wilmington making it an impossibility to publish this newspaper on its original date. And that's no Purim shpiel! We hope that you enjoy this special snow edition of The Jewish Voice and make an extra effort to support those advertisers who supported us through the unfortunate delay in the production process.

This edition's focus is summer camp and vacation travel planning. It's hard to believe but in just a few short months the snow (and our snow-induced cabin fever) will melt. All too soon, school will end for the year and young people will have ten full weeks of free time on their hands.

Now is the time to plan for a summer

filled with activities that foster Jewish identity, build spirituality and forge friendships that can last a lifetime. Jewish day or overnight camps connect our young people with their heritage. Many of our most respected Jewish communal leaders were products of JCC Summer Camp, Airy and Louise, Harlem, Ramah and other fine facilities featured in this edition.

Also in this edition is information about community Purim festivities. In this time of uncertainty, Purim offers the ideal opportunity to lose ourselves in a joyous celebration of Judaism.

Chag Sameach!

Lynn B. Edelman

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Photo Of The Week



SNOW FALLS ON JERUSALEM

This week's surprise snowfall which virtually paralyzed the Holy City would not deter this man from his daily prayers.

JTA Photo

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Despite tragedy, hope will prevail

On Saturday morning just before leaving home to attend the Federation's annual Shabbat service, I literally shook as I heard the news that the U.S. Space Shuttle Columbia had ripped apart over Texas. The implications were so numerous and so far-reaching that truly comprehending the impact was nearly impossible. The breakup of the Columbia took with it more than the lives of seven astronauts including that of Israel's first astronaut, Colonel Ilan Ramon and hundreds of scientific experiments. It dashed many of the hopes of those who saw NASA's work as a mission of humanity—a nonpolitical effort in a world that had become more political each passing day. During an era when the words "war" and "terror" pepper news reports with feverish pitch, this was a mission of science, of discovery, of advancement. There is never a good time to face such tragedy, but this time of world strife made the news that much harder to bear.

Returning to earth with those seven astronauts, tucked into the corner of that shuttle, was a little publicized experiment created by five Israeli teenagers from ORT Kiryat Motzkin School, students ranging in age from 14 to 17. The experiment, which studied how zero gravity affected the development of crystals, was among six from schools in Australia, China, Israel, Japan, Liechtenstein and the United States. As a board member of Women's American ORT, a major supporter of ORT Israel, I found the news

of the tragedy particularly hard. I had the privilege of visiting Kiryat Motzkin on an ORT Young Leadership Mission to Israel in 1997. I can vividly remember the faces of the students and can only imagine the depth of their pride in being included in the exclusive realm of space shuttle experimenters.

Those students had journeyed to Florida to watch the shuttle carrying their experiment rocket into orbit, starry-eyed with the dreams of space exploration and of a better world united in its endeavor for knowledge. To their thrill, they had communicated with the astronauts during the mission to discover the results of their experiment. For now, those dreams must be shelved as those students return to Israel to continue their studies in science and technology in the wake of war.

Yet the Columbia tragedy cannot diminish the remarkable achievements of those ORT Israel students and the others whose ideas took off with the shuttle. In an interview during the mission, Ilan Ramon told CNN Space Correspondent Miles O'Brien, "I feel like I represent, first of all, of course, the state of Israel and the Jews, but I represent also all our neighbors. And I hope it will contribute to the whole world, and especially to our Middle East neighbors." The hope for peace, to be sure, is not bound by limitations, but by those who are willing to let their dreams take flight.

Ruth Rosenberg, Wilmington

Myths and Facts about Israel

MYTH #87: "Israel benefited from the Gulf War without paying any price."

FACT: It is true that Israel benefited from the destruction of Iraq's military capability by the United States-led coalition, but the cost was enormous. Even before hostilities broke out, Israel had to revise its defense budget to maintain its forces at a heightened state of alert. The Iraqi missile attacks justified Israel's prudence in keeping its air force flying round the clock. The war required the defense budget to be increased by more than \$500 million. Another \$100 million boost was needed for civil defense.

The damage caused by the 39 Iraqi Scud missiles that landed in Tel Aviv and Haifa was extensive. Approximately 3,300 apartments and other buildings were affected in the greater Tel Aviv area. Some 1,150 people who were evacuated had to be housed at a dozen hotels at a cost of \$20,000 per night.

Beyond the direct costs of military preparedness and damage to property, the Israeli economy was also hurt by the inability of many Israelis to work under the emergency conditions. The economy functioned at no more than 75 percent of normal capacity during the war, resulting in a net loss to the country of \$3.2 billion (Near East Report, February 4, 1991).

The biggest cost was in human lives. A total of 74 people died as a consequence of Scud attacks. Two died in direct hits, four from suffocation in gas masks and the rest from heart attacks (Jerusalem Post, January 17, 1992).

A UN committee dealing with reparation claims against Iraq dating to the 1991 Gulf War approved more than \$31 million to be paid to Israeli businesses and individuals. The 1999 decision stemmed from a 1992 Security Council decision calling on Iraq to compensate victims of the Gulf War (JTA, April 14, 1999). In 2001, the United Nations Compensation Commission awarded \$74 million to Israel for the costs it incurred from Iraqi Scud missile attacks during the Gulf War. The Commission rejected most of the \$1 billion that Israel had requested (JTA, June 21, 2001).

Source: Myths & Facts Online — A Guide to the Arab-Israeli Conflict by Mitchell G. Bard, <http://www.JewishVirtualLibrary.org>. This feature is presented as a public service by the Hasbara Committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

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Adding a Jewish dimension to the college experience



Samuel H. Asher

**By Samuel H. Asher
Executive Vice President**

My oldest son is in the 11th grade and we are beginning the pilgrimage to college campuses. The selection process is a daunting one. Is this University too big? Is that one too small? Which curriculum will fit my son's needs? Oy.

Over my first few months in Delaware, I have had the opportunity to work with our Hillel at the University of Delaware, and its very effective Executive Director, Susan Detweiler. In addition to working on religious, cultural and social programming on campus, the Hillel Director and her staff also serve as friends, advisors and counselors to students. When you talk to the Hillel staff you get a sense of their commitment to their work and the young people that they serve. It is

no wonder that the students seek out the Hillel program.

We are blessed with a very strong Jewish presence on the U of D campus through our Hillel. There are roughly 1,400 Jewish students at the U of D. There are many activities on campus and there is a highly involved student population.

I recently visited the Hillel building and was briefed on their program and plans for renovating their kosher kitchen (through the Community Capital Campaign). There was much to see and much to be proud of from the Federation perspective.

My son knows that I think that the U of D is a good school (but perhaps a little too close to home for him). We will definitely visit Newark as a part of our search process. One thing that has been

on our radar screen is to ask: Is there a strong and vital Hillel on the campus? Part of the search for a college campus should include the book: Hillels on college campuses. In the case of the U of D Hillel, the answer is a resounding yes. There is also a strong Judaic Studies program headed up by Viv Klaff.

At our recent Super Sunday, the Spirit Award was given out to the agency(s) that had the highest percentage of their Board and staff in attendance. This year, the award was split between the JCC and the Hillel. Our hats are off to both agencies.

While a large number of Jewish students at U of D are not from Delaware, it is our responsibility to ensure quality Jewish programming there. That's how the system works. For example, Jewish stu-

dents from here go to the University of Pennsylvania or Rutgers; and the Jewish communities in New Jersey and Philadelphia accept the responsibility to support their area Hillels. So while it is the right thing to support our local area Hillel, we also have a vested interest in the "system". Some other Jewish Federation is supporting our children when they choose colleges in their communities.

Although it is too early to tell where our son will attend college, I hope we will select a university experience in a Jewish community like Delaware's, which takes seriously its responsibility to serve Jewish college students.

If you want to learn more about Hillel, call Susan Detweiler at 302-453-0479 or visit the organization's website at udhillel.org.

Endowing the Future

Summer camp leaves a lasting impression



Jennifer Young

**By Jennifer Young
Endowments Director**

I have rich recollections of my summers at JCC camp in Florida. I remember learning to snorkel... pitching a tent in the pouring rain... and dousing myself in Skin-So-Soft to keep the mosquitoes away. For so many children, camp

builds memories and friendships that last a lifetime. Jewish camping offers rich opportunities to participate in Shabbat services on the beach and learn about Jewish values, like Tzedakah and Tikkun Olam. I am thankful that, despite my dislike for insects, my parents saw the value of Jewish camping. My fond memories of JCC camping experiences will last a lifetime.

For some families the decision to attend camp will be a difficult one. They must juggle the costs of camp with other needs. Now is the perfect time to consider establishing an endowment fund with the Jewish Fund for the Future, the planned giving arm of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, and the only source of permanent endowment funds serving the entire Delaware Jewish community. You can make a charitable donation that will leave a legacy for generations to come.

As the costs associated with camp programs continue to rise, we run the risk of more and more of our children being shut out of these important camping activities or being able to participate for much shorter periods of time. You can establish a fund to help defray

the costs of Jewish summer experiences or to further those charitable causes that mean the most to you.

By leaving a gift to the Jewish Fund for the Future in your Will, you demonstrate how much you care about our community and its future. Your endowment fund is an important investment in Jewish continuity. Your gift will teach generations of children to carry on the Jewish traditions in which you believe. The Jewish Fund for the Future will work with you to ensure your charitable goals are accomplished in a tax-efficient way. You can establish an endowment fund to support children's education, camping, or a specific Jewish agency. Through your commitment, you will create a permanent legacy that lives on in the community. Your gift to the Jewish Fund for the Future fulfills an obligation to the mitzvah of giving—and provides for future generations. Endowment gifts secure the needs of our Jewish community and makes sure we are prepared for whatever lies ahead. You can leave a legacy as a bequest, create a Philanthropic Fund, or establish a Perpetual Annual Campaign Endowment (PACE)/ Loin of

Judah Endowment (LOJE).

I look forward to working with you to create your own legacy. Together we can ensure that children continue to have the opportunity to learn from camping experiences. To learn more about planned giving and how you can

set-up a gift with the Jewish Fund for the Future, please call 302-427-2100 ext. 19 or email jennifer.young@shalomdel.org. Through a commitment to the Jewish Fund for the Future, your generosity helps shape the destiny of the Jewish people.

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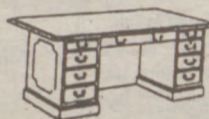
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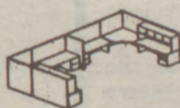
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Women's philanthropy on the rise

Nationwide women's giving is the fastest growing component of the UJA Federation annual campaign, now representing more than 23% and rising every year. Women's Campaigns have assumed an increasingly significant role in raising funds and helping Federations accomplish their goals.

In our own community, many women make a gift to the Jewish Federation of Delaware's annual campaign in their own name. Women who contribute a minimum of \$5,000 in their own name

are designated as Lions of Judah and join with thousands of women throughout North America in supporting local Jewish communities and the Jewish community worldwide. Today, there are nearly 12,000 Lions of Judah in the U.S., 900 in Canada, and more than 13,000 worldwide. All over North America, women wear the nationally recognized gold Lion of Judah pin. The Lion of Judah pin is a symbol of sisterhood and connectedness, of leadership and power. It provides a benchmark for women

to continue to advance into new spheres of giving as they achieve greater economic success. Special programs are offered to Lion of Judah donors on a local, regional, national and international level. This spring, we will honor Delaware's Lions of Judah with a recognition brunch.

The Jewish Federation of Delaware plans to launch a variety of initiatives designed not only to increase Jewish women's giving, but also to fulfill the potential of Jewish women's philanthropy and highlight domestic and global issues important to women.

Women giving at all levels can set an exemplary standard of leadership and giving by increasing their annual campaign gift or establishing an endowment fund. We are looking for women with enthusiasm to become involved. The Jewish Federation of Delaware's Women's Division is being created to draw attention to the importance of women's philanthropy. The Women's Division will integrate annual campaign, endowment, leadership development, outreach and programming and embrace and embody Jewish values. Women are invited to get involved now as we plan how to increase campaign giving and participation, collaborate with our beneficiary agencies, and educate, cultivate and strengthen community leaders. For information on how to give and become involved in the Women's Division please contact Jennifer Young at jennifer.young@shalomdel.org or 302-427-2100 ext. 19.

House Bill would end Saturday primaries in Delaware

By Mark Wagman
Special to the Jewish Voice

A newly introduced bill, House Bill 47, would change Delaware's primary election date from a Saturday to the second Tuesday in September. The bill is cosponsored by Rep. Robert Valihura, Jr., House Majority Leader Wayne Smith, and Rep. Gregory Lavelle. Senate sponsors are Senators Catherine Cloutier and Charles Copeland.

Many Jewish constituents have long complained of the conflict of the Saturday primary with Shabbat. When last year's primary also conflicted with the first day of Rosh Hashanah, an attempt to move the date for one time only failed to even come up for a vote in the House. This embarrassment, together with a particularly poor voter turnout for the primary, has given new impetus to an effort to permanently move the primary to a Tuesday.

There are several reasons mentioned in support of this change. The Saturday primary represents both a practical impediment and a symbolic affront to the Jewish community. Although it is possible for

observant Jews to vote by absentee ballot, in practice relatively few make the extra effort required and so they are effectively disenfranchised. Holding the primary on a Saturday also institutionalizes insensitivity to the entire Jewish community, as well as to Seventh Day Adventists. It has been noted that certainly the state would not consider holding an election on a Sunday, even though Christians are not forbidden from traveling or voting on this day.

Many are also recognizing that the Saturday primary, which was originally established in the hope of increasing turnout, has failed. Since the general election is on a Tuesday, this is when most people think about voting. Forty-five states and the District of Columbia currently hold their primary elections on a Tuesday (source: DemocracyNet at www.dnet.org).

Rep. Valihura believes that H.B. 47 has a good chance for success. The Governor and some legislators are reportedly ready to consider a change. The News Journal has written two editorials in favor of the

Tuesday primary. But Valihura also cautions that passage of this bill will not happen by itself. The community must show its strong support.

He suggests, first of all, that we call or write to Governor Minner and Frank Calio, the Elections Commissioner, to ask for their support. Calio has communicated some concerns which Valihura says amount to minor logistical issues. Obviously, these issues have been worked out by other states.

Secondly, since the House Administration Committee will be considering the bill first, constituents of committee members should contact them to urge their support. The members are Wayne Smith, Terry Spence, Clifford "Biff" Lee, Robert Gilligan, and John Van Sant. Of course, Wayne Smith is in favor of the bill and should be thanked for his sponsorship of it.

The committee will be holding hearings on the bill, most likely in early April. It is important that there is a large showing of support there. Look for information in a future Voice about plans for going to Dover.

Please contact me at 475-8351 or mewaql@aol.com if you have questions, to let him know that you have contacted someone, or to find out how you can become more involved in this effort.

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A Multi-tasking Jewish Federation



Todd Polikoff

By Todd Polikoff
Campaign Director

In today's world it is essential that people are able to multi-task. Every new invention and concept is geared towards fitting more stimuli into the precious 24 hours we have in each day. Kids have cell phones and palm pilots, parents have become part time publicists and chauffeurs for their kids and working only forty-hours a week is a prehistoric concept. We have evolved into

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For more information on the Jewish Federation of Delaware please contact me at 302-427-2100 ext. 16 or www.shalomdelaware.org

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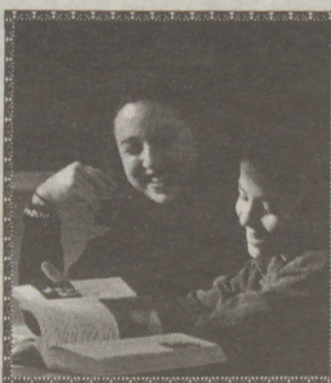
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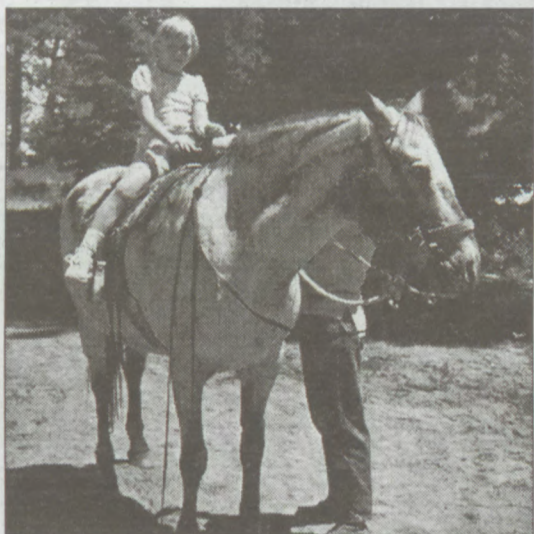


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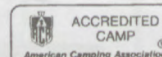
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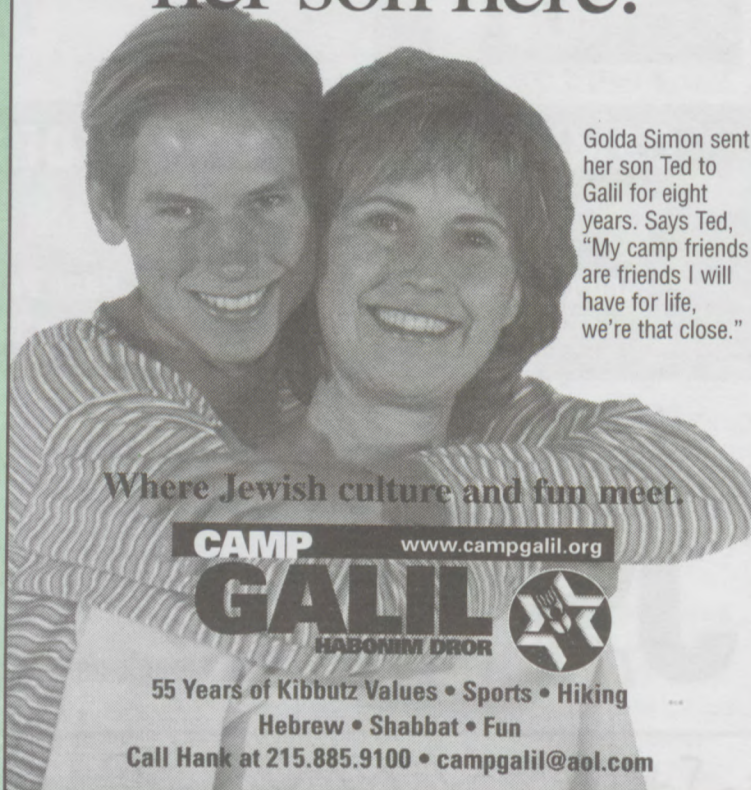
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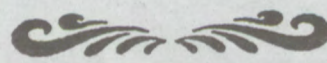
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INSIDE DELAWARE

JNF calls for Green Sunday Phone-A-thon volunteers

Jewish National Fund (JNF) is calling for volunteers to man the phones in Wilmington on its annual Green Sunday phone-a-thon on Sunday March 2. Green Sunday, a million-dollar national fundraising campaign brings synagogue members, families, youth groups and community members together to raise money for important projects in Israel including security and water resource development programs.

"Through the Green Sunday phone-a-thon, we hope to send a message to the members of our community that they are not powerless to help Israel. By volunteering on Green Sunday or contribut-

ing to JNF, they can do their part to help the land of Israel in its time of need," said Alan Blumenfeld, Green Sunday National Chairperson.

JNF volunteers will call households in their local area, to let them know how they can help Israel, particularly regarding the current water shortage. "JNF's annual Green Sunday phone-a-thon is a critical tool to raise money for the land of Israel. The funds raised through the phone-a-thon enable JNF to continue its work towards alleviating the water shortage in Israel," explains Russell F. Robinson, JNF Chief Executive Officer. "By speaking

with donors and updating them on JNF's miraculous efforts, we hope to call them to action. JNF's work allows Israel to make the most of its scarce water resources, and the generosity of our donors and our sponsors is what makes this possible."

"This is our first time we are attempting to hold a mass phonathon event in the Wilmington area on behalf of JNF. Green Sunday enables the Jewish Community to have an impact on ensuring that Israel remain green and that there are water resources available in the future," said David Margules, the Regional President of JNF.

Over the past century, many different issues have arisen in Israel, and JNF has continually evolved to address Israel's most pressing needs. As JNF begins its second century, the organization is proud of its many accomplishments in the areas of afforestation and providing Israel with healthy green space; building infrastructure for Israel's growing population; building access roads for security; providing employment for new immigrants; educating children in the U.S. and Israel about Zionism and the environment; and improving the quality of life for all Israelis through the building of parks and recreation

areas.

In recent years, JNF has shifted its focus towards the water shortage since the severity of the situation has increased significantly. Today, JNF is a major force in water resource development in Israel. The organization is committed to a \$250 million water initiative to extend the life of Israel's existing water resources that includes building the 100 new reservoirs, research projects and restoring polluted rivers all over Israel.

To volunteer at our Green Sunday phone-a-thon or to contribute to JNF, please call 302-655-5995.

JCC names new camp director



Donna Schwartz

The Jewish Community Center has appointed Donna Schwartz as its new Camp Director. Donna joined the staff of the JCC in February of 2002 as the Youth, Teen & Family Services Director. A native of Boca Raton, Florida, Donna holds a Masters degree in psychology from Florida Atlantic University and a Bachelors degree in psychology from the University of South Florida. Before coming to Delaware, Donna held the position of Teen Services Director and Teen Travel Camp Director at the Levis JCC in Boca Raton. She has also worked as a Children and Family Special Events Coordinator, an Assistant Teen Services Director and an Assistant Children and Family Services Coordinator.

Donna brings 12 years of camping experience and an abundance of enthusiasm to the JCC's Camp leadership team. As the day-to-day Camp Director, Donna will work along side Ivy Harlev, the Executive Camp Director and Joe Consiglio, the Seasonal Camp Director. Camp JCC offers traditional, specialty, sports, art, science and travel camps to over 600 children, ages Pre-K to teen each summer. Year after year, the campers and staff return to Camp JCC to experience the magic of community, friendship and fun. "It's Magical!" is the theme for this summer. For more information on Camp JCC, please contact Donna Schwartz at (302) 478-5660 or by e-mail to dschwartz@jccdelaware.org.

New library to hold Preston Holocaust Collection

By Connie Kreshtool
Special to the Jewish Voice

The Brandywine Hundred Library will soon open on Foulk Road bringing to the area a facility offering one of the largest collections in New Castle County; the latest in technology and ample space for lectures, workshops, and meetings. It will house the Preston Holocaust Collection now in the Concord Pike Library. The Collection includes books, videos, teachers' manuals etc related to the Holocaust and the events preceding and following that tragic event

in Jewish history. According to Concord Pike Librarian Tom Weaver the Collection has grown in circulation every year since the Jewish Federation of Delaware donated it in 1996.

The construction of the new library is a public/private partnership between New Castle County and local foundations and private individuals. Donations are still needed to complete the construction and furnishings. Those wishing to contribute to this community resource should contact Friends of Concord Pike Library, 302-761-9611, for more information.

AEA students receive John Hopkins Award

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Caption: More than 160 members of the national board of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, met for its annual midwinter board meetings in New Jersey and continued with visits to major Hadassah projects in Israel. Highlights of this mission included visits to Hadassah hospitals at Ein Kerem and Mt. Scopus to meet with patients recovering from homicide bombings; a ground breaking ceremony for the new Young Judeaea Youth Hostel at Massuah; a trip to Mount of Olives cemetery where Hadassah founder Henrietta Szold and past national presidents Rose Halprin and Faye Schenk are buried; a visit to Meir Shfeya, a residential youth village founded and sponsored in part by Hadassah now celebrating its 80th year; and a return to Kibbutz Ketura to dedicate the new dormitories for the environmental institute. Participants were addressed by US Ambassador Dan Kurtzer, MK Rabbi Michael Melchior, IDF intelligence officer Col. Miri Eisin. Pictured here at Hadassah Medical Center's new Center for Emergency Medicine are (at right) President of Northern Seaboard Region and National Board member Dina Lipshultz, and her husband, Alan, both of Wilmington, with other members of the National Board.

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COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS

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The Chabad Community Purim Dinner, this year titled 'The Won Ton of Poo-Rim Fun' will take place Tuesday March 18th, 5:45 PM at the JCC. The full course catered Chinese dinner accompanied by the non stop music of Yo-Si Goldstein of NY, bode well for another sellout crowd. Children and adult masquerade contest, skits and prizes, lively

dancing and Ruach make the Chabad dinner the place to celebrate Purim.

"Purim is the time to successfully add essential Jewish joy and faith to our lives and our families" said Rabbi Chuni Vogel of Chabad of DE. "Especially during these difficult times for Am Yisrael, we need to come together and celebrate our

miraculous past and present and be strengthened by our unity," Rabbi Vogel added.

The Dinner will be preceded by a last call Megillah reading to begin at 5:20 Sharp! Cost of the Purim celebration is \$18 for adults and \$11 for children. Reservations can be made by calling Chabad at 529-9900.

As in previous years, the

Megillah will be read at 12:30 PM at the law offices of Bouchard Margules & Friedlander, 222 Delaware Ave for those unable to participate in the morning reading. The Megillah will be read at the Kutz Home, helping to bring the joy of Purim to our seniors and during the day, volunteers will bring traditional Purim packages - Mishloach Manot

- to area hospitals and other senior centers.

Chabad will also sponsor a Megillah reading for the Jewish students at Widener Law School as well as, a grand Purim celebration for students at the University of Delaware Chabad Center.

For more information or to volunteer, please call 529-9900.

Beth Emeth plans Spring party

Did you join the Beth Emeth family in 2002 or 2003? Do you know someone who is thinking about joining? New and potential members of the congregation are cordially invited to a Get Acquainted Party on Sunday afternoon, March 30th, from 2:00 -

4:00 p.m. The Ellicks have graciously volunteered their home in Hockessin for the event.

Finger food and beverages will be served. Membership information will be available for those who are considering joining the congregation, but there will no

"sales pitch." This is an opportunity for new and potential members to get better acquainted with each other and the Beth Emeth congregation.

For more information, call Verna Schenker at 478-6673 or Adele Kessel at 478-0776.

Community religious school celebrates Purim

Adas Kodesch/Beth Shalom Community School will hold its annual Purim Carnival on Sunday, March 16th from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The community is invited to play games, nosh on a wide variety of food and purchase raffle tickets to benefit the school. The carnival will be held at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, Washington Blvd. and Torah Way in Wilmington. For further information, please call 302-762-3618.

Rick Recht at Beth El for Purim

Rick Recht, one of the leading Jewish touring artists in the United States, will launch Temple Beth El's Purim Carnival on Sunday, March 16th at 10:00 a.m. Recht has three top-selling Jewish albums-TOV, SHABBAT ALIVE (the first Jewish multimedia CD

that you can put into your computer) and FREE TO BE THE JEW IN ME. His songs blend pop music with Hebrew text. They stress such Jewish values as social responsibility. Currently the Artist in Residence at United Hebrew Congregation in St. Louis,

Missouri, he appeals to both youth and family audiences. The synagogue's Purim Carnival will follow Recht's performance and will feature games, prizes, Judaica and-of course-lunch with hamentashen. Call 302-366-8330 for more information.

DOVER SYNAGOGUE HAS BUSY MARCH CALENDAR

The community is invited to attend the following programs sponsored by Congregation Beth Shalom of Dover:

Art Auction-Saturday night, March 1st, 2003. Tickets are \$5.00 payable at the door.

Family Shabbat Services/Shabbat Across America-Friday

night, March 7th, 6:00 p.m.

Play and Reception- Sunday, March 16th, at 2:00 p.m., see On Golden Pond at the Schwartz Center. Tickets are \$35.00 each which includes a reception with Jack Klugman.

Call the synagogue for tickets. 1-302-734-5578.

PREPARING FOR PURIM

Making the case for Purim

By Jane Ulman

On the morning of March 18, my son Jeremy, 13, will slather a handful of extra-hold gel on his unnaturally red-streaked hair and sculpt it into porcupine spines.

He'll wear shorts two sizes too large, securing them low on his hips with a black leather belt embedded with 116 pyramid studs. His plaid boxers will be exposed.

He'll layer a short-sleeved T-shirt over a long-sleeved one, with silver, black and red flames racing up his arms.

This is Purim 5763 and Jeremy is costumed as . . . himself.

Jeremy won't be joining a parade of kids masquerading as Queen Esther, Mordechai, Vashti, King Ahasuerus or SpongeBob SquarePants.

And he'll have to wait until afternoon to hang out at the Purim Carnival's bean bag toss, hoping to accumulate enough winning tickets to bag his own goldfish.

No, this is Purim 5763 and Jeremy will be spending the morning at the Los Angeles County Courthouse working on art projects with kids who have been identified as abused or "at risk" and who face long hours anxiously awaiting court appearances.

In fact, the entire middle school at Abraham Joshua Heschel Day School in Northridge, Calif., will spend the morning engaged in one of 17 community service projects, ranging from delivering meals to peo-

ple with AIDS to sorting and packing food for people living in poverty to assisting at a local elementary school.

"Unfair," Jeremy and his friends protest, especially when they see their friends and siblings preparing for a full day of festivities.

"Right on," I counter, exposing my age as well as my antipathy toward Purim.

"Purim, what's that to celebrate?" my grandfather, William Snyder, used to say. "A nice Jewish girl marries a gentile king, and afterward everyone gets drunk."

Rabbi Ferdinand Isserman, senior rabbi at Temple Israel in St. Louis from 1929 to 1963, took his opposition to Purim a step further; he made the holiday practically nonexistent.

While his sermon on "The Right to Abolish Purim" is, unfortunately, lost, the temple's historian, Joseph Losos, recalls that Rabbi Isserman disapproved of Purim "because he felt it was a nationalistic, chauvinistic and xenophobic holiday and because God's name is never mentioned in the Megillah."

Yes, Purim is problematic. Not only is God's name absent, but also the holiday lacks sacred rituals as well as an authenticated historical basis.

Perhaps that's why the Book of Esther barely made it into the Bible, the last book to be accepted. An entire tractate of the Talmud, in fact, devotes itself to arguments for and against its canonization.

So I'm pleased that Jeremy and Danny, 11, are working to improve the world. They and their schoolmates are even carrying out one of the holiday's mitzvot — the directive (Megillah 9:22) to send gifts to the poor. Usually these consist of money or food, but the students are contributing something equally valuable, their time and enthusiasm.

As the Megillah (9:1) says, "V'nahapoch nu." "The world has turned topsy-turvy." We have teen-agers never mind that their normal street apparel renders them indistinguishable from court jesters, palace guards and even royal concubines — foregoing a morning of frivolity for community service.

But this year Purim is more than a melodramatic tale of premarital sex and intermarriage, misogyny, murder, intemperance and vindictiveness.

It is more than an opportunity for committees to fill the coffers of synagogues, day schools and other Jewish organizations by hosting lavish carnivals and masquerade balls. And it is more than an excuse, as the Code of Jewish Law tells us, for men and women to wear each other's clothes.

This year, in this topsy-turvy world, Purim is a serious holiday. For just as Esther, Mordechai and the rest of the Jews of Persia lived in imminent danger, so do we.

On the Shabbat of Remembrance, preceding Purim, we read about Amalek, the quintessential enemy of the Jews. Deuteronomy 25:17-18 states: "Remember what Amalek did to

you on your journey, after you left Egypt — how, undeterred by fear of God, he surprised you on the march, when you were famished and wary, and cut down all the stragglers in your rear."

Amalek, the embodiment of evil and inhumanity and the supposed ancestor of Haman, gratuitously and brutally attacked the Israelites from the rear, where the women, children and infirm walked.

But this year, we don't have to remember Amalek; we are living in constant fear of him. Or them. We have Osama bin Laden, Saddam Hussein and millions of fundamentalist Muslims who would like to see Jews, women and children obliterated from the earth.

Purim, despite its silliness and political incorrectness, gives us a welcome respite from this nightmare. And, by celebrating as a community, it also gives us strength and solidarity. Together we hear the Megillah read, trying, paradoxically and impossibly, as the Torah (Deuteronomy 25:19) commands us, to remember Amalek and blot out his memory. Together we observe, as the

Megillah (9:22) commands us, a day "of feasting and gladness" and send baskets of food (mishloach manot) to one another.

Perhaps we always needed this one-day reprieve.

My grandfather, despite his protestations, always took my mother and aunt, as young girls, to Purim carnivals. He even donned fancy costumes, one year dressing as Moses.

And Temple Israel in St. Louis eventually reinstated the celebration of Purim, holding the carnival, ironically, in the Isserman Auditorium.

It is important, as my sons and their schoolmates are doing, to make the world a better place. It is equally important to build a strong, caring and proud Jewish community.

Because this Purim we know that it's going to take some difficult and dangerous work to triumph over our oppressors. And in today's topsy-turvy world, we have no assurance that we can succeed.

(Jane Ulman is a freelance writer in Encino, Calif. She is the mother of four sons.)

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PERSPECTIVES

Memo to Mr. Ben Laden: Go To Hell!

By Muqtadar Khan, Ph.D.

This is an American Muslim's response to the Tape recorded message dated February 11th, 2003 by fugitive-terrorist Osama Bin Laden.

Mr. Binladen, In the name of Allah, The Most Merciful, the Most Benevolent.

I begin by reciting some important principles of Islam to remind you that there is more to Islam than just a call to arms.

1. Islam was sent as mercy to humanity (Quran 4:79).

2. Do not make mischief on the earth (Quran 29:36).

3. People, We have created you from a male and a female, and made you into nations and tribes that you might know one another. The noblest of you before God is the most righteous of you. (49:13)

4. There are among the People of the Book (Jews and Christians) upstanding nations that recite the message of God and worship throughout the night, who believe in God, who order honor and forbid dishonor and race in good works. These are the righteous. (3:113-114).

I am writing this to make it clear that there are Muslims in America and in the world who despise and condemn extremists and have nothing to do with Binladen and those like him for whom killing constitutes worship.

Islam was sent as mercy to humanity and not as an ideology of

terror or hatred. It advocates plurality and moral equality of all faiths (Quran 2:62, 5:69). To use Islam, as a justification to declare an Armageddon against all non-Muslims is inherently unIslamic - it is a despicable distortion of a faith of peace. One of Allah's 99 names in the Quran is "Al Salam" which means Peace. Thus in a way Muslims are the only people who actually worship peace. Today this claim sounds so empty, thanks to people like you, Mr. Bin Laden. You and those like you are dedicated to killing and bringing misery to people wherever they are. God blessed you with the capacity to lead and also endowed you with enormous resources. You could have used your influence in Afghanistan to develop it, to bring it out of poverty and underdevelopment and show the world what Islam can do for those who believe in it. You chose to provoke and bring war to a people who had already been devastated by wars.

Yes many innocent people lost their lives in America's war on Afghanistan and many more might lose their lives in Iraq. This is indeed regrettable. But we must never forget as to how the West is divided over this and how nations and people within nations are agonizing in Europe and in America over this decision to go to war in Iraq. While many Americans and Europeans oppose the war, Muslim nations have already agreed to cooperate in

this war. No Muslims leader has tried to play the role of a statesman on this issue. It is a tragedy that there is not a single Ted Kennedy, Jimmy Carter or Nelson Mandela in the entire Muslim world who would stand up and speak for justice!

Before we rush to condemn America we must remember that even today millions of poor and miserable people all across the world are lining up outside US embassies eager to come to America, not just to live here but to become an American. No Muslim country today, can claim that people of other nations and other faiths see it as a promise of hope, equality, dignity and prosperity.

Yes, we American Muslims will continue to challenge the Bush administrations' proposal to wage war against Iraq. We think a regime change in Washington is as necessary as a regime change in Baghdad, but that is an intramural affair. Once the war is declared, make no mistake Mr. Saddam Hussein and Mr. Bin Laden, We are with America. We will fight with America and we will fight for America. We have a covenant with this nation, we see it as a divine commitment and we will not disobey the Quran (9:4) - we will fulfill our obligations as citizens to the land that opened its doors to us and promised us equality and dignity even though we have a different faith. I am sure Mr. Bin Laden, you can neither understand nor appreci-

ate this willingness to accept and welcome the other.

Sure at this moment out of anger, frustration and fear, some in America have momentarily forgotten their own values. I am confident that, God willing, this moment of shock and insecurity will pass and America will once again become the beacon of freedom, tolerance and acceptance that it was before September 11th. On that day Mr. Binladen, you not only killed 3000 innocent Americans, many of whom were also Muslims, but you signed the death warrants of many innocent people who will die in this war on terror and many more who will live but will suffer the consequences, the pain and the misery of war. Before September 11th, the US was giving aid (\$45 million a year) to Afghanistan and was content to wait for the Iraqi people to free themselves and the rest of the world from their dictator. On that day you changed the rules of the game and Muslims in many places are suffering as a direct consequence.

When the Prophet Muhammad (saw) and his companions fought in the name of Islam, Allah made them victorious and glorified them in this world. They made Islam the currency of human civilization for over a millennium. You and your men on the other hand face nothing but defeat, global ridicule and contempt and run and hide like rats in caves and dungeons. You live in

the dark. Your faith neither enlightens you nor enables you to live in the light and you have made Islam the currency of hate and violence.

Let me tell you that I would rather live in America under Ashcroft and Bush at their worst, than in any "Islamic state" established by ignorant, intolerant and murderous punks like you and Mullah Omar at their best. The US, patriot act notwithstanding, is still a more Islamic (just and tolerant) state than Afghanistan ever was under the Taliban.

Remember this: Muslims from all over the world who wished to live better lives migrated to America and Muslims who only wished to take lives migrated to Afghanistan to join you.

We will not follow the desires of people (like you) who went astray and led many astray from the Straight Path. (Quran 5:77).

I conclude by calling upon you Mr. Bin Laden and your Al Qaeda colleagues and Mr. Saddam Hussain to surrender to International Courts and take responsibility for your actions and protect thousands of other innocent Muslims from becoming the victims of the wars you bring upon them.

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The Last Jews of Baghdad

By Mitch Potter

The Jewish community of Baghdad is 2,600 years old. It's quickly coming to an end.

It was an eerie experience, driving through the Jewish quarter of Baghdad recently in search of the last lonely holdouts among a community with roots that stretch back 2,600 years.

There are exactly 38 Jews left in Baghdad. Most are elderly. Most live in fear. A request to an Iraqi government official for permission to interview the last of the true Babylonian Jewry had prompted incredulous laughter. "Not possible. Too sensitive."

Even an Iraqi taxi driver refused to do more than slow down for a cruise past Bataween — the last Baghdad synagogue still in operation — assuming the location to be under surveillance by Iraqi agents.

In a drive-by glimpse, the lonely synagogue was ringed with 3-meter-high walls, foreboding steel gates — and not a person in sight.

Two countries to the west, in the village of Or Yehuda, Israel, lives a man who can fill in the blanks better than any. At 79, Baghdad-born Mordechai Ben-Porat has dedicated his life to the exodus of Iraqi Jews.

In the early 1950s, he was the Mossad-trained leader of the underground movement known as Operation Ezra and Nehemiah that brought 120,400 people to Israel, the second-largest population transfer in Jewish history. Ben-Porat was arrested four times for his efforts, which included mass mobilization by planes, trains,

automobiles and even on foot.

He often dressed in Bedouin clothing to find safe passage. He once lost two teeth in a beating by Iraqi police. It is a mission that never ended. In the last five years, 220 Jews have fled Iraq, the most recent emigrants arriving just eight months ago.

Says Ben-Porat: "Whatever happens to Saddam Hussein, the community is finished. Forever. The 38 who are left, the story will end when they die."

"From 586 BCE to today. And now the gates of Baghdad are closed."

Ben-Porat remembers well his childhood, when relations were different. The eldest of 11 children from the northern Baghdad community of Adhamiya, where his father ran a general store, he speaks of time shared with Muslim and Christian Arab children. These were true friendships, sealed with visits to each other's homes.

Back then, the Jewish Quarter really was one-quarter of Baghdad — an estimated 137,000 people worshipping at dozens of synagogues. Some Jews had standing in the greater Baghdad community as business leaders, and at one time Jews held half the seats on the city's 16-member municipal council.

But times were about to change. Under the Ottoman Turks, the Jews of Baghdad were dhimmis, a protected minority, guaranteed freedom of worship. Under the British Mandate, relations slowly began to sour, increasingly so as Jewish agitation for a homeland

grew stronger. The turning point came in June, 1941, in the aftermath of a pro-Nazi coup, when 135 Jews were murdered in a two-day pogrom.

"It was an earthquake," recalls Ben-Porat. "The mob even came to our door and was about to attack. But our Muslim neighbor — the wife of an Iraqi army colonel — came rushing out to save us. She held a hand grenade and said she would blow them up if they didn't go away."

"For the next two days, we gave shelter to every Jew in our neighborhood. There were 200 people in our house." In the aftermath of the attack, Ben-Porat's parents plotted their exit, eventually winning passage to Palestine with forged passports. They left Iraq for good in a seaplane that touched down on the Dead Sea.

Ben-Porat stayed behind, ostensibly to complete his matriculation exams but also to work with the underground Halutz movement, dedicated to creating a pathway for Jews to reach Palestine.

"In 1945, I walked to Jerusalem," he says. "I walked for 30 days, through Syria and then down from the north through Lebanon." Ben-Porat soon found himself a company commander in Israel's War of Independence, commanding a group in the battle of Latrun.

By 1948, he was selected by the Mossad for a mission to enable the exodus from Baghdad. Operation Ezra and Nehemiah was planned for some 150 emigrants a month, at most. But when Iraqi authorities

approved the project on March 3, 1950, 63,000 people — nearly half the Jewish population of Baghdad — registered in the first two months.

By the end of 1951, only 9,000 Jews remained in the Iraqi capital. After his final exit, Ben-Porat helped found the town of Or Yehuda, about 10 kilometers east of Tel Aviv, on the site of an immigrant transit camp where many of the Iraqi arrivals were sent upon arrival.

He later became its mayor, eventually sitting in the Knesset as a member of parliament for 16 years. But his crowning achievement is the Babylonian Jewry Heritage Center, the culmination of a lifework for which he was last year awarded the Israel Prize, the country's highest civilian honor.

"The saga of this Diaspora community is nearly finished, but we can keep the memory alive," he says of the heritage center. The museum serves as an ancestral lifeline for the nearly 250,000 Jews of Iraqi descent living in Israel, tracing the initial exile to Baghdad by Babylonian king Nebuchadnezzar through to the present. Treasures from more than two millennia of

Iraqi Jewry are on display, from silverwork and wedding gowns to stories of the Babylonian Talmud.

As for the 38 remaining Jews of Baghdad, Ben-Porat shrugs. They have no rabbi now and only two know the Hebrew language. They do, however, have protection of a kind, under Saddam Hussein. Ben-Porat acknowledges that Saddam has taken pains to preserve and protect at least three Jewish sites in Iraq. "Iraqi Jews have an old saying: 'Baghdad is a pot of gold, but there is a snake in the pot,'" he says.

"Some of us see the gold; others see the snake. 'I have no doubt Iraqis would be better off with a different leader. I'm not talking about what is good for Israel, I mean Iraqis themselves. So many have suffered and died."

"There will never be a Jewish future in the new Iraq, of this I am certain. 'But I do think we can help build a bridge to the new government. We speak the same language and we remember our fathers could work together."

"That is a history we can build on."

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JEWISH ARTS AND CULTURE

Wilmington native son pens new book



Brian Curtis Mand

By Lynn B. Edelman

Wilmingtonians who come out to Barnes & Noble on March 6th for the debut of a brand new book—*The Men of March: A Season Inside The Lives of Basketball Coaches* will recognize the handsome young man personally autographing copies. The author is none other than Brian Curtis Mand, a Delaware native son who left the First State for Los Angeles to begin a promising career as a reporter for Fox Sports Net.

The book profiles four head coaches during the time-frame of a single college basketball season. During intensive interviews with Steve Alford of Iowa, Mike Brey of Notre Dame, Steve Lavin of

UCLA and Bill Self of Illinois, Brian gives the reader a unique inside look at the lives of these men both on and off the court.

Ever the objective reporter, Brian professes to have no favorites among the coaches he profiled in his book. However he has the utmost respect for former University of Delaware basketball coach Mike Brey. "He placed Delaware basketball on the right track so it should come as no surprise that Notre Dame enjoys great success under his leadership," Mand observed.

Although California is now home to Brian and his bride, Tamara, he maintains a strong connection to his roots in the Delaware Jewish community. He

has great memories of spending summers as a camper, and ultimately a counselor at Camp JCC camp, becoming a bar mitzvah at Congregation Beth Shalom and developing life-long friendships through his involvement in the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization. He returns home frequently for visits with his father, Martin, who coordinates Brian's speaking engagements and his mother, Shelly.

The book, published by Taylor Trade Publishing, sells for \$24.95. It is available for purchase on line at www.amazon.com or www.barnesandnoble.com. Or stop by Barnes & Noble, 4801 Concord Pike, Wilmington on March 6th at 7:00 p.m.

DELAWARE ARTIST TO EXHIBIT

Irv Levitt of Dover will exhibit his unique paintings during the month of March at the Delaware Theatre Company during DTC's March run of "DIVA". His exhibition is entitled "Faces of Hope". In his statement for the show, Levitt says that "All art is a long-shot attempt at communication, hoping that someone, somewhere might feel a spark of recognition. I am always grateful to learn that these faces do indeed hold a message of one kind or another. The theatre is located on the Wilmington Waterfront at 200 Water Street.

For further information, call 302 674 4680.

Celebrate song this Sunday at Beth Shalom

By Marvin S. Cytron

This Sunday evening, March 2, 2003, the second annual Hazzan Andrew Salzer Cantors' Concert will be presented at Congregation Beth Shalom, 1801 Baynard Boulevard. The concert is in memory of Hazzan Andrew Salzer, who served as the synagogue's "Sweet Singer of Israel" for over 25 years. During his years with Beth Shalom "Andy", who was the first permanent cantor of the synagogue, showed the congregation the way to make services more spiritual and meaningful through music and did so with a generous and giving spirit.

The concert will feature Beth Shalom's Cantor, Hazzan G. Michael Horwitz, along with the Beth Shalom

Adult Choir, the combined Youth Choirs of Beth Shalom & the Albert Einstein Academy and special guest artists Hazzan Arthur Katlin and his wife, Dr. Evette Katlin. Long time Beth Shalom pianist, organist and choir director, Robert "Bob" Wallace will serve as accompanist.

"An Evening of Joyous Song" will present a potpourri of music and song from the synagogue liturgy, Jewish heritage, Israeli melodies, popular selections and Broadway light opera pieces. Hazzan Horwitz has described this concert as "one that will appeal to the entire family with an uplifting and energetic selection of music."

The Katlins have performed together and individually throughout

this country and Israel. They currently reside in New Jersey with their two children, Shara Lauren, age 9, and Aaron Michael, age 5. Arthur is a graduate of the Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS) with a Diploma of Hazzan and Masters of both Sacred Music and Jewish Education. Since 1991 he has been Cantor of Adath Israel Congregation in Lawrenceville NJ and is past Chairperson of the New Jersey Cantors Concert Ensemble and continues to function as an active member and respected conductor of the ensemble. Evette has always had a great passion for Jewish, Cantorial and secular music. She has served congregations as guest cantor for over 20 years, and has taught Hebrew and prayer in

numerous religious schools. A creative and talented poet, lyricist and composer, she co-wrote and recorded eight original popular songs and is currently composing a Shabbat Evening Service. She holds graduate degrees in Nursing, Psychology, and Social Work and received her Ph.D. in Health Studies from Temple University. She maintains an active professional career as a psychotherapist and addictions specialist.

Hazzan Horwitz has served as Cantor of Congregation Beth Shalom since 2000. He is a graduate of Indiana University and the H.L. Miller Cantorial School of JTS and prior to his move to Wilmington he served as Associate Cantor at Beth El Synagogue, Omaha,

Nebraska. In addition to cantor of Beth Shalom, he teaches at the Albert Einstein Academy and has been instrumental in planning and participating in a number of concerts in the community, including a much acclaimed concert this past fall with his fellow "Three Wilmington Cantors" at the Adult Education/JCC program.

The 7:00 p.m. concert will be followed by a reception. Tickets are \$12.00 at the door, Students \$5.00. Proceeds of the concert will benefit the Andrew Salzer Memorial Fund. The fund, created in 2000, was established to enhance the love and appreciation of music, sponsor concerts and bring musical artists to the community.

Delaware Symphony honors composer Steve Reich

On March 6 through 8, the Delaware Symphony will pay tribute to composer Steve Reich, best known in the Jewish community for his Holocaust themed work, "Different Trains". Reich, recipient of the Symphony's 2003 A.I. duPont Award, will speak about this composition prior to its performance by the DSO. Reich's piece will open the fifth classical concert of the season.

"Different Trains," marked a new compositional method in which

speech recordings generate the musical material for musical instruments. *The New York Times* hailed "Different Trains" as "a work of such astonishing originality that breakthrough seems the only possible description...[it] possesses an absolutely harrowing emotional impact." In 1990, Mr. Reich received a Grammy Award for Best Contemporary Composition for "Different Trains" as recorded by the Kronos Quartet on the Nonesuch label.

The A.I. duPont Award is given by the Delaware Symphony to living composers for contributions to contemporary orchestral music. Reich, recently called "...America's greatest living composer" by the *The Village Voice*, is the 18th recipient of the award. Past honorees include William Schuman (1985), Ellen Zwilich (1990), Robert Ward (1994), Richard Wernick (1999) and Christopher Rouse (2000).

The Delaware Symphony has

been an integral part of Delaware's cultural life since 1929. The DSO brings symphonic music to thousands of Delawareans through its Classical, Bank One Pops, and Chamber concert series, and its many education and outreach programs. The DSO is supported, in part, by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Delaware Division of the Arts, a state agency committed to enhancing and supporting the arts in Delaware.

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French film blasts media on Mideast

Even after 10 screenings a day for the past two weeks, a film charging that the French media is biased against Israel is still playing to packed houses in Paris.

The film, "Decryptage" or "Decoding," has caught the mood of French Jews who long have felt that the French media's depiction of the Mideast shows a pro-Palestinian slant.

The film's producers, Jacques Tarnier and Philippe Bensoussan, say it is "an opinion piece rather than a documentary." But the film has succeeded in provoking widespread debate in the French media, not only for its content but also for the fact that it appears to have struck a chord among French Jews.

Each day, French Jews have gath-

ered outside the Arlequin cinema in the heart of Paris's movie district on the Left Bank of the Seine, in what often appears more a gesture of solidarity with Israel than a desire for a night out.

The lines stretch down the street, and people who can't get tickets are forced to return for later showings.

"People come to feel united. It's something between personal therapy, a family visit, the synagogue and a football game," Bensoussan explained.

"I knew everyone in there," student David Biton, 17, told JTA. "It's a good film, but it's much more important for non-Jews to see it. They should put it on at other cinemas. It's difficult enough as it is just to get tick-

ets here."

Biton came to see the film with three friends, all classmates from his Jewish school in Paris. Most of his family and friends had seen the movie, he said, but he had had little success persuading non-Jewish friends to come.

"They should put it on TV," Biton said. "Then people might see the truth instead of the disinformation they constantly feed us."

"Decryptage" claims that there is a persistent campaign by important sections of the French media - most notably by the leading daily, *Le Monde*, and the international press agency, Agence France Presse - to blame Israel for the outbreak of the Palestinian intifada in September

2000.

The film charges that major French television channels consciously and deliberately blamed Israel's then-opposition leader, Ariel Sharon, for the violence that began the day after his visit to the Temple Mount in Jerusalem.

Moreover, the film details what it describes as evidence that the Palestinian Authority planned the intifada even while it was involved in peace negotiations with Israel, details that were ignored or glossed over by French media.

The film also includes footage of how Palestinian children are educated to hate Israel and Jews. It also strongly criticizes the portrayal by the France 2 television channel of the death of a

young Palestinian teen-ager in Israeli-Palestinian crossfire in the Gaza Strip in October 2000.

The image of the boy's death, captured by a French cameraman, became one of the indelible early images of the intifada and was used to whip up anti-Israel sentiment around the world - even though investigations later showed that he might well have been killed by a Palestinian bullet.

The film takes as its starting point the 1995 assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. It includes interviews with leading members of Israel's peace camp - such as former Prime Minister Ehud Barak and his foreign minister, Shlomo Ben-Ami - as well as left-wing intellectuals in Israel and France.

MATTER OF OPINION

A lesson from the past

By Carl Alpert

In Israel, too, as elsewhere in the world, voices are raised questioning the need for an American attack on Iraq. The consequences of war can never be predicted, and Israel is in a particularly vulnerable position should Saddam Hussein rain missiles on this country as he did during the Gulf War. And this time those missiles may be tipped with lethal chemical or biological poisons which could take a heavy toll.

The anti-war demonstrations in Europe and the U.S. have been impressive. The protesters say there has been insufficient evidence that the Iraqi dictator has any evil intentions which would warrant armed invasion of his country. Why is American president George W. Bush so aggressively stubborn?

We are told that every generation should learn from the history of

previous generations or they are destined to suffer from the consequences of their ignorance. And so our mind travels back some seventy years. The world looked on as Adolf Hitler took over Germany. There was no threat to anyone, except perhaps to the Jews. The rise of Nazism was regarded as a domestic German problem. They were the ones who were to suffer from the dictatorship. The situation there was of no direct concern to any other land and there was no danger. After all, Germany was subject to the restrictions imposed by the Versailles Peace Conference.

In some quarters Hitler was regarded as a buffoon. We can well recall when much of the American press ridiculed him. A menace? Not that clown. In Europe it was hoped that he would bring stability to his land. A contemporary observer recorded: "The many encourage-

ments he received from English sources tended to support Hitler in his boldest expectations." France was not far behind.

In 1935 he annexed the Saar. Purely a local matter. Step by step he began to rearm Germany and to build a military machine. That year the League of Nations condemned Germany's violations of the terms of Versailles. Hitler ignored the League. In 1936 Germany occupied the Rhineland. His friendly pact with Vienna was quickly followed by the invasion of Austria. The history books remind us that England, France and even Czechoslovakia agreed to the cession of the Sudetenland. After all, peace was preferable to war. Then came Chamberlain and Munich, and "peace in our time". The rest is history. In retrospect, one historian wrote that Hitler "could not have destroyed Europe without the help

of Europe."

We leap to our times. Who cared when Hussein seized power in Iraq? That was purely a domestic matter. Who cared when he waged a bloody war against Iran? Of what concern was it to the rest of the world when he massacred Kurds by the thousands? His invasion of Kuwait did bring about a reaction, but he was let off with a polite slap on the wrist and restrictions imposed by the United Nations. Much of Europe has responded to Saddam Hussein in the same way they responded to Adolf Hitler in the 1930s. Even France, twice victim of aggression, and rescued only by a costly intervention by America and Russia, refuses to learn from history. In Britain, astute Prime Minister Tony Blair has to battle the so-called peace forces. The United Nations, it appears, is as helpless as was the

League of Nations in its day, and may be destined to suffer the same fate.

What menace could Saddam Hussein possibly be to Europe? He is far from there. But we are living in a different age. We are talking of weapons of mass destruction. If the crazy despot Hitler could unleash his armies against the rest of an unsuspecting European continent, it is not difficult to expect that the crazy despot Hussein is capable of showering Europe with the germs of a disastrous biological plague which could almost obliterate western civilization there.

The American policy today is coldly realistic. If the U. S. is compelled to refrain from action now, the hostile forces will mount up to an even worse inevitable catastrophe. The world's only hope is that the advocates of "peace" awake to bitter reality before it is too late.

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In Memoriam

BAKER

Leah Seltzer Baker, 94, formerly of Wilmington, died February 21. She is survived by two daughters, five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held on February 24th in the Machzikdey Hadas Cemetery in Minquedale.

Contributions in her memory would be appreciated to Hadassah or to a charity of the donor's choice.

BITMAN

Louise Bitman of Lexington, Kentucky, formerly of Wyncote, PA, died February 16th. Wife of the late Dr. Joseph Bitman, she is survived by her daughters, Linda Angelo and devoted friend, Larry Porter and Judy Wortman and her husband, Rabbi David Wortman; brother and sister-in-law, Alfred and Annette Block; six grandchildren, Hilary Angelo, Rabbi Mira Wasserman and her husband Dr. Steven Weitzman, Ari Wasserman, Noah Wortman, Shoshana Wortman; and two great-grandchildren, Yosef and Hillel.

Funeral services were held on February 20th in Bucks County, PA with interment in Roosevelt

Memorial Park.

Contributions in her memory may be made to Women's American ORT or to a charity of the donor's choice.

CHEITLIN

Daniel L. Cheitlin, 76, died February 10 after a long and courageous battle with illness. His commitment to his community is evidenced by his active membership in Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation and its Men's Club. He was a Past Master of Washington Lodge #1 AF & AM, the Harry Fineman Post #545 of the Jewish War Veterans and St. John's Chapter #1.

He was predeceased by his son, Mark. Survivors include: his wife of 50 years, Mitzi; daughters, Robin Crist and her husband, Fred, Allece Horden and her husband, Neil, Marlene Skinner and her husband, Willie; a sister, Phyllis Garfinkel; a brother, Morris Freschman and his wife, Ray; brother-in-law, Marvin Sayer and his wife, Kate; grandchildren, Megan and Ian Crist, Leah and Mark Horden, Julia and Logan Skinner; and devoted nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, February 13th at Schoenberg Memorial Chapel in Wilmington with interment in the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road. Contributions in his memory would be appreciated to Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, Washington Blvd and Torah Way, Wilmington, DE 19802 or to the American Cancer Society, 92 Reads Way, New Castle, DE 19720.

EHRlich

Pearl Ehrlich, 90, of Bradley Beach, NJ, died February 17th. An interior decorator, she and her late husband, Carl operated Ehrlich's House Beautiful in Spring Lake, NJ. She was a founding member of the Women's Auxiliary of Congregation Agudath Achim in Bradley Beach, NJ and the Bradley Beach Seniors Center.

Survivors include her devoted companion of 25 years, Julian Warren; son, Steven Ehrlich of

Cooper City, Florida; daughter, Francia Isakoff of Wilmington; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services and interment were held February 20th in New Jersey.

Donations in Mrs. Ehrlich's memory may be made to Temple Beth Emeth, Lea Blvd., Wilmington, DE

FISCHER

Dora Fischer, 96, formerly of New York and Florida, died on February 14th. She is survived by her daughter, Sara Hockstein; sons, Arthur and Herbert; grandchildren, Kenneth and Neil Hockstein; Joel, Ilene, David and Susan Fischer, Ellen Stella and Carolyn Simon; and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on February 17th in Brooklyn, New York.

The family would appreciate donations in her memory to the Kutz Home, 704 River Road,

Wilmington, DE 19809 or to Delaware Hospice, 3515 Silverside Road, Wilmington, DE 19810.

ROSEN

Frank Rosen, 67, of Timber Run, died February 15th. He was a member of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation. He is survived by his devoted wife, Sandra; sons, Dr. Michael and his wife, Mandy and Neil and his wife, Shay; sister, Eleanor and her husband, Saul Cohen; and six adored grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on February 20th at Schoenberg Memorial Chapel with interment at the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road.

The family would appreciate donations in his memory to either Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, Washington Blvd. and Torah Drive, Wilmington, DE 19802 or to the Jewish Federation of Delaware, 100 West 10th Street, Wilmington, DE 19801-1628.

NACHAS NOOK

Sands and Costas are wed

Deborah Elizabeth Sands and Evan Matthew Costas were married August 4, 2002 at the Mendenhall Inn, with Rabbi Stephen Weisman officiating. Their parents are Michele and Howard Sands (Chalfonte) and Bonnie and John Costas (Northminster).

Deborah is a graduate of Concord High School, Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School and Rutgers University, where she received a B.A. with High Honors in English and Art History. She is

employed as an assistant teacher in a toddler class at Wilmington Montessori School and is studying for a Masters in Elementary Education at Wilmington College.

Evan is a graduate of Concord High School and received a B.S. in Geophysics from the University of Delaware, where he is continuing studies toward a masters degree in geology. The couple resides in Newark.

Mr. and Mrs. Evan Costas



Frank, Weinstein families unite in marriage

Lynne Weinstein, daughter of Ruth and Sheldon Weinstein of Wilmington, recently became the bride of Rabbi Adam Frank in ceremonies held in Jerusalem where the couple met and make their home. Lynne is currently studying for her Masters Degree in Social Work at Yeshiva University and is employed as marketing director of CHAI, an Israeli animal rights organization.

Rabbi Adam Frank, the son of

Lois and Larry Frank of Atlanta, Georgia, is the director of the Education and Outreach Program at the Pardes Institute of Jewish Learning.

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March 12 Dr. Diane Isaacs, English Department, University of Maryland at College Park

"Holocaust Memoir and the Threat of Fiction"

March 19 Dr. James Brophy, History Department, University of Delaware

"Violence Against Jews in Nineteenth Century Germany"

March 26 Dr. Sherry Israel, Hornstein Program, Brandeis University

"Who Is A Jew: Historic and Modern Considerations"

April 9 Dr. Samuel Asher, Executive Vice President, Jewish Federation of Delaware

"The Organized Jewish Community: Its Origins and Functions"

April 16 Review and Discussion.

April 23 Dr. Vivian Klaff, Center for Jewish Studies, University of Delaware

National Jewish Population Survey 2000: How We Conducted the Study and What We Have Learned About the American Jewish Population"

April 30 Dr. David Stern, Jewish Studies, University of Pennsylvania

"The Talmud and the Talmudic Page"

May 7 Rabbi Daniel Satlow, Congregation Beth Shalom, Wilmington, DE

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JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY SLATES MARCH PROGRAM

The Jewish Historical Society of Delaware will present the second in its free series of programs on "Delaware Jews and the Land of Israel" on Tuesday, March 4, 7:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center in Wilmington. Norman (Sonny) Schutzman, a volunteer in Israel's 1948 War of Independence and Ted Mattes who serves annually in the Volunteers for Israel program, will share their perspectives. Participants in the program will gain a better understanding of the strength of the ties between the First State and the Jewish State.

Refreshments will be served. For additional information, please call Diane Sklut at 302-475-4229.

NEWS FROM NEWARK JCC

New York Theatre Trip-See the new Billy Joel musical, "Moving Out", on Sunday, April 6th. Bus leaves from the Newark JCC at 8:30 a.m. Show begins at 3:00 p.m. with time to enjoy dinner before departing the Big Apple at 8:30 p.m. Cost for JCC members is \$145.00, \$165.00 for non-members. Spend the day in New York without the show for just \$35 per person. Tickets are limited so call today, 368-9173.

DOVER SYNAGOGUE HAS BUSY MARCH CALENDAR

The community is invited to attend the following programs sponsored by Congregation Beth Shalom of Dover:

Art Auction-Saturday night, March 1st, 2003. Tickets are \$5.00 payable at the door.

Family Shabbat Services/Shabbat Across America-Friday night, March 7th 6:00 p.m.

Play and Reception- Sunday, March 16th, at 2:00 p.m., see On Golden Pond at the Schwartz Center. Tickets are \$35.00 each which includes a reception with Jack Klugman. Call the synagogue for tickets. 1-302-734-5578.

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VISIT STATUE OF LIBERTY WITH JEWISH WAR VETERANS

The Jewish War Veterans of Delaware invites the community to participate in its bus trip to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island in New York on Sunday, April 6th. The bus will leave at 8:00 a.m. from the rear of the B'nai B'rith Building on Society Hill Drive in Claymont. The cost is \$28.75 for adults, \$26.75 for seniors and \$22.75 for children ages 4 through 12 and includes bus transportation, admission to the Statue of Liberty, box lunches and sodas. Reservations will be binding with a check forwarded to: Jewish War Veterans, 3209 Heather Court, Wilmington, DE 19809.

MARCH HAPPENINGS AT ALBERT EINSTEIN ACADEMY:

March 7th - Israeli Dancing; 15th - Gala 7:30 pm; 18th - Purim Celebration:

Megillah reading - 8:00 am; Carnival - 1:00 pm

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March

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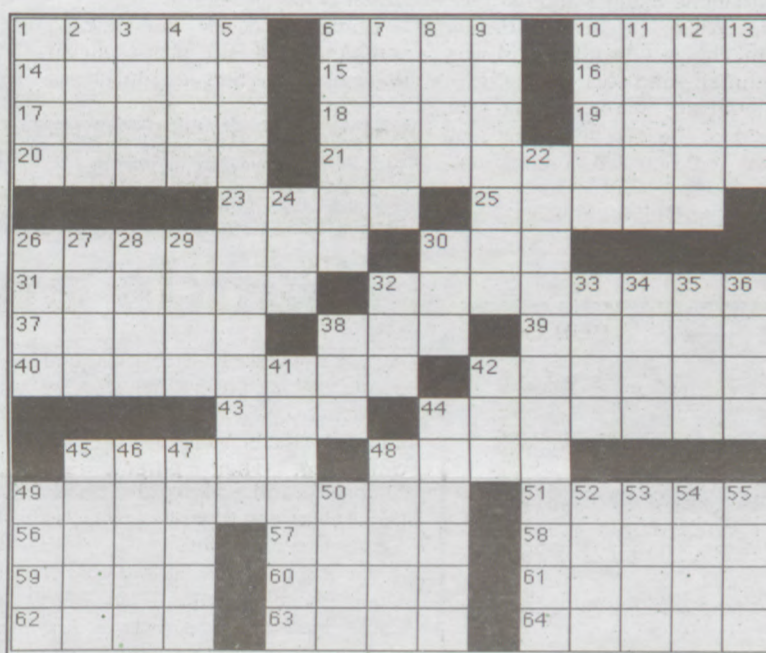
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The Greater Philadelphia Chapter of Volunteers for Israel, Alumni Group, will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, March 12, 7:00 p.m. at the Klein Branch of the Jewish Community Centers on Red Lion Road and Jamison Avenue, Philadelphia. Guest speaker will be Steve Masters, who will represent the viewpoints of the Progressive Zionist Alliance. For additional information, call 215-473-6527.

A Megillah of a Crossword



ACROSS

1. La _____, Milan opera house
6. Painting, sculpture, etc.
10. Oolong packet, for short
14. THAT REALLY BAD GUY (wanted to kill Mordecai and all the Jews)
15. Profound
16. Shred or bit
17. "I have half _____ to tell the boss!"
18. Camino _____
19. Threesome
20. Where, in Spanish
21. JEWS PINED FOR THE CEDARS _____, IN BABYLONIAN EXILE
23. Etats-_____
25. Sea eagles
26. Aversion or dislike (abbrev.)
30. Unit
31. ADJECTIVE REFERRING TO A FRUIT OF AHASUEROS' LANDS
32. Unfinished, as wood before painting

37. Petroleum ship
38. Southern Pacif. and Union Pacif.
39. Indian, Arkansas-Oklahoma-Texas
40. SECLUDED AREAS, AS THOSE WHERE JEWS LIVED IN BABYLONIA
42. QUEEN WHO SAVED ALL
43. Work at knotted lace
44. Passing, in Paris
45. BEASTS OF BURDEN THEN
48. Malt kiln
49. RESIDENT OF AHASUEROS' CITY (preceded by indefinite article)
51. Spews words, loudly
56. Wing-tip or loafer
57. Commuter might catch it, in Cordova
58. Perfect exemplar
59. Leader, manager
60. Insufficient (abbrev.)
61. _____ and Greg of TV
62. Stanley Gardner
63. Food fish
64. Utah town, WSW of Salt Lake City, and namesakes

DOWN

1. River-spawning fish
2. Starter of a calming tea
3. Idi _____, badman of Entebbe
4. AHASUEROS RULED A _____
- WITH
- 127 PROVINCES
5. PART OF HIS KINGDOM HAD THE
- TIGRIS _____ (2 words)
6. Nimble, able
7. Coral formations
8. Duck
9. Internal organs
10. NFL Tennessean
11. Past participle of bear
12. Build these, starting with "p", for outdoor leisure areas
13. Genius, in Hebrew
22. Changes or slows pace
24. Negative vote
26. Edgar _____ (with middle initial)
27. No, in Vienna
28. Powdery mineral
29. Ped-_____ (short flower stalk)
30. Cricket field sides
32. _____ Minor (Little Dipper, abbrev.)
33. Flea eggs or young
34. Qatar's capital
35. Film actor Bremner
36. Tavern wall-target playing piece
38. Soak, as flax
41. QUEEN THAT 42 ACROSS REPLACED, AND NAMESAKES
42. Compass dir. (variant)
44. _____ compagne (a French bread)
45. One of Jacob's sons
46. Rock-filled stream reach
47. Elvis "Blue _____"
48. Basketball Shaq
49. Tennis Arthur
50. Firenze's river
52. PURIM'S MONTH
53. Overly studious guy
54. Innocent one (f.), in Hebrew
55. Patty Hearst's captors, and the like

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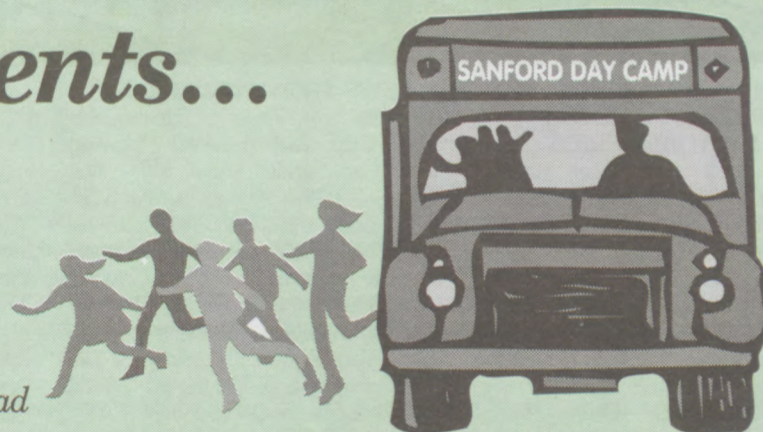
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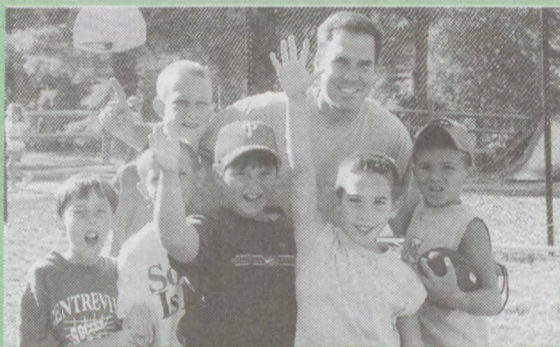
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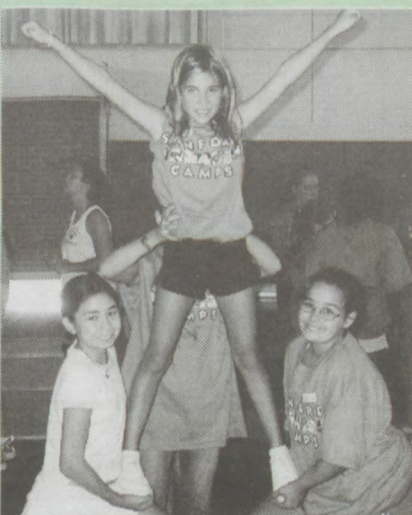
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