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ISRAEL-EUROPEAN TIES ARE THAWING

By Leslie Susser, JTA

After years of mutual distrust and periodic acrimony, there are signs of a thaw in relations between Israel and Europe.

As Prime Minister Ariel Sharon was feted in London this week, Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom pressed a new "friendship with Europe" initiative. Also, the European Union recently put out feelers about including Israel in plans for a "wider Europe."

But though the stage for warmer ties was set by the revival of an Israeli-Palestinian peace process, there are still deep differences between Israel and Europe on the Palestinian issue.

And while Israel's relations with European governments may be improving, the same can't be said about public opinion: In much of Europe, Israel is still getting what it considers to be hostile press.

In London early this week, Sharon received expansive red carpet treatment. In a rare gesture of friendship and support, British Prime Minister Tony Blair invited his Israeli counterpart to a private dinner at his home at 10 Downing Street. British officials were at pains to point out that few foreign dignitaries are honored in this way.

"Not even Blair's close friend George Bush was invited to dinner at No. 10," a senior official was quoted as saying.

For several months now, JTA has learned, Britain's Foreign Office has believed that Sharon wants to make peace with the Palestinians, but will find it difficult to make concessions. By exuding warmth and friendship, Blair apparently feels he can encourage Sharon to take the tough decisions.

Sharon, however, maintains that Britain and the rest of Europe first



Britain's Prime Minister Tony Blair, right, greets Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon during a visit to 10 Downing Street on Monday. Photo by Amos Ben Gershom, GPO

need to change their attitude toward Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat.

Sharon argues that the power struggle between Arafat and the P.A. prime minister, Mahmoud Abbas, really is a struggle over the peace process, which Arafat wants to destroy and Abbas wants to push forward.

To prove his point, Sharon presented Israeli intelligence reports to Blair, and is openly urging British and other European leaders to boycott Arafat.

The Americans back Sharon on this, but the Europeans so far mainly do not. Most recently, a delegation of British legislators and Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov visited Arafat at his Ramallah headquarters, knowing that Sharon and Shalom would refuse to see them as a result.

Of the major European players, only Italy's prime minister, Silvio Berlusconi, pointedly refused to meet with Arafat.

Sharon warns that if the Europeans keep strengthening Arafat, and if Abbas is forced to step down as a result, Israel will have to reconsider its attitude to the internationally approved "road map" peace plan.

Despite these differences,

SOMETHING'S COOKING AT HILLEL

It may be summer break, but it is hardly quiet at the Hillel Center on the University of Delaware campus. The sounds of hammers, drills and other construction equipment give Executive Director Susan Detwiler cause for excitement. "A new kitchen with separate sides for milk and meat dishes, utensils and cooking equipment is now one step closer to reality," she said. "Kitchen renovations, made possible through funding from the Jewish Federation of Delaware Community Capital Campaign, will make it easier to train students and staff to prepare kosher meals and snacks for Hillel programs," she explained.



UNDER CONSTRUCTION-A NEW KITCHEN FOR A NEW SCHOOL YEAR
 Major kitchen renovations at Hillel mean delicious new program initiatives.

Hillel currently prepares weekly Shabbat dinners and bagel brunches for students.

The new kitchen design will enable staff to expand their offerings to include pizza parties and make your own sundae nights using utensils on the dairy side and barbeque or deli nights courtesy of the meat kitchen.

Hillel's current stove, still in good working condition, will find a new home at the University of Delaware Chabad Center. Detwiler is happy that another Jewish agency will reap the benefits of the kitchen renovation project.

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



A NEW HOME FOR HILLEL'S STOVE
 Moving the current stove from Hillel to its new home at the University of Delaware Chabad Center was an interfaith effort. Celebrating the fruits of their manual labors are: (from left) The Rev. Jay Angerer, Episcopal Campus Minister, University of Delaware; Rabbi Eliezer Snelderman, U of D Chabad Center for Jewish Life; Ian Cooper, Jewish Student Life Coordinator, Hillel; and Larry Kwart, a member of the Delaware Jewish community.

European attitudes to Israel seem to be changing dramatically. In early July, soon after the road map was set in motion, Israeli and E.U. officials met in Brussels for the annual review of Israel's economic association agreement with the European Union.

According to Oded Eran, Israel's ambassador to the European Union, the Europeans were unexpectedly forthcoming: They declared that E.U. relations with Israel no longer would be contingent on progress in the

peace process.

More importantly, the officials indicated that the European Union was interested in including Israel in its plans for a "wider Europe." They even suggested upgrading the economic association with Israel and adopting the model of the E.U.'s close ties with Switzerland and Norway.

There was, however, one request of Israel: that it ratify the Kyoto Protocol on environmental protection, which would mean

enough countries had signed the treaty to bring it into force, despite American objections.

The new European openness to Israel has struck a receptive chord in the Israeli Foreign Ministry. Arguing that Israel has neglected ties with Europe for too long, Shalom launched what he calls a European "friendship campaign" with a visit to Italy last week, which he intends to follow up at the upcoming session of the Council of European Foreign Ministers in Brussels.

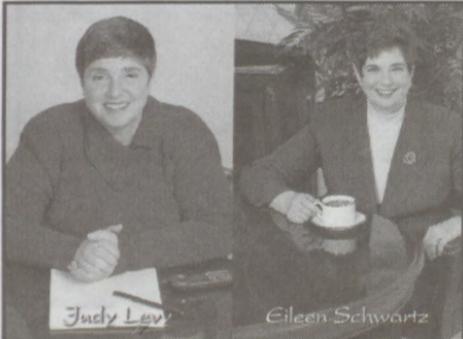
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EDITORIAL

Pedestals can wobble

It's human nature to place people we admire on a pedestal. From childhood on, we idolize our parents, favorite teachers, clergy, government leaders, sports and entertainment celebrities—elevating them to the status of super-heroes. Unlike the legends of ancient Greek and Roman mythology, our modern-day heroes are mere mortals subject to human faults and frailties.

When we catch the object of our affection in a lie or indiscretion, it shatters our ideals and shakes the pedestal. A legacy of stellar achievements and accomplishments can be tarnished by post-mortem revelations of a personal prejudice or character flaw.

Jewish historians and other notables are debating the ramifications of last week's icon-shattering sentiments. Disturbing anti-Semitic comments were discovered in diaries allegedly written by former U.S. President Harry S. Truman found at the Truman Library in Minnesota.

Revered by many Jews for his passage of the 1948 and 1950 Displaced Persons Acts

that allowed more than 80,000 Jews to flee Europe and begin new lives in the United States, Truman chastised Jews for "being self-ish" and "seeking special treatment".

Annoyed by a letter-writing campaign organized by American Jewry asking for his support of the United Nations plan to partition Palestine, Truman commented "If the Jews would just keep quiet, everything will be all right." Yet, in 1948, under his leadership, the United States became the first country in the world to recognize Israel as a Jewish State.

Anti-Semitic attitudes are despicable and when uttered in public should be challenged and censured. Should private thoughts, however reprehensible, totally eclipse public acts of greatness?

Time will tell.

Shabbat Shalom,

Lynn B. Edelman
Lynn Edelman

Photo Of The Week



PATCHING UP THEIR DIFFERENCES Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat, left, and Palestinian Authority Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas, right, give a news conference in Ramallah, June 11, 2003. International pressure caused President Arafat to patch up his differences with his Prime Minister and prevent the disintegration of the fragile Road Map for peace. CREDIT: PPO/BP Images/JTA

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PARSHA PLACE

Week of July 19

Pinchas

Numbers 25:10-30:1

ZEALOUS FOR GOD

by Stephen M. Passamanek

The rabbis paired each weekly Chumash reading with a complementary prophetic reading. If you read the pairs carefully, you will find the common thread that joins them. The link may be expressed or implied; it may be a few words or a general idea. But it is there, somewhere.

This week the theme appears to be zealotry—not mere activism but zealotry. At the end of the previous portion, we read that Pinchas, Moses' great-nephew, took his spear, charged into a tent, and, with one thrust, dispatched a sinning Israelite man and his Midianite lady friend. Pinchas was acting zealously for God and following Moses' express command to kill those Israelites who had become fond of an idolatrous and lewd lifestyle. This week Pinchas the zealot receives the covenant of peace and everlasting priesthood. He is an honored hero.

Then, the haftarah. We encounter Elijah, patron presence at the berit milah, welcome guest at the seder, herald of the Messiah. Elijah had also been zealous for God. He had killed hundreds of idolatrous prophets after demonstrating graphically that they preached a false faith. Because the bloodshed angered Queen Jezebel, Elijah had to run for his life, and he hid in a wilderness cave. There he tells God how zealous he had been for the true faith, and there he eventually hears God in the still small voice.

What is zealotry? Our translations often use the word jealous instead of zealous. In our modern idiom, the word zealous implies eagerness and ardor, yet the biblical figures exhibited more than that. The word jealous implies elements of suspicion and intolerance, but biblical jealousy goes deeper.

Clearly, there is something else involved. Behind jealousy or zealotry, we discover anger. The anger is fierce, uncompromising, and all-consuming. Anger—an emotion as old as humanity—must have animated both Pinchas and Elijah.

There is still much to be angry about in our world today: injustice, hunger, even the substitution of political agendas for moral truths or Jewish values. Each of us can extend the list ourselves. If you are going to be a zealot for any cause, you will have to work up an anger that will clarify your thought and refine your focus. For those who aspire to be zealots for God, please remember a few things about your anger.

First, anger is a powerful emotional laser: Be careful how and where you direct it. It is not for use against the young, the weak, or the helpless. Nor should it ever be turned on oneself. The Talmud says that how we handle anger provides a major insight into our personalities.

Second, anger is exhausting. You can't be zealous all the time. Pinchas and Elijah acted in a burst of ardor, and then the anger died away. Anger held too long is transformed into bitterness and isolation.

Third, anger requires control. It can easily get out of hand and invade or infect every part of one's life. You have to know very clearly what purpose your anger serves. When angry, be very sure of your moral ground: Anger requires ethical guidance at all times.

True zealotry flourished in the Bible. It is rather out of fashion now. But we still have it's basic ingredient—anger. Just be careful to assess your moral position before you get angry. Not only can you cause great hurt, you can also hurt yourself.

Rabbi Stephen M. Passamanek, is Professor of Rabbinics at HUC-JIR, in Los Angeles, CA.

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Jennifer Young
Endowment Director

There are a number of ways to continue your support of the Jewish Federation of Delaware through your estate plans. One of the simplest and most common ways is to include a gift in your will (also called a bequest) to the Jewish Federation of Delaware, which raises funds for

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Perspective according to Jimmy Buffett



Todd Polikoff
Campaign Director

Jimmy Buffett, writes in one of his songs, "I took off a weekend last month just to try and recall the whole year." I take these words to

heart in the summer months and designate one weekend where I do a whole lot of nothing. I don't check e-mail, I don't answer the phone (unless it is my mother or mother-in-law on the caller I.D.) and I don't watch T.V. Instead I spend this special weekend thinking about the past year, my accomplishments and failures, missed and maximized opportunities. It is really the only time that I can gain some real perspective on the past year as a whole and prepare myself to move forward.

I, of course, am not alone in my quest for perspective. Many members of our community take some time to assess the past year during the summer months. It is a lot easier in the summer because we tend to concentrate a little less on work and devote a lot more time to enjoying our family and friends. We

keep track of the days not by work assignments, but by children's departure for and return from summer camp.

The Jewish Federation of Delaware also goes through a transition in the summer. The phone rings a lot less, the e-mail slows down and no one eats lunch at their desk on the sunny days. It is a welcome change of pace that allows us to clear our desks of the clutter from the previous fiscal year and evaluate our programs. In essence, we get a chance to gain some perspective on the community's progression.

The 2003 fiscal year was a banner year for our community. The Jewish Community Campus in Newark was opened for business; construction began on the Garden of Eden Road campus, the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home and at Hillel at the University of Delaware;

Bernard Siegel received the inaugural Irving S. Shapiro Community Builder award; and the 2003 annual campaign is projected to close at the highest level in our community's history. While these achievements are great and reflect the high level of commitment and activity that we have in Delaware, we can not forget the struggles that many Jews still endure.

The 2003 fiscal year also saw its share of continued trials and tribulations for Jews around the world that are still living in peril from anti-Semitism, poverty and lack of services. Over 40% of Jews in Argentina fell below the poverty line. The JCC in Buenos Aires lost over 500 family memberships. Jews in France remain fearful due to the rise of anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism in that country. The elderly in the Former Soviet Union continued to

struggle on monthly pensions that are worth less than two movie tickets in Wilmington. The State of Israel was and still is at war with those who want nothing less than its total annihilation. We must learn from these negative aspects of 2003 and work to improve upon these situations in 2004.

So I encourage all of you to heed the light-hearted words of Jimmy Buffett and take some time to "Recall the whole year" this summer. Hopefully you will find that you have accomplished all of your goals and learned from your struggles and negative experiences. Then I hope that you will join the Jewish Federation and the Jewish community in capitalizing on the success of the past year, continuing to grow and prosper and remembering those Jews who are in need around the world.

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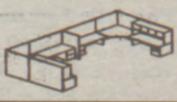
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INSIDE DELAWARE

Meyer receives National Public Service Award



Matt Meyer

by Lynn B. Edelman, Editor

Matt Meyer's involvement in the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization changed his life and imbued in him a deep desire to improve the lives of others. Matt, the son of Bob and Ellen Meyer, was greatly influenced by the organization's emphasis on tikkun olam—repair of the world. "I am a strong believer that we as Jews have a unique obligation to inspire and effectuate change to build a better planet," said Matt, whose work in founding a sandal-making project in the slums of Nairobi utilizing recycled tire materials that are abandoned in piles in the slums led to national recognition.

On June 18th at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., Matt received the Samuel S. Beard Award for the Greatest Public Service by An Individual 35 Years or Under. This prestigious honor, also known as the Jefferson Award, has been presented in past years to such notables as Steven Jobs

(founder of Apple Computer), Wendy Kopp (founder of Teach for America) and marathon runner and cancer survivor Lance Armstrong. Matthew was honored along with National Security Advisor Dr. Condeleeza Rice, Dr. Mathilde Krim, the founding chairperson of the American Foundation for AIDS Research and Anne Douglas (wife of actor Kirk Douglas), who won in other categories.

Matt spent several days interacting with members of the Bedouin tribe while a participant in the Israel Summer Institute sponsored by B'BYO's International Leadership Training Conference. This experience led to his desire to spend a semester in East Africa while studying at Brown University. During his final four weeks abroad, Matt volunteered in a shelter for street youth in Nairobi, Kenya. He was shocked by the conditions there and was determined to help residents elevate their deplorable standard of living by becoming self-supporting.

He started the sandal-making project in 1995 with money he had received from the Samuel Huntington Fund presented at his graduation from Brown University in 1994. To ensure the continued success of the program, he supplemented the Huntington money with his earnings as a District of Columbia School teacher.

Later, while a law student, Matt and a fellow student created a website to advertise the slum's product, known as

Ecosandals, and the business became a success. It receives orders from around the world, and the operation, still located in the Nairobi slums, employs 30 people full-time to make and market Ecosandals. To find out more about the project or to place an order, visit www.Ecosandals.com. The site received an award in June, 2002 from the World Bank for the use of technology which made a positive impact on disadvantaged people's lives.

While in Kenya, Matt met members of the Abayudaya community—men and women who have celebrated Jewish customs and rituals in their Ugandan villages for more than a century. His encounters with these villagers inspired him to return to the United States to do speaking engagements on their behalf. He is grateful that he has been able to help raise funds to ensure that village children receive an education and have access to health facilities.

Through the years, Matt has visited the Abayudayas more than 10 times and never ceases to be amazed by their commitment to live their lives Jewishly. "My experiences with these men and women have helped to define and clarify my own Jewish identity," said Matt, explaining that "it is astonishing that a community which faces some of the most dire problems of rural poverty does such an effective job of addressing these problems by living their lives guided by the structured dictates of the Talmud."

Yasher Koach, Matt!

A Tribute: Irene G. Shur

The field of Holocaust Education has lost a major contributor—Irene G. Shur. Ms. Shur, the founder of the Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies at West Chester University, died June 26th at the age of 82.

"The world is full of hate, and we have got to conquer it," she told the West Chester, PA Daily Local News last year in an interview about the Center's efforts to enhance public awareness of the lessons of one of the darkest chapters in modern Jewish history.

Ms. Shur taught for more than 45 years at the University. Under her leadership, the Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies added a Master's Degree program to its curricula. In addition to her work as an educator, she produced a documentary about Jewish twins at Auschwitz and wrote a children's book about the history of West Chester.

She is survived by a son and five grandchildren.

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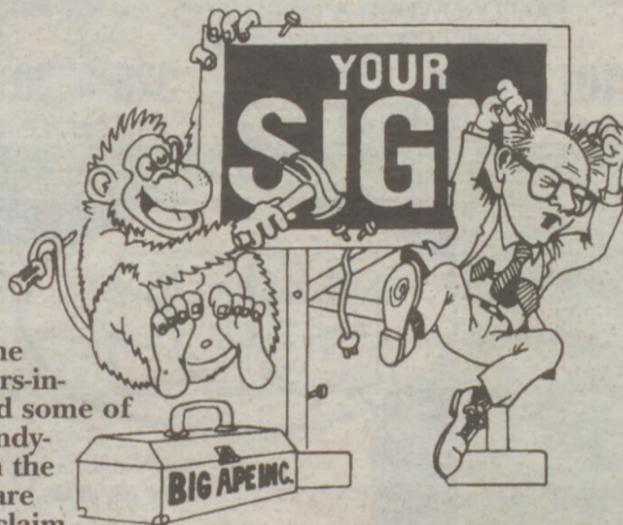
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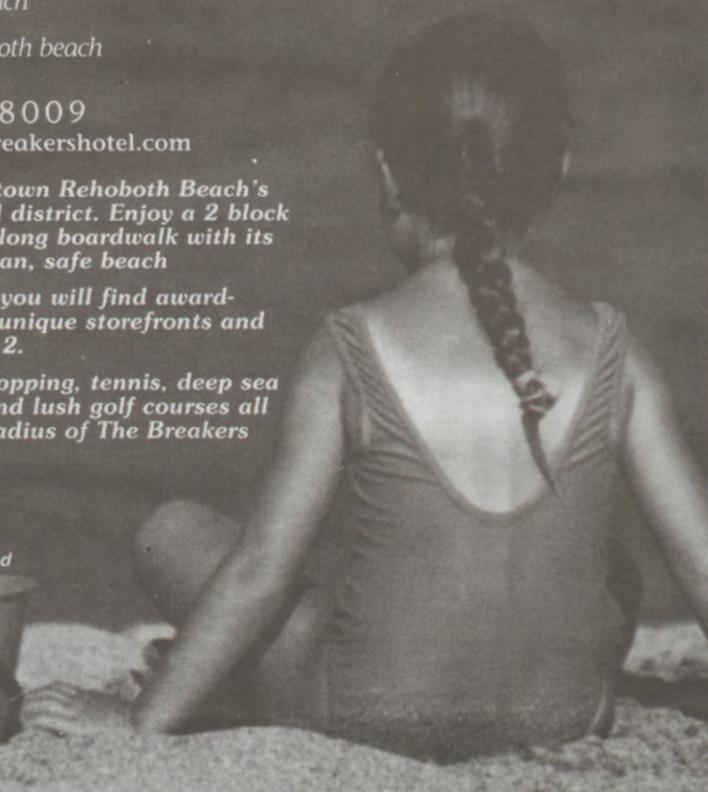
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Mannis-Gardner receives Hadassah Young Leadership Award

Deborah Mannis-Gardner was honored as the first recipient of the Myrna L. Rubenstein Young Leadership Award by the Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah at their Installation and awards ceremony on Monday, June 2nd. Harvey Rubenstein and Kara Haines, husband and daughter of Myrna Rubenstein, were in attendance for the award presentation.

This award was created in memory of Myrna Lomish Rubenstein,

who died in 2001. She was a devoted wife, mother and a Hadassah leader. As a long-time advocate for Hadassah's activities, projects and values, and it is fitting tribute that an annual award has been established to honor a young Hadassah leader.

The award is given to a young Hadassah member who has been instrumental in helping the chapter achieve its new member or fund-raising goals, has motivated others to become more active in Hadassah, or

has taken on the chairmanship of a significant project or an executive board position.

In the past year, Deborah Mannis-Gardner co-chaired the Linen Letter fund drive that raised over \$3200 for the Mother and Child Pavilion at Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem. She also took on the chairmanship of the Al Galgalim Training Wheels program for 2-5 yr olds and their parents. Due to Deborah's enthusiasm and leader-

ship, 8 families are in the program, and three of the mothers became new Hadassah members. Not only did Deborah meet one criteria for this award, she met every criteria for this award.

Deborah was born in Wilmington, and her parents are Elinor and Fred Mannis. She graduated from Concord High School, and then from Emerson College with a major in Mass Communications and TV Production and minors in Creative

Writing, French, and Theatre. In 1996, Deborah started her own company, dmj clearances, inc., which does music clearances for the record, TV and movie industry. In addition to running her business and being active in Hadassah, she is a Member of Congregation Beth Emeth, the Jewish Community Center, and serves on the Board of the Village of Manley, in Hockessin, where she lives with her husband Scott and their 2-year old son, Curtis.

New book explores Saudi support of terrorism

Reviewed by Richard Wilkins Hatred's Kingdom: How Saudi Arabia Supports the New Global Terrorism; Dore Gold; Regnery Publishing Co.; 2003; \$27.95 (hc)

Be wary of bookcover blurbs. Invariably, they are effusively complimentary, written by well known persons who may or may not have actually read the book they are endorsing. Regarding this book, James Woolsey, former Director of the CIA and a frequent guest on the TV Talk circuit, writes: "If you read one book to understand the roots of al-Queda fury and hostility to us within the Muslim world, it should be this - Dore Gold's superbly told history of the Wahhabis". For once, those above cautionary words may safely

be disregarded. Woolsey's ringing endorsement is absolutely on target.

Dr. Gold, a former Israeli U.N. Ambassador and current president of the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs, begins with a brief overview of the mid-18th Century origins of Wahhabism and subsequent Saudi states (the first 1744-1818, the current one, a product of the 20th Century). Wahhabism is an exceptionally intolerant, highly violence-prone, extremely austere, monotheistic expression of Islam. It teaches hatred not only for 'infidels' but also other Moslems who do not follow its tenets. Many widespread Moslem practices, including elaborate mosque decoration and honorifics regarding past saintly figures

and heroes, are anathema to them.

Attempting to extirpate such practices, early Wahhabists trashed centuries-old shrines in Mecca and elsewhere and perpetrated numerous horrific massacres. Their's was the foundational pillar on which the Saudi regimes' rise to power was launched and on which its continuing legitimacy rests.

Over the last two and one half centuries, philosophical accretions from adherents and sympathisers have only further poisoned the already toxic brew of the sect's founder, Muhammed ibn Abdul Wahhab. For example, the Egyptian, Sayyid Qutb, who foresaw, in mid-20th Century, an impending clash of civilizations between Islam and a morally bank-

rupt West, leading, he asserted, to Islam's seizing world leadership. Another Egyptian, Hasan al-Banna, had earlier founded the jihad-fixated Moslem Brotherhood. In more recent times, the Palestinian "emir of Jihad", Abdullah Azzam, further promoted the idea of armed struggle. He was later assassinated in Afghanistan, where he had gone to fight the Soviets. His successor? Osama bin Laden. As in the ancient world, where all roads led to Rome, for modern day Islamists, all roads lead to Saudi Arabia. Hounded out of their own countries, they almost invariably found Saudi Arabia a congenial place of refuge. Many gravitated to its universities and Saudi-controlled international Islamic charities.

The Saudis have lavished extraordinary resources on these charities,

which have been pivotal in exporting Wahhabist ideology throughout the world. Saudi money has built mosques and madrassas throughout the world (at least half of those established in the U.S.). It has endowed Chairs at prestigious Western universities. Its charities have functioned as a wedge for societal infiltration and directly promoted terrorism in Afghanistan, Bali, Central Asia, the Caucasus, Kashmir, Kenya, Kosovo, the Palestinian territories, the Phillipines, Sudan...Wherever, in fact, mischief is to be made.

Gold deftly connects the dots between these geographically dis-

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Turkish-Israeli relations improve

By Yigal Schleifer

Moshe Katsav's recent visit to Turkey, which included a delegation of more than 100 businessmen traveling with the Israeli president, highlighted the growing trade relations between the two countries.

Yet some observers say the visit's subtext was a Turkish attempt to draw closer to Israel as a way of repairing its strained relations with the United States. For Turkey, Israel and the American Jewish lobby may be a backdoor to the leadership in Washington.

The Jewish lobby in the United States has been particularly active on behalf of Turkey in recent years, helping to raise the country's profile on Capitol Hill and to fend off attacks by the Greek and Armenian lobbies.

"The worsening of U.S.-Turkish relations has brought Turkey and Israel closer," one Jewish lobbyist in

Washington said. "They see that they need more than ever the American Jewish lobby."

Katsav capped off the two-day trip on July 10 with a visit to Istanbul's main synagogue and a cruise up the Bosphorus, before heading to Eastern Europe.

The Israeli businessmen on the trip met with Turkish businessmen during Katsav's stops in Ankara and Istanbul.

While military and strategic factors were behind the normalization of ties between Israel and Turkey over a decade ago, trade quickly is becoming a significant part of the two countries' relationship, Israeli and Turkish analysts said.

For example, trade between Turkey and Israel totaled \$1.2 billion last year, a dramatic rise from the figure of about \$120 million a decade ago.

"I think there is an appreciation

on the Turkish part that this relationship has an economic dimension, a technological connection. It is a multidimensional relationship, and even the Justice and Development Party — Turkey's governing party, whose leaders are veterans of the country's political Islam movement — "recognize that," said Ilter Turan, a professor of international relations at Istanbul Bilgi University.

Katsav's visit is the third to Turkey by a top Israeli official in as many months. Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz visited in mid June, while Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom came in April.

Meanwhile, Turkey's top military official, General Hilmi Ozkok, visited Israel last week, and its foreign minister, Abdullah Gul, is expected to go to Israel in coming months.

The relative flurry of high-level Turkish-Israeli visits comes as

Turkey's relations with the United States are strained following the refusal of Turkey's Parliament to allow U.S. forces to open a northern front against Iraq from Turkey during the recent war. In addition, the U.S. military arrested 11 Turkish special forces in northern Iraq; the United States claims the Turks were on a mission to assassinate the Kurdish mayor of Kirkuk.

During a lunch event in Istanbul hosted by the Foreign Economic Relations Board, an influential Turkish trade association, Katsav told Turkish businessmen that of the potential for increased economic relations between the two countries.

"The cooperation between Israel and Turkey, including economic cooperation, has become an important marker in the Israeli economy," Katsav told the group.

Amnon Rasner, general manag-

er of a Netanya-based software and logistics-consulting firm that started working with two Turkish companies a few months ago, said he foresees trade between the two Middle East neighbors growing.

"We think that Turkey will be a very interesting place to do business," Rasner said. "Israel is a country of 6 million, but Turkey is a country of 70 million."

"In my opinion, this is a market with a lot of possibilities. I think Israeli companies have an advantage here because we think similarly to the Turks, so communication is easy. Also, it's only an hour and a half away," said Rasner, who travels to Istanbul twice a month on business.

Katsav's day in Istanbul also included a visit to Neve Shalom, the city's main synagogue, where a ceremony was held in his honor.

Entering the packed synagogue to the sound of blowing shofars and accompanied by Turkey's ornately dressed chief rabbi, Katsav told the crowd that he had come to express gratitude for the refuge Jews found in Turkey when they were expelled from Spain in 1492 and for their continuing success in the country.

"The relations between Israel and Turkey are further proof that there is no conflict between Judaism and Islam," Katsav told the crowd, which greeted him with enthusiastic applause. "Judaism and Islam have shared values, and we should not allow in any way for a political conflict to become one between religions."

Turkish Jews at the ceremony said the event allowed them to express their connection to Israel.

"I wanted to come see him. He is an important person, he is a leader of us," said Sinto Levi, 47, an Istanbul dentist who took time off from work to come to the ceremony. "We are living here but I am also Jewish, so he is also my president."

"We are the youth of the Turkish Jewish community, and we think that there is one Israel and we must support it and show that we support it," said Nedim Ergil, 18, a university student who came to the event with two friends. "I feel proud seeing the president. When the Turkish president and other officials meet with him, they show that he is special and that makes me proud."

Before coming to Istanbul, Katsav visited Ankara, where he met with both Turkish president Ahmet Necdet Sezer and the country's prime minister, Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

Israeli officials said Katsav and the Turkish leaders discussed ways to strengthen bilateral relations as well as the lingering issue of Israel's unfulfilled promise to buy water from Turkey's Manavgat River.

"It's a state visit, which means it has a lot of significance for us and the Turks. It adds an element of respect to the relations," an Israeli diplomat in Turkey said. "It's certainly a major step forward."

Swiss denier uniting with jihadists

By Fredy Rom
JTA

A Swiss Holocaust denier took a job as a liaison between Islamic organizations and a European Neo-Nazi group, he has revealed to JTA.

"A few years ago, my friends in the Iran regime motivated me to function as go-between with the international Revisionist Scene and the Islamic groups in Europe," Albert "Ahmed" Huber told JTA.

Huber, a former journalist who converted to Islam and changed his first name from Albert to Ahmed, travels regularly to Germany to give lectures in the German extremist party NPD on Holocaust denial and the Islamic Jihad against Israel and the Jews.

"I am very happy that the right-wing world in Europe more and more understands that the Holocaust was a big fraud and the European neo-Nazi should join

Islamic organizations to fight Israel, the Jews and America," he told JTA.

Huber, 76, was just recently put on U.N. and E.U. lists of individuals involved in terrorism, and whose assets should therefore be frozen.

"I am not surprised that after the United States, the Europeans and the U.N. put me on this list because all these organizations are controlled by the American-

Jewish-Israeli terrorists," Huber said.

But Huber told JTA that he can access his bank accounts freely.

A spokeswoman for the Ministry of Justice in Bern told JTA that Huber is still under criminal investigation.

But Huber is optimistic he and Islamic organizations like Hamas, Islamic Jihad and Hezbollah can operate unharmed in Switzerland.

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parate places and they lead inexorably back to Riyadh. There, the 'Ulama', the senior religious leadership, acts as an almost coequal

branch of government. It actually forced the abdication of King Saud in 1964. The corrupt, sclerotic, frequently impious-behaving, ruling family has long been an easy target for criticism. Its

response has typically been to co-opt, rather than confront, its critics. Over time, more and more power has been ceded to the clergy. In a particularly fateful move, the new King Feisal, in debt to them for his throne, gave them control over education in the kingdom. In 1973, as Israel was turning the tide of battle in the Yom Kippur War, the Ulama pushed the government, despite its previous repeated assurances otherwise to the West, and despite its having been but a minor prior participant in the Arab-Israel conflict, to unleash the 'oil weapon'. As a result, oil prices skyrocketed, providing almost unlimited wherewithal since to spread Wahhabism.

With a now 30 year head start, the aggressive propagation of "ideological readiness to commit mass murder", even post-9/11, continues unabated. Wahhabist clerics routinely condemn modern-day Christians and Jews as "polytheists", thereby subtly removing from them "protection" previously offered as "People of the Book". Hindus are similarly stigmatized. Fiery jihadist cassettes freely circulate widely within the country. Demonizing, even dehumanizing, sermons ("American Jews are brothers of apes and pigs") are reg-

ularly broadcast over state TV. Thanks to MEMRI (www.memri.org), which monitors such Mideast media madness, and despite Saudi phony peace plans (while financially rewarding the families of homicide bombers), and expensive and extensive P.R. campaigns, the American public increasingly views Saudi realities very negatively.

Going to the heart of the problem, Gold proposes a number of approaches to "ending the hatred". A stop to Saudi overt and covert, public and private, support for the terrorist organizations, while necessary, is hardly sufficient. Citing the 1975 Helsinki Final Act as an important precedent of "setting clear standards of acceptable international behavior, as well as human rights standards", Gold advocates a new "international code of conduct". "Incitement and hatred emanating from mosques and featured in textbooks or on national television networks" can no longer be tolerated. Saudi Arabia must be pressured to "institute internal reforms". The current double game where its political leaders seemingly cooperate, while its religious leaders continue to agitate, must cease. For, as he concludes, "as long as the hatred continues, the terror will go on".

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JEWISH LIFESTYLES

Comedy's 'odd couple'

by Steve Rice

They're about as unlikely a pair as you'll ever find working together in stand-up comedy. One is a young 32; the other a young-ish 58. One towers at 6'3"; while the other stands a respectable 5' 8". One sports long, ebony locks; the other gray hair (his own). One is a regular on the hot and trendy L.A. entertainment scene; the other leads an idyllic life in rural Vermont.

Oh, and then there's the part about one being an Egyptian-born, Muslim (he's been to Mecca) Arab, and the other a Reform rabbi born in Rhode Island. Together, Ahmed Ahmed and Rabbi Bob Alper are "Comedy's Odd Couple." Since April, 2002, the pair has taken the comedy scene by storm. They bill the show as a night of non-political laughter. They work ultra-clean, too.

Alper observes, "Each of us brings a unique and humorous perspective, although, in the course of the show, people begin to see the similarities, too, with our parallel stories of growing up Jewish, growing up Arab, both of us following unusual career paths, etc. Most important, the audience receives the underlying message of our personal friendship and enjoyment of one another."

A graduate of Lehigh University, Alper was ordained at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, and is the first Jewish person ever to earn a doctorate from the Princeton Theological Seminary. He has served congregations in Buffalo and Philadelphia, and continues to conduct High Holiday services at another Philadelphia area synagogue.

He began his comedy career in 1986 when he entered the "Jewish Comic of the Year Contest" at the Going Bananas club in Philadelphia. He recalls, "the audience laughed and I was hooked." Television, radio and personal appearances followed as he quickly honed his distinctive approach to stand-up comedy. He's been seen on Good Morning America, Showtime, and Comedy Central, and was featured on Extra.

Ahmed worked as an actor for 7 years before entering stand-up. While he appeared on TV and in films, including the action thriller Executive Decision with Kurt Russell and Halle Berry, he felt Hollywood was perpetuating negative stereotypes. "I was cast as a terrorist, greasy cab driver, and oil-hungry sheik, and I got sick of it," he recalls. "There are just no parts for guys who look like me. My

agent said that I should change my name, and I thought about it. But I would have been betraying myself and my heritage. I said, 'When there's a part for the guy who just has brown hair, call me. I never heard from him again.'

He was "discovered" — rather discovered himself — working as a waiter in Hollywood. "An elderly lady came into the restaurant with her five grown sons," he recalls. "They were really outgoing and I just made them laugh all night. Before they left, the lady took me aside and handed me \$200. She thanked me for entertaining her family and said that I should take comedy as my profession. I never saw her again, but I took her message to heart and went to work on it."

Nine years later, he performs regularly at the prestigious Comedy Store in Los Angeles, and is going on auditions again. He says his comedy is helping to break down stereotypes, while helping him deal with being the subject of them. "If I didn't have comedy, I'd go berserk."

As to working side-by-side with Alper, he says, "Bob and I complement each other. A lot of multi-comic shows feature three young people in black tee shirts, all talking about 'the difference between LA



Rabbi Bob Alper and Ahmed Ahmed are "Comedy's Odd Couple."

and New York.' It becomes tiresome! Bob and I mine a wealth of unique material never heard in contemporary comedy."

Examples? One of Bob's "signature jokes" concerns teenage children: "We got some good news about our son. Found out we were able to arrange a student loan for him. We loaned him to a family in Iowa."

Ahmed recalls a tour he did with Alper in New England. "When I left home, my mom said, 'Ahmed,

make sure you call me when you get to Vermont.'" So when I got there, I called to let her know I was okay. She said, 'Find a nice Arabic cafe and meet some people.'" I happened to be drinking a cup of coffee at the time, and I said, 'Mom, I am the Arabic cafe.'

Alper adds, "When Ahmed crossed the border into Vermont, our state's Arab population doubled."

Steve Rice is a communications specialist based in Hollywood, FL.

"Thirty Acres and a Shul"—Woodbine, New Jersey's Heritage

By Joel F. Glazier

Hundreds of people descended on the small Southern New Jersey town of Woodbine on a rainy June Sunday. That weekend the Sam Azeez Museum of Woodbine Heritage was dedicated. The museum is housed in the basement of The Brotherhood Synagogue, originally opened in 1896 and restored and renovated down to the blue jewels on the Ark Curtain and the light green paint along the walls of the women's balcony. Michael Azeez, son of the museum's namesake, spearheaded the \$850,000 renovation. "The synagogue and museum is a tribute to my father and the original Jewish families of Woodbine, that had such a positive impact on my father," Azeez told the overflow crowd.

A Haven from Persecution

Baron Maurice de Hirsch established a multi million-dollar fund in 1891 to relocate Jews from Eastern Europe and Russia to the Americas. The fund spent \$37,500 to buy over 5,000 acres in southern New Jersey, near Dennis Township, to give over to Jewish settlers who were not allowed such land ownership in Czarist Russia. Each settler family was to get 30 acres of land, a horse, a cow and 25 chickens. The physical geography of sandy soil, scrub oak and pine trees proved less than ideal for profitable farming and eventually Jewish residents established the Woodbine Agricultural School, the nation's first secondary school for agriculture.

Several other south Jersey towns

were similarly settled, but Woodbine, with its successful transition to a retail and manufacturing center, thrived. Some claim that Woodbine, with its Jewish population, mayor, school system, arts and music programs, was the first self-governing Jewish community since the fall of Jerusalem.

With an eventual Jewish population of 600 families, four different small shuls were established to accommodate the different levels of observance. In 1893, the large Brotherhood Synagogue was begun, constructed brick by brick. The imposing building dominated the life of Woodbine as shops, factories and schools flourished. In 1896 the "big shul" was completed and services were held there until 1999. The newly restored building will be used for special occasions, and Torahs, Siddurim, and the walls of Memorial plaques and lights are fully functional.

The educational successes of the schooled population would actually be the Jewish borough's undoing. Children went on to colleges, succeeding beyond their immigrant parents' dreams, and did not return to the small town. Jewish summer visitors to the nearby beach communities helped the economy by using Woodbine providers for their kosher food supplies and the shul for services. As the Jewish population dwindled, the Jewish established Agricultural School would be turned over to the state and now houses the Woodbine Developmental Center, serving developmen-



tally disabled adults.

"Several years ago, at the post office picking up Synagogue mail, a resident mentioned her curiosity about the large unused synagogue building in town, and told me, 'I hear there used to be some Jews here.' That's when I knew I needed to preserve the memory of the town's history," Michael Azeez, who now lives in nearby Strathmere, NJ, told the crowd at the shul's rededication during a special Sunday service.

Remember, Preserve and Cherish

Rabbi Aaron Krauss shared some ancient Hebrew Psalms as well as explaining the tefillin he was wearing. "The tefillin were known by the Woodbine worshippers 100 years

ago as they were known to Jewish worshippers 2,000 years ago. To remember is to preserve; to preserve is to cherish and to cherish is to love. This undertaking of the museum involves all three." The Connecticut rabbi led the crowd, which he described as "larger than I've seen at even High Holy Days services," in The Pledge of Allegiance, G-d Bless America, Hatikvah, and Shalom Aleichem.

The Museum was created with the assistance of experts from the Philadelphia Jewish Archives and includes personal donations and images of original documents and artifacts from the Jewish borough's history. An interactive portion allows current visitors to record their mem-

ories and impressions of Woodbine and visiting school groups will have the opportunity to share their thoughts on remembrance, preservation, as well as learning about the immigrant past of the area.

"Woodbine gave a new life to so many people, a life without persecution and I hope this museum will be part of education in the future. Woodbine Schools had such a powerful impact on my father, his family and all of the Woodbine descendants," said Michael Azeez. The Sam Azeez Woodbine Museum of Heritage plans to be open 4 days of the week and further information and historical information is available at a very user friendly site: www.the-sam.org.

MILESTONES

In Memoriam

GOLDEN

Paula Lesiczka Golden, 56, died at her home in Milton, MA after a long battle with cancer. Born and raised in Haverhill, MA, Mrs. Golden lived in Wilmington for 15 years prior to her return to Massachusetts. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Boston University and her Masters in Education from Harvard University. She worked as an English teacher at both the high school and college levels.

She is survived by her husband, Dr. Joel Golden; her children, Zachary and Lindsey Golden and her mother, Clara Lesiczka of Haverhill. Mrs. Golden was also the daughter of the late Adam Lesiczka.

Contributions in her memory would be appreciated to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, 44 Binney Street, Boston, MA 02115.

KRIGSTEIN

David J. Krigstein, 78, a past president of Jewish Family Service who won national acclaim as a pharmacist, died July 6th after a long illness. His practice in the Prescription Center earned him two of pharmacy's highest honors—the Daniel B. Smith Award and the Remington Medal. He was Speaker of the House of Delegates of the American Pharmaceutical Association and served as a trustee of the Pharmacists Insurance Fund. A candidate for the presidency of the American Pharmacy Association, he was extremely active in the Delaware Pharmacy community where he was honored with the Bowl of Hygeia and

the Harry Zeisig Awards. Mr. Krigstein was a long-term member of the board of directors of the Delaware Pharmaceuticals Society and served on every working committee. He also served as Medicaid Pharmacy Consultant for the State of Delaware and as Secretary of the Delaware State Board of Pharmacy.

His sterling reputation led to an invitation to become part of the leadership of Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Delaware, which he joined in 1977 as consultant to the company's prescription drug program. He rose steadily through the ranks, ultimately serving as Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Health Maintenance Organization of Delaware until his retirement in 1989.

He was an active, long-term member of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, and a committed volunteer of the Blood Bank of Delaware.

Mr. Krigstein is survived by his wife of 56 years, Rita Cohen Krigstein; his sons and daughters-in-law, Steven and Debbie Krigstein and Alan and Karen Krigstein, all of Wilmington; his four grandchildren, Marc and Allison Krigstein and Justin and Frankie Drummond and several nieces, nephews, great nieces and great-nephews.

A memorial service was held at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth on July 8th. The family requests that memorial contributions be directed to either AKSE, Washington Blvd and Torah Drive,

Wilmington, DE 19802 or Jewish Family Service, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington, DE 19803.

LEVINSON

Milton Levinson, 81, of Limerick, died July 1st. He and his father-in-law, Harry A. Schagrin, founded the SchagrinGAS Co. in 1947. He became company President in 1990 and was active in the leadership of the national industry trade association for many years. He and his wife, Thelma, formed Cecil Furniture Company in Elkton, Maryland in 1959. He served as president of the business until he sold the business in 1988.

Mr. Levinson was a lifetime member of Congregation Beth Shalom where he served on the Legislative Affairs Committee. He also was a member of Temple Beth El in Newark.

He was a passionate deep-sea fisherman.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his daughter, Frances L. Levinson and her husband, Ronald Sullivan; son, Eric B. and his wife, Susan; brother, Lewis; and grandchildren, Andrew C. and Jillian E. He was predeceased by his middle brother, Nathaniel.

Funeral services were held at Schoenberg's Memorial Chapel on July 3rd with interment in the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road.

Contributions in his memory would be appreciated to the Kutz

Home, 704 River Road, Wilmington, DE 19809; to the Jewish Community Center, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington, DE 19803; to Temple Beth El, 301 Possum Park Road, Newark, DE 19711 or to the MOT Senior Center, 300 South Scott Street, Middletown, DE 19709.

SILVER

Joseph E. Silver, 79, of Scottsdale, AZ, died June 13th. He is survived by his wife, Winnie; son, Marc and daughter-in-law, Lisa; daughter, Andrea and son-in-law, David Guest; daughter, Robin, and son-in-law, Robert; brother, Rabbi Samuel Silver; sister, Esther Zinman and grandchildren, Ashley and Danielle Guest and Michael and Jeffrey Zink.

Funeral services were held on June 15th from Congregation Beth Emeth with interment in the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road.

Contributions in his memory would be appreciated to either Congregation Beth Emeth, 300 Lea Blvd., Wilmington, DE 19802 or to Hospice of the Valley, Eckstein Center, 9494 E. Becker Lane, Scottsdale, AZ 85260.

SINGER

Faye F. Singer, nee Levitt, died June 11, 2003, at the age of 74 surrounded by family at her home in Bear. A native and life-long resident of Philadelphia, she moved to Delaware five years ago to be closer to her children and grandchil-

dren. Her family remembers her as selfless, nurturing and supportive. Widowed at an early age, she raised her children virtually on her own supported by a network of family, friends and neighbors. When the children were on their own, she completed her high school education and received her G.E.D. She trained with Core States Bank and worked there until her retirement. After retirement she took a part-time job with Genurardi's Family Market in Bear and treated her co-workers and customers like extended family.

Predeceased by her husband, Seymour, she will be dearly missed by her sons and daughters, Philip H. Singer, Larry Alan Singer, Linda M. Summers and Arlene Joy Atallian; sons-in-law, Charles F. Summers, Jr., Kenny Atallian and Frank Alcocer; brothers, Harry Levitt and Mike Levitt; grandchildren, Charles F. Summers, III, Jimmy Summers, Mia S. Alcocer, Philip Danny Alcocer and Anna E. Summers and great-grandchildren, Jimmy Summers, Jr., Juniper M. Litchfield and Joey Summers.

Graveside services were held on June 15th at Mt. Sharon Cemetery in Springfield, PA. Contributions in her memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, 1626 Locust Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103 or to Compassionate Care Hospice, 5610 Kirkwood Highway, Wilmington, DE 19808.

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The JCC Newark is located off I-95 on Route 896 going north, at the intersection of West Park Place and South College Avenue.

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Jewish Family Service has started a new Rosh Chodesh Group. The Rosh Chodesh Group is a monthly meeting of Jewish women, to explore spirituality, learn about Judaism from a women's perspective, and develop Jewish women friendships. The meetings will take place at JFS in Wilmington, the first Tuesday of the month at 12:30pm. There is no charge for attendance. To join this

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