

## Michael Medved Discusses Babyboomers, Vietnam, and Seinfeld

### A "Sneak Preview" of This Year's Chai Dinner Speaker

**Interview By JORDAN SOPINSKY**  
Editor of The Jewish Voice

(Michael Medved, who will speak at the Chai Dinner November 2, is a nationally recognized film critic, best-selling author, and network television personality. Since 1985 he has served as co-host (with Jeffrey Lyons), of Sneak Previews, the half hour movie review show aired on more than 240 stations through the Public Broadcasting System (PBS). An honors graduate of Yale, Mr. Medved also attended Yale Law School (where his classmates included Bill and Hillary Clinton), before going on to write seven non-fiction books. His most recent book is the controversial and influential Hollywood vs. America.

Mr. Medved has worked as a volunteer for a wide variety of Jewish causes, and is the co-founder of the Pacific Jewish Center in Venice, California. In 1993 he was awarded an honorary doctorate by the Hebrew Theological College/Jewish University of America.

Mr. Medved lives in Seattle, Washington with his wife, psychologist and author Diane Medved, and their three children.)

**The Jewish Voice:** I understand that the first few years of your life were spent in Philadelphia.

**Michael Medved:** I was born in Philadelphia and spent the first few years of my life in the West Oak Lane area, living with my grandmother. My father, a William Penn graduate, grew up in South Philly and went to the University of Pennsylvania on a Mayor's Scholarship. I went back during summers for camp. One of my camp buddies was Michael Elkin, entertainment writer for the Jewish Exponent.

**JV:** How would you compare your talk show in Seattle to those of Dr. Laura and Dennis Prager?

**MM:** Dr. Laura offers personal advice. I don't. I talk about ideas. My show, which we hope to take national in '98, is a bit more far-ranging than that of Dennis Prager. We've got a continuing story of the American Revolution going. It started after we did one show on April 19, the date of the Battle of Lexington. The response was overwhelming so we decided to continue it. We also discuss politics, religion, and news, of course.

**JV:** Do films like Hair, The Big Chill, and Return of the Seacaucus Seven portray an accurate depiction of your generation?

**MM:** Yes and no. The experience portrayed in the media does not resonate for any of us. It is totally distorted.

To think *The Big Chill* speaks for a generation is ludicrous. To think the baby boomer generation cared for a superior idealism is ludicrous. We thought our music and politics were better. The fact is, George Gershwin and Cole Porter wipe Lennon and McCartney off the map.

We were similar, not better. Most people were concerned with themselves. The fact is, only a minority of people fought (against

the war in Vietnam. Opposers of the war were concerned about themselves, not the enormous Stalinist cruelty in Vietnam. Eighty to ninety percent of those who fought in Vietnam came from blue-collar high schools. Zero people from my class died. The dominant class didn't go to war.

**JV:** Jewish babyboomers - some have experimented with spirituality outside of Judaism, especially with eastern religions. Could they have found what they were looking for with Judaism?

**MM:** Most have experimented. It was fashionable for Jews, who grew up with a vacuous and boring suburban Judaism, devoid of any spiritual content, to try out these obviously inau-

thentic religions which, strangely enough, were very demanding.

The thinking with parents and teachers was that Judaism demands too much. They figured that what would hold the kids was to demand less or nothing. The fact is the structure is what they needed, and many returned to Judaism after saying, "Wait a minute," and saw that Judaism did in fact make demands.

**JV:** Why do some consider Woody Allen's films (or some of them) to be anti-Semitic? Is his self-deprecating humor taken seriously?

**MM:** I would never call Woody Allen anti-Semitic. Is Woody Allen a self-hating Jew?

No, he loves himself. Woody Allen is anti-Jewish though. He is clearly hostile towards Judaism. Take a look at *What You Always Wanted To Know About Sex But Were Afraid To Ask*.

There is a dismissive attitude in Hollywood, especially towards Judaism. There is also a clearly hostile and contemptuous attitude towards Jewish women. Why do all Jews have to date non-Jews in movies and on television? Why did it have to be pointed out that Elaine, in *Seinfeld*, is not Jewish? She reads Jewish. So do George and his parents but they've made a point of making them Italian.



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## State Historical Marker for Immigrant Jewish Farmers Dedicated

**By JULIAN H. PREISLER**  
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On Thursday, September 25th, over 35 people gathered in the Kent County community of Viola, Delaware, to commemorate the "Centennial of Jewish Farm Settlement in Delaware" and to unveil the first state historical marker dedicated to a Delaware Jewish site.

The program began with welcoming remarks by Russell McCabe, Director of the Historical Marker Program. Charles Salkin, historian of Jewish farm settlement in Delaware and Director of the Division of

Parks and Recreation, then spoke about the history of Jewish farmers in Delaware. He also provided information about the Isaac Benioff Family, the Jewish Agricultural Society, and the Baron de Hirsch Fund. The historical occasion concluded with Mrs. Edythe Bloom, a granddaughter of Isaac Benioff, sharing brief, but touching memories about her grandparents and their farm.

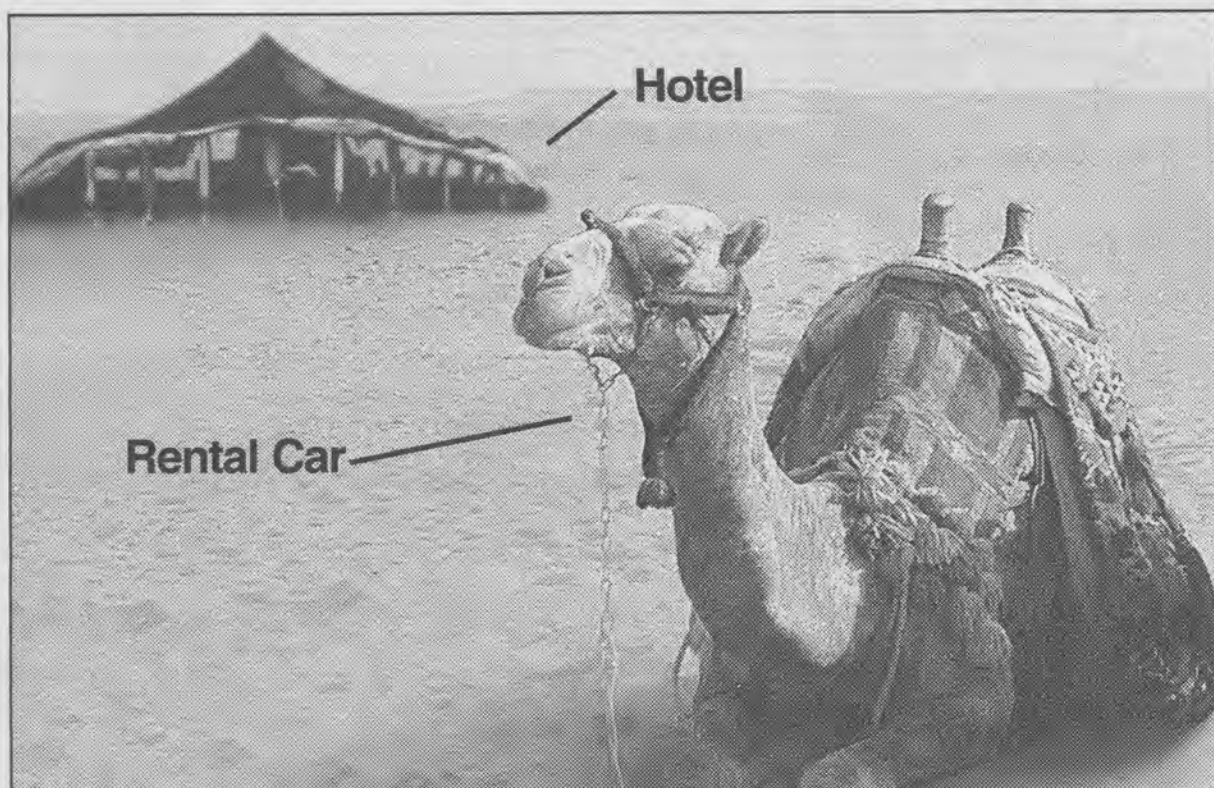
Benioff grandchildren present at the dedication included: Dick and Mary Benioff, Michael and Marianne Benioff and Edythe and Shalom Bloom. As the family members unveiled the marker, those gathered sang the words of the "Shehechyanu" giving thanks for this wonderful occasion. Others present

for the dedication included State Representative Bobby Quillen, Dan Griffith, Director of the Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs, Helen Goldberg, President of the Jewish Historical Society of Delaware (JHSD), and Julian Preisler, Archivist for the JHSD. The event concluded with the sharing of old family photographs, copies of which will be deposited in the Archives of the JHSD. Guest were then treated to a wonderful homemade luncheon prepared by owners of the farm since 1945, Olin and Irene Kersey.

The historic marker is located in front of the Kersey home and farm on Kersey Road near Firetower Road in Viola.

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You are cordially invited to the Chai Dinner featuring film critic, author and social commentator Michael Medved on Sunday, November 2, 1997. Cocktails begin at 5:30 p.m. and dinner is at 6:15 p.m. dinner. The Chai dinner will be held at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth at Washington St. Extension and Torah Drive.

The Chai dinner honors families contributing \$1,800 or more, or individuals contributing \$900 or more, to the annual UJA/Federation Campaign. The couvert \$54 per person. Adult children ages 13-30 may attend for the couvert. Dietary laws will be observed.

Who is Michael Medved?

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For more information call the Jewish Federation of Delaware at (302) 427-2100

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## JFS Awarded Grant from Kutz Foundation

For the past decade, Jewish Family Service has been available to the Jewish Community Center for supportive services. This year, JFS was awarded a grant from the Milton and Hattie Kutz Foundation to develop skills promoting independence and higher self-worth for more than two hundred members utilizing the JCC's Senior Center.

For those individuals over the age of 60, physical limitations, cognitive impairments and the deaths of friends and family members often impact their self-esteem. Without the necessary tools and

resources to combat the negative effects of aging, their physical and mental health can be further diminished.

JFS social worker Samantha Malinger, MSW provides counseling, case management and resource development to members of the JCC Senior Center weekly. Services include but are not limited to helping individuals cope with family issues, locate transportation for medical appointments or finding in-home services.

Supplementing the program, Ms. Malinger facilitates a weekly workshop in which members dis-

cuss issues such as memory enhancement, personal safety and techniques for developing inner strength.

Michelle Silberglied, Director of the JCC Senior Center states the JFS's discussion groups "provide opportunities for the Seniors to discuss important issues and share their feelings with others. The private counseling and consultation is perfect for the individuals not yet comfortable with therapy." Jewish Family Service's program is "crucial to the JCC Senior Center and the well being of Jewish Seniors in Wilmington."

## Sol Toumarkine Family Education Series

Two parent education programs, offered as part of the Sol Toumarkine Family Education Series held at the Jewish Community Center, will include "Kids and T.V. Alternatives" which will be held on Wednesday, October 15 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. The program will include ways to avoid using television as a babysitter and some ideas to turn chores into teachable moments. The cost is \$4.00 for JCC members and \$7.00 for non-members.

Elly Alexander will serve as the instructor for this program.

The second program, "Building Self Esteem in Young Children" will be held on Wednesday, October 29 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Discussion will focus on communicating about the emotional world of the child and how you can help. The cost is \$5.00 for JCC members and \$8.00 for non-members. Lauren Pokras from Jewish Family Services will lead this ses-

sion.

Watch for information on other Sol Toumarkine Family Education Series programs being offered at the JCC. Upcoming program topics will include "The Importance of Play for Infants and Toddlers," "Siblings: The Rivalry, The Bond" and "Using Positive Discipline with Young Children." Registration for these programs can be made at the JCC Front Desk. For more information, contact Susan Gentry at (302) 478-5660.

## Jewish Historical Society Open House

The Jewish Historical Society of Delaware (JHSD) will be holding an "OPEN HOUSE" on Sunday, October 26th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Come to 505 Market Street

Mall in downtown Wilmington and see your Jewish Community Archives, view interesting displays,

pick up some informative brochures and flyers, and of course, nosh a little on light refreshments. The JHSD archivist and Board Members will be on hand to answer any of your questions about the Society and our work in the Jewish Community. See you on the 26th!

### Albert Einstein Academy Home and School Association Honors Outgoing Home and School Associate

On Thursday, September 18, 1997, the first meeting of the year of the Home and School Association of the Albert Einstein Academy honored Cindy Goldstein, outgoing president of the

Home and School Association. Cindy, mother of Lara (6th grade), and Jared (4th grade) has served on the Board of the HSA for 5 years and has served as President for 2 years.



Left to right: Jeff Wasserman, president of the Board of Trustees hands Cindy Goldstein a certificate of appreciation. Wendi Weingartner, incoming president of the H.S.A. presents Cindy with a proclamation

# Prostate Cancer Awareness Breakfast

## JFS, JCC, American Cancer Society and Zeneca Pharmaceuticals Team Up to Provide Information

By LAUREN POKRAS, MSW  
Jewish Family Service

Nearly 334,000 men in the United States will develop prostate cancer this year, including over 890 Delawareans.

Delawarean men came out to defy the claim that men fail to seek information about the disease which is the most common type of cancer among men and the second leading cause of cancer deaths in men.

All who attended the Prostate Cancer Awareness Breakfast on September 24 at the JCC received excellent information from the panelists.

The program featured Dr. Andrew Glick a Urologist, Dr. Joseph Ravalese III, a Radiation Oncologist and Mr. Harold DeCarli, facilitator for the First State Prostate Cancer Support Group and prostate cancer survivor.

The cause of prostate cancer remains unknown, but we do know

that men over 65, those with a strong family history of cancer are at greater risk.

Symptoms are not often felt for months or years after the disease develops, so the hope lies in early detection by your doctor in the form of a digital rectal exam recommended for men over forty and a Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) blood test recommended for men after age fifty - both at the annual physical. When symptoms do begin to develop they may include weak urine flow, inability to control urination, the need to urinate frequently, especially at night.

Because prostate cancer is relatively slow growing, there are many treatment options and factors for consideration. Dr. Glick and Dr. Ravalese provided an overview of conventional and experimental treatment options currently being used. Radiation therapies include external photon, and brachytherapy or the implantation of small radioactive "seeds" into the

prostate. These aim to decrease the spread of the disease. Hormonal therapies block testosterone production which cancer cells "feed" on. There is also a combined hormone and radiation treatment.

Surgical procedures include radical prostatectomy or removal of the prostate, cryosurgery which destroys the tumor by freezing. Indications for the use of these options and possible side effects were discussed. The doctors stressed that the course of treatment is an individual decision that should be well investigated.

After a diagnosis has been made, gaining support is paramount. The last thing men may want to do is talk about the private feelings that a diagnosis or treatment may trigger. Feelings range from shock to fear, humiliation, and depression. Being involved in a support group often proves as valuable as the medical treatment. There is a shared experience and comradery

among participants which relieves a sense of isolation and provides hope by witnessing how others are coping and living "life after cancer."

Current treatment techniques for prostate cancer are being refined and new ones investigated. The overall 5-year relative survival rate for all stages of prostate cancer has risen from 50% to 80% over the last 50 years. Nine out of ten men survive prostate cancer if it is diagnosed before it spreads to other areas and vital organs. The best course of action is your own proactive steps in preventive health!

To find out more:  
First State Prostate Cancer Support Group meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the Visiting Nurse Association of Delaware, located at: One Read's Way, Suite 100, New Castle Corporate Commons, New Castle, DE. Contact Harold DeCarli (302) 323-8200.

Jewish Family Service provides individual and couples counseling

by licensed social workers. Contact Helene Rudnick at (302) 478-9411 for consultation.

American Cancer Society - for a wealth of information, contact Judith Dollinger (302) 324-4227.

**Books:**  
*The Patient's Guide to Prostate Cancer* by Marc Garnick, M.D.  
*Man to Man: Surviving Prostate Cancer* by Michael Korda.

*The Prostate* book by Stephen N. Rous, M.D.

*Solving Prostate Problems* by Martin Gelbard, M.D.

**Websites:**  
<http://oncolink.upenn.edu/disease/prostate/>

[http://www.phrma.org/health\\_guide/index.html](http://www.phrma.org/health_guide/index.html)

<http://www.comed.com/prostate/>  
*The Wellness Community* - support groups facilitated by professional social workers for cancer patients and their families (302) 656-8910.

# EDITORIAL

## VOICE MAIL

# Unity Not Unanimity

(The following editorial is from the National Issues Management Briefing: Religious Diversity from the Council of Jewish Federations, United Israel Appeal, and United Jewish Appeal.)

Our Jewish tradition teaches us that we were all standing, "our men, women and little ones" at Sinai. We were all created in the image of G-d. "all Jews are responsible for one another," teach our rabbis. "We are one" has been the embodiment in summary of the modern Jewish era.

Yet now, on the eve of celebrating the 50th anniversary of the recreation of a Jewish state, Israel, the dawn of our re-emergence into history as a whole people, we are being torn apart by differing views of our tradition. The ugly side of the politics of religion is causing pain to our people.

Whether in the U.S. or in Israel, we must be able to affirm both Torah and tolerance. We must embrace both davening and diversity. We must live by the traditional Jewish dictum: *elu v' elu divrei Elokim chaim*, these and these are the words of our living G-d.

The current rift over proposed legislation in Israel about Jewish conversion, the unacceptable efforts by some to block Jews from

praying at the Western Wall, and the attempts by some to delegitimize the variety of Jewish religious expressions are all unacceptable. We must not fear our fellow Jews.

The UJA Federation system is committed to serving the needs of all our people in Israel, around the world and here in North America. We raise our voice and pledge our support to continue our work or the unity of our people. The Jewish Federation of Delaware is part of this system and administers the UJA/Federation Campaign locally.

We must, if we are to be a healthy and united Jewish people in the years ahead, here and in Israel, come to love each other even if we do not always like each other. Hillel and Shammai disagreed, yet their children married one another. Jewish unity is achievable, Jewish unanimity is undesirable.

During this holiday season, let us work together, in our synagogues and federations, and with our family in Israel to find creative and mutually acceptable ways to embrace each other as Jews regardless of our differences. The consequences of our failure to do so once before was nearly 2,000 years of exile.

(The Jewish Voice contributed to this editorial.)

## The Rabbi Writes

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Not that that is in the job description of too many of us, but do not fool yourselves into thinking that somehow or other we do not make a very real difference in the lives of those in our charge just by being who we are. We are surrogate parents whether we like it or not. I once had a young woman in the ninth grade whose parents emphatically told her that she would not continue on to tenth grade Confirmation, and if she insisted on doing so she would have to find a ride for herself to and from the synagogue. She came from a very difficult family, one in the midst of domestic disarray, and yet, as she told me, she found something both soothing and enlightening in the Religious School set-

ting special enough for her to contradict her parents and indeed find for herself transportation. Today this young woman is still very much an active member of her Jewish community and herself has children who joyfully attend Religious School.

Most of our young people however fit into a more reasonable category, and they will make decisions in a more rational manner. They will be the ones who will begin their careers as Jewish students with a modicum of enthusiasm and hopefully a healthy dose of support from their father and mother. But in a very real sense this is an even greater challenge for us. All too many of their parents are lacking in knowledge; some might even be considered Jewishly illiterate and we

To the Editor:

On September 29, I read with great interest an editorial by Amitai Etzioni in USA TODAY. It questioned the pace and sincerity of the Swiss banking community in returning both the Nazi gold and account monies that had been stolen from the Holocaust Jews.

Etzioni asserted that the Swiss bankers and government were delaying returning the full amount of what is clearly not theirs. His idea that Jews need to speak out and actively oppose the Swiss treatment of this issue really reached me.

I hope that the Jewish community will

become their only source of knowledge and, I might add, of the values that have sustained us and maintained our identities. We have to transmit that knowledge and those values for that is indeed within our job description. Shmuel and Chana Leah (of course, Sean and Tiffany) have less and less *sitzfleisch* than did Steven and Ann a generation ago. Our new students are weaned on brief sound bytes, computer games, and of course Barney so that not only is their attention span briefer but there is also an entertainment factor which does not necessarily correspond to our textbook and audio-visual aides despite all the research and development of the contemporary Jewish publisher. The operative word today is "boring," and, whether or not we like it, we do have to make the subject matter attractive and relevant. Way back when - in another time and galaxy - my Religious School experience consisted of reading chapters in a textbook and answering questions from a workbook, reading Hebrew from the *siddur* or *chumash* ... and nothing more. Now while in so many cases that was a parallel experience to what went on in secular classes, and while today there isn't much more entertainment in public and private schools, there still seems to be an expectation that because *Talmud Torah* "doesn't count" it has to be more fun and more exciting or else Shmuel and Chana Leah will complain to their parents and we will never hear the end of it. Why does not that same equation hold true from 9 to 3 five days a week? Or put in another way, while we should make our subject matter interesting, why shouldn't we get the same respect from the home front as do the other schools?

I think we do get that respect when we are able to transmit the idea that in fact what we teach and the hours spent under our roof "counts" but in a different way than does secular education. It "counts" not necessarily for college credits (although that, too, is possible), but it "counts" for credits in life ... how we behave, how we feel and how we relate to others. Judaism, book knowledge and values, point the way to a morally and ethically validated life. Whenever we study the law or lore of our People's 3,000 year journey we find a treasury of good living. What I am saying is that we cannot divorce that which is ancient from that which is extremely contemporary. A story from Torah should never be taught by itself without relating it to something in our daily lives. An event out of Jewish history should never be taught as an isolated moment but one which has renewed meaning for every generation. *Mitzvot* and *Halachah* should not be presented as archaic. If they are part of our religious framework then there had better be a way to make them meaningful to today's people. Regardless of our legal orientation each of us does have at least a healthy respect for Jewish law, some more and some less, and therefore we had better be able to show our young people that abiding by that legal stricture is as important today as it was way back when.

A word should be said about that.

The tenets of our specific synagogue

have leaders come forward to act against this indignity and crime because it is a case of "justice delayed is justice denied." It is clearly an issue that unites Jews and should be understood by all people who respect fairness.

I have decided not to buy any Swiss products until the issue is settled. I will look for others in the Jewish community for leadership on this issue. As Etzioni says in his article, we should not become accomplices through our silence.

Respectfully,  
Jeff Furman  
Wilmington

notwithstanding, the vast majority of our congregants do not adhere to much of the legal perspectives we advance. Our goal from the pulpit and classroom is to change that. Whether it is Shabbat or *Kashrut* or any other aspect of Jewish law, we want to increase observance and not diminish it. For me it is interesting to note that despite the lack of observance within so many of our households there seems to be a yearning to at least learn the options if not actually follow them. And I call them "options" for whether we are Orthodox, Conservative or Reform each one of our families will "choose" and not feel compelled to adopt that which we promulgate. As teachers we can help them choose by knowing what our tradition says and by making our youngsters feel comfortable with the possibility of a positive choice. Keeping Shabbat or *Kashrut* are not, for example, anathema to Reform Jews, and those who affiliate with the more liberal congregations in our community need to know that it is good to do more and not less; that it is not weird or yucky to stand apart while others do their thing, a "thing" not necessarily rooted in Jewish tradition. In fact, as teachers one of our goals is to show our youngsters that we have always stood apart and that is something which has given the Jewish people strength.

What are we doing here? How and why validate ourselves as educators?

Just having this united session says a lot about what our hopes are. It was Samson Raphael Hirsch, referred to as the founder of modern Orthodoxy, who said that Judaism is a tree with twelve branches and not twelve trees. This is a theme which permeates my consciousness during this period of intra-faith conflict. I believe that we should consider an occasional give-and-take among ourselves during the course of the school year as well as seriously thinking about some programs our youngsters might share. I think it would be good for them socially, but even more important is the message such combined programs present. Even if its a matter of discussing our differences, so many of our similarities will come to the fore. And when twenty, thirty, forty, fifty Jewish kids get together they will recognize each other then and in the future and perhaps even friendships can develop. We do not have to have a theological tug-of-war and hope that we pull hard enough to knock the other side off their feet. There are enough issues confronting our young people that can be presented from a Jewish perspective that everyone will benefit, everyone will be left standing, and everyone will feel as if Judaism has something to offer. We as educators can foster this move by planning together and implementing such programs.

Now let me get back to the point I made from the outset.

"Show me the money!" There isn't a synagogue or agency whose financial resources are that secure that they don't have to concern themselves with fiscal responsibilities. But will there be synagogues in the future if we do not raise the status of educators so

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OPINION

# Sukkot: A Celebration of Life



By JOHN A. ELZEFON  
Special to The Jewish Voice

Sukkot's roots are biblical. We are commanded to "...live in booths. So that your generations will know that I caused the Children of Israel to dwell in booths when I took them from the land of Egypt; I am HASHEM, your God." (Lev. 23: 42-43). Historically, Sukkot was ancient Israel's agricultural festival that celebrated the harvest.

After the Jews were forced from their homeland and became a non-agricultural people, the sukkah became a symbol of Jewish fate. It's temporary nature reminded Jews that while others had a homeland, we did not. By looking at the stars through the sukkah's roof, our ancestors were reminded of God's universal presence and of God's promise that one day Israel would be reborn. Sukkot became a test of faith.

Sadly, modern Jewry feels no need for such a test of faith. In America freedom of choice abounds and in this freedom the Jewish tendency to question everything finds room for its fullest expression. We ask: of what relevance is Sukkot now? We don't need to mourn the loss of a homeland because we have Israel. We don't need to

celebrate an agricultural festival because we have Thanksgiving. Other than pure "tradition" of what "use" is Sukkot now?

To many Jews, tradition alone is reason enough to celebrate Sukkot because Jews have been celebrating it for thousands of years and, as Jews, we must continue our traditions to honor those who preceded us both in life and more importantly, in martyrdom's death. While tradition alone may be acceptable to many, it is not acceptable to all and it is to those who feel the need for another reason that I share these thoughts.

Sukkot's relevance lies in a fundamental tenet of Judaism: to make this world a better place to live. Sukkot's relevance is the fulfillment of Tikun Olam.

We recall that the sukkah is decorated with fruits and vegetables.

Many Jews consider ourselves God's chosen people. We are therefore the first fruits of this divine love. We repay that love by living a life dedicated to making this world a better place for all and hastening the day of universal peace. At Sukkot, when we handle the fruits we are reminded of God's love for us and reaffirm our love of God and our mission of Tikun Olam — to improve this world.

Many Jews reject the concept of chosenness. However, if God did not choose us, then surely we have chosen ourselves to live by the morality of God's commandments and to further the cause of peace and justice. These are therefore the fruits of God's thoughts and wishes. Sukkot's fruits remind us of our obligations.

Sukkot is celebrated at the beginning of the autumn season. Soon winter will be on us. The fruits still in the fields will die — having been preceded in death by the fruits we picked and hung in the sukkah.

The frailty of the sukkah's fruits reminds us of the frailty of much that surrounds us and how important it is that our mission of Tikkun Olam succeed or the night will

descend upon us.

The frailty of the sukkah's fruits remind us of the poverty of millions and our mission to improve their lot in life and make it fruitful where up to now it has only been misery.

The frailty of the sukkah's fruits remind of the millions who are dying of disease whether, for example, it is malaria in underdeveloped countries or AIDS in this country and elsewhere. These insidious diseases strike down men, women and children — often in their prime of life. When the fruit of their existence should be its fullest, their lives have now become a premature harvest of death. The sukkah's fruit remind us of these tragedies and compels us to assist the ill and find means to donate, by either time or money, to those legitimate causes dedicated to combating these modern plagues.

The frailty of the sukkah's fruits remind us of the millions who are locked into illiteracy and cannot enjoy many of life's fruits because of their inability to read.

The frailty of the sukkah's fruits remind us of the millions who live under the heel of oppression and how they are deprived of fruits of freedom.

The frailty of the sukkah's fruits remind us of the frailty of nature and while humanity has been given "dominion" over the earth it is also humanity's duty to "replenish the earth" (Gen. 1:28). The fruits we hang have been taken from the land and remind us that if we do not guard against the spoiling of the land, the air and the seas, the fruits that are nature's bounty and beauty will be lost forever.

The frailty of the sukkah's fruits remind us of how frail Jewish existence has always been and how, forced into ghettos and shunned by our neighbors, we were regarded with superstition and hatred. Thus, no one saw any reason to help us when the pogroms/holocaust began. No one knew us. No one cared. The fruits of the Sukkot

remind us therefore of the need, not only to help fellow Jews and Jewish causes, but to join our non-Jewish friends and neighbors to fight poverty, disease, hunger, etc. wherever it is and whoever it touches. This too is our tradition for it was Abraham's treatment of strangers that set him aside in God's thoughts.

The frailty of the sukkah's fruits remind us of the tenuous nature of Israel's first years of existence and how this wonderful fruit of God's love and modern Judaism's refusal to die rose from the ashes of the Holocaust and turned the 2000 year-ignored scorched desert into a land of milk and honey that blossomed with its fruits.

The frailty of the sukkah's fruits remind us of the frailty of peace, not only in the Middle East, where the peace process is in its most frail embryonic state, but in every land where the clash of arms and the drums of war are heard.

The frailty of the sukkah's fruits remind us that when nations and government are frail and timid in the face of terrorism, the terrorists win.

The frailty of the sukkah and the care we must take in building it reminds us of the care we must take of our most precious possession — our children. The tradition embodied in Sukkot means nothing if there are no Jews to remember.

The fruits of the sukkah thus remind us of the frailty of life itself. But at the same time the fruits of the sukkah remind us that life is the ultimate fruit of God's blessing for without life there is nothing.

This is the true meaning of Sukkot. A meaning for all ages and all seasons. A celebration of life itself.

Sukkot! L'Chaim! To life!  
(Mr. Elzefon is a Vice-President of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, Past President of AKSE, and Board Member of Albert Einstein Academy.)

## The Rabbi Writes: Why Do Teachers Teach?

By Rabbi PETER GRUMBACHER  
Congregation Beth Emeth

(Editor's note: The following is a portion of a keynote address delivered by Rabbi Grumbacher on September 7 at a workshop for the religious school teachers of our community.)

Every now and then a phrase emerges which catches the public's fancy. Such was the case last year when the movie *Jerry Maguire* gave us the line, "Show me the money!" The main character was a sports agent representing some very capable and talented athletes whose only way of confirming their status was through "big bucks." For them to continue to be represented by Jerry Maguire, he had to show them the money.

If Jewish educators had agents theirs would be a poverty-stricken lot; and if our rallying cry was "Show me the money!" it would indeed be a short-lived declaration. It is quite obvious that we are not in it for the money; but I must say before I go on to any other aspect of this topic that in a certain sense we should be.

This is not a statement of a mercenary. It is, however, a heart-felt point by one who has seen the status of Jewish educators diminish to the point that extinction is a possibility. Jewish educators are an "endangered species" in good part because the Jewish community does not fully understand the role we play in what has been recently referred to as "continuity."

In spite of our differences, there are many

things which unite us not only as Jews but primarily as educators. Radicals on all sides would like to discharge us from the mainstream of *am Yisrael*, but we know that in the American Jewish community, in Delaware for sure our strength lies in unity with diversity. There might be differences in our celebration of our holidays, holydays and festivals, but we all feel that they must be celebrated; there might be variation in our understanding of Jewish history but we know that our history must be taught; and while we might see liturgical alternatives in our *siddurim*, we know that the prayer-life of the Jewish people is an important part of our identity. Furthermore, although we may use more or less Hebrew in our worship services, we know that the Hebrew language is a bond that keeps us together as well as connecting us to the State of Israel. We might call ourselves Orthodox, Conservative, Reconstructionist, and Reform, and indeed there are major differences among us at least on the denominational level, but above all we are Jews and in our professional lives as educators we have to stress that each and every opportunity because the one thing that our youngsters want to see in their fractured lives is some kind of unity of purpose in their religion. It is simply not good for them to hear time and again negatives about other Jews. Why invest in something if those who number themselves among that group express malice or ill will against others of that group? They don't have enough time in their busy schedule to have to deal with that

kind of silliness.

This is no insignificant point either. To prove it, I would like to share with you something that happened to me twenty-five years ago, a few weeks after I came to Wilmington, a few weeks after I became a rabbi and Director of Education for Beth Emeth.

A young man from another congregation (and I really do not remember his name) came to me to ask me about Reform Judaism. Being a good Jew, I responded to his question with another question, "Why do you ask?" I will never forget his response. He said, "In all my years I heard disparaging remarks about Beth Emeth. I heard it referred to as 'Christ Our King Temple' and what a bunch of *goyim* you are. Then I took a look at my family's interpretation of Judaism. They did not keep kosher, they rarely went to services, they dropped me off at Hebrew school and hardly ever entered the building, they didn't send me to a Jewish camp and they only superficially commemorated the holidays. If that is the case of a family from outside Beth Emeth," he said, "then how much more *goyish* can Beth Emeth be?" That is what he said to me! There is such a misrepresentation of all of our synagogues and everything we stand for. This young man told me that he wanted nothing to do with that kind of a religion. Where he is today, I have no idea; but I know that there are plenty of young people in all of our congregations (and obviously the

unaffiliated as well) who are raising families without Jewish education because they feel that the whole enterprise is hypocritical. Dear Friends, let them reject what we are teaching them, but let us at least give them a chance to hear what we have to say by having them be enthusiastic in identifying as Jews!

But each one of us knows that. In our respective Religious Schools we can sense resistance even among some of the very youngest in our classes. What we know to be the magic of our faith and folk is to them irrelevant gibberish. Often they have picked up a negative message from their parents through word or deed, but perhaps even more often the functioning (better stated, the dysfunctioning) of their family unit has turned them off to anything their parents say is important. In the area of family therapy we learn how resistant a child can be to

those components of society that serve as a foundation for good living just because they represent values apparently rejected by the family. Thus, we have to be counselors in our own right, not seeking to perform therapy (for that would be far too dangerous), but seeking on the other hand to be caring, listening people, living role-models to whom the young people might look for validation that our enterprise is indeed not only important but somewhat stabilizing as well.

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## Delaware Region of NCCJ Announces 1997 Annual Community Builders Award Luncheon

The Delaware Region NCCJ Community Builders Awards for 1997 will be presented Friday, October 24, 1997 at the Holiday Inn - Downtown Wilmington from 12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m.

Individuals were nominated by community members for their record of giving of themselves to help others and enhance the community. This year's recipients have filled a variety of roles as advo-



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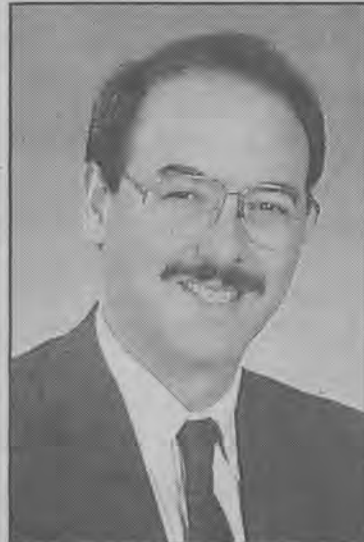
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ates, mentors, teachers, and role models by volunteering time, effort, and abilities beyond the scope of their work or family responsibilities. These honorees exemplify the spirit of community building with their courage, energy and conviction and have shown their capacity to work with others with the common goal to build a more humane and harmonious community.

Among the five people to be rec-

ognized this year is Robert Burton Coonin, Esq.

As Chair of the Jewish Community Relations Committee, Bob contributed to greater understanding among Delawareans with his efforts to educate others about Jews, the Jewish community and Jewish concerns. JCRC distributed Jewish holiday calendars and December Dilemma brochures to help reduce school related conflicts to religious observance. He also encouraged Jews to better understand the broader community and its issues.

As a member of the Jewish Federation of Delaware Executive Committee and the JFD Board of Directors Bob sought to explain the importance of community relations to other Jewish leaders.

Bob is an Ex-Officio member of the Jewish Community Center Board of Directors and was previously its President. During his tenure, the JCC began after-school

day care in the Colonial School District and along with Temple Beth El, began a pre-school program in the Greater Newark-Hockessin area. He has helped Pinemere Camp expand so it is available for conferences for synagogue and church youth groups during the months when camp is not in session. William Penn High School Band has band camp at Pinemere in the Fall.

Under his leadership, he has helped the JCC provide, under Jewish auspices, a place for all Delawareans, of all ages, regardless of race, religion or ethnicity, to participate in enriching activity, to enjoy healthy living, to receive health services, to receive education and to socialize with peers.

The other four to be honored along with Bob are Kenyon Llewellyn Camper, Mrs. Pat Duchesne, Robin A. Goldsborough and Lisa Thompson.

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## Charitable Planning With Retirement Plan Assets

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the recipient. A spouse beneficiary can however, rollover these funds into an IRA in his/her own name and further defer the taxes until his/her death. The potential estate and income taxes to a non spouse beneficiary can be as much as 70%.

When a charity is the beneficiary of qualified plan assets, no taxes are incurred. For estate tax purposes, there is a deduction for the assets passing to charity. Moreover, because the charity is a tax-exempt organization, the charity will not have to pay income tax on the receipt of the assets. The charity benefits 100% from the assets in the plan where other heirs may only receive 30% of the plan-assets since 70% will go to taxes.

This approach although simple may not be appropriate where the surviving spouse or children need some benefit from the retirement plan assets. In this case you may want to consider a charitable remainder trust (CRT). A CRT can provide annual income to one or more beneficiaries with the remainder

interest passing to a designated charity. If the spouse is the only non charitable beneficiary, all the trust assets will escape estate tax.

By using a charitable remainder trust, you can provide an annuity for a child or children for their lifetime or for a term of 20 years which ever is longer.

If maximizing your assets for your children and charity is important to you, you should explore the many planning techniques available to accomplish this goal. Retirement plan assets may be the most heavily taxed assets you have; it is prudent to focus on the planning for these assets.

For more information on charitable planning with retirement plan assets, contact Marc Shandler at The Jewish Federation of Delaware, 427-2100, extension 19.

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## Hadassah Paid Up Membership Dinner With Dr. Francine Fettman

Hadassah's year will start with a Paid Up Membership Dinner on Monday, October 27 at 6:00 p.m. at Congregation Beth Emeth. Hadassah will be having a catered dinner along with a program. We will hear about the experiences of some of our local teens who visited Israel this summer.

Also joining is Dr. Francine Fettman. Dr. Francine Fettman of Allison Park, Pa., is a member of the National Board of Hadassah. Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America. Hadassah is dedicated to healing,

teaching, research, and is the largest women's volunteer organization in the United States. Reservations to the dinner can be made by calling Denise Shurak at (610) 558-2615.

Dr. Fettman currently serves as the Unit Assessment and Development Chairman in the National Organization/Operations Department. Before that, she served as Co-Chairman of the National Leadership Development Department and as a member of the National Service Committee.

Dr. Fettman has held many posts

in the Pittsburgh Chapter and in the Western Pennsylvania Region, culminating in her election to the Presidency of the Region (1983-86). Dr. Fettman also maintains active involvement in the Midwest Area Cooperative (MAC) where she is currently Chairman of the Bat Mitzvah Committee. Before that, she served as Leadership Training Chairman, Organization Chairman and as Facilitator on both teams.

Dr. Fettman has been active in her local Jewish Community

through her work as Vice President of Temple Ohav Shalom and her membership in B'nai B'rith Women. Her particular interest in Facilitating interfaith and cross-cultural understanding has been reflected in her work as a consultant to the Imperative Committee of the YWCA. her membership in Women's Action for Nuclear Disarmament, and her 21 year role as Director and choreographer of the St. Sebastian Catholic Youth

Organization's annual production to raise money for the fight against world hunger. Dr. Fettman also serves on the Allegheny County Disaster Relief Team as a Mental Health Specialist.

Dr. Fettman received her Ph.D. in Development Psychology from the University of Pittsburgh (1990). She is a Licensed Psychologist, has a private practice and works as a therapist in a community mental health agency and in a private psychiatric outpatient center.

## Date Rape and the Law: NCJW Sponsors Public Issues Forum

A public issue forum on proposed legislative changes to Delaware rape law will be held on

Sunday, October 19 at 7:00 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center. The panel will include Senator

Patricia M. Blevins, Jill M. Prettyman (Program Director of CONTACT Delaware Rape Crisis Program), and Raina H. Fishbane (Executive Director of Delaware's Domestic Violence Coordinating Council). Attorney General Jane M. Brady has also been invited to attend. The program, which is free and open to the public, is being sponsored by the Wilmington Section, National Council of Jewish Women.

Delaware is the only state in the country which still differentiates between date rape and stranger rape in its rape laws. Under Delaware law, date and acquaintance rapes are automatically charged as lesser offenses than stranger rapes (unless there are aggravating factors such as serious injury or use of a firearm). In addition, if the victim and the rapist had consensual sex within 12 months of the rape, the rapist can only be charged with second degree

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### Retirement Savings: "What If My Money Doesn't Last As Long As I Do?"

By JEREMY SITZER

Retirement Planning Specialist

Almost every working person in America is, in some way, planning for retirement. Most of us are aware that traditional sources of retirement income, such as Social Security or an employer-sponsored pension, probably will not fully fund our retirement as they did for past generations. More and more it is up to us to prepare financially for our retirement years. As we build our personal retirement assets, we generally estimate our needs based on the cost of our expected or desired retirement lifestyle, the current outlook for inflation, what we can currently afford to save and our estimated life expectancy.

This seems reasonable, but what if one or more of these factors prove to be other than anticipated and the

money doesn't last? People are living longer today, and it's especially necessary to plan for the possibility of a longer life span. What if you run out of retirement savings at age 85 and live 10 more years ... or 20?

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Ensuring that retirement savings last long enough is where annuitization comes in. Annuitization, available through insurance contracts called annuities, guarantees the annuity owner income payments for a pre-defined period of time, typically ranging from as short as five years to as long as the lifetime of the owner and his or her spouse. Additionally, many financial advisers consider this an excellent method of building future income because annuities are tax-advantaged investments — that is, their assets grow on a tax-deferred basis during what

is called the initial "accumulation phase."

How does an investor fund annuitization? First, assets are invested and built up for a number of years in an annuity, during the accumulation phase. As a hypothetical example, a man who is currently 55 years old places assets into an annuity to begin the accumulation phase. When he turns 75, he will decide for how long he wishes to receive payments and "annuitize" his annuity contract. Thus, he will begin his "income phase" of the contract and start receiving a check every month. If he elects a lifetime payout, he will receive checks for the rest of his life, regardless of how long he lives.

How assets build during the accumulation phase depends on which annuity you purchase. There are many types of annuities from which

to choose. Some annuities (fixed annuities) guarantee a fixed rate of return, while others (variable annuities) offer professionally managed portfolios that usually invest in the stock market. Most variable annuities provide a range of features and benefits, including provisions for your heirs in the event of your death. All offer the advantage of tax deferral on investment earnings which, over the long term, can represent a significant increase in value over investments with earnings subject to annual taxes. As with other investments, diversifying assets can provide a desirable mix of liquidity, stability, lifetime income and opportunity for growth. It is best to talk to an investment professional to learn what choices suit your individual circumstances.

In the end, one of the greatest

advantages of annuitization is that you do not have to know in advance how long you will require income. Therefore, you can rest a little easier knowing that you'll have at least one course of ongoing income throughout your retirement years.

Variable annuities are sold by prospectus only. Read the prospectus carefully before investing.

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Delaware Gratz is pleased to announce that 25 new students have been enrolled for the 5758 school year.

The new students are Dana Anderson, Daniel Berlin, Paula Bernhardt, Laura Brown, Ruth Cabelli, Lucy Cohen, David

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The Board Members and faculty are pleased to welcome all of the new students and feel confident that they will benefit greatly from the excellent Jewish education opportunities which Gratz provides.

(Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School is a beneficiary agency of the Jewish Federation of Delaware.)

### Date Rape

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Unlawful Sexual Intercourse, unless there are other aggravating factors — in effect, if a man breaks into his estranged wife's house 11 months after the end of their relationship and forcibly rapes her, Delaware's law does not permit this crime to be charged as a first degree offense.

This panel will discuss Delaware's rape laws, their rationale, their implications for rape victims and the advantages and disadvantages of proposed changes to the law.

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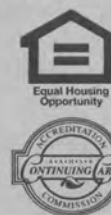
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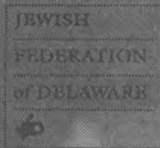


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# SYNAGOGUE LIFE

# NACHES

## Elat Chayyim Retreat

On November 21-23, 1997, The Jewish Federation and the Newark Committee of the Federation (under the auspices of Temple Beth El) have arranged a third Delaware Retreat to Elat Chayyim. This weekend will include classes with Arthur Kurzweil. The theme of the weekend is "I Can't Read Hebrew, I Never Went to Yeshiva, But I Want to Study Talmud." Call Temple Beth El at 366-8330 to sign up.

The cost is \$125 per person which includes all meals (which are vegetarian). More information and specific details are available from Rabbi Kaplan or Ann Hermann at the Temple.

What exactly is Elat Chayyim? It is a place but it is also a philosophy. Nestled in the Catskill Mountains near Woodstock, NY it is a center for what some consider the renaissance of the Jewish identity.

## The Rabbi Writes

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that it might become, if it wasn't once already, a profession our young people might consider. As we say, *ayn kemach, ayn Torah*, "where there is no dough, there is no learning." The *melamed* of old might have gone from home to home, tutoring the young people for a pittance. Nevertheless there was a *melamed*, usually more than one in any town. Our literature might make fun of that person, denigrate the *melamed* for impatience and intolerance, but there was a *melamed* to criticize. If we

make the job of a Religious School and Hebrew School teacher attractive enough there will be people flocking to our doors for a chance to teach. And not only that, because of our largess our expectations can be higher and we will be able to create a school of note, community education of value, and most important of all a literate, knowledgeable and value-laden Jew for the 21st century. The latter vision is what we are doing here, and if we move just one step forward in realizing that dream we have validated our position as Jewish educators.

## JFS and Beth Emeth Offer Bereavement Program

The intense emotional suffering associated with bereavement has physiological, psychological and cultural manifestations. There is even evidence of a biological reaction. Understanding this suffering is a daunting task. Ignoring it can actually increase the level of pain and loss.

Sandra King, M.S., Jewish Family Service consultant and certified Professional Grief Counselor and Rabbi Peter Grumbacher will present Bereavement: Understanding the Process. Following the plenary session, Ms. King will discuss *What to Say and Do To Help a Friend Who is Grieving*. Rabbi Grumbacher will address *Wrestling with G-d*.

Following the workshop, participants will have an understanding of the grief process. They will be familiar with what those who are grieving find comfortable in both work and deed. They will understand the rationale of the realistic item-line of the grief process. The concept of active listening and how it differs from giving advice will be clear.

Handouts will be provided, helping to reinforce the concepts learned. The entire family is encouraged to attend together.

This program is made possible through the *Margaret H. May Memorial Fund* of Congregation Beth Emeth.

The program is offered on Sunday, October 19, 1997 from

7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Please call Jewish Family Service at 478-9411 for reservations.

## Chavurot Formation

The membership and adult education committees of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth have planned two initial meetings to facilitate the formation of chavurot.

One is open to anyone and everyone interested in joining a chavura and will meet at the home of Gloria and Jacob Hoffman, 2130 Brandywood Drive, on Sunday, November 2nd at 7:30 p.m.

The other is intended for those who prefer joining a chavura of unattached adults and will meet at the home of Linda Vodovis, 2204 Mousley Place, on Saturday evening, November 8th at 8 p.m.

A chavurah can be formed by a group of people who wish to get together for any or all of the following purposes: schmoozing and socializing, study and discussion, celebrations of holidays and/or Shabbat, or anything the group desires. It is up to you to decide.

Please RSVP to Vivian Goldberg 478-7250 or Eleanor Weinglass 475-7630 to let us know which of the meetings you would like to attend. We would appreciate hearing from you at least a week before the scheduled date so that the hosts can plan accordingly.

## Pennock-Bronte

Stacy Gwendolyn Pennock, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Paul Pennock was married on June 22, 1997, to Stephen Michael Bronte, son of Isabel Bronte and Les Bronte of Beverly Hills, California. Rabbi Peter Grumbacher performed the ceremony at Iron Gate Hill, the home of the bride's parents in Kennett Township, PA.

Mrs. Bronte was until recently, with DeeGee Entertainment in Los Angeles and is now a partner with Broker Bronte Productions.

The bridegroom attended Santa Monica College and was the owner and designer of a custom frame studio in Los Angeles. He is now enrolled at Pratt Institute of Art in Brooklyn where he is studying Product Design.

Following a wedding trip to Italy, the couple moved to New York City.



Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Bronte  
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## OBITUARIES

### JOSEPH BROWN

Joseph Brown, 80, formerly of Brandywine Hundred, died at The Kutz Home, his residence for two weeks.

Mr. Brown was a manager for the Livingston Credit Clothing Store in Wilmington for 40 years, retiring in 1978. He was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom in Wilmington, twice Past Master of Oriental Lodge 27 AF&AM, and a member of the Delaware Link 43, order of the Golden Chain, in Wilmington.

Survivors include wife, Gloria A. Weiss-Brown; stepsons, Dr. Robert J. Weiss of Bethlehem, Pa., Lyle P. Weiss of Plymouth Township, Pa.; sister, Esther Spitzer of Agoura, Calif.; four grandchildren.

Contributions may be made to Congregation Beth Shalom, 18th and Baynard Boulevard, Wilmington 19802, or the Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Wilmington 19809.

### RAE F. GERSTINE

Rae F. Gerstine, 98, of Arden, DE died on September 27, in her home. Her husband Emanuel Gerstine, died in 1965.

Rae served as Secretary and Treasurer of the Arden Bldg. and Loan Association for 32 years, and was a member of the Arden Club.

She is survived by a son, Milton, of Ardentown, a daughter, Diana Ricci of Mexico, 5 grandchildren, and 7 great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the Arden Club.

### THEODORE W. BERMAN

Theodore W. Berman, 79, of Aventura, FL, died in his home, September 29. Mr. Berman suffered from arteriosclerotic heart disease. Mr. Berman was a life member of B'nai B'rith.

Mr. Berman was the owner of House of Watches for 40 years. He is survived by 3 sons: Gilbert Berman, of Green Acres, Wilm.; Robert Berman of Webster Farm, and Michael Berman of Milton, MA; 2 sisters, Rosalie Kurfurst of Luther Towers and Ida Simon of Wilmington; and 8 grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to your favorite charity.

### H. BENJAMIN HORWITZ

H. Benjamin Horwitz, 92, of Belle Air Bluffs, Florida, died. Mr. Horwitz was a diamond merchant, born in Wilmington. He is survived by his wife Ida.

### JOAN SARAH LEVY

Joan Sarah Levy, 80, of Hillside Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, 810 S. Broom St., Wilmington, formerly of Cherry Hill, N.J., and 109 Broadbent Road, Northminister, Brandywine Hundred, died at the nursing home, her residence for a month.

Miss Levy was a dress shop manager for the Marianne Shops for about 30 years in Wilmington and Cherry Hill, retiring in 1982.

Survivors include nephews.

### N. BURTON LEVY

N. Burton Levy, 85, of 608 W. 38th St., Wilmington died in St. Francis Hospital.

Mr. Levy was the owner of Burton's Clothes on 405 Market St., Wilmington for 31 years, retiring in 1980. He was a graduate of Wilmington High School and attended the University of Delaware. His memberships include congregation Beth Emeth and its brotherhood, Washington Masonic Lodge 1 AF&AM and the Delaware Consistory.

Survivors include wife, Lena Levy; daughters, Carolyn Kreston of Edenridge, Elaine Lavin of Niskayuna, N.Y.; brothers, Dr. Charles and Dr. Leon, both of Wilmington; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

Contributions may be made to Kutz Home for the Aged or Congregation Beth Emeth.

### EVA MITTLEMAN

Eva Mittleman, 99, of Hockessin, DE, died October 6 in St. Francis Hospital. Her husband, John Mittleman, died in 1971.

Mrs. Mittleman was a member of Congregation Beth Emeth, the Beth Emeth Sisterhood, Hadassah, and was the recipient of a Presidential Award for selling bonds during WW II.

Mrs. Mittleman is survived by two sons: Burto Mittleman of Hockessin, and Howard Mittleman of Boca Raton, FL, 4 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Entries for the Calendar of Events are due on the Thursday deadline, published in The Jewish Voice. Please provide entries in the same format as seen on this page. The Jewish Voice fax number is 427-2438.

Adult Institute of Jewish Studies - The 1997 Adult Institute will be in two locations this year. Beginning Tuesday, October 28 through December 2, 1997, classes will be held at Temple Beth El in Newark, from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Starting Wednesday, October 29 through December 3, 1997, classes will be held at the JCC in Wilmington, from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and 8:45 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. (as in the past). On December 10th, both locations will meet at the JCC to hear our special guest, John Loftus, at 7:30 p.m., on American Secrets. Watch for detailed information in the Voice and from your congregational newspapers.

Beginners' Service at Adas Kodesch - Once a month, beginning on November 1st between 10:00 and 11:00, learn about the Shabbat service. An eight-week program for beginners will also begin on November 1. Between 9:00 and 10:00, you are invited to join this class if you are a non-reader of Hebrew or if you need to brush up on your reading skills. Call the Adas Kodesch office at 762-2705 to sign up.

Beth Emeth Sisterhood Donor Event - Monday, November 10th, Beth Emeth, nationally known author Gerda

Weissman Klein to speak. Call Ethel Parsons at 762-6407 for reservations and information.

Breast Cancer Awareness Luncheon - A special "Mother and Daughter" Breast Cancer Awareness Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, October 22 in the Zallea Auditorium of the Jewish Community Center. Dr. Betty Tarnowski, Ph.D., Scientific Program Director of the American Cancer Society, will be the keynote speaker. Lunch will be served beginning at 11:30 a.m. and the keynote speaker address is scheduled to begin at 12:00 noon. The luncheon program is free of charge and open to the entire community. Advance reservations are required by calling the Jewish Family Service of Delaware office at (302) 478-9411 by October 15. This program is being sponsored by Zeneca Pharmaceuticals, the American Cancer Society, Jewish Family Service of Delaware and the Jewish Community Center. For additional information, contact Suzanne Rodriguez, Fitness Center Coordinator, at (302) 478-5660.

Children's Club Nights for October - Children in kindergarten through 2nd grade are invited to participate in Kids Club programs held at the Jewish Community Center. October Kids Club will be held on Saturday, October 25 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. and will include arts and crafts projects, dinner and ice cream sundaes. The cost is \$10.00 for JCC members and \$12.00 for non-members. Children in grades 3 through 6 can enjoy a special evening with friends at Club Night once each month. October Club

Night will be held on Saturday, October 25 from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Children will go bowling and enjoy a late supper. The cost is \$10.00 for JCC members and \$15.00 for non-members. Free transportation from Temple Beth El will also be provided. Advance registration is required at the JCC Front Desk. For more information, call Rachel Levy or Shay Rosen at (302) 478-5660.

Cholent and Stories - On November 1st Shabbat morning services at A.K.S.E. will be followed by a cholent lunch and storytelling for people of all ages! Please call the Adas Kodesch office at 762-2705 to inform the synagogue that you will be attending. Program is co-sponsored by Adult Education and the Sisterhood.

Family Havdallah and Hayride - Join the community for a Family Havdallah and Hayride at the Jewish Family Campus on Saturday, October 18 beginning at 6:30 p.m. Families will enjoy a bonfire and refreshments following the hayride. The cost is \$20.00 per family for JCC members and \$30.00 per family for non-members. Participants are asked to meet at the Family Campus Arts Pavilion. In the event of rain, the event will be cancelled and refunds will be made. Advance registration is required at the JCC Front Desk. For more information, call Susan Gentry at (302) 478-5660.

Family Sukkot Dinner - The Jewish Community Center will be hosting a special family dinner in celebration of the Sukkot holiday on Tuesday, October 21, at 6:00 p.m. The University of Pennsylvania Israeli Dance Group, "R'nannah," and the Jewish A cap-

ella Group, "Ayalah," will be the featured entertainment. The cost for adults is \$9.00 for JCC members and \$14.00 for non-members. The cost for children and seniors is \$5.00 for JCC members and \$7.50 for non-members. Advance registration is required at the JCC Front Desk. For more information, call Michelle Silberglied at (302) 478-5660.

Holocaust Museum Trip - Sunday, November 2; a box brunch is included. Bus will leave A.K.S.E. at 9:30. Cost is \$35 for members and \$40 for non-members.

Kraft Lecture Series presents Amos Oz - Sunday, October 19, 1997, 7:00 p.m. Israeli author, educator and political activist; "A One Boy Underground In Jerusalem in 1948". No admission charge. Information call Beth Shalom at 654-4462.

New Member Shabbat - On Friday, November 7, at Congregation Beth Emeth, there will be a special new member Shabbat dinner at 6:00 p.m. followed by Shabbat services at 8:00 p.m. and an oneg Shabbat. New members will be blessed and honored in a service written by Rabbi Peter Grumbacher. Potential members are invited. A babysitting service will be provided. RSVP to Jeanne and Ed Davis at 475-8448 by October 28.

Pre and Post Natal Water Aerobics - Motherwell Babywell Inc. is now offering pre and post natal water aerobics at the Jewish Community Center. This self-paced fitness program may safely help you reduce stress, increase energy level, improve muscle tone, alleviate common discomforts of pregnancy, cope with labor and delivery, as well as help you shape-up after delivery. The eight week class is scheduled to begin on Friday, October 31 from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. The cost is \$50.00 for JCC members and \$75.00 for non-

members. Pre-registration is required at the Fitness Center Control Desk. For more information, call Suzanne Rodriguez at (302) 478-5660.

Rosh Hashanah Apple Picking - 1:00-4:00 p.m. on September 28th. Teens in grades 9 through 12 are invited to join their friends for an apple picking adventure, followed by a hayride in Newark. Cost is \$8.00 per person. Call Etai Belinky at the JCC, (302) 478-5660, for more information.

"Schmoozers" Club - This non-dues club is open to all couples in their 40's, 30's, and 20's who are members of Congregation Beth Emeth. The club will have an event approximately once each season. All events will be for adults only, unless specifically advertised as "children are welcome, too."

Our first event will be a dinner buffet on Sunday, October 25, 1997 at 6:00 p.m. in the Ballou Room at Kid Shelleen's Restaurant on 14th & Scott streets in Wilmington. Cost is \$24 per person. RSVP by sending a check before Oct. 18 payable to "Mike and Rae Cook" at 22 Blue Fox Court, Newark, DE 19711. If you have questions, call Mike and Rae at 302-368-1982 (or send e-mail to mikenrae@aol.com).

Sukkot Decorating at Beth Shalom - Sunday, October 12, 1997. Call 654-4462 for details.

Yiddish Theater Trip - Yiddish theater in New York on Wednesday, December 3rd. Participants will attend a matinee performance of the classic play by David Pinski, The Blacksmith's Folly (Yankel der Shmid), which will be translated into English and Russian. Before going to the theater, participants will go to lunch (on your own) in New York. Cost: \$50 for ticket and bus. Call A.K.S.E. at 762-2705 A.S.A.P. to make reservations. Your check is your reservation.

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The Jewish art calendars for 5758 are due in very soon. We beg your indulgence.

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