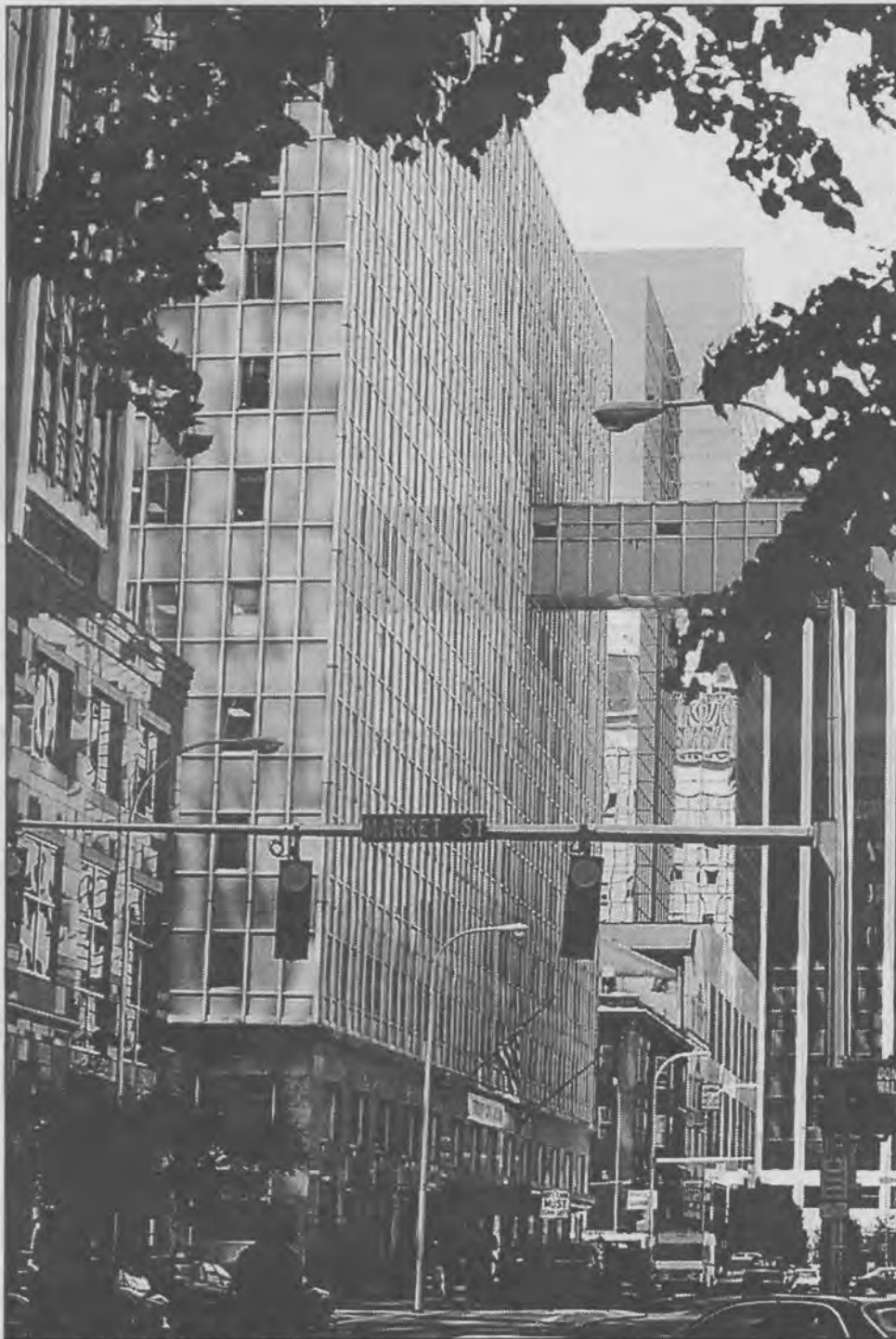


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Located at 100 W. 10th St., the Community Service Building is presently home to twenty-nine Delaware nonprofit agencies. Photo: JDS

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## Jewish Federation of Delaware Relocates to Community Service Building

By JORDAN SOPINSKY  
Editor of The Jewish Voice

Twenty-nine Delaware nonprofit agencies, including the Jewish Federation of Delaware, have leased space in a refurbished state-of-the-art high rise, aptly named the Community Service Building (CSB). Facilitating cooperation among nonprofit agencies, the center is located at 100 West Tenth Street in downtown Wilmington.

The CSB puts many nonprofit agencies downtown, which is where many communal leaders work. Its tenants will share resources such as maintenance, utilities, conference rooms, a copy center, and bulk purchasing. Additional benefits include a competitive rental rate and a parking facility slated for completion soon.

"It's very exciting to have the Federation in a position where it can interact and collaborate with the broader community," said Jewish Federation of Delaware President Leslie Newman, who attended the May 7 ribbon-cutting ceremony along with other Jewish leaders Judy Wortman, Executive Vice-President of JFD, and Barbara Schoenberg, JFD board member. "We're very grateful to the Longwood Foundation and the DuPont Company for making this a reality," Newman added.

In attendance at the May 7 ribbon cutting ceremony to mark CSB's opening were Governor Tom Carper, New Castle County Executive Thomas Gordon, Mayor James Sills, Secretary of State Edward Freel, DuPont Manager of Corporate Communications and Community Affairs

Peter Morrow, Longwood Foundation President H. Rodney Sharp III, and CSBC President David Wakefield.

"There will be people coming from all across the country to look at this as a model," said Morrow.

The idea of CSB began in 1993 when the DuPont Company and the Longwood



CUTTING THE RIBBON Left to right: Secretary of State Freel, Mayor Sills, County Executive Gordon, Governor Carper. Photo: JDS

Foundation launched a joint private/non-profit initiative to develop a community service complex in Wilmington. After a study, the DuPont Company's own

Tenth Street emerged as an ideal site. At the same time, DuPont agreed to part with its 11th and Orange Street property for the building of a parking facility for CSB's tenants as well as their clients and volunteers. Renovation began in 1995.

"The Jewish Federation was the first agency to sign a CSB lease," said Judy Wortman, Federation Executive Vice-President. "Toni Young, who was president at the time, and I were convinced that moving to downtown Wilmington to be part of Delaware's non-profit community was a wonderful idea. Once it became evident that Albert Einstein Academy was growing quickly and needed extra space, the Board was unanimous in their approval."

Located in suite 301, the Jewish Federation of Delaware will retain its previous phone and fax numbers. JFD's new mailing address is 100 W. 10th Street, Suite 301, Wilmington, DE 19801-1628.

## Emerging U.S. Plan - Cut Israel Aid, Boost to Jordan

By MATTHEW DORF

WASHINGTON (JTA) - The era of federal fiscal responsibility has collided with the Middle East peace process to result in a likely cut in U.S. foreign aid for both Israel and Egypt. Under an emerging U.S. plan, \$50 million from each country would be redirected to a newly created Middle East fund for "peace and stability." Jordan would be the primary beneficiary of the fund, as a sign of appreciation for its warmer peace with Israel, according to U.S. and Israeli sources. The cut in Israel's \$3 billion in aid could be offset by additional military spending for the Jewish state.

Nonetheless, it would mark the first reduction since 1979, when Jerusalem began receiving significant U.S. aid in the wake of its peace treaty in Egypt.

The shift in funds, which is being supported by Israel, also comes at a time when some have questioned whether Israel, which is experiencing a healthy economy, should continue to receive \$1.2 billion in annual economic aid. Israel, which also receives an annual \$1.8 billion in military aid, is the largest recipient of U.S. foreign assistance. Egypt, which receives \$2.1 billion, is the second largest recipient.

Even Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told a joint session of Congress last year that before his term is completed, Israel would be ready to wean itself from its dependence on U.S. aid if the Israeli economy continues to be strong.

So delicate are the talks on the plan to cut aid that Howard Kohr, executive director of the American Israel Public Affairs

Committee, traveled to Jerusalem last week for consultations, according to Israeli sources. For almost two decades, AIPAC, the pro-Israel lobby - along with many other Jewish organizations - has made aid to Israel the cornerstone of its political activities. For that reason, even if the new fund is well-intentioned and supported by Israel, a cut in aid to the Jewish state would require a significant shift in American Jewish lobbying efforts.

Clinton and Netanyahu have spoken in recent weeks about the proposed aid cut, and Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy confirmed Netanyahu's support in principle during a meeting with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

Some Jewish activists expressed concern that the plan could set a precedent for further cuts.

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PANIM EL PANIM

(Face to Face with JFD People)



The 63rd Annual Meeting of the Jewish Federation of Delaware will be held on Thursday, June 19, 1997 at 7:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center. The entire community is invited to the meeting the theme of which is a Salute to Volunteerism.

The following individuals have been nominated as officers of the Jewish Federation of Delaware June 1997-June 1998:

- President: Leslie Newman
- Vice Presidents: John Elzefon, Donald Parsons, Barbara Schoenberg
- Secretary: Jonathan Neipris
- Assistant Secretary: Joan Spiegelman
- Treasurer: Richard Geisenberger
- Assistant Treasurer: Suzanne Grant

The Nominating Committee has nominated the following individuals for election to the Jewish Federation of Delaware Board of Directors:

- For one year terms: Constance Kreshtool, Beth Moscow-Schnoll, Michael Samuels
- For two year term: Leslie Reidel
- For three year terms: Lori Barbanel, Steven Bernhardt, Mark Caplan, Gene Danneman, Matthew Denn, John Elzefon, Barry Kayne, Scott Mackler, Jack Markell, Ellen Meyer, Donald Parsons, Barbara Schoenberg

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Toni Young, consisted of Carol Rothschild, Michael Samuels, Pam-sue Schwartz, Bernard Siegel, Howard Simon, and Joan Spiegelman.

Pursuant to the bylaws of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, other nominations shall be made only by written petition by any 50 individual members of the Federation. Such petition and the written consent of the individual nominated therein to serve on the board of directors as an officer shall be sent to the secretary of the Federation at least five days before the annual meeting. Only board members may be elected to serve as officers.

# The Migration to Freedom

By DAVID RAPPAPORT

Special to The Jewish Voice

(Editor's note: David Rappaport, a 1996 magna cum laude graduate with Honors in Ancient Studies, from Brown University recently returned to the States after spending 11 months in Israel and Ukraine with the AMITIM Community Development Project, a first year project sponsored by 8 Jewish Federations from the Southeast United States and the Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. He trained in Israel for two months prior to working with Jews in Donetsk, Ukraine, to develop community structures. He will be speaking on Thursday, June 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center at the 63rd Annual meeting of the Jewish Federation of Delaware.)

I write this third and final article about my year working with the Jewish community of Donetsk, Ukraine, from my somewhat disheveled apartment during a somewhat hectic time. This week began with the Pesach seders, which I will describe more fully below, and will conclude with our return to Israel mere days away. In addition to our discombobulated belongings and schedules, I have also felt a variety of emotions as we prepare to leave.

My arrival in Donetsk last

September was soon followed by the arrival of the High Holidays. An already strange and grey city became more unfriendly as I missed being with my family. I felt misguided, confused, and lonely. Eight months later, I think our Israeli-North American group has successfully integrated itself into the Jewish community. Pesach served as a sort of book-end to our stay - a much firmer one than Rosh Hashana had been - and accordingly I feel much more content with my role here. The seders themselves were adapted to meet the specific needs and restrictions of the community; the part for children included the acting-out of a Russian version of the song Chad Gadya, for instance, while the youth club conducted its seder in the afternoon due to a lack of electricity. As somewhat of an outsider, I could not help but notice the symbolism of the Passover holiday: the journey from bondage to freedom, from restrictiveness to liberation, from the stark coldness of winter to the endless possibilities for growth provided by the spring sun - this symbolism of course mirrors that faced by Jews in Ukraine throughout their history. From the age of pogroms through the Soviet era and finally into the 1990s, a time which will hopefully prove fertile for the growth of democracy, Jews here have struggled against their

oppressors. In addition, the symbolism of Ukrainian Jews leaving for freedom - most to the land of Israel itself - rang true, filled with hope for the future, as we loudly and proudly sang "Next Year in Jerusalem." For the first time, this phrase rang true to me of the essence of freedom and hope.

The most treasured reward I think I will take with me as I leave Donetsk is not the satisfaction of teaching English, leading activities at the youth club, reorganizing the Jewish library, or even the Passover seders. This reward is simply the knowledge that I have, in a small yet personal way, that I helped to join a number of people - many of whom had previously felt as lost as I did on Rosh Hashana - to the greater Jewish community. These people now know that there are Jews in Israel and America, and although they may speak a different language and do things a bit differently, can share the warmth of Judaism as well as, or even better than, old friends. As I recall Donetsk in the coming months, I know that the moments I will most vividly remember are those in which I visited the home of a Ukrainian family and truly connected with them. In contrast to the usual depiction of Soviets as stony-faced, the people

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## JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER ANNUAL MEETING TO INCLUDE ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The 63rd Annual Meeting of the Jewish Community Center will be held on Sunday, June 8, 1997 at 4:00 p.m. at the Jewish Family Campus, 101 Garden of Eden Road.

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Robert B. Coonin, has nominated the following individuals for election to the Board of Directors of the JCC.

The following have been nominated for elected officers for a one year term:

- President: Daniel L. Klein
- Vice Presidents: Buddy Berger, Amy Leviton, Richard Stat, Michael Weiss
- Treasurer: David Bernstein
- Assistant Treasurer: Karen Morris
- Secretary: Connie Sugarman
- Assistant Secretary: Sarah Baker Andrus

The following have been nominated for a three year term:

- Annette Aersonson, Rona Caplan, Caryl Marcus Stape
- Irving Becker, Robert Cooper, Dennis Spivak
- Steven Bernhardt, Rosalia Crosby, Norman Tomases
- Sara Miller Bleemer, Lisa Driban, Caren Zetlan
- Kenneth Bubes, Michael Longwill

The following have been nominated for a two year term:

- David Bernstein, Martin Lessner
- Alan Fink, Robert Pincus

The following have been nominated for a one year term:

- Daniel L. Klein, Karen Morris
- Amy Leviton, Richard Stat

According to Article VII, Section I of the By-Laws of the Jewish Community Center: "At least three months before the Annual Meeting, the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee, to meet at least two months before the Annual Meeting, consisting of seven members in good standing. Four of whom shall be members of the Board of Directors. At time of said appointment, notice will be posted that the Committee will be meeting and suggestions may be submitted. This Committee shall nominate a slate of officers and members as candidates for the vacancies which shall exist on the Board of Directors, but in no event shall any members of the Nominating Committee be nominated by the Committee as an officer or director. No further nominations shall be submitted to the Annual Meeting."

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## Another Palestinian Murdered for Selling Land to Israelis, a Third Suspected

JERUSALEM (JTA) - The body of an Arab land dealer who sold land to Jews was found in the West Bank town of Ramallah, according to Palestinian officials. The officials denied that they had any hand in the murder of Harbi Abu Sarah, who was the second Palestinian killed this month for selling land to Jews.

On May 9, the body of eastern Jerusalem land dealer Farid al-Bashiti was found in Ramallah. Israeli authorities charged that Palestinian security officials had a hand in that killing. An Israeli court last week authorized the continued custody of a Palestinian man and woman suspected of involvement in the murder of Bashiti.

One of the detainees was Nadia Davash, a 33-year-old eastern Jerusalem resident who allegedly met Bashiti in an eastern Jerusalem hotel hours before his body was found in Ramallah. The second suspect was identified as Yasser Anani, a Palestinian police officer. The court banned publication of details of the investigation.

Days before Bashiti was killed, Freih Abu Medein, the Palestinian Authority's justice minister, said that any Arab selling land to Jews would be subject to the death penalty.

The funeral of Bashiti, 70, was held Sunday, after his family, which had received threats, repeatedly put it off.

When Bashiti's body was found, his hands had been cuffed. A sharp blow to the head had caused his death, but there was also signs that he had been tortured. Palestinian officials initially informed the family that he had been killed in a traffic accident.

On May 21, the disappearance of another land dealer raised fears of a new killing.

## Jerusalem Street to Close During Prayer Times

JERUSALEM (JTA) - After months of controversy, Israel has decided to close a main Jerusalem thoroughfare during prayer times on the Sabbath and Jewish holidays. Transportation Minister Yitzhak Levy announced that the decision was in accordance with a recent High Court of Justice ruling that required him to provide alternative routes for secular drivers if Bar Ilan Street was closed.

The street, which has been at the center of a bitter - and sometimes violent - religious-secular dispute, runs through Orthodox neighborhoods.

Levy said a section of the street would be closed to traffic for one hour and 45 minutes on Friday and Saturday evenings, and for several hours on Saturday mornings. No police barricades would be set up on the road, but electronic signals would be erected to alert drivers. Emergency vehicles would have access to the road at all times. Special provisions would be made for secular residents in the affected area, Levy said.

The transportation minister's announcement prompted protests from secular activists. Knesset members Ophir Pines of Labor and Yossi Sarid of Meretz, said they would consider challenging the decision if it did not meet the High Court's conditions. Oman Yekutieli, the Jerusalem council member from Meretz who spearheaded the campaign to keep the road open, said he would petition the court if the road became de facto closed on the Sabbath.

## Jewish Poetry Contest

The Anna Davidson Rosenberg Award for Poems on the Jewish Experience announces its 1997 competition. Sponsored by the Judah Magnes Jewish Museum in Berkeley, CA, this is the only nationwide competition for unpublished poetry in English on the Jewish experience.

Writers wishing to enter should first send a self-addressed stamped envelope for entry form and guidelines by July 31, 1997, to Poetry Award, Judah Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St., Berkeley, CA 94705.

Each year, hundreds of writers from throughout the world enter the competition, open only to unpublished poems in English. Winners have included such recognized poets as Philip Terman, Robin Becker, and Myra Sklarew, as well as many new and emerging writers. Among past judges have been Alicia Ostriker, Enid Shomer, Chana Bloch, and other distinguished poets and editors.

Sponsored by the Magnes Museum, the Rosenberg Award is endowed by the descendants of community leader Anna Davidson Rosenberg to encourage poetry on the Jewish experience.

Awards include first place (\$100), second place (\$50), third place (\$25). Emerging Poet Award (\$25), and honorable mentions. Writers under age 19 are also eligible for a Youth Commendation, and poets over 65 are also eligible for a Senior Award. Winning poems will be read in a ceremony at the Magnes during Chanukah.

# Israel's Labor Party Endorses Palestinian State

By NAOMI SEGAL

JERUSALEM (JTA) - Israel's Labor Party has decided to formally endorse the Palestinians' right to a state with limited sovereignty. Labor officials agreed to add the plank to their platform during a party convention in Tel Aviv recently. The decision came a year after the Labor Party decided to drop opposition to a Palestinian state from its platform.

The recognition came with the limitation that the Palestinians could not establish an army or form military alliances with other countries. In addition, the Labor plank said the Palestinians must give Israel's air force access to airspace over the self-rule areas.

In response, the Likud Party issued a statement saying the move proved that Labor would succumb

to Arab pressures in forthcoming negotiations on final-status issues, which is slated to include the question of Palestinian sovereignty.

The vote on the party platform, which will serve as the basis for Labor positions in the national elections scheduled for the year 2000, came a day after a stormy political showdown within the party.

Knesset member Ehud Barak, the leading contender for the party leadership in next month's primaries, at first objected to the explicit reference in the plank to a Palestinian state. But the former Israel Defense Force chief of staff, apparently softened by a victory over outgoing party chairman Shimon Peres, ultimately withdrew his objections.

At its opening session, the

3,500 Labor delegates overwhelmingly heeded Barak's call and voted to postpone until September a discussion of whether to appoint Peres to the new position of party president. Barak, who opposed the proposal, said that bestowing the title on Peres would lead to divisions in the party and create confusion about who was really in charge. The vote was viewed as a stinging defeat for Peres, who met with close colleagues to assess its aftermath. He said he had no intention of quitting the Labor Party or of taking his supporters to join a national unity government with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Peres added that he would cooperate with the winner of the June primaries, and that he planned to continue pursuing peace with the Palestinians.

## JDC Rep Addresses JFD Board

Miriam Feldman, a representative from The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, a beneficiary agency of the UJA/Federation campaign, addressed Federation board members during the May board meeting.

JDC serves as the overseas arm of the American Jewish community, sponsoring programs of relief, rescue, and reconstruction, and fulfilling its commitment to the idea that all Jews are responsible for one another and that "To save one person is to save a world" (Mishna, Sanhedrin 4:5).

The number of people aided by JDC since 1914 reaches into the millions. There has been a JDC presence at one time or another in

more than 85 countries on every continent. Since 1939, support for JDC's activities has come primarily from the United Jewish Appeal (UJA), which in turn receives its funds from campaigns conducted in 447 American communities, including Delaware's.

When men and women contribute to UJA/Federation campaigns in 164 federated communities and to UJA campaigns in 283 non-federated communities, they support humanitarian work at home, in Israel, and around the world.

For 80 years, JDC has been working to meet Jewish needs around the globe. In Eastern European countries struggling with

vast economic and political changes, JDC today provides life-sustaining assistance to elderly and infirm Holocaust survivors, even as it continues to help young and old renew their Jewish heritage. In the former Soviet Union, JDC is helping to rebuild the Jewish communal infrastructure and nourish the quest for Jewish knowledge. It has been part of the U.S. government's non-sectarian program of food assistance to the former Soviet Union and has also been distributing food packages to the neediest members of the Jewish community. In Africa and Asia, JDC helps dwindling Jewish communities maintain essential services for their elderly and provide their children with a Jewish education. In Latin America and in Western Europe, the emphasis is on increasing communal self-sufficiency. In Israel, JDC is helping the country absorb its newest immigrants while continuing to enrich the lives of the disadvantaged and improve the quality of services for the aged and the disabled. Through the JDC-International Development Program and the "Open Mailbox" campaigns, JDC also enables the American Jewish community to provide non-sectarian disaster and development assistance worldwide.

JDC today continues to function as a vital instrument of American Jewry, reaching out to Jewish communities in distress and improving the quality of Jewish life around the world.

## The World Zionist Congress Elections

NEW YORK (JTA) - The following is a primer on the upcoming Zionist Congress elections.

\*What: Elections of representatives to the World Zionist Congress, slated for Dec. 22-26 in Jerusalem. The Congress decides policy for the World Zionist Organization, which has joint oversight of the \$400 million budget of the Jewish Agency for Israel. The United States is assigned 152 of about 525 congressional delegates with full voting rights. Slates will be put forward by about 10 Zionist religious and secular parties and organizations.

\*Participating parties: The organizations most likely to field slates will include:

- The American Friends of Likud
- Association of Reform Zionists of America
- Mercaz (Conservatives)
- B'nai Zion
- American Jewish League for Israel
- Labor Zionist Alliance
- Na'amat USA
- Americans for Progressive Israel
- Amit Women
- Emunah of America
- Religious Zionists of America
- Zionist Organization of America

\*When: Registration forms are due as of now on June 1, though organizers are considering extending the registration period. Ballots are scheduled to be mailed out to registrants by summer's end. They must be submitted by the end of September.

\*Who: Any Jew 18 or older who endorses the Jerusalem Program embracing Zionist principles, pays \$2 and fills out the official registration form.

\*To request a registration form, call 1-800-598-8445.

For more information on any JCC program 478-5660



## EDITORIAL

# A Model for Cooperation

The opening of the Community Service Building (CSB), made possible by the Longwood Foundation and DuPont, introduces a new era for the nonprofit agencies in Delaware. The Jewish Federation is proud to be one of those agencies, the first in fact to actually sign a lease. In addition to joining its sister agencies to better serve the people of Delaware, this new location in downtown Wilmington will bring the Federation more visibility so that its mission will be better understood by Jews and non-Jews throughout the state. It is hoped that the new location will enable a number of JFD's volunteers, many of whom work downtown, to have easier access to JFD offices.

CSB's rental rate, shared resources, including maintenance, utilities and services,

board and conference rooms, a copy center and bulk purchasing may enable the nonprofit agencies to increase their efficiency. More importantly, the proximity to volunteers and other nonprofit agencies will pave the way for higher effectiveness of the services they perform.

Unprecedented cooperation between tenants through creative collaboration will likely serve as a model of interaction to be studied nationwide for its approach to nonprofit operation.

Give the people-oriented nature of CSB's social service agency tenants, it is hoped that their employees, volunteers, and clients will bring more excitement and business to the downtown area.



DuPont Manager of Corporate Communications and Community Affairs Peter Morrow noted that "There will be people coming from all across the country to look at this as a model."

Photo: JDS

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## VOICE MAIL

To myself a Holocaust question was asked,  
Why shall we confront this event of the past?  
Over 50 years ago, a horror long gone,  
Though this horror lives on and on,  
12 million people lost their lives,

Many more, their husbands and wives,  
Families split up, their whereabouts not known,  
The pain, the struggle, the emotions shown,  
Far from their homes the people were dragged,

Pleading for freedom, they nagged and nagged,  
They were brought to a death camp, for life,  
They had to fight the hunger and strife,  
Finally they were liberated, from the camps they ran,

Now the real struggle finally began,  
Finding your loved ones, a very hard task,  
"Have you seen him around," was commonly asked,  
Starting your life over, for the second time,  
No money, barely a dime,  
Will this happen again, I hope not,

We should talk about the past quite a lot,  
So why shall we confront this event long ago?

So it doesn't happen again, and the knowledge you should know.

Andy Hertz  
Age 12

#### To The Editor:

The Holocaust Memorial observance at Temple Beth El was truly a celebration of life. Mr. Michael Zinn, the congregation's Music Director, its chorus and klezmer group, Thread of Blue, are to be congratulated for all of their efforts. The various readings were presented in a meaningful manner and were integrated well into this year's Jewish community's observance.

In order for the Shoah to have continued significance for the generations that were not directly affected we must continue to be creative as well as sensitive. This "celebration of life" showed the possibilities for Holocaust remembrance that will bring a message to our children and their children. Perhaps others in the community might have suggestions as to future Holocaust commemorations. Any of the rabbis would be happy to hear from you.

Peter H. Grumbacher  
Rabbi  
Congregation Beth Emeth

### 1997 Flooding Disaster Relief Mailbox

Please send checks to:

Council of Jewish Federations Disaster Relief Fund  
730 Broadway  
New York, N.Y. 1003-9596

### A PUBLIC NOTICE FROM THE WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS:

In recent negotiations with the German government on behalf of the Claims Conference, we succeeded in liberalizing some of the regulations concerning compensation of concentration camp survivors.

If you know of someone who spent six months or more in a German concentration camp and is not currently receiving compensation, please ask him or her to CONTACT:

Conference On Jewish Material  
Claims Against Germany  
Article II Fund  
15 East 26th Street  
New York, NY 10010

There is no deadline to file.

The recent change benefits camp survivors who may have already received a small lump sum payment. But please be aware that other restrictive regulations still apply. Please contact the address above to get a full briefing of the liberalized rules.

Please know, however, the World Jewish Congress continues to protest the German government's insistence that internment had to have lasted SIX months or more.

We feel that even one day in a concentration camp was unacceptable, and we are working at the highest diplomatic channels to eliminate this outrageous requirement. The World Jewish Congress is committed to pressing ahead for justice.



OPINION

# Never a Good Time



By ELLEN S. MEYER

The Jewish Voice Editorial Committee Member

It's never a good time to lose a mother.

My mother was 85 years old. She was my mother for 57 of those years. She was in excellent health — intelligent, alert, enthusiastic, loving and giving. She never had to suffer the debilities of too-old age. She enjoyed 85 lovely years of life. But it was not a good time for her to die.

My mother died in an automobile accident. It was only 8:30 in the evening. She was returning to her winter apartment in Laguna Hills, California from a dinner to which she had treated her granddaughter, her grandsons and her sister in honor of her granddaughter's 27th birthday. The car, with the five occupants, was only a few blocks from my mother's home. Had the weather

conditions not been so terrible, you could see her building from where the car was turning when the accident happened.

Her grandson was driving. They were broadsided. My sisters and I understand Mom was killed instantly. Fortunately, everyone else in the car survived with no physical injuries, except for my mother's younger sister, who sustained bruising and a broken collarbone. The survivors were traumatized. Especially her grandson.

I do feel fortunate to have had my mother for 57 wonderful years. As I traverse middle age, I realize that members of the generation ahead are dying off. Yes, I can accept that fact — intellectually, but not emotionally. And I have yet to accept my mother's death.

I also know intellectually that the truly tragic deaths are those of young people who have not lived their lives — young mothers like Mindy Curley or teenagers like Brian Dombchik. My mother lived a long, full life; Mindy and Brian were denied that.

But maybe part of what makes it so hard to let go of my mother is that for such a long time she was such a presence in my life and the lives of so many who loved her. Her annual first-night seder in our hometown of Wilkes-Barre was a gathering spot for our scattered family. It wasn't unusual for her to have thirty people around her table. Cousins would fly in from the West Coast. Her death has brought that to an end and made particularly painful our most recent Passover celebrations. There were three satellite seders instead of Mom's large family gathering. My

sister Ruth so dreaded a seder in Wilkes-Barre without Mom that a few members of the family purposefully gathered in Delaware, hoping that the new location would diminish our sadness. But it didn't help.

We used Mom's tablecloth and memories of our mother were everywhere. They were her recipes we were using, we tried to joke about whether Mom would approve of this or that, and the service was conducted as it always was at her table. But it will never be the same without her.

To Mom's contemporaries, she was the "designated driver" of those unable or unwilling to transport themselves to their bridge games, their dinners out, their movies. How I looked forward to my Sunday phone calls with Mom when I could marvel at her boundless energy and positive outlook and hear about the myriad social events she had planned for the coming week.

Those friends sat with my sisters and me when we were in synagogue in Wilkes-Barre a few weeks ago. We so appreciated their being with us, but my youngest sister Margie cried through much of the service. She told me she felt as if she had a hole in her heart.

I have read that when a person dies, it's as if a library has burned down. But that's only a small part of losing a parent, for when a parent dies, it's as if a load-bearing wall of a house has been damaged, and the house becomes shaky and fragile. That's how we feel with Mom gone.

I've been going to morning minyan to say kaddish, and I'm hoping to be able to continue to do so for eleven months. After all, the Jewish faith was always paramount in Mom's life. She said kaddish for Dad for the entire eleven months (although as I understand it, it is only children who have the

eleventh-month kaddish obligation). She wanted to make sure kaddish was said the requisite amount of time for Dad, and she, without young children to get off to school, assumed the responsibility.

It's not easy rushing out each weekday to make the 7:30 a.m. service and going weekends as well. It's often said that it's hard to be a Jew, and I am reminded of that each morning as I struggle to get myself to the service. But I find it a great comfort; for a half hour or 45 minutes each morning, I can remember Mom — get teary if I have to as I think only of her and relive my wonderful memories of her. I then can get on with my day and accomplish what needs to be done without the distraction of my mourning. Though it is hard to be a Jew, our ancestors instinctively knew how to deal with our psychological needs millenniums before anyone knew of such a discipline as psychology. During this period of mourning I can appreciate the value of religious commitment — as Mom knew all along.

My mother was always there for me, and I loved chatting with her. Just the other day I thought to call her to tell her some insignificant news that only she would enjoy when I had to catch myself and realize she wasn't there to call. When I was "blue," she'd cheer me up. When I was "stressed out," she'd make me realize that I could easily accomplish what I had to get done, and then some. When I was proud of an achievement, she was my biggest cheerleader. It's hard to lose that kind of psychic support — especially after 57 years and even when we all know that no one's mom lives forever.

My mother, who was always so upbeat, once admitted to me that the hardest part of growing old is losing one's friends. No, Mom, it's losing one's Mom.

# An Old Idea for a New Challenge

By MARVIN and SUSAN CYTRON and CHARLES K. and BARBARA S. KEIL

Special to The Jewish Voice

Three recent events: religious, Israeli political and literary, have caused concern among mainstream American Jews. First, the Union of Orthodox Rabbis said that the Reform and Conservative movements were "not Judaism" and urged Jews to avoid these movements' synagogues. No doubt many Traditional and Reconstructionist synagogues in this country would also be considered *trayf* by this minority group of Orthodox Rabbis. Second, the Israeli Parliament voted to reverse the Israeli Supreme Court's ruling that Orthodox conversions in Israel were not required for an Israeli to be registered as a Jew. The Knesset action has outraged Conservative and Reform leaders who said that the vote is a threat to Jewish unity. Third, coinciding with these events, *The Vanishing American Jew* by Alan Dershowitz was published. In this book Dershowitz prognosticates that by the third quarter of the twenty-first century, mainstream American Judaism as we know it, will virtually be non-existent. Only pockets of Orthodox and Hasidic Jews will make up the vast majority of Jews in this country. Inter-marriage, low birthrate of non-Orthodox Jews, the virtual disappearance of institutional anti-Semitism and the broad acceptance of Jews into business, professions, social organizations, colleges and neighborhoods once closed to Jews have contributed to this dilemma. According to Dershowitz, most American Jews no longer have positive reasons to remain Jewish.

These religious and political events have created a degree of unity among lay and rabbinic leaders throughout mainstream American Judaism. Here in Delaware we can be justly proud of the prompt and positive response by many of our Rabbis, our

Jewish community leaders and our Jewish press. The common thread in these messages has been **unity**. It is in the theme of unity that we propose an old idea to a new issue that faces two synagogues in our community — one of enhanced Jewish education for some of our children.

Since their very existence, Congregation Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth (AKSE) for over 100 years and Congregation Beth Shalom for 75 years have maintained Hebrew or religious schools, except for a few years in the 1950s when AKSE was part of The Associated Hebrew Schools. Currently each of the Delaware synagogues operate individual schools. Across the country, Hebrew day schools continue to provide high quality secular and religious education to greater numbers of Jewish students. Wilmington is no exception to this phenomenon with the Albert Einstein Academy at record high enrollment. Conversely, Beth Shalom and AKSE are now operating religious schools, in our opinion, at less than optimal efficiency. Beth Shalom has approximately 50 students at their school, AKSE approximately 90 students. Weekday school schedules were constructed to allow some teachers to teach at both schools. Beth Shalom weekday classes meet on Tuesday and Thursday, AKSE meet on Mondays and Wednesday. The average class size may be 10-15 students, but in some instances a particular class may be 5-7 students, hardly an atmosphere of group dynamics to take place. Teachers who may teach at both institutions must find their role of maintaining interest and providing quality education challenging and at times frustrating. Of secondary importance, the financial impact of maintaining these schools is no easy task for each synagogue's leadership.

There is a practical answer: Combine the two schools. Use the limited staffing and fiscal resources to develop a dynamic weekday

religious school where students continue to receive high quality Jewish education, but in larger more diverse classes where teacher and student alike work and study in a stimulating environment. An ancillary benefit of a combined Hebrew school is that our students will get to know more Jewish children their own age and even carpool parents can combine efforts and get to know their Jewish neighbors.

The task ahead for such a program is not easy: turf protection and pride need to be thrown aside. Our children don't care what happened 50 years ago! Where to meet? Why not at the Jewish Community Center, or the Albert Einstein Academy and perhaps under the aegis of the fine leadership and professional staff of the Albert Einstein Academy? Why not Congregation Beth Emeth in this program? Why not indeed, but right now the need appears to be greater with AKSE and Beth Shalom.

Dershowitz offers several answers to the dilemma of the continuity of mainstream American Judaism with particular emphasis on the Jewish education of our youth. "Forward-looking Jewish leaders are beginning to recognize our collective failure in educating Jews. They realize that Jewish learning must compete with other learning in the market place. ...we must take advantage of every Jewish talent, experience, success and resource."

We encourage the rabbinical and lay leadership of our synagogues, the Albert Einstein Academy Directors and the Jewish Federation leadership to pool resources and avoid placing the emphasis on the "oy in Jewish education over the joy."

Our children deserve nothing less. They deserve a legacy of a strong, dynamic and viable mainstream American Judaism.

(Editor's Note: The writers are members of Congregation Beth Shalom and Congregation Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth respectively).

# Seeing Shavuot in a New Light

By LEONARD FELDER, Ph.D

Eleven years ago my wife Linda Schorin and I got married. In addition to the traditional Ketubah (wedding contract), we wrote our own vows about our intentions to listen to each other patiently, that we would help one another grow spiritually and emotionally, and that we promised to set aside time each week and each month to make sure we relaxed and had fun together. Fortunately, we've taken a few moments each year on our wedding anniversary to look at these vows and see how we're living up to them. We both realize our promises to each other have to be reviewed often or else we'll slip back into old habits or take each other for granted.

I had never thought of Shavuot as a wedding anniversary for the marriage between God and God's people until several years ago when I was doing research for a book about the deeper meanings and daily applications of the Ten Commandments. I found that in several ancient and modern rabbinic commentaries, and especially in the mystical Kabbalistic teachings, there are numerous references to Shavuot as the anniversary day on which we reexamine our vows and ground rules on how to be in a loving partnership with the Divine Presence. The 16th Century Kabbalists of Safed described the all-night study of Torah passages on the eve of Shavuot as similar to a bride preparing to enter into a great wedding of souls the next day, just like we entered into an eternal partnership at Sinai approximately 3,500 years ago.

What are the vows and useful ideas we need to look at and study each year in order to have a healthy relationship with God and

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## Interfaith Ceremony Remembers the Holocaust

By PRISCILLA W. SIEGEL  
The Jewish Voice Community Reporter

This year in Wilmington, an interfaith Holocaust remembrance program organized by the Jewish Federation of Delaware was held at noon on May 5 at the City/County Council Chambers followed by memorial prayers at the Holocaust Memorial in Freedom Plaza. The program was spearheaded by the Jewish Federation of Delaware through its Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee and co-sponsored by the Christian Council of Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore, the Delaware Region of the NCCJ, the Interdenominational Ministerial Action Council and the Rabbinical Association of Delaware.

Brief tributes to Holocaust victims by U.S. Senator Roth, U.S. Representative Castle, Governor Carper, County Executive Gordon, and Mayor Sills were presented to an overflow audience of over 250. The invited dignitaries emphasized that lessons learned from the Holocaust must not be forgotten. Quoting from the American philosopher, George Santayana, Mayor Sills noted that "those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

Following musical selections by



George Preston

the Christina Cultural Arts Center Choral, Evelyn Lobel, chairperson of the Yom HaShoah Planning Committee, introduced the featured program speaker, Holocaust survivor George Preston. In her introductory comments, Lobel, who is also executive director of the Delaware Region NCCJ, observed that the tragic enormity of the Holocaust is best transmitted through one story at a time. Lobel is a member of the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware and chaired the planning committee in that capacity.

George Preston, a Delaware res-

ident, was born Grisha Prizskulnik in Rovno, Poland in 1914. Educated first in Polish schools, Preston went on for graduate training in electrical and mechanical engineering in Paris. He was employed as an engineer in Lille, France until August 8, 1942, when he was picked up by the Nazis and accused of anti-German activities. He was sent to German slave labor camps where, under brutal conditions, he was forced to work on road-building projects, and ultimately shipped by cattle car to Auschwitz.

Referring to the long post-war silence of the world about Hitler's Germany and the survivors who "came out like living skeletons from an inferno, and who lacked the words to express the inexpressible," Preston said that the silence has at last been broken. In light of revisionist denials of the Holocaust, he stressed that "what happened needs to be told again and again."

The dehumanization process started in the cattle cars - 100 people jammed together in a car, some dying in standing positions, destination unknown, and then finally Auschwitz, where the infamous Mengele orchestrated the "left and right" selection process.

Then the barracks, the cold showers, the shearing of hair, the tattooing (Preston became no. 160,581), the thin pajama uniforms, the long hours of standing at attention for roll calls, relentless beatings, children pulled from their mothers and thrown like trash into trucks, people used as guinea pigs for bizarre experiments. "Prisoners who couldn't take it any more," said Preston, "threw themselves against electric barbed wire."

Outbreaks of typhus were routine under barracks conditions in which six prisoners shared a single wooden bunk lined with a thin layer of lice-infested straw.

Facing defeat in 1945, the Germans began to evacuate the camps by marching the prisoners out. Weakened as they were, the 40 kilometer march to a railway depot became a death march as many were either killed or died enroute. Those remaining were loaded on to open coal cars. Preston recalled that it began to snow, and that he welcomed it "as manna from heaven." This time the destination was Buchenwald in eastern Germany where the Germans made a frantic effort to complete their program of executions and to hide the evidence of their gruesome deeds.

Liberation by the Americans came on April 11, 1945, and Preston returned to France shortly after. "I said goodbye to my three years of horrors."

"I survived by pure luck," said Preston. But questions haunt him. "Why did I survive while all my family and friends perished?" And how could it all have come about?

"How is it that one of the most civilized countries in the 20th Century organized and put into place an industry of death? ... The Holocaust was not a product of hoodlums, but of doctors, profes-

sors, cultured and religious persons ... the walls of the ghetto chambers cried out against the background of Beethoven and Bach..."

Remembering, according to Preston, is key to assuring that what happened will never happen again.

One story at a time. Preston's powerful story closed with a standing ovation from the visibly moved audience, which included a number of school children.

In a poignantly titled book "Every Day Remembrance Day," Simon Wiesenthal chronicles Jewish catastrophic history, day by day, 365 days of the year. Since the early 1970s, however, one day, Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Day of Remembrance), has been observed by Jewish communities around the world as a memorial to the six million Jews who were murdered by the Nazis.

The official date of observance,

the twenty-seventh day of Nissan, was designated by the Israeli Knesset. Falling within the timespan of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising and a week before Israeli Independence Day, Yom HaShoah symbolically connects the destruction of European Jewry and the creation of the Jewish state.

As there are no established rituals for this remembrance day, Jewish communities around the world have created a variety of observances. In Israel, at 11 a.m., sirens are sounded throughout the country for two minutes, people stop whatever they are doing to stand at attention, and highway traffic pulls over to the side of the road.

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## Eva Weissman Receives Hadassah Leadership Award

Eva Weissman of the Wilmington Chapter, Northern Seaboard Region, has been named a recipient of the Eleventh Annual Hadassah National Leadership Award. This award honors members whose leadership accomplishments within Hadassah and other civic, educational and cultural organizations reflect Hadassah's dedication to the principles of the volunteer ethic. Award recipients are selected by their peers and represent a wide range of achievements. "The future of Hadassah, indeed of the Jewish people the world over, rests on committed, concerned and educated Jewish lead-

ership," said Marlene Post, National President of Hadassah. "I am pleased to welcome Eva to the family of outstanding women who have built our organization and given of themselves to create a better world. I know she has already proven herself worthy of the Hadassah National Leadership Award and will continue to contribute her time and talent so that the future will be as glorious as we envision it."

Eva Weissman personifies today's Hadassah women, said Suzy Grumbacher. "We all share a sense of pride for this tribute that she truly deserves."

There are not too many jobs that Eva Weissman hasn't held as a member of Hadassah since she joined in 1977. Her first position was held in Waterbury, CT as corresponding secretary.

The past several years Eva has chaired gift-wrapping at Boscov's for Christmas, Mother's Day and Father's Day. Eva co-chaired the art auction (together with ORT) and is in charge of coordinating and selling supermarket scrip. Each project has raised more than \$2,000 each year for Hadassah's programs.

In her spare time, Eva works as co-owner of Susan's Uniforms, drives the elderly to medical appointments for Wheels, heads the purchasing of scrip for the Sisterhood of Beth Shalom and attends aerobic classes.

Eva is married to Howard and has two children, Alan, age 17 and Andrea, age 15.



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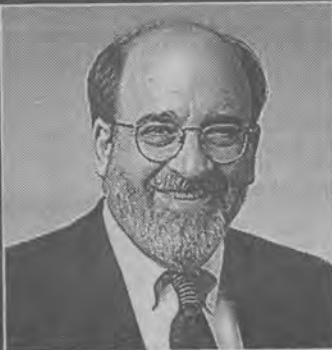
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# Learning Leadership at The Tri-State Jewish Professional Leadership Program

By **RHONDA HOFFMAN**

Special to *The Jewish Voice*

Beginning in September, 25 Jewish communal professionals and educational administrators from Jewish agencies, organizations and synagogues will have the opportunity to participate in the fourth cycle of the Tri-State Jewish Professional Leadership Program.

The program seeks to educate future leaders of Jewish agencies, organizations and synagogues in the tri-state area, according to Dr. Martin Millison, director. It meets monthly for educational sessions and retreats, and matches its participants with experienced senior executives for ongoing learning.

"Its aim is to assist participants in integrating professional skills with Jewish knowledge and values, and to encourage each participant to continue his or her Jewish and professional development," said Millison.

Lynne Jacobs, administrator at

Germantown Jewish Centre, has profited from the program.

"I recently moved to Philadelphia from New York, and I wanted to get a chance to meet other professionals working in Jewish organizations," she said. "This program provides the perfect avenue for such cross-pollination."

Richard Nassau, development counsel for the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, is another who has profited.

"The sessions have given me a picture of what the Jewish community will look like in the future and how to integrate Jewish values into my everyday life," he said.

Delaware professionals who have completed the program include Artie Allen, Roberta Burman, Myrna Ryder, Lelaine Nemser, Dan Weintraub and Dory Zatuchni.

Jennifer Weiss, who works in the senior adult department at the Jewish Family and Children's

Service of South Jersey, also appreciates the way the program provides opportunities to integrate Jewish values with work in the field.

"Integrating spiritual and administrative aspects into our daily lives has been of particular interest to me," she said. "I think the program has sparked my spiritual side."

Topics covered during the past year's leadership program included "Developing Resources for the Jewish Community," "The Fundamentals of Budgeting and Financial Management" and "Ethical Dilemmas in Jewish Communal Service."

Among the session leaders are Dr. Saul Wachs, Rosaline B. Feinstein Professor of Education at Gratz College; Dr. Rela Geffen, professor of sociology at Gratz; Dr. Jonathan Wooche, executive vice president of Jewish Educational Services of North America; Dr. Rivka Danzig, a member of the faculty of the University of

Pennsylvania's School of Social Work; and Rabbi David Wortman, religious leader of Congregation Beth Shalom in Wilmington.

Donna Freyman-Peyser, personnel director of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, said she has found the mentoring component of the program particularly valuable.

"Meeting with a mentor on a monthly basis has given me the opportunity to see how the theories discussed in the more formal sessions apply to me on both a personal and professional level.

"It's also wonderful to have a sounding board," she added. Freyman-Peyser's mentor is Frank Podietz, president of the Philadelphia Geriatric Center.

"To mentor young, bright, articulate professionals and to assist them in their career development has been inspiring and gratifying," Podietz said. "It gives me the opportunity to sensitize these young professionals to Judaic val-

ues and traditions and help them apply these principles in their managerial positions."

For its first three years, this continuing-education experience was funded by the Wexner Foundation. It is now supported by the Jewish federations of the tri-state area and the University of Pennsylvania School of Social Work.

Previously the focus was on middle managers, in the fourth year professionals with two to five years of experience are encouraged to apply.

For applications, due by May 15, contact the Tri-State Jewish Professional Leadership Program, c/o Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, 7th Floor, 226 S. 16th St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19102.

For information about the program call Judy Wortman of the Jewish Federation of Delaware at (302) 427-2100. Judy has been a member of the steering committee, a faculty member and a mentor in the program.

## YLDA Cuts, Weeds, Digs and Plants at Kutz Courtyard

By **DAN WEINTRAUB**

YLDA Director

"God put him in the garden to work at, and to keep it" (Gen. 11, 15)

Much has been said about the special connection between Jews and the land. On Sunday morning, May 4, eighteen volunteers came to the inner courtyard of the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home to work the land. Following the plan of Huber Nurseries, amateur volunteers cut back over-grown bushes, pulled and dug weeds, planted flowers, spread mulch and cleaned up the courtyard.

The Young Leadership Development Alliance (YLDA) is a committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. To ensure

a strong and viable Jewish community, YLDA develops future leaders under 45 by strengthening their ties to the Delaware, national and international Jewish organizations, teaching leadership skills and responsibilities and providing diversified programming that is rewarding, educational and fun.

This one-day volunteer gardening program to improve the courtyard at the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home was scheduled while renovation is underway at the Home. The Kutz Home provided kosher food and beverages to the volunteer gardeners. For more information about the Young Leadership Development Alliance call (302) 427-2100.



YLDA IN ACTION gardening in the inner courtyard of the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home on Sunday, May 4. Eighteen volunteers spent that morning transforming the courtyard. The Young Leadership Development Alliance is a committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. photos by Dan Weintraub

## Last Chance for Camp JCC

If you want the best for your children this summer, why not send them to Camp JCC? Time is running out on the opportunity to provide them with a summer of memories which will last them a lifetime. Our camp offers so much for all ages.

Take advantage of the traditional camps, specialty camps, sports camps and our teen travel program. While we already have close to 500 campers enrolled, we want your child to experience the thrill of being a part of Camp JCC. Camp groups are filling quickly and some camps have already closed, so don't wait any longer to register your child.

Teen Travel Camp begins on June 16 and continues through August 22. All other camp programs begin on June 23 and continue through August 15. For more information, contact Artie Allen at (302) 478-5660.



Chris Kinsella

## Family Campus Gears Up for Another Summer

The Jewish Family Campus will open for its 1997 season on Sunday, May 25th at 10:00 a.m. Special Lag B'Omer activities and programs will be offered throughout the day.

A different activity is planned for each Sunday of the summer. Activities will include children's games, puppet shows, arts and crafts, scavenger hunts and more. Movie nights and special cookouts will also be held throughout the summer months. For the active

adult, we offer adult softball on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m., adult and volleyball on Monday nights at 6:00 p.m., YJAD (Singles) sand volleyball on Wednesday nights at 6:00 p.m. and senior shuffleboard on Friday mornings at 10:00 a.m.

Special holidays including Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day, will be celebrated in style at the Family Campus. For more information, call Scott Katz at (302) 478-5660.

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**PANIM EL PANIM**  
(Face to Face with JFD People)



**Tutor Luncheon**



Rachel Weiss, AEA TABS Coordinator, gives flowers of gratitude to Ruth Goldman, Project Founder.



Rachel Weiss, AEA TABS Coordinator with TABS volunteers, Ethel and Harold Reisman.



(l to r) Lauren Harad, Faye Galperin (TABS volunteer), Rebecca Spiegel, Sara Alexander, and Hannah Goldberg.



Faye Goldstein (center) with Jamie Jacobs and Mitchell Kantar.

On May 8, 1997, Albert Einstein Academy (AEA) held a luncheon to honor volunteer tutors. The "Towards A Better Society (TABS) education program matches community volunteers with students for enrichment or remedial lessons in language arts and math.

AEA students greatly benefitted from these talented and generous helpers. To volunteer for the 1997-98 AEA TABS program, contact Rachel Weiss at 478-5026



**Doris and Irving Morris Honored in New York City**

From left to right: Henry Topel, (Co-Chair) Karen Morris, (Doris and Irving's daughter, Jonathan Neipris, (Albert Einstein Academy Board Member), Rabbi Ellen Bernhardt, (Head of School), and Irving Morris.

Doris and Irving Morris, longtime supporters of the Delaware Jewish Community, were feted at a cocktail party in their honor for the benefit of the Albert Einstein Academy on April 9 at 5:30 p.m., at the Harmonie Club in Manhattan, New York. The tribute was to benefit the Albert Einstein Academy and further the Morris Initiative for Academic Excellence in Education.

Henry Topel, the Co-chair of the Doris and Irving Morris Tribute Committee, was the guest speaker. Attendees included business associates and community leaders who reside in the New York area. Also in attendance were the Morris's daughter Karen Morris, Karen's husband, Alan Levenson, Albert Einstein Academy Board Member Jonathan Neipris and Rabbi Ellen Bernhardt, Head of School for the Academy.

This is the first time in the history of a Delaware Jewish organization that a fund raising event was held in New York. The Albert Einstein Academy is the only Jewish Day school in Delaware serving children in transitional kindergarten through sixth grade. The Academy is a constituent of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. For further information contact the Albert Einstein Academy at (302) 478-5026.

**Freedom**

Continued from page 2

we have met here are unrelentingly warm, generous, and hospitable, despite the fact that many of them do not receive a stable income. I can only hope that these people likewise feel the warmth and pride that I now feel and will continue to feel as I reflect on my year in Donetsk.

I hope this article, as well as my previous ones, not only describes the numerous problems faced by Jewish communities in the former Soviet Union but also the potential for Jewish life that still remains here. Recently the former dissident and now Israeli government minister Natan Sharansky, who grew up in Donetsk, spoke to a standing-room-only crowd packed into the city's lone synagogue. The audience for a Chanukah program in which we were involved filled a huge professional drama theater and we were forced to turn even more people away. The fact that Soviet Jews no longer represent a popular cause among American Jews threatens to isolate these people even further from the world Jewish community, a taste of

which they desperately hunger for. Marches for refuseniks, letters to the Soviet government, Bar/Bat Mitzvah "twins" with Soviet Jews - these actions are fortunately not necessary today. Yet we must not allow the lack of a common enemy to cause the replacement of action with apathy. We cannot forget these people for whom we worked so hard just ten years ago.

Finally, we as American and primarily Ashkenazic Jews must remember from where we - or more likely our parents or grandparents - came from. Many of the Jews who came to America from Eastern Europe did so around the turn of the century, fleeing the pogroms which commonly occurred in modern-day Poland and Ukraine. Those who survived but who were not lucky enough to leave witnessed World War I, the Communist revolution, the terror of Stalin, of course the Holocaust, and the Soviet regime. Entire chapters of Jewish history have occurred here over the past hundred years, producing an overwhelmingly negative effect on Jews and Judaism. Let us not forget that

if not for a choice our predecessors made some years ago, the struggles of those who remained could have been our struggles, their fate, our fate. We must reach out to these people, whether they decided to emigrate to Israel, America, or not at all. I realize that spending a year in Ukraine is simply not feasible for most people; there exist, however, many opportunities to help former Soviet Jews who are attempting to make the difficult adjustment to American society. We may also support immigration and absorption of Soviet Jews in Israel through a variety of channels. The children and grandchildren of these people will, like us today, live in a more secure and prosperous world, one in which occasions such as Pesach will provide the opportunity to celebrate migration to freedom, the joy of the present and the hope for a brighter future ahead.

(More information on the Israel-U.S. AMITIM project may be obtained by contacting David Sarnat, Executive Director, Atlanta Jewish Federation. Tel: (404) 870-1605. E-mail: dsarnat@aol.com)



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**PANIM EL PANIM**

(Face to Face with JFD People)



**Highlights of the May JFD Board Meeting**

1. Miriam Feldman from the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee was the guest speaker. She shared the JDC's activities including the rescue of members of the global Jewish family from such countries as Syria and Ethiopia and relief efforts in Somalia, Israel and around the world. The JDC is a recipient of our overseas allocation through UJA.

2. Heidi Kinsella, Co-Chair of the Young Leadership Development Alliance, updated the Board on Super Sunday, an educational program around Passover and a community service project to be held at the Kutz Home on Sunday, May 4, 1997.

3. Dr. Steven Dombchik, Chair of the Endowment Committee, reviewed 1996 activities. There was a 31% increase in the total fund. He thanked Marc Shandler, the community endowment professional, for his efforts. The Board approved a request to engage RER Economic Consultants to complete an analysis of the Goldinger property.

4. Toni Young, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the proposed set of officers: Leslie Newman, President; Barbara Schoenberg, 1st Vice President; Donald Parsons, Vice President; John Elzefon, Vice President; Jonathan Neipris, Secretary; Joan Spiegelman, Assistant Secretary; Rick Geisenberger, Treasurer; Suzanne Grant, Assistant Treasurer. Mrs. Young also presented the new board slate: Lori Barbanel, Steven Bernhardt, Gene Danneman, Matthew Denn, Barry Kayne, Scott Mackler, Jack Markell, Ellen Meyer, Leslie Reidel, Michael Samuels, and Beth Moscow-Schnoll. Elections will be held at the Annual Meeting on June 19, 1997.

5. Leslie Newman updated the Board on the committee of agency and federation representatives who are evaluating a capital campaign. Each agency will examine its physical needs based upon their strategic plan (programming needs) by the end of 1997. This information will be integrated with the help of a consultant and space planner. The physical facilities will also be evaluated.

6. Lelaine Nemser, Campaign Director, encouraged the Board to finish their calls because the Allocations Committee will make their final recommendations on June 2.

7. Leslie Newman congratulated Janice Selekmán on the birth of two grandchildren, Clara and Ben Hollander on the birth of a new grandchild and Joan Wachstein on the marriage of her daughter. She expressed condolences to Carol Rothschild and Elaine Friedberg on the death of their fathers and to Barbara Yalisove on the loss of her brother-in-law. Mrs. Newman also pointed out the articles in the spring issue of Delaware Law that highlighted John Elzefon's and Jonathan Neipris' Jewish communal activities. Finally, if anyone is interested in serving on the Board of the Kalmar Nickle Foundation, they should see Leslie or Gary Greenstein.

8. Leslie Newman announced that the JFD is moving to the Community Service Building on May 14; John Elzefon is co-chairing allocations with Joan Spiegelman; and Matt Denn is chairing JCRC. John Elzefon is also chairing a committee made up of synagogue and federation representatives around religious pluralism. This committee was formed after a meeting with the Executive Committee of JFD, synagogue presidents and rabbis. The committee will make a report at the June meeting.

9. It was also announced that Artie Allen will become the Director of the JCC in Youngstown, Ohio and Connie and Michael Sugarman had a baby boy.

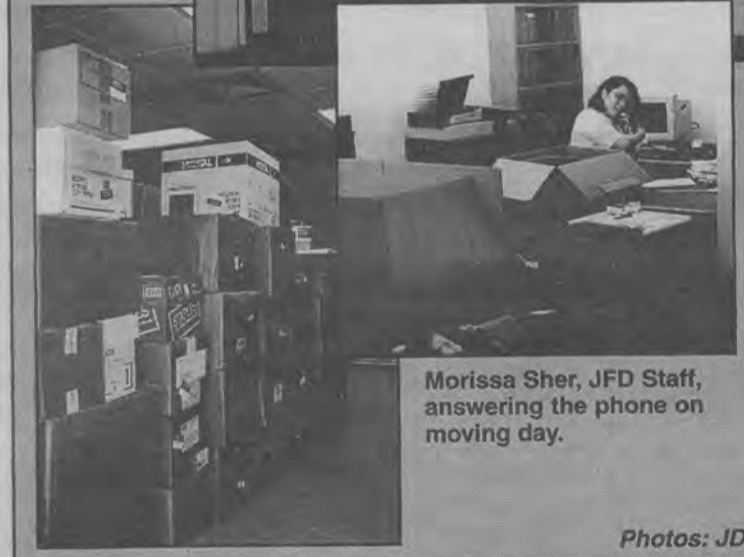
**A Moving Experience**



Mayor Sills spoke at the May 7 Community Service Building opening ceremony.



Suite 301, JFD's new home.



Morissa Sher, JFD Staff, answering the phone on moving day.

Photos: JDS

**JHSD News & Notes**

The Jewish Historical Society has entered the computer age ... well sort of! Information on the Society is now available on the Internet! The American Jewish Historical Society has a listing of local Jewish historical societies which lists our name and address. The "Directory of Historical Records in Delaware" is on the internet and lists the JHSD along with information on who we are and what we do. And finally, the US Genealogy Web Project, Delaware Site, has information on how the JHSD can help all kinds of researchers. As each day passes more and more people are becoming aware of our unique organization!

A new "Guide to the Archives" is now available. To order a copy at \$3.00 ea., please send payment to JHSD, 505 Market Street Mall, Wilmington, DE 19801. The guide lists all of our collections plus helpful tips on how to use the resources in our archives. In addition, plans are now in the works for two large scale publications, "A History of Jewish Settlement on Second Street" and "Jewish Voice Obituary Index."

A major exhibit is being planned and coordinated for the Spring of 1998 at the Delaware History Museum. The theme will be "Jewish Businesses in Delaware 1900-1970." If you have items such as stationery, business cards, shopping bags, photographs, etc., we would like to hear from you. Please call Helen Goldberg at 764-8328 or Julian Preisler at 655-0365.



**"The Zenith Express"**

On Sunday, June 8, Chabad will host a Yeshiva Sunday program as a part of its ongoing adult education series. This Yeshiva Sunday will feature a seminar titled "The Zenith Express."

This seminar explores the myth that getting into Judaism means getting into guilt. The Yeshiva program will begin with morning services, followed by breakfast and then a two hour, fast paced series of mini-lectures. Cost of the program is \$10. Reservations must be made by calling Chabad at 478-4400. This picture shows last year's participants.



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## SYNAGOGUE LIFE

# RAD Marks Yom HaShoah

## A Celebration of Life:

By **BONNIE FALCHUK**

*Special to The Jewish Voice*

On the evening of May 6, 1997, the Rabbinic Association of Delaware's Holocaust Memorial Observance was held at Temple Beth El in Newark.

Participating in this event, which was planned by a committee of Temple Beth El members and coordinated by Allison Kaplan, were cantors Judith Naimark of Temple Beth Shalom and Daniel Lehman of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth; the choir and klezmer band Thread of Blue of Temple Beth El - both under the direction of Michael Zinn - and other members of the congregation, including ten-year-old Rebekah Kaplan, who lit the shammes candles for the candlelighting ceremony.

By letting the artwork, music, and words of those who endured the Holocaust speak for themselves, the observance focused on the legacy and lives of individual people. For example, these are the words of Israel Lichtenstein, written in July 1942 in the Warsaw ghetto:

"I know that we will not endure, To survive and remain alive after such horrible murders is not possible. Therefore I write this testa-

ment of mine ... I want only a remembrance ... I want my wife to be remembered. Gela Seksztine, artist, dozens of works, talented, didn't manage to exhibit ... I want my little daughter to be remembered. Margalit, twenty months old today, has mastered Yiddish perfectly ... she deserves to be remembered also."

Gela Seksztine was only one of the many artists whose works were displayed in the sanctuary. Hers was the first name to be listed by Rabbi David Kaplan before he read the Mourner's Kaddish for the first time. When he encouraged those present to add the names of other victims of the Holocaust, a brief silence was followed by names and tears. From this, many may learn that it is one thing to know in an abstract way that many Jewish families in Delaware lost relatives or friends in the Holocaust but that it is another thing entirely to be sitting in a packed sanctuary as mourner after mourner rises with the names of those who were killed.

Another part of the observance was the lighting of candles commemorating places where Jews suffered and died. Some were ghettos, some death camps, and some



Temple Beth El Choir. Back row, L to R: Ram Rittberg, Irv Engelson, Leslie Riedel, Annie Solan, Bill Spinn. Middle row: Paula Shulak, Jill Kamps, Linda Sprintz, Terry Prager, Lisa Schwartz, Marianne Green, Gene Danneman. Front Row: Carl Shulak, Robyn Gelman, Leah Prager, Vicki Temko, Sue Herst, Arlene Cohen, Gillian Steinberg.

the sites of massacres. As the choir sang and then hummed Ani M'amin, the roll call of sites - 59 in all - was read aloud and a candle lit for each. The candles, arranged in the form of a Star of David, then burned throughout the rest of the observance.

Freda Bienenfeld was one of those who held hands and sang Ani M'amin when facing imminent death at the door of the gas chamber at Dachau after being reunited with her sister and surviving sever-

al death marches. For some reason, the door remained shut and the group was returned to the barracks. This reprieve saved her life, as the next day soldiers from the Army's Rainbow Brigade reached the camp.

Also sung by the choir in Yiddish and English was the sad and touching lullaby "Makh Tsu di Eygelekh" (Close your little eyes) from the Lodz ghetto. From Vilna came that anthem of resistance, "Never Say," which was also rendered by trum-

pet and drum roll by Steve Howard and David Kaplan respectively.

Klezmer music was represented by two works of Naftule Brandwein, which were arranged by Michael Zinn. Brandwein was born in 1889 in the Galician-Polish town of Pryzmyzl into a musical family well-known in that region. His stately "Escorting the Parents of the Bride and Bridegroom" was followed later by "The Hot Bulgar." Both pieces underscored the vitality of the wish to live, to celebrate, and to marry even - perhaps especially - in the worst of times.

The poetry chosen for the observance testified to the resilience of spirit and hope of those who wrote it. They wrote of yellow butterflies, of tears like rain, and of the uselessness of grieving for tomorrow now, when, as Motele of Terezin notes, "tomorrow may be so good, so sunny." All of the poems were written by children. Motele's fate is not known.

The Mourner's Kaddish was repeated near the end of the observance with the emphasis this time on wonder at the richness of the legacy left by those who suffered at the hands of the Nazis.

Hatikvah was sung by cantors Naimark and Lehman at the conclusion of the observance.

(Bonnie Falchuk lives in Newark and proofreads *The Jewish Voice*.)

## Basic Health and Hygiene Items Sought for Bosnia

By **DAN WEINTRAUB**

*Director of the Jewish Community Relations Committee*

The Delaware Coalition for Bosnia is organizing the collection of basic health and hygiene items for children in Bosnia suffering in the aftermath of war. Vitamins, children's Tylenol, children's cold medicine, vapor rubs, shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes are needed. Collections are taking place throughout northern Delaware at locations which include several churches for the general Delaware community. Members of the Jewish community may wish to make donations at their local synagogue on June 12 or 13. The following synagogues have generously agreed to serve as collection centers on those two days for the donation of health and hygiene items: Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, Beth El, Beth Emeth and Beth Shalom. These hygiene kits will be distributed to Bosnian children of all religious and ethnic groups in conjunction with the Hoops for Hope program under the auspices of the Bosnian Children's Fund with the help of the Boston Celtics. The Delaware Coalition for Bosnia is an interfaith effort and a non-profit 501(c)(3) founded with the help of Jews in Delaware. For more information about the Coalition or this collection effort, call the Jewish Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware at (302) 427-2100, ext. 17.

## AKSE Honors Its Torah Readers

On Wednesday, June 11, at 7:30 p.m. the second night of Shavu'ot, there will be a special dairy Oneg in recognition of the men and women of Adas Kodesch

Shel Emeth who have served as Torah readers.

Shavu'ot, the time of year when the Torah was received by the Jewish people is the perfect time

to honor those who have served our synagogue and community by faithfully rendering our Holy scripture.

Please come and show your sup-

port for those who have spent many hours throughout the years studying and preparing the cantillation for our shabbat and holiday services.

## Shavuot

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to be God's loving partner in repairing this broken world? Clearly Jewish tradition says we should review the Ten Commandments each year on Shavuot to see what will make our connection to God meaningful and strong.

When I was growing up in the 1950s and 1960s in Detroit, I didn't really understand the Ten Commandments. All those harsh "Thou shalt nots" in the English King James translation felt rigid and antiquated. But when I was in college a psychology professor told me, "If you truly want to understand what human beings struggle

with in their daily lives, look at the Ten Commandments. We all have difficulties with honoring one or both of our parents. Nearly every person has feelings of jealousy and coveting, where we compare our looks, our kids, our creativity, or our income and comforts to someone else's. Most of us get tempted at some point by someone who seems more attractive, alive or supportive than our own spouse. Many of us struggle with the need to experience a healing and spiritually uplifting Shabbat each week but we sometimes feel like we can't quite let go of certain chores or get our minds to stop worrying, planning or thinking about our jobs. In addition, a great number of people are afflicted by the idols and distractions of modern life - too much TV, too much drugs or alcohol, or a problem with overeating. These ten ideas on how to live peacefully are not outdated relics but the very issues that almost everyone struggles with on a daily basis."

That got me curious and for 23 years I've been studying with numerous rabbis and scholars how to appreciate the daily usefulness of these ten challenging vows on how to live a good life. I've been repeatedly amazed at how practical and psychologically brilliant the original Hebrew meanings are,

compared to the watered down English translations most of us grew up with.

For example, the Eighth Commandment, "Do not steal," actually reads in Hebrew, "Lo tignov," "Don't be such a gonnif," or in other words, "Don't be sneaky and don't misuse the cleverness and smarts God has given you, because if you use your intelligence to manipulate or deceive people you will always feel inside that you're a fraud or that you're going to be 'found out.'" This reminder to live with integrity and not to mistreat other people in your pursuit of success or comforts has meant so much more to me and to the people I counsel in my psychotherapy practice than the simple phrase, "Do not steal," which misses the essence of the Hebrew.

Or the Sixth Commandment, "Lo tirtza-akh," usually translated as "Do not murder," which can also mean, "Do not crush someone's spirit, including your own." Most of us don't think of ourselves as murderers, yet we constantly have opportunities to crush someone's spirit by our cruel words to a spouse, our indifference or coldness to a newcomer at shul, our being too busy to listen to our kids, or our jumping in with advice too quickly when in fact the person

asking for help might need us to let them do it themselves.

The more I studied the various rabbinic commentaries on each of the Ten Commandments, the more I realized just how much these ten vows can help us live with greater meaning, purpose and peacefulness. So now when I attend a Shavuot celebration or study session, I feel like I'm being given the keys to a more fulfilling life. It's made me aware that unless I stop to understand and review the ideas behind the commandments that keep us connected to God and the sacredness of life, it's easy to fall back into old neglectful habits. Thankfully we have wedding anniversaries to remind us how precious a marriage can be and we have Shavuot to remind us how to breathe new life into our spiritual partnership with the Eternal One who reached out to us at Sinai and asked us to help repair the world together.

(Leonard Felder, Ph.D. is a licensed psychologist in West Los Angeles and the author of seven books, including *THE TEN CHALLENGES: Spiritual Lessons from the Ten Commandments for Creating Meaning, Growth and Richness Every Day of Your Life* (Harmony/Random House).)

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# SYNAGOGUE LIFE

## TEMPLE BETH EL 1997 CONFIRMANDS

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Beth Gelman  
Natalie Green  
Eve Kaplan  
Marcus Landis  
Joe Novick  
Jeff Oster  
Danielle Solan  
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## 1997 HAI GRADUATES

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David Arthur  
Andrea Bock  
Sara Grant  
Brian Guttenplan  
Ari Kaplan  
BenKleinburd  
Ruth Novick  
Josh Prager  
Jessica Schultz  
Marielle Solan  
Max White

## BETH EMETH CONFIRMANDS

The Confirmands of Congregation Beth Emeth and their parents invite you to worship with them at the Shavuot-Confirmation service on Wednesday, June 11 at 2:30 p.m. A Kiddush will follow the service.

the 1997 Confirmands are:

**DAVID S. AMSTERDAM**, son of Peggy and Michael Amsterdam

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## AKSE Talmud Torah Graduates Fifteen

**Dana Anderson** is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Anderson. She is a 7th grade honor roll student at Hanby Middle School where she participates in field hockey, basketball and softball. In her spare time, she does Israeli dancing with AKIDS and goes to Girl Scouts.

**Daniel Berlin** is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Berlin. He is a 7th grade student at Tower Hill School. In school, he participates in the school baseball team. In his spare time, he learns Hungarian, reads and uses computers.

**Albert Brown** is the son of William and Riva Brown. He is a 7th grade student at Talley Middle School. In school, he participates in wrestling and anatomy club. In his spare time, he cooks, plays football, rollerblades and reads.

**Laura Brown** is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Barry Brown. She is a 7th grade student at Hanby Junior High School. In school, she participates on the field hockey team, ski club and is a distinguished honor roll student. In her spare time, she swims, plays the flute and reads.

**Ruth Cabelli** is the daughter of Mrs. Rosanne Griff and Mr. Michael Cabelli. She is a 7th grade honors student at Talley Middle School. In school, she participates on the tennis team and ski club. In her spare time, she enjoys softball, playing the flute and Israeli dancing.

**Amanda Doroshow** is the daughter of Aida Wasserstein and Eric Doroshow. She is a 6th grade student at Friends School. In her

spare time, she plays softball and the flute.

**David Drowos** is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Drowos. He is a 6th grade student at Burnett Elementary School. He participates in the school safety patrol and in his spare time plays baseball.

**Zachary Golden** is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Joel Golden. He is a 7th grade honor student at Tower Hill School. In school, he participates in baseball and is a member of the French Oral team. In his spare time, he plays baseball, the drums, reads and hangs out with his friends.

**Andrea Gottesman** is the daughter of Mr. Paul and Dr. Rita Gottesman. She is a 7th grade honor student at A.I. DuPont Middle School. In school, she participates in Math League, band and chorus. In her spare time, she skates for the University of Delaware Skating Team.

**Cory Hertzfeld** is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Edward Hertzfeld. She is a 6th grade student at Tatnall School. In her spare time, she plays the piano and paints.

**Stefanie Makar** is the daughter of Mollie Epstein and Ron Makar. She is a 7th grade distinguished honor roll student at Hanby Middle School, has been dancing for ten years (member of AKIDS), and volunteers at the Kutz Home.

**Jacqueline Safian** is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Gary Safian. She is a 7th grade student at Hanby Middle School. In school,

she participates in Chorus. In her spare time, she roller blades, ice skates, plays softball for Talleyville Girls Softball and practices for her bit mitzvah.

**Mara Seidel** is the daughter of Jeffrey and Dianne Seidel. She is a 7th grade distinguished honor roll student at Talley Junior High School. In school, she participates in basketball and softball teams and the Ski Club. In her spare time, she plays the piano, plays on two softball teams and volunteers at the Kutz Home.

**Mark Shlossman** is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Philip Shlossman. He is a 6th grade student at Burnett Elementary School. In school, he practices in Science Olympiad and Math League. In his spare time, he plays soccer, roller hockey and the computer.

**Danny Weinberg**, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Weinberg, is a 6th grade honor roll student at Burnett. At Burnett, he was in the Geography Bee and the Math League Invitational. Danny also plays the piano and does karate.

## 1996/1997 Confirmation Class from Congregation Beth Shalom



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## NACHES

### Delaware State Bar Association Honors Stuart Young

The Delaware State Bar Association recently presented one of its most prestigious awards at the annual Law Day Luncheon at the Rodney Square Club.

Stuart Young, Esquire, a partner in the Wilmington law firm, Young, Conaway, Stargatt & Taylor, received the Community Service Award. The award is presented annually to a member of the Delaware Bar or judiciary who has rendered meaningful service to the community and who has contributed significant time and effort to the greater Delaware Community.

Mr. Young has been a member of the Delaware Art Museum Board of Trustees from 1977-85 and is now serving another term. He served as President of the Board of Trustees in 1995. He is a member of the Board of Overseers on the Delaware College of Arts and Designs and a Trustee of the

Board of Directors of the Delaware Community Foundation. He has served as Chairman of the University of Delaware Visual Arts Visiting Committee in 1995, Chairman of the Delaware State Arts Council from 1985-93 and Director of the Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation from 1985-92.

Mr. Young also has been active in the Jewish community. He served as Director of the National Conference of Christians and Jews from 1968-81, Co-Chairman from 1974-81, Director of the Jewish Federation of Delaware in 1972 and was the Cash Mobilization Chairman for the Federation in 1974.

Law Day USA is an annual event of the American Bar Association intended to focus the attention of the nation on the principles and practices of American law and justice.

### Jewish Studies' Graduates at UD

Andrea S. Allmayer, from Norristown, Pennsylvania, will be graduating in May with an English Education major and Jewish Studies minor. She is a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society, and she will be receiving her Advanced Honors Certificate. She is a member of Hillel and the University Singers.

Andrea is graduating with a minor in Jewish Studies. She spent spring semester, 1996 in Israel at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Also she interned at the Jewish

Federation of Delaware and wrote for *The Jewish Voice*. Andrea is currently student teaching in English at William Penn High School. After graduation, she hopes to teach high school English or further explore Jewish social work.

Jill Bernhardt will graduate this year with a major in English and minors in religious studies and biological sciences. The summer after her sophomore year, Jill went to Israel. She had discovered a program called *Livnot U'Iahibanot*, created for students like herself who knew little to nothing about

Judaism, but wanted to learn. She became totally enamored with her heritage and, when she returned home, needed to continue reading and studying. She signed up for as many Jewish Studies classes as she could fit into an already full schedule. Jill decided to do a senior thesis which would reflect her new awareness, and she planned a work titled *The Character of God in Post-Holocaust Literature*. Although she is unable to complete her research before graduation, she has spoken with Jewish publishing houses, and several have expressed interest in her finished work.

### Jeffrey Oster to Participate in Presidential Classroom Program

Jeffrey Oster, a student at Dickinson High School, will travel to Washington, D.C. as a participant in the Presidential Classroom Scholars Program. Joining hundreds of high school students from across the country and abroad, Jeff will take part in seminars presented by leaders representing each branch of government, the military, media, lobbying organizations

and business. Students are also scheduled for a private tour of the White House, appointments with the offices of their Senators and Representatives and a visit to a foreign embassy. The balance of the week in Washington will be filled with small-group workshops on today's hottest issues, visits to the monuments and museums, a night at the theater and a commence-

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### Lisa Bennett Receives Award

Lisa Wolf Bennett, daughter of Lew Bennett and Diane Wolf, has received the Mary Malcah Rubenstein Weiner Award. The award is granted to a female student at Akiba Hebrew Academy who demonstrates an unwavering commitment to social justice, exhibits pride and knowledge of Judaic practices, nurtures her family and community, and possesses a spirit that is both humble and

fierce.

Lisa is a senior at Akiba. In the fall she will attend the Columbia

University/Jewish Theological Seminary joint program for undergraduates.

Share your good news in the 'Naches' column

## OBITUARIES

### SAMUEL CRAMER

Samuel Cramer, 69, died Saturday at St. Francis Hospital of cardiovascular disease.

Mr. Cramer was a salesman for Park Distributors for 22 years before retiring in 1989. He was a member of the Delaware Valley

Plastic Modelers and the Harry Fineman Post of the Jewish War Veterans.

Survivors include wife, Doris of Wilmington; daughter, Caroline Cramer, and brother, Franklin, both of Wilmington.

Contributions may be made to the Paul Cramer Fund or the Rabbi's Fund at Temple Beth Emeth, Wilmington 19802.

during World War II, who served in India, Burma, and the China Campaign. He also served in the Korean Conflict.

Mr. Mesibov was a member of the Beth Shalom Congregation in Dover, Kiwanis Club of Milford, and Shawnee Country Club of Milford. He was an avid golfer and bridge player.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Freda Mesibov; four sons, Philip Mesibov of Sequim, WA, Lee Mesibov of Embudo, N.M., Steven Mesibov of DeLand, FL, and David Mesibov of Newport News, VA; two brothers, Harold Mesibov of Philadelphia, PA, and Hugh Mesibov of Chestnut Ridge, N.Y., and four grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests contributions to Beth Shalom Congregation, P.O. Box 223, Dover, DE 19903.

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### MARVIN MESIBOV

Marvin Mesibov, 77, of Milford died Tuesday, April 29 at Milford Hospital.

Mr. Mesibov was a poultry farmer near Houston, DE, for 36 years. He was also a poultry serviceman for Rodney Feed Company. He was an active member of the Delaware Poultry Improvement Association and had also served as a past president.

Mr. Mesibov was an Army officer

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

**Circus Trip** - Join your friends in kindergarten through 6th grade for an afternoon at the Ringling Brothers/Barnum & Bailey Circus on Sunday, June 1, 1997. See Zusha, the world's only performing hippo, world-famous animal trainer Mark Oliver Gebel and, of course, America's favorite clowns.

Registration and payment will be accepted at the JCC Front Desk. The cost of this afternoon of fun is only \$22.00/members, \$25.00/non-members. For more information, call Rachel Levy or Scott Bowers at (302) 478-5660.

**Forget-Me-Not Ball** - The annual Forget-Me-Not Ball sponsored by the Auxiliary of the Kutz Home will be held on Saturday, September 20th at Arshat Hall, Wilmington Campus of the University of Delaware.

Invitations will be issued.  
**JCC Annual Meeting** - The 63rd Annual Meeting of the Jewish Community Center will be held on Sunday, June 8, 1997 at 4:00 p.m. on the grounds of the Jewish

Family Campus. The meeting will include Election of Board and Officers, President's Report and an Awards Presentation. Games and activities for children (ages 3 through 10) will be offered during the meeting portion of the evening. Caryl Marcus Stape is serving as this year's Annual Meeting Chairperson.

A free family picnic-style dinner will be served after the meeting and will be followed by entertainment. Advance reservations are required by calling the JCC at (302) 478-5660 by May 30th.

**Kutz Home Annual Meeting** - The Annual Meeting of the Milton & Hattie Kutz Home will be held on Sunday, June 1, 1997 at 2 p.m. Our location is 704 River Road, Wilmington, DE. The public is welcome. An interesting (but not lengthy) program is planned.

**Kutz Home Rededication** - Plans are underway for the Rededication of the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home on Sunday, September 21st at 2 p.m. Everyone in the community is welcome. There will be a brief dedication program followed by guided tours of the new wings and the remodeled original building. Arlene Simon is chairman of the Committee planning the event. Other members of the Committee are: Phyllis Cobin, Miriam Edell, Faith

Goldman, Howard Hoffman, Ellen Konover, Louise Sloane, Alan Schoenberg and Ruth Weinstein. The Advisory Committee members are Eileen Conner, Karen Friedman, Joan Wachstein and Sheldon Weinstein.

**Lag B'omer BBQ** - at the JCC picnic grove on Sunday, May 25 at 5:30 p.m. BBQ and games. Call Chabad at 478-4400 for reservations.

**Minyans** - Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth (traditional), Washington Boulevard and Torah Way, Wilmington, DE, 762-2705, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Sunday-8:00 a.m.

Chabad (Orthodox), 1306 Grinnell Road, Wilmington, DE, 478-4400, Sunday, 9:00 a.m., 208 Cheltenham Drive, Newark, DE, 455-1800, Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Congregation Beth Emeth (Reform), 300 West Lea Boulevard, Wilmington, DE 19802, 764-2393, Monday through Friday, 7:55 a.m.

Congregation Beth Shalom (Conservative), 1801 Baynard Boulevard, Wilmington, DE, 654-4462, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m., Sunday, 9:15 a.m.

**Torah Classes in Wilmington** - Mondays: 8 p.m. - Talmud. Tuesday: 12:30 at 1 Rodney Square - Skaden Arps: Talmud. Wednesdays: Behind The Lines, The weekly Torah portion, 8:30 p.m. Call Rabbi Vogel at Chabad in Wilmington at 478-4400 for more information.

**Torah Readers being honored** - AKSE will be honoring all the men and women who have served as Torah readers over the last several years, with a special dairy oneg in their honor on Wednesday, June 11, at 7:30 p.m. Please come and show your support for their countless hours of study.

**Torah Study in Newark** - Mon.-7-8:30: Secrets of Existence;

8:30-9:30: Talmud  
 Tues.-7:00: Rambam's Mishnah Torah; 8:00: Intro to Jewish Mysticism. Individual classes available. Call Rabbi Sneiderman at Chabad, 455-1800.

**Volleyball** - Young Jewish Adults of Delaware (YJAD's) co-ed, noncompetitive volleyball league continues every Wednesday night from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at the JCC.



**RABBI/STAND-UP COMIC BOB ALPER** will bring his one-man comedy show to The Jewish Community Center of Wilmington, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington, on Sunday, June 15th. Showtime is 7:30 p.m. Tickets, available at the JCC (478-5660), are: \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door for Adults. \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door for Seniors and Students. Bob will sign and read from his inspiring new book, *Life Doesn't Get Any Better than This: The Holiness of Little Daily Dramas*, at 4:30 (also June 15) at Borders Books and Music, 4221 Concord Pike, Wilmington.

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Tuesday, June 3, 11:00 a.m.  
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Tuesday, June 24, 10:00 a.m.  
Tuesday, June 24, 11:30 a.m.

### Holiday Inn

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Monday, June 16, 10:00 a.m.  
Monday, June 16, 11:30 a.m.

### Newark

**Mother's Kitchen Family Diner**  
1108 South College Avenue  
Thursday, May 29, 10:00 a.m.

### New Castle

**Ramada**  
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Wednesday, May 28, 10:00 a.m.  
Wednesday, May 28, 11:30 a.m.  
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### Wilmington

**Holiday Inn—  
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