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A Trip of a Lifetime



Adam Turetsky (left) and friends in Caesarea.

By Adam Turetsky
UD Student

This past winter break, I can honestly say I had one of the most powerful experiences of my life. Last semester, I was chosen among a group of college leaders to participate in the United Jewish Communities Contemporary Jewish Affairs Institute sponsored by the University Programs Department. This trip would take us first to Prague for four days and then on to Israel for the remaining six days.

On a cold day in December, I boarded a plane to Prague along with 120 other college

students from around the country. The next morning we arrived and immediately started touring the city and learning about the ancient Jewish community. Prague is a unique city in that it was the only city not touched by the war. There are no skyscrapers and very little in the way of modern architecture. However, I was really intrigued by the beauty of this place, with the large castles and cathedrals abounding the city landscape.

During the final day of our time in Prague, we were taken north to Terezin, home to one of the major ghettos of the Holocaust. We were lead into a small room where two elderly people stood. These

people were Pavlov Straski and Ms. Levinska, survivors of the Holocaust, who spent the beginning of their horrific experiences in Terezin. As I listened to the powerful stories of these two amazingly strong people, feelings of emotion overcame me. This moment was real to me. It was no longer something that I read about in a History book or learned about in Hebrew School. I really had great admiration for these people who lost everything, including their families. I was moved by their perseverance. These individuals are examples of the real strength of the Jewish people.

As we finished our Prague portion of the trip, the mood transitioned from complete sadness to jubilation as we boarded our flight to Israel. I had the most amazing feeling as I looked out the window of the plane and realized we were no longer over the Mediterranean, but rather over the Holy Land. Those who have been to Israel before can remember the experience of landing in Israel. The plane touches down at Ben Gurion International Airport as Hebrew music flows throughout the cabin. I could not believe I was actually in the land I had always dreamed about, and it was more beautiful than I had ever expected.

We spent one day in Tel Aviv where we saw a Kibbutz built by Terezin survivors. Again, the strength of our people prevailed as these individuals moved from the Czech Republic to Israel to build this beautiful Kibbutz despite their adversity. The rest of the time in Tel Aviv was spent touring the Diaspora Museum and doing the traditional stroll down the boardwalk that glides along the Mediterranean.

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The First Delaware Birthright Group Returns From Israel

By Rabbi Michael Snyderman

Initially there was some question as to whether Birthright Israel was an efficient use of Jewish communal funds. Having just returned from Israel, I can tell you from first hand observation, that the trips were miraculous.

A group of Delaware students participated in one of the first birthright trips and they are already home. The students had a very intense two-week experience in Israel. The trip combined adventure travel, community service projects, and contact with Israeli peers.

I flew in for my students B'nai Mitzvot celebrations and to help with the final educational retreat. The B'nai Mitzvot speeches moved me to tears. Meeting with Natan Sharansky was also a trip highlight. He is such a humble, self-effacing man, who stands in direct contrast with the American politicians that I have met.

William Gewanter, a member of the University of Delaware Class of 2002 participated in this JHP program. He was moved to write the following to share with Jewish Voice readers:

What I am about to tell you is not a fantasy, nor is it a fairy tale. Rather, I am about to tell you about a dream come true

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"Inspiration"

By Matthew Blackstone
UD Student

"This is the story of a people which was scattered over all the world and yet remained a single family; a nation which time and again was doomed to destruction and yet, out of ruins, rose to new life"-Abba Kovner

This quote, mounted on the walls of the Jewish Diaspora Museum at Tel Aviv University, seemed to encompass the lessons I recently learned from my fellow Jewish people while in Israel.

Few doubt the magic of Eretz Israel. Some are struck by the overlap between past and present; many are overwhelmed by the land's divine presence; while others are touched by the sheer will of the Jews. Last month, I found myself torn by many emotions while utterly under the spell of this ancient land. Moreover, I was inspired by the proof that the United Jewish Communities'

effort does in fact make a difference.

My UJC journey began in Prague, Czech Republic, where alongside a diverse group of 100 university students, studying anywhere from Yale, Brown, and MIT to the College of New Jersey, I embarked on an adventure that opened my eyes—helping me to understand my past – my heritage – my pride.

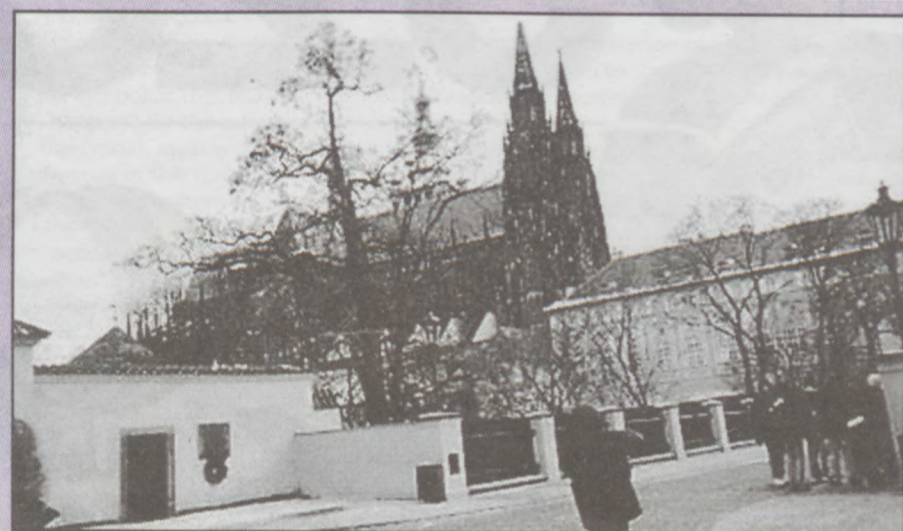
After setting down in bitter cold Prague, where we were to spend our first three days exploring the Jewish people's survival, we were greeted by our remarkable "scholar-in-residence," Paul Liptz. After hearing the first of his many inspiring lectures on the trials of the Jewish people, I began to sense the significance of what lay ahead of me. Containing accents from nearly half a dozen dialects, Paul's voice was filled with urgency as he explained why our commitment was so desperately needed.

We first explored the roots of the local

synagogues, toured the "jaw-droppingly" compact Jewish cemetery (five to ten tombstones stacked on top of one another), and examined the deception of the concentration camp of Theresenstadt (Terezin). Many people fail to recognize the fact that the Nazi's literally deceived the public's eye. Terezin was Nazi proof that

"Hitler treated his Jews well." Our final glance of Terezin was at the crematoria, where we shared one of many touching moments of camaraderie. Some students cried as we entered the remnants of a crematorium and placed candles on its hideous remains. Nevertheless, our emotions

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Mission participants were dazzled by the beautiful architecture of Prague

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Albert Einstein Academy Celebrates 30 Years At Gala



Toni Young



Stuart Young

By Debbie Nachlis

The community is invited to celebrate Albert Einstein Academy's 30th anniversary by during the day school's gala dinner dance. "An Evening of Enchantment & Memories" will be staged on Saturday, April 1, 7:30 p.m. at Winterthur. The highlight of the evening will be the recognition of three of AEA's staunchest supporters, Toni and Stuart B. Young and Sarita Gross.

Albert Einstein Academy will present its Community Builder Award to Toni and Stuart B. Young for their extensive community activities and their commitment to a universal approach without regard to racial and religious differences.

Toni, a past president of The Jewish Federation of Delaware is an author and an historian. She also served as president of the Milton and Hattie Kutz Foundation, The Grand Opera House and the Jewish Historical Society of Delaware. In 1998, she received the Annual Award of the Delaware Region National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Stuart, a partner with the law

firm Young Conway Stargatt and Taylor, LLP, is a past president of the Delaware Art Museum and is a past chairman of the Delaware State Arts Council. He also serves on the Board of Overseers for the Delaware College of Art and Design and is active in such communal organizations as the Jewish Federation of Delaware and the Jewish Community Center.

Together, they chaired the Delaware Jewish Community's first Operation Exodus Campaign and helped to create the Rabbi Kraft Education Foundation. They have both devoted themselves to securing a wonderful future for the children of our community.

The same evening, Albert Einstein Academy will proudly induct Sarita Gross as its first Lifetime Trustee in recognition of her long time commitment to the Academy. Sarita is an educator and a lifelong student. She was instrumental in obtaining a permanent home for AEA at the Jewish Community Center in 1977 and served as a four-term president of the Albert Einstein Academy. A current resident of Israel, Ms. Gross continues to be a passionate

advocate and champion of the school.

Albert Einstein Academy (AEA), founded in 1970, is the only Jewish day school serving the State of Delaware and the surrounding Brandywine Valley. Its 122 students in transitional kindergarten through 6th grade receive a thorough knowledge of and respect for Jewish traditions and values. At the same time, it provides a strong general education integrating a worldview and emphasizing community wide, inter-religious and international perspectives.

The school is located on the campus of the Jewish Community Center in North Wilmington and draws its students not only from the greater Wilmington, Newark and Hockessin areas but also from Pennsylvania communities, such as Chadds Ford and West Chester. The school features a complete computer center, an expanding library, large sports fields, a swimming pool and auditorium.

AEA boasts a small student/staff ratio, allowing students to work closely with certified, experienced teachers. The school is fully accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and is affiliated with the University of Pennsylvania Curriculum Development.

Marvin and Linda Schoenhals and Irving and Charlotte Shapiro are chairing the Tribute event. In addition, Dr. Deborah Kahn and Sheri Hart serve as Co-Chairs of the Gala dinner dance.

For more information or to make a reservation, contact, Debbie Nachlis, AEA Director of Development at 478-5026.

Making The Workplace More Spiritual

Rabbi Myriam Klotz, staff rabbi for the Kimmel-Spiller Jewish Healing Center of Jewish Family Service of Delaware, will be the keynote speaker for the March 8th program of the Jewish Communal Professionals Association of the Delaware Valley. The program begins at 8:45 a.m. at the Jewish Community Center of Delaware, 101 Garden of Eden Road, North Wilmington.

Rabbi Klotz speaks nationally on the topic of Jewish healing and spirituality. She is the author of "Myriam's Well: Thoughts on Jewish Healing"-a monthly feature of the Jewish Voice. She is a member of Shabbat Unplugged!, an ensemble providing creative musical Shabbat experiences.

Reservations are \$3 for JCPA members, \$5 for non-members. Students and retirees may attend for free.

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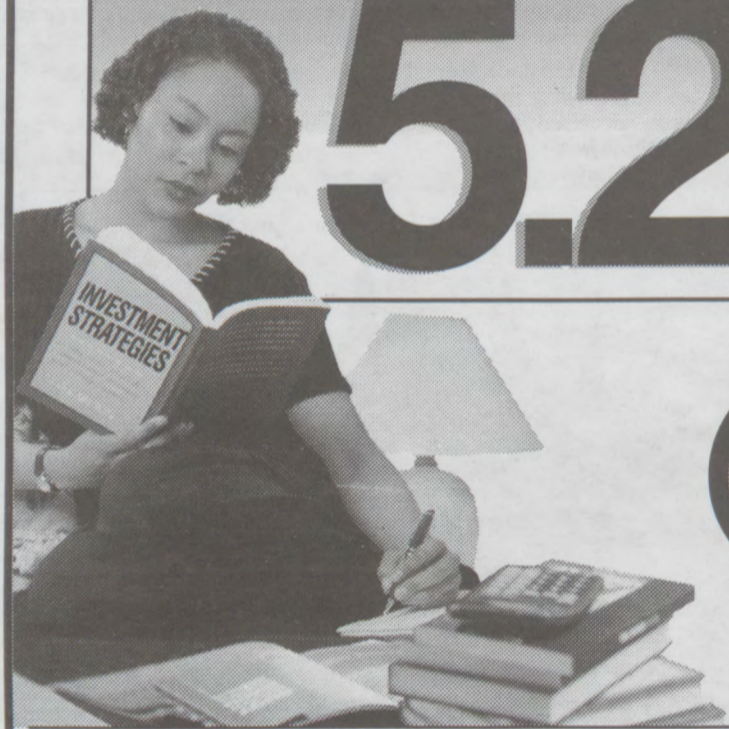
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EDITORIALS

Jews Are Global Citizens The Power Of Public Opinion?

Travel is mind altering. It changes the way we define ourselves. When we expand our horizons beyond the borders of our homes, our schools, our synagogues, our communities-we discover our connectedness with the world at large.

Having traveled to our Jewish homeland in November with Mission 2000, I feel connected to the young people who so eloquently express their Israeli adventures in this edition of the Jewish Voice. I share their sense of pride in the historic partnership between the Jews of the Diaspora and our Jewish State and understand their desire to enhance their commitment to the Jewish community.

They now know the power of Jews to transform the lives of their people. For one must view as miraculous a land as Israel to know that Jews can make miracles happen in the lives of their fellow Jews.

Make sure that you don't miss the stories shared by participants in the recent *Panim el Panim* trip to Washington. These high school students have a new appreciation of the American political process and a greater understanding of how their involvement in social and political issues puts core Jewish values like *tzedakah* and *tikkun olam* into action.

Read their stories and let their experiences inspire you to make travel arrangements. There are still a few slots available on Federation's Mission to Washington on Tuesday, March 14th. Call Rhonda Falk at 427-2100, ext. 16 to make your reservations. Rhonda can also help you find an Israel experience that is right for you.

Shabbat Shalom,
Lynn Edelman

On Monday evening, Jorg Haider, the controversial head of Austria's far-right Freedom Party, announced his resignation. Haider, whose parents were Nazi sympathizers, denied that he was stepping down because of public pressure. He maintained that he was overwhelmed by doing "double duty" as Party head and as governor of Austria's southern state of Carinthia.

Many political analysts believe that Haider's motives are far from altruistic. In the short term, Haider may be deflecting the outpouring of outrage leveled at the new coalition while setting himself up for a future shot as the nation's chancellor.

Yet despite Haider's turning over the reins of Party leadership to aide Susanne

Riess-Passer, most foreign leaders remain steadfast in their opposition to Austria's new regime. "The problem is not Jorg Haider, but what his party represents," said Anotonio Guterres, the prime minister of Portugal and current president of the European Union.

Indeed, Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy will not return its ambassador to Vienna and the United States will continue to monitor developments as long as the Freedom Party remains a part of the Austrian regime.

The world maintains a close watch on Austria, looking for any signs-however subtle-of sympathy with Nazi-era policies of anti-Semitism and xenophobia.

We'll gladly lend our eyes and ears to this effort!

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In the February 4 issue of the Jewish Voice, we were advised by your cultural arts critic, Paula Shulak, **not** to see the Tony Award winning play, "The Last Night of Ballyhoo" by Alfred Uhry. Fortunately, my husband and I disregarded her advice and saw this wonderful play at the Walnut Street Theatre in Philadelphia. Not only was this play an accurate portrayal of Jewish life in the south, but it was performed by an outstanding cast of actors. Ms. Shulak says she was "distressed at the use of Sephardic Hebrew in the last scene when the players say: *Shabbat Shalom*." She claims that the

pronunciation of Hebrew was never Sephardic until 10 years after Israel became a State in 1948. As a matter of fact, since the beginning of the 20th century, Jewish pioneers spoke Sephardic Hebrew. At the turn of the century, Eliezer Ben Yehuda, the father of modern spoken Hebrew, influenced the switch to the Sephardic pronunciation as the norm for the people living in what was then called Palestine.

These facts can be found in the Penguin Book of Hebrew Verse edited by T. Carmi.

Sincerely,
Faith Brown

PARSHA PLACE

Week of March 4

Vayakhel

Exodus 35:1-38:20

How Many Jews Does It Take?

By Tzvi Freeman

There is a man who lives in your area. He works hard. He loves his family. He is good to his neighbors. He goes to synagogue-gives tzedakah-never indulges in malicious gossip-wouldn't cheat. Your life savings could sit on his kitchen table untouched forever.

What do people say about him?

"He is a remarkable person." "What a gem." We all look up to him.

This is really a shame because we have described someone not extraordinary in his commitment to good, but just a person who does what we all should do. Why is this seen as exemplary and heroic? Is everyone else depraved by comparison? This week's portion, Vayakhel, describes Moses calling together the Jews to build the Sanctuary. Note the type of phrase that appears over and over:

Moses assembled all the congregation
And they came, every one whose heart stirred
And they came, both men and women
And every man
And all the women

Repeatedly, it emphasizes the participation of the entire nation of Israel. Does this mean that all came with joy in their hearts, with equal dedication to the task? Not necessarily. But it does symbolize that the construction of a moral community requires everyone. How does that happen? By the influence of others.

The Jewish view is that we all want to do the right thing. The spark of goodness inside us urges us in this direction. But the material world can pull against it. And so we need to create an atmosphere in which it is more difficult for others to answer the evil inclination.

Like the man described above, each of us can be the mirror in which people see their own actions, the model for comparison. And then, soul by soul, we will draw "all the congregation" to build the sanctuary.

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From Israel With Love: The Arad String Ensemble Comes To Delaware

By Lynn Edelman

Classical music fans are in for a treat next month as Israel's Arad String Ensemble makes their first United States appearance. On Tuesday, April 11, 7:30 p.m., this talented troupe of 13 young people, ages 10 through 17, and two adults will perform at the Wilmington Music School.

These young musicians, many of whom are emigres from the Former Soviet Union, are traveling to America under the sponsorship of the Jewish Federation of Delaware and the 11 New Jersey Federations who are partnered with Arad through a unique United Jewish Communities program. Partnership 2000 builds strong ties between Diaspora Jews and the people of Israel. Through an infusion of both cash and volunteer manpower, the program develops this city of 26,000 on the edge of the Judean and Negev deserts helping it to bloom with exotic flowers, lush fruits and vegetables. Arad is home to Kibbutz

Ein Gedi, an official Botanical Garden of the State of Israel.

It is also home to the Conservatory of Arad, a music school that has nurtured and developed these Ensemble performers. Founded in 1974, the Conservatory offers instrumental lessons, music theory, chamber music and orchestral studies to some 200 students, ages five through 18. In addition to the String Ensemble, students may perform in a number of chamber music, concert band or recorder groups. Community adults are encouraged to participate in the Conservatory's classical choir which meets once each week.

The seeds for the Ensemble's trip to Delaware were sown last summer during Delaware Governor Tom Carper's Economic, Trade and Cultural Mission to Israel. Toni Young, chair of JFD's Partnership 2000 Committee, participated on the mission, along with Peggy Amsterdam, director of the

Delaware Division of the Arts and Harvey Price, a percussionist at the University of Delaware. There, they will attend a master class with Dr. Hekwun Wu and David Myford and will play with the University orchestra. The young people will spend time on campus with Hillel students who traveled to Israel in January through the Birthright program and will renew their friendships with U of D percussion students who will visit Arad later this month.

Students at Albert Einstein Academy look forward to the Israelis' visit to their school and the opportunity to converse in Hebrew with native speakers. AEA hopes to expand upon the friendships they have forged through letters exchanged with their Arad pen-pals and are excited by the opportunity to learn first-hand about life in the Jewish homeland.

Tickets for the Arad String Ensemble concert are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and

senior citizens. To order, please contact the Jewish Federation of Delaware, 100 West 10th Street,

Suite 301, Wilmington, DE 19801. For additional information, call 427-2100.



Arad String Ensemble coming to Delaware.

"Good Will"

By Rachel A. Gross, Esq.,
Endowment Director

We all like people of good will. That's because they are positive, generous and enjoyable to be around. They tend to be cheerful and optimistic. People of good will make life more enjoyable for others.

The term "good will" also applies to businesses and organizations. This intangible

asset adds value to the more measurable aspects of facilities, products, programs and personnel. A business with good will enjoys a positive presence in the community.

The same is true of nonprofit organizations like the Jewish Federation of Delaware and its beneficiary agencies. We have learned that a positive reputation goes a long way toward attracting volunteerism and financial support. We want to expand our good will as far and wide as we can.

"Good will" can also apply to estate planning. We express our good will through a good will. And a good will is a whole lot better than a careless or faulty will. Or even no will at all.

Here is a list of items a good will can accomplish. Does your will do these things?

- Name personal representative.
- Possibly reduce or eliminate estate taxes.
- Establish family trusts and name trustees.
- Name guardian(s) for minor children.
- Designate who will receive personal items.
- Make charitable bequests.
- Care for special family needs.

By creating good wills, we create good will among those we honor through our wills. They will remember us for our foresight, generosity and thoughtfulness.

An ineffective, out-of-date will is, of course, a bad will. And such a will can create bad will among others, especially family members. It's far better to take the time and make sure a good will is in place.

As a person of good will, you will want a good will. Perhaps, for you, this means calling an attorney today to establish an appointment to prepare a will or to revise an existing will.

If you would like further information about wills and estate-planning, use the handy form below. Or call the Jewish Fund for the Future's director, Rachel A. Gross, at 302-427-2100.

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Rachel A. Gross

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Mission participants will have an opportunity to make a voluntary gift to the 2000 Annual Campaign.

PANIM EL PANIM

Local Teens Go Face To Face With Washington Policymakers



Delaware teens travel to our nation's capital.

Fifteen Delaware high school students left the JCC last month for Washington, D.C. These future leaders of the Jewish community immersed themselves in four days of intensive workshops and seminars designed to give them the knowledge and skills they'll need to make a difference in our Jewish world.

Panim el Panim challenges Jewish teens, teaching them how to implement such basic Jewish values as *tzedakah* and *tikkun olam* through active involvement in social and political issues.

The young people heard diverse viewpoints from speakers on such critical issues as "Human Rights," "The Environment" and "World Poverty" and explored the Jewish perspectives on these subjects.

Rabbi Sidney Schwartz, president of "The Washington Institute for Leadership and Values and creator of the *Panim el Panim* program, gave the keynote address on "Jews in the Political Process." He talked with students about the need to be mindful of Jewish values while exerting their influence on the political process. Students also heard from Guy Ziv of the Israel Policy Forum who discussed the unique relationship between the United States and

Israel.

While in Washington, the young people toured various museums and monuments including the United States Holocaust Museum. Students then visited with area legislators to express their views on the issues discussed during the seminars.

The Delaware delegation, accompanied by Robyn Schwartz, community teen coordinator, gave the experience high marks. "I gained more appreciation for different political causes and organizations," said Paula Bernhardt.

Emily Cohen believes that she "learned the necessary skills to become politically involved."

Other Delawareans included Yana Avdeeva, (who shares her unique perspective as a visitor from the former Soviet Union in the box on page 12), Robyn Gelman, Aileen Heiman, Andrew Kaufmann, Anika Mamberg, Daniel McVicker, Judah Milunsky, Carolyn Roth, Jessica Schultz, Ron Wallach, Michael Weinberg, Alison Witkin and Annia Yampolsky.

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The First Delaware Birthright Group Returns From Israel

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for some, and for others, a welcoming home. On December 22, 1999 at 1:20 p.m., 53 student interns, 7 staff members, and 3 Rabbi's from the Jewish Heritage Program took off from JFK International Airport, heading towards their destination - Israel. The flight was going to be a long and grueling 10 hours, but the experience was going to last a lifetime.

The trip itself was 14 days long, starting on December 22, 1999 and ending on January 4, 2000. During the time, the group visited many landmarks such as the Golan Heights, Kotel (Western Wall), and the Holocaust Museum Vad Hashem. Traveling through cities such as Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, and Tsfat, JHP became familiarized with

both the economic, political, and physical aspects of the country of Israel. With visits to Ein Gedi, the Dead Sea, Independence Hall, and hiking Massadah, the students listened to their tour guides with widened eyes, for they were starting to realize the truth of where they really were - home.

The 1999-2000 Jewish Heritage Program Israel Excursion, as amazing as it was, could not have possibly occurred without its funding, from Birthright Israel. It was founded only 2 years ago, by Michael Steinhardt and Charles Bronfman. As part of their ultimate goal, Birthright Israel is paying for 6,000 Jewish students between the ages of 18-26 who have never been to Israel, to go to Israel in search of the 'Jewish' experience, ultimately trying to bring something

back with them to the United States. It was here, that the Jewish Heritage Program, only the second of the many Birthright groups to go, obtained the experience that will surely last a lifetime.

The Jewish Heritage Program, now reaches out to 11 different campuses primarily in the eastern half of the country. They have been organizing this trip for months and months. Rachel Gordon, UD '98 who is now on JHP staff actually planned our itinerary.

JHP was originally designed and implemented by Rabbi Menachem Schmidt, a Chabad Rabbi, and has been growing in size ever since its start in 1994. One of the movers behind Birthright, Michael Steinhardt is also the founding benefactor of JHP.

Currently, JHP is established at University of Pennsylvania, New York University, SUNY at Binghamton, Bryn Mawr College, Haverford College, University of Pittsburgh, Swarthmore College, Temple University, Drexel University, West Chester University, the University of Delaware, and the University of Virginia. Among its many goals, the Jewish Heritage Program primarily was established to help promote a stronger and more predominant Jewish life on campus. Through various activities and events, including co-sponsored Shabbos dinners every week at the Chabad houses, students have an efficient method of meeting other Jews on campus and strengthening the foundation of Judaism in their lives.

As a member of JHP, and one of the many lucky students that had the opportunity of going on this trip, I will attempt to introduce you

to the feelings that engulfed us. First, let me lay out a comparison. At age 20, I attend the University of Delaware and study Accounting. At age 20, an Israeli is serving his second year in the Israeli Defense Force. Here alone, my fellow students and I arose to a wake up call. There are thousands of Israeli men and women, who are serving in their country's Defense Force, to protect a country that was created as a Jewish State, as a homeland for any Jew anywhere in the world to come to. Each and every place that I visited, brought me one step closer to what I feel it means to be Jewish. I have one wish for everyone who is Jewish. It is that every Jew around the world obtains the opportunity to go to visit our Jewish homeland. Part of who we all are is what came before us. Therefore, who we are today will help define what will be in the future.

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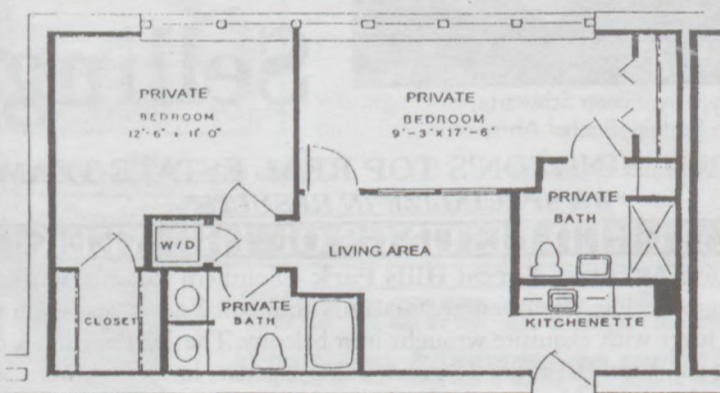
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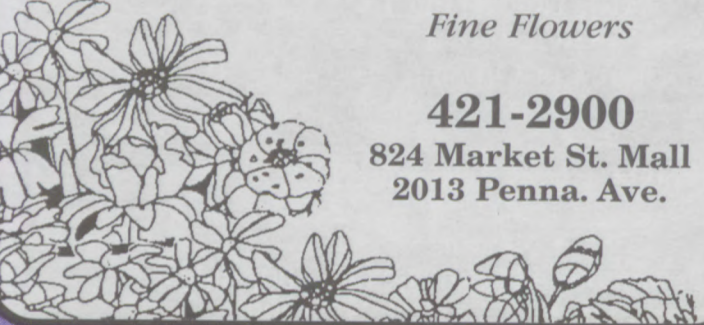
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"Through the years, Chabad's shindig has earned the reputation as the place to celebrate Purim," said Rabbi Chuni Vogel adding that "Purim is the time when we can create joyous Jewish memories that last a lifetime!"

Only pre-paid reservations are guaranteed due to yearly sellouts, and should be mailed to Chabad at 1811 Silverside Rd., Wilmington, DE 19810. Adults tickets are \$16 per person and \$8 per person for children under the age of 11.

For those not able to make it to services on Tuesday morning, Chabad will hold a downtown Megillah reading at the law offices of Wolf Block, One Rodney Square, 3rd Fl. at 12:30 pm.

Volunteers will again distribute hundreds of Shlach Manot to students, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, the Kutz Home and prisons, to share the Purim spirit with others.

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Beth Emeth Plans Grand Outing

The Special Events Committee of Congregation Beth Emeth has scheduled a family outing. Join the synagogue on Sunday, April 16th for a trip to Wilmington's Grand Opera House for a performance of the Stars of the Shanghai Acrobatic Theatre. The troupe includes contortionists, plate spinners, and traditional Dragon Dancers in a circus tradition that has endured for more than 2,500 years. Imported from Mainland China, the company has performed all over the world to rave reviews.

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Enjoy viewing the performance with community members as well as light refreshments at intermission. Limited seating is available. Send for your tickets today.

AKSE Hosts Shabbat Across America

Friday night, March 31st is Shabbat Across America—a united effort by Judaism's four major movements to renew interest in the fourth of the Ten Commandments—observing a weekly day of rest.

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Healthy Cooking For Pesach

Shawna Goodman, a New York trained chef specializing in low-fat cooking and baking, will stage a Passover cooking demonstration at the JCC. This is a repeat performance for Goodman who serves as a HeartSmart teacher for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Joining Goodman will be Beth Peterson, a clinical dietician and nutritional counselor at the Albert Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia.

The cost is \$5 for JCC members and \$8 for non-members. Advance registration is required. For additional information, please call Ella Zukoff, Adult Services director, at 478-5660.

Mishloah Manot Project At Beth Shalom

Congregation Beth Shalom launches a new Purim project this spring aiming to accomplish the double mitzvah of bringing in funds for the synagogue and fulfilling the custom of Mishloah Manot (sending gifts).

The Purim committee is doing some major Hamentashen baking and putting together food and sweets baskets for each member of the congregation. Members of the congregation have the opportunity of helping to prepare these baskets as well as adding their greetings to the recipients by donating various designated amounts. Congregants at Beth Shalom hope the success of this project will make it an annual tradition.

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April Open House At Gratz

Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School invites you to its Open House at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday evening April 6, 2000.

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Teaching Certificate, as well as other certificate, credit and social opportunities.

Following a 15 minute social break, the director of Gratz's Hebrew Department will meet individually with students to evaluate their Hebrew level for appropriate language placement of

those students wishing to enroll in Hebrew classes this September.

Delaware Gratz is located in the Jewish Community Center, 101 Garden of Eden Road. Enter from the Gratz entrance on Jerusalem Circle. Our Open House will be held in Room 6 for both parents and students.

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PANIM EL PANIM

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An Experience Of A Lifetime

By Yana Avdeeva

Panim el Panim was one of the best experiences I ever had. It was a wonderful opportunity for me to learn about Jewish issues in America and also about such important problems as World Poverty, Homelessness, and the Environment. I learned about things that I never realized before. Our speakers told us about different organizations that deal with these problems and how to get involved.

But what was really great was that we learned how Jewish views and values effect the world. We discussed some current events and applied Jewish values to them. It helped me to under-

stand how much help and support the Jewish Community provides.

Besides that I learned about the Democratic System in the United States and we had a chance to talk to our state Representative. We asked him questions and what his viewpoint is on some issues. We visited Capitol Hill, Library of Congress and Supreme Court. Also we had a wonderful tour of the Washington monuments.

So Panim el Panim changed my life in many ways. First, I could share my ideas and thoughts with American Jewish teens and I learned a lot about different issues.

Now I always read newspapers that keep me informed. I found some books that make me more knowledgeable. I also shared my experience with other students and they are interested in this too.

I will try very hard to contribute to the life of the Jewish Community, so that all together we can save our world!

Yana Avdeeva, from Alchezsk, Ukraine, is in Delaware this year as a foreign exchange student. She is staying with the Cohen family and enjoys attending Gratz classes with Emily Cohen, her American "sister."

ISRAEL ADVENTURES

"Inspiration"

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we were uplifted as we all walked out of this blasphemous building and held hands, said Kaddish, and sang Hatikvah – the hope. My spine tingled as Paul encouraged us to open our eyes and see that "we had survived" – we had looked back and now we must look forward...

Departing from the crematorium in utter silence, we drove to the Charles Jordan Home for the Elderly, which is home to many survivors of the mother of deception – Terezin. We toured the facilities, where our guide displayed our "dollars at work" (it received its funding from the North American Jewish Community). We watched the survivors slowly and quite happily walk through a maze of college-aged faces. We learned of the home's development, viewed the kitchen, and left feeling much more optimistic than we had felt after departing the crematorium. The Charles Jordan home was nothing less than the result of hard work on the part of the Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), the beneficiary of the UJC. I began to realize that the numerous "Super Sundays" and other promotions /pleas for donations were not just part of their policy. Those phone calls are due to a dream—a dream that the Jewish people will join hands and help each other.

But this was only the beginning of our journey. Next stop: Eretz Israel.

As the wheels of the giant El Al aircraft touched down on the holy ground, up went those ceremonious hysterics. After taking part in all the singing and clapping that occurs even before leaving your airplane,

we departed for our first stop, Kibbutz Givat Chaim, Bet Terezin. We were immediately thrown back into the images of the Holocaust, as we heard first-hand stories from Terezin survivors who had made Aliyah. My group's speaker was survivor Hannah Greenfield. With pain and determination in her eyes she described her early days in Terezin and Auschwitz. Realizing that she could not cram her life story into a 15-minute presentation, she encouraged our small group of fifteen to purchase her book, *Fragments of Memory*, which she willingly inscribed: "Lest we forget. Hanna Greenfield. Israel '99."

This courageous woman lived up to Abba Kovner's words – she "was doomed to destruction, and yet out of ruins, rose to new life." As Leon Uris describes in *Exodus*, we left the kibbutz with "our hearts in our throats."

We then traveled to the holiest of the holy – Jerusalem, where we would celebrate the Sabbath. On that Shabbat evening, December 24th, we encountered an amazingly diverse gathering of people: Sabbath for the Jews, Christmas Eve for the Catholics, and Ramadan for the Muslims. We formed groups and prayed alongside our intelligent friend, Paul Liptz, and then ventured to the remains of the Western Wall. After saying our respects, I had an unexpected Cherry Hill reunion with Confirmation teachers and students (my younger brother Jared included). After many hugs and handshakes, I returned to our hotel, where we ate a very special Shabbat meal with local Rabbi's. To the surprise of all

our fellow Americans, we ended up dancing the hora in-between traditional Gefilte Fish and Chicken Noodle soup! We lifted our friends up on chairs, just like at Bar/Bat Mitzvah's! All in-between courses! A day of reflection was definitely needed, for we all knew that the pain of the past would return.

A few days later, we revisited the Holocaust once again at Yad Vashem (Israel's holocaust memorial), where the pictures enraged me. I was particularly touched by the children's memorial, whose ingenious use of mirrors, powerfully displays one-and-a-half-million burning candles, symbolizing the number of children who perished in the Holocaust. Inside this small room, I was engulfed by the sheer number of flames. Even for only a minute or two, civilization is put on pause – shock and confusion send the mind to a planet far from the one we are used to. But it wasn't the overwhelmingly prevalent candles that hurt me the most, it was instead a mere sculpture of a boy's face (the memorial was dedicated to a victim named Uriel, whose picture is presented outside). You see...the numbers and pictures and stories can only go so far. You can only come close to understanding the pain if you put yourself in their shoes. I pictured this boy being put to death by the Nazi regime. I quivered while realizing that I had never put a face to those mind-boggling numbers. Having worked with children since the age of 13, I found it incredibly overwhelming. Memories of my five years of counseling summer day camps and two years of working with an after-school program at the Katz JCC became entangled with the boy's picture. I searched for some type of relief, which came the following day at one of the land's brightest creations.

The day was December 28th.

After hiking through the exquisite, yet rugged Mt. Carmel, I sought refuge in my "Travel Journal," a Chanukah gift from my mother. With my emotions riding the peaks and drops of the very mountains I had just climbed, I began to express my feelings on paper. I wrote of the struggles that had wreaked havoc in my sensitive conscience; I wrote of the heartache that we, as a people, had overcome and will continue to overcome; and I wrote of my hesitance to "move forward." My memoir was interrupted by the voice of my leader and friend, Andrew Weitz. He described that we were about to see some special kids. "Kids?!" My head whip-lashed towards Andrew, and I smiled. I was in for a treat. Despair and frustration were about to be replaced with inspiration.

All of my counseling experience could not prepare me for what I was about to see. Our bus pulled up to the entrance of a children-at-risk home, Nevemichael, where director Mrs. Hava Levine, a Brooklyn native, greeted us. She first explained why this place was established. Children in this home had experienced a wide range of serious dangers: Persecution, drug and alcohol polluted environments; mental trauma, physical danger, and even witnessing the murder of his/her immediate family. She described that this versatile school /playground /shelter/home was ultimately their reason for survival. She said that this place was the result of determination and sheer will power on the part of the UJC and JDC. "Almost 300 kids are here," she said. This quote didn't seem to faze me, for it had been established that I needed more than mere numbers to comprehend important issues. My curiosity was met in minutes, as a large group stampeded into the cafeteria. She looked around and said that this was the work of the UJC and JDC.

Our group arose and looked around in awe, as one happy, laughing child after another entered the cafeteria. While they devoured their lunches, we walked through some remarkably nice homes, which surround the school, filled with giggling children. The director explained that families take these children into their homes and become the children's father/mother figure. These families, Jewish families, put themselves out in order to help each other. Precisely as Abba Kovner describes—"This is the story of a people which was scattered over all the world and yet remained a single family."

As the kids finished their lunch, we greeted them at the playground, where we spent about two hours running around the enormous, sand-filled playground. We played basketball, football (soccer), and had a wonderful time just enjoying each other's company. Walking away from Nevemichael I began to think that this place must be some sort of miracle. I quickly came to my senses and realized that this place was simply the result of Jewish heart. In essence, the Jewish people had risen once again – saving lives – children's lives. Everything became clear: Paul's insistence that we look back and move ahead, the stories of Zionist determination, the desire to make Aliyah, and ultimately the reason for such organizations as the UJC, JDC, and Jaffi.

These organizations were established to unify the Jewish people on all parts of the globe. They serve the needs of the Jewish Diaspora and, incredibly, lend a hand to those in need. This trip simply inspired me, changed my outlook on the world around me, and made me proud to say that I was Jewish. I would like to thank the United Jewish Communities for making this trip, as well as the safety and survival of the Jewish people, possible.

A Trip of a Lifetime

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The next few days were spent in Jerusalem. We arrived on Shabbat and celebrated with a ceremony at the Southern Wall. We were then allowed to go down to the Kotel. When I was praying at the Wall, I felt an extreme connection to my religion and it felt absolutely wonderful.

After spending time in Jerusalem, seeing such powerful sites such as Yad Vashem and Har Herzl, we were off to the North for one day. The day featured a visit to another Kibbutz as well as a short visit to an Arab village to examine Arab-Israeli relations. We also spent time doing site visits. One site visit particularly affected me.

On a bright sunny afternoon, we were taken to the Neve Michael At-Risk Children's center. We filed into the cafeteria, where the director of the center briefed us. We were told that this particular center receives support from the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, one of the agencies affiliated with United Jewish Communities/Federations. We were also told that this was a place for children who were taken out of egregious situations. She explained when the children arrive at the center, they are placed in a real fam-

ily, with two loving parents, a pet, and several other children. The goal is to create a loving, nurturing environment, something that the child may never have experienced before. It was so moving to see how happy these children were. The center was like a paradise, with basketball courts, playgrounds, bright and happy homes, and most of all wonderful people who only want to love these children. At this point the importance of UJC became very clear to me. This center is a prime example of the efforts that the organization has given to help people around the world.

As the trip came to an end, the usual feelings of sadness overcame me, as I had to say goodbye to some close friends that I had made throughout the ten days. My peers, my group leader, and by the people I saw both in Prague and in Israel inspired me to make a difference. I am currently co-chair of the UJC campus campaign at the University of Delaware. I hope to be able to affect others by relating the experiences I had during the Institute. This experience has also made me more spiritually connected. I was always proud of who I was. However, this voyage strengthened my pride. Anyone who has been to Israel says they feel some sort of connection. Now, I can also say that I too have that special bond that connects me to my homeland.

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COHEN

Emil Cohen, age 88, died February 12 in Florida. He is survived by sons, Dr. Jay Cohen of Atlantis and David of Westport, CT; a sister, Rose Newman of Wilmington and six grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

DENKIN

Ida Denkin, 88, of Deerfield Beach, FL, formerly of Chester County, PA died February 14. She is the widow of Jack Denkin who died in 1983 and is survived by her daughter, Ann Noznesky Hoffman of Avalon, NJ; her son, Dr. Edward

H. Denkin of New Canaan, CT; a sister, Rose Schwartz; five grandsons and a great granddaughter. Memorial contributors are requested to a charity of the donor's choice.

DOBKIN

Doris Dobkin, age 76, of Linwood, NJ, died February 23 at her daughter's Wilmington home. Mrs. Dobkin and her late husband, Emil owned and operated Dobkin's Pharmacy in Long Island, NY. She also was a partner in Lanes Leather and Gifts of Atlantic City for many years. An accomplished musician, she served in World War II by entertaining servicemen at the

England General Hospital in Atlantic City. Mrs. Dobkin is survived by her daughter, Andrea (nee Rogosin) Levine; her granddaughter, Emily Rogosin of Wilmington; and her brother, Charles Thierman of Margate. Donations in her memory are requested to either the American Cancer Society or to a charity of the donor's choice.

NATHAN

Lewis Nathan, a native of Rohatyn, Austria, died February 20 at the Kutz Home in Wilmington at the milestone age of 100. He is survived by his twin brother, Robert R. Nathan of Bethesda, MD. Mr. Nathan's family emigrated to the

United States in 1901 and settled in Dayton, Ohio. His career in sales began as a young boy selling newspapers and culminated with the sale and manufacture of business forms in Philadelphia. He worked for 25 years for the Standard Register Company, rising to the rank of sales manager. He retired in 1950 from Forms, Inc., a Willow Grove, PA firm that he founded. He and his late wife of 67 years, Fannie Weingart, were active members of the Philadelphia Jewish community. He was a president of the Standard Lodge of the Judaic Union and later became Grand Master of the entire organization. Mr. Nathan also was active

in the Jewish Basketball League and the Jewish Welfare Board. When the couple moved to Florida in the 1970s, Mr. Nathan continued his tradition of community service. He was named Volunteer of the Year in 1990 by the Miami Jewish Home and Hospital for the Aged where he provided the funds for and ran the Sunday bingo games.

In addition to his brother, Mr. Nathan is survived by his daughter; Eleanor N. Isaacs of Ocean Pines, MD; a son, Malcolm Nathan of Summerland Key, FL; four grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

A MATTER OF OPINION - More Pro-Israel Than Thou

By Mitchell G. Bard

It's getting to be crunch time in the presidential primaries, with the two parties' nominees likely to be decided in the next two weeks. Most of us will have no say in the matter, since we don't live in states holding primaries; nevertheless, it is still interesting to ask that all-important question: Who will be good for the Jews?

The good news is that all four of the major candidates have said all the right things. It's no surprise that they talk about their support for Israel, moving the embassy to Jerusalem and supporting the peace process. These guys are all serious, seasoned candidates who know how to pander for Jewish votes. The question, of course, is whether we can believe what they say.

Jews do not base their votes

solely on Middle East issues. This is unfortunate for Republicans. The reality is that Jews are the most liberal group in society, other than African-Americans, and overwhelmingly vote Democratic. Unless the Republican is an incredible candidate (e.g., Ronald Reagan) and/or the Democrat is a disaster (e.g., Jimmy Carter), the Democrat is virtually assured 80 percent or more of the Jewish vote. Despite what they say publicly, Republicans generally don't care much about the Jewish vote because they know they have little chance of getting enough to make a difference. I can tell you from first-hand knowledge that George Bush didn't care a whit. Still, while it is true that Jews can't decide an election, they can swing key states and it can make a difference in the election's outcome if the

Republican candidate gets 15 percent or 30 percent of the Jewish vote.

What about the candidates?

I've always liked Al Gore. He was my choice to head the last ticket. Imagine how different the world would be if that had happened. If Bill had still met Monica, they'd have done their thing in the Old Executive Office Building instead of the Oval Office. Anyway, Gore's credentials are impeccable. He's got a long history of support for Israel and tons of friends and advisers who are Jewish. The only question you might raise with Gore is why he hasn't made a difference on some of the negative decisions of the Clinton Administration, such as the failure to move the U.S. embassy to Jerusalem. On non-Middle East issues, Gore has sufficiently liberal views to satisfy the majority of Jews.

My hesitation about Gore is that he lacks charisma. He's always been wooden, but he seems even less inspiring now than he did eight years ago. His responses to the fundraising scandals seem a tad ingenuous, but he still impresses me as an honest man with the country's interest at heart. To borrow a phrase from my mother, he just doesn't tickle my toes. Looks almost scintillating, however, compared to Bill Bradley. The greatest danger he may pose to foreign leaders is that

he will put them to sleep. Bradley's record on Israel is fine, but he's never been a leader on Middle East issues. I like the fact that he is very smart and does think and talk about big ideas. Of course the last really smart president we had, the peanut farmer, did not inspire confidence in the relationship between brains and policymaking. Bradley is casting himself as more liberal than Gore, so he would certainly have no trouble winning most Jewish votes in the main contest, but he's probably at a big disadvantage in the primary because of Gore's long and close association with the community.

George W. Bush still looks like the man to beat because of the financial and political support he has from the Republican establishment. As a governor he has no foreign policy record to run on. He's said the right things about Israel so far, but his emphasis on his Christian beliefs makes a lot of Jews uncomfortable. While the Bush name helps him in most communities, it is a minus in the Jewish community where his father is widely considered the most anti-Israel President in history. The fact that some of his father's foreign policy advisers are either now guiding him, or likely to be if he is elected is a cause for concern. Most Jews will have a problem with both he and John McCain because of their conservative positions on social issues. "Compassionate conservatism" has an appeal, but on specific issues like abortion and gun control, he's still

out of step with liberal Jews. The one area where Bush most closely resembles his Democratic opponents is in dullness. He looks and sounds to me like Pat Robertson without the evangelical pizzazz.

This brings me to John McCain. The same thing that seems to be exciting the nation, excites me about McCain and that is his charisma. The life experience, the folksiness, the sense of strength and integrity make this guy come across as a leader, a person who will make Americans feel good about themselves and foreign leaders respectful of the United States. He hasn't taken the lead on Middle East issues, but his understanding of security issues and appreciation for Israel's strategic value inspire confidence in his approach to the region. I particularly like things he's said about using force not only when our strategic interests are at stake, but when our moral values are being offended. If McCain wins the nomination, I think he has the potential to attract greater than average Jewish support, but his problem will also be on social issues. He could get 20-30 percent of the Jewish vote, but he's far too conservative to do much better.

So who is best for the Jews? Each of us will have to decide that for ourselves.

Mitchell G. Bard is a foreign policy analyst in Maryland. His most recent book is *The Complete Idiot's Guide to the Middle East Conflict*.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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MARCH

Join Jewish Young Leaders - 3,000 young Jewish leaders, ages 25 to 45, will participate in Washington 12 - a national conference set in our nation's capital. Participants in this UJC National Young Leadership event will meet with top-level legislators, heads of state and other movers and shakers in the global Jewish community. From March 19-21, thousands of Jews will advocate on behalf of key humanitarian concerns and celebrate the Jewish festival of Purim. To join them, call Rhonda Falk, campaign director, Jewish Federation of Delaware at 427-2100, ext. 16.

Enrich Your Marriage - Jewish Marriage Experience of Delaware Valley has scheduled a marriage enrichment seminar for the weekend of March 4th and 5th. Celebrate Your Marriage will be held at a hotel in the Northeast Philadelphia area and will be led by three lay couples and a rabbinic couple. For additional information, call Bart and Ellie Davis at (215) 969-8342.

ONGOING

WORKSHOPS: Jewish Family Service of Delaware serving all denominations has ongoing workshops for individuals interested in women's issues, healing services, support groups for caregivers of children with special needs, family court mandated divorce workshop, cancer support groups, widow's support group, and a men's support group. To learn about these programs, call JFS at 478-9411.

ISRAEL AND JEWISH STUDIES

The WUJS Institute offers scholarships of \$200 during the year 2000 to all young adults in the Delaware/NJ Partnership 2000 Region. The scholarship brings the cost of the seven-month Institute to \$2000 and includes Hebrew Ulpan, Jewish-Israel Studies, camping trips, seminars and a wide range of social and cultural activities over seven months. Also included in the cost are accommodations, one cooked meal a day and employment assistance. For additional information, call the Jewish Federation of Delaware at 427-2100.

THE KIMMEL-SPILLER Jewish Healing Center of Jewish Family Service offers Jewish healing services on the second Monday of every month from 7-8 p.m. Led by Rabbi Myriam Klotz, the service will include prayer, songs, meditation and reflection. For additional information, please call Rabbi Klotz at 302-478-9411.

JEWISH GROUPS BEHIND THE MILLION MOM MARCH The American Jewish Congress, Hadassah and UAHC are among the many Jewish organizations endorsing the Million Mom March on May 14, 2000. Mothers from

all walks of life and all races and religions will march on Washington during this Mother's Day event to raise awareness about gun violence and to demand strong gun legislation. Marchers are asked to call their Congressional and Senate representatives prior to the event and ask them to march with their constituents. For additional information about the March visit <http://www.millionmommarch@yahoo.com> or call Delaware coordinators Faye: (302) 426-0248 or Faith (302) 761-9575.

WEST CHESTER HOSTS WORLD PREMIERE CONCERT

The Choral Arts Society of Philadelphia presents Poetic Justice, a choral/orchestral concert featuring the world premiere of a major choral/orchestral work, on Friday, March 17, 8:00 p.m., at the Asplundh Concert Hall on the campus of West Chester University. This event marks the debut of On the Meeting of Garcia Lorca and Hart Crane by composer David Shapiro and also features The Lovers, the last major work of West Chester native Samuel Barber. Tickets are available by calling 610-436-2266.

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SHOP JCC FOR PESACH
The Youth and Family Services Department of the Jewish Community Center will hold their Second Annual Passover Market from March 15 through March 17, 2000. The market will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. each day.

A variety of Passover products will be available for purchase or order in the JCC lobby. Items include baked goods, wine, flowers and other holiday merchandise. For additional information, please call Margaret Presley at 478-5660.

COME ONE, COME ALL TO AKSE'S PURIM CARNIVAL

AKSE's Purim Carnival features food, fun and the chance to win a variety of raffle items. The action takes place on Sunday, March 12 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Raffle tickets are \$1 each. All proceeds benefit the synagogue's Talmud Torah program.

GRATZ STUDENTS MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Classes will not be in session on Sunday morning, March 12 due to a faculty in-service program.



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JCC Hosts Purim Fun

The Jewish Community Center of Delaware will hold their 4th Annual Purim Masquerade Ball on Saturday, March 18 from 8 p.m. to midnight. This year's event is co-chaired by Robin and Bruce Saran and Iris and Allan Tocker and will feature dancing, music and entertainment and light libations.

Prizes for best costumes will be awarded in the following categories: Most "Purimly" Correct, Best Group, Best Pair, Most Creative and Best Era.

Advance sale tickets are \$28 per person and may be purchased at the JCC Front Desk by March 3, 2000. Tickets will be available at the door on the evening of the Ball for \$32 per person. For more information, please call Ella Zukoff at (302) 478-5660.

JACS Plans Retreat

JACS, a national organization for Jewish alcoholics, chemically dependent persons and significant others, will host its 43rd Jewish Retreat Weekend, March 31-April 2 at the Best Western Paramount Hotel in Parkville, NY. The program features spiritual sharing, Shabbat services, meditation, workshos, fellowship, informal meetings with Rabbis and fine kosher dining. The JACS Teen Network Retreat will run parallel to the adult event. The cost is \$225 per person for a double room, \$195 per person for a triple room and \$325 per person for a single room. All retreat participants must be current members of JACS, at a cost of \$30 per person.

JACS is a Jewish Connections program of the Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services. For additional information, please call Dori Zatuschni, executive director of Jewish Family Service at (302) 478-9411.

Camp JCC Hosts Carnival

Camp JCC invites the community to a free carnival on Sunday, March 12, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 101 Garden of Eden Road in North Wilmington. It's fun for the entire family with moon bounce, face painting, camp songs, carnival games, arts projects, refreshments and a free camp raffle.

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