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IRAQI IMMIGRANTS SETTLE IN ISRAEL

By Loolua Khazzoom, JTA

"I sacrificed my life for my parents," says Salima Moshe, 72. "I gave everything to them. I didn't think about myself."

As a 20-year-old in 1951, Moshe watched her family and friends flee to Israel in an exodus that grew to include some 90 percent of the Iraqi Jewish community, or about 120,000 people.

Though she wanted to join them, she says she felt an obligation to stay in Basra.

"My mother and father were elderly," she explains. "I needed to stay and take care of them."

With all her sisters and brothers married, the duty of tending to her parents fell on Moshe's shoulders.

Moshe is one of the six Iraqi Jews brought to Israel last Friday in Operation Ezra Mitzion, or Help From Zion.

On June 11, Jeff Kaye, an official of the Jewish Agency for Israel, went on a fact-finding mission to Iraq, checking on the status of the remaining 34 Jews. At the same time, Rachel Zelon, vice president for operations at the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, was in Iraq to identify the remaining Jews and check on their condition and needs.

"All the Jews were distressed," Kaye says, noting that the period since the U.S.-led war to unseat Saddam Hussein has been "a very unsettling time" in Iraq.

"Paradoxically," he says, "though Saddam's regime is no longer there, and coalition forces are, the situation is more volatile than ever before, because nobody is in charge."

Kaye reported back to Yossi Shraga, director of Middle East immigration at the Jewish Agency, that the remaining Jews were mostly elderly and frail, lacked proper medical attention and lived in poverty.

"Most of the Jewish community had left already," Kaye says, "so they didn't have the support system that the rest of the population had, like children to look after them."

Meanwhile, Shraga was acting to bring to Israel all the Jews who wanted to come. He contacted Shlomo Garafe, a Jewish Agency

liaison from Israel with an American passport, who was born in Yemen and was fluent in Arabic. Garafe agreed to lead a mission to Iraq.

HIAS was prepared to co-sponsor the operation. The two organizations rented a Jordanian plane in Baghdad and made arrangements with the American army to fly out the six Jews who wanted to make aliyah.

"This small Jewish community has lived under a repressive regime for decades," HIAS' Zelon said in a statement. "They have lived in a society where the vast majority of the population despises Jews and Israel. Most have lived trying to hide their Jewish identities except with close friends, colleagues or neighbors. This is clearly a community at great risk given the increasing tensions within Iraq, and the increase in open anti-Semitism. We are delighted to have played a part in helping these initial six immigrants to Israel."

They weren't the only ones excited about the operation.

"According to what was reported to me from Iraq, American soldiers were very happy with this," Shraga says. "Among them were Jewish soldiers who celebrated this happening. They helped Garafe and Zelon to get the Jews on board."

Exactly two weeks after launching the operation, six Iraqi Jews landed safely in Israel on July 25.

"Emotions were very high," Shraga recalls. "Here in Israel, family was waiting for them — family that had not seen them for 50 years."

After the new immigrants appeared on television, 20 relatives called the station and showed up at the Avia Hotel within two hours for a family reunion.

One young woman, who is to get married in coming weeks, handed an invitation to her grandmother from Iraq, whom she had never seen before.

New immigrant Ezra Salah Levy, 82, spoke at the Knesset on Monday and then visited the Kotel, where he put a note in one of the cracks in the wall.

He recited the Shehecheyanu prayer thanking God for keeping him alive to have a wonderful new experience and then said Baruch

m'chayeh ha'metim — Blessed be the One who breathes life into the dead.

Asked why he recited the latter prayer, Levy responded, "Because I am starting a new life in Israel, at 82 years old!"

But not all the immigrants are so at ease in their new surroundings.

"Baghdad is my city; I was born there," says Salah Sasson Abdul Nebel, 90, who now is living in a geriatric home in central Israel. "Of course I stayed there. It's my country."

As little as a week ago, Abdul Nebel did not want to come to Israel.

"I am a bachelor. I had my own house. I was quite comfortable. I didn't think of coming to Israel," he says. But "a couple of Americans" — Garafe and Zelon — "persuaded me to come here."

Garafe and Zelon, he recalls, "were so good to me, so nice, kind, generous, they were very, very good with me, so I was ashamed to say no, to insist," Abdul Nebel says. "I gave up."

One Israeli politician — Labor legislator Colette Avital, head of the Knesset's Immigration and Absorption Committee — accused the Jewish Agency of caring more about the publicity it would reap from the operation than about the Iraqi Jews' wishes.

A Jewish Agency spokesperson said it was the duty of the agency and the State of Israel to rescue Jews in distress whenever possible.

For his part, Abdul Nebel says he misses his friends in Baghdad.

"I left people there, and they cried about me going away. I don't want to break the hearts of people, especially women. I hope I'll be happy here after another one or two months."

Though he doesn't regret the decision to come to Israel, he says that at 90 he feels too old for such drastic changes in his life.

"I thought of ending it there," he continues. "There is nothing much left."

Down the hall from Abdul Nebel, Moshe — who for years dreamed of making aliyah — has tears in her eyes when she recalls her departure from Iraq.

"It was very hard for me to

THREE CELEBRATE BAT MITZVAH AT AKSE

Three area women have made Delaware Jewish history as members of the inaugural adult Bat Mitzvah class at Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth. An adult Hebrew class taught for several years by Eleanor Weinglass developed into an adult Bat Mitzvah class. Class members Ruth Goodman, Florence Seidel, and Judith Seltzer, who have been studying prayers and Torah trope, will all be honored with reading from the Torah and leading the service on Saturday, August 9th.

The Adult Bat Mitzvah is a recent phenomenon. Rabbi Mordecai Kaplan, who started the Reconstructionist movement, also started the

tradition of calling girls to the Torah at age twelve. The first Bat Mitzvah was Rabbi Kaplan's daughter in 1922. The ritual became more popular in the United States during the late 1960s. Since that time, women who did not have the opportunity to participate in the rite of passage at the customary time, have increasingly decided to learn and create the experience for themselves, particularly in Reform, Conservative and Reconstructionist synagogues. For additional information about becoming an adult Bat Mitzvah at Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth, please call Eleanor Weinglass at 302-762-2705.



Three local women made history at AKSE by becoming members of the synagogue's very first Adult Bat Mitzvah class. Class members studying with Eleanor Weinglass (left) are Florence Seidel, Ruth Goodman, and Judy Seltzer.

separate from my friends there," she says.

Though she had many friends during her last years in Basra, Moshe notes that life was not always comfortable as a Jew.

"We lived in a lot of fear," she says, mentioning pogroms and hangings that took place through the 1970s. For extended periods, she says, Jews stayed confined to rooms in their homes and offices.

In the past few decades, however, she felt safe to roam around as she

wished, Moshe says. She always wore her abaya — the full-body veil — to avoid harassment by men, but she did not feel hassled as a Jew — as long as she didn't mention Israel, that is.

Of her sudden immigration to the country whose name she could not utter, Moshe says she is reminded of the biblical Moses.

"It's so amazing to be here in Israel," she says, "with my family and with the nation of Israel together. I am very, very happy that God granted me my wish to come."

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SHALOM DELAWARE

DELAWARE PERSPECTIVES

Delaware Gratz stresses Tikkun Olam

By Vivian Mamberg
Special to the Jewish Voice

This year, I had the pleasure of teaching a community service learning class which is held at the Mary Campbell Center every Monday evening. This class is part of a Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School program dedicated to Tikkun Olam—repair of the world. Through this new endeavor, we teach our youth the role they can play in changing and serving their local communities and thus begin to repair the world

they live in. This two hour program is not geared towards those who are squeamish, weak of stomach or heart. Participation requires sensitivity, human awareness and empathy for those with special needs. This program, when completed, fulfills the community service requirements of such high school honors programs as National Honors Society and Key Club.

As instructor for this class, my goal is to unlock for students the door to a world seldom seen by

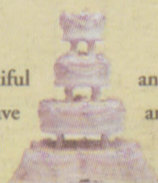
most young people. Our students experience first-hand the difficulties and challenges that persons with special needs face on a daily basis. In their interactions, Gratz students discover talents that they were unaware of. They have a rare opportunity to reach inside their souls and perform true mitzvot.

My students want to share the friendships they've made with Jewish Voice readers. Lara Goldstein states that her buddy Michael from the Mary Campbell



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Center "has overcome a lot in his life and had dealt with more than I will ever have to deal with." Lara admires her friend's "strength and bravery". She marvels that he "wakes up everyday with a smile on his face and a longing to help others."

Rachel Sawicki interviewed another resident and developed a warm relationship. "My conversations with Robin allowed me to visit another world..." said Rachel, adding that "Robin has taught me that looks don't matter and has helped me to realize how lucky I am to be healthy." The Gratz student hopes that her friendship with Robin will be a lasting one.

The rooms of the Center exude a spirit of sensitivity, affection and appreciation so rarely seen in today's world. Students enjoy a serene atmosphere sheltered from everyday turmoil.

The waves of goodbye and the hugs and kisses that mark our departure each Monday night lets us know how much we are needed.

I have spent the summer planning next year's program. It promises to introduce students to a world filled with incredible human accomplishment. In a world so lacking in heroes for our young people to emulate, our newfound friends at the Mary Campbell Center are truly extraordinary. These men and women are indeed heroes in their own right!

My daughter, Briana, an enthusiastic volunteer at the Mary Campbell Center, shares her reflections on how the experience has changed her life. "Every day people come into our lives and, due to our hectic surroundings, we pass them by..." she said, adding that her friendship with Terriane at the Center, coupled with the Gratz curriculum of Tikkun Olam, has increased her appreciation of her own mobility and good health and has taught her that "all obstacles can be overcome."

"My mom and Terriane have made me realize that the process of Tikkun Olam is a long road for all of us...but every step **does** make a difference."

Vivian Mamberg is a teacher at Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School.

EDITORIAL

Say "Shalom"?

There's a taunting tone to Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas' announcement that he is canceling scheduled talks with his peace partner Ariel Sharon. "If you don't release all the Palestinian landmen in your prisons then I won't meet with you," is the spirit of the remarks made Wednesday to the Israeli Prime Minister. Sharon did offer to release 400 Palestinian prisoners—a good-will gesture **not** required by the road map to peace. Abbas maintains that 2600 more could be set free without compromising Israeli security. This Palestinian protest action is a ploy to get the United States to place pressure on Israel—piggy-backing on recent comments by Secretary of State Colin Powell censuring

Israel for constructing a security fence in the West Bank.

While Abbas snubbed Sharon, he had plenty of time to chat with leaders of Hamas and the Islamic Jihad. There, he found support for his decision to cancel his negotiating session. After his tete-a tete with terrorists, spokesmen for the organizations demanded the release of all 7,700 Palestinian prisoners in custody—many of whom have killed or maimed Israelis. They refused to discuss extending their three-month truce beyond the August 29th deadline because of what they term "Israeli violations".

One hopes that Prime Minister Sharon is not seriously wounded by the olive branch that just snapped in his face!

Say "Shalom"!

Inserted into this edition of The Jewish Voice is our annual SHALOM DELAWARE—a guide to the many organizations and agencies that make the Delaware Jewish community a vital, vibrant place to live and work. This is a wonderful resource for newcomers to the First State as well as current residents who want to increase their involvement in Jewish Delaware.

Please share this guide with those "new kids" on the block, in the office or on the school bus. Then, in the true spirit of Shalom, invite them to share Shabbat dinner and attend services with your family, be your

guests at the JCC pool and encourage them to become involved as a volunteer in one of the many agencies and organizations that would benefit from their time, talent and energy.

Honor the Jewish tradition of welcoming the stranger. Performing this mitzvah could be the beginning of a life-long friendship! Shabbat Shalom,

Lynn B. Edelman
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Shalom Musings

Judaism has much to say about welcoming the ger, the stranger.

But what of the flip side. It stands to reason that if one is a ger, they must have come from somewhere. Somewhere where they were not *gerim*.

What is the word we use for this? *Lo'ger*. No sounds like a wood chopper. *Ain'ger*. No that's someone who is angry. In fact there isn't a specific word for a *pre-ger* status.

Avram was simply told to go. Nu, was he told how to leave? Was anyone told how to send them off?

A Jewish community is a living breathing entity. It's made up of people and synagogues, families and restaurants, schools and centers. It has a heart and soul. Not convinced? Ever hear the bemoaning, "the community is dying?"

So what of the *non-ger* who must leave the community. Not all are commanded by the Eternal to do so, but still some must. How do these soon to be *gerim* feel about leaving. Avram just left. He and Sarai said nothing. On the details, the Bible is silent.

There is no good way to leave your home. It means saying goodbye. In Hebrew we say shalom. But shalom means hello and peace as well. This makes sense! If you are

saying goodbye, it stands to reason that you will also be saying hello elsewhere, and hopefully both will be done in peace.

So perhaps the way we are taught to treat the ger is also applicable to treating the "y'ger" (one who is becoming a ger). "you shall have one ordinance, for the stranger, and for him who was born in the land."

In some ways leaving is more difficult than arriving. There is true loss in leaving a community. It would be wrong to call it mourning, but the feelings are similar. There is sadness, depression and even some anger. So we are commanded to treat the ger with respect and sensitivity. To make them feel welcome and at home. So must we treat the "y'ger." With respect and dignity.

As I prepare to leave my community, I say shalom. I go in peace; leaving here with a warmed heart but wet eyes. And I am welcomed in my new place by warm hearts and wet eyes. All because I'm a Jew. I belong to the world's Jewish community. And no matter where I rise up or where I lie down I am part of that greater plan.

Barry Wexler

(Barry Wexler was a member of the Editorial Committee of the Jewish Voice and will be deeply missed)

PARSHA PLACE

Week of August 9

Va'etchanan Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11

STANDING TOGETHER ... LISTENING IN OUR OWN WAYS

By Eric S. Gurvis

Have you ever been someplace new yet had the feeling that it was not entirely new? Of course you have. We have all had that experience. We call that eerie sense of having previously been someplace, or seen something, or heard something *déjà vu*. All Jews experience an annual return to that sense of *déjà vu* when we read this week's Torah portion, which describes the Giving of the Torah at Sinai. It's not uncommon for two Jews to meet and behave as if they've met before even though neither can recall the time or place of their previous meeting. Yet they could easily say, "Ah, yes, we met at Sinai." Our tradition teaches that the covenant at Sinai was forged not only with those present in the time of Moses but with all generations.

So this Shabbat we return to the scene of Sinai and we stand, both literally and figuratively, to hear the words, the utterances of God, *Aseret Hadibrot*. It is one of the most powerful scenes in any text. Yet for us, it is not just a scene in a text: It gives us a glimpse of our people at the high point in our early history. Hearing this week's portion, I never fail to see the "fire" and "the smoke" rising. Nor do I fail to hear "the thunder and the blare of the horns." (Exodus 19:16-19)

For generations, Jews have been asking, "What happened at Mount Sinai?" And for generations, the answers have been pouring forth. In a midrash, Rabbi Yochanan teaches that because the text refers to thunderings (in the plural)—"And all the people perceived the thunderings" (Exodus 20:15)—we should understand this to mean that "God's Voice mutated into seven voices, and the seven voices into seventy languages, so that all the nations might hear it." Elsewhere we read of Rabbi Isaac teaching that the *Dibrot* given at Sinai included "the message of all the prophets who would arise in later generations." Still others interpret the message to include not one but two distinct Torahs—*Torah shebichtav* (the Written Torah), including the Five Books of Moses, and *Torah sheb'al peh* (the Oral Torah), including the books of the Prophets, the Midrash, the Talmud, and all decisions and explanations of *halachah* by rabbinic scholars through the ages. One event, many interpretations. And the discussion continues in our day as Jews from across the spectrum of Jewish belief and life wrestle with what it means to have stood and to continue to stand at Sinai. Like the rabbis of old and the commentators through the ages, there are many voices, many answers to the question, "What happened at Sinai?"

Jews have never found unanimity when discussing what was heard at Sinai. I am fairly certain that we will not find that unanimity in our generation, either. The multitude that stood at the mountain was not unanimous in describing their experience. Neither must we be. But they stood together at Sinai—and so must we. They listened together at Sinai—and so must we. They came away from Sinai filled with all that they had heard, and surely they disagreed. Yet somehow they struggled to work together to cross the wilderness. So, too, must we. This Shabbat we stand once again at Sinai. Let us stand together and listen carefully. Although we will not hear the same things, it is One Voice that speaks. I believe that One Voice wants us—despite all the differences in what we hear, what we feel, and what we do—to struggle through the wilderness together. I'll look for you beneath the mountain! Shabbat Shalom!

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FEDERATION FOCUS

Summer musings



Samuel H. Asher
Executive Vice President

The All-Star game was great. There was the excitement of a close game, lots of home runs and a come from behind win by the

American League. Erev All-Star was the home run derby. It was a pleasure to watch these new young stars swat the ball over the fence with such grace and ease. All is right in baseball land!

For many of us the All-Star game is a signal that the summer is half over. It's the downward drift toward the fall and the next school year.

Three nights ago I went to the airport to pick up my middle son who has already completed his one session at camp in Wisconsin. It is a great pleasure for me to have him back at home and a bummer for him to be back. He's still thinking about his great adventurous raids after lights out and the creative mischief that his bunkmates and counselor helped him get into. It was a successful summer

for him at Camp Chi-the residential camp of the JCC of Chicago. He learned great things and had fun in a Jewish setting. My nephew returns home from Camp Harlem this week - the UAHC summer camp in Pennsylvania.

My son will spend the rest of his summer as a counselor at our JCC camp in Wilmington where my daughter is thoroughly enjoying her summer. This is another great place for kids to have fun being Jewish!

Jewish summer camps are a great investment and create lifetime memories of fun (in a Jewish environment) for our kids. Did you know that Jewish camp alumni are 90% more likely to join a JCC and 50% more likely to join a synagogue, than Jewish adults who never went to Jewish camp?

My family will be reunited when my other son returns from his counselor's job in Connecticut in few more weeks. While we will be happy to see one another, the kids' enthusiasm will undoubtedly be clouded by thoughts of going back to school.

While the child in me savors the slower pace of summer, fall brings the promise of several exciting new initiatives. Chief among them is Federation's Community Leadership Institute. This 12-month program will develop a cadre of motivated, educated leaders capable of decision making, development and management of a 21st century Jewish community. Existing and emerging leaders will be engaged in a process that will help the community identify and prioritize its

long-term goals in an atmosphere of respect.

As a result of this initiative, participants will be better grounded in Jewish traditions, values and vocabulary. These leaders will become more creative both spiritually and institutionally, and will be better prepared to use the personal, communal and institutional resources at their disposal to upgrade and enhance both their personal lives and the lives of the entire Delaware Jewish community.

Nominations for the Institute will be accepted from area synagogues, agencies and organizations. Watch The Jewish Voice for more information or contact Program Coordinator Ruth Rosenberg at 302-427-2100, ext. 17 for additional information.

Destruction and renewal

By Jennifer S. Young
Endowment Director

On the Ninth of Av, *Tisha B'av*, (which fell this year on August 7th) Jews worldwide commemorated the destruction of the First and Second Temples in Jerusalem. The book of Lamentations, read on *Tisha B'av*, describes the destruction of Jerusalem by comparing the city and its inhabitants to a widow, a slave and a wanderer. She "weeps bitterly in the night" and has "no comforter" "all her allies have betrayed her; they have become her foes." (Lamentations 1:1-2).

While the Temple has not been rebuilt, we have witnessed the rebuilding of the modern State of

Israel and the city of Jerusalem. The Romans, the Babylonians and all those who came after them were unable to destroy the Jewish people.

Through the years since, and despite the destruction of the Temple, the Crusades, the Spanish Inquisition, the Holocaust and the current situation in Israel, the Jewish people have persevered and have even managed to thrive. The Jewish community has managed to maintain a distinct religious identity, cultivate a Jewish culture reflecting our roots in many lands, engaged in scholarship in all fields and made contributions to our entire society.

With your help, the Jewish

community will remain strong - in stark contrast to *Tisha B'av*. You can contribute to the foundation of our Jewish community by establishing a personal legacy through your will or other estate planning documents. With your help, the Jewish Fund for the Future, our community's endowment fund, will attest to the strength of the Jewish people and evidence that we are here to stay - forever.

All of us, regardless of means, share the obligation to secure the future of the Jewish community. Each of us views that obligation from a different perspective. There are many different ways to contribute to the Jewish Fund for the



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Future. An endowment gift can be crafted to reflect your interests or to continue your support of those organizations that mean the most to you and your family. Your gift can become a vehicle to ensure that our Jewish history and values are not forgotten.

For more information on how you might include the Jewish community in your estate planning please call me at 302-427-2100 ext. 19 or email jennifer.young@shalomdel.org.



Jennifer Young
Endowment Director

Harley Davidson riders have the right idea



Todd Polikoff
Campaign Director

By Todd Polikoff
Campaign Director

My father-in-law is a dentist, serves on the board of his synagogue and was a United Synagogue Youth adviser. He also owns and rides two Harley Davidson motorcycles. As I have learned through my father-in-law, Harley owners don't just own a motorcycle; they live and breathe Harley Davidson (My wedding has been the only time I have seen him

wear something other than a Harley T-shirt). There is much more to Harley Davidson than Peter Fonda and Dennis Hopper. Harley owners are passionate about Harley history, its global community and their fellow H.O.G. (Harley Owners Group) members. They come from all walks of life and are old and young, rich and poor. For over 100 years, everyone is equal once on a Harley Davidson motorcycle...they are members of the community.

The similarities between the Harley community and the Jewish community are evident except when we consider the amount of "Buy-in" needed to access the community. Unlike purchasing a motorcycle, the down payment for membership in the Jewish community is very low and the return on the investment is huge. Jews need only identify with the history and culture of their ancestors to gain access to all of the benefits that come along with the association. Every Jew has a place in our community no matter their stream of Judaism, political or personal beliefs, geography, economic status or age. All of these factors are

transparent in contrast to being a Jew.

The principle of one people, *Klal Yisroel*, is at the core of the Jewish Federation of Delaware's daily work. It is the reason we raise funds through the annual campaign. We provide programs and facilities that ensure the future growth of our community in Delaware while maintaining a lifeline to our extended family in the former Soviet Union, Israel and 59 countries around the world.

Most of us in Delaware will never meet the people overseas who are literally kept alive by the funds raised by the JFD Annual Campaign. It is not necessary for us to meet them or receive thanks, we help them for one reason...they are Jews. It is our covenant, our duty and our privilege to stand for those Jews who cannot stand for themselves.

These are serious times for Jews and so we must renew our commitment to our global community. We must raise funds for our six local agencies and for Jewish communities around the world. The JFD annual campaign is your connection to Jewish people across the

street and Jewish people around the world. It's meaningful philanthropy, hands-on voluntarism and shared commitment - from childhood to old age. It is the bond that ties all of us together as one people, *Klal Yisroel*.

So the next time you are on the road and you hear the loud rumble of a Harley rolling by, think of all the other riders that are connected to that single person on a motor-

cycle. Then think about your connection to your global Jewish community. Remember that your membership is vital to our collective success on the road to continued growth and prosperity. Please give generously of your time and money.

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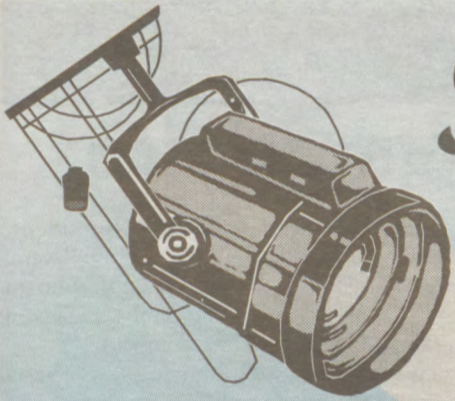
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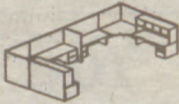
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INSIDE DELAWARE

JFS honors counselors for outstanding, long-term service

At its recent annual meeting, Jewish Family Service presented service awards to Helene Rudnick, LCSW and Martha Frost, LCSW, who, over the decades, have provided professional, dedicated counseling services to thousands of individuals and families in the community.

"Helene is a remarkable, kind and highly competent counselor," said Dory Zatuchni, executive director, JFS. "She started with JFS when we were still on Washington Street thirty years ago.

Over the years, she has provided excellent guidance and counseling to more than 3,000 individuals and families...and all benefited from her insight, knowledge and compassion. JFS thinks of Helene as 'our' social worker. She is the clinician's clinician."

In presenting the specially-designed award to Martha Frost, Zatuchni said, "Martha was the first person I hired when I became executive director. What a fortunate decision that was for all who have turned to Martha for coun-

seling and support over the past decade. She has become an irreplaceable resource for individuals and families who are faced with helping older adults live independently as long as possible. She is a walking resource directory, with a generous heart and proficient mind."

The water color artwork on the award plaques, created by local artist Riva Brown for JFS's 100th anniversary, includes irises and gladiolas intertwined with a prayer shawl on which is written: "Those

who take up the path of service and compassion uplift the world." The shawl envelops the recipients' names.

Also at the annual meeting, JFS announced the addition of six new board members: Lynne Ellick, interior designer; Trudy Halprin, LCSW; Adam Levinson, president, the Clearpoint; Charles Marcus, broadcast editor, WILM News Radio; Elaine Schmerling, homemaker; and David Smith, general manager and vice president, WJBR. They were installed

by Barry S. Kayne, president, Jewish Federation of Delaware, who also thanked outgoing board members Debbie Cohen, Barbara Conrad, Andrea Feinman, Faith Goldman, Roberta Golinkoff and Eric Grayson.

During the installation of the new board members, Kayne said, "All of you who serve on JFS's board are ambassadors not only for the agency, but also for *Tikun Olam* in your service to the community."

Rabbis offer "Introduction to Judaism" for potential converts

Some of you might know of a person interested in learning about Judaism. He or she might be thinking of choosing Judaism and/or has a "significant Jewish other". For over two decades an Introduction to Judaism class has been offered by rabbis of the community. Classes are held from

September through April. The curriculum includes Comparative Religion, Basic Jewish Beliefs, Ancient Texts, Holidays, Life Cycle, History, Liturgy, as well as special programs revolving around the "December Dilemma" and community: the role of the United Jewish Appeal

via the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

Each student must have a sponsoring rabbi, preferably before the orientation meeting which will be held on Wednesday, September 24th at 7 PM at Temple Beth El in Newark. At that time the rabbis will discuss the content of the

"Intro" program and the requirements.

Subsequent classes are held in the synagogue of the rabbi teaching the specific subject. The instructors are Rabbi Peter Grumbacher of Congregation Beth Emeth (Reform), 764-2393; Rabbi David Kaplan of Temple

Beth El (Reconstructionist), 366-8330; and Rabbi Dan Satlow (Conservative), 654-4462. Call any one of the rabbis for more information, including the year's schedule of classes.

Sorry, the class is not open to the public...only to those thinking about conversion.

Isaac Mayer Wise teaching certificate program

Teachers Barry Wexler and Robin Zink will provide on-site classes at Congregation Beth Emeth for the UAHC/Gratz College Isaac Mayer Wise Reform Teaching Certificate starting in September 2003.

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For additional information, please contact Marlene Milunsky, IMW Coordinator and Delaware Gratz Director, at 478-8100 or email her at marlene@delaware-gratz.org.

It's time to sign up for Hebrew school!

On September 9th, the Adas Kodesch/Beth Shalom mid-week program will begin its 2003-2004 academic year. The school provides programming for children ages 5-13.

There are two primary programs for children ages five and six. One group meets every Tuesday from 4:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. The second group meets approximately 14 Sundays during the year from 9:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Both groups focus on age-appropriate holiday experiences, as well as the letters of the Hebrew aleph-bet, key Hebrew words, prayers and songs.

Following a popular trend in the United States, most students will enter the School's Aleph Class in second grade and will attend three days a week for five years. This year, classes

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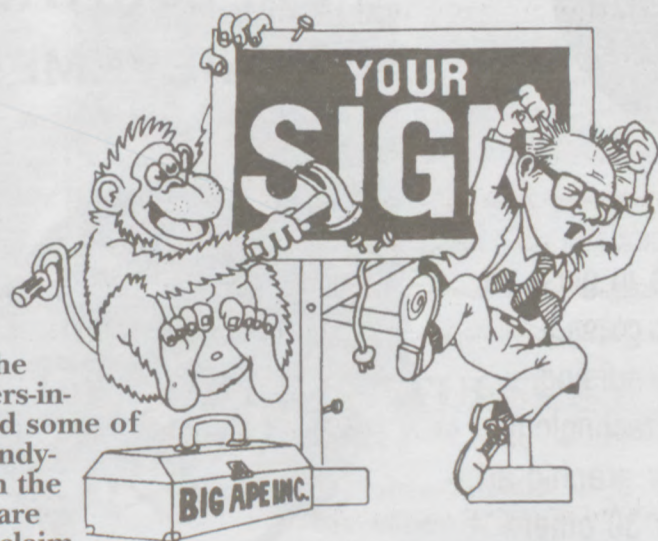
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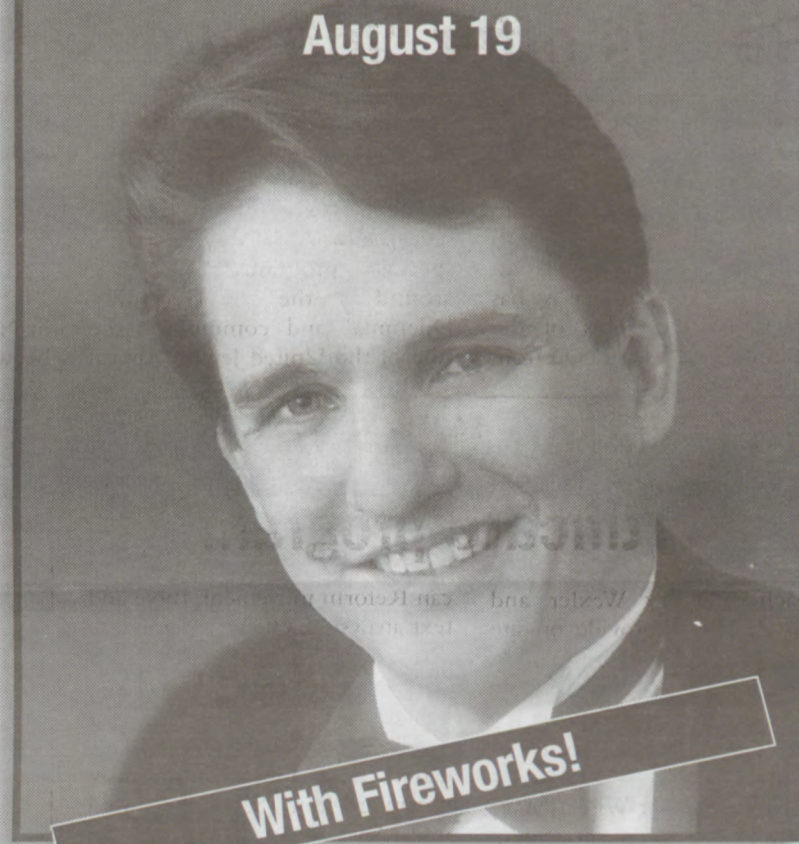
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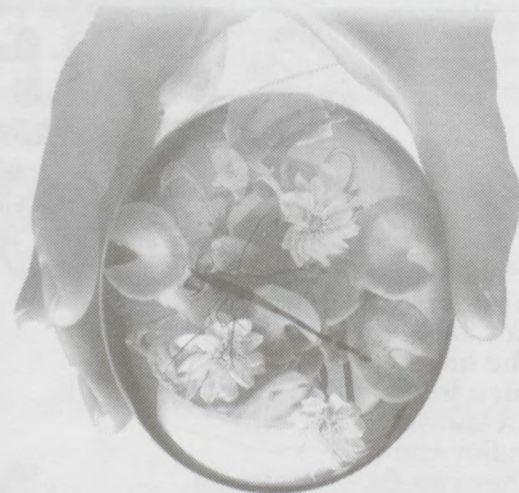
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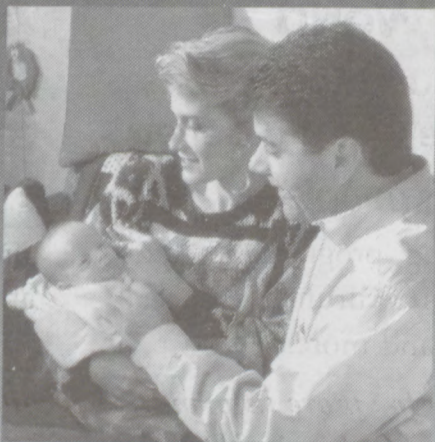
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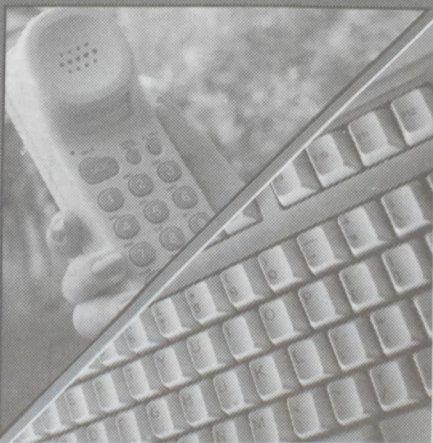
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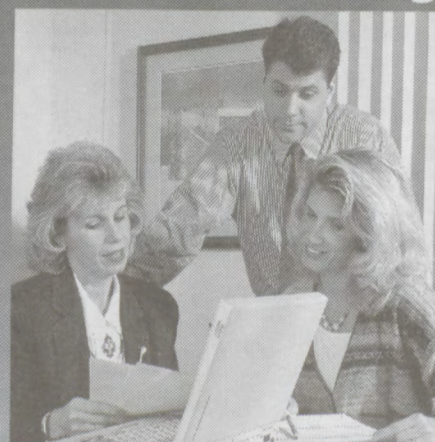
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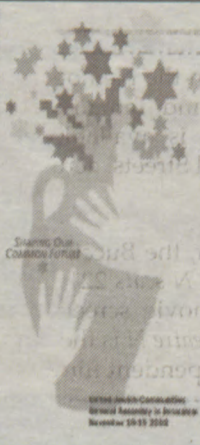
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Alex Berson, 90, died July 26th. He worked for Wilmington Dry Goods for 20 years in the Men's Shoes department. He is survived by his wife, Florence; daughter, Sandra and son-in-law, Jack Probstern; two grandchildren, Adam Kleinmeulman and his wife, Christy and Corrie Schmitt and her husband, Peter. Graveside services were held on July 29th in the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road. Contributions in his memory would be appreciated to the Delaware S.P.C.A.

DONAGHY

John Donaghy, 61, of Wilmington, died July 16th. He is survived by his wife, Barbara; brother, James W. and sister-in-law, Melva; sister, Ruth and brother-in-law, Charles Hiller; sister, Irene and brother-in-law, Walter Reinmiller; brothers-in-law, Gerald Katz and his wife, Suzanne and Gordon Katz; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brothers, Richard, Edgar and William, Jr. Graveside services were held in July 17th in the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road. Contributions in his memory would be appreciated to the Deborah Heart and Lung Foundation, c/o Mary Weinstein, 8692 Society Drive, Claymont, DE 19703.

GORDON

Herman D. Gordon, age 84, died July 21st. He was a member of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation and belonged to the synagogue's Choral and Wilmington Study Groups. A proud veteran of World

War II, he served as a B-17 waist gunner. He was shot down over Germany on his 24th mission and became a prisoner of war.

A graduate of Philadelphia's Central High School and the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science, he owned drug stores in Wilmington and Philadelphia. He also worked at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Philadelphia.

Mr. Gordon was predeceased by his wife, Rosalyn, to whom he was married for 53 years. Survivors include his children, Rabbi Ellen and Steve Bernhardt of Wilmington, Herschel Gordon of San Diego, California, Rebecca and Rabbi Barry Starr of Sharon, MA; sisters, Shirley Mellon and Gladys Michelle; grandchildren, Idit, Joshua and Elana Romirowsky, Elianna and Uri Starr; step grandchildren, Jill and Paula Bernhardt.

Funeral services were held on July 23rd at Schoenberg's Memorial Chapel with interment in King David Memorial Park, Bensalem, PA. Contributions in his memory would be appreciated to either Albert Einstein Academy 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington, DE 19803, Israel Emergency Fund, c/o Jewish Federation of Delaware, 100 West 10th Street, Suite 301, Wilmington, DE 19801, the American Cancer Society, 92 Reads Way, New Castle, DE 19720 or to the Academy of Music, Broad and Locust Sts., Philadelphia, PA.

KAROL

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Services were held July 16th in New York.

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SPODEK

Nina Spodek, 83, of B'nai B'rith House, died July 21st. She is survived by her husband of 59

years, Morris; children, Ann and Steve Osman; grandchildren, Joel and Mary, Marc and Vicki; and great granddaughter, Katie.

Services were held on July 23rd from Schoenberg's Memorial Chapel with interment in Paramus, New Jersey. The family would appreciate contributions to either Temple Beth El, 301 Possum Park Road, Newark, DE 19711; Machzakey Hadas Congregation, 8000 Society Drive, Claymont, DE 19703 or to Chabad, 1811 Silverside Road, Wilmington, DE 19810.

WEINSTEIN

Albert Weinstein, 93, a life-long resident of Wilmington, died July 23rd. He was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom and served as men's furnishings buyer

for 38 years at the Wilmington Dry Goods.

Mr. Weinstein was predeceased by his wife, Sarah in 1996. He is survived by his son, Sheldon A. and daughter-in-law, Ruth; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held on July 24th in the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road. Contributions in his memory would be appreciated to either The Milton and Hattie Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Wilmington, DE 19809, Chabad, 1811 Silverside Road, Wilmington, DE 19810 or to Jewish National Fund of Delaware Region, 2 Reservoir Circle, Suite 203, Baltimore, MD 21208.

NACHAS NOOK

A New Daughter Of Israel Is Born

Welcome to Ellie Mensor Cohen, daughter of Jeremy and Fraya Cohen, of Austin Texas. Ellie was born on July 28, 2003.

Her maternal grandparents are

James and May Kaufman of Marblehead, Massachusetts.

Her paternal grandparents are Howard and Eileen Cohen of Wilmington.



Berry and Gruber are engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Berry of Wilmington, Delaware and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gruber of Scranton, Pennsylvania announce the engagement of their children, Jennifer Eileen Berry and David Eugene Gruber.

Jennifer, a graduate of Gratz Hebrew High School and a former Jewish Voice intern, will graduate from the University of Delaware with a Bachelor's Degree in English with a concentration in Business and Technical Writing. David, a recent graduate of the University of Delaware's



Jennifer Eileen Berry and David Eugene Gruber

*VISTA Americorps program, earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from Marywood College.

Jennifer is the granddaughter of the late Frances Wasserman and Samuel Wasserman of Holiday Springs, Florida and Lorraine Berry and the late Sydney Berry of Boca Raton, Florida. David is

the grandson of Irene and the late John Zebawa of Scranton, Pennsylvania and the late Bennett and Anna Gruber, also of Scranton, Pennsylvania.

The couple is planning an October wedding.

To see more pictures of the couple, please visit their website, www.berrysbylines.com

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Register Now For Melton

Register for the Florence Melton Adult Mini-School now and be invited to a special Melton class in August about Israel. Melton is a two-year curriculum, which uses core Jewish texts to offer adults the opportunity to acquire Jewish literacy in an open, trans-denominational, intellectually stimulating learning environment for only \$450/year (\$15/class). Classes meet Wednesdays 9:15 am - 11:30 am OR Thursdays 7:15 pm - 9:30 pm. Register with the front desk of the JCC - 478-5660 or ask for x 201 for more information.

JFS Sponsors Support Group

"Healing Hearts", a Jewish Family Service support group, focuses on skills that better enable separated or divorced parents to co-parent their children. This course is certified by Family Court. Upcoming sessions will be held on September 3 and 10 or October 1 and 8, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at JFS, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington. The cost is \$100 (Scholarships are available.) To sign up, call Jewish Family Service at 478-9411.

ALSO on OCTOBER 1 AND 8: "Healing Hearts" Co-

Parenting Group for Children and Teens of Separated or Divorced Parents. The cost is free if parent attends the Co-Parenting Group—otherwise, sliding fee scale.

JFS Encourages Community to Help Expand Registry of Holocaust Survivors

The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, in Washington, D.C., has been building a survivor database that currently has information on more than 185,000 survivors and their families.

Through the Registry, survivors and family members are given the opportunity to trace missing relatives from the Holocaust era. Over the years, the Registry has helped reunite friends and family members and has provided information on the fates of loved ones. It has also provided information to individuals about restitution programs and reunions and to organizations seeking testimony.

"The Registry is an important link to the survivor community," said Dory Zatuchni, executive director, Jewish Family Service. "We ask that everyone in the community who knows a survivor or survivor's family member, or is interested in becoming part of the Registry, to please call JFS at 478-9411 to find out about adding those names to the Registry."

Support Jewish War Veterans

Remember World War II Jewish service persons in Delaware who lost their lives. A

memorial section in the Jewish Community Cemetery was erected and dedicated to honor them more than 50 years ago by the Jewish War Veterans of Delaware. Many of these dead heroes are buried there.

Over the years, the area, the markers and the memorials have greatly deteriorated. The Jewish War Veterans of Delaware have undertaken a restoration project and need community support.

Please send all donations to: JWV, c/o Milton Slovin, 15 Stable Lane, Wilmington, DE 19803

Flea Markets at the JCC Newark

The Jewish Community Center in Newark will hold a Flea Market on Sunday, August 24th and the fourth Sunday of each consecutive month from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Dealers are wanted for outdoor spaces. The cost to rent tables and spaces are just \$15 per space and \$5 per table. In case of rain, the Market will be closed and will re-open on the fourth Sunday of the following month. Contact Lynda Bell at 302-368-9173 to reserve a space or to receive more information.

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

ALSO AT THE JCC NEWARK...The next summer "Lunch Bunch" sponsored by the Newark Jewish Community

Center begins on Wednesday, August 27th, 12 Noon, at TGI Fridays on Rte. 896. Contact Lynda Bell at 302-368-9173 to reserve a seat.

Come to the JCC Newark's 3rd Annual Golf Day on Sunday, September 7th at Brantwood Country Club. Tee time is 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$75.00 per person and includes green fees, cart rental, course set-up, refreshments, dinner and prizes. If you wish to have someone join you, the cost is \$15 per person for dinner only. Organize your foursome or call and we will organize one for you. Registration deadline is September 1! Call Lynda Bell at 302-368-9173 today.

JFS Sponsors

Bereavement Group

Jewish Family Service Executive Director Dory Zatuchni, LCSW will facilitate a support group for community

members who have lost a loved one. The group meets Wednesday afternoons from 2:00- 3:00 on the following dates: Aug. 27; Sept. 3, 9, 17 and 24 At JFS office in Wilmington. For more information, please call 302-478-9411.

Celebrate Darlington's 25th Anniversary

The Darlington Arts Center, 977 Shavertown Road in Boothwyn, PA celebrates 25 years of instruction in music, art, drama and dance during the 2003-2004 season. Center Founder and Executive Director Diana Sophocles Hemmenway invites the community to attend the Center's open house on September 6, Noon to 3 p.m. Registration for the Center's intergenerational fall program will be accepted during this time. For a free catalogue or more information, call (610) 358-3632.

Be Our Guest

The Women's Philanthropy Committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware invites you to The Women's Philanthropy Initiative Kick-off Event with keynote speaker Arna Poupko Fisher

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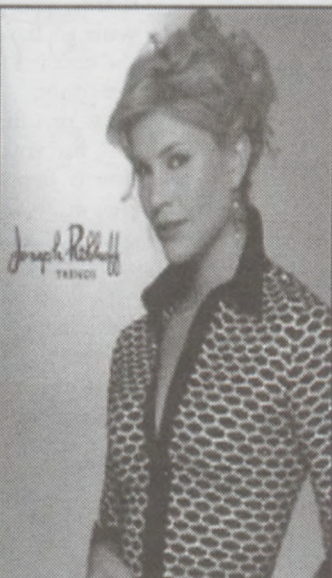
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