

Barbara Schoenberg Assumes JFD Presidency

When Barbara Schoenberg became president of the Jewish Federation of Delaware last month, she was following the strong Jewish communal leadership tradition of her parents. Barbara grew up in a community on the eastern shore of Maryland where only one other Jewish family resided. Yet she grew up with a strong sense of Jewish identity. "My mother kept a kosher home," she says.

Barbara's parents drove her 70 miles to a religious school three times a week. On Yom Kippur their family stayed in a hotel so they would be able to walk to shul. Before long, Barbara's parents were instrumental in building a synagogue in Easton.

When she was 13, her family moved to Wilmington where Barbara immediately became part of the AKSE Confirmation class and was also involved with Jewish sororities.

In the 1980's when Gratz Community High School was running a deficit, Barbara, a CPA handling the budget, made a heartfelt and successful plea to the Federation Allocation committee and the rest is history. Her leadership moved to the JCC, the Kutz Home and the Jewish Federation of Delaware. She chaired the UJA Federation Campaign administered by the JFD in 1994 and 1995 and has since served as a JFD Vice President.

Barbara brings considerable energy, vision and commitment to her new position. "The Jewish community is very important to me," she explains. "My children Josh and



Barbara brings passion, long term Jewish commitment, and an extraordinary sense of humor to our community. Her depth of knowledge about local agencies, synagogues, and rural Jewry will enable her to lead the Federation into the 21st century.

Judy Wortman
Executive VP of JFD

Geoffrey both attended Albert Einstein Academy. Our agencies were here for my kids, and I want them to be here for future generations."

Firm in her commitment to the Jewish community as the new president of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, she is adamant in her belief that we all share the responsibility to make sure that Judaism is still there for the next generation. "It is an obligation to provide for our children. Most Jews have a desire to have their children live a Jewish life. Exposing our kids to Jewish culture and tradition gives our children a better chance. My kids know where they come from. My husband renders a much needed service to the community." Barbara's husband, Alan Schoenberg is the director of Schoenberg Memorial Chapels, Delaware's only Jewish funeral home.

Rabbi Gewirtz, Rabbi Emeritus of AKSE, congratulates Barbara Schoenberg on her new position. "I have known Barbara since she was 13 as my student, my congregant and my friend.

"Barbara is first and foremost an *Aischet Chayal* - A woman of valor, (Proverbs 31:10), a good wife, good mother who conducts a Jewish home. She is an able professional, an active force; God blessed her with leadership abilities and energy. May He bless her with *Hatzlachah* (success) in her new responsibilities as President of the Jewish Federation of Delaware."

Barbara's top priority for her presidency is for our community in Delaware to reach a campaign achievement of \$2 million so that the organized Jewish community can continue rendering the critical services, now available.

"It is very vital that we make sure our facilities are in order for the 21st century," she says. "We are coming to the conclusion of a study that will position ourselves to implement findings that will provide the necessary improvements and expansions to our facilities.

Barbara wants to encourage people to become involved, to recognize what is past is past and to go forward as a cohesive community. "I want people to become more aware of their Jewish surroundings. We can't expect services to be available if we are not willing to have a hand in that," she says.

Leslie Newman, immediate past President of JFD, credits Barbara with bringing a skilled base that combines a love for the Jewish people and a dedication to our community that will help the JFD succeed in fund raising, planning and representing the Jewish community in the greater community. Barbara is the third in line of women presidents who have led the Jewish Federation of Delaware, the first being Toni Young. Barbara Schoenberg's term as President of the Jewish Federation of Delaware is from June 1998 to June 2000.

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From Generation To Generation...



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THE CLASSIC JEWISH WEDDING

By Rabbi Emeritus
LEONARD B. GEWIRTZ

This essay will describe the laws governing Jewish marriage according to *Halakha*, as distinguished from *The New Jewish Wedding*.

According to our *Torah*, there are two reasons for marriage.

The first is the fulfillment of the first commandment, "Be fruitful and multiply" (Gen. 1:28).

The second function of marriage is companionship and family life. "It is not good that man should be alone" (Gen. 2:18). "I will make him a help mate for him" (*Ibid*).

In the Talmud the rabbis expounded that family life is holy. They called it *Taharat haMishpaha*, family purity. The act of marriage is called *Kiddushin*, sanctification. The groom says to

the bride, as he places the ring upon the forefinger of her right hand: "You are sanctified unto me..."

To make family life pure and holy, many restrictive and positive laws are obeyed.

1. Forbidden Marriages

a. May not marry a person of an incestuous relation, i.e. brother, sister, mother, father, etc.

b. May not marry a person who is already married, or one who has a civil divorce but did not receive a *get*, a religious divorce. A person in this situation is still married. Should the individual marry a second time, without a *get*, it is an adulterous relationship and is forbidden.

c. A *Kohen* is forbidden to marry a divorcee.

d. It is forbidden to marry a *mamzer* (bastard), one born of an illicit relationship.

e. It is forbidden to marry a non-Jewish person. If this person is a convert to Judaism, a *ger tzedek*, he or she is a full Jew, a religious convert, and may marry another Jew.

f. Polygamous marriage is forbidden.

g. Child marriages are forbidden.

2. Days Forbidden to Conduct Marriages

a. Marriages may not be performed on Sabbath, Festivals and Fast Days, nor on national-historic sad days.

b. Marriages may not be conducted during the three weeks

between the 17th of *Tammuz* and the 9th of *Av*. Religious Jews do not eat meat in this period, days of mourning before the date of the destruction of the Temple in 70 C.E.

c. Marriages may not be conducted during the days of *S'firah*, between *Pesah* and *Shavuot*, but are permitted on *Rosh Hodesh Iyar*, Israel Independence Day, *Lag BaOmer*, *Yom Yerushalayim*, and *Rosh Hodesh Sivan*.

These marriage laws should be obeyed because marriage is not only a private personal matter of two people in love. Marriage is a bond to the Jewish People. The children to be born are the future of the Jewish People. Therefore, these laws emphasize the role of *Kelal Yisrael* in every marriage; and every couple is part of the People of Israel.

3. *Kashrut*

Obviously the wedding meal, *seudah*, must be *Kosher*, the meal opened with *haMotzi* and closed with *Birkat haMazon*. Men should wear the *kippah* during the meal. Let us remember: this celebration of a Jewish wedding commemorates the survival of the Jewish People.

4. Prerequisites for a Marriage

a. An ordained *Rav* who knows the laws for the Jewish ceremony.

b. Consent from both bride and groom, *Ketubah*, *Kosher* (valid) ring, *Kosher* witnesses for the *Ketubah*, *Kosher* wine, and a *minyan* for the ceremony.

5. *Minhagim* (Marriage Customs)

a. *Aufrut*

The groom receives an *Aliyah* on the Sabbath before the Wedding Day; usually he recites *Haftorah*. After the *Aliyah*, the Congregation showers raisins and

nuts upon the groom.

b. Fasting on the Wedding Day

As on *Yom Kippur*, the sins of the past are forgiven and the couple makes a new beginning. The bridal couple also recites the *Yom Kippur* "confession" during *Minha* service. The couple breaks the fast after the ceremony. (If the ceremony is conducted on a *Rosh Hodesh*, they do not fast).

c. Ritual Immersion in *Mikvah*

This ritual begins the practice of Family Purity, *Taharat haMishpaha*. Even if the bride does not plan to observe immersion in *Mikvah* after every menstrual cycle, it is inspiring for the bride and groom to wash away previous encounters and begin this marriage in ritual purity.

d. Visiting of Graves

There was a time when an orphaned bride or groom had the memorial prayer, *Kel Maleh Rahamim*, recited under the *Huppah*. It is more advisable that they visit the graves a few days before the ceremony and not mar the mood under the *Huppah*.

e. Bride Walks Around the Groom

This is an optional practice. Some families have the custom of circling seven times, and some three times.

f. *Yihud*

Immediately after the wedding service, the bride and groom repair to a private room where they break their fast with a light refreshment. This privacy was especially significant in the past when bride and groom were not permitted to be alone with each other before marriage. Even in our time, in pious families bride and groom do not have any physical contact before the ceremony. (*Editor's note: This is a traditional representation.*)

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The Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Center, an interfaith project of the Jewish Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, is sponsoring a trip to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. on Tuesday, August 18, 1998. A limited number of seats are still available. This trip is intended for teachers and participants may receive continuing education credit from

the Delaware Teacher's Center. Non-teachers are welcome as space allows. Cost of \$20 includes transportation from the JCC. For more information call (302) 427-2100, ext. 17. To register send \$20 along with your name, phone number, and mailing address to: HWP Committee, c/o Jewish Federation, 100 W. 10th St., Suite 301, Wilmington, DE 19801-1628.

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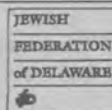
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JFD Helps Fund Teen Scholarships To Israel

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Jewish Genealogists Around The World

LOS ANGELES – A massive volunteer effort by amateur Jewish genealogists tracking their own ancestors can help an international investigation re-establish ownership of lost and looted assets taken from Holocaust victims and survivors before and after World War II.

The worldwide call for family trees was issued on Monday by Dr. Sallyann Sack, president of the Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies, and Washington State Insurance Commissioner Deborah Senn, who chaired the initial investigation into lost Holocaust insurance benefits last year. The announcement was made Monday (July 13) at the annual international convention of Jewish genealogists, who are meeting in Los

Angeles this week.

Dr. Sack stressed the importance of giving the so-called “heirless” victims of the Holocaust back their full identities. “This is an opportunity for anybody, worldwide, to participate in an effort that will help identify claimants to these lost assets,” Dr. Sack said.

“We can never undo the worst mass murder in history,” Commissioner Senn said. “But we do have a chance to restore justice to some of the victims of the worst robbery in history.”

Commissioner Senn said there are three rough categories of claims so far: First, survivors who have claims; secondly, assets that have been verified but without strong links to a survivor or victim; thirdly, the “heirless” claims in

which the assumption has been that they died without heirs.

Dr. Sack said genealogists will have to prepare their family tree research in predetermined software formats so that it can be added to The Family Tree of the Jewish People, a computer database being prepared now by the AJGS, the Museum of the Diaspora in Tel Aviv, and JewishGen, the Internet resource developed by Jewish genealogists.

“Information from individual family trees will be added to the database, which then can link those families with others,” Dr. Sack said. “This is information that is valuable in and of itself, but it will take on an additional dimension when we match it against the lists

of unclaimed Swiss bank accounts and Holocaust-era insurance policyholder lists.”

Commissioner Senn is currently a member of a U.S. task force seeking full disclosure of those names, along with other insurance carrier books and records. The nine-state task force appointed by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners has already met with some European insurance regulators to start work on forming an international commission to settle the Holocaust insurance claims.

“The U.S. insurance commissioners are united in their determination to bring about this commission and achieve justice for survivors and victims’ heirs,”

Commissioner Senn said.

“The current efforts of the task force and other international interest in these stolen assets, as well as the advanced age of many Holocaust survivors, underscore the importance of European carriers opening their books and records and releasing lists of policyholders,” Commissioner Senn said. “The Swiss banks have begun to release this information, and if the banks can do it, then the insurance carriers can, too.”

Although the Swiss banks have released several lists of bank-account owners dating back through the Holocaust, the U.S. insurance commissioners are currently working toward the release of that information by the carriers.

EDITORIAL

Safety... is it relative?

A young friend of ours was recently held up at gun point. I felt a deep paralyzing sense of fear as she recounted the incident. She was very blasé. I listened in horror as she told me the details. Her only reaction was annoyance that her friend's wallet had been stolen. I asked her about the gun. She waved away my questions with, "well it was probably just a plastic one."

I feel bombarded by her desensitization of violence and weapon use. Is this a generational thing? Is safety just merely dispensable?

At one of the recent school shootings, a child was quoted as saying...I saw the movie cameras and my friends on stretchers, but as they passed by, I told them it was just a movie... they could get up now.

There is no sense of concrete, OF THE REALITY THAT GUNS KILL!

Now we come to the part that has no boundaries. How do we keep our children safe from something that they can't even define as a tangible problem? Where do we start... with the NRA for producing commercials that say how wonderful it is to have a gun...or for all parts of the media who portray any modicum of violence for ratings? Or do we need someone to start a grassroots program, going in to schools and doing a stark presentation of what a gun was meant to do?

Do we as parents just sit in our living rooms at night and wonder not only about

road rage, but about whether or not our children had a tete a tete with the barrel of a gun?

The question of desensitization is not merely academic...it is life threatening.

The question of safety also takes another stand when I told people that my child was spending the summer in Israel, I was confronted over and over with: why would you send your child to an unsafe place. Tell me...what makes safe..? Tell me! what makes safe? My young friend met her assailant in the front of her house. A child ran out on the street to get his ball and was killed by a truck. A man saved all his life to go on vacation... his airplane dove into the ocean.

It is 50 years since Israel's beginnings, and yet there are still people who will not go there. How can this possibly be a reason for not experiencing one's roots? Is safety relative? Does it have to do with our own comfort level? Or our sense of defined familiar categorizations?

Our Jewish community is not immune to what is happening in the rest of the world. In fact, life for the Jews as a whole has always had its inordinate share of violence. The Shtetl never knew when the next pogrom would raise its wicked head. Our children are being terribly affected by the world's level of violence, they see it on tv, hear it on radio, see it in the movies and now schools. The value of life in Israel is so very high, because each life counts. Why is it any different here?

Voice Box

Charity knows neither race nor creed.

Talmud: Gittin

The whole value of a benevolent deed lies in the love that inspires it.

Talmud: Sukkah

Lend before witnesses, but give without them.

Jewish folk saying

Whoever practices charity and justice fills the world with loving kindness

Talmud: Sukkah



Diana Aviv (3rd to left), Council of Jewish Federations Associate Executive Vice President for Public Policy, applauds President Clinton at the signing ceremony of the Bill to Restore Food Stamps to Legal Immigrants and Refugees on June 23. The new law restores access to federal food stamps for approximately 250,000 people. CJF's advocacy played a key role in the bill's passage.

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Partnership Moving In - Taking one more step toward solidifying their new Partnership, leaders of the UJA Federation system dedicate their organizations' new joint office by hanging a mezzuzah at the front entrance. From left, Rabbi Daniel Allen, Executive Vice-Chairman, United Israel Appeal; Bernard Moscovitz, Executive Vice-President, United Jewish Appeal; and Martin Kraar, Executive Vice-President, Council of Jewish Federations. Photo credit: Robert a. Cumins.

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A Bit Of Jewish Wilmington History

By YETTA CHAIKEN

Max Zutz was a fixture on his street. He owned a tailoring and furrier shop on the 300 block of Delaware Avenue in Wilmington and he worked there until his death in 1955. For over 50 years he presided over his territory and came to epitomize that street to me. Everyone shopped in the city and his tailor shop became the hub of a busy avenue. I thought of it as the center of the world. When his funeral cortege passed his store on the way to the cemetery, I remember my shock that the street didn't die with him.

This portly rotund man about 5 feet 8 knew all the townspeople, company executives, bankers, professionals, and immigrants who regularly passed his store. Everyone stopped to chat with him because his keen wit and deep insight attracted them. His laugh was contagious and everyone, rich or poor, felt comfortable in his presence. In good weather, a knot of people congregated outside of

his store and a cacophony of voices filled the air. Although his work and family were most important to him, his identity with the street, also provided him great pleasure. Retirement would never have been considered.

My father was born in Odessa, Russia in 1886 and came to the U.S. at age 16 to escape grinding poverty. The government of his native land denied him education or an opportunity to make a living, but despite that handicap, he displayed great courage by crossing the Atlantic alone and joined his sister in Wilmington, Delaware. Although his connection to the old country remained with him for the rest of his life, his resourcefulness helped him find his own niche. First he worked to bring the rest of his family to these shores. In 1909 he enrolled in a cutting and tailoring school in New York City. Many European immigrants came with his skill, but few considered upgrading their knowledge without

having perfected their use of English. His diploma hung in his shop in a prominent spot for the rest of his life. As a master tailor, he easily attracted the wealthiest and most prestigious clients in town. Throughout the depression, when other tailors were struggling to exist, my father continued to hire other immigrants to work for him. My brother and I called his shop a League of Nations since the half dozen workers all came from various countries never seemed to speak the same language. Despite that handicap, they all communicated with one another. When I walked into his store, I often found him sitting on the floor with pins in his mouth pinning a customer's skirt for length. He kept a two way dialogue in constant motion. Smiling at the customer, he spoke in English and at the same time, he gave me a rundown of the customer's lineage in Yiddish. He told me her husband's position and financial worth. Once he identified teen age twins who had just each

inherited 7 million dollars. Many years later at a Foreign Policy Dinner I spoke to a woman who told me she was a native Wilmingtonian and mentioned her maiden name. She carried the same name as that twin in his store. I revealed my father's name and she showed surprise at my recall. How could I forget?

My father showed great entrepreneurial skill. He installed the first cold storage vault on his premises for coat and furs. Before the advent of air conditioning, moths often ruined expensive clothing. This vault also stored unexpected items. Out of the folds of furs, one might pull soft drinks, liquor or even his false teeth. An innovative way to keep cool!

My father's life is a chronicle of the immigrant experience. He rejoiced in it for its own sake. He had a wonderful rapport with his customers and loved to discuss foreign and domestic affairs. The newspaper that he read, "The Jewish Forward" a Socialist,

Yiddish daily, sat prominently on his desk. He might ask if they agreed with the Stalin and Hitler Pact. I'm sure his customers didn't know how to assess him. When my brother wished to enter medical school, he confronted a rigid quota system for Jews. His customers asked their prominent husbands to write letters on his behalf and their connection succeeded.

Dad regularly called his children and invited them to lunch with him alone. Without a course in child psychology, he knew how to create a close bond. His openness inspired others to reveal their own feelings. His legacy was measured in these human terms. I've carried his image with me like an old Kodak snapshot wherever I go. I'm reminded of him when I see someone smoothing their hair in the mirror with just a bit of vanity or when I think of his favorite expletive. Nevertheless, he left me a heritage of optimism, a love of learning and humanity, plus a sense of humor. I'm a lucky lady.

Footloose in New York

By JUDAH MILUNSKY

Manhattan means Island of Tall Hills, which we learned when Joseph Schiff, the owner of Foot-Loose in New York, gave us a private Jewish Cultural and Educational tour of New York City. Gratz Hebrew High School organized the field trip. Joseph was so much fun and knew so much that we could tell he just loves what he does. He spent over five hours with us, as we walked, talked, ate and zipped around town in our van (subsidized by Bay Shore Ford).

The most awesome part, however, was that Joseph hooked us up with another group of teens from a congregation in Boston as soon as we got off our van, and the five kids from Boston spent the whole day with us, which made our day even better than we expected!

From Battery Park (now we know how Battery Park got its name and shape), Jews' Alley, the oldest existing Jewish cemetery and the site of the oldest synagogue in the United States of America, which later became Shearith Israel, we explored early Amsterdam. We read Peter Stuyvesant's letter to the Amsterdam Chamber complaining about the Jewish refugees who had just arrived from Brazil, and his request that they be forced to "depart." And when we visited the Emma Lazarus memorial and listened as Joseph explained her poems to us.

Felippa Franks' house, which became Fraunces Tavern where George Washington ate, the New York Stock Exchange and its five Jewish founders (out of twenty-four), and the reasons that Wall Street, the Bowery, SoHo and Tribeca got their names were the kinds of interesting things that Joseph told us about all afternoon. We even learned about the private Jewish Ambulance Service,

Hatzala, and we saw a medic heading toward his ambulance.

Lunch was falafel and pizza sitting at little tables with interesting strangers next to the Bialy bakery. We ate pickles out of the barrel for dessert. A penny candy and dried fruit store shop-lady who knew our guides Joseph and his wife Penny, came out on the sidewalk to give us all free honey peanuts, and when we came in the store we all got free halavah!

We saw a sofer at work who showed us a picture of his father taken from the walls of Ellis Island, which was in New York Daily News, showing his father as a typical "authentic" religious Jew in the New World. We had a conversation with a lady who went to school with Zero Mostel at Seward Park High School. A man walking by stopped to make sure we knew how Zero Mostel got his first name.

Greenwich Village was the best. St. Mark's Street was really weird, and it was easy to see how the psychedelic hippie scene had happened there, because it is still so radical today. Having time to go into music stores with our friends was cool. Then we stood on the sidewalk where many women jumped to their deaths during the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire which helped to start the Labor Movements in the United States, and saw a fire-eating man in Washington Square. We had ice cream at a snack bar at NYU, which is right across the street from Hebrew Union College. We even were able to meet up with a Greenwich Village friend of one of our kids (they had met at summer camp two years ago!) and he was able to join us for ice cream and hang out for awhile. The hardest part was saying goodbye to our new Boston friends ... but we're already e-mailing each other and hope to see each other again.

Rabbi Writes:

Life Is A Thing Of Art

By Rabbi MOSHE V. GOLDBLUM

One of the most challenging decisions in life is the need to determine when a piece of art is completed or not. It is true that beauty is in the eyes of the beholder but it demands the understanding of the genius to decide when the painting or the piece of sculpture, or the science model is actually complete. We all have experienced that dubious feeling that we could have done as well as the original artist if not better. We would have finished the masterpiece differently or we may have chosen a different combination of colors and in our own eyes this would have made a decided improvement.

We could argue endlessly about some popular novel and whether the author ended his story properly. In my own field, I am never certain whether a sermon is finished or not. One thing my congregation agrees upon and that is that the Rabbi should have finished at least four or five pages sooner with most of his presentations. What an inspiration it would be if there were definite and obvious criteria to help a minister, poet, or professor or any speaker know when his work is completed.

The farmer, the orchard owner, the cattle and sheep growers face the same problems for they must judge when G-d's creations are completed and finished. When is a tomato really ripe, and when is a calf fully prepared for the slaughter. Someone has to make these decisions as Dr. Mengele did at Auschwitz.

We are now approaching the beginning of the High Holiday season. We call these months and weeks, the season of repentance and we are able to endeavor to return any object which we illicitly took from another person. We have to ask ourselves some impor-

tant questions. Did we permit enough of Judaism to become part of our personalities. Were our Shabbats spiritual enough and did they contain the warmth which not only warmed us physically but inspired us spiritually as well. The Hassidim never know how long they must celebrate the Sabbath to adequately warm their souls and they hold on to the Sabbath for a number of hours after it is complete for most of us.

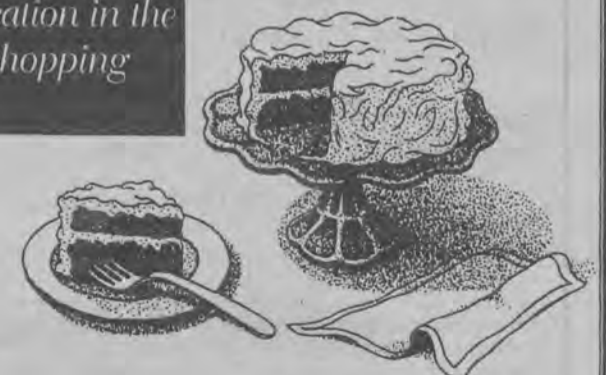
When are our moral lives of such a nature that G-d will be satisfied with us? When will we mature adequately so that the Master will say, "You are a mensch! I need you to

remain in this world and to inspire others with your spiritual strength and your profound insight."

The chef in the kitchen, the seamstress in the dress shop, the tailor in the suit factory all want their work to be admired. We too must live so that our lives will be admired not only by human society but in the heavenly spheres as well. Maybe, if we start early enough, we may be able to convince the G-d of history that we are very necessary in his plans for the coming year. G-d is the greatest artist of all, and as He plans the future of our Earth, He must want the true human beings to play an important role.

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The proclamation, signed by Mayor Marion Barry, salutes Women's American ORT for its support of the world's largest non-governmental network of technology training schools as delegates assemble in Washington for WAO's Triennial National Convention.

The WAO National Convention, with representatives from 32 states gathering at the J.W. Marriott Hotel, is chaired by Judy Menikoff of Houston, TX and Salisbury, CT, with co-chairs Kay Freeman of North Bellmore, NY, and Sharon Ufberg of Piedmont, CA.

According to WAO President Ruth S. Taffel of Manhasset, NY, the convention agenda, organized around the theme "The Gateway to Education That Works," includes presentations by Madeleine Kunin, U.S. Ambassador to Switzerland; Martin Indyk, U.S. Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern Affairs; Stuart Eizenstat, Under Secretary of State for Business, Agricultural and Economic Affairs; Justice Richard Goldstone, President of the World ORT Union, Justice of the Constitutional Court of South Africa, and Chief Prosecutor of the UN's International Criminal Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda, and Lt. Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak, chief of staff of the Israel Defense Forces. First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will receive the organization's most prestigious honor, the Beverly Minkoff Award, for her personal initiatives in education.

Muriel Siebert, the first woman to own a seat on the New York Stock Exchange, will speak at the Baroness de Gunzburg Society luncheon. Members of WAO's Baroness de Gunzburg Society, named after the organization's first major contributor, support Women's American ORT through planned giving.

As the largest affiliate and number one supporter of the ORT (Organization for Rehabilitation Through Training) global network of schools established in 1880, WAO will also be addressing domestic education issues with resolutions underscoring a commitment to quality education and a firm wall of separation between church and state. Making their commitment to education visible, members will be bringing hundreds of books to Washington, D.C., to donate to literacy programs.

Israel Peace Village Plans Peace Campus

ISRAEL - Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salam, the Jewish/Arab community in Israel which has pioneered peace education there, has announced an ambitious new project: the building of a Peace Campus.

As a first step, the community has won a \$50,000 planning grant from the Folke Bernadotte Memorial Foundation, which has contributed in the past to its educational institutions. According to NS/WAS Mayor Rayek Rizek, "This generous new grant represents the first substantial contribution to the Peace Campus project. It will enable us to hire planners, engineers and other professionals to conceptualize the project, work with government authorities and prepare materials for the architects."

The Peace Campus will dramatically enlarge the educational work being done by Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salam's School for Peace and binational-bilingual Children's Educational System, by providing new facilities for programs, training and research. Plans also call for a peace library, a museum of Palestinian and Jewish culture, an arts center, a language school for adults, an auditorium/conference center and communications center.

Says Mayor Rizek, "We intend to make a serious contribution to the dynamics of the regional conflict. We believe education is the way, and that Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salam has the potential to become the peace center of the middle east."



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On Sunday, September 13, 1998, at 9:30 a.m., the A.K.S.E. Men's Club will host Dick Harwick, a member of the Exhibition's Speakers Bureau, who will speak on "The Last Imperial Family of Tsarist Russia," a review the Nicholas and Alexandra Exhibit being displayed at the First USA Riverfront Arts Center at 800 S. Madison St. in Wilmington, Delaware, according to Robert S. Weiner, President, A.K.S.E. Men's Club.

Together, in an inspiring gesture of cultural exchange, the Directors and Curators of the State Hermitage Museum of St. Petersburg, Russia and Broughton International have collaborated to create an unforgettable, once-in-a-lifetime event. This innovative and uniquely designed presentation unveils the legacy of the Romanov Dynasty which ruled Tsarist Russia for over 300 years through the dawn of the 20th Century. Royal pageantry, political intrigue and

the story of a couple whose love impacted world history are all a part of the Romanov legacy. Fourteen unique galleries detailed to recreate the essence of the era contain over 400 treasures which stand as testimony to this pivotal moment in time.

Dick Harwick is a member of A.K.S.E., a past president of the synagogue and a 39-year member of the A.K.S.E. Board of Governors. He has been active in community, public school and political affairs. He is retired from the Medical Center where he held the position of Senior Planner for 25 years. He now does consulting for a start-up food products company headquartered in Wilmington.

The presentation of the Nicholas and Alexandra Exhibit is a half hour slide projection with running comments about the Exhibit, the Arts Center and some background information about the over 1,000 pieces of memorabilia.

The Exhibition itself runs from August 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998. Tickets must be purchased for a specific date and entry time and can be obtained by calling

locally 777-1600 or toll-free 1-888-395-0005. The charge for adults is \$12.50, Seniors (62+) \$11.00, College \$7.50, Youth (K-12th) \$4.00 with an added convenience charge of \$1.50 for tickets ordered by phone or mail. A tour

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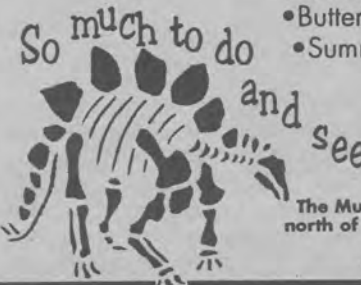
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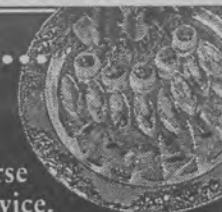
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PARTIAL SPINE RECOVERY IN WEIZMANN STUDY

REHOVOT, Israel - Weizmann Institute scientists have managed to partially heal the damaged spinal cords of laboratory animals, according to a study reported in the July issue of Nature Medicine. A team led by Prof. Michal Schwartz of the Neurobiology Department used an innovative treatment which allowed rates to regain partial movement in their hind legs that had been paralyzed by damage to the spine.

"The results of our experiments are promising," says Prof. Schwartz. "However, for the moment they have only been achieved in rats, and much addi-

tional research still needs to be done before the new treatment is available to humans."

It has long been known that "lower" animals, such as fish, can repair damaged fibers in the central nervous system - the spinal cord and the brain - and restore lost function. In contrast, mammals, including humans, can only repair injuries to the peripheral nerves, while injuries to the brain or spine leave them permanently paralyzed or otherwise handicapped.

The new approach is based on Schwartz's theory which states that the loss of this repair ability occurred in the course of evolution

due to a unique relationship between the central nervous and the immune systems. More specifically, Schwartz believes this loss was probably dictated by the need to protect the mammalian brain from the effects of the immune system: While immune cells normally help to heal damaged tissue, their access to the brain would disrupt the complex and dynamic neuronal networks that build up during an individual's lifetime.

Generally, when tissue damage occurs, immune cells known as macrophages swarm to the injured site where they remove damaged cells and release substances that promote healing. The central nervous system of mammals is different in this regard: when damaged, it is not effectively assisted by the immune system.

Schwartz's team discovered that this is because the mammalian central nervous system has a mechanism that suppresses the macrophages. As a result, macrophages are recruited to central nervous system injuries at a lower rate, and those that are recruited fail to become optimally "activated" and effective.

These findings led to a series of experiments with rats in the course of which the researchers managed to overcome the limited ability of the damaged central nervous system to recruit and activate the macrophages. They isolated macrophages and incubated them

in a test tube in the presence of a damaged peripheral nerve. The macrophages, which received the distress signals of the damaged peripheral nerve, became activated.

At this stage, the researcher's returned the activated macrophages to the damaged site in the central nervous system of the paralyzed rat. The transplanted macrophages created a growth-inducing environment around the damaged tissue. As a result of the treatment, the rats were able to regain partial motor activity in their previously paralyzed legs. They were able to move their hind legs and several animals were even able to place their weight upon them.

A major innovative aspect of such treatment lies in promoting the animal's own self-repair mech-



Prof. Michal Schwartz
Weizmann Institute of Science

anism. In fact, the new treatment offers the option of using the animal's own cells for this purpose. Further research is necessary to see if this approach will work in "higher" animals, such as humans.




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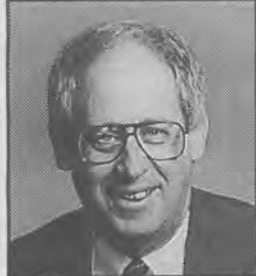
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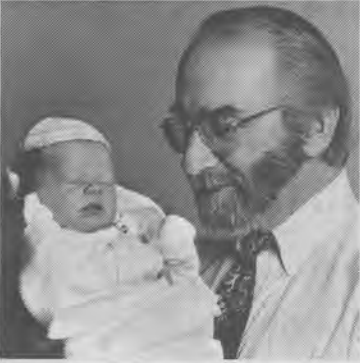
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As many of you know, I have done a great deal of public speaking over the past two years, both for my job and as president of the federation. I have usually found it a relatively easy task. However, this time it did not come easily. Maybe it is because I found being president of the Jewish Federation of Delaware a hard job.

Two years ago when I assumed this position, I emphasized the need to work together to create a community that enriches us all. That vision has remained the same. It is the implementation that is hard. Overcoming we vs. they, overcoming aging facilities with limited space, overcoming limited financial

resources, overcoming the obstacle of balancing real needs overseas with real needs in DE, overcoming the needs of underserved communities without sacrificing the needs of communities benefiting from programs. We have done well. We have made progress but we must continue because the challenges remain as we face the future. These challenges make the job hard.

We in Delaware are wrestling with the results of a population study presented nearly two years ago. Approximately 45% of Delaware Jews live outside the Wilmington area. Our Federation has responded to that challenge. We have hired an outreach worker (Dan) who is doing an exemplary

job facilitating efforts in the Greater Newark area as well as Dover and the Seaside community in Sussex.

Yes, but that is only part of the story. We continue our fundraising so that Jews around the world, whether they reside in Europe, Asia or Africa will have the opportunity to live Jewishly in their native land or immigrate to Israel. It has been a challenge to help the community separate that need from the other changes occurring in Israel.

It has also been a challenge to juggle the responsibilities of my full time job, federation and motherhood, let alone being a spouse. We have had an exciting two years in our house. Craig celebrated a Bar Mitzvah and Michael graduated

from high school after doing the college application process. Jim decided to become chairman of the Board of a newly created physicians organization of Christiana Care and we added a dog to our family this past January. It has not been dull. All I needed was to give up sleep, add a few additional hours to the day and learn how to do more than two things at one time. I want to thank the three of them, and my

mother who is here to see me finish what I started two years ago. I thank them for their support even when they were tired of the phone ringing or having to share my attention or not get enough of it. Craig, you had the luck of having the most concerts and school events that conflicted with federation functions. I promise not to miss another activity.

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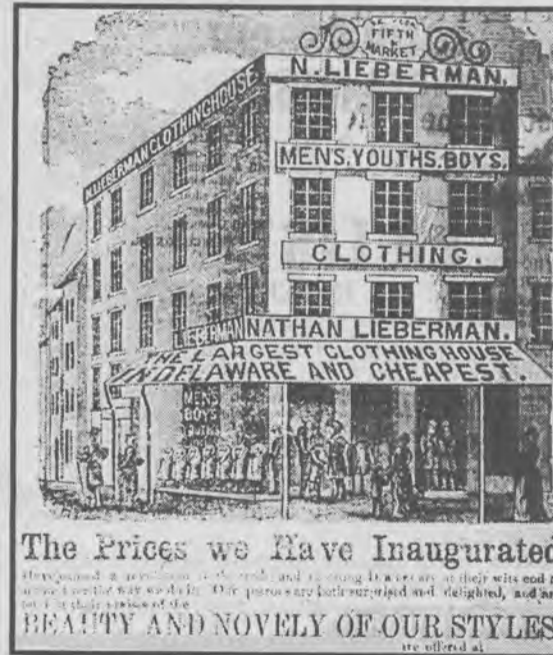
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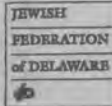
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Kutz Home Auxiliary Luncheon

The Kutz Home Auxiliary luncheon was an overwhelming success. Two hundred women and twenty Kutz home residents gathered for the annual luncheon at the Brandywine Country Club on May 17. Faith Goldman was the honoree for all her multitude of service she has done for the Kutz Home.

Joy Honig, Chairperson of the event introduced the featured speaker, Lois Wyse. Ms. Wyse is a well known women's author who has written more than 60 books for children and adults including *Women Make the Best Friends* and the New York Times #1 Best Seller, *Funny, You Don't Look Like A Grandmother*. Other best sellers are *Love Poems for the Very Married*, *The Six Figure Woman and How To Be One* and *Friend to Friend*. She is a contributing editor of *Good Housekeeping* magazine. Her syndicated newspaper column, *Wyse Words*, appears in more than 40 newspapers throughout the United States and weekly on the Internet.

Ms. Wyse's most recently published and well acclaimed book, *Just Like Grandma Used to Make*, was her topic at the luncheon. She rekindled our memories and took us back to the sights and smells of our grandmothers' kitchens with personal stories of time loved and shared together. Ms. Wyse spoke of the history behind certain recipes; how they passed from generation to generation to create true family legacies.

Everyone present, whether a daughter, mother or grandmother, listened to Ms. Wyse's words with warm smiles recalling their own family recipes; a pinch of this, a pinch of that and lots of love, patience and sharing.

Ms. Wyse told timeless tales of how family memories are passed down orally from one generation to another. You had to be in the kitchen to observe to really catch the amount of ingredients, so time was well spent together! Generations enjoyed each other! The kitchen was the source of love and togetherness and sharing of times, as well as delicious food!

A poignant quote from Ms. Wyse, "The heritage of the woman in my family is not diamonds and rubies. It is poppy seed and chocolate. It is the recipe for turkey dressing borrowed from a friend's grandmother, and sweet potatoes made the way a neighbor showed me. In other homes it is marinara sauce and grandma's cookies, for in all our families we treasure recipes from generation to generation as if they were the gold chains of the empress."

A wonderful time was had by all. The Auxiliary has a membership of 900 life members and is devoted to keeping the residents of the Kutz home as comfortable as possible with the highest degree of dignity. The proceeds of the luncheon will further insure this.

Looking forward to next year's luncheon.

North American Jews Unite Behind Special Campaign

The United Jewish Appeal/Council of Jewish Federations Partnership, the Jewish Agency for Israel, and the Reform, Conservative and Orthodox streams of North American Judaism, have joined together to create a special Unity Campaign, with a goal of raising \$30 million over three years. The campaign, created as a unified response to the issue of religious tolerance in Israel, has already raised \$8 million in pledges to support projects of the religious streams and serve the needs of the Israeli people. From 1987 to 1997, the UJA Federation-supported Jewish Agency allocated more than \$100 million to build diversity in Israel; and in 1998, the Jewish Agency will spend \$21 million in addition to its work on behalf of the Unity Campaign.

Unity Campaign Chairman Larry Hochberg of Chicago, said, "We may speak with many voices, but we must work for one cause. If we want a religiously tolerant, diverse Israel then we must commit ourselves to being unified partners in the effort to bring it about."

Hochberg noted that many federations have already begun to take advantage of the Unity Campaign's community-building potential.



Larry Hochberg
Unity Campaign Chairman

"Congregation and federation leaders are already forging new alliances, or strengthening old ones," he said, adding, "Our hope is that the entire UJA Federation system will take part, and be served by this new, reinforced network."

The campaign provides the opportunity for communities to fund projects outlined in the Unity catalogue that represent the interests of both the religious streams and the federated community. It also allows donors to support both interests with one supplementary gift. For example, some federations have adopted a project from each of the streams as a community effort or to honor individual donors; others are choosing projects within their Partnership 2000

Delaware Continues To Be Well Represented

Delaware continues to be well represented in the leadership of the Jewish Communal Professionals Association of the Delaware Valley. Outgoing Co-Presidents Seth Bloom and Myrna Ryder, both Delaware residents, have been replaced by incoming Co-Presidents, Pia Eisenberg and Dan Weintraub. Weintraub is a professional with the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

Along with Co-President Weintraub, JCPA leadership includes others with Delaware connections. Ivy Harlev, now employed with the Jewish

Community Center on Garden of Eden Road in Wilmington, is a new Vice-President of the not-for-profit organization. Bernie Greenberg, Campaign Director with the Jewish Federation of Delaware, is a member of the steering committee of JCPA. Bloom and Ryder will continue as members of the steering committee as well.

Other new officers joining Eisenberg, Harlev and Weintraub include the new treasurer Kathy Sarlson, Vice-President C.J. Berman, Vice-President Genie Cohen, Vice-President Jeff Cohen

and Vice-President Beth Schonberger.

JCPA is comprised of professionals, students, retirees and interns working within Jewish community organizations in the Delaware Valley. JCPA conducts programs addressing interests of hundreds of professionals who carry out the important work of Jewish agencies in Delaware, Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey.

For more information about the Jewish Communal Professionals Association call Dan Weintraub at 302-427-2100.

JCC Program Director Hired

Ivy Harlev joined the staff of the JCC in early June as the new Program Director, supervising Youth and Family, Teen and Adult Services. Ivy was born in New York but grew up in Florida. She attended the University of Florida in Gainesville, receiving her Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology with a minor in Business in December 1992. While there, Ivy was the sole recipient of the Outstanding Female Graduate Award, was listed in the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges and was a member of the University of Florida's Hall of Fame. Following her graduation, Ivy worked at the JCC of the Greater Palm Beaches in West Palm Beach as the Assistant Camp Director, in addition to her job as Director of Children and Teen Services.

In August, 1994, Ivy received a scholarship from the Jewish Community Center Association (JCCA) and left her position at the JCC in Florida to attend the University of Pennsylvania's School of Social Work and Gratz



Ivy Harlev
JCC Program Director

College. Simultaneously, Ivy earned her Master of Social Work degree and a certificate in Jewish Communal Services. In 1995, she was the recipient of Hillel's prestigious Judith Netsky Scholarship. This award is to recognize a student's involvement and dedication to the Jewish Community.

During her first year at Penn, Ivy worked as a student intern at Jewish Family & Children's

Services of Greater Philadelphia, managing social work services for foster children and facilitating life skills for teenagers. As a student intern at the Kaiserman Branch of the JCCs of Greater Philadelphia, Ivy coordinated singles programs, worked with a multi-cultural teen group and developed after school and school vacation programs for school-aged children. Throughout her years at Penn, Ivy also taught Hebrew school at Keneseth Israel in Elkins Park, PA.

Ivy served as the Group Services Director and Camp Director at the Gershman Y branch of the JCCs of Greater Philadelphia upon her graduation. There she developed social, cultural, community service, Judaic and recreational programs for all ages. In addition, as Camp Director, Ivy was responsible for all programs, staff and budget for day camp.

"I'm very excited to be working at the JCC," says Harlev. "I'm looking forward to getting to know the Delaware Jewish community and working with dedicated staff and lay leaders."

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Historic Organ Transplant Performed At Rabin Medical Center

A Jewish couple Yoseph and Vicky Tzilag from Jerusalem, and an Arab couple Youssef and Suham Amache from Jisr-e-Zarka, participated for the first time in Israel's history, in a successful crossed transplantation of two kidneys. The milestone surgery was performed at Rabin Medical Center (RMC), the site of Israel's first kidney transplant in 1964, and today, the country's largest health care facility.

The transplantation was carried out under the auspices of a new program introduced by the Israeli Ministry of Health known as "Kidney swapping." This first case in the new program involved these two couples where the Arab man donated a kidney to the Jewish man while the wife of the Jewish man donated a kidney to the wife of the Arab man.

The transplantation was the culmination of a long and complicated process for both couples, who each underwent extensive testing in search of a kidney that would be compatible. In a surprising turn of

events, doctors discovered that there was medical compatibility between the two women and between the two men, allowing for this unique crossed-transplantation. In addition to the medical examinations, both families underwent routine psycho-social evaluations given to all transplant and donor candidates.

Both donors stated in their evaluations, that they were unconcerned by the fact that technically they were not donating an organ to their spouse. "I feel, in my heart and in my mind, that my donated organ is going to my husband - I'm making this gift for love," said Vicky Tzilag. "A human bond has formed between us and the Amache's, and I'm happy that my donation in around about way is helping another person," she added.

Youssef Amache said, "I feel that my kidney is going directly to my wife - the main thing is that we will all be healthy." The Amache's expressed the hope that they will be able to keep in touch with the Tzilag's. "We are really one family

now - united by flesh and blood," stated an excited Youssef Amache.

All four surgeries were performed at the same time and lasted over five hours. The two men and two women were taken to the recovery room together after which they were transferred to the Department of Transplantation for further convalescence. Doctors at Rabin Medical Center reported that all were in stable condition following the surgery.

The two couples met for the first time the night before the transplantation. Family members and physicians who witnessed the meeting called it a "very moving and a dramatic moment." Said one Rabin Medical Center staff member, "there was a lot of hugging, kissing and exchanging of wishes and prayers between the two families." Starting early the next morning and throughout the procedure the two families intermingled in the waiting room, sharing words of encouragement.

Several dozen Amache family members from the village of Jisr-e-Zarka, men and women, spilled out of the lounge into the adjacent hallway waiting word from the surgeons. The Amache's five children wished all those involved - good health. "First and foremost we are all human beings - there is not difference between us. The main thing is that the transplants succeed and that our two peoples co-exist," said the oldest son who took on the traditional role of family spokesperson.

Youval Zilag, Yosef and Vicky's son told Rabin Medical Center staff "this is a very special day, first



Kidney Crossed Transplantation Participants at Rabin Medical Center. L-R Vicky Tzilag, Yoseph Tzilag, Youssef Amache, Suham Amache. Photo - Rabin Medical Center.

because of the medical history we are taking part in and more importantly because of the cooperation and mutual support between two peoples. This is the best example of the fact that peace starts with individuals."

Professor Zaki Shapira, Head of the Department of Organ Transplantations at Rabin Medical Center said that "the program to cross-transplant kidneys from living donors is named in memory of the late Dr. Dan Shmueli, former Deputy Director of the Department of Transplantation at Rabin

Medical Center. The idea is to shorten the time which people must wait to receive a new kidney when family members cannot donate to each other due to medical incompatibility."

American Friends of Rabin Medical Center was created to serve as a educational and fundraising representative for Israel's largest medical facility. AFRMC has its offices in New York and Chapters in cities across the United States. For more information, please call 1-800-646-2616.

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ISRAEL AT 50



Delaware's Connection To The Holyland

By CAS ANOLICK

The other night we heard Dan Ashbel, the Israeli Consul General speak at the Jewish Federation annual meeting. Mr. Ashbel reminded me of my father, although he is of course much younger. Very sincere, and clear thinking. Like my Father he did not miss an opportunity to remind me of my responsibilities. He also made an offer. He would be a messenger from his government to us in the Diaspora, and vice versa. So here goes Dan, here is my message to your government. Here is what I would like you to tell Bibi Netanyahu.

Since I go to Israel often, I have no illusion as to what Israel means to me, nor of what Israel is really like. Although we go almost exclusively to visit my family and my Mother in particular, I know the country well, and I no longer see it as does a first time tourist. There are so many fabulous facets that make me feel proud to be part of Israel each time I am there. However, as I have sorted through my thoughts over the years, I realize so many of these which are almost clichés. All are true, all important, but even all together they only show one thin veneer of the whole picture. These clichés include of course the feelings that come from being presented with thousands of years of history, from seeing towns and green built in a desert, from rubbing shoulders with the young men and women in uniform willing to die for home and country, from visiting Yad ve'Shem, from feeling the history in the bleached beige of Jerusalem stone, or from experiencing the crowded solitude one feels on visiting the Wall. But none of these pass the most important long term test. Can the Jewish State, in its

present form survive another thousand years?

To pass that test, we have to think in terms of generations of time, not in terms of current political parties, or even in terms of dominant religious groups, or the latest squabble between them over pluralism. We have to think against a backdrop of countless generations, which is particularly hard for us here in the USA. We tend to think only in terms of such short time spans. (And what did the stock market do today?) We have been safe and relatively comfortable at least as long as can be remembered by our younger members. Already the memory of what brought our parents or grandparents here is beginning to fade. Oh yes, we talk about it now and again, "My grand-parents fled Poland, or Lithuania, or was it Germany?" What we forget is that fleeing has been the norm, not the exception. Right now, the fleeing is from somewhere else so we here try to ignore it.

Let's think in terms of generations. My family history is not much different from yours. My grandparents and parents fled Eastern Europe. Some of their family came here, a few settled in Palestine, even back before the first world war and others settled in "darkest" Africa. Strange you might be thinking, why would anyone go to Africa with all its problems? But when you are desperate for a better life for your children and grandchildren, you make choices based on what is available and attainable. And for one or two, or in some cases even three generations darkest Africa was a good choice. We certainly lived well in Africa. Over certain time periods it was probably a better choice than

the U.S.

But even in Africa we saw the waves of movement that is the Jewish people. I remember well the flux of Jews from the then Belgium Congo. Their life there had been good for about a decade. They were proud Jews whose ancestors had fled Spain, then other countries, then the Island of Rhodes, eventually only to have to flee the Congo. We welcomed them, but only slowly; I saw then that even Jewish charity can be fringed with harshness: a harshness camouflaged as realism.

But whether newcomer or established, most Jews in Africa had to flee again. And when I left Africa seeking a more stable future, these ex Congo friends were getting ready to flee again. And now, not many years later the doors to most countries are closed again; all except Israel, the Israeli door remains open. So it is only luck that places us American Jews in a stable environment, many of our cousins are still fleeing.

I get this moral lesson again each time I visit Israel. When I walk the streets of Tel Aviv or Hertzlia and see a white face working next to an Ethiopian or a fourth generation Sabra trying to converse with a newly arrived Russian, I only see the latest examples of Jews trying to make a life for their families, but this time not being turned away. As long as we can feel proud that we are a part of this life saving routine, and can see the absolute justice of its mission, Judaism will survive. And we want to help. You are our brothers and sisters.

So in part you are right, Bibi. Land without security has hardly a certain future. But all actions have to be tested against absolute truths. As soon as its security comes from

might and at the expense of others, then Judaism is only as good, or as bad, as any other group of people and Judaism will shrink, because it is no different. If it displays a deeper justice it will survive because we will continue to feel a pride.

When I speak to young people in Israel now, I see a new anxiety. The new generation of young parents have deep frown lines as they try to decide if Israel is going to be secure and safe for more than a few years. Will it yield a stable livelihood for their children too. And the statistics show their doubts. Many young Jews are leaving. Only partly because they find it hard in Israel and hope for better elsewhere. They are leaving not because of the hardship but because of the uncertain in their future, and a reduced feeling of pride. pride at building green out of deserts is not as long lasting as pride in being part of a just system. It is easy to conclude that security through strength is the way to relieve their frowns, but in fact it will deepen them. The most and maybe only thing that Judaism teaches as an absolute is the treatment of others, and that includes our neighbors and even those who call us enemies. Security comes from knowing justice is on your side. And the young now have doubts. They know that justice must be an absolute justice and they see their leaders dispersing a one sided justice.

There is of course a moral responsibility which is the backbone of our beliefs. More important than any tradition or custom is the way we treat our fellow man. I can only continue to feel proud of being Jewish if I see the nation continuing to treat all Jews, and non-Jews, with this compassion.

Where does this leave us the Jews in the Diaspora? The same Zionist place as we have always been. We know that Israel is the only escape clause for so many international Jews. So we cannot desert them; because we understand that but for the luck of the draw, it could have been us who needed the help. So also we cannot sit back and let Israel go its own way, even though it is their own security they are voting for when they vote for a government. But it is too many other people's future that they are tinkering with when a new government changes direction. We were taught to keep our word, since it was based on a view of justice and justice does not change with a single election. Bibi, can you imagine Judah Maccabi's followers fighting and winning their independence if they had not believed they had a more just system than their oppressors.

So Bibi, I say "Yes Israel is still important to me since it is part of my conscience and it is part of my future as much as yours." You have a part right, the only security is a security of ones own making. But you have forgotten the other part. The part that says the only security worth having is one based on true justice. A justice that extends to our neighbors as well as our own, and that is true no matter what the neighbor thinks or says of us, or even what he has written in his manifesto. If our justice does not include peace with our neighbors we will shrink, if it does include our neighbors they will learn to love our justice as much as we do. It might take a few years or even a few generations, but true justice will win. Choose your side Bibi, choose your view of justice, it will influence how long is our future.

ONE WOMAN'S VIEW

By PAULA SHULAK

If you want to enjoy a charming, albeit uneven, theatrical production, be sure to see the Media Theater's summer offering based on the Biblical story of Noah and the ark. TWO BY TWO is a whimsical interpretation of the famous tale and stars one of the original Broadway cast members along with several other excellent performers. Walter Willison (who played Japheth as a young man in 1970) is now seen as Noah himself. While his performance as the young rejuvenated patriarch is nothing short of magnificent, especially when he sings, I felt that his portrayal of a 600 year old man is a bit too robust and sophisticated for my taste. However, that does not spoil what is essentially an acting tour de force. Dennis McVeigh as Japheth, the youngest son and Selena Cantor as his true love Rachel display their beautiful singing voices throughout the show and are a delight to hear and watch. And the eldest son Shem (played by Kenn Christopher)

along with his wife Leah (played by Annie Edgerton) are hilarious as they milk every comic facet from their roles. Unfortunately, I cannot say the same praiseworthy comments about Karen Gibson as Esther, Noah's wife and Melinda Hopkins, the Golden Girl who comes along "for a nice boat ride." Both of these actresses had difficulty singing as well as acting. I have seen far better performances in community theater than I witnessed from these two assumed professionals. Goldie should be an excellent lyric soprano to really sell her one solo and Ms. Hopkins' voice was very disappointing. And Esther must bear the brunt of the dramatic acting in this show which Ms. Gibson did not do at all. She was flat and uninspired and her one song was dreadful. However, fortunately the rest of the cast more than made up for these two so the show as a whole was very enjoyable.

The utilitarian set included a rather ramshackle house which turned into the ark for the second

act as well as a border around the proscenium arch which consisted of several animal "couples" fancifully drawn to catch the eye. Projections on the cyclorama indicated God's presence in a fascinating manner and the thunder and lightning accompanying His appearances were very realistic.

In particular, I was impressed at the musical interpretations of several of the more difficult songs in this production. None of the music ever became a hit, but there are some numbers which are especially hard to get across. "Put Him Away," "As Far As I'm Concerned," "You" and "Hey Girlie" are not the best songs ever written by Richard Rogers and Martin Charnin, but they were excellently done by this cast and I applaud them for their work. The more melodious "Something, Somewhere" and "I Do Not Know A Day I Did Not Love You" are always crowd pleasers but to be able to sell those mentioned above is laudable.

TWO BY TWO continues at the Media Theater until July 26. Tickets are \$34-\$40, Children and Students \$17-\$20 and dinner is also available for \$15 more per person. Performances are on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m., Friday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Call 610-566-4020.

ANOTHER HIT FOR RBT. I also recently had the opportunity to attend the Spring production of the RUSSIAN BALLET THEATER at the Grand Opera House and once again, this magnificent troupe did not fail to enrapture the audience. The opening piece which consisted of excerpts from the classical ballet Don Quixote was pleasant and entertaining, but it was not in my opinion quite up to the usual standards of the company. It began rather slowly and while the costuming was breathtaking, particularly the new tutu imported from Russia, the two lead dancers did not always seem to coalesce. Twirling treader capes lent an air of excite-

ment to the dance but in general, it did not capture the imagination as much as I had hoped.

It was not until the second half of the program that the creative juices of both the dancers and the audience really began to flow. Daniel Baudendistel and his partner Valerie Madonia, both from the Joffrey Ballet, brought a whole new meaning to the art of the dance as they passionately performed Light Rain. Their writhing, sensuous movements left me with my mouth open in stunned admiration the entire time. This was followed by a technically interesting South American inspired piece called Malamba and then by a real treat as we watched the newest member of RBT, Tuya Tumennasan, perform Dream, an utterly lithe and graceful, modern dance which was as totally unique as her Asian features. She is a very welcome addition to the corps.

Finally the entire cast performed Round of Angels with Baudendistel and Madonia in the lead roles

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Congregation Beth Sholom... The 21st Century Right Around the Corner

By ELI COOPER
President

As we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of our congregation and the State of Israel, this year provides an interesting opportunity to reflect back on accomplishments of the past and also think about what the future may hold. As a newcomer to Dover, moving into the community three short years ago, I am not the best to reflect on the past. However, it is important to note that we are where we are today as a result of the efforts of those who came before us. Many of our current members know all too well of what I speak of. I can only imagine the trepidation and elation as the congregation formed as the center of Jewish life in our region. Initially, they convened to conduct services, which led to the acquisition of land and ultimately the construction of a synagogue, decades ago.

Everyone acknowledges an attractive element of Central Delaware is the small town atmosphere and lifestyle. On the other hand it also challenges the few to make decisions and commitments with recognition that otherwise simple steps are really bold leaps. Through all of the years, thick and thin, the fact remains that the congregation is very close and supportive of one another. This

attribute has served the congregation and its role in the community well over the years.

Enough of the past, let's share the present and project what the future may hold. Today we have a very active congregation. Our congregants come from as far north as Southern New Castle County and as far south as the Beach. This is a large geographic area and contains a wide range of interests. It never ceases to amaze me of the richness and diversity of programs our congregation offers. Not only do we have an active Sisterhood and Men's Club, but parents of our Hebrew school come out in large numbers to participate in Education Committee meetings and school-based functions such as our family seder. Our Rabbi, Moshe Goldblum, serves our congregation tirelessly with regular Shabbat services and meeting all other religious needs of the expansive community. By the way, this includes offering advice on an informal or formal basis, as needed, as well as officiating over life-cycle events.

Congregation Beth Sholom can be best described as a beehive of activity. Our calendar is always overflowing with activities. Religious Services, social events, fund-raisers, or just a visit to mediate and reflect in one of

our two sanctuaries are a few of the things that are going on at any time. Congregation Beth Shalom boasts a kosher kitchen that is second to none in the southern part of the state. Our library's shelves are overflowing with a full range of materials, ranging from children's books to current audio and video selections. Sunday morning family breakfasts are just one of the many opportunities for our congregants to come together. We all share the proud moments as our children obtain Bar or Bat Mitzvah after years of study. And if you didn't already know it, a group of women in the congregation are studying with the Rabbi right now, waiting for their opportunity to be Bat Mitzvahed after they complete their studies.

As a newcomer I must point out the sense of warmth and openness that greeted me as I attended a Friday evening service a few years back. The congregation welcomed my family with open arms. We have come to appreciate the sense of community that can only be experienced in a small town. It is truly remarkable that this gem is available right here in our community. The feelings of shared experiences and beliefs that bind together quite a diverse group are something to behold. I welcome any-

one who has not been to our congregation to join us, for Services, for a Men's Club or Sisterhood meeting or one of our outstanding programs. I'm sure you will agree that is truly a special congregation.

Looking ahead we need to build on our strengths. Our size is both an asset and a liability. It is a challenge with the small size and closeness of our congregation to appeal to the full range of Jewish families in Central Delaware. In large metropolitan areas one often has a choice of congregations. At Congregation Beth Shalom we must continually define and redefine our congregation to serve the broadest range of interests. I can assure you this is not an easy task. But our strength comes from our members. They always impress me with their willingness to participate and ability to really make things happen.

Quality programming and participation for many of our functions is not an issue. The role of the Congregation in the community at-large is an area that we must strengthen. It is important that we at Congregation Beth Shalom continue to build on the fellowship that originates as local church groups join us for services. Lastly, we need to find

new ways to secure resources to support our programs. It seems that we have more ideas than people. An example of a new program is the recently formed preschool program, new programs such as this often requires resources many times greater than we have available. Our challenge is to find the support for this and all of the quality programs we strive to provide here in our community.

Congregation Beth Shalom has served and been served by the Jewish community in central Delaware for more than 50 years. We all share in its success and are responsible for providing leadership, and stewardship that will carry it for the next fifty or so. As our parents and others have before us, we must ensure that the Congregation provides a central role, supporting the Jewish community through a wide range of activities for all to enjoy.

If you have any questions about our congregation and its many programs, please call me at our congregational office. The phone number is 734-5578 and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

Shalom,
Eli Cooper
President

Did You Check Your Snorkel Lately?

By DANIEL CHEJFEC
MSW/MAJCS
Community Organizer
Jewish Federation of Delaware

It has been said that Jews are incurable optimists who always expect the best but prepare for the worst. As always this trait has been expressed in numerous expressions of Jewish humor, but I would like to include here one story that most of you probably know, and yet it conveys exactly the point.

The story goes that G-d decided that what was happening in the world

was beyond fixing, so the only possible solution was to terminate it. He decided to bring another Flood in seven days, and communicates that to every religious leader in the World. Each reacted differently of course. The Ayatollah called upon the Muslims of the World to submit to Allah's will and beg for salvation. The Pope called the Catholics of the world for repentance and pray to be accepted in His kingdom. Many Protestant leaders argued that G-d's words could be read differently and that if everybody accepted His son, the world might be spared. The Rabbi faced his

Congregation and told them "We have seven days to learn how to live under water."

The American Jewish community is not facing a Flood nor the wrath of G-d, but is facing a very difficult challenge nonetheless. Much has been written on this issue, including the impact of intermarriage, assimilation and low birth rate on the future of the Jewish people in America. Many called it a "crisis," but a few leaders throughout the country are facing these issues not as a crisis but as an opportunity. This is the way the

Jewish leaders of the past preserved our heritage on the face of impossible odds.

The challenge to Jewish life in America is nowhere as difficult as in small communities with limited resources. But nowhere is creativity and dedication so intense either. I have the privilege of working with a group of such dedicated people in Dover, Delaware. A group of parents decided that it was important for them to initiate some form of Jewish preschool where their children could learn their heritage, and they asked

the support of their Congregation and the Federation. The Board of Trustees of Congregation Beth Shalom not only gave them their support but provided the project with a home and helped them promote it. The Jewish Community Center came onboard providing the necessary expertise in such projects. The Federation raised to the challenge providing the necessary funds to cover the start up costs and professional support. We can all be proud that Delaware can count on so many dedicated people and that everybody saw the opportunity afforded to Jewish life in Dover through such a project. It was and will still be a difficult road, but the Shabbat Shalom — as the once a week program is called — program in Dover will open in September.

Many more challenges and opportunities lay ahead, but let us remember Ben Gurion's words: "If you want to be a realist, ask the impossible." By the way, I heard some rumors ... did you check your snorkel lately?

Delaware Jewish Community History

By CHARLES A. SALKIN

1998 is generally recognized as the Golden Anniversary of Congregation Beth Shalom but there really is some question about when we should celebrate our beginning. Any of these dates might work: 1932, 1936, 1939, 1947, 1948, or 1949. All are serious contenders to be recognized as the starting date of the organized Jewish community of Dover.

The early history of Jews in Kent County parallels the patterns of Jewish settlement elsewhere in the region. The first permanent settlers came in the mid-19th century; they were peddlers, retailers, and a few were leaders in the early food canning and packing industries. The first to arrive came from Germany and by the end of the 1800s, most were coming from eastern Europe, primarily Russia.

The turn of the century brought the first semblance of a Jewish community in central Delaware. By this

time there was a *torah* in Dover and the first *minyans* were held on Lookerman Street. Their numbers were bolstered by a small but growing Jewish population in Milford. The first Jewish farmers began arriving at the same time and the Jewish population in town and in the country grew steadily following WW I.

By the early 1930s, the Dover Jewish community had still not officially organized. A young woman who had been instrumental in bringing people together, Bessie Nurock, met an untimely death in 1932. While sitting *shiva*, her close female friends and family vowed to continue to promote community activities in her memory. They called themselves the Bessie Nurock Sisterhood.

With the arrival of the Rudnick family to a farm south of Dover in 1936, community activity got a major boost. The Bessie Nurock group joined forces with the farm women under the leadership of Fannie Rudnick and organized the Jewish

Women's Social Club. While it was officially a women's group, the husbands had been organizing at the same time. Together, they arranged classes to teach children Hebrew, they brought *schochets* in on the train and hired rabbis to lead services in rented buildings for the High Holy Days and other special occasions.

In early 1939, the Jewish Congregation of Lower Delaware was incorporated. The Dover Jewish community seemed poised at this point to establish a synagogue and hire a rabbi but WW II interfered. By the time the community regrouped after the war, there were a few changes. Fewer Jews were found on the farm, new industries were attracting new people to Dover and the Jewish population in town was growing.

In a short time, the congregation was ready to buy land for construction of a synagogue and community building. Property was purchased in

1946 but was soon sold, purportedly because of anti-Semitic neighbors. In 1947, the men's and women's groups reorganized and formally joined forces. The congregation was now known as Beth Shalom Community Center, Inc., and the women's club became the Sisterhood. In 1948, a small church on what is now Route 8 came on the market and \$10,000 was raised for its purchase. The building was in the new congregation's hands late in 1948 and it was renovated and formally dedicated in December of 1949.

The Dover Jewish community soon outgrew its small home and the present synagogue at Queen and Clara streets was constructed in the early 1960s. At the same time, the name was changed to Congregation Beth Shalom. And ... the rest is history. Whether or not we agree on the official starting date, it's a proud history that we have to celebrate.

Pre-School Class in Dover

The JCC Children's Center Pre-School will open a Shabbat Shalom Class at Beth Shalom in Dover beginning September 1998. This class will offer a Judaic pre-school experience for two, three and four year olds. The class will meet on Fridays from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon at the Dover Synagogue. The cost will be \$520.00 per year.

This program was made possible by support from the Jewish Federation of Delaware. For more information or to register, contact Susan Gentry, JCC Children's Center Director, at (302) 478-5660.

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RAE GOLDENBERG

Rae Goldenberg, 88, of Claymont, died Tuesday in Manor Care Health Services at Wilmington, Brandywine Hundred. Mrs. Goldenberg was a meat clerk at the Food Fair store in Graylyn Crest for more than 20 years, retiring in 1975. She was a member of Congregation Beth Emeth and its Sisterhood, and

Deborah Heart and Lung Foundation and B'nai B'rith Women. She was a life member of Hadassah, the Kutz Home Auxiliary and the Pioneer Women. Her husband, Philip Goldenberg, died in 1953.

Hills, Calif., and Charles Goldman of Los Angeles; sisters, Claire Moskowitz of Cherry Hill, N.J., and Sybil Weisbord and Miriam Faye, both of Philadelphia; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Survivors include a daughter, Alene Groll of Northfield; brothers, Samuel Goldman of Beverly

Contributions may be made to Congregation Beth Emeth, Wilmington, 19802, or charity.

ARNOLD LIEBERMAN

Arnold Lieberman, 66, of Claymont, died Thursday, in the Kutz Home, Bellefonte. Mr. Lieberman was executive director for Jewish Family Service for 19 years, retiring in 1996. As executive director, he served on

numerous boards and committees, including the Mental Health Association in Delaware and the Interagency Coordinating Council. Previously he was executive director of Family Counseling Service of Palm Springs, Calif.

Lieberman; son, Jeff Lieberman of Newark; daughter, Judi Lieberman at home.

Contributions may be made to Jewish Family Service, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington 19803.

FRED STUZIN

Fred Stuzin, 82, of Marsh Road, Brandywine Hundred, died Tuesday in Forwood Manor.

retiring in 1986 after 35 years. He was a member of the Jewish War Veterans, B'nai B'rith and Parkinson's Disease Foundation. His wife, Bertha Stuzin, died in 1995.

Nancy A. Sandell of Brandywine Hundred, and Andrea Popofsky of New York City; two grandchildren.

Contributions may be made to B'nai B'rith or Parkinson's Foundation.

ALLEN J. FREID

Allen J. Freid, 53, of McDaniel Crest, Wilmington, died Monday at home.

the University of Delaware and earned a law degree from Temple University. He was a member of Mensa.

er, Manley Freid of Encino, Calif.

Contributions may be made to Deborah Heart and Lung Foundation, c/o Mary Weinstein, 8502 Society Drive, Claymont 19703.

HOWARD LEE BLOOM

Howard Lee Blue, 55, of Delanco, NJ, died Sunday, June 28.

Company. Survivors include a daughter, Jennafer Dana Bloom, Downingtown, PA; son, Jeremy Michael Bloom, Frazer, PA, an aunt Rose Rubenstein, of Riddle,

PA; and a friend, Debbie Tousant, Delanco, NJ.

Contributions may be made to Heritage Hospice, 133 G. Gather Drive, Mt. laurel, NJ 08054.

Building Community

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While the job has been hard, the rewards have been great. I have had the opportunity to learn about Judaism, learn about the Jewish people and learn about myself. I have had the opportunity to work with wonderful people, both staff and lay, people I now call friends. I

personally benefited from the very sense of community I worked so hard to build. I urge each of you, as I did two years ago, to become involved. Enrich our community and enrich yourselves. When all is said and done it is the individuals I have worked with and the community we build that makes it all worthwhile.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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JULY

FRIDAY 17

Congregation Beth Shalom Shabbat Under the Stars at the JCC Campsite, 6 p.m. Bring your pareve or dairy dinner. Services 7:30 p.m. In case of rain, family services at Congregation Beth Shalom at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 654-4462.

The Art of Storytelling Ed Okonowicz will join us at the JCC Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. to share his stories of Brandywine Valley to the Bay. There is no charge for this program which is being sponsored by the Delaware Humanities Forum. For more information, contact Wendi Weingartner at (302) 478-5660.

SATURDAY 18

The Seaside Jewish Community, Rehoboth, DE, proudly presents Rabbi Margie Jacobs who will begin our evening at 7 p.m. with the Havdala Service, followed by a presentation titled: Jewish Women When We Had No Rights, And Where We Are Now. A bagel buffet will follow. Members: \$10; non-members: \$14. Reservations a must. For more information, call Lenora Cohen, 645-0183 or Lynne Chichi, 644-2209.

MONDAY 20

NCJW Family Picnic and Pool Party, (rain date: Tuesday, July 21). 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at JCC Pool, Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington. Adults: \$5; Children: \$3 (children under 3 free); Family: \$15. For information or to RSVP, please call Robin Saren at (610) 300-9520.

WEDNESDAY 22

Candlelight Dinner Program. Sponsored by the JCC Senior Center, featuring entertainment by "The Banjo Dusters." A delicious dinner will be served beginning at 6 p.m. followed by the performance. Transportation is available and a \$5 dinner donation is requested. For reservations or more information contact Wendi Weingartner, Senior Adult Director at (302) 478-5660.

SUNDAY 26

"Home Barbecue" 5-8 p.m. Rachel Oren's home, 625 Kilburn Road, Tel: 478-1589. Traveling south on Rt. 202, turn right onto Mt. Lebanon Road, immediately after the new Boston Market restaurant. Take the second right turn onto Burnley and turn left onto Kilburn. 625 is the second house on the right. Rachel will purchase kosher meat (to which we

will each contribute a few dollars) and each of us will bring a small side dish. Please call Rachel with your RSVP.

WEDNESDAY 29

Learn the Art of Massage. The Fitness Center of the JCC will be offering a free clinic on massage techniques for anyone interested in learning more about this healing art form. 7 p.m. in the lounge area of the Fitness Center. For more information or to register, call Jay O'Neill, Fitness Center Head Trainer at (302) 478-5660.

Free Partner Massage Clinic. The JCC Fitness Center will hold a special Partner Massage Clinic at 7:30 p.m. This program will instruct participants in the basic techniques of partner massage. There is no charge for JCC members and any partners they bring. Massage oils will be provided. The clinic will be held in the Fitness Center Lobby and will be led by Head Trainer Jay O'Neill. For more information or to register, contact the Fitness Center Control Desk at (302) 478-5660.

SUNDAY 30

"Antiquing." 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Please call 529-7730 if you want to join us. We will meet at the JCC and consolidate into a few cars. Maurice Linett has organized a caravan afternoon "antique shopping" and lunch out in the Reading, PA, area.

MONDAY 31

Congregation Beth Shalom Shabbat Services, 8 p.m. Welcome Rabbi Daniel J. Satlow, Oneg Shabbat to follow services.

AUGUST

SATURDAY 1

Congregation Beth Shalom. Shabbat Services, 9:30 a.m. Welcome Rabbi Daniel J. Satlow, Kiddush following services.

Congregation Beth Shalom, Havdallah Services followed by Tishe' Ah B'Av Services, 8:45 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 5

Podolsky Lunch & Learn Series. Sargent Rick Dennis will be joining us at the JCC at 10:30 a.m. for an informative discussion on telemarketing fraud. A question and answer session will follow. A lunch donation is requested and advance reservations are required. For more information, contact Wendi Weingartner, Senior Adult Director, at (302) 478-5660.

Family Court mandated education course for parents who are separating or divorcing. By developing awareness and strategies that help parents and children cope, each parent can continue to play a vital role in their children's lives. The class is offered for two evenings every month at the JCC in North Wilmington. The fee is based on a sliding scale. Anyone is welcome. Contact Lauren Pokras for registration, (302) 478-9411.

THURSDAY 6

Three Little Bakers Dinner Theater. The JCC Senior Center will be hosting a trip to see "Singin' in the Rain." A kosher-style lunch buffet will be served followed by the performance. The bus will depart from the JCC at 11 a.m. The cost is \$29.50 per person and includes transportation. For reservations, contact Wendi Weingartner at (302) 478-5660.

SUNDAY 9

Congregation Beth Shalom softball game and picnic at the JCC Campsite, 4 p.m. Please call the office for details, 654-4462.

TUESDAY 11

Nicholas & Alexandra Exhibition. The JCC Senior Center will be hosting a trip to see this incredible exhibit. Bus will depart from the JCC at 9:30 a.m. Participants will enjoy a self-guided audio tour of the exhibit. The cost is \$12.50 per person and transportation is included. For more information or reservations, contact Wendi Weingartner, Senior Adult Director, at (302) 478-5660.

WEDNESDAY 12

Candlelight Dinner Program, sponsored by the JCC Senior Center. Special Hawaiian Luau Candlelight Dinner, dine and swim in true Hawaiian style with lots of music and fun. Transportation is available and a \$5 dinner donation is requested. For reservations or more information, contact Wendi Weingartner, Senior Adult Director, at (302) 478-5660.

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SEPTEMBER

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MONDAY 14

Hadassah and JCRC Candidates' Forum 7:30 p.m. at the JCC. For more information call the Jewish Community Relations Committee at 427-2100.

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ONGOING

Meet the Physical Therapist. Bob Catalano from Rehabilitation Consultants will be available every Wednesday at 12:00 noon in the JCC Fitness Center. For more information, call Suzanne Rodriguez, Fitness Center Coordinator at (302) 478-5660.

Young Jewish Singles of Delaware 20's and 30's. Weekly volleyball and dinner sampler after. For more information or to be put on our group's mailing list, call Phil Gross at (302) 652-6688.

Jewish Heritage Video Collection. For more information, call Ella Zukoff at (302) 478-5660.

The Brandywine Chapter of Women's American ORT, Zany Brainy and The Learning Express will sponsor ORT's fifth reading contest until July 31st. The contest is open to all students from preschool through 6th grade. A completer's prize package will be awarded to all students completing at least one book. Trophies, gift

certificates and random prizes will be awarded to those who raise more than \$85 in donations. Children will be asked to solicit sponsors, with proceeds going to ORT's School Operations USA, The JCC Children's Center Library, and Albert Einstein Academy's Library. Registration forms are available at the JCC's front desk starting June 6th. Supporting this year's contest are the St. Francis Hospital Radiology Department, Zany Brainy, TCBY, and The Learning Express. For more information contact Dorothy Bobman at (610) 388-8515.

Gratz College will offer courses and lectures at the Atlantic shore from June 16 to July 9, at Congregation Beth Judah in Ventnor. Morning courses are 9:30-11:30 a.m. and lectures are 8:00-9:30 p.m. For each three-session course with attendant lecture cost is \$25 for adults and \$18 for seniors and students. Lectures alone are \$7.50 for adults and \$5.00 for seniors and adults. For information and reservations contact Ethel Levinson at Beth Judah, 609-7116, or Sandi Rosen at Gratz College, (215) 635-7300.

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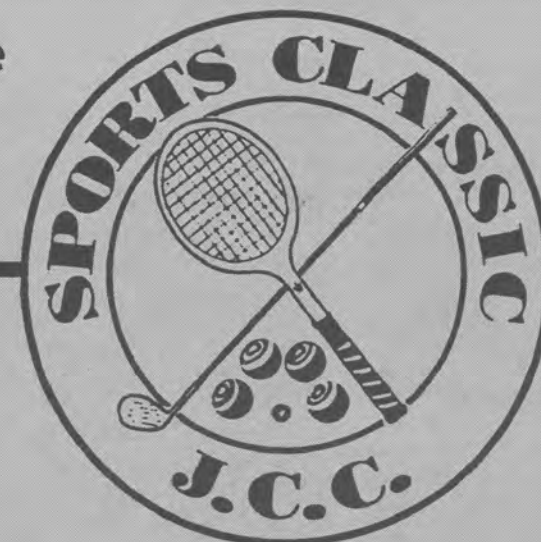
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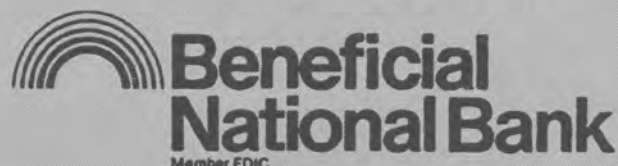
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