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## SHARON'S CLEVER ELECTIONS GAMBIT

By Leslie Susser, JTA

Early elections may not have been Ariel Sharon's first choice, but his decision to go to the polls as soon as possible enables the savvy Israeli prime minister to make a number of political and diplomatic gains.

By calling the shots, Sharon comes across as a powerful leader still setting the national agenda. By calling elections for late January or early February, he makes it difficult for the Labor Party, which left his government only last week, to establish itself as a credible opposition force.

In addition, by rejecting the idea of a narrow government with the far-right National Union-Israel Our Home bloc, Sharon avoids a potential showdown with Washington and retains the consensual, middle-of-the-road image that has made him so popular in Israel.

The Sharon government's last order of business will be to pass, as soon as possible and without amendments, the 2003 budget over which Labor ostensibly left the coalition last week.

All other major policy issues likely will be on hold until after the elections. In the run-up to an expected American attack on Iraq, Sharon is unlikely to undertake any military moves against

the Palestinians that might upset Washington.

For the same reason, he is unlikely to move on the American "road map" for peace with the Palestinians, arguing that such major policy issues should be left to the post-election government.

What the early election gambit fails to do is catch Sharon's rival for Likud Party leadership, former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu,

unprepared. In fact, Sharon's announcement Tuesday that he would go to elections within 90 days followed a weekend of dramatic maneuvering between Sharon and Netanyahu, two political masters.

Sharon had hoped to trap Netanyahu by offering him the Foreign Ministry: Either he would accept and tie his fate to Sharon's government, or he would refuse and appear more interested in his own political destiny

than in the national welfare.

The move seemed to backfire, however, when Netanyahu outflanked Sharon by accepting the post — on the condition that Sharon move for early elections. On Monday, the prime minister rejected the condition, calling it "irresponsible."

The very next day, however, Sharon notified President Moshe Katsav of his intention to go to elections — making the decision his own, rather than the product of pressure from Netanyahu.

For good measure, Sharon blamed the decision on political blackmail by the far-right parties, displaying the centrist tack he will take in his re-election campaign against challengers he will portray as too extreme from both the right and the left.

Netanyahu then accepted the Foreign Ministry offer, arguing that Sharon had met his main condition.

For Netanyahu, too, it's not a bad development. As foreign minister, he would approach the election for party leader — which will be held before the national elections — from the best possible position, political analyst Sima Kadmon wrote in the Israeli daily Yediot Achronot: "Holding a senior, made-to-measure post, with the backing of the government of Israel to

go round the world expressing his views, after having successfully fixed an agreed date for the end of Sharon's current tenure."

Netanyahu has been working intensely on his political comeback since leaving politics after his landslide loss to Ehud Barak in May 1999. In the recent Likud membership drive, which brought in a total of 305,000 members, he seemed to have the edge over Sharon.

Polls of Likud members, who will elect the party's leader and candidate for prime minister, give Netanyahu a slight lead.

In the government's remaining 90 days, Netanyahu and the new defense minister, the former army chief of staff, Shaul Mofaz, might try to coerce Sharon into expelling Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat, a move all three ostensibly favor.

As America prepares an anticipated attack on Iraq, however, Sharon is unlikely to do anything to antagonize Washington or inflame the Arab world. The Americans' road map is also likely to be left for the next government.

(Leslie Susser is the diplomatic correspondent for the Jerusalem Report.)



Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, center, incoming Mossad head Meir Dagan, left, and outgoing head Ephraim Halevy join together in a toast Oct. 30, 2002 during a hand-over ceremony in the prime ministry in Jerusalem. Credit: GPO

## Israel beyond the Headlines

By Toni Young  
Special to the Jewish Voice

Terrorist attacks, death, the threat from Iraq. These words dominate American headlines about Israel today. During October, I spent a week in our Partnership community, the city of Arad and the surrounding Tamar region, and had the opportunity to experience Israel beyond the headlines. Through conversations with dozens of friends and leaders of Arad-Tamar, I gained a fuller understanding of the reality of Israeli life at this fragile moment. Everything that happens is conditioned by the matsav (the situation), but people do not dwell on it. Instead they continue to plan for the future, to debate vigorously all aspects of daily life and to demonstrate great fortitude.

A major concern of all Israelis is the poor economy, which for the first time is not expanding but is at a stand still. Israelis are waiting for "the war with Iraq." They don't express

fear about this war, which is called America's war, but speak of it as a matter of fact, as the reason why no business decisions can be made right now. No one will start a new business or expand an existing one in the face of an inevitable war. "We're operating on Iraq time," comments one friend.

Because no one will make business decisions, there is no cure for the rising unemployment rate, which now stands at about 12%. Daily life in Arad has been altered tremendously. Young children arrive at school hungry. There's a campaign through the Department of Education to provide free lunches for school children. Young people cannot participate in dance, music, or sports activities after school because their families no longer have money to pay for them. One friend who remembers the wars of 1967 and 1973 claims that Israel has actually been at war for the past two years and has suffered all the hardship of war without the

economic boom that occurred after each of the brief, traditional wars. For the last five years, the Arad municipality has not been able to increase its budget. The municipality receives less money from the central government and less tax dollars since fewer people are working. Mayor Tabib Bezael is proud that he has not eliminated any services although he has had to make cuts in every department.

Even those people who have jobs are not being paid. The usually immaculate city of Arad was strewn with garbage because the garbage workers, who had not been paid in more than a month, had just gone on strike (like garbage workers throughout the country). Garbage collectors were not the only ones on strike. One morning as we walked by the mayor's office, a group of about 75 striking city workers stood on the steps of the city offices protesting the fact that they had not been paid. They urged us to tell the mayor to pay them. We sympathized but told



Toni Young at the flourishing date farm in Arad.

them what they already knew that the mayor couldn't pay them until he got the money from the central government. Every month, Mayor Bezael must go to each central government ministry to try to get the city's money. The city's chief administrators continue to work in spite of the fact that they have not been paid.

About 18% of the Arad population is employed at the Dead

Sea hotels. Despite the decline in international tourism, the hotels are quite full because of domestic travel. Prices have all been lowered tremendously, so there are no profits, but at least workers still have jobs. The Israeli visitors remain at the hotels and don't take jeep tours of the desert or patronize the souvenir shops, restaurants and bars, which flourished in the area, so

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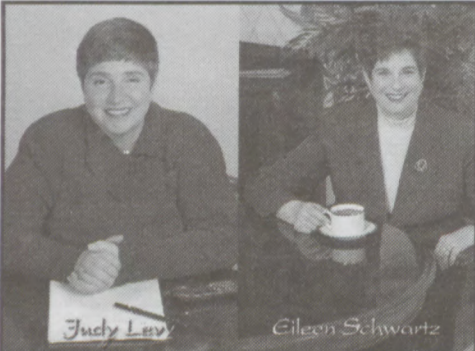
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## EDITORIAL

## More Than A Minyan

Whether Democrat or Republican, Jewish voters have much to be thankful for in Tuesday's election results. Two new Jewish senators—both of them outspoken supporters of Israel—were elected in two closely watched races.

Frank Lautenberg, (D-N.J.), a 78 year old former chair of the United Jewish Appeal, came out of retirement to soundly defeat Doug Forrester. Lautenberg was a controversial end of race replacement for the seat previously held by incumbent Senator Robert Torricelli whose campaign was tarnished by allegations of ethics violations. He will resume his Senate career in January after a two year absence.

Norm Coleman, (R-Minn.), emerged the victor by a slim margin in a race against another elder statesman of the Democratic Party, Walter Mondale. The former vice-president during the Carter administration was asked to fill the void caused by the tragic death of the late Paul Wellstone, a member of the Minnesota Jewish community. Coleman received strong support in his election bid from the Republican Jewish Coalition.

The election of these two landsmen brings the number of Jews in the Senate to 11—a gain of one seat. The number of Jews in the U.S. House of Representatives remains stable at 26—with Representative

Eric Cantor (R-VA) scoring a resounding re-election bid.

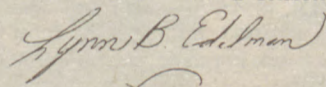
Israel advocates feel confident that both houses of the Republican-controlled Congress are solidly behind Israel and will be receptive to their efforts to push through important legislation such as a \$3 billion foreign aid package for the Jewish state when they reconvene in January.

Such support will be welcomed by Israel as it heads into early elections and prepares to deal with the fall-out from a possible U.S. military action against Iraq.

Jewish candidates have also made history in two gubernatorial races. In neighboring Pennsylvania, Democrat Ed Rendell became the first Philadelphian to become governor since World War I. In Hawaii, Republican Linda Lingle became governor in a state with only 10,000 Jews out of a total population of 1.2 million.

Yasher Koach to our newly elected legislators. May they be guided by G-d to lead wisely and justly.

B'Shalom,



Lynn B. Edelman  
Editor

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Wellstone's Memorial Service Was Not in the Jewish Tradition

Jews should be ashamed and outraged by the spectacle that took place during the memorial service for Sen. Paul Wellstone, who with his wife, daughter, and several others, tragically died in a plane crash on October 25.

I don't know if Wellstone or his family were active practicing Jews or not, and it probably doesn't matter much. I guess the surviving two sons, as onenim, have the right to call the shots but one of them cheapened the Jewish memory of his parents and sister. He helped turn the memorial service into a partisan political circus with all the fiery "continue the struggle" rhetoric in his *hesped* (eulogy) in tune with the cheers and foot stomping for Democrats, while loud boos were reserved for Republicans in attendance.

Jewish memorial services traditionally are dignified affairs and often reflect on the

meaning of the verses of *Ma Adom* - What is Man? However, there was very little of this that night. Politics was not put aside and the concern here was not for *yekara d'schichba* (for honor of the deceased), but for the obsession to keep Wellstone's Senate seat in Democratic hands.

Yes, various ethnic groups have their traditional sendoffs. The Irish have their wakes; Blacks in New Orleans have lively tributes with Jazz and parades. Although that the liberalism espoused by Wellstone has been part of the Jewish tradition, the disgusting spectacle at the staged political rally disguised as a memorial service is not part of the Jewish tradition and should be repudiated by American Jews and organizations for the farce it was.

Howard M. Berlin,  
Wilmington

## PARSHA PLACE

Week of November

Toldot

Genesis 25:19-28:9

## THE TALE OF TWO BROTHERS

Isaac and Rebecca had twin sons, Esau and Jacob. Even though they were twins, the boys were as different as could be. Esau grew up to be a tough hairy hunter who loved to make trouble. And Jacob was a good hearted and peaceful scholar.

Esau didn't only trap animals though. He also trapped people by fooling them into believing that he was really a good person. He would put on a big show to look good on the outside while inside he was very mean and nasty.

Esau fooled a lot of people, but his mother Rebecca knew the truth. She also knew that Jacob was good through and through.

One day, their grandfather Abraham passed away. The whole family was very sad, except for Esau, who went out on a hunting trip like nothing had happened. He even murdered someone while he was out that day. He didn't care about anyone except himself.

When he got back home he saw his brother Jacob cooking a special stew to give their father Isaac while he mourned for Abraham. Esau, who was hungry from all his killing and destroying, demanded that Jacob give him the stew to eat right away.

Jacob said, "This is for our father, if you want to wait I'll make more for you. But if you want it now, sell me your birthright."

The birthright was the right of the first born to lead the people in their father's good ways and to teach them about God. Esau laughed. "What do I care about that kind of stuff. Just give me some good food."

"It's a deal!" said Jacob.

He gave Esau the stew and was very happy because he knew that now the future would be in the hands of someone who cared.

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# FEDERATION FOCUS

## 95% of Life is Showing Up



**Samuel H. Asher**  
Executive Vice President

I believe it was Woody Allen who coined the phrase, "95% of life is just showing up".

It is a mitzvah to just be present at certain community affairs. When you hear about a bris milah in the

community, it is incumbent upon you to show up and welcome the new member of the Jewish community. Being present at a wedding and in helping to hoist the groom and bride into the air is also a mitzvah. Going to a house of shiva and helping a family through a time of bereavement is also a mitzvah. Letters and phone calls are always welcome during those times; but it is the personal touch that counts the most when someone comes up to you and tells you how they share in your grief and want to convey their feelings of condolence.

Having just gone through the mourning period in my family, I wish to express my gratitude to members of our community for their outpouring of support and caring.

There is nothing like a smile, a hug or a kind word during these periods of time.

This reality has become even more apparent to me when I think about the situation in Israel. Our relatives in Israel are going through a

very, very difficult time. There isn't anyone on any block in the major cities of Israel who hasn't lost a loved one or doesn't know someone who was injured. I was recently startled to find out that over 600 people have been killed during the violence that started in September 2000 and over 4,700 people have been injured (on the Israeli side alone). There is nothing like us showing up when we go to Israel and having ourselves counted among the supporters of Israel and the relatives who have not gone away, but continue to come home to support the family.

We will have an opportunity to support our "Israeli" family in the near future as we celebrate the 40th anniversary of the city of Arad, which is our Partnership 2000 sister community. It is very important that we show up in Arad so we can tell our family that we care deeply about them and they can rely on us. So I believe showing up for the 40th anniversary of Arad couldn't be more important and is a very impor-

tant mitzvah for us to perform.

I urge you to join the delegation from New Jersey and Delaware who will be visiting Israel to participate in the Arad 40th anniversary celebration from Sunday, March 23rd to Thursday, March 27th. We are hoping to have a very strong delegation from the Jewish Federation of Delaware with a very exciting itinerary. We must show our support by helping to confront this war of attrition - a war of attrition of the Israeli and Jewish spirit.

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In addition, I want you to consider three other ways you can be present for Israel.

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Finally, show up for the Hadassah program, "Spotlight on the Media", at Temple Beth Emeth on November 18th at 7:00. Hadassah has been participating as a member of our JCRC Israel Hasbara Committee and is doing yeoman service on behalf of the community by sponsoring this program.

There has never been a more important time for us to be present.

## Rosenberg will help Capital Campaign meet its goal



**Ruth Rosenberg**

**By Lynn Edelman**  
Editor

Ruth Rosenberg, a long-time member of Delaware's Jewish community, is confident that she can help this community move its Capital Campaign towards realization of the \$23.4 million goal. She plans to follow the stellar example set by her predecessors - Waters Pelton Ostroff & Associates, Inc., the consulting firm that recently completed its contract with the Jewish Federation of Delaware to manage the Campaign. "They set an impressive pace for contributions - raising \$18 million to fund

renovations and expansions to benefit Federation's six constituent agencies, expand service to the Greater Newark Jewish community, retire existing capital debt and invest funds to cover anticipated future needs," she said.

Rosenberg worked with the firm one year ago managing a combined Capital and Endowment Campaign for Temple Sholom in Broomall, PA. "I know first-hand the high caliber of their work," she said.

She will also draw upon her experience with Women's

American ORT to bring the Campaign to fulfillment. Rosenberg currently serves on the organization's National Board where she is responsible for both board and leadership development. She recently joined the board SOAR - Survivors of Abuse and Recovery. This non-profit organization provides support and counseling to victims of sexual abuse.

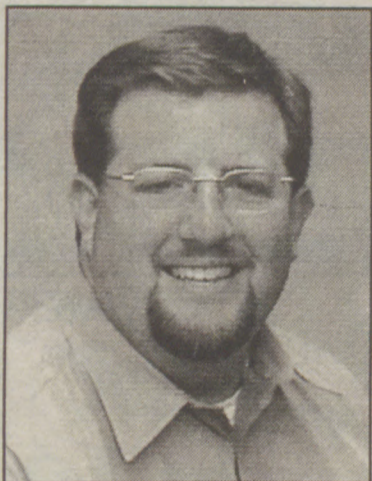
Ruth and her husband, Matt are members of Congregation Beth Emeth and are the proud parents of Jennifer, an alumnus of Albert Einstein Academy and Kenny, cur-

rently a sixth grader at the Brandywine Valley's only Jewish Day School.

"My professional commitment to the success of this Campaign is strengthened by my personal involvement with many of the agencies that will benefit from Campaign proceeds," said Rosenberg who is excited by the challenges that lie ahead.

For further information about the Federation Community Capital Campaign call Ruth at (302) 427-2100, ext. 17 or email her at [ruth.rosenberg@shalomdel.org](mailto:ruth.rosenberg@shalomdel.org).

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**Todd Polikoff**

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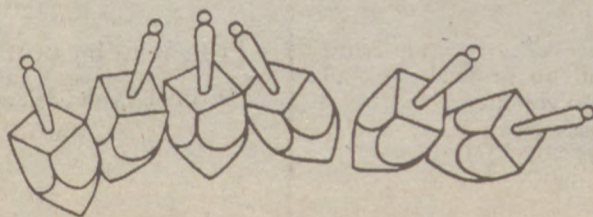
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## Community Capital Campaign Stages Celebration

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Debbie Friedman, one of the Jewish world's most talented performers and songwriters, set the stage for a spirited celebration of the Federation Community Capital Campaign.

Friedman packed the house at Wilmington's Congregation Beth Emeth with an appreciative inter-generational audience. After the show, the celebration continued at

the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home where contributors who made a minimum gift of \$10,000 to the Capital Campaign reveled in the excitement of reaching a Campaign milestone—\$18 million—and acknowledged the efforts of Seth Bloom, who represented the firm of Walters, Pelton, Ostroff and Associates as Community Capital Campaign staff coordinator, in helping the campaign move closer to its \$23.4 million goal.



Debbie Friedman knows how to keep the smallest concert-goers quiet ... bring them up on stage.  
Photo by Mike Samuels



A milestone is that much sweeter when celebrated with friends. (from left) Nan Lipstein, Connie Kreshtool and Yetta Chaiken, Capital Campaign co-chair, toast the Campaign's continued success.



At the Kutz Home reception, Campaign co-chairs Ruth and Bernie Siegel chatted with Federation President Barry Kayne and his wife, Reiko.



Campaign Co-Chair Andy Arenson presents an award to Seth Bloom, Capital Campaign staff coordinator.



Karen Morris, a Capital Campaign co-chair, spoke about the role of the Campaign in strengthening the fiber of our Delaware Jewish community, now and in the future.



Annette Arenson, a co-chairperson of the Federation Community Capital Campaign, introduced Debbie Friedman to the capacity crowd at Beth Emeth.



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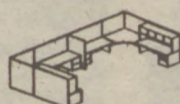
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As JFD president, Kayne (left) has had the pleasure of working with two Federation executive vice-presidents—Judy B. Wortman, now the executive vice-president of the Reconstructionist Jewish Federation, and Samuel H. Asher, who became a member of the Delaware Jewish community in September.



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The concert will feature Cantors Boris and Lilia Kazansky performing selections of Jewish and Russian music.

Both Cantors Kazansky are highly acclaimed vocalists who have performed in synagogues and concert halls across America, as well as in Russia, Israel, and Europe.

Cantor Boris Kazansky is on the staff of the Kimmel-Spiller Jewish Healing Center, where he directs Project Ruach, a program dedicated to meeting the religious and spiritual

needs of Russian Jewish émigrés. With classes and holiday celebrations conducted in Russian, Project Ruach has helped dozens of émigrés to our community establish a connection to their Jewish roots.

This evening of traditional music will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate Chanukah, and appreciate the diversity of our Jewish community.

## "Fun" Raiser with African Safari theme

Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth held a successful "fun" raiser with an African Safari theme.

In addition to Judaica and other unique gift and travel items, "a lion of Judah", encased in a cage designed by students in the General Construction Program of Delcastle Technical High School, was up for bid.

Keys were sold to free the lion

during the silent auction which was organized by co-chairs Harriet

Ainbinder, Sophie Longwill, Iris Tocker and Lisa Woloshin.



Goin On Safari?-Don't forget to light the Menorah.



Participants had the chance to free a caged lion and a gorilla during this jungle-themed event.

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Emcee Marvin Friedman and Sophie Longwill, one of the event co-chairs, prepare for the "expedition".

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1/8 teaspoon freshly ground pepper

1. Preheat the oven to 450°F. Brush 2 large nonstick baking sheets each with 1 1/2 teaspoons of the oil. Cook the potatoes in a saucepan with boiling water to cover, 6 minutes; drain. Cover with cold water to cool.

2. Meanwhile, grate the zucchini on a double layer of paper towels; let stand 3 minutes. Combine the zucchini with the onion, egg, flour, salt, and pepper in a large bowl. Drain the potatoes, pat dry, then coarsely grate. Stir into the zucchini mixture.

3. Heat the baking sheets in the oven until hot, about 4 minutes. Drop scant 1/4 cup measures of the potato mixture onto the baking sheets, forming a total of 16 (3-inch) pancakes; lightly flatten each.

4. Bake until browned on the bottom, 8-9 minutes. Brush the tops of the pancakes with the remaining 2 teaspoons oil, then turn and bake until cooked through, 5-7 minutes.

Per serving (1 latke): 55 Calories, 2g Fat, 0g Saturated Fat, 13 mg Cholesterol, 79 mg Sodium, 9g Carbohydrates, 1g Fiber, 1g Protein, 8 mg Calcium.

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1 cup Israeli couscous

2 cups water



1 (15-ounce) can cannellini beans, rinsed and drained  
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1 small red onion, finely chopped  
1/2 cup minced flat-leaf parsley  
6 dried apricot halves, chopped  
1 1/2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice  
2 teaspoons extra-virgin olive oil  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper  
1/4 cup sliced almonds, toasted

1. Bring the couscous and water to a boil in a medium saucepan. Reduce the heat and simmer, until tender, about 8 minutes; drain. Place in a large bowl.

2. Add the cannellini beans, bell pepper, onion, parsley, apricots, lemon juice, oil, salt, and ground pepper to the couscous; mix well. Serve while still warm or at room temperature, sprinkled with the almonds.

Per serving (scant 1/2 cup): 122 Calories, 2g Fat, 0g Saturated Fat, 0 mg Cholesterol, 151 mg Sodium, 20g Carbohydrates, 3g Fiber, 5g Protein, 27 mg Calcium.

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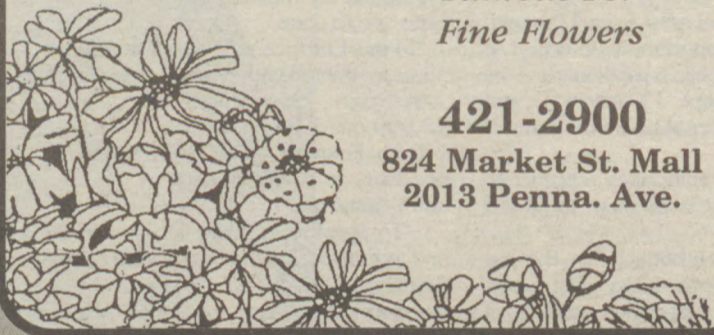
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# GLOBAL JEWISH NEWS

## Anti-Semitic attitudes are prevalent all across Europe

By Mica Rosenberg, JTA

More than one-third of the people in Belgium, Germany, France and Spain hold strongly anti-Semitic views, according to two surveys conducted for the Anti-Defamation League.

The figures show that "all of Europe is infected" with anti-Semitism, said Abraham Foxman, the ADL's national director.

Some 39 percent of Belgians and 37 percent of Germans harbor strongly anti-Semitic views, according to the ADL's index of anti-Semitism.

In France, 35 percent were strongly anti-Semitic, and in Spain 34 percent. The figure fell to 23 percent in Italy, 22 percent in Switzerland, 21 percent in Denmark, 19 percent in Austria, 18 percent in the United Kingdom and 7 percent in the Netherlands.

The results of the surveys will be discussed later this week at an ADL conference on global anti-Semitism in New York.

Anti-Semitic attitudes in France, Germany, Denmark, the United Kingdom and Belgium were surveyed in June 2002. Attitudes in Spain, Switzerland, Austria Italy and the Netherlands were measured in September and are being released this week.

The ADL calculates attitudes based on an "anti-Semitism index" that monitors responses to 11 statements deemed by University of

California researchers in 1964 to indicate anti-Semitism. Respondents who agree with six or more of the statements are considered "most anti-Semitic."

Statements included the canards that Jews are more loyal to Israel than to their home countries, use shady practices to get what they want, care only about other Jews and prattle too much about the Holocaust.

Five hundred interviews were conducted in each country.

The survey released this week found that, overall, 40 percent of respondents think Jews have too much power in international financial markets. That number was highest in Spain, with 71 percent, and lowest in the Netherlands, where 18 percent believed it.

A majority — 56 percent — of respondents in the five countries recently surveyed see Jews as more loyal to Israel than to their home countries. That number skyrockets to 72 percent in Spain.

Foxman attributed the results in Spain to the historical anti-Semitism and power of the Catholic Church.

Across Europe, the generally high levels of anti-Semitism are due to anti-Israel sentiment born of recent Israeli-Palestinian violence, he said.

But Deborah Dwork, founding director of the

Strassler Family Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Clark University, questions whether the index captures the nuances of anti-Semitism.

The question of how Jews can maintain their loyalty to the countries in which they live and to the Jewish people has been salient at least since the Enlightenment.

"It's a problem for Christians, and if you attend any Jewish function or read Jewish newspapers, it's a problem for Jews," said Dwork, co-author of the recent book "Holocaust: A History."

In addition, European attitudes toward Jews and Israel traditionally have fluctuated, rising and falling according to internal European instability.

"I don't think that Israel is the issue," she said. "Anti-Semitism is an opportunistic infection. It sets in when the body politic is weakened" — as it has been since the Sept. 11 attacks — and when national leaders do not take strong stands against it.

Foxman said Spanish authorities' reticence to speak out has allowed the problem to "fester and grow."

In contrast, French authorities "in the last several months have been doing what we've been asking, and have responded" to acts of violence, he said.

According to Foxman, a drive to prosecute those who commit racially motivated violence has led to a recent drop in anti-Semitic incidents in France.

Across the five countries just surveyed, the ADL survey found that 61 percent of respondents were "very concerned" or "fairly concerned" about violence directed at European Jews. A majority believes their governments are doing enough to combat the violence.

This survey, like many before it, found that the greatest predictors of anti-Semitism are age and education. Respondents over age 65 and those with a high school education or less are more likely to hold anti-Semitic views, according to the results.

Another contributing factor may be a lack of exposure to Jews.

"Many Europeans have never met a Jew, never interacted with a Jew," Foxman said.

In Spain, for example, Jews number just 18,000 out of a population of 40 million.

Both Foxman and Dwork agree that it is necessary to speak out against the upsurge in anti-Semitism.

"To speak out publicly, here in the U.S. and in Europe," is the best way to combat anti-Semitism, Dwork said. Embarrassment about anti-Semitism "leads to silence. We need to transmute the embarrassment to outrage."

## 5 Iranian Jews remain in jail

By Michael J. Jordan, JTA

Three Iranian Jews imprisoned on charges of spying for Israel have been released, but the last five remain in jail, contrary to earlier reports.

Sources close to the issue said Monday that Iranian authorities had granted the last five an indefinite furlough. On Wednesday, however, those sources confirmed that the reports from Iran were "disinformation."

That's "why we urged people not to comment on this, because it's happened before," said Malcolm Hoenlein, executive vice chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

The uncertain status of the five seems to underscore the precarious situation faced by the entire Jewish community in Iran. They now number between 22,000 and 25,000, down from 100,000 or so prior to the 1979 Islamic Revolution.

After the three Jews were pardoned last week, hopes were raised among their families and American advocates that the remaining five would soon be freed.

Hoenlein said he was "still hopeful" that they would be released soon.

Both Israel and the Iranian Jewish community deny the men ever spied for "the Zionist regime," as Tehran alleges.

It's unclear what led to the dissemination of the false reports.

Pooya Dayanim, spokesman for the Council of Iranian American Jewish Organizations in Los Angeles, said Wednesday that two top Jewish officials in Iran informed him Monday that the five men were home with their families.

The release was confirmed the next day by an Iranian justice official in a statement to the official Iranian news agency, IRNA.

"We now know that the information given to us" was "false. The five remaining Iranian Jews are still in prison," Dayanim said. "We have no further explanation or comment."

Asked why the Jewish officials would provide erroneous information, Dayanim said simply, "I don't know."

The five who remain in jail are merchant Dani (Hamid) Tefileen, 29, sentenced to 13 years in prison; university English instructor Asher Zadmehr, 51, also sentenced to 13 years; Hebrew teacher Naser Levy Hayim, 48, sentenced to 11 years; perfume merchant Ramin Farzam, 38, sentenced to 10 years; and shopkeeper Farhad Saleh, 33, who had

received an eight-year sentence.

The three released last week — who reportedly were granted a pardon directly from Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei — were sporting goods merchant Javid Beit Yakov, 42, who had been sentenced to nine years in prison; and religion teachers Farzad Kashi, 32, and Shahrokh Paknahad, 24, who had received eight-year sentences.

Analysts suggested the release of the three might be due to a supposed power struggle between relative moderates in the Iranian regime who favor detente with the West and conservative clerics who have maintained a grip on power since the 1979 revolution.

Analysts for months have suggested that several factors may be pressing Iran: President Bush's lumping of Iran with Iraq and North Korea in his "axis of evil"; the prospect of a U.S.-led war against Baghdad; and the possibility that Iran may be the next target of America's year-old war on terrorism.

It's not only from Washington that Iran is

feeling the heat.

Europe, a significant economic partner, reportedly has cited Iran's disregard for human rights and its treatment of minorities as impediments to improved relations.

In a development that may be related, some Iranian student leaders from 1999 riots also reportedly were released indefinitely this month.

Some U.S. activists had hoped that the eight Jews would be pardoned on the eve of the Jewish New Year in early September, but that failed to materialize.

According to analysts, the tension between Iranian hardliners and reformers influenced the original arrests.

Thirteen Jews were arrested in January and March 1999, but three were found innocent of the espionage charges and released. The other 10 were sentenced in July 2000 to jail terms of four to 13 years.

The men appealed, and Tehran reduced the sentences from two to nine years in September 2000.

## Anti-Semitism at Berlin ceremony

By Toby Axelrod, JTA

The battle to overcome Germany's Nazi past is being fought over many issues, including one that might at first blush seem innocuous — street names.

A recent street-naming ceremony here proved anything but innocuous, however.

During the Oct. 30 ceremony, at which a street was renamed Judenstrasse, protesters shouted, "Jews out" and "You crucified Jesus."

The shouts interrupted the speech of Alexander Brenner, leader of Berlin's Jewish community, who told the protesters, "Whether you like it or not, you have placed yourself alongside the Nazis."

Brenner later told reporters that the protesters had opened old wounds, but added that thankfully such people are not in power today.

The street originally had been named Judenstrasse, German for "Jews' Street." But in 1938, Nazi officials — objecting to names that had a Jewish reference or glorified representatives of opposing ideologies — renamed the street Kinkelstrasse after Gottfried Kinkel, a 19th-century German revolutionary figure.

Wolfgang Huber, the Protestant bishop of Berlin, said this was the first time he had heard anti-Semitism erupting at a public event.

The head of the Berlin legislature, Walter Momper, who heard about the incident while visiting the Stutthof concentration camp memorial in Poland, called it shameful.

Since the mid-1980s, the local branch of the Free Democratic Party has campaigned to restore the original name of the street, located in Berlin's Spandau district.

In recent decades, many pre-Nazi names — as well as names changed by Communist officials in the former East Germany — have been restored throughout Germany. But not all the renamings have gone smoothly.

About 40 people turned out for the Oct. 30 ceremony, including members of a local opposition group, Citizens for Kinkelstrasse.

The group said it is against renaming the street, saying the decision had been made without consideration of their concerns, including the fact that they would have to change their addresses on business cards.

Siegfried Schmidt, a spokesman for the group, said he had not heard any anti-Semitic statements at the ceremony. He added that he

had asked 15 people in the crowd whether they had heard anti-Semitic outbursts, and all said no.

Television cameras recorded the event, however.

City officials are investigating the charges and countercharges surrounding the event.

Elsewhere in Berlin, politicians and religious leaders are fighting to change the name of another street.

According to them, the street should be named for Protestant Bishop Kurt Scharf, who died in 1990. It currently is named for 19th-century historian Heinrich von Treitschke, who coined the phrase "The Jews are our misfortune."

On Oct. 21, the 100th anniversary of Scharf's birth, some activists pasted the bishop's name over a local street sign.

Another case revolves around a street in the Grunewald section of Berlin. A street there likely will be renamed next month to honor Jewish educator Toni Lessler, who founded a school there in 1939.

The street currently is named for the late theologian Reinhold Seeberg, who wrote anti-Semitic texts.



# JEWISH PERSPECTIVES

## Iberia: A Proud Jewish Heritage

By Ellen Meyer

### Special to the Jewish Voice

It wasn't easy convincing my husband Bob to go on an Elderhostel trip entitled Jewish Heritage in Iberia. He had little interest in Jewish history ("Too sad.") and the thought of three weeks immersed in Jewish history and culture in Portugal and Spain did not attract him. To my amazement (after a bit of prodding), he finally agreed to accompany me on a trip I was intent on taking and right after Yom Kippur we left for the Iberian peninsula.



Statue of Maimonides, a figure of note in Sephardic Jewish history.

For 19 days we traveled from one end of Iberia — Lisbon, Portugal — to the other — Girona, Spain. We were totally immersed in the Jewish presence throughout the peninsula — a presence that unfortunately disappeared with the expulsion of the Jews at the end of the 15th century.

It is believed that Jews arrived in the Iberian peninsula at the time of the Roman empire — sometime in the first century. The first documentation of Jews in Spain was found in a Hebrew inscription in the 5th century. Although Jewish life in Iberia is often referred to as the Golden Age of Jewry, persecution of Jews was first documented in the 7th century — perpetrated by the Visigoths. Periodically — in the 11th century by Moslems and in the 12th century by Christians, Jews would face attacks upon them. However, in spite of the anti-Semitism festering even in what was considered unusual periods of tolerance while Moslems, Christians and Jews lived side by side, Jews managed to have a considerable impact on life in the Iberian peninsula — as astronomers, landowners, philosophers, physicians, merchants, artisans, poets and tax collectors. They came under the protectorate of the Iberian kings, which was both a blessing and a curse, as the popularity of various kings waxed and waned.

The Black Plague struck the Iberian peninsula in 1348 and with rumors rampant that the plague had been caused by Jews who had poisoned the wells, it wasn't long before the Jewish quarters faced virulent attacks by the populace. In 1391 an uprising throughout Spain against the Jews began the downfall of the Jews.

By the end of the 15th century all of Iberia had come once more under Christian rule and attempts to con-

vert the Jews, who were approximately 10% of the population at that time, had begun in earnest. It was not an easy task so in 1492 a Spanish edict issued by King Ferdinand and Isabella ordered the conversion or expulsion — or death — of the Jews.

Many Jews escaped to Portugal where their fellow Jews were still free to be Jewish. However, that freedom did not last long. King Manuel of Portugal wanted to marry the daughter of Ferdinand and Isabella. In order to do so, he too had to convert, expel or kill the Jews. He issued his edict of expulsion in 1496 giving the Jews until 1497 to convert, leave or die so those Jews who had sought refuge in Portugal were only allowed five years of respite.

From 1497 on, the Iberian peninsula had virtually no Jews.

The Inquisition, which began in 1478 in Spain and in 1536 in Portugal, targeted "New Christians" — Jews who had converted, but were suspected of continuing their Jewish traditions. Many converted Jews were murdered by the Inquisition.

The period of history from the first appearance of the Jews, their expulsion from Iberia and the persecution of suspect converted Jews is what we studied during our three-week sojourn. Our lecturers also touched on Maimonides, Nachmanides and other noteworthy Sephardim with influence during this period.

We visited medieval Jewish quarters (known as "Calls") and former Jewish synagogues from Tomar and Castelo de Vide in Portugal to Cordoba, Toledo and Girona in Spain.

We learned that 70% of today's Portuguese have Jewish ancestry.

Professor Jose Cymbron, who has been giving lectures for Elderhostel for a few years, told me he recently discovered he has Jewish ancestry, which up until the discovery, he had never suspected (even though for quite a while he has been teaching Jewish Studies in the University of Lisbon).

### Highlights of our visit:

\*Listening to Jose play tapes of Sephardic music as we wandered the winding and hilly lanes of the Call in Castelo de Vide.

\*Meeting a man in the Call in Castelo de Vide who had Jewish ancestry and told our guide he visited the Call once a week.

\*Learning that most of our guides throughout our trip either knew or suspected they had Jewish ancestry — although all were now Catholic.

\*Visiting a Jewish shop in Toledo, run by a Catholic — also with Jewish antecedents — where one could buy seder plates and mezuzahs.

\*Discovering that the name of "Toledo" is thought to have originated from a Jewish word.

\*Finding out that the Spanish word for Saturday — "sabbato" — may be derived from the Jewish word "shabbat".

\*Marveling at the bravery of Aristedes Sousa Mendes, a Portuguese consul during World War II who saved 10,000 European Jewish lives by issuing them visas for Portugal. As a consequence, was punished by the then Portuguese dictator, Salazar.

\*Learning that the current president of Portugal, Jorge Sampaio Bensaude, is descended from a prominent Jewish family from the Azores — although he is Catholic.

\*Seeing a recently uncovered mikve (found by someone drilling for a well) — the only known mikve in all of Spain — in a charming medieval town called Besalu, where once 1/4 of the inhabitants were Jewish.

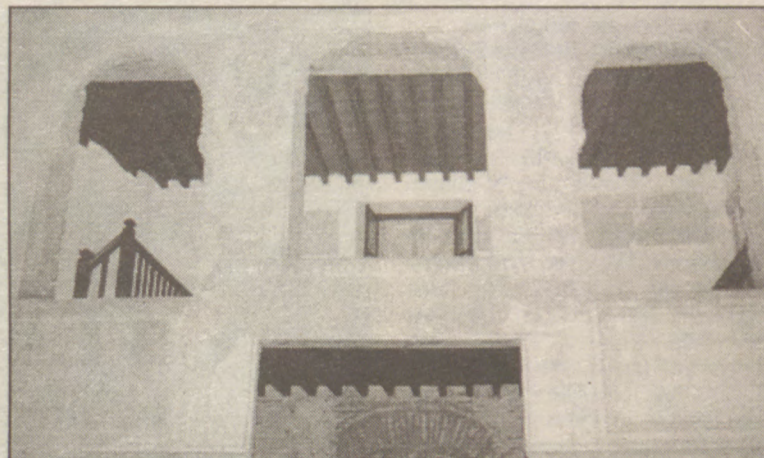
\*Being serenaded, over a meal of Sephardic dishes, by a vocalist singing haunting Sephardic melodies.

\*Visiting the Jews of Belmonte, Portugal (which a separate article will discuss).

\*Attending lectures on Sephardic Jewish history in an abandoned medieval Jewish synagogue — now the Nachmanides Institute for Jewish Studies in Girona, Spain.

\*Learning that Raul, a Mexican Catholic on our trip, had come because he suspected he had Jewish ancestry.

\*Being told by Rose, a member of our group with a Sephardic background, that the Jewish researchers in Girona were able to identify her family name as having Gironian roots.



The women's balcony in a former synagogue in Castelo de Vide.

\*Reading Constantine's Sword while traveling in Iberia and learning from the book that had Jews not been tortured, forced to convert and killed for their beliefs over the centuries, it is estimated that there would be two hundred million Jews today. (There are about fourteen million.)

\*Learning that there are now only one thousand Jews in all of Portugal — with a total population of eleven million. In Spain there are only ten

thousand to twenty thousand Jews — primarily in Madrid and Barcelona — where the country's population is forty four million and where, as noted above, once Jews were ten percent of the total population.

Coming back to life as a 21st century Jew was somewhat jarring after so many days recapturing such a powerful, yet painful, period of Jewish history. I'm still re-adjusting.



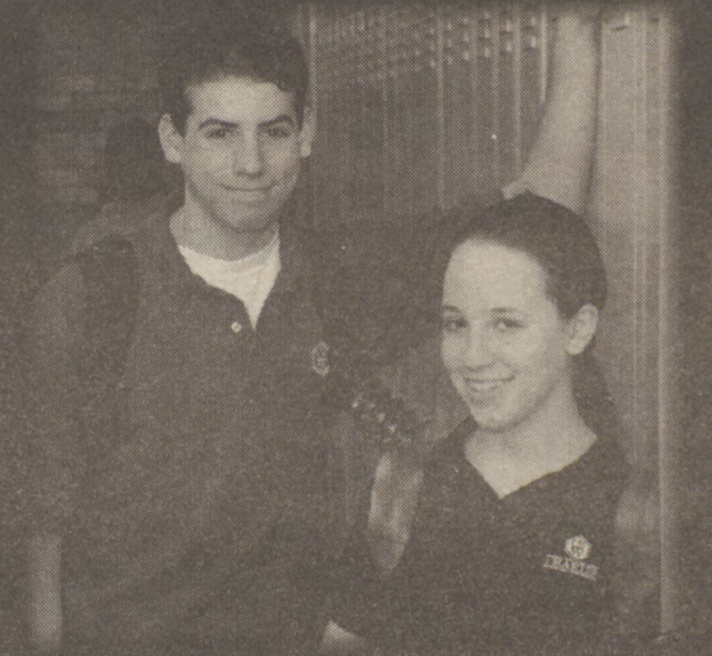
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## DELAWARE LIFESTYLES

### Beth Emeth Twins with Siberian Congregation

By Connie Kreshtool  
Special to the Jewish Voice

Congregation Beth Emeth reports that it has completed a successful year of a three-year Twinning Project with a fledgling Progressive Jewish congregation in Tumen, Russia. Tumen is in Siberia with a Jewish population of about one thousand. It is the site of extensive oil and gas fields so life is getting better there. So far there has been little aliyah.

Congregation Madregot in Tumen has a membership of young and old and is housed in a ninety-year old synagogue building. Taking possession of this building was a major effort of Madregot's leaders this past year because of conflicting claims from other groups in the city. They do not have a rabbi but a community leader, Igor Varkim, who was trained at the Moscow Machon of the world Union for Progressive Judaism to organize congregations in the former Soviet Union.

Last Fall, Beth Emeth raised funds among its members to help Madregot finance their holiday celebrations and religious education classes. In addition to the grant Beth Emeth's Sisterhood donated



Sukkot at Congregation Madregot in Tumen, Beth Emeth's sister synagogue.

Kiddush cups for the bar/bat mitzvah celebrants and the Caring Committee made mazzuzot for Madregot members. This year a pen pal program is underway with religious school students. Monthly communication between the two congregations via the Internet has kept Beth Emeth informed of Madregot's progress and problems.

Recently Igor Varkim wrote that

Madregot is organizing a klezmer group but commented that the congregation has more musicians than instruments. He also reported that some members are making kipot, talit and mezuzot. The congregation's most ambitious undertaking is the collection of archive documents connected with the construction of their synagogue building ninety years ago and the life of the Jewish



Snow fell on the Sukkah in this Russian city located outside the "Nordic Pole."

community of Tumen at the beginning of the 20th century.

The most recent communication from Madregot brought pictures of the congregation's Sukkot celebration. Several of their members flew Nizhnevartovsk to celebrate Sukkot with the Jews there. This is a city of oil and gas fields in northern Siberia almost at the "Nordic Pole." (See the snow falling on the Sukkah in

the accompanying picture.)

The rebirth of Judaism in the former Soviet Union is one of the miracles of this age. Through this Twinning Project, Congregation Beth Emeth is helping to bring Progressive Judaism to Russian Jews who are searching for their Jewish heritage after so many decades in the wasteland of atheistic communism.

## MATTER OF OPINION

### Paranoia at the Mann Auditorium

By Nechemia Meyers

My wife and I enjoy the concerts of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra not only because of the music, but also because they give us, for a few hours at least, an opportunity to forget about the perplexing problems that face the residents of this country. But at last week's concert, those problems were very much on our minds.

After the interval, a fidgety young man with long black hair and a vaguely Oriental appearance sat down in front of us and started digging deep into the oversized pockets of his trousers. This was immediately after the terrorist takeover of a

theater in Moscow, and we feared that he and others had come to Tel Aviv's Mann Auditorium with a similar purpose in mind—a fear reinforced when he slowly pulled two tin cans out of his pockets. Written on them were the words Coca Cola, but, we speculated, they might contain high explosives. In fact, they apparently did contain Coca Cola, which, in defiance of concert etiquette, he proceeded to drink. This was reassuring, but we were still relieved when the IPO musicians finished playing Beethoven's 5th Symphony and we could leave the auditorium.

Our paranoia stemmed from the

same ongoing anxiety that gripped the residents of the Washington D.C. area before the sniper and his young accomplice were finally caught. The people who lived there didn't know where the sniper would strike next, just as we don't know where the terrorists will kill again. There is, however, one big difference. Once John Allen Muhammed and John Lee Malvo were in custody, people in Maryland, Virginia and D.C. could, without fear, send their children out to play, fill their cars with gasoline and shop at the local supermarket. Here, despite enormous and generally successful efforts to intercept would-be suicide

bombers and other killers, some slip through the net. So all we can do is try to avoid places where they are most likely to seek additional victims.

"That is more easily said than done," my friend Yaron said recently. "Last week, my car was in the garage and I had to get to Jerusalem to meet with a professor at the Hebrew University. I considered a taxi, but that was too expensive. So, despite misgivings, I went by bus, even though I felt that it was like playing Russian roulette. Everything was fine, but how often do I want to play Russian roulette."

While this is of little comfort,

recent incidents in the US, Russia, Indonesia, the Philippines and elsewhere should, we hope, help people in other countries understand the dilemmas we face in our attempt to maintain a normal lifestyle despite the scourge of terrorism. The overseas media don't seem to reflect such an understanding, but perhaps it will come when still more nations share our experiences.

That is not because, as the cliché has it, misery loves company. It is just that we are tired of being portrayed as the bad guys when we attempt to stop terrorism with methods that other nations emulate or exceed.

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For additional information and/or a registration form, please contact Sheila Krinsky at the Jewish Federation of Delaware (427-2100, ext. 15).



# JEWISH ARTS AND CULTURE

## Wilmington Author's Book Proves "Different" is still "Valid"

By Bonnie Squires  
Special to the Jewish Voice

Imagine what it must be like to have a sibling who is developmentally disabled, a sibling who is only 11 months younger than you are, a sibling who likes to wear bizarre outfits and greet you every day when you get off the bus from school, causing your classmates to hiss and boo and taunt both you and your sister.

Rachel Simon, a professor at Bryn Mawr College who is also a novelist and former journalist, knows what that feels like, because her sister Beth is classified as "moderately mentally retarded." Simon has just published a book which became a runaway best-seller, even excerpted in "Rosie" Magazine (before Rosie O'Donnell left the publishing world in a huff), which describes in touching,

painful, often humorous detail her life as the sibling. She calls the book, "Riding the Bus with My Sister."

Only it isn't a school bus which Simon is alluding to in her title. She is talking about the grown-up Beth, and the bus is a series of buses, which Beth rides all day long, every day, jumping from route to route, meeting up with the bus drivers whom she likes and relates to, bringing coffee for one and cookies for another.

Some of the passengers are kind to Beth, while others urge bus drivers to pass by without stopping. They don't want the "crazy lady" on their bus.

How did Simon learn all this? After a number of years in which Simon had very little contact with her sister, except for Beth's occasional flamboyantly drawn letters in day-glo colors, Simon was on

deadline for an article at "The Philadelphia Inquirer," but she was committed to leaving town to visit her sister.

It was her editor who suggested that Simon take Beth up on her invitation to ride the buses for a week with her. So Simon did exactly that - and a week turned into a year-long once-a-week commitment, in which the author learned a great deal about her sister, about human nature, and, especially, about her own life.

It's not that Beth is not high-functioning enough to hold down a job. She is. In fact, for a while, she was an office worker in her father's business. It's just that Beth disliked filing and copying and delivering mail. So she began sabotaging her own work, deliberately misfiling documents, losing letters. She preferred to be on the bus, following her own muse, spending

time with the people she cared for and who cared for her in return.

At the start of the book, Simon had just broken up with her long-time live-in boy friend. Too much closeness. Scary for her. But then she had a chance to observe Beth and her beau Jesse, who is also developmentally disabled. And how much laughter and love and fun was in Beth's life. And how her own life seemed sadly empty in comparison. Not that Beth's behavior is not sometimes maddening and frustrating for her professor-sister. But Beth created her own "extended family" in a very creative way, and being included in family outings to Atlantic City, for example, demonstrate how close a bond she shares with her bus driver friends.

Simon is excruciatingly honest in revealing her own flaws, and those of her family members, par-

ticularly her mother. And her description of her father makes him eligible for sainthood, because he took responsibility for Beth when no one else in the family would.

For parents and siblings of developmentally disabled relatives, the book is a guidebook through what is sometimes a swamp, pointing out the oases along the way. It makes you understand that it is only human to get angry from time to time with someone who is disabled. But it also points out how to step back and find the joy in their company. And it teaches all of us that people with disabilities are still people. They may be different from us, but they are still worthwhile human beings, and they deserve - and need - our respect.

Bonnie Squires is a columnist based in suburban Philadelphia.

## Film explores Holocaust warnings

By Jessica Steinberg, JTA

There were several impromptu moments during the filming of the documentary, "Messengers Without an Audience," director Willy Lindwer recalled following a screening here of his film about the messengers who warned the West about the Holocaust.

During the 52-minute film, Jan Karski, one of the Polish messengers interviewed by Lindwer, offers a perfect imitation of President Franklin D. Roosevelt brandishing his ever-present cigar and saying in his Boston-accented voice: "We will win this war."

It was one of those ad-lib moments that filmmakers hope for, Lindwer said, remembering his series of interviews with the elderly but garrulous Karski.

Lindwer, a Dutch filmmaker who spends part of the year in Jerusalem, was commissioned by Dutch Television, his former employer, to make the film. He has produced several films about the Holocaust, including the award-winning documentary, "The Last Seven Months of Anne Frank."

He spent two and a half years researching and documenting the stories of four messengers: Karski, Gerhart Riegner, Jan Novak and Wladyslaw Bartoszewski, as well as William Slany, the former chief historian of the U.S. State Department who later studied the anti-Semitic attitudes of the era, and Stuart Eizenstat, an Undersecretary of State during the Clinton administration who oversaw the publication of the "Nazi gold" reports that later served as a

basis for reparations to Holocaust survivors.

The two most prominent messengers in the film are Karski and Riegner, a Swiss Jew who represented the World Jewish Congress in Geneva from 1936 through the war.

In 1942, he infiltrated the Warsaw Ghetto and Belzec concentration camp dressed as a Ukrainian militiaman, all for his role as a courier carrying eyewitness accounts to the West.

For Karski, who during the war met with dozens of groups and leaders, including Roosevelt, in his efforts to create some kind of Allied intervention, his chief loss was his inability to move world leaders to take action against the Jewish extermination.

"I thought I was the greatest hero, because the president was my friend," Karski said. "But the president didn't say much."

Karski, who became a Georgetown University political science professor, died in 2000 at the age of 86, before the film was completed.

It has long been debated whether the world leaders who brought Hitler to a halt actually listened or heeded Karski and the other couriers' mes-

sages about Germany's concentration camps and the unremitting extermination of 6 million Jews. As a result, their lack of attention and action has always confounded survivors and succeeding generations.

This was the subject that fascinated Lindwer, and prompted him to make the film.

"Why did some people want to inform the Allied world," he asked. "And why did it take so long, until 1942, for the messengers to get out there?"

Sixty years later, "Messengers Without an Audience," a fascinating, although sometimes uneven, documentary about the wartime efforts of several European messengers, again raises those questions and doubts.

Riegner, who also passed away before the film was completed, was initially instructed by the WJC to observe the developing situation in Europe and report back to Jewish organizations in England and the

United States.

After receiving information in 1942 that the Germans had a plan to murder between 3 and 4 million Jews, he wasn't sure how many Jews would survive the war in Europe.

At that point, he sent a secret telegram to the U.S. State Department, intended for Rabbi Stephen Wise, then chairman of the American Jewish Congress. But Wise told the WJC that they needed more sources.

"I became very nervous," said Riegner in the film. "I saw nothing was happening."

A palpable sense of failure at being unable to convince the leaders, those who could perhaps have stopped the waves of extermination, echoed throughout the film.

As the messengers tell their stories in the film, describing forays into the ghetto and glimpses of concentration camps, Lindwer interweaves photographs of the Warsaw Ghetto,

black-and-white shots of carriages piled high with bodies.

At the recent screening of the film at the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs, the audience of academics, former ambassadors and Holocaust historians asked why Lindwer didn't deal with the degree of personal guilt felt by Churchill and FDR, or the lack of response from American Jewish organizations.

The comments, sometimes virulently negative, put Lindwer on the defensive. But he recovered quickly, commenting that his films concentrate on the "real people" and the stories they have to tell.

"General helplessness and ignorance was what was going on," responded Lindwer, who has produced several films relating to the Holocaust. "I aimed to have these eyewitnesses - not historians - tell what they did and how they sat face to face with Churchill and Roosevelt."

## One Shabbat Morning - A Great Chanukah Gift

Review by Paula Shulak  
Special to the Jewish Voice

A few years ago, one of today's most successful Jewish singing stars put out a CD called FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE. While it did not make as huge an impact as Debbie Friedman's compositions, which have revolutionized modern synagogue services, FNL did make its mark. Craig Taubman took a number of Friday night service prayers and rewrote them with a rock beat which appeals to young people and also to those of us older folk who believe that there is nothing wrong with updating the traditional service for our times. The most popular of Taubman's Friday night tunes was L'Cha Dodi which has a lilt to it that makes the most staid worshipper want to clap their hands and move.

Now Craig Taubman has done the same thing for the Saturday Morning Service in his latest CD, ONE SHABBAT MORNING. While not every song on this CD is a real winner, there are enough new rollicking tunes that it is worthwhile

buying to keep up with the times. For the most part, the melodies have a Mid Eastern feel and there are many drum beat accompaniments which are throbberly thrilling. For the traditionalist, this recording does not lack in cantorial feel as well and, indeed, it is the unique combination of old and new which sets this CD apart from some others which I have heard. The Torah service in particular is very nice - mystical but very easy to learn, particularly the Bah Anah Rachetz which has a wonderful beat superimposed on a traditional chant, done, oddly enough, in Ashkenazi. Adon Olam has a good feel but I cannot help but observe that it seems a shame the musicians of today keep writing new tunes for those prayers which already have many versions. There are plenty of prayers which are unmusical and which could stand a bit of modernization that I wish they would work on. That is probably wishful thinking, but it would be good thinking on your part if you are looking for a

different kind of Chanukah gift for your pre teen or older child to consider buying ONE SHABBAT

MORNING by Craig Taubman. More information can be found on [www.craignco.com](http://www.craignco.com).

## Festival of Arts, Books & Culture Returns

The Festival of Arts, Books, and Culture returns for its 13th year to the Katz Jewish Community Center located at 1301 Springdale Road in Cherry Hill. Scheduled for Sunday November 10th through Sunday November 17th, the week long festival will feature family events, entertainers, a documentary film, art workshops and presentations by popular authors.

This year's headliner will be "HERITAGE: Symphonic Suite with Narration." 53 members of the Philadelphia Orchestra will perform a musical rendition of the history of the Jewish People based

on the Emmy Award winning score of the PBS TV series "Civilization and the Jews".

Comedienne Wendy Liebman, American Comedy Award winner and a regular on The Late Show with David Letterman will perform during the Festival which also will feature a screening of "Promises", the acclaimed documentary film about seven Israeli and Palestinian children living in and around Jerusalem-only minutes away from each other yet worlds apart.

To receive a Festival brochure or order tickets call the Katz JCC Festival Hotline at 856-424-4444 x 292 or [www.katzjcc.org](http://www.katzjcc.org).



## MILESTONES

### In Memoriam

#### GOLDBERG

Cecelia 'Sylvia' Goldberg, died October 28. She was preceded in death by her husband, Solomon and is survived by her children; Bonnie and Saul Surrey of Chadds Ford, PA, Marlene and Jerry Sokolow and Ellen and Daryl Levin; and will be dearly missed by her grandchildren; Chadd and Jessica Cohen, Daeen Surrey, Lori Suschin, David Surrey, Valerie Suschin, Ashley Suschin,

Marnie Levin, Traci Levin and Leslie Surden. Interment was in King David Memorial Park in Pennsylvania.

#### FRIEDMAN

Rose Feinstein Friedman, 91, of Philadelphia, died on November 3. She was the widow of Oscar B. Friedman, the mother of Samuel and Joan Friedman and Edward and Beth Friedman and beloved grandmother of Craig Injaian, Megen and Max Friedman.

Interment was in King David Memorial Park in Pennsylvania.

#### GLASSMAN

Evelyn Glassman, 99, of Pennsville, NJ died on October 28. She was the widow of Albert Glassman and the mother of the late Phyllis Lipkin. Mrs. Glassman is survived by three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Graveside services were held in Beth Emeth Memorial Park on Faulkland Road, Wilmington. In

lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions in her memory be made to UNICEF.

#### MELNICK

Rose Melnick, 97, a resident of The Kutz Home, died October 29th. She had been a teacher of the deaf in New York City's only public school for the deaf. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Esther and Paul Timmeney; her sister, Kay Mondrus; granddaughters, Michele

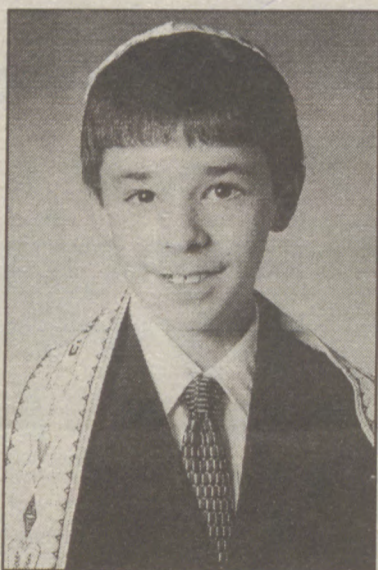
and her husband, Danny Alvarez, Laura Timmeney, Barbara and her husband, Holiday Hanna; and a great grandson, Alex Hanna. Graveside services were held in Cedar Park Cemetery, Paramus, NJ. Contributions in her memory would be appreciated to either Congregation Beth Emeth, 300 West Lea Blvd., Wilmington, DE 19802 or to The Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Wilmington, DE 19809.

## NACHAS NOOK

### Kantar Becomes A Bar Mitzvah

Mitchell Martin Kantar, son of Barney and Claire Kantar, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on November 16, 2002 at Congregation Beth Shalom. A graduate of the Albert Einstein Academy, Mitchell is a 7th grade student at Springer Middle School. Mitchell enjoys running, soccer, skateboarding and hanging out with his friends. His favorite subject is science. He has a particular interest in recycling and has chosen to establish recycle containers at the synagogue for soda cans and glass bottles as a mitzvah project.

Mitchell is the grandson of Hannah Brown and the late Melvin Brown of Atlanta, GA. and the late Martin and Bertha Kantar of St. Paul, MN. He was named for both of his grandfathers.



Mitchell Martin Kantar

### Mazel Tov to Rosen Family

William Rosen (Z'ev), son of Shay and Neil Rosen and brother of Paul of Cochranville, PA, became a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, November 2nd, at Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth Congregation.

Will is in the 7th grade and attends Octorara Middle School. He is in Boy Scout Troop #99 in Bellefonte, DE and is also Den Chief for Cub Scout Pack #99.

He enjoys music and reading. Will attends the Minyonaire Program at Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth.

His proud grandparents are Sandy and Frank Rosen of Wilmington and Harla Hagen and the late Terry McNamara of Mesa, Arizona. He is the great-grandson of the late William and Dorothy Bronstein of Wilmington, and the late Harlin and Pauline Tierney of Running Springs, CA.



Photo by Brad Glazier

William Rosen

### A New Daughter of Israel is Born

Jody and Cynthia (Sadoff) Bender announce with joy the birth of their first child, a daughter, Anna Grace. She arrived at 7:23pm, September 27, 2002.



She weighed 7 lbs., 8 oz., and was 20 1/2 inches long, with lots of dark hair! Maternal grandparents are Mrs. Ruth Sadoff of Middletown and the late Wallace Sadoff. Paternal grandparents are Mrs. Evelyn Wilson of Townsend and the late John F. Bender.

Anna is named for her great, great grandmother, the late Anna Leviton. Annie's aunts, uncles and cousins can't wait to spoil her!

## Israel beyond the headlines

Continued from page 1

most small businesses, have closed. We spoke about the need to position the Arad-Tamar area as a center for desert tourism so

that when the current conditions change, Israelis will continue to come to the area along with international travelers.

In spite of the difficult economic situation, Mayor Bezalel and other leaders continue to encourage immigration to Arad. They believe the new immigrants are a positive force that will build the future of the city. New immigrants from the Former Soviet Union, Ethiopia and Argentina make up about 40% of the population. Mayor Bezalel has been particularly successful in bringing families from Argentina—some 70 families a month arrived at the end of 2001. Because of the economic situation, some Israelis resent the money that's given to the new immigrants. "Enough already," they say, "we need our tax dollars to continue services to the existing population." They resent the fact that new olim get jobs instead of them and that their tax dollars provide benefits for new immigrants rather than relief for themselves. Some even complain that the city is not as strong as it used to be because the new immigrants are not as enterprising as earlier ones.

Demography is another subject of great concern. In the Judean desert, east of the Dead

Sea, there are more Bedouins than Israelis. About 300,000 Bedouins live here beside some 28,500 Israelis (27,000 in Arad and 1,500 in the Tamar region). Some Israelis express concern that in recent years, the Bedouins are taking the Palestinian side. Many Bedouin men are marrying Palestinian women (often from the Gaza Strip) and learning to see things their way.

Throughout Israel, the Haredi continue to have large families while less religious people have small ones. Many expressed concern that the Haredi could come to dominate Israel. In Arad the Haredi account for about 10% of the population. Most people told me that at the current time, the balance of funds is fair. But many anticipate difficult decisions in the future. A few friends believe the Haredi are already taking more funds than they deserve given the size of the population.

The normal flow of life in Arad was ripped apart when Sharon Touboul, daughter of a prominent Arad family, was killed during the horrific attack on the bus at Karkur Junction, near Hadera. Sharon, who had recently begun her army service, was returning to Arad for her sister's wedding the next day. Family, friends, and

soldiers from all over the country came to Arad for the funeral. Everyone in the city knew either Sharon or a member of her family. Thousands came to the cemetery on the outskirts of Arad overlooking the Judean desert. As we said kaddish for Sharon and added a wreath from Partnership 2000 to her grave, covered with wreaths, we became part of the extended family that mourned her. Sharon became a symbol for us of the courage and fortitude that builds our remarkable homeland.

Each of us has a role to play. Our Israeli partners live each day to the fullest and continue to build for the future. But it's so important for them to know that they are not alone. The 25 participants on our New Jersey-Delaware partnership trip, who together with our Israeli partners allocated \$450,000 to projects that will improve life in Arad-Tamar, certainly helped our friends in Arad-Tamar feel the connection. Arad is currently observing its 40th anniversary. In March a group from New Jersey and Delaware will visit the area to celebrate this important milestone. Please plan to join us. Save the week of March 23 and watch for further information.

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# Super Sunday

Date: December 15, 2002

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Jewish Community Center  
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## Volunteer Sign-Up!

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Phone: 302-427-2100 ext. 30

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## DON'T MISS OUT ON CHANUKAH CHOOPLA

The Jewish Community Center of Delaware will hold its annual Chanukah Choopla event on Sunday, November 24 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Shop for friends and relatives at the gift and craft bazaar. Enjoy special games and activities for the entire family and feast on a wide variety of food items at the kosher deli. The event is free and is open to the entire community. For more information, please call 478-5660.

## TEMPLE BETH EL SLATES CHANUKAH BAZAAR

Attention all Newark area residents! Come out to Temple Beth El on Possum Park Road on Sunday, November 17, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Enjoy a home-made latke lunch, shop and participate in games and craft projects. For further information, please call the synagogue at 366-8330.

## GRATZ SLATES OPEN HOUSE WEEK

Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School invites current and potential students and their families to our Open House Week. Please join us on Sunday, December 8, from 10 am to 1 pm, and on Tuesday, December 10, and Thursday, December 12, 2002, from 7 - 9 pm. Call Delaware Gratz for more information and to RSVP at 478-8100.

## HADASSAH PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAM COMING TO WILMINGTON

Al Galgalim: Training Wheels, a Jewish family education program created by Hadassah, is coming to Wilmington. This nine-session program for pre-school age children (2-5) and their parents or grandparents, builds Jewish identity through celebrations of Shabbat and the annual cycle of Jewish holidays. The Wilmington Chapter of

Hadassah is now recruiting participants for the program to be held at Congregation Beth Emeth beginning in January, 2003. For more information please call or email Judy Arenson at (302) 652-8755 or [judyarenson@earthlink.net](mailto:judyarenson@earthlink.net).

## WILMINGTON'S THREE CANTORS PERFORM IN CONCERT

Tickets are going fast for the Wednesday, November 13th, 7:30 p.m. performance of "Music From the Heart, Music for the Soul" at the Delaware JCC. This culminating event of the Adult Institute for Jewish Studies will feature Hazzan G. Michael Horwitz of Congregation Beth Shalom, Cantor Joel Kessler of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth and Cantor Michael M. Mandel of Beth Emeth singing a medley of liturgical, Israeli, Yiddish and popular songs. Tickets are \$10 for community members who did not participate in the Adult Institute and are available through the JCC by calling 302-478-5660.

## HADASSAH SPONSORS PROGRAM ON ETHICS OF NEWS REPORTING

How accurate and ethical is our media coverage? Find out from a panel of experts sponsored by the Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah on Monday, November 18, 7:30 p.m. at Congregation Beth Emeth in Wilmington. Panelists are: Deborah Henley, Vice President of News and Executive Editor of the News Journal, Allan Loudell, Program Manager and morning/midday news co-anchor at WILM NewsRadio, Nancy Karibjanian, News Director and anchor of Delaware Today, a production of WHYY TV 12 and Dr. Danilo Yanich, Associate Professor in the Graduate School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy at the University of Delaware. The program is free and open to the entire

community. For additional information, please call Faith Brown at 475-8065.

## JFS HELPS SEPARATED AND DIVORCING FAMILIES

Jewish Family Service will offer Healing Hearts, a Family Court mandated program for parents and children engaged in separation or divorce. The program will be held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in JFS' Wilmington Office, 101 Garden of Eden Road on December 4 and December 11. For additional information, please call Lynne Brown at 478-9411.

## A SHLOMO SHABBOS AT AKSE

Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Cantor Joel Kessler will lead a special Shabbat service featuring the music of Shlomo Carlebach on Friday, November 15, 6:00 p.m. The community is invited to attend. For more information, please call AKSE at 302-762-2705.

## HAVDALLAH UNDER THE STARS

Join congregants of Beth Shalom in Wilmington for an outdoor Havdallah celebration, Saturday, November 16, 7-8:30 p.m. in Rockwood Park. Enjoy songs, snacks, a hayride and a campfire for just \$10 per family. Space is limited so RSVP immediately to Debbie Nachlis at 475-3429. In case of inclement weather, services will be held at the synagogue and money will be refunded.

## CHESS CLUB RECRUITING PLAYERS

The next scheduled meeting of the AKSE Chess Club is Monday, November 18 at 7:00 p.m. at the synagogue, Washington Blvd. and Torah Way in Wilmington. Open to all ages and all levels of experience. For more information, please call Cantor Joel at 762-4023.

## TECHNION-ISRAEL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY PROFESSOR COMES TO WILMINGTON

One of the world's leading experts in neurological illnesses, Dr. Moussa Youdim, a professor of Life Sciences in the Technion Faculty of Medicine in Israel, will be visiting Philadelphia and Wilmington on Wednesday, December 4 and Thursday, December 5. Dr. Youdim's research at the Technion has led to the development of the anti-Parkinson's drug, Rasagiline, and a derivative anti-Alzheimer's drug currently called "TV3326." Rasagiline and its derivatives account for more than 90% of Dr. Youdim's international patents. Dr. Youdim is visiting the United States as part of the Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the American Technion Society's "Visiting Professor" series. The goal of the program is to highlight the medical and scientific breakthroughs at the Technion - often called "Israel's M.I.T. - as well as to encourage financial support among Americans for this academic powerhouse.

## THE CHARTER SCHOOL OF WILMINGTON SLATES OPEN HOUSE

The Charter School of Wilmington's Open House for prospective students will be held on Sunday, November 10, 2002 from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. Presentations

and tours will be offered. The Charter School of Wilmington is located at 100 N. DuPont Road in Wilmington. For more information, please call 651-2727.

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