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## RICHARD ADDRESS TO SPEAK AT BETH EMETH

Congregation Beth Emeth invites the community to attend "A Shabbat of Enlightenment" beginning on Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. The featured speaker will be Rabbi Richard Address, Director of the Union for Reform Judaism's Department of Jewish Family Concerns. The weekend event begins with services on Friday evening at 8:00, when Rabbi Address will speak on "The Changing Jewish Family: the dynamic challenges to synagogue and community that are evolving from the changed Jewish family."

On Saturday March 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 Rabbi Address will discuss the topic "Making Sacred Decisions: how Jewish texts shape decision making in light of emerg-

ing medical technology." The Saturday morning program will be followed by an 11:00 a.m. Shabbat Service and lunch with Rabbi Address. There will be an opportunity for questions and answers during dessert.

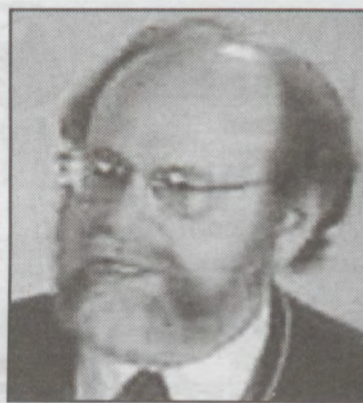
Rabbi Address has served the Union for Reform Judaism, formerly the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC), in a variety of capacities. Following congregation work in California, he joined the Union's staff in August 1978 as the director of its Pennsylvania Council and Federation of Reform Synagogues of Greater Philadelphia. He continued as senior regional director of the Council through December of 2000. His work with the

Department of Jewish Family Concerns, coordinates the efforts of a variety of programs in areas such as aging, substance abuse, self-destructive behavior, special needs, AIDS, gay and lesbian inclusion and the impact of emerging medical technology on Jewish lives. Rabbi Address has edited and authored numerous publications dealing with the choices that confront today's Reform Jews with regard to emerging medical technologies, the care of aged parents and issues of bioethics.

The cost for the Saturday lunch is \$18 with registration due by March 5, 2004.

All members of the community are welcome to attend. Congregation Beth Emeth is

located at 300 West Lea Blvd. in Wilmington, DE. For further information or lunch reservations please contact Congregation Beth Emeth at (302) 764 - 2393.



Rabbi Richard Address

### RICH RECHT IN CONCERT NEXT SATURDAY

Bring the entire family to hear popular musician, singer and songwriter Rick Recht in concert at the Delaware Jewish Community Center on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. Just \$5 per person gives you access to one of the top touring Jewish musical artists in the United States. Recht infuses popular music with Hebrew text and conveys Jewish themes of social responsibility.

The concert is jointly sponsored by the JCC, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington, and Congregation Beth Shalom, 18<sup>th</sup> Street and Baynard Blvd, Wilmington. Tickets are available at both locations.

For additional information about the event, please call Donna Schwartz, 302-478-5660 or Hazzan Michael Horwitz, 302-654-4462.

## GAY JEWS LINE UP TO WED

By Joe Berkofsky

Rabbi Yoel Kahn originally married 13 years ago, but on Monday he tied the knot again — to the same man.

Kahn, who leads a congregation in Sonoma, Calif., first wed his longtime partner Doug Dellm under a chupah, but on Monday they finally secured a marriage license from the City and County of San Francisco.

Kahn joined a deluge of more than 2,400 same-sex unions the city began sanctioning last week. The move came in the wake of an attempted amendment by the Massachusetts legislature to reverse a state supreme court ruling allowing gay civil marriage.

They also are among the many Jewish gays and lesbians who hope to have civil weddings after being allowed for years to hold Jewish ceremonies in Reconstructionist or Reform synagogues.

For many, the motivation to marry is as much about gaining equal civil and legal rights associated with marriage as it is about principle.

"I don't need the state to bless my marriage; I had a chupah and a ketubah," said Rabbi Denise Eger,

of the largely gay Congregation Kol Ami in West Hollywood, Calif., speaking of the hallmarks of Jewish wedding ceremonies. But "don't deny me my equal rights as a citizen."

Kahn and Dellm waited with their 12-year-old son and hundreds of other gay and lesbian couples for hours in the rain to wed legally, because "it was important to show the world we wanted this," Kahn said in a telephone interview the following day.

Their original religious ceremony "was our first act of religious commitment and civil disobedience," Kahn added, "but we didn't expect" this move allowing gay civil unions "to happen in our lifetime."

Indeed, while waiting on line to marry, Kahn and Dellm met a gay Jewish couple from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., whose wedding Kahn officiated at after his own.

Now Kahn and many other gay and lesbian Jews hope the San Francisco gay wedding parade will spark a legal battle to overturn the state's ban on gay civil weddings and lead the way for other states to follow.

"This is going to force the hand of history," Rabbi Camille Angel of

San Francisco's Congregation Shaar Zahav, a Reform synagogue, told JTA.

Angel, who has officiated at more than 200 Jewish weddings for both heterosexual and gay couples, also joined the throngs heading to San Francisco City Hall, waiting five hours to wed her longtime partner, Karen Segal.

Back in 1999, Angel and Segal married at a ceremony at Congregation Rodef Shalom in New York, and they display a ketubah, or Jewish wedding contract, from that event in their home.

But the couple jumped at the chance to claim the kinds of legal rights civil marriage affords, which "heterosexuals just take for granted," Angel said.

"We're high, we're married, we have a license," Angel said. "I felt like we should have been singing Shehecheyanu," the Jewish prayer of thanksgiving said at singular occasions.

Instead, Angel said she celebrated by officiating at eight civil weddings in the past few days, uttering for the first time since being ordained the phrase, "In the power vested in me..."

Meanwhile, more than 40 other



Geoffrey Benjamin, left, and Craig Persiko, second from left, are married at San Francisco City Hall, holding Serafina Persiko Benjamin, their 7-month-old daughter. Assemblyman Mark Leno performed the wedding, far right, and their friend Nathan Purkiss, center, served as witness. Credit: Photo courtesy j. the Jewish news weekly of Northern California

gay and lesbian couples at her synagogue, which was founded as a gay congregation but has expanded into the general community, also marched to City Hall to wed.

Others from around the nation who also have celebrated Jewish unions joined them.

Eger said many members of her 300-family synagogue in West Hollywood took flight to the San Francisco Bay Area to secure a civil

marriage license before the state could jump in and stop the city from issuing the licenses.

"People were trying to get to San Francisco all weekend," said Eger, who wasn't able to get there herself.

Many Jewish homosexuals say that even if they have had Jewish commitment ceremonies or religious unions, civil marriage

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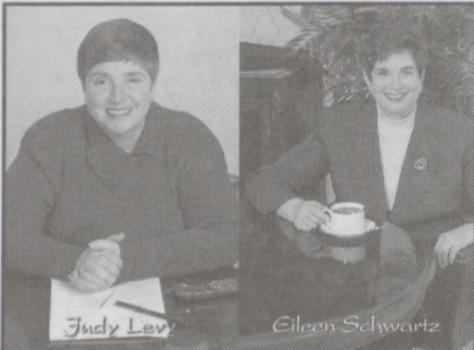
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# EDITORIAL

## Don't take a vacation from Judaism

My son, Lee has been counting down the days until the end of the school year. As we go to press, summer vacation is a mere 60 some days away.

This issue of the Jewish Voice teems with advertisements about a broad-range of summer camp experiences. One should be perfect for your child, nephew, niece or grandchild.

Many offer innovative Jewish programming in a day or overnight setting. In an atmosphere of fun and friendship, Jewish camps are a potent vaccine against assimilation and apathy. Here, young people can creatively celebrate their heritage and connect with other Jews.

Recent studies from the Foundation for Jewish Camping demonstrate that positive experiences with Jewish camping:

- Enhance Jewish identity
- Increase Jewish affiliation and practice
- Spark an interest in pursuing Jewish professional careers

-Decrease intermarriage

Older teens can combine a classic camp experience with travel to Israel as participants in the Jewish Federation of Delaware's Kefiyada 2004 program. Young people ages

19 to 25 can work as counselors in an English-speaking day camp located in Delaware's Partnership 2000 sister community of Arad/Tamar. Make a difference, learn Hebrew and form relationships that can last a lifetime.

If you are interested in participating in Kefiyada, please call Jennifer Young, Federation's Endowment and Women's Philanthropy Director at 303-427-2100, ext. 19 or at [jennifer.young@shalomdel.org](mailto:jennifer.young@shalomdel.org).

And speaking of Eretz Yisroel, I will travel there this weekend as part of a delegation of journalists invited to participate in the Prime Minister's Conference on Tourism. I am honored and excited to join this whirlwind tour of Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and the Galilee. I will return to Wilmington March 1 exhausted, energized and armed with wonderful stories to share about summer travel opportunities throughout our Jewish homeland.

Shabbat Shalom!

*Lynn B. Edelman*

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Editor

## Photo Of The Week



The sun rises over a snow-covered Old City, Feb. 15, 2004, from above the Jewish cemetery on the Mt. of Olives in eastern Jerusalem. The holy city was covered with snow after a rare snowstorm. Credit: Brian Hendler/JTA

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## PARSHA PLACE

Week of February 21

Mishpatim

Exodus 21:1 - 24:18

Here Comes The Judge

By Rabbi Bradley Shavit Artson

Parashat Mishpatim teaches us that our society cannot function without laws, judges, and courts of justice. At its deepest core, America prides itself on the rule of law—the insistence that no individual, however wealthy, influential, popular or powerful, is superior to the rules which govern human conduct. Above any individual—even the President of the United States—is a body of laws that translate general principles into legal guidelines for harmonious living.

That priority was not always the case in America. The West, with its frontier ethic, the South with its racial hatred, and the Northeast with its violence against labor unions often acted against this general commitment to the rule of law. As great a president as Andrew Jackson was, when told of a decision of the Supreme Court that he opposed, responded, "They've made their decision, now let them get their own troops to enforce it!"

In our own age as well, we are accustomed to various presidents claiming immunity from various laws because of their high office. For all the times that Americans don't live up to the principle of law, that ideal still remains a potent force for justice and equality in our society.

That principle allowed the Reverend Martin Luther King to fight the powerful status quo of the South and of Chicago. It allowed student protesters to publicize unpopular views, and it allowed the women's movement and the environmentalists to be able to oppose injustice in our courts. The principle that the law is supreme is a direct inheritance from our biblical heritage.

The Torah itself is, in part, a book of law, presenting the Jewish conviction that the will of God is translated into action through law. By using the metaphor of law to frame Jewish religious obligations, our tradition lifts goodness beyond the flimsy level of preference or mood, establishing the hatred of evil and the pursuit of righteousness as a mandate at all times and places.

The Torah argues for the rule of law not only through its overarching structure, but also explicitly in today's portion. "In all charges . . . the case of both parties shall come before judges." Establishing courts of law where disputes can be resolved is a requirement that the Torah views as an indispensable part of a religious society. According to rabbinic understanding, this obligation applies throughout time, not only while the Temple stood in Jerusalem. And it binds in all places, not only in the Land of Israel.

As the author of the Sefer Ha-Hinnukh (13th Century Spain) recognized, the absence of a legal system and open trials "causes ruin for the land, since a country cannot be civilized except by law." That perception echoes the claim of the Mishnah that "the world stands on three things," one of which is law. Not only is this mitzvah binding on Jews, but rabbinic tradition applies this minimal requirement to all peoples.

Out of the 613 biblical commandments, only seven pertained to B'nei Noah (the children of Noah), all of humanity. These laws were of such import that no person could claim to be civilized, or fully human, without embracing them. For the Rabbis, establishing courts of justice was a fundamental human act, one that allowed for the values of ethical monotheism to extend to everyone, regardless of their religious affiliation or social status.

Ours is a religion of law. Take away the force of law and Judaism is nothing more than (at best) helpful suggestions. Just as one cannot claim to embrace American values without adhering to American law, so too one cannot distinguish Jewish values from Jewish law. But the point here goes beyond the structure of our faith, beyond a definition of what it means to be an American.

By insisting that the establishments of law courts are part of the laws of B'nei Noah, our tradition reminds us that the key to human potential and harmony is adherence to a legal system that is accessible, fair, speedy and just. As Jews, as Americans, and as human beings, we all have an interest in that.

Rabbi Bradley Shavit Artson is the Dean of the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies at the University of Judaism in Los Angeles. He is the author of *The Bedside Torah: Wisdom, Dreams, & Visions* (McGraw Hill).

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# FEDERATION FOCUS

## What inspires your generosity?



**Samuel H. Asher**  
Executive Vice President

Did you ever listen to a Public radio telethon? Were you inspired to send in money because you felt that the station had enjoyable, meaningful programming and provided a good service to the community? On the flip side, have you ever received a call from a school that you contributed to

when your children attended and turned them down because you no longer directly benefited from their services?

Why do people make charitable contributions? Are they inspired by a cause? Do they believe in Tzedakah?

There are many reasons why people give to philanthropic causes. In a book written by Russ Alan Prince and Karen File, called the Seven Faces of Philanthropy, the authors explain through the market research that they conducted, why people give.

Some people give because of family history, either their parents taught them to give or their lives were touched by a person or agency that helped them through a tough time. These people are called dynasts or re-payers according to Prince and File.

Other donors, who have a financial orientation, believe that doing good is good business. In other words, if I sit on the United Way board, I'll make good con-

tacts, while I'm doing a service for my community.

Still others with more religious motivations believe that giving is tied to their tradition or is a path to self-fulfillment. They are called devout or altruistic.

Some people are motivated by their business contacts or social contacts. These individuals are known as communitarians or socialites.

Another study of large donors to Universities said that there are three basic motivations for giving:

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If you don't have access to the internet, tear out the following and mail it to me. I look forward to hearing from you, by mail or internet!

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It just feels right

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My family has always given to Federation

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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## A new deal on overseas funds?

By Rachel Pomerance  
JTA

A handful of federation leaders are working on a deal on one of the most contentious issues surrounding the United Jewish Communities.

Now they have to sell it to the rest of the federation system.

In a Feb. 9 meeting at LaGuardia Airport in New York, federation executives and presidents from Baltimore, Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland and New York hammered out a plan to fund overseas needs.

The deal comes after a two-year evaluation by the UJC's Overseas Needs Assessment and Distribution Committee, or ONAD, and a bout of politicking leading up to a decision in December.

The decision takes pressure off local federations to raise additional funds, preserves their autonomy in funding decisions and appears to benefit the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, one of two primary agencies working overseas that receive funds from the UJC federation umbrella system.

The battle for funds transmitted overseas by the federation system -- more than \$200 million in 2003 -- has become increasingly politicized in recent years.

With individual federations increasingly funding local projects, the UJC's two main overseas beneficiaries are competing for tight federation dollars.

The ONAD committee -- and, in part, the UJC itself -- was created to reverse that trend by galvanizing a cross-section of federations to understand overseas

needs better and make the case for funding them.

In December, ONAD decided to maintain the longtime formula in which 75 percent of the system's overseas funds go to the Jewish Agency for Israel, which runs aliyah and Zionist education worldwide, and 25 percent to the JDC, which operates relief and welfare programs in Israel and abroad.

The committee also decided it would ask federations to raise an additional \$20 million to split between the two agencies, putting \$6 million toward that sum from individual federations' discretionary spending.

Before the resolution reached the UJC board of trustees for approval, however, the UJA-Federation of New York balked.

Among other concerns, the New York federation feared the plan was doomed to fail because federations were unlikely to raise additional overseas dollars. It also objected to chipping away at federations' elective funding.

That set UJC leaders scrambling to find a new compromise, which they did at the LaGuardia meeting, according to sources close to the process.

UJC agreed to ask federations, for the next two years, to raise the same amount of what is called "core funding" -- \$187 million -- as they raised in 2003.

Federations are asked to allocate 90 percent of their overseas funds to core funding, which is subject to the 75-25 split.

The remaining 10 percent is called "elective funding," meaning that each federation can decide how to divide it between the

Jewish Agency and JDC.

Under the "LaGuardia compromise," elective funds would remain untouched, a response to federations' growing desire for control of funding decisions.

However, federations would be asked to increase their entire overseas allocations in proportion to any increase in their annual campaigns.

By that logic, the LaGuardia group expects an increase of \$14 million toward overseas allocations, which the UJC would split evenly between the Jewish Agency and the JDC.

In addition to taking pressure off federations to raise an additional \$20 million, the proposal also would benefit JDC. Federations will be asked to preserve the amount JDC puts toward relieving hunger in Argentina and the former Soviet Union, about \$6 million last year.

According to one UJC insider, the new proposal "maintains community electives and set realistic expectations."

Jay Sarver, the Jewish Agency's budget and finance chair, said he would withhold comment until he sees a formal proposal from UJC.

At the JDC, Steven Schwager, the group's executive vice president, also said he had not yet seen the proposal and could not comment.

To become official, the proposal must be approved by the full ONAD committee and then the UJC board of trustees.

An ONAD conference call is scheduled for March 10 to discuss the issue.

### Federation Community Capital Campaign nears goal

**\$20.8 million**

**\$19.4 million**  
as of February 20, 2004

For additional information about the Community Capital Campaign please call Ruth Rosenberg at 302-427-2100, ext. 17



## INSIDE DELAWARE

### Delaware Educators attend National Holocaust Conference

Three members of the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee attended the recent 11th Biennial Alumni Conference of the Holocaust Education Summer Fellowship Program in Washington, DC. The President's Day weekend conference was sponsored by the American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors and the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council.

Margaret Crouch, Joel Glazier and Karen Wallace, alumni of the prestigious Summer Fellowship on The Holocaust and Jewish Resistance, have been active members of Delaware's Preston Holocaust Committee. Halina Wind Preston, the committee's namesake and founder, was a Holocaust Survivor and an early advocate of speaking engagements for Survivors in secondary schools.

"The alumni conference affords a special opportunity for the participating educators to share ideas, teaching strategies and to learn from scholars and Survivors," said Glazier. Benjamin Meed, President of the American Gathering,

addressed the teachers sharing that "You wonderful American teachers have enriched our [the survivor's] lives. You have been entrusted with sharing our stories with the future generations and the 700 alumni have risen to the challenge to teach the basic lessons to Never Forget and Never Again. We thank you for your work."

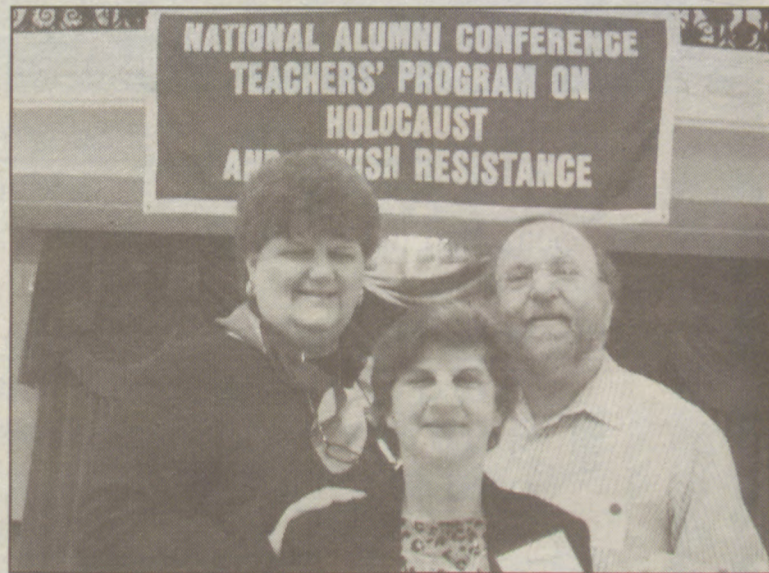
In one keynote address by Sara Bloomfield, Executive Director of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, the teachers were called "An unusual group of people. Not only have you traveled to Poland and Israel to study but you continue to give up a long weekend to travel to Washington to further study and immerse yourself in a topic that has been the darkest chapter in human history. I commend you and your dedication."

The Summer Fellowship on the Holocaust and Jewish Resistance was begun in 1985 as a way to teach and train educators from American secondary schools about Jewish Resistance and The Holocaust. In Israel, scholars from Yad Vashem and the Ghetto

Fighter's House along with Holocaust Survivors are active presenters in the program. The alumni conference brings past participants together for a weekend of further training and testimonies. This year the participants were welcomed by Israel's Ambassador Daniel Ayalon who thanked the American Gathering for sponsoring such an acclaimed program.

Seven Delaware teachers have participated the Summer Fellowship. Besides bringing some degree of expertise to teaching the subject, alumni have provided in service training to colleagues and have been involved in other areas of professional development. The Halina Wind Preston Committee, part of the Jewish Federation of Delaware's Jewish Community Relations Council has benefited from the membership of such educators.

Karen Wallace was last year's main speaker at the annual Yom Hashoah Program in Wilmington. In March, Margaret Crouch will conduct an In-Service program for Delaware Teacher's sponsored by



Karen Wallace, Margaret Crouch and Joel Glazier recently attended the Conference on The Holocaust and Jewish Resistance in Washington, DC. 120 teachers from around the country participated in the program, co-sponsored by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

the News Journal. Joel Glazier will speak about Holocaust Education issues at the annual Yom Hashoah Memorial Service sponsored by The Rabbinical Association of

Delaware on April 18. The Preston Committee is also organizing the annual community wide Yom Hashoah Program for April 20 in downtown Wilmington.

### Beth Emeth plans new member Spring Party

Congregation Beth Emeth is planning a spring party especially for new members who joined Beth Emeth in 2003 or 2004. Potential members who would like to learn more about Wilmington's Reform Congregation are also invited to attend this gathering planned for Sunday afternoon, March 21st, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Doug and Deborah Hershman of nearby Boothwyn, Pa. have volunteered their home for the event. Light refreshments will be served and membership information will be available. There will be no "sales pitch." This is an opportunity for new and potential members to get better acquainted with each other and Congregation Beth Emeth.

Make your reservations by calling Adele Kessel at (302) 478-0776. Questions about this event or congregation membership may be directed to Verna Schenker at (302) 478-6673.

### Spend Shabbat in Dover

Congregation Beth Shalom in Dover will celebrate SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA on Friday, March 12, 2004, at 6:00p.m. Rabbi Judah Fish will lead this special service, described by National Jewish Outreach Center founder and director Rabbi Ephraim Z. Buchwald as "...a fun-filled evening of camaraderie that unifies Jews everywhere as one people." This interactive prayer service will be followed by a buffet Shabbat dinner complete with song, ritual and discussion. SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA joins tens of thousands of Jews at hundreds of locations across North America in a beginner-friendly celebration of Shabbat.

The buffet dinner costs \$25 per adult and \$5 per child under the age of 12. According to synagogue President Barbara Sparks, the March 12th dinner is an opportunity to support the congregation's Renovation Fund. Advance registrations for the dinner are required. For more information please call 302-734-5578.

### Delaware Gratz to see Golda's Balcony

Join Delaware Gratz students, teachers and the families of staff and students for a performance of Golda's Balcony at the Helen Hayes Theater on Broadway. The bus will roll from Delaware Gratz on Sunday, May 2nd, 10:00 a.m. and will return approximately 8:30 p.m. The cost of \$90 per person includes admission to the 3:00 p.m. matinee performance of this critically acclaimed story of Golda Meir, round-trip bus transportation and two small snacks. Financial aid is available for students who qualify.

As this trip is designed to be a field trip for Gratz students, there will be no Gratz classes scheduled for Sunday, May 2nd. First preference will be afforded students and faculty.

Bus trip participants are asked to bring their own bagged lunch and/or supper.

Your check, payable to Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington, DE 19803, is your reservation. Seats will be open to the general community after 2/29/04.

### Summer Camp - Not just for kids!

The Jewish Community Center is offering adults age 55 and over an opportunity to attend summer camp. Relive your childhood June 6-June 11th at Camp Kislak in Lake Como, PA.

This New Jersey Federation of YMHA and YWHA operated camp offers a broad range of Jewish camping activities for older adults. Fees include three meals a day, snacks, programs, courses and round-trip transportation.

For more information, plan on attending a special presentation program on Wednesday, March 15, 1:30 p.m. at the Newark JCC, 318 South College Avenue. Call 302-368-9173 to register for the presentation.

### JCC Newark hosts open house

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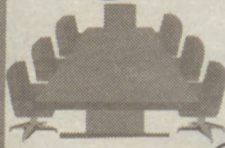
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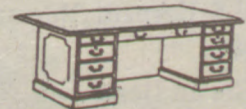
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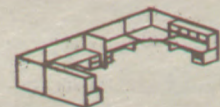
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## GLOBAL JEWISH NEWS

### On the fence

By Dina Kraft, JTA

Palestinian schoolboys scramble onto cement blocks and climb on the 26-foot-high slabs of concrete forming the towering wall that is blocking off Jerusalem from the West Bank.

From their perch, the boys can see both sides of the wall that runs along Shaya Street, the previously invisible municipal boundary between Jerusalem and the West Bank village of Abu Dis.

As in other neighborhoods in eastern Jerusalem, where nearly all of the city's Arabs live, the barrier cuts through the city and its suburbs -- separating relatives, cutting off workers from their jobs and students from their schools, and separating those on the Palestinian side from hospitals, municipal services and cemeteries in Israel.

Israeli political and military officials say the wall in Jerusalem, like the hundreds of miles of barrier being built to separate the rest of Israel from the West Bank, is a temporary measure to block Palestinian terrorists.

The two sides' differing views of the fence are coming to a head as a Feb. 23 hearing on the barrier's legality approaches at the International Court of Justice at The Hague. Israel has said it will

not make arguments in the trial, as The Hague has no jurisdiction in the matter.

Palestinians argue that the fence is an illegal land grab, taking ground they claim as their own and that they want for a future state -- including Jerusalem, which they hope one day will become their capital.

Israel claims that the fence is a necessary security precaution -- saying it is perhaps the least invasive measure the Jewish state can take after three years of Palestinian terrorism have left more than 1,000 Israelis dead and thousands more wounded.

In most places hewing roughly to the Green Line -- the armistice line from Israel's 1948 War of Independence, which served as a de facto boundary until the 1967 Six-Day War -- the fence is altering the delicate fabric of life that has grown up between Israelis and Palestinians here over nearly four decades.

The ramifications of such a physical divide are seen most starkly in Jerusalem, the only part of the barrier route that slices through a major urban area.

Elsewhere along the boundary with the West Bank, the barrier is comprised mostly of a hi-tech net-

work of wire fence, ditches and patrol roads. In urban areas like Abu Dis, which merges into Jerusalem, such a setup would involve confiscating additional land and further disrupting everyday life, so large walls are being constructed instead.

As Israeli authorities build along the Jerusalem municipal boundary established in 1967 -- when several eastern Jerusalem neighborhoods were seized and annexed as part of the city -- the barrier divides Palestinian neighborhoods. Jewish neighborhoods on the eastern side of the city are included on the Israeli side of the wall.

More than half of Jerusalem's Palestinian population lives inside the municipal boundaries -- some 200,000 people.

Critics of the fence ask why Palestinians beyond the city limits are considered a security threat when those inside the city apparently are not.

Security officials say the government decided to build the fence along the city's municipal boundaries -- and those Arabs living inside city limits are legal residents of Israel.

Still, they hope to prevent terrorists from using eastern Jerusalem neighborhoods on the West Bank side of the city as launching pads

for attacks -- as has occurred in the past. The barrier, they say, will control the flow of

people from the West Bank into Jerusalem by channeling all traffic to checkpoints, as a regular border crossing does.

For decades, the security officials emphasize, Palestinians enjoyed unfettered freedom of movement, and the current change has been brought about only by the terrorism of the intifada.

Palestinians say the Jerusalem portion of the fence is a political attempt to solidify Israeli control of the city. The status of Jerusalem is one of the thorniest issues of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Before construction began on the Jerusalem portion of the barrier, the municipal borders were invisible, not affecting the daily lives of residents on either side in a significant way.

Now, however, a line will be drawn between those living in the city and those living in its Palestinian suburbs, for whom the city is the center of their economic and social lives.

"The wall will result in the most dramatic changes to the Jerusalem boundaries and its people since 1967," said a December 2003 report by the United Nations

Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs in the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

Palestinians say the wall creates maddening practical obstacles.

"All of our people are angry about this. I cannot visit my family there," said Ahmed Sabek, a taxi van driver, gesturing to the West Bank side of the wall, "and they cannot visit us here."

But Moshe Karmi, a retired diamond polisher was born in Jerusalem and fought there in the wars of 1948 and 1967, said Palestinians have left Israel with no choice.

"I'm for the fence. It's for our security," Karmi said. "We want to live and they are trying to kill us. We also have a right to live here."

Military officials stress that for now, the wall is the only answer.

"The establishment of the fence is part of the army's battle against Palestinian terror," Capt. Gil Limon, a member of the Israel Defense Forces' legal staff in the West Bank, told an overflow audience at the Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies during a recent public debate on the Jerusalem portion of the fence. "It's part of our self-defense."

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# GLOBAL JEWISH NEWS

## On the fence

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In the southern Jerusalem neighborhood of Gilo, which regularly came under gunfire from the neighboring Palestinian village of Beit Jala in the early months of the intifada, Shlomi Mizrahi said he welcomes the fence.

Two bullets punctured windows in his apartment, which faces Beit Jala in the valley below.

"There is not much choice," he said of the fence. "It's about security."

But he said he doubts that the wire fence route running between Gilo and Beit Jala will prevent further shooting attacks on his neighborhood.

"Whoever wants to shoot at us will still be able to do so," he said.

Mizrahi, a 27-year-old clerk for the Jerusalem municipality, said he has reservations about how the fence will disrupt the flow of life in eastern Jerusalem neighborhoods such as Abu Dis.

The new, higher wall in Abu Dis replaces a lower barrier that was covered with spray-painted messages such as "Welcome to Ghetto Abu Dis" and "Apartheid Wall."

The lower wall was the first stage of the separation barrier in Abu Dis -- which, because of its proximity to Jerusalem, once was considered a possible capital for a future Palestinian state.

A potential parliament building even was picked out, a modern stone building that remains empty.

To date, gaps and open crevices in the low cement wall around Abu Dis have allowed Palestinians to continue moving back and forth. They climb over the concrete blocks, children usually leading the way.

Crates of produce, bundles of money and even babies are handed over the wall.

"After they close the holes, what will students do? Or if you want to go to the hospital?" Sabek said. "This is one country. You are breaking up the country like this."

Defense officials responsible for carrying out government orders to

build the barrier say they're doing their best to defuse a difficult situation in Jerusalem.

"We tried to stay within Jerusalem territory in order not to get into a political situation," said retired Col. Dani Tirzah, who is involved in planning the fence route. "We need to do our best to assure freedom of movement."

Israel Kimche, who is spearheading research into the Jerusalem portion of the fence for the Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies, said military style planning is not enough when it comes to a city as complex as Jerusalem.

"They study every kilometer very carefully, but they are military men," Kimche said. "They are looking at it from a security point of view, but they are not experts on humanitarian issues or matters of traffic, employment or infrastructure."

"The situation in Jerusalem is more complicated than in any other place," he said. "There will be daily problems. It will make daily life much more difficult."

Tens of thousands of Palestinians will be disconnected from the center of their lives in Jerusalem, Kimche said.

Some Palestinians who live in towns and villages abutting Jerusalem carry Israeli identity cards. That might mean that thousands currently living in the West Bank -- including many who moved there because of the housing crunch in eastern Jerusalem -- may try to move back to the city for fear of being locked out.

The three main hospitals servicing Palestinians in Jerusalem and the surrounding areas will be much more difficult to access for those living on the West Bank side of the fence. Students who live in Jerusalem but study in West Bank universities also will have trouble reaching their campuses.

Planned changes in the fence route, prompted in part by growing international opposition to how the fence will affect Palestinians' lives, reportedly will aim to create contiguity between Palestinian vil-



The charred remains of a passenger bus is strapped to a flat-bed truck at a bus company's central garage Feb. 17, 2004, in Jerusalem. The wreckage of the bus, in which a Palestinian suicide bomber killed 11 people in Jerusalem on Jan. 29, 2004, is being flown to Holland by the ZAKA volunteer group in an Israeli public relations effort to justify Israel's security fence in the West Bank. The United Nations International Court of Justice in The Hague is to hear a case about the fence next week. Credit: Brian Hendler/JTA

lages outside Jerusalem.

"Urban environments pose a very difficult challenge for the construction of the fence," said Dore Gold, an adviser to Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon.

Gold noted that among plans for adjustments in the Jerusalem area are special permits so some Palestinians can pass more easily into the city and the establishment of medical clinics so Palestinians can get certain services like dialysis without delay.

The Defense Ministry currently is deciding where the entry points into Jerusalem will be for those living on the West Bank side of the city.

Rami Nasrallah, director of the International Peace and Cooperation Center, a Palestinian think tank in eastern Jerusalem, calls the fence the "Israeli fragmentation wall in Jerusalem."

Nasrallah says the mentality of separation is problematic for the

two sides.

"It's bad for the city, for the whole concept of an open city for both sides and a capital of two states. It's killing the whole concept, and I'm shocked to see this trend within the Israeli side of building walls," he said.

"I'm afraid of this mentality of denial, of 'Let's build a wall, we don't want to see or interact with Arabs,'" he said. "With this you cannot make peace."

Channa Pressburger, an Israeli university student in Jerusalem, says she thinks the fence will destroy hopes of developing normal life in the region -- and won't provide security.

"There is a problem and it starts at the root" of the conflict, she said. "The fence won't help, it will only exacerbate the situation. The problems will only continue."

Haithem Mukahed lives in Abu Dis but owns a garage on the Jerusalem side of the barrier. On

one recent day, he was furious when soldiers wouldn't let him pass, even though he has an entry permit.

"What do I have a pass for? What kind of country is this that won't let me in?" he asked, his voice rising. "What do they think, that only they are allowed to live?"

Most Palestinians living in Jerusalem tend to dismiss the security argument for the fence, saying Israel's best bet for security is not to cut off Palestinians from their livelihoods. They ask why the current network of checkpoints is not enough.

"My life is in Jerusalem," said Muhamed A'Wissat, 29, standing on a hill in a Palestinian suburb of Jerusalem known as a-Sheikh S'ad. With A'Wissat is a group of fellow unemployed friends who used to work in Israel.

Because of pending fence construction, the road to their suburb was destroyed and vehicles no longer can come in or out. For now, the only way to reach neighboring villages is by foot.

What for A'Wissat once was a journey of a few minutes to Jerusalem now could take as long as an hour, because the only way to reach the city legally is via the West Bank Jewish city of Ma'aleh Adumim, east of Jerusalem.

Yehezkel Lein, a researcher for B'Tselem, an Israeli human rights organization, looked out on an Abu Dis courtyard full of concrete slabs lying horizontally on the ground. They soon will be hoisted into place by construction workers on the edge of Abu Dis and added to the growing wall.

"When you try to impose virtual reality into a concrete reality, what you get is a human disaster," he said.

## Gay Jews line up to wed Continued from page 1

or religious unions, civil marriage remains key to securing more than 1,000 ancillary state and federal rights, ranging from tax breaks to adoption benefits.

Evan Wolfson, executive director of Freedom to Marry, a New York-based coalition of groups that promote gay civil marriages, said civil marriage "is the gateway to a vast array of tangible and intangible protections that matter in every area of life."

Wolfson said his own Jewish beliefs in tikkun olam, or healing the world, helped shape his long-time battle for gay civil marriage.

When political opposition to a 1996 Hawaiian high court ruling allowing gay civil marriage reversed the original legislation, many gays

joined the fight, Wolfson said.

In the years since, many members of Congregation Bet Haverim, an Atlanta synagogue with many gay members, headed to Vermont to wed under the state's same-sex civil-union laws, and some have traveled to Ontario to take advantage of the Canadian province's gay civil-wedding laws, Rabbi Joshua Lesser said.

This past weekend, some of the rabbi's friends flew to San Francisco. Others plan to go to Massachusetts this spring to campaign against a proposed amendment to the state constitution that would overrule the state supreme court ruling legalizing gay civil marriage.

"For the majority of people, it feels oppressive not to have the

same rights as anyone else," Lesser said.

Like other rabbis of largely gay congregations, Lesser has officiated at gay unions at his Reconstructionist synagogue, performing 18 gay and lesbian ceremonies as well as 50 heterosexual weddings in the past five years.

Gays and lesbians see these events as important public signs of their lifelong commitment to one another, Lesser said, "not play weddings" meant to replace the real thing. Still, he said, "it doesn't nearly come close" to offering "the same kind of protections as legally married couples have."

Kahn said, "Civil marriage is an economic event as well as a romantic and spiritual event."

Underscoring that sentiment, several liberal Jewish rabbinic groups have come out for gay civil weddings.

Last week, the Association of Humanistic Rabbis issued a statement in support of "diverse sexualities and gender identities," citing its longtime support for gay civil and religious weddings. And the Reform movement's

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## PREPARING FOR PURIM

### JCC to hold Purim Carnival and Jerusalem Mall

The Jewish Community Center of Delaware will hold a Community-Wide Purim Carnival and Jerusalem Mall on Sunday, March 7, 2004 in North Wilmington.

The Purim Carnival will be held from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Purim is one of the most festive of Jewish holidays, a time of prizes, noise-makers, costumes and treats. The community-wide Purim celebration will include carnival games, arts-n-crafts, face painting, music, costume parades, as well as, a variety of delicious holiday treats.

Delaware's Jewish community will join thousands in nearly a dozen American cities in bringing Israel to the United States. The Jerusalem Mall will be open from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. This special exhibition and sale will feature items from over 110 Israeli artisans who specialize in jewelry and Judaica. The Jerusalem Mall was created over a year ago to assist the Israeli economy, particularly the small artisans and workshops, that are most affected by these hard times. Some of the items available for purchase will include ceramics,

silver and gold jewelry, hand-painted art, sculptures, tablecloths, scarves, kippot, shofars, children's games, Israeli CDs and much more.

For more information, please call the JCC at (302) 478-5660.

#### AT BETH SHALOM....

Celebrate Purim on Saturday, March 6 during a family Megillah reading. Say Shalom to Shabbat at 6:45 with a brief Havdallah service. The special reading will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. The full Megillah will be read at 5:30 p.m. on March 6th.

#### CHABAD PREPARES FOR PURIM

Chabad invites the community to "catch the Purim spirit" by attending the annual Purim Dinner on Sunday, March 7th, 4:45 PM at the JCC. The full course catered dinner accompanied by the non stop music of Yossi Goldstein of NY, bode well for another sellout crowd. Also on tap are children and adult masquerade contests, skits and prizes, lively dancing and more.

"Purim is the time to success-

fully add essential Jewish joy and faith to our lives and our families" said Rabbi Chuni Vogel of Chabad of DE, adding that "Especially during these difficult times for Am Yisrael, we need to come together and celebrate our miraculous past and present and be strengthened by our unity."

The Dinner will be preceded by a last call Megillah reading accompanied by a simultaneous slide show, to begin at 4:00 Sharp! Cost of the Purim celebration is \$18 adult and \$11 child. To avoid disappointment, make reservations early by calling Chabad at 529 - 9900.

The Megillah will be read at the Kutz Home, helping to bring the joy of to our seniors and during the day, volunteers will bring traditional Purim packages - Mishloach Manot - to area hospitals and other senior centers.

For additional information, or to volunteer, please call the Chabad Center at 302-529-9900.

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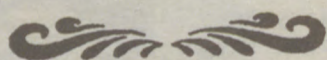


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## PERSPECTIVES

### Homemade Purim treats sweeten holiday

By Linda Morel, JTA

Why bother baking this Purim when you can buy mishloach manot gifts from one of those companies that assemble dazzling assortments of goodies? Covering all the bases, these gifts arrive in baskets layered with hamantashen, bitter-sweet and milk chocolates, dried fruit, kosher wine, Israeli music on CDs, noise-makers and masks.

But like the Golem of 19th century Prague, that clay Goliath who, according to legend toiled for the Jews, mass produced mishloach manot baskets lack a soul. There is nothing of the sender's personality among cellophane wrappers, nothing to connect baskets bursting with treats to the electronically printed names on gift cards.

Purchased by phone or online, these elaborate baskets pale in comparison to the cookies and small cakes Jewish women once baked at Purim, confections they exchanged with loved ones on small silver plates engraved with scenes from the Megillah of Esther. These engravings depicted how Mordecai, the leader of ancient Persia's Jewish community, overheard the king's vizier Haman planning to annihilate his people. To avert disaster, Mordecai convinced his niece Esther to enter a contest whose winner would marry the King. With both beauty and brains, she won the King's heart and became the Queen. During a real game of "Survivor," unlike the popular TV series where only money is at stake) Esther saved her people from death by waiting for the right moment to reveal to the king her religion and Haman's wicked plot. At the celebration that followed, Mordecai called this joyous day Purim. He implored Jews to remember Purim as a time of thanksgiving and feasting, to send money to the poor and mishloach manot, portions of baked goods to friends.

Among Ashkenazi Jews, hamantashen are the most popular pastry for Purim. But in the Sephardic world, recipes abound for phyllo confections. Because Purim is a story of duplicity, a story within a story, sweets filled with fruit and nuts are associated with the holiday. However, baking any favorite dessert is appropriate, especially if you have memories attached to recipes.

"My mother used to make Raspberry Almond Buttons every Purim and Chanukah," says David Glickman, a chef who has cooked in kitchens such as the renowned Union Square Cafe and Park Bistro in Manhattan. "She made up the recipe for these snappy cookies, which I feel are even richer than hamantashen. As a kid, I looked forward to them. I furtively popped a few in my mouth when my mother wasn't looking. But I think she figured it out pretty quickly."

Glickman created his Roasted Apple Cherry Cranberry Napoleon-perfect for Purim or any

occasion. This luscious but light dessert is also pareve.

#### RASPBERRY ALMOND BUTTONS

1/2 cup soft butter  
1/3 cup sugar  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon pure vanilla extract  
1 egg separated  
1 cup flour  
3/4 cup blanched almonds, toasted and chopped  
8 ounces seedless raspberry jam  
Makes about 3 dozen cookies  
Get ahead:  
Cookie sheet or sheet pan  
Cool and store in airtight container. Cookies will keep for up to one week stored at room temperature and up to 2 months stored in the freezer.

1. In a large mixing bowl with paddle attachment, cream butter well.
2. Add sugar, salt and vanilla extract and blend together.
3. Add egg yolk and beat until light in color, about 1-2 minutes.
4. Add flour and stir well.
5. Wrap dough in parchment

paper and chill for at least 1 hour.

To Complete:

Preheat oven to 300 F. Divide dough into thirds, and on lightly floured parchment paper, shape into three rolls that are about 1-inch thick in diameter. Cut rolls into 3/4-inch rounds. Dip each round into reserved egg white that has had a little water added to it. Dip into almonds to coat and press centers with your thumb. Warm raspberry jam slightly, making it easier to handle. Spoon a small amount of jam into each thumbprint. Bake on ungreased cookie sheet for about 20 minutes, until set and barely golden.

#### ROASTED APPLE-CHERRY-CRANBERRY NAPOLEON

1/2 cup dried cherries  
1/2 cup dried cranberries  
1/4 cup orange liqueur  
1 sheet Pepperidge Farm puff pastry, defrosted  
2 tablespoons maple sugar or granulated cane sugar  
1 tablespoon water  
4 cups gala apples, peeled, cored and diced (about 2 pounds whole)

1 tablespoon honey

1 pinch salt

3 tablespoons walnut crunch, chopped (recipe below)

Powdered sugar for garnish

Serves 6

Get ahead:

The apple-cherry-cranberry mixture can be made up to 3 days in advance, cooled and stored, covered, in the refrigerator.

The puff pastry can be cooked up to 2 days in advance, cooled, cut and stored in an airtight container.

2-quart saucepan

sheet pan

3-quart saute pan

1. Preheat oven to 400 F.

2. Add orange liqueur to saucepan and bring to a boil. Add dried cherries and cranberries and remove from the heat. Allow to steep for 20 minutes.

3. Place puff pastry sheet on top of parchment lined sheet pan.

4. Take two forks and "dock" the surface by pricking with the fork.

5. Place another sheet of parchment paper on top of puff pastry and another sheet pan on top. Bake

in the oven for 10 minutes.

6. Remove top sheet pan and parchment paper and continue baking for 10 minutes or until pastry is golden brown. Remove from oven and allow to cool on cooling rack.

7. Add sugar and water to the saute pan and bring to a boil. Cook until sugar begins to turn light brown.

8. Add apples, honey and salt and steeped cherries and all of the orange liqueur. Place in the oven and cook until apples are tender, about 12-15 minutes.

To Complete:

Using a fork, smash some of the apples to create a chunky smoothness. Try and maintain at least half of the nicely cut diced apples. Using a serrated knife, cut pastry sheets lengthwise into thirds. Then cut each sheet into quarters, crosswise. You should have 12 pieces of puff pastry. Place 6 pieces on 6 plates. Spoon cooled apple-cherry mixture over pastry. Sprinkle evenly with walnut crunch and place tops on. Sift the tops with a little powdered sugar and serve immediately.

### Israel food maven participates in Philadelphia food festival

The Consulate General of Israel will participate for the very first time in Philadelphia's premiere food festival, The KitchenAid Book and the Cook Festival. The consulate will fly in Israel Aharoni, the Jewish State's leading chef, author columnist and restaurateur for the event.

Aharoni will showcase his book, "The Melting Pot" with a six-course meal reflecting the

multi-ethnic cuisines of Israel. The dinner will be accompanied by select Israeli wines and will take place on March 21st 2004 at Steinhardt Hall, Hillel's new home on the University of Pennsylvania's campus. Reservations for dinner can be made by calling Barbara Weisman at Hillel 215-898-8265.

The chef will also participate at the Kitchenaid Book and the Cook Culinary Market and

Showcase with a main stage cooking demonstration and a book signing on Friday March 19th at the Ft. Washington Expo Center on Virginia Drive in Ft. Washington, PA.

During his visit to Philadelphia, Aharoni has been invited by Joel Assouline of Caviar Assouline to present a lecture on The Foods of the Silk Road followed by a cooking demonstration at The

Restaurant School at Walnut Hill College for the students and food professionals. The Union League of Philadelphia has also asked Aharoni to orchestrate a dinner with their executive chef on Thursday evening March 18th.

For further information about Aharoni's area appearances, please call the Consulate General of Israel of Philadelphia, (215) 546-5556 Ext. 511.



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Graveside services were held on February 8th in the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road. Contributions in her memory would be appreciated to Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, Washington Blvd. and Torah Drive, Wilmington, DE 19802.

#### KRINSKY

Lois Elias Krinsky, died February 5th after a brief illness, surrounded by her family. Born in Brooklyn,

New York, she was the only child of Rose and Hyman Elias, who preceded her in death.

She was remembered as a devoted wife, mother and grandmother who was involved in a number of religious and philanthropic organizations. An avid, award-winning athlete, Mrs. Krinsky was a dedicated sports fan who always rooted for the Philadelphia professional teams. Visitors to her homes in Delaware and Maryland were impressed by the beautiful flowers she grew in her gardens.

Mrs. Krinsky is survived by her husband of 49 years, Robert; her sons, Steven and his wife, Holly, of Chadds Ford, PA and Howard and his wife, Lori, of Landensberg, PA; and her daughter, Barbara and her husband, Douglas, of Dayton, MD. She also is survived by her five grandchildren, Rebecca, Daniel, Benjamin, Hailey and Rachel.

Interment was private. The family requests that contributions in her memory be directed to the

American Cancer Society, 92 Reads Way, New Castle, DE 19720.

#### MAND

Lena S., died February 11 at the age of 91. She is survived by her sons, Jeffrey F. Mand and Martin G. Mand; and five grandchildren. Funeral services were held on Friday, February 13th in the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road.

The family would appreciate contributions in her memory to The Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Wilmington, DE 19809.

#### REIVER

Life-long Wilmington resident Julius Reiver died February 11th at the age of 87. Born in 1916 to Hyman and Ethel Rothman Reiver, he graduated from Wilmington High School and the University of Delaware.

A former engineer with the DuPont Company, Mr. Reiver was instrumental in building the company's first commercial nylon plant.

During his service with the

United States Army, he commanded the first anti-aircraft battery to land on Omaha Beach in the Normandy Invasion. He earned the Certificate of Merit for his bravery. He received a Bronze Star for his performance during the Battle of the Bulge, where he helped turn back the Germans. War correspondent Ernie Play, devoted a chapter to Mr. Reiver and his men in a book entitled Brave Men.

He was promoted to Major by the end of the War and continued his service to his country as a member of the Army Reserves. He retired in 1966 as a lieutenant colonel.

He was president of Hyman Reiver & Company, a floor covering business, until his retirement in 1976. He was an officer of both the Philadelphia area and national trade association for the floor covering industry.

Mr. Reiver was an avid coin collector who wrote five books on the subject and was an enthusiastic collector of antique cars. His community involvement included the

Optimist Club, the Red Cross and the Civil Defense Council.

Predeceased by a son, Daniel, he is survived by his wife of 62 years, Iona; three children, A. Ted Reiver and his wife, Ann of Wilmington, Joanna Reiver of Unionville, PA and Betsy R. DeMarino, VMD and her husband, Don of Unionville, PA; five siblings, Bebe Sklut, Ernie Reiver, Charlotte Carter and Ileana Somerson; five grandchildren, Pamela Reiver, Amelia Schlusser, Daniel Schlusser, Alex DeMarino and Will DeMarino; four step-grandchildren, Chris DeMarino, Adam Schlusser, Jason Schlusser and Hannah Schlusser; and two step great-grandchildren, Sebastian DeMarino and Nicholas Schlusser.

Services will be held on Sunday, February 22nd, 1:30 p.m. at the Chandler Funeral Home, 2506 Concord Pike, Sharpley, Wilmington, DE. Burial will be private. The family requests that donations in Mr. Reiver's memory be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

## NACHAS NOOK

### A New Daughter of Israel is born

Joel and Alyssa Simon of Lewes, Del. are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Emily Marissa Simon on February 4, 2004. Emily was also welcomed by her brother, Ethan Ross Simon. Proud grandparents are Sheila and Phil Weinberg of Wilmington, and Pat and Ed Simon of Milford, Del.

Her great-grandmother is Fay Feldman of the B'nai B'rith Apartments in Claymont, Del. Emily is also welcomed by her aunt and uncle, Carrie and Marc Bachman of Manhattan, NY.

Born at Beebe Hospital in Lewes Del., Emily weighed 7lbs, 13.5oz and was 22 inches long. She is named after her late maternal great-grandfather, Edward Weinberg and her late paternal great-grandmother, Marie Goldstein and late great-uncle, Marvin Simon.



### Local Clinician Addresses United Nations

Dr. Ira Brenner spoke recently at the United Nations. He represented the International Psychoanalytic Association on a panel discussion involving "Anti-Semitism, Islam Phobia, and Racism". Dr. Brenner is the son of Marion Brenner and the late Leo Brenner.

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## BOOK DISCUSSION AT SEASIDE

Michael Krausz, the Milton C. Nahm Professor of Philosophy at Bryn Mawr College, will present Arthur Hertzberg's recently published book, *The Fate of Zionism* on Thursday, February 26, 7:30 p.m.

"The Fate of Zionism," by Arthur Hertzberg presented by Michael Krausz.

In the Jerusalem Post, Jacob Neusner says: "Arthur Hertzberg is the leading public intellectual of Judaism of our times." Professor Krausz has been a resident of Lewes for 27 years, and he was one of the founding members of the Seaside Jewish Community. The program will be presented at the Seaside Jewish Community Center, at the Ocean Wave Lodge in Rehoboth Beach.

## FINGER-GORDON MEMORIAL TRUST ACCEPTING GRANT REQUESTS

The Anna E. Finger-Ruth F. Gordon Memorial Trust is accepting requests for cash grants of up to \$1000 to promote study of Judaism and Jewish culture. The Trust will provide funding for programs or to enable participation in programs relating to the study of such topics as Hebrew language, Bible, Jewish literature, religious customs and ceremonies, theology and Holocaust studies.

The Trust was established in 1968 by Louis J. Finger and Abraham J. Gordon in memory of Mr. Finger's mother and sister and Mr. Gordon's wife. Current trustees are Richard A. Levine, Robert Jacobs and Steven D. Goldberg.

Financial need is a substantial, but not controlling factor in evaluating grant requests. There is a preference for programs or individuals affiliated with Congregation Beth Shalom in Wilmington.

The trustees anticipate making grants totaling \$2500 for calendar year 2004 on or before April 30th. Grant applications should be submitted, in writing by March 31st to: Richard A. Levine, Secretary, Board of Advisors; Anna E. Finger and Ruth Gordon Memorial Trust, c/o Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP, PO Box 391, Wilmington, DE 19899-0391.

## AT THE NEWARK JCC

Purim Make and Take—Wednesday, March 3rd, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Join in Purim fun, crafts and refreshments. The cost for members is \$5 and \$8 for non-members. Call JCC Newark at 302-368-9173 to reserve your seat by February 27th.

**First Aid Kit Fundraiser**—Stop by the front desk during the month of March to place an order for a first-aid kit for yourselves, family and friends. Please call 302-368-9173 for more information.

## SUMMER SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

The Sylvia & Isadore N. Silverman Scholarship Fund will be awarding its 15th annual Scholarship to a deserving youth for a Jewish summer experience in camp or Israel. Applications may be picked up at the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth office, Washington Street Ext. and Torah Way, Wilmington, DE 19802, and must be returned by the deadline on March 1, 2004.

The fund was established in 1989 to honor the Silverman's 55th wedding anniversary by their four daughters and many friends.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ALBERT EINSTEIN ACADEMY IN MARCH

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## DELAWARE GRATZ OPEN HOUSE

Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School invites the community to its annual open house on Tuesday, March 16, 2004. Parents and stu-

dents meet at Gratz at in the Wilmington JCC at 7 pm for a question and answer period about Delaware Gratz, followed by the opportunity to attend classes. Hebrew level placement will take place until 8:10 pm. For educational information, contact Marlene Milunsky, Principal. To RSVP, contact Amanda or Jeannie at the Gratz office, 478-8100 and/or [gratz@delawaregratz.org](mailto:gratz@delawaregratz.org).

## UofD Jewish Studies Program Hosts Spring Lecture Series

- February 24 Dr. Hannah Kliger - Communications and Jewish Studies, Penn State University  
"Holocaust Survivor Families and the Legacy of Hope"
- March 2 Mr. Jonathan Palevsky - Program Director, WBJC 91.5 FM, Baltimore, MD  
"Rhythm and Jews: Klezmer Music from the Old World to the New"
- March 9 Mr. Jonathan Tobin - Editor, Jewish Exponent, Philadelphia, PA  
"American Jews and Israel: Changing Relationships"
- March 16 Rabbi Peter Grumbacher - Congregation Beth Emeth, Wilmington, DE  
"Do you Pray for As? How Judaism Views Prayer and Worship"
- March 23 Spring Break - No Class
- March 30 Dr. Sam Gaertner - Department of Psychology, University of Delaware  
"Prejudice Among the Well-Intentioned"
- April 6 Passover - No Class
- April 13 Dr. Vivian Klaff - Center for Jewish Studies, University of Delaware  
"NJPS 2000: What We Have Learned About the Jewish Population"
- April 20 Rabbi Eliezer Sneiderman - Director, Chabad Center for Jewish Life, Newark, DE  
"Boundaries of Life: Abortion and Euthanasia in Jewish Law"
- April 27 Dr. Carol Harris-Shapiro - Contemporary Jewish Studies, Gratz College  
"Who is a Jew: Complexities of Current Jewish Identity"
- May 4 Dr. Heidi Kaufman - Department of English, University of Delaware  
"Dressing for a Masquerade: Benjamin Disraeli in the Victorian Political Cartoon"
- May 11 Mr. Phil Jacobs - Editor, Baltimore Jewish Times  
"The Role of the Jewish Press"
- May 18 Dr. Vivian Klaff - Center for Jewish Studies, University of Delaware.  
Summary and Review. For Registered Students Only.

Programs are free and open to the general public. Plan on attending Tuesdays, 12:20 - 1:35 pm, Purnell Hall, Room 329 on the University campus.

For additional information on location, parking, etc: Phone: (302) 831-3324 or email: [cjs@udel.edu](mailto:cjs@udel.edu). Visit the Center for Jewish Studies Website: [www.udel.edu/jsp](http://www.udel.edu/jsp)

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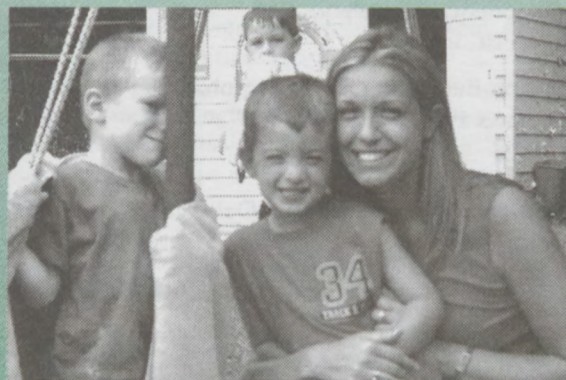
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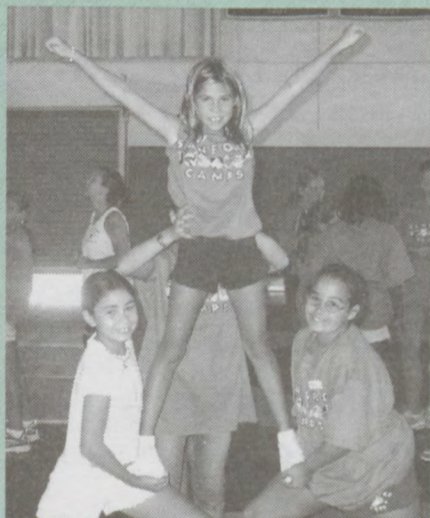


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