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Violence Strikes Home

Taped Earlier



Police lead campers to safety after Tuesday's shooting.



As we go to press, there is one child still in serious condition. Two adults escaped with lighter wounds, as did two children. The scenes on television are so familiar by now they unspool like summer reruns; the helicopters circling overhead, victims fleeing the scene, SWAT teams, ambulances, the tidbit-by-tidbit babble of the new anchors. It is familiar, but it is always worse with children. Always.

The rest of the world should understand the setting of this latest attack. A Jewish Community Center in the summer is alive with noisy kids, enthusiastic young counselors and hovering older staff. It smells of sunscreen and pizza. Parents and staff come and go, waving as they tug their over-excited children through the

ruckus. I know this, because at the time of the shooting at the North Valley, my boy, aged six, was at his day camp across town at the Westside JCC. We parents find thousands of things to worry about in any given day. It never occurred to me to worry about him at the JCC. Now that joins the list. Repeat the new American mantra: No place is safe. No place is safe.

Five years ago, during the Gulf War, L.A.P.D. anti-terrorism experts visited area synagogues and other Jewish institutions and encouraged them to beef up security. Some places took the advice. Those that didn't will now face complex and expensive issues of how to, in Police Chief Bernard Parks words, "harden the target" against the violence out there. JCC's have long functioned as campuses for pre-schools and camps, but have likely neglected the security responsibility that comes with being a school in today's world. But will any security measures they now take make us worry less? No, not anymore. The damage has been done, the circle has drawn tight.

An hour after the shooting, long before Buford Furrow turned himself in, we received word that federal and local investigators were already investigating the attack as a hate crime. It didn't surprise us. Last year, the Jewish Journal of Los Angeles reported on a series of white supremacist-linked vandalism in Granada Hills and other Valley communities. Hindsight is 20/20, but experts from the Wiesenthal Center to the ADL have long warned that the step from a swastika to a gun is not as great as we'd like to believe.

But hate isn't the end of the story. At a press conference shortly after the shooting, Jeffrey L. Rouss, executive vice president of the Jewish Community Centers of Greater Los Angeles, departed from his written comments to add a plea for gun control. So did Rabbi Marvin Hier and the ADL's David Lehrer. These men risked politicizing the moment, but it was a noble risk. Evidently, it can't be said often enough or loud enough by enough sane people for our

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By ROB ESHMAN

Whether you live in Colorado, Alabama or California, one thing is certain about life in America today: the violence that seems to be forever happening somewhere else will eventually strike home. You might have thought the shootings and bombings and beatings were always, thankfully, taking place elsewhere. But what they have really been doing is circling closer.

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JEWISH PERSPECTIVES

Multiracial Adoptions Changing The Jewish Complexion

By DEBRA NUSSBAUM
COHEN
JTA

His mom was a little worried about sending Ari Wolff, 8, to overnight camp for the first time this summer.

She had the usual concerns: Will he be homesick at his Reform movement camp in California far from their Honolulu home? But she also had one more unusual angst: Will children tell him he's not Jewish because he is black?

Ari is one of a growing number of children from African-American, Latino, Asian and mixed-race backgrounds being adopted by Jewish parents, including film royalty Steven Spielberg and Kate Capshaw.

Almost unheard of 15 years ago, transracial adoptions are, quite literally, changing the complexion of the Jewish community today.

No one knows just how many Jewish children from other ethnic backgrounds there are. In past years, most were born in Korea, Vietnam and Latin America. Americans continue to adopt children from those places but today the former Soviet Union and China are the leading birth countries in international adoptions, experts say, providing 4,500 and 4,000 children a year, respectively.



Ari Wolff shares an embrace with his adoptive parents.

And while domestic adoptions of children from black and Hispanic backgrounds were first seen in significant numbers in the early 1970s, according to adoption counselor Abby Ruder, they seem to be increasingly popular among Jewish parents today.

"I don't know that institutional attitudes have changed all that much, but on the grass-roots level there are many more people who are drawn to the idea of being in a

multiracial family and are willing to embrace the complexities of what that means," says Ruder, a family therapist in the Philadelphia suburb of Wyndmoor, Pa.

With her partner, Ruder is the adoptive parent of Eliza, a 12-year-old who is bi-racial and African-American.

The 1990 National Jewish Population Study found that 6.5 percent of all respondents were non-white, according to Gary

Tobin, president of the Institute for Jewish and Community Research, located in San Francisco.

Four percent of the 1990 study's core population — meaning Jewish by birth or conversion — was black or Hispanic, Tobin said, which equaled about 220,000 people.

It is now possible that through adoption, adult conversion and intermarriage, the percentage of non-white Jews is as high as 10 percent. An adoption professional estimated that between 15 and 20 percent of the children being adopted by Jewish families are Hispanic or non-white.

"These children are gradually changing the face and color of what people think is Jewish life," Tobin says.

The personal experience of Tobin and his wife, Diane, led them to initiate the "Ethnic and Racial Diversity Study of the Jewish Community", which recently got under way and is being partially funded by Spielberg's Righteous Persons Foundation.

The Tobins were married a few years ago when they were in their mid-40s. From previous marriages they have, between them, five biological adult and teen-age children. Being parents "is what we enjoy most," says Tobin, and it was

something they wanted to share. After briefly trying to conceive, Diane realized that it wasn't likely to happen, given her age.

When they decided to adopt, an application asked them what racial categories they would consider. After checking off the entire list they reached the last box — black — and they couldn't bring themselves to leave that one unchecked.

Six months later they became parents to Jonah, who is now a toddler. "People have been very supportive" of their decision, Tobin says, though "both white people and black people are curious about why somebody would do this."

Problems of race in America become quite real for Jews who adopt children of color. "I know that when one of my children who is white goes across the street to the store he will be treated differently than my son who is black," Tobin says. "He will be a minority within a minority wherever he goes — as a black being raised in a white family, as a black within the Jewish community."

As layered an emotional and spiritual process adoption is for anyone, it is all the more so for those who adopt children from different ethnic backgrounds.

"It's hard for some people to see us as a family because people

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EDITORIAL

Words Can Be Weapons

As we go to press, violence has once again shattered Jewish lives. Three little boys, a teen and an adult were the innocent victims of yet another madman. While Tuesday's shootings at the North Valley Jewish Community Center in suburban Los Angeles were indiscriminate, police now believe that the shooter targeted Jewish victims.

The suspect, 37-year-old Buford Oneal Furrow, who turned himself into authorities in Las Vegas, Nevada told the FBI that he "wanted this to be a wake-up call to America to kill Jews." The Southern Poverty Law Center in Alabama, which maintains a data base of white supremacists, has a photo of Furrow in a Nazi uniform attending a meeting of Aryan Nations.

He has been linked romantically with the widow of Robert J. Matthews, founder of the hate group called The Order.

And, nestled amidst the explosives, ammunition and bullet-proof vests in the van that Matthews allegedly abandoned, police found a book written by the American Nazi Party. One small book can indeed speak volumes about the personality and character of its readers.

California has experienced more than its share of hate crimes this summer. In late June, three Sacramento synagogues were defiled by arsonists. Although, thank G-d, no

one was injured in the blast, one synagogue was destroyed and physical damages to the other two congregations near the \$1 million mark. A sacred space was violated and the lives of these congregants have been indelibly altered. Here again, police found anti-Semitic literature at the crime scene.

The United States Constitution presents us with a moral dilemma. Racists and their victims are both offered freedom of expression. The Order, the Ku Klux Klan and various other hate groups can write and distribute literature that blasphemes Jews, African-Americans, Hispanics, Asians and homosexuals. However, what happens when this reading material inspires a deranged individual to "purify" this great nation by killing members of these "offensive" minority groups? Does the hater have more rights than the people he or she hates?

This editorial is designed to be open-ended. There are no easy answers to the racially motivated attacks that have reached epidemic proportions in our nation. We can pray for the victims of these senseless crimes but we must also act.

Please share your thoughts on ways to stop the violence through an E-Mail to our editor, Lynn Edelman. She can be reached at Jewishvoice@aol.com. Your responses will be printed in the September 3rd edition of the Jewish Voice.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Claims Office Opens In Austria

In the past few months we have received many inquiries from Jewish Holocaust survivors in and from Austria regarding the restitution of assets seized during the Nazi regime. Yet again, this has reiterated the importance of establishing an appropriate institutional framework to advise and support Holocaust survivors in restitution issues.

We are therefore happy to inform you that the Federation of Jewish communities in Austria has recently opened a Claims Office for Jewish Nazi Victims in and from Austria as well as their heirs. The Claims Office will document individual claims in the attempt to build a premise for the future restitution or compensation of Jewish property.

Despite the fact that Austrian legislation currently does not provide for the recovery

or compensation of Holocaust-era assets, our Claims Office is most committed to supporting restitution claims of Holocaust survivors and their heirs. This is our last opportunity to help Austrian Jews-victims and their heirs alike-see justice received.

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Very truly yours,
Dr. Ariel Muzicant, President
Federation of
Jewish Communities in Austria

The Parsha Place

Week of August 13

Shoftim
TAKEH?

Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9

Steven Folberg

Woven throughout the text of this week's parashah, Shoftim (the word means "magistrates" or "officials") are many mitzvot directed at the creation of good government and a fair legal system. There are rules about courts of law, about the limits to be placed on a king's power, and much more. In keeping with this theme, the third verse of the portion declares, *Tzedek, tzedek tirdof*, "Justice, justice shall you pursue." (Deut. 16:20)

The word *tzedek*, "justice," contains the same Hebrew root as the word *tzedakah* (which explains why "charity" is a mistranslation of *tzedakah*: "charity" means "caring," while *tzedakah* means "righteousness"). But there is much more here to ponder. Why does the Torah tell us to "pursue" justice rather than simply commanding us to "do justice" or "be just"? What is true justice, and is it even achievable in the real world? And then there is an obvious case of what our sages called *lashon yeterah*, "redundant language": Why is the word *tzedek*, "justice," repeated?

A chasidic sage, Rabbi Ze'ev Wolf of Zbarazh, taught that "justice, justice" refers not to real righteousness, not to *tzedek*, but rather to *tzidkut*, "self-righteousness, sanctimoniousness." The double use of the word *tzedek* thus refers to one who "protests too much" about how righteous or pious he or she is. If you self-consciously strive too hard to be a *tzadik*, a "righteous and holy person," you risk falling prey to a "trick" of your evil impulse, taught Ze'ev Wolf. So, *tzedek, tzedek*, in his wonderful reading of the verse, refers to those times when we become so intransigently convinced of our own rightness-in politics, in an argument, in Jewish spiritual life-that it blinds us to the grain of truth in other points of view. *Tzidkut*, "self-righteousness," causes the negation of *tzedek*, real justice! It's like the story of two European shtetl Jews who'd had a falling out over a long-overdue debt. One day, the debtor suddenly declared to his creditor, "Yankel, good news! I'm leaving for America next week. My relatives in Chicago are wiring me money for the journey. At last, I can repay you." Yankel responded, "Ach, Yossel-forget about it! For that amount of money, it's not worth changing my opinion of you." How can we avoid *tzidkut*? A rabbinic school professor at Hebrew Union College told us with delight of a "little Litvak" (meaning a stereotypically skeptical, rational Lithuanian Jew) who sat on his shoulder and who, whenever he got too sure of himself, whispered in his ear in Yiddish, "Takeh? (Really?). Do you really believe that? Are you so sure of yourself, your opinions, your rightness?" We could all do, at certain times, with that "little Litvak" whispering in our ear, cautioning us about dismissing the feelings and opinions of those around us. Shabbat Shalom!

Steve Folberg is senior rabbi at Temple Beth Israel, Austin, Texas.

Voice Box

"Once again, our nation has been shaken and our hearts torn by gun violence. We must intensify our resolve to make America a safer place."

President Bill Clinton commenting on Tuesday's shooting at a suburban Los Angeles Jewish Community.

"You're looking for me, I killed the kids in Los Angeles."

Buford O. Furrow, turning himself into authorities in Las Vegas on Wednesday



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Jewish Community Relations Update

By SUE SHAFFER
JCRC Director

TAKE A STAND ON THE FOLLOWING PIECES OF LEGISLATION OF INTEREST TO OUR JEWISH COMMUNITY:

The **Hate Crimes Prevention Act (HCPA)** was passed in the Senate on July 22. Unanimously passed as an amendment to the Commerce, State, Justice Appropriations Bill, The HCPA serves two functions. It removes needless barriers to Federal prosecution of hate crimes, and it extends protections of the law to individuals persecuted because of the actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender or disability. The Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA) Chair, Steven Schwartz, remarked that "The June 18 fire bombing of three synagogues in Sacramento and the July 2 racially and ethnically-motivated shooting spree in the Midwest remind Americans that pockets of aggression, hatred and bigotry still persist in American society." The federal government must play a vital role in addressing the threat posed by violent extremists and racists. Though the HCPA may not wholly thwart hate crimes, it sends a clear message that crimes motivated by prejudice will not be tolerated in our society. Bias-motivated crimes committed against any individual hurt not only that person but also chip away at the very pillars of liberty, tolerance, and dignity that support American democracy."

The JCPA strongly urges the House of Representatives

to match the action of the Senate and pass the **Hate Crimes Prevention Act. Please let our Delaware Representative, Michael Castle, know of our Jewish Community's strong support for HCPA, and urge him to support the broad expansion of the federal hate crimes H.R.1982.**

The bill sponsored by Senator Kennedy (MA) (S.192) to increase the national minimum wage by one dollar over two years (at 50 cents per year) may come to the Senate floor very shortly during the debate on tax cuts. If it does not pass, Senator Kennedy will continually attach it to other legislative vehicles until it does. The Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA) continues to support efforts to raise the federal minimum wage that would help advance families from a state of poverty to economic self-sufficiency. Rep. Bonner (MI) has introduced the companion bill in the House (H.R. 325). **Please call our members of Congress now and urge them to support S. 192 and H.R. 325, legislation increasing the national minimum wage.**

Several bills pertaining to Holocaust-related matters are pending before the U.S. Congress. Three bills (H.R. 390; H.R.1292; S. 779) were introduced earlier this year that would in various forms, require that restitution to Holocaust survivors or their heirs be exempt from federal income tax. These bills would ensure that all survivors receive the full compensation they

are due, thereby particularly benefiting elderly claimants who live on fixed incomes. Similar bills have been passed or are under consideration in state legislatures around the country. **PLEASE URGE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO CO-SPONSOR LEGISLATION TO EXEMPT HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS AND HEIRS FROM FEDERAL TAX ON RESTITUTION PAYMENTS (H.R.390; H.R.1292; AND S.779).**

In May, the Nazi Benefits Termination Act (H.R. 1788) was introduced in the House. This legislation will enable the Attorney General to initiate proceedings to terminate Federal public benefits payments, such as Social Security,

to certain participants in Nazi persecutions. The bill will affect both deportable individuals in the U.S. and participants in Nazi activities who have already fled the U.S., preventing these individuals from collecting U.S. benefits. The legislation requires the Department of Justice to conclusively prove that the accused individual assisted in

Nazi persecutions before suspending benefits. The Social Security Administration reports that eight Nazi persecutors have collected over \$700,000 in Social Security benefits, despite their relocation abroad. **PLEASE URGE REPRESENTATIVE CASTLE TO CO-SPONSOR THE NAZI BENEFITS TERMINATION ACT (H.R.1788).**

Last summer, the major Swiss banks agreed upon a \$1.25 billion settlement to resolve outstanding Holocaust-era claims. Pursuant to court orders and procedures, a world-wide campaign is now underway to notify potential claimants in more than 100 countries of the class action suit and the pending settlement. There has been a full-

page ad in recent issues of *The Voice*. **In order for survivors to eventually receive payments from the settlement, they must complete a 5-page questionnaire; they can obtain copies of related documents by calling a toll-free number, 1-888-635-5483; The deadline for submission of forms is October 22, 1999.**



Judy Wortman (front row, fourth from left) JFD Executive Vice President, poses with her fellow grads.

Federation Executive Completes Management Course

Judy Wortman, executive vice president of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, successfully completed a sixteen week Nonprofit Management Certificate Course offered by the University of Delaware. She

was one of 19 agency executives and volunteers to undertake this intensive program which offered participants the tools and techniques they need to become more effective leaders.

Course requirements included class attendance and participation; extensive outside readings and completion and presentation of a strategic plan.

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representatives to understand: Hate and psychosis are not unique to our country, but easy access to firearms is. Perhaps it is time for Jews from across the religious and political spectrum to join in lobbying for saner gun laws. Suddenly, assault rifles are a Jewish issue.

The Jewish community is stunned, outraged, anxious and

grieving. We feel for the injured and their parents even more because we have walked those same halls, with our own children.

"I'm in shock," one of our reporters on the scene of the story told me by cell phone. "My kid's Jewish day school is ten minutes away. It's all so arbitrary." She's right to be in shock. But she's wrong that these sorts of attacks, in America, in 1999, are all so

arbitrary. On the contrary, they are beginning to feel inevitable.

Editor's Note: Rob Eshman is managing editor of *The Jewish Journal of Greater Los Angeles*.

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ADOPTION OPTIONS

Gummerman Helps Process Adoption

By **BONNIE FALCHUK**

Helene Gummerman believes that one can never have enough education and advance preparation when navigating the adoption process. She founded Child and Home Study Associates in 1980 when the government cutback on funding to county-provided adoption services. Prospective parents were left in a lurch wondering where to turn.

Many turned to Child and Home Study Associates—one of the very first private, independent

adoption agencies. The agency was a welcome addition to a field that included several large sectarian agencies and Pearl S. Bucks Welcome House.

Gummerman's experience in the field of adoption began in graduate school when she helped place children in foster homes. Today, her focus is on giving prospective parents the tools they need to find the adoption option that is right for them. In international adoption, this could mean developing a relationship with Holt—one of the oldest

international agencies – or Los Ninos – an agency with which Gummerman has worked for more than 19 years.

Gummerman stresses the importance of dealing with established, reputable agencies. "People who are adopting can be very vulnerable," she stated. Her own staff of 14 is well-credentialed. "Everyone in my agency has a master's degree in social work," she said, adding that advanced training is essential because of the significance and sensitivity of "the work

we do".

Child and Home Study Associates counsels and consults with both couples and singles. They will conduct home studies—a comprehensive report based on interviews and in-home visits which helps determine readiness for parenthood. While they do not seek out birth mothers, they will assist all parties in identified adoptions-situations where prospective parents have located a birth mother who has agreed to relinquish her child for adoption.

Gummerman directs clients to resources that address the special challenges of adoptive parenthood. She enthusiastically endorses AFIS-Adoptive Families With Information and Support—a group founded by Delaware adoptive families. "It's a strong group, very helpful to all prospective parents and especially to those considering transracial

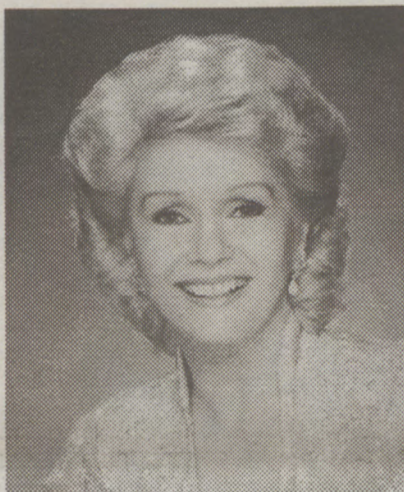
adoptions," she said. AFIS offers a 4-6 week course twice a year for prospective parents. For additional information about the course or other AFIS services, call 239-6232.

Gummerman believes that Judaism and adoption are changing one another. She feels that the Jewish community is far more open to adoption today than in years past. Jewish families are adopting from Korea, China, Latin America, Russia and Romania-making Hebrew school a truly international experience!

Her agency is right in the middle of this trend. In the past year, Gummerman and her staff has worked with 500 families and has recorded some 160 adoptive placements. For further information about Child and Home Study Associates, call 475-5433.

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Debbie Reynolds

Chairperson,
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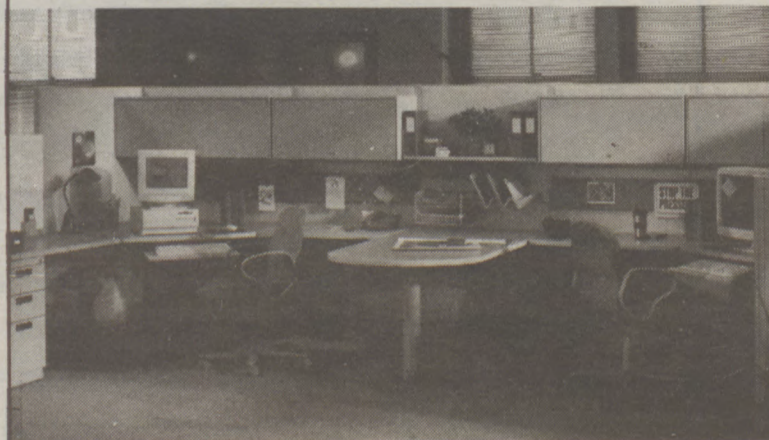
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ADOPTION OPTIONS

Infertility And Adoption - A Jewish Perspective

By **BONNIE FALCHUK**

Anyone who has ever wondered about the Jewish perspective on infertility and adoption will find Rabbi Michael Gold's And Hannah Wept-Infertility, Adoption and The Jewish Couple to be an invaluable resource. This concisely written book addresses such controversial issues as in-vitro fertilization, amniocentesis and the pros and cons of genetic engineering.

The chapter on adoption discusses the status of an adopted child as a Kohan or Levi, the practice of adoption in the shtetls of Eastern Europe and in the United States and the dilemmas faced by

observant couples who are rendered infertile when they try to observe the laws of family purity.

One need not be personally affected by these issues to find Gold's book appealing. His writing is thought provoking and reflects the multi-faceted aspects of contemporary Jewish thought as well as its evolution over time.

His final chapter, "An Agenda for the Jewish Community," calls on the Jewish community to renew its involvement in the adoption process. At the beginning of the century, many Jewish family agencies were involved in finding homes for children who needed them. At

present, few are. In Delaware, for example, Jewish Family Service receives only a few inquiries about adoption and they refer callers to

the appropriate agencies.

In years past, these agencies were engaged in locating families for Jewish children. However, with

today's estimated infertility rate of 20% among Jewish couples Gold believes that the emphasis should

The House That Harlan Built

By **BONNIE FALCHUK**

Houses come in all shapes and sizes. All offer comfort and shelter from life's storms. Adoption House performs these same functions for its clients, helping support them through the often tumultuous adoption process.

Wilmington Attorney Harlan Tenenbaum founded this state-licensed agency six months ago upon his return from the Netherlands. There, he spent time at The Hague, helping to draft international adoption law which would provide improved safeguards for all parties involved in adopting from nations outside the United States. Tenenbaum is currently working with members of the United States Senate to implement legislation which would make The Hague recommendations binding.

Tenenbaum, a graduate of Tufts University and Brooklyn Law School, is an advocate of "semi-

open" adoptions. He explains that the birth mother is encouraged to choose the family who will adopt her child. Adoption House staff will arrange a face-to-face meeting, if desired. In preparation for this meeting, all parties involved receive extensive counseling.

This approach differs from "open" adoption, which often includes continuous contact with the birth mother after placement.

Tenenbaum believes that this can be very confusing to the child.

Counseling, according to Tenenbaum, is the key to helping birth mothers follow through with their adoption plans. "We help birth mothers feel confident that they are making a good decision for their child's future."

For additional information about Adoption House, please call 477-0944.

New Website

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tion has grown exponentially, whether the children are originally from Latin America, China, or the United States. "It is absolutely essential for the Jewish community to embrace these diverse families. We feel it is equally important to give these families resources such as JewishDiversity.com to help them in their efforts to build Jewish homes," says Managing Editor

Ronnie Friedland.

Editor's Note: Jewish Family & Life! is the largest provider of original Jewish material on the Internet. Its many webzines include JewishFamily.com Food.com, InterfaithFamily.com, GenerationJ.com, JVibe.com, and the upcoming SocialAction.com. Jewish Family & Life! also publishes Sh'ma, the Jewish community's leading monthly intellectual journal.

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Note that you may be included even if you did not have a Swiss bank account, and that this Settlement is different from the Swiss Humanitarian Fund.

Who Is Affected by the Settlement

You are affected by the Settlement if you fit into one of the following five Settlement Classes. Four Classes consist of "Victims or Targets of Nazi Persecution" (any individual, business or group persecuted or targeted for persecution by the Nazi Regime or its agents, because they were or were believed to be Jewish, Romani, Jehovah's Witness, homosexual, or physically or mentally disabled or handicapped), AND who:

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All Settlement Classes include heirs and successors of the persons and entities described above.

Even if you're not sure whether you are a member of one of the Settlement Classes, you should request a Mailed Notice and Initial Questionnaire. For example, if you performed slave labor, you may not know whether revenue or proceeds of that labor were deposited with Swiss Entities; you may still be a Settlement Class member.

How and When Claims will be Paid

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If You Do Not Want to Participate

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How to Comment or Object

You may comment on the terms of the Settlement by October 22, 1999. The Mailed Notice describes how to submit comments or objections. You have the right to appear at the November 29, 1999 hearing in person or through counsel, although you do not have to.

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* The second Settlement Class also includes claims against Swiss Entities relating to "Cloaked Assets," which are assets disguised by a Swiss Entity for the benefit of an Axis company or person associated with the Nazi Regime, between 1933 and 1946.

Adoptions From The Heart

By **BONNIE FALCHUK**

Every year, there is a big picnic in Fort Washington, Pennsylvania. Families travel there from Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and several other states to nosh, schmooze and see how each other's children have grown.

Last year, more than 400 people attended - celebrating their common connection to Adoptions From the Heart. This full-service agency specializing in open adoptions was established in Pennsylvania in 1985 and maintains a Delaware office in Trolley Square.

Many of the adoptive parents at the picnic elected to invite their child's birth mother to the celebration. This demonstrates the high level of comfort with openness that is the cornerstone of the agency's philosophy. "We are the facilitators-the parties in the adoption make their own agreement," said Executive Director Maxine Chalker who is herself an adoptee. Her agency lets the birth mother determine the degree of openness she wants for her child's adoption plan. Some may request a face-to-face meeting with the adoptive parent(s), others may only want letters and photos several times a year. At opposite ends of the spectrum is the desire for traditional closed adoptions (a rarity) and the desire to maintain continuing contact with the adoptive family after placement.

Chalker, who gained a close relationship with a sister after searching for her birth mother, said that the success of her program demonstrates the trend towards more openness in domestic adoptions.

Adoptions From the Heart was indeed a trendsetter - the first East

Coast agency to offer this alternative. A Catholic organization was the only other U.S. agency to give birth mothers this option.

As Merry Bloch Jones points out in her book *Birthmothers*, that many biological parents agonize over the choices and risks involved in searching for a day care provider for their children. "Imagine then the trauma involved in relinquishing your child to someone who you have never met, forever," said the author, who believes that open adoption can reassure the birth parent that her child is thriving and that she has made the right decision.

Almost all international adoptions are closed with few if any opportunities for children to obtain information about their biological families later in life. However, children adopted from foreign countries are often offered ways to connect with their cultural heritage through holiday celebrations and other special programs.

Chalker said that her agency sponsors a Chinese-Vietnamese New Year party for its adoptees who come from these nations. The event is so popular that she must book a facility the size of the Valley Forge Convention Center in Pennsylvania to accommodate all who wish to attend.

Judaism may indeed be the birthplace of open adoption. Moses was rescued and ultimately raised by the Pharaoh and his wife. However, his biological mother was hired as a nurse to care for him. Both women nurtured the future leader of the Jewish people.

For further information about Adoptions From The Heart, call (302) 658-8883.

The House That Harlan Built

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shift towards finding children for Jewish families. He suggests that one way of accomplishing this goal is suggesting adoption as a preferable alternative to abortion to Jewish women facing unwanted pregnancies.

Gold also suggests that synagogues, with their strong family ori-

entation, take a more active role in welcoming Jewish childless couples. He proposes starting infertility support groups or simply lessening the pressure to start a family.

As the proud father of two adopted children, Gold wants to spread the joy of parenthood through adoption to other members of the Jewish community.

Exploring Adoption? Here's Help.

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Multiracial Adoption

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are used to families looking alike," says Jana Wolff, a ghostwriter for business executives and author of "Secret Thoughts of an Adoptive Mother."

"Our parents had some anxiety asking if we were making things hard for that child, and his and our lives are more complicated as a result of being transracially adopted."

"We've increased the ways in which Ari stands out," Wolff said. "He's different by being adopted, by being Jewish, by living in Hawaii, by having a Hebrew name. And it's very hard to think you've contributed to making things difficult for your child."

Some adoptive parents consciously decide against adopting a child from a different ethnic background.

Rabbi Simkha Weintraub and his wife, Simha Rosenberg, had already adopted Adin, who is white, when they pursued finding a second child.

They were offered a non-white baby whom, after what was "a wrenching experience for us," they decided to turn down. Soon after that they found their daughter, Meirav, who is now 4.

"We didn't want to put Adin in the position of having to answer questions about his sister or brother every time they went to the playground," says Weintraub, who is a couples therapist and rabbinic director of the National Center for Jewish Healing and of the New York Jewish Board of Family & Children's Services.

"We have never hidden the fact of their adoption but we didn't want to impose a neon sign on them, either," he says.

Jewish parents who adopt children from different ethnic backgrounds say that they have to be very conscious of how decisions they make will impact their child's racial identity.

For Ruder, it has meant arranging daily experiences for her daughter where she isn't in the minority. "We live in an interracial community, have her in an interracial school and have built strong friendships with other people of color," Ruder says. "I want her to be able to be bicultural."

The Ashkenazi/white focus of the American Jewish community also poses a real challenge for these parents. "It has been painful for Eliza as well as us that the Jewish community in this country is so Caucasian, while world Jewry is very multiracial," Ruder says. "We're just beginning to find a way to talk about being inclusive racially in the American Jewish community."

Ruder recalls her daughter wanting to be Esther at Purim a couple of years ago. "All of a sudden she didn't want to go to the Megillah reading because she said, Esther was white. I said no, she was Persian, and she decided if Esther was a person of color that she could be her."

Ruder had a long talk with her teacher about the need to validate Eliza's identity. "In the great majority of books in Jewish education, everybody's white. I can't tell you how many hours we've spent coloring the pictures in."

The big test of how accepting of racial diversity the Jewish community is, agree Jewish parents of children of color, will be when it is

time for their kids to date and marry.

"That's when push comes to shove," says the father of an 8-year-old daughter of black and Hispanic origin, who asked not to be named. "Even people who say they feel very supported by their synagogues and communities are saying, 'But will those people want their children to marry mine?'" says Diane Tobin, project director for the study on ethnic and racial diversity in the Jewish community.

In the meantime, Jewish parents have found ways to meld their children's racial heritage with their Jewishness. Many focus on the struggles of African-Americans and other ethnic groups during the Passover seder.

Wolff, with her husband and son, last year created "Kwaanzukkah," a meld of Chanukah and the African-American cultural holiday Kwanzaa. It went over so well that her son and their friends have asked that they make the holiday an annual tradition.

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to 9:05 p.m., Gratz will offer a "Family Ulpan" designed for individuals who have taken a basic Hebrew Course and want to broaden their vocabulary and improve their grammar. Families who plan to travel to Israel will find this course especially useful.

Narda Oz, an instructor of

Biblical Hebrew at West Chester University who has many years of experience in teaching Hebrew to adults and younger audiences, will teach the course.

"Judaism, Christianity and Islam" encourages students to study each religion's unique contribution to the world.

Delaware Gratz students may be eligible for college credit by successfully completing this course to be taught by Fulbright Scholar Jack Winokur, an Assistant Provost at Wilmington College.

Courses may be audited or tak-

en for credit. The cost is \$208 per audited course or \$233 for both audited courses. Classes will begin in September but pre-registration is required. Please call Gratz at (302) 478-8100 for additional information.

AKSE Begins Talmud Torah

Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth begins its new academic year on Wednesday, September 15. The synagogue, located in Wilmington, offers a formal three-day a week Hebrew school program beginning with second graders in Aleph. Children generally complete the school's five year program by the end of sixth grade-allowing them to

devote their seventh grade year to preparation for bar and bat mitzvahs. All students are encouraged to continue their Jewish education at Gratz Hebrew High School.

In addition to classroom activities, AKSE offers a number of participatory programs including Junior Congregation Shabbat services, Israel Quiz Bowl, holiday cel-

ebrations and tzedakah projects.

New this year will be a family education series. Families will also enjoy special bar/bat mitzvah programming and havdalah experiences.

AKSE individualizes religious instruction for each child, including those with learning differences. The school uses Talmud Torah alumnae as aides. These teenagers, who are fluent in prayers and Hebrew, work one-on-one with students who need extra assistance.

AKSE Educational Director Gail Weinberg heads an experienced faculty which includes Jill Freeman, Karen Moss, Roni Sneiderman and Max Rosenberg.

For additional information about a traditional Jewish education at AKSE, please call Weinberg at (302) 762-3613.

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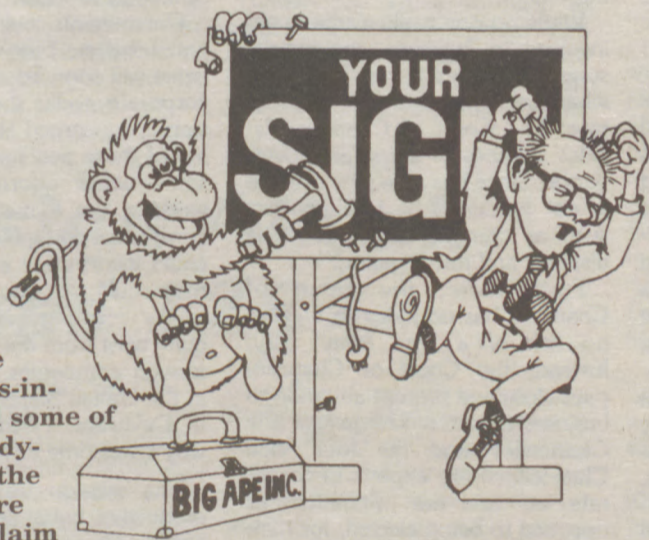
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Expanding Delaware's Connection To Arad-Tamar

By TONI YOUNG

Three years ago the words, Arad and Tamar, meant nothing to me. Today, I have dozens of friends in the city of Arad and the agricultural region surrounding the Dead Sea known as Tamar, and work with them on numerous projects.

Partnership 2000, the program that unites communities in the Diaspora with communities in Israel, is responsible for the change. Members of the Delaware Jewish community, along with our partners in New Jersey, tackle projects in the areas of economic development, tourism, education, and living bridge. One of the highlights of my recent trip to Israel as part of Governor Carper's delegation, was the chance to strengthen and expand connections between Delaware and Arad-Tamar.

In Jerusalem, Governor Carper hosted a reception for leaders of the Arad-Tamar region and for former Delawareans who now live in Israel. Our partners had an opportunity to tell the governor and other members of the delegation about their city and region and to meet former Delawareans. Hopefully, many of these new connections will produce benefits in the future.

After an exciting week in Jerusalem, Peggy Amsterdam, Director of the Delaware Division of the Arts, Marcy Spivack, arts advocate, Harvey Price, percussionist, Linda Henderson, pianist, their children Alan and Margo, Stuart Young, former chair of the Delaware Arts Council, and I went to Arad-Tamar to explore oppor-

tunities for cooperation in the arts. At the community center, our delegation visited the MeLevLeLev Day Center for emotionally and physically handicapped adults. The Center director is a talented artist who teaches self-expression through the use of clay, embroidery, and paint. Despite their sometimes severe handicaps, the forty people who attend daily create beautiful work. The success of the program gave us ideas for programming in Delaware. (Evelyn Goldblum, wife of Rabbi Moshe Goldblum, volunteered at this center during the couple's weeks of service in Arad.)

Our delegation visited the homes and studios of numerous artists working in a variety of media in Arad and at Kibbutz Ein Gedi. We discussed a variety of ideas: showing their works in Delaware, inviting them to Delaware for residencies in the schools or in Delaware's arts institutions, encouraging Delaware artists to spend time teaching and working in Arad, promoting the WUJS arts program, and assisting Israeli artists in increasing public awareness of their work. As we drove from home to home in Arad, we were impressed by the amount of sculpture in public plazas and on roads overlooking the desert.

Members of the string ensemble, the recorder ensemble and axylophonist, all students at the Arad music conservatory, performed a mini concert for us. Their level of musicality was extraordinary. Everytime I hear the string ensemble of youngsters, many of



Former Delawareans surround Governor Carper and Toni Young at Arad-Tamar Reception.

whom came to Israel from the FSU in recent years, I am amazed by their emotion and technical expertise. The concert concluded with a great jazz performance by Harvey Price and Linda Henderson. Following the concert, we discussed several possibilities: bringing the string ensemble to the United States, bringing musicians from the University of Delaware to perform in Arad-Tamar, and arranging for music teachers from

Delaware to teach in Arad-Tamar.

At the WUJS Institute (World Union of Jewish Students), we learned about the art project that brings Jewish artists from around the world to Arad for seven months to pursue their work in a desert environment, "inspired by the country and its landscapes, the desert and its culture." In addition to pursuing their work, the artists take classes offered by WUJS.

Arad is on the edge of the

Judean and Negev deserts. Its residents appreciate the great beauty and heritage of the desert. They work to preserve the desert and to help others understand its power and importance. Kibbutz Ein Gedi is an official botanical garden of the State of Israel with a wide variety of exotic plants. But the unique aspect of Ein Gedi is that the entire community actually runs its daily life in the botanical garden. Thus,

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Governor's Corporate Mission To Israel

By STEWART B. YOUNG

When Secretary of State Edward Freel learned at two industrial high tech incubators in Israel that several projects had been incorporated in Delaware, he asked "why Delaware?" "Because our lawyers told us to," was the response. So why did Governor Thomas Carper's Trade Mission to Israel include a corporate delegation to convince lawyers, bankers and CPAs to incorporate in Delaware when they were already doing so? Obviously not every lawyer is suggesting Delaware as the place of incorporation. Furthermore, even though over 50% of the Fortune 500 companies and, in fact, over 50% of all corporations on the New York Stock Exchange, are incorporated in Delaware, many lawyers who recommend Delaware, don't really know why. Many believe Delaware is some sort of tax haven. While, of course, there are some tax advantages in Delaware, especially Delaware Holding Companies which are exempt from Delaware state tax on income generated from intangible assets such as bonds, patents and licensing fees, this is not the key reason why Delaware is the favored state of incorporation.

The corporation delegation led by Ed Freel, and consisting of Lewis Lazarus, Esquire of Morris,

James, Hitchens & Williams, Ben Strauss, Esquire of Pepper Hamilton LLP, Stuart B. Young, Esquire of Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP, Howard Cohen, Vice President of Wilmington Trust Company, Henry Beckler, President of Star Financial Service, LP (a corporate service company), Laura Marvel, Director of Division of Corporations under the Secretary of State, and Cynthia Kane, Director of Special International Projects for Governor Carper, visited six of the largest law firms in Israel and made two additional presentations to large audiences of CPAs, bankers and investment advisors. We went to Israel to tell the Delaware corporate story.

After Ed Freel gave an overview of Delaware's sound economy, corporate status and cultural environment, the attorneys explained the basics of Delaware corporate law and the simplicity with which companies can be incorporated in Delaware. Delaware corporate law is broad and flexible and is not governed by unnecessary, detailed rules and regulations experienced in many other states. While most states have the same corporate structures and entities, such as limited liability companies and business trusts, as in Delaware, the Delaware Court of Chancery and

the Division of Corporations are what make Delaware's corporate environment different from other states.

The Division of Corporations is equipped with the most advanced technology and is operated by a well trained and accommodating staff. The Division is run more like a business than an agency burdened with bureaucracy and red tape. In fact, the State of New York visited the Division to learn about Delaware's successful system. Admittedly, the New York delegation recognized that it could not possibly duplicate the efficiency and cooperative spirit of Delaware's Division of Corporations. Even a delegation from Israel visited the Division of Corporations in Dover to observe the efficiency of its operation.

The distinguished Delaware Court of Chancery, as well as the Supreme Court of Delaware, have given some measure of certainty and predictability to the Delaware corporate law. Furthermore, Delaware courts' well-reasoned decisions are the source of much of the modern corporate case law in the United States. When a corporation and its directors rely upon Delaware corporate law, they have judicial decisions that have, over the years, interpreted the meaning of

these laws.

While no one really wants to get involved in litigation, the judicial system of a state is very important when deciding where to incorporate. The Court of Chancery decides disputes of corporate governance. Since it is an equity court, it is not burdened by legal matters such as criminal cases, domestic disputes and tort litigation.

Furthermore, the Court of Chancery has no juries so there is no risk of a "run away" jury. Instead, the Court of Chancery pays close and prompt attention to business disputes. The judges (the Chancellor and his four Vice Chancellors) are experts in corporate law and are appointed, as opposed to being elected, for their merit and qualifications. This is why the Delaware judiciary, as well as Delaware corporate law, are so important.

The Israeli attorneys were especially impressed that Delaware has experienced complex cases being resolved in a matter of thirty to sixty days. They were also surprised that many times matters can be heard in judges' chambers on very short notice and sometimes the resolution of a problem is only a telephone call away to a judge. Israeli attorneys could hardly envision such a congenial and informal

climate in Israel.

Our mission couldn't have been timed better. Since the State of Israel will soon be enacting a new corporate code, the legal profession is concerned about the meaning of these new laws. As a result, some Israeli attorneys suggested working out a method by which companies doing business in Israel could incorporate in Delaware, so they could rely upon the meaning of its corporate laws. This was quite a twist from our goal of getting foreign companies doing business in the United States to incorporate in Delaware. Needless to say, it was a welcome turn of events.

The mission was exciting and productive, but at times, somewhat hectic. One day we went from 9:30 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. without a break for a meal. (Not to mention that I began the day at 7:00 a.m. to travel two and a half hours from the Dead Sea to meet the delegations at its first appointment.)

Fortunately, at each visit there were the customary soft drinks, cookies and cakes on the table to keep us going. We were warmly received by all of those we addressed. We left each meeting feeling proud to be Delawareans and satisfied that our mission was a success.

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Russian Jews Nervous About Government Shake-Up

By LEV KRICHEVSKY
JTA

Russian President Boris Yeltsin's latest Cabinet reshuffling could hinder the government's ability to crack down on anti-Semitism, according to Russian Jewish leaders.

"There is little grounds for optimism when we call on the government to ensure stability but there is no stability with the government itself," said Pavel Feldblum, the executive vice president of the Moscow Jewish Community. Feldblum's comments came after Yeltsin sacked his entire Cabinet, including Prime Minister Sergei Stepashin, in a surprise move Monday. Yeltsin replaced Stepashin, the fourth prime minister he has fired in the last 17 months, with security chief Vladimir Putin, a former KGB spy.

During a trip to Washington last month, Stepashin condemned anti-Semitism in Russia and vowed to "eradicate" it.

The news took leading politicians, experts and ordinary Russians by surprise. Last week, Moscow's leading newspapers speculated about an impending Cabinet reshuffle, but few expected the change would come so soon.

Like Stepashin, the 47-year-old Putin is a native of St. Petersburg. A former aide to St. Petersburg's liberal ex-Mayor Anatoly Sobchak who was virtually unknown until last year, Putin has enjoyed a meteoric rise in the Kremlin.

Recently he has been the director of the Federal Security Service, the Russian domestic intelligence agency that is the successor to the Soviet-era KGB, as well as the secretary of Yeltsin's Security Council.

Putin, who has a reputation for being loyal and cautious, said Monday he planned to retain key ministers from the outgoing government in his new Cabinet. He also vowed his administration would continue the Kremlin's current policies, including a commitment to economic reforms.

In his previous jobs, Putin became familiar with some of the issues that concern Russia's Jewish community. As the former head of the FSB, Security Council and a presidential commission to combat extremism, Putin dealt with the issues of anti-Semitism, neo-Nazism and racism in Russia society. But Putin has never made any direct public comments concerning anti-Semitism.

Putin has had several meetings with Jewish officials, according to Moscow's chief rabbi, Pinchas Goldschmidt. Last year Goldschmidt was among a group of Jewish leaders who met with Putin, then head of the FSB, to discuss security-related issues.

Putin was "sympathetic" to issues raised by the Jewish leaders in the meeting, said Mark Levin, executive director of the Washington-based National Conference on Soviet Jewry, who participated in the meeting.

But Levin and the Union of Council for Soviet Jews, another U.S.-based advocacy group for Jews in the former Soviet Union, expressed caution over the appointment.

Some Russians - Jews and non-Jews - oppose Putin's appointment because of his link to the KGB. "Yeltsin's pick of Putin as prime minister and successor scares me," said Yelena Fradkis, 61, a Jewish teacher of economics at a Moscow university.

"I remember too well the fear me and my family had for the KGB."

As with most previous reshuffles, the reason for Yeltsin's latest decision remains unclear.

Some of Yeltsin's critics across the political spectrum accuse the Russian president of having lost his mind or of acting only in the interests of his own family and his close entourage.

Others say Yeltsin is trying to combat the growing popularity of a burgeoning political alliance between Moscow Mayor Yuri Luzhkov and Former Prime

Minister Yevgeny Primakov. A bloc established by these two, along with other influential centrist politicians, stands a good chance of winning the majority in December's parliamentary elections, according to observers.

Luzhkov, who has sharply criticized Yeltsin, is likely to run in the

presidential elections scheduled for the summer of 2000 as well.

In a televised address to the nation, Yeltsin said he would like to see Purin as Russia's next president.

But according to a new poll, Putin enjoys little popularity among Russia's electorate. Ninety-two

percent of 3,049 callers to a poll conducted Monday by the Echo Moskv radio station said they would not cast their votes for him if he ran for president.

The Duma, Russia's lower house of parliament, is expected to approve Putin's appointment when it votes on the matter Aug. 16.



First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton greets Hadassah leader Karen Venezky, a national vice-president, and the new Coordinator of Education/Public Policy Hadassah's National Convention in Washington, DC. Clinton thanked Hadassah for its important work and for awarding her the coveted Henrietta Szold humanitarian award. 2500 Hadassah delegates attended the convention for four days of education, advocacy, policy-setting and celebration. Ms. Venezky represents the 5th District on the New Castle County Council.

Jewish Agency Bids Shalom To Kosovo Refugees

Several months ago, Israel said shalom to more than one hundred men, women and children who were forced to flee their Kosovo homes. Recently, representatives of the Jewish Agency bid shalom again - offering their hopes for a safe and peaceful journey back to their homeland.

In coordination with Israel's Foreign Ministry and other international organizations, the refugees were flown by the International Organization for Migration from Israel to Skopje. From there, they were taken by bus to Kosovo.

The campaign to help the Kosovo refugees began during Pesach at the initiative of the Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, Sallai Meridor. At that time, the Jewish Agency sent an airlift comprising twelve airplanes carrying more than 120 tons of humanitarian aid.

In accordance with a government decision, the Jewish Agency brought in an initial group of 117 refugees in April to Ma'agan Michael. A second group of 98 individuals arrived in late May and were housed on Kibbutz K'ramim.

During the time the Kosovars were in Israel, two "sabras" were born, one at each of the kibbutzim.

145 of the refugees have decided to return home.

The Jewish Agency staged a farewell party for the Kosovars. Participating in the program were: Director-General of the Jewish Agency, Aaron Abramovich; Director-General of the Immigration and Absorption Department, Mike Rosenberg; a representative of the Albanian Foreign Ministry; and a representative of the Israeli Foreign Ministry.

The Jewish Agency gave each family a cash allotment to help them resettle into homes which were destroyed or looted. The funds will come from the money collected in the campaign to help

the Kosovo refugees. Adults over 18 will each receive \$200; children and youth, \$100; and children under the age of 3, \$50.

During their stay in Israel, the Jewish Agency organized a variety of cultural and social activities for the refugees. They visited various sites throughout the country, worked on a kibbutz, and studied Hebrew on an ulpan. The children enjoyed enrichment activities. Seventy-two of the Kosovo refugees plan to stay in Israel until the end of the six-month period granted them by the Government of Israel. They are scheduled to go home in October 1999.

Russian Aliyah Jumps 128%

By LEV KRICHEVSKY
JTA

The immigration of Russian Jews to Israel is reaching its highest levels since the mass exodus of the late 1980s and early 1990s, according to the Jewish Agency for Israel.

"If the trend continues, the number of Russian Jews [making aliyah] might reach 30,000" this year, which would be the highest total since 1992, Jewish Agency Chairman Sallai Meridor said Wednesday.

Immigration from Russia is being fueled by the country's economic crisis and fears of rising anti-Semitism, agency officials said. During the first six months of 1999, 12,188 Russian Jews came to Israel, a 128 percent increase

over the same period last year. Russian Jewish emitters represented nearly half of the 25,516 Jews who made aliyah from across the former Soviet Union during this time.

In previous years, Jewish émigrés from Russia accounted for only some 30 percent of the total number of olim from the former Soviet Union.

A total of 60,000 émigrés from the former Soviet states are expected to make aliyah during 1999. Last year the total was 46,000.

Some 800,000 Jews from the former Soviet Union have made aliyah since 1989, when Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev approved more liberal emigration policies.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Brandywiners Score With State Fair

By PAULA SHULAK

For the last few years it has seemed as though the Brandywiners, a venerable theater group since 1932, could not manage to mount a production worthy of their considerable reputation. And that has been a shame! This year, fortunately, the situation has changed.

Their most recent production of STATE FAIR was enjoyable and a good evening's entertainment.

Foremost in my opinion was the musical direction under the sure

hand of Marilyn Haas and the group choreography, which, it is my understanding, was primarily the work of Assistant Director Joe Francisco. He moved the large chorus around the stage in innovative and interesting figures in the IOWAY and GRAND NIGHT FOR SINGING numbers which were pleasant to watch but did not require extensive dancing talent, a great improvement over past years when the chorus simply stood and sang for the most part.

As for individual performances, nothing in my mind could beat

Cindy Goldstein in her role as Melissa Frake, a down to earth Iowa farmer's wife.

She looked, talked and sang the part to perfection. Also excellent were Jack Murphy in a small but pithy role as Dave Miller, the local curmudgeon, and Ted Harting, in another small but enormously funny part, as the mincemeat contest Judge who imbibes just a bit too much. Rebecca Buswell in the ingenue role gave her usual competent performance and Darrin Peters as the reporter Pat Gilbert sang and danced well but could

have used a little more of the debonair "man about town" in his performance. Jeff Santoro was delightful as Wayne, the love struck son while George Waldie had a pleasant voice and character as Abel, his father. Finally Donna Dougherty, as the worldly Emily Arden did a fine job, but her considerable dancing skill was not shown off as well as it might be due to some rather lackluster choreography, which, according to the program, was devised by Marti Gorin.

In his first directing assignment, Charles McCloskey showed that he has learned much during his professional career as an actor and his 20 years with the Brandywiners. He kept the show moving and created believable characters in this

old fashioned, almost fairy tale setting. I wish, however, that he had tried to make the show a little more camp and not played it in quite so straight a manner. It might have made some of the real Iowa "corn" a little less dated. However, by and large, the show was well done. Hopefully, the chorus developed more energy and larger reactions after their opening night jitters disappeared so they complemented the leads even more.

With a bit more pizzazz, this would have been an excellent show, but at least the Brandywiners, under the leadership of new chair and veteran actress Renee O'Leary, produced a creditable show this year. Let's look forward to many more in the future!

Holocaust Artist Is Used To Vandalism

By TOBY AXELROD

JTA

When he got the news that his Holocaust memorial sculpture had been damaged last week in Weimar, British artist Stuart Wolfe wasn't surprised.

Since his installation first appeared in Berlin four years ago, its components — 16 tall human figures of

wood and plaster on iron skeletons — have been "thrown over, smashed" and had "their arms knocked off" many times, says the 43-year-old artist.

His work has appeared at or near the sites of several concentration camp memorials in Germany, including Sachsenhausen,

Ravensbruck and now in Weimar, a few miles from Buchenwald.

The heart of each figure is pierced with an iron stake that bears the triangles used by the Nazis to identify each persecuted group — including Jews, Gypsies, homosexuals and political prisoners.

Sometimes visitors place flowers in the hands of the statues.

"The positive feelings are much more abundant," he says. But "the headlines are always concerning the vandalism."

Most incidents have not been linked definitively to right-wingers, he says. But in one case, when the figures were installed at the concentration camp memorial in

Sachsenhausen, "a 19-year-old right-wing Nazi was caught and convicted."

The vandal owes Wolfe \$20 a month for the next 30 years to cover the costs of repair.

That is what Wolfe does each time his work is damaged. He picks up the pieces and starts again.

In the latest incident, which occurred on the evening of July 24, he got a call from the priest at the Jakob's Church in Weimar where the sculptures are installed. One statue had been knocked down.

"I said leave it," recalls Wolfe, sitting in his airy Berlin studio, surrounded by 7-foot-tall, gray figures. "I thought that was it. Then on the night before I went to collect them, the 28th, six others were thrown over."

A motive for the vandalism has not been established, but there is a reward of about \$2,300 for information leading to an arrest.

Wolfe now has to repair the figures for the next installation — at the Ravensbruck concentration camp for women. But he doesn't seem to mind. He sees the destruction as a part of the artistic expression.

After all, the figures represent destroyed humans. So the vandals are "reinforcing the point I am trying to make," he says.

Wolfe, who is not Jewish, came to the theme of the Holocaust because he has often felt like a "stranger in another country."

"Some people are still segregated as they were during the Nazi time. I identify with any kind of discrimination."

A self-described atheist, Wolfe wanted his work to represent all victims of Nazi discrimination — something he wishes the planned Holocaust memorial in Berlin would do.

He also wants to respond to the fact that there is so much hatred and discrimination today.

Meanwhile, Wolfe hopes the young vandal from the Sachsenhausen incident won't forget why he is shelling out \$20 every month. "I've never talked to him and he has never talked to me," Wolfe says. "He owes me for the next 30 years."



British Artist Stuart Wolfe with his Holocaust Memorial Sculpture.

Art In The Summer

By PAULA SHULAK

Two interesting but very different art exhibits have been mounted over the summer, one in Philadelphia and one in Wilmington. The first, MAXFIELD PARRISH (at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts) will delight your heart while the other, THE ART OF 20TH CENTURY ZEN (at the Delaware Art Museum) may cause you to yawn and decide to visit their permanent collection instead. MAXFIELD PARRISH will spark childhood memories with paintings he created to illustrate beloved storybooks, such as Eugene Fields' book of poetry and Snow White. You may also remember his many posters and other forms of advertising art which were so popular in the 1940's. With his whimsical approach to fantasy and fairy tale and his excellent eye for caricature, Parrish was a well-known illustrator in his day (particularly on Colliers' magazine) who fell into ill repute but has recently been resurrected and acclaimed as a true painter of Americana. In some ways he is reminiscent of Norman Rockwell, the perhaps more famous Saturday Evening Post cover painter. It is worth a trip to Broad and Cherry Streets in downtown Philly to see this charming exhibit which will be on display until September 25.

On the other hand, DAM's presentation of PAINTINGS AND CALLIGRAPHY BY JAPANESE MASTERS was not very exciting to this reviewer. While understanding

the importance of meditation and philosophy in the creation of Zen art, I just could not get inspired by the simplistic and often repetitious works on display in the Special exhibits gallery of the Delaware Avenue museum. However, when you move into the new Robert Motherwell gallery and see the work of this abstract expressionist so influenced by Zen and its random gestural brush strokes, it is another matter entirely. Here the automaton meditative approach takes on new life and is exciting to behold.

There are four new Motherwell works which have been purchased by DAM for their collection as well

as a number of paintings on loan. For some, this art will be too "easy" and you will hear the age old "I could draw something like that; it can't be great art!" But a more introspective look at these very modern paintings will prove that there is genius indeed in Motherwell's work. Also on display until September 5 is Andy Warhol's FLASH which will bring memories back to those who were alive when JFK was killed in November 1963 and will be poignant also for those who were glued to their television a few weeks ago to watch the tragic saga of John John Kennedy's death. This is Warhol, the pop artist at his best. Try to catch the summer exhibit at the Delaware Art Museum even if you don't spend too much time in the Zen gallery!

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A MATTER OF OPINION

The Changing Of The Arab Guard

By MITCHELL H. BARD

The two longest-serving rulers in the Arab world, King Hussein of Jordan and King Hassan of Morocco have died this year and passed the torch to sons who are both in their 30's. This is the beginning of the shift to a new generation of leaders in the Middle East— one that raises hope for a new era in Arab-Israeli relations.

Of course, the two examples we have so far both involved countries that already were on good terms with Israel, so the optimism about the future may be predicated on wishful thinking.

The most anticipated change of government is in Syria where Hafez Assad has ruled with an iron hand since 1971, but, at 69, has been in failing health for years. His assumed successor is his son Bashar. The optimism that exists is based on the belief that a peace treaty between Israel and Syria may be hastened by the change in rulers in Damascus. I have argued for some years that Assad would never make peace with Israel

because his views are too deeply entrenched and he could not bring himself to "betray" the Arab cause. Many people insist the collapse of the Soviet Union forced Assad to move toward an accommodation because his poor country did not have any other patron to provide arms and aid. He was advised that he could win new friends, particularly in the United States, by making a deal with Israel.

A decade has passed and even offers of virtually the entire Golan by Rabin, Peres and Netanyahu were not sufficient to persuade him. Moreover, Assad is getting renewed offers of arms from the Russians. My view is that he recognizes the war with Israel is lost, but he will leave it to his son to make the deal after laying the groundwork to show his people this is an acceptable course. Others argue, plausibly, that Assad will try to sign a treaty with Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak precisely so his son does not have the burden of explaining it to the Syrian public and being viewed as the traitor.

Just about everyone in the world has looked forward to

Saddam Hussein's demise in Iraq, but the sexagenarian appears likely to outlive all his opponents. Even if he dies or is replaced in the near future, no possible successor is viewed as likely to change Iraq's disposition toward Israel. Of course, if Syria were to change its policy by then, who knows what the Iraqis would do. One change no one is looking forward to is in Egypt where 70-year-old Hosni Mubarak has maintained a cool but stable peace with Israel since succeeding Anwar Sadat. We don't know for sure who will follow Mubarak, but no guarantee exists that the next President will maintain peace with Israel. As the country that has the largest and most powerful army (now equipped with front-line U.S. weapons) closest to Israel's border, Egypt is potentially the most serious strategic threat to Israel. Furthermore, though they've been suppressed for most of the century, the Islamic fundamentalists in Egypt remain a danger. Another of the likely changes with an uncertain outcome is in the leadership of the Palestinians. Yasir Arafat is looking increasingly frail

and talk of the potential battle for his mantle has increased in the last year. Unlike the candidates in many of the Arab countries, the next Palestinian leader will almost certainly have an existing relationship with the Israelis and be well known to them. Arafat already has paved the way for coexistence through the agreements he has signed thus far, so his successor will not have to worry about being accused of abandoning the cause. The orderliness of the transition will be important to demonstrate to the Israelis the stability of the Palestinian regime. No Palestinian has Arafat's prestige and it is conceivable a bloodbath could ensue between rival factions of the PLO and/or the Islamic groups. Israel's main interest is to make sure any violence does not spill over the borders and that the next President of Palestine remains weak and unaligned with the more powerful Arab nations. Though Barak has a good 20 years on the new Arab leaders, he still represents a new generation of Israeli politicians. The founders and builders of Israel no longer hold sway and the young

Turks are more focused on peace and future economic prosperity than refighting the old wars and maintaining an impregnable fortress. Shifts in leadership may make it possible to break through psychological barriers that the older generation had difficulty abandoning, but certain constants will remain. Islamic fundamentalists will continue to view a Jewish state as unwelcome and remain a disruptive force. Access to oil will still be the paramount concern of the major powers and influence their attitude toward the leaders of the region. Decades of hostility and suspicion will cause elder statesmen to discourage change. Even in the next millennium, the Middle East will be a different place than the Middle West.

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Bibi Who?

By GARY ROSENBLATT

Consider the case of Benjamin Netanyahu. (You do remember him, right?) He was Israel's forceful prime minister for three years, and before he is trashed completely by historians as The Grinch Who Stole Oslo, it may be instructive to reflect on his tenure — what he accomplished and where he failed.

One man who has done just that is Ehud Barak. He may consider the late Yitzhak Rabin his mentor, but it is clear that he has studied Netanyahu's actions in office carefully. So far, the new Israeli leader is approaching just about every situation in the opposite way from his predecessor, and that's no accident.

When Netanyahu upset Shimon Peres in the spring 1996 election, he let it be known that he was going to hang tough on Oslo, honoring Israel's obligations as a sovereign state but insisting that Yasir Arafat keep his end of the bargain as well. Reciprocity was his mantra. He viewed the Arabs as adversaries who could not be trusted, and who were playing along with the peace process as a means

of cozying up to the U.S. in the hopes of establishing a Palestinian state from which to destroy Israel.

Similarly, Netanyahu viewed President Bill Clinton and his administration with suspicion. He was worried about American pressure and, therefore, presented himself as an Israeli leader committed to protecting Israeli security even if that meant alienating the Jewish State's best friend.

Lest we forget, and in the wake of the subsequent negative descriptions of his administration, Netanyahu received very positive press coverage on his first visit to Washington as prime minister. He was received warmly at the White House and given a rousing ovation when he addressed a joint session of Congress, promising to wean Israel of economic aid from Washington.

To his credit, during his three years in office he began that process of economic withdrawal; attempted to resolve the religious pluralism debate by creating the Neeman Committee; oversaw a period of relative calm regarding terrorism; and made a major ideolo-

gical concession in signing the Hebron agreement, giving up most of Israel's second holiest city to the Palestinians.

In achieving the Hebron deal, Netanyahu was able to convince a solid majority of Israelis to support the notion of land for peace, though, ironically, he himself never did.

Netanyahu's leadership style was cold and at times arrogant. He never conveyed a sincerity of belief in the Mideast peace process, and his relations with the U.S. deteriorated, and came to a grinding halt with the Arab world.

The resulting improved relations between the Palestinians and Washington was a source of great concern to supporters of Israel, who found Jerusalem — not Arafat and Co. — perceived to be the primary hindrance to Mideast peace.

Equally troubling, the Netanyahu years were marred by a series of government scandals that gave credence to the notion that there was a lack of competency at the top. Either as a result of his overconfidence or under-trustworthiness, Netanyahu lost the support

of many of his cabinet ministers, including those from his own party, who turned against him with unusual bitterness.

Not only did Netanyahu lose badly in the May election for prime minister, his Likud Party was weakened from within and won only 19 Knesset seats.

Bibi Netanyahu is still a relatively young man, and his political career may not be over. In conceding defeat graciously on election night, he said only that the time had come to be with his family and decide his future.

So the jury is still out on Netanyahu, but in the meantime, Ehud Barak owes him a debt of gratitude. That's because inadvertently, through his haughty manner and antagonistic style, Netanyahu makes Barak look warm and fuzzy by comparison. After enduring the last three years of frustration, the leaders of the Arab world and the White House were ready to embrace the new prime minister with open arms, even though he is a cautious, security-minded military man.

In reading a page from Bibi's playbook, albeit backward, Barak opted to visit Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, Palestinian chief Arafat and Syrian President Hafez Assad even before coming to Washington, and stressed his pre-

paredness to move forward on the peace process.

In the end, Benjamin Netanyahu and Ehud Barak share a deep commitment to Israel and a sense of duty to protect and enhance its citizens' lives. But the two men have very different views of the world, and Israel's place in it.

Netanyahu subscribes to the theory that the world is a very dangerous place and Israel is surrounded by enemies eager to eliminate it. He preaches steadfastness and determination to hold firm against all odds.

Barak has a more benign outlook. He believes that Israel is already strong militarily, and that it will be most secure after it has made peace with its immediate neighbors. He is not as sanguine about the future as Shimon Peres, but he is more upbeat than Yitzhak Rabin, who appeared at times to feel boxed into the Oslo Accords.

Rabin took the first peace step, however tentatively. Peres would have gone further but failed to win the nation's confidence. Netanyahu pulled back, held the line. Now we will see how Barak fares in attempting to push the process forward, quickly, without losing the support of his people.

Editor's Note: Gary Rosenblatt is editor and publisher of The New York Jewish Week.

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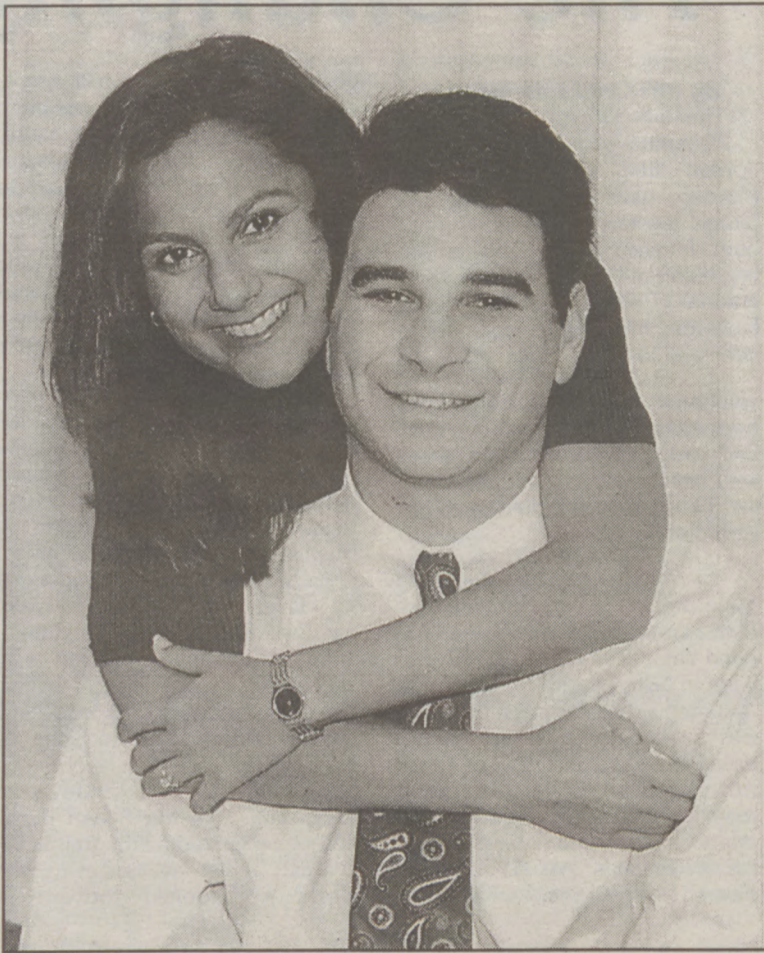
Rothschild/Silverman Announcement

Jeffrey Lee Rothschild, the son of Carol and Steven Rothschild of Wilmington, Delaware was married on July 25 to Debra Stacie Silverman, the daughter of Kate and Michael Silverman of Hartford, Connecticut. Rabbi Ian Pear officiated at the Rivers Club in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The groom's brother, Peter, was best man.

The bride is a lawyer in private practice in New York City. She graduated from Cornell University and received her law degree from the Georgetown University Law Center.

Mr. Rothschild is an associate at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett, a law firm headquartered in Manhattan. Before becoming associated with Simpson Thacher & Bartlett, he clerked for Vice Chancellor Jack B. Jacobs of the Delaware Court of Chancery. He received his undergraduate degree and Masters of Business Administration from Georgetown University and his law degree from Georgetown University Law Center. Mr. Rothschild was actively involved throughout his undergraduate and graduate studies in various Jewish and student organizations and continues to be involved in Jewish charitable causes in New York.

The couple will continue to reside in Manhattan.



Debra and Jeffrey Rothschild

MILESTONES

MIRIAM L. EPSTEIN
Miriam L. Epstein, 83, died August 2. She is the former president of Merkin Auto Spring Co., graduated from the Sorbonne and was a member of Deborah Heart and Lung Association and Hadassah. She is survived by two sons, Edward (Woody) Epstein of Wilmington and Richard Epstein of Philadelphia; a daughter, Gwen Karnes of Holbrook, RI; two sisters, Diana Gast of Westfield, NJ and Sally Harlow of Westport, CT; four grandchildren and one great grandson. Memorial donations may be made to Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders, 1701 Gilpin Ave., Wilmington, DE 19806.

MIRIAM F. ROSBROW
Miriam F. Rosbrow, 81, of the Thomas West House, died August 2. She was a member of Congregation Beth Emeth, Kutz Home Auxiliary, the Jewish

Federation of Delaware and was a life member of Hadassah. She received several awards for her work as a volunteer Braille transcriber. She is survived by a son, Thomas Rosbrow of Mill Valley, CA; a daughter, Susan Rosbrow Reich of Belmont, MA; two brothers, Mason and Philip Berger of Wilmington; two sisters, Mildred Pincus of Philadelphia, Connie Samuelsohn of Claymont and five grandchildren. The family requests that contributions in her memory be made to either Beth Emeth Congregation, 300 West Lea Blvd., Wilmington, DE 19802 or The Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Wilmington, DE 19809.

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Jean Esther Zetlin, 89, Wilmington, died July 24. She is survived by her son, Steve, of Liftwood; her daughter, Nancy Ruth Zetlin of Wilmington; and three grandchildren. The family

requests that contributions in her memory be made to Franciscan Health Care, 801 N. Broom St., Wilmington, DE 19806.

RUTH ELEANOR BOFFA
Ruth Eleanor Boffa, 61, died July 2 in her Chalfonte home. A staff coordinator at Hahneman Hospital in Philadelphia, she was a past president of B'nai B'rith Women and a member of Congregation Beth Shalom in Wilmington. She is survived by her husband, Dr. Felix Boffa; a son, Joseph Boffa of Hockessin; three daughters, Jody Joyce and Dr. Julie Cohen of Bear and Joanne Boffa of Wilmington; a brother, Ronald Goldberg of Long Beach, CA and three granddaughters, Morgan, Erin and Lauren. The family requests that contributions in her memory be made to: The American Cancer Society or the Susan Komens Foundation.

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AUGUST

Saturday 14
Evening Barbecue and Havdallah Service for Young Jewish Singles of Delaware. Call Phil at 652-6688 for more information.

Tuesday 17
Members of the Jewish Community Center Senior Center will enjoy a private tour of Old New Castle with Garry Greenstein. Bus leaves the JCC at 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$12 for members and \$18 for non-members. Call Wendi Weingartner at 478-5660 for more information.

Saturday 21
Young Jewish Singles of Delaware is hosting a pool party at the JCC. Finger foods, Disc Jockey, games and fun. The action begins at 8 p.m. and doesn't stop until midnight. The cost is just \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Call

Judy Gendler at 737-5285 for more information.

Wednesday 25
JCC Senior Center hosts a Candlelight Dinner beginning at 6:00 p.m. Entertainment by the "Music Masters." \$5 by advance registration, \$7 without if space is available. For more information, call Wendi Weingartner at 478-5660.

Friday 27
Members of the JCC Senior Center will visit the Delaware Toy and Miniature Museum. Bus departs from the JCC at 9:35 a.m. Cost is \$8 for members, \$12 for guests. To register, call Wendi Weingartner at 478-5660.

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 14
Join members of the JCC Senior Center for a production of the "Unsinkable Molly Brown" at the Three Little Bakers Dinner Theatre at 11 a.m. Buffet luncheon will follow the performance. \$37 for members, \$55 for non-members. Call Wendi Weingartner at 478-5660 for more information.

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A Last Look

By SARAH SHAPIRO

It was difficult for my relatives, from the start. When did it start? Not last week, when my daughter got married in Jerusalem. They already knew what to expect: that the men would be on one side, women on the other.

Was it back in the eighties, then, when they first heard we had put her in an all-girl high school? Or before that, in an all-girl kindergarten? Maybe it dates back to when they first found out about the religious emphasis in the educational curriculum - morning hours, Torah studies; afternoon for secular subjects. But how will she get into a good college?

Was it when I myself got married? This is segregation, my father had murmured, pained, under his breath. It makes your mother and sisters into second-class citizens. Can't we enjoy the wedding all together, as a family?

Didn't it start back in the early seventies, when I stopped wearing pants? When my hemlines got lower, my sleeves longer, when I stopped going to coed college parties? When I wouldn't eat with them at restaurants, when I first koshered one of my mother's pots, one of her pans, a single set of her silverware, when I had to say no to her vegetable soup, that I'd always loved, her homemade herb bread.

On Saturdays, when I wouldn't join in on family outings anymore, when I wouldn't turn off and on lights.... The phone would ring and they'd call, "Sarah! It's for you!" I - sitting there on my isolated Shabbat, looking deaf and dumb, befuddled, feeling guilty for all this discomfort I was causing. Yes, of course it's wonderful you're finding out more about your heritage, but you don't need to go overboard. Can't you discover your Jewish identity without being so extreme about it? You're going back to the Old World.

Last week they came from America for the wedding. All the relatives - the agnostics and the conservatives, the orthodox and the atheists

and the female rabbi, the Reconstructionist and the Federation activists and the Jews for whom Jewishness seems so irrelevant that they don't bother to define themselves - we kept joining hands to dance. We danced and danced and danced, not for one hour or two or three or four but 'till the wee hours of the morning, men on one side, women on the other, in what my mother, amazed, called "an explosion of joy that just kept exploding all night," hundreds of us, dancing as if nothing else in the world existed but our feet and our songs and our exhilaration.

What was it that lifted us up off the floor like that, almost as one person? For my part, it wasn't only what any mother feels upon seeing her daughter arrive safely on the opposite shore; it was tasting the first fruits. Here was the first generation born into this way of life after the break in continuity, which had occurred, in my particular family tree, two and three generations back. Here were a young woman and a young man who've grown up in a society that emphasizes not a person's desires for satisfaction but his or her responsibilities; a society that says everything he or she does in the world has meaning, and importance, in ways that transcend human understanding. And one of this society's more noticeable hallmarks, for those looking on from the side, has always been that daunting separation of men and women - a custom that to uninvolved observers seems so oddly archaic and unnecessary as to be outrageous.

Why the all-girl, all-boy schools, why those weddings and bar mitzvahs and synagogues that insist on men on one side, women on the other? Here was Yael, with all the friends with whom she has grown up, girls who didn't need to devote their girlhoods to trying to be attractive to the opposite sex, who never had to regard each other as competition, nor themselves as objects. And in another sphere, Yehezkel and his community

of beloved friends, holding hands and dancing jubilantly on their side of the mehitzah, and hidden from those young men's view, the unrestrained, absolutely celebratory and exultant dancing of the young women, who have imbibed from their earliest days on the planet the understanding that we're each given precisely what we need to get, if we only have eyes to see; that we can rejoice in another person's happiness because it can't infringe on our own. It's a society in which children don't judge each other by their clothes, or their coolness, or their good or bad looks; in which the ideal is to perceive each of us as bearing the divine image.

Mine was the joy of seeing with my own eyes what all those years had been for. All those years of mutual embarrassment and mutual apologies for hurting the people we most love, and their subtle sense of having been repudiated by my choice. All was worth it for the two children who have never been wounded by other relationships, so that neither is afraid now of giving himself and herself whole-heartedly, extravagantly, splendidly.

We were all in an old world together, that's for sure, but not the one they expected - not the stereotyped caricature of Orthodox Jewry to which they were accustomed. We were in the old world that is forever a new world, one that's greener, lusher and fresher in our days, one can say now with hindsight, for having been pruned in the tragic cut-offs that first occurred in Europe a hundred or so years ago: the world that lives like a hidden oasis within all of us, the Garden of Eden. When all is stripped away, what are any of us left with?

What matters? The dream at the center of the world: a young man and a young woman, in love for the first time.

Editor's Note: Sarah Shapiro is a writer living in Jerusalem. Her article was made available to the Jewish Voice through Am Echad Resources.

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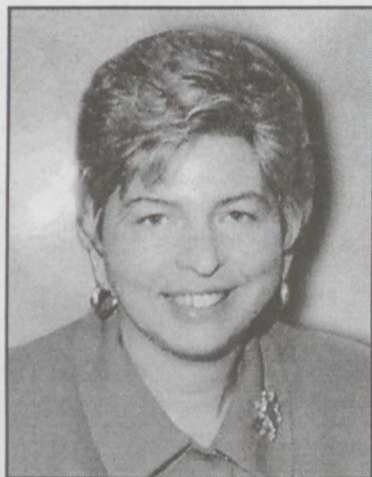


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Chaired by Arnold Harris, the Institute is sponsored by Albert Einstein Academy, Gratz Hebrew High School, Hillel Association, Jewish Community Center, Jewish Family Service, Jewish Federation of Delaware, and Northern Delaware synagogues. Please call Harris at 475-7066 to receive a course schedule.

Shoprite Makes It Easier To Keep Kosher

By LYNN EDELMAN

Need a kosher brisket but there's no time to defrost? No problem, now you can buy one fresh cut at Delaware's only kosher butcher. As of July 25, Shop-Rite, on Concord Pike in North Wilmington, offers custom cut lamb, veal and beef under the supervision of Va'ad Hakushruth.

Store manager Dan Tanzer terms this new venture "a continuation of ShopRite's efforts to build strong relations between our store and our Jewish community." Tanzer, in response to requests from Rabbi Sanford Dresin, spiritual leader of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth and chief officer of the Va'ad, opened an in-store kosher bakery in 1997. One year later, a kosher deli debuted to rave reviews - attracting customers from as far away as West Chester, Pennsylvania. Recently, the deli expanded to include Shabbat-size rotisserie chickens and will offer freshly barbequed turkeys in time for the Jewish holidays.

Dresin applauds ShopRite's "renaissance of Kashruth in Northern Delaware." He has high praise for ShopRite President Bernie Kenney, a non-Jew, who invested a great deal of money to perform "a valuable service for his Jewish clientele." The rabbi is gratified that Tanzer, an AKSE congre-

gant, uses his significant business acumen to offer customers "a wide selection of kosher meats at competitive prices."

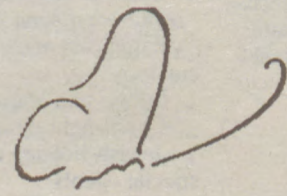
"Now, Dresin added, there is no reason to fulfill the mitzvah of kashrut observance." He encourages the community to support the store by purchasing items from ShopRite's extensive line of kosher products. "Kashrut creates an entire Jewish mindset - it's a true consciousness raising experience,"

Dresin concluded.

Tanzer encouraged customers to call in their meat orders, especially in advance of Jewish holidays, at 477-3270. "Because we must have a Mashgiach on premises when the butcher prepares meat," we currently cut fresh on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays," Tanzer explained. "With advance planning, we are certain that we can meet our customers needs," he added.



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The Center offers educational programs, (including a nationally accredited pre-school and day care program), holiday celebrations, cultural and arts programming. In addition members can enjoy a state-of-the-art Fitness Center as well as an indoor swimming pool, gymnasium and racquetball facilities. Outdoors, a thirty acre Family Campus adjacent to the JCC building, offers a wide array of services

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How Four Great American-Jewish Composers Approach Their Identity

I shall review the music of great Jewish American composers and examine how they approach their Jewish identity. I shall present them in historical order.

Irving Berlin was born in 1888; **George Gershwin** was born in 1898; **Kent Weill** was born in 1900; and **Leonard Bernstein** was born in 1918.

Irving Berlin was born in Kirghizia, Russia, son of a *hazzan* and came to New York in 1893. He began as a "singing waiter" in the East Side of Manhattan. He achieved a great success with his popular jazz song, *Alexander's Rag Time Band* in 1911. He composed more than 1,000 jazz melodies. He composed music for films, *Top Hat* (1935), *Follow the Fleet* (1936) and *Easter Parade* (1946); *Call Me Madame* (1956) and others.

In 1954 he received a special gold medal award from Pres. Dwight Eisenhower for his patriotic song, *G-d Bless America*, which became a second national anthem.

In all of Irving Berlin's compositions there is no Jewish element. As an immigrant, he became thoroughly American; assimilated into American culture, he composed the popular songs, *White Christmas* and *Easter Parade*. Like the Jewish Hollywood moguls, he succeeded to be quint essentially assimilated as an American, with no taint of a Jewish immigrant in his music.

George Gershwin (1898-1937) was born in NYC and lived in the Bronx. He became famous with his song *Swanee*, sung by Al Jolson in *Black Face* in the musical revue *Sinbad*, which became a sensation.

Paul Whiteman, famous jazz conductor over N.B.C. Radio, commissioned George Gershwin to compose a serious symphony in jazz. The work Gershwin composed was *Rhapsody in Blue* for piano and orchestra and performed in NY in 1924. This composition made jazz respectable for the American concert hall and also made Gershwin famous as a composer. He composed other concerti, and the *Second Rhapsody* in 1931. He was invited to compose for films and Broadway musicals.

His last and greatest composition was the folk opera, *Porgy and*

Bess in 1935, based upon De Bosc Heyward's play, *Catfish Row*, about the life of southern Black people. Gershwin's musical style was rooted in the jazz idiom; and the melodies and sounds in the opera, he subconsciously borrowed from Negro spirituals and cantorial-synagogue style. This opera is recognized as a fine example of Black-American culture. Some black nationalists and intellectuals criticize Gershwin for "stealing" his musical material from Black music.

Little do they realize that Gershwin grew up the Bronx ghet-

to, where Jewish and Black people lived together harmoniously. As he was influenced by Jewish cantorial melodies, he also heard Black spirituals and jazz, and he created subconsciously the music of his musical environment. This was American music, authentically American as Berlin's *White Christmas* and *G-d Bless America*.

Kurt Weill (1900-1950) was born in Dessau, Germany, son of a *hazzan*. He studied composition under the composer, Busoni, in Berlin. He composed operas, symphonic and chamber music. He

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American-Jewish Composers

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formed an association with the dramatist Berthold Brecht and he composed for the German theater and opera. He became famous for the ballad-opera, *The Beggar's Opera* in 1928, which was a real hit in Europe and the United States.

After the Nazis seized power in Germany, Weill and family moved to Paris, and then to London, and finally settled in the United States in 1935. He composed successful musicals for Broadway, *One Touch of Venus*, 1943, and *Love of Life* in 1948. Kurt Weill is especially famous for the popular song, *Mack the Knife* and the popular *Threepenny Opera*.

In 1934, Meyer Weisgal, the

American producer approached Max Reinhard, the German-Jewish director to organize a musical drama based upon the Bible. Franz Werfel, the renowned author, was chosen to write the German libretto and Kurt Weill was chosen to compose the score for this musical Biblical drama. In 1936 the German version, called the *Road of Promise* was presented. The English version, called *The Eternal Road* was presented at the Manhattan Opera House on January 7, 1937, with great critical acclaim, and it ran for 153 performances.

This Opera by Kurt Weill will be revived in February and March next year (2000) at the Brooklyn

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When Ben Hecht wrote and presented the historical pageant in 1948 to celebrate the establishment of the State of Israel, Kurt Weill was chosen to compose the music for this historic pageant, which was presented all over the world. It was called, *A Flag Is Born*.

Kurt Weill, composer of *Mack the Knife* and *Threepenny-Opera*, a composer of music with a universal character, also composed music for Jewish history and the Jewish experience.

Leonard Bernstein (1918) was born in Lawrence, MA, studied composition at Harvard U., piano in Philadelphia, and joined the conducting class of Serge Koussevitsky at Tanglewood, where he became his protégé and also conducted the Boston Symphony at Tanglewood. In 1943 he was appointed assis-

tant conductor under Arturo Toscanini of the NY Philharmonic. In 1958 Bernstein became the first American born musician to become conductor of the NY Philharmonic Orchestra.

An outstanding conductor, he became an outstanding composer of serious classical music. As an American conductor and composer, he also possessed a clear Jewish identity.

Among his Hebrew symphonic works are *Jeremiah Symphony*, with a vocal solo in Hebrew from the *Book of Lamentations* (1944).

Second, in Hebrew the *Kaddish*, an oratorio for narrator, chorus, and orchestra, which he conducted for its first presentation in Tel Aviv in 1963.

Third, *Chichester Psalms*, in Hebrew, for orchestra and chorus in 1965.

Bernstein was closely associated with Israel from 1947, where he conducted concerts and through the years with his periodic visits to Israel to conduct there. In 1973, Bernstein was awarded an honorary doctorate by the Tel Aviv University for his Zionist loyalty. In 1977, Israel Philharmonic devoted

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its *Festival of Music* entirely to the works of Bernstein.

As a musical scholar, teacher, and world symphonic conductor of leading orchestras, we would expect that Bernstein's musical passion was universal. He was a brilliant lecturer on music and loved to teach classical music to American children. From his popular series of young people's concerts, which reached wide T.V. audiences, was published his book, *The Joy of Music*, in 1959.

He composed music for Broadway musical theater, *Wonderful Town* in 1953, and *Candide* in 1956.

Bernstein received his greatest popular triumph and his jazz-opera, *West Side Story* in 1961, both on stage and screen, which owned its success to his dynamic jazz music.

As a great conductor, great composer, and teacher of classical music, he was thoroughly a Jewish Composer and lover of modern Israel and Hebrew liturgy. Of all Jewish-American composers in the 20th century, he teaches American Jews how best to approach and discover their Jewish identity.



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University of Delaware Hillel

Hillel at the University of Delaware is gearing up for an amazing year! Exciting programs and lots of energy are what can be found at the home of 47 West Delaware Avenue, Newark. With the largest freshman class coming in this year (which raises the Jewish population to 12% of the student body) Hillel is preparing to make being Jewish a cool thing to do.

With an energetic student board, Hillel has begun to make clubs within the organization. Some of those include Racquetball, Chug Ivrit, and Stressbusters. One of the most active clubs currently is FYSH (First Year Students of Hillel). FYSH is a club for freshmen with programs developed and run by freshmen. This allows for our first-year students to acclimate themselves to the campus and to Jewish life with their own peers. It has been a great success and we look forward to continued successes this year.

Hillel will still be providing a haven for students to participate in Jewish-based programs including Shabbat dinners, bagel brunches, kosher cooking, Israeli dancing, study groups, etc. Hillel will still be serving as the "Jewish voice on campus" and will continue in their quest of creating "Clal Delaware," a unified Jewish community on campus. Hillel Director Renee Shatz will be continuing as Chair of the Holocaust Education Week project. The week will take place November 1-5. Hillel will provide the community with more details as the date draws closer.

The month of March will continue to be JAM - Jewish Awareness Month. Last year our programming was sensational with speakers reflecting on Jewry in different countries around the world, hamenatschen making, a social action project called PBJam and a Jewish film series. We are looking forward to another exciting month filled with creative activities to impact the UD community!

If you would like more information about Hillel or would like to get involved, please contact Renee B. Shatz, Director, at 453-0479 or email at rbshatz@udel.edu. Hope to hear from you soon!

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Jewish Sites in Delaware

Because Delaware is located so close to the large & very historic Jewish Communities of Baltimore and Philadelphia, one might assume that the Jewish Community of Delaware has little in the way of Jewish historical sites. Wrong!! Despite being a relatively young Jewish Community, Delaware has a number of distinct and interesting Jewish historical sites as well as sites of general Jewish interest. The Jewish Historical Society of Delaware is currently compiling information on all sites of Jewish interest in the state. Later this year the Society will produce a brochure listing all of the known sites. This brochure will be available to the public at no charge. In the meantime, listed below are some of the better known sites and few of the lesser known ones.

Lieberman Building located at the SE corner of Fifth & Market Streets in Wilmington, the Lieberman Building was the site of the organization of the Moses Montefiore Mutual Benefit Society in 1879. This was the first Jewish organization in Delaware and marked the establishment of Delaware's Jewish Community. The building housed the clothing store of Nathan Lieberman, a well-known citizen & businessman in Wilmington at the time.

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tory, activities and the people who have lived in and affected Jewish life in our state. These collections, which make up our Archives, contain over 350 linear feet of materials relating to synagogues & temples, Jewish organizations, Jewish owned businesses, Jewish families and Jewish individuals. The JHSD Archive is located at 505 Market Street in downtown Wilmington. It is within the building of the

Historical Society of Delaware Library.

The JHSD, however, is more than old records, photographs, and collectibles. Our organization serves as a resource center for information on the preservation and conservation of documents & photographs. It is a place where individuals and families can place various items that reflect the history and life of a family through the generations. Perhaps we have materials relating to your family on file! The Archives serves as your "Community" Archives reflecting "Your History". Our most time consuming function is to "process & preserve" the materials that become part of the archive. Items are processed & cataloged and housed in acid-free archival folders and boxes. This ensures that the items are protected and that they are available for future generations. Materials in the archive are open to individuals and organizations interested in research, genealogy, or those who just love learning about Delaware's Jewish history.

Not only does the JHSD maintain the archive and serve as a resource center, it produces displays and publishes a newsletter &

various booklets and pamphlets as well as videos. We maintain a small wall-case at the Jewish Community Center that has changing displays. This September, the JHSD will open an extensive & beautiful exhibit at the Delaware History Center in Wilmington. "From Al's to Zutz: Celebrating a Century of Delaware's Jewish Business Tradition" will showcase the diversity and history of Jewish-owned businesses in Delaware. The exhibit, which is co-sponsored by the Historical Society of Delaware, will run from September 29th to November 6th. A special "opening reception" will be held on the 29th.

In order to do all this and plan for the future, we need your assis-

tance and support! Why not consider joining our organization; making a financial contribution; or donating items for our archives. Membership forms are usually available at the synagogue offices, at the Jewish Community Center, or by calling the Society at 655-6232. Join us today! You'll be glad you did! By preserving and understanding our past we help ensure a strong and healthy future. We also promote and strengthen the understanding of Jewish history and continuity.

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Former Jewish Cemetery —
Located at 5th & Hawley Streets in Wilmington, this was the site of the first Jewish Cemetery in Delaware. Established in the 1870's by the Moses Montefiore Mutual Benefit Society, the cemetery was relocated in the early 1900's to what is now the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road.

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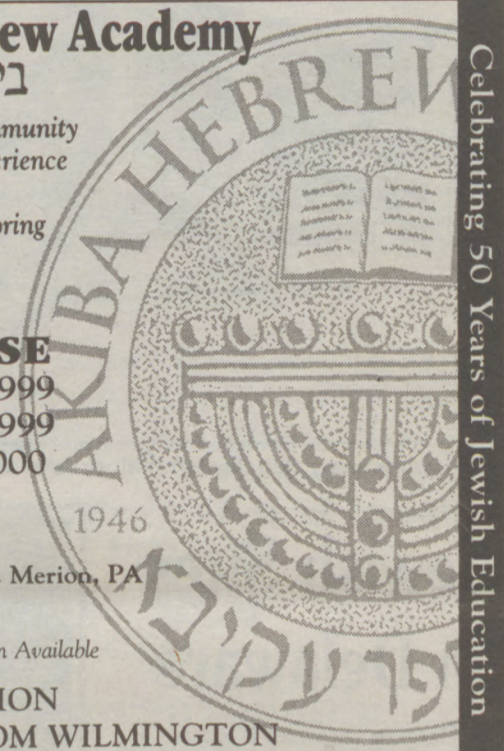
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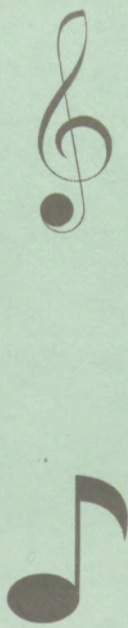
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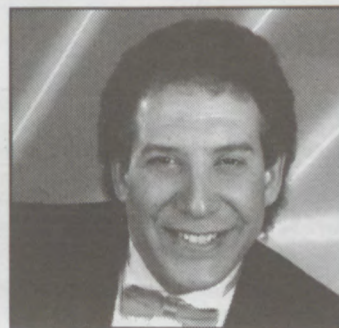
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In many Orthodox synagogues,

women have restricted contact with the Torah scrolls. Traditionally, women watch or listen to the reading from behind the mechitza-the barrier between the men's and women's sections. However, on

Simchat Torah, there are various customs to grant women more access. As far back as the 15th century, it was a custom to keep the Ark open all night long so that women could view and touch the

Torah. In the present day, many congregations bring the processions along side the mechitza, so that women may kiss the Torah. Some congregations also pass a Torah into the women's section so that everyone dancing can have the Torah as a focal point.

No matter which tradition you follow, children under who are not Bar or Bat Mitzvah are not allowed aliyot (being called to the Torah). But on Simchat Torah, one of the aliyot is granted to them.

Sometimes accompanied by an adult, the children, draped in a tallit (prayer shawl), say the blessings before and after the reading. Usually when we read the Torah, it is on a normal size table, just long enough to fit the Torah scroll and the books of the gabbaim, the people who give honors and "spot" the Torah reader. In an effort to show the cyclical nature of Simchat Torah, some congregations unroll the Torah fully on a series of tables or have members of the congregations hold it.

During the rest of the year, after the Torah is read, a person of some strength is called upon for a unique honor. S/he grasps the handles along the rollers of the Torah, nudges them over the edge of the Torah reading table, bends her/his knees, and lifts the Torah up. It is customary for the lifter (hagbah) to unroll the Torah so that three columns of text can be seen. Because the Torah is often read on a table that faces the congregation, the all-important text of the parchment is visible only when the hagbah turns around. On Simchat Torah, the hagbah crosses his or her arms such that the Torah is lifted with the text facing the congregation.

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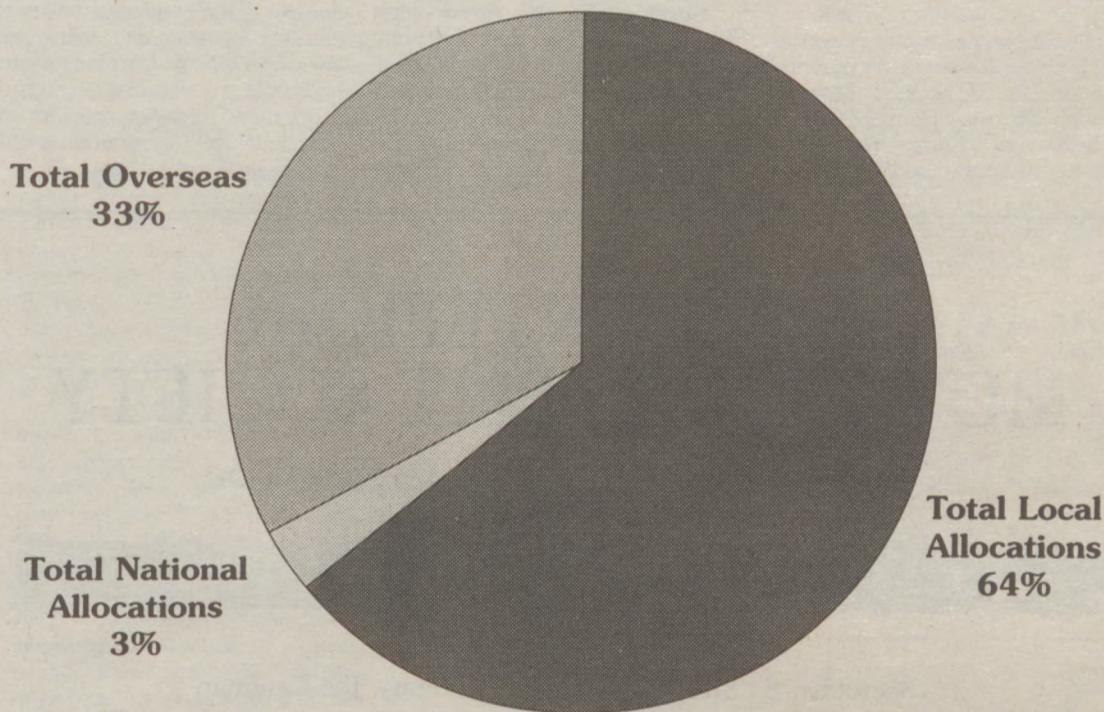
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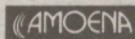
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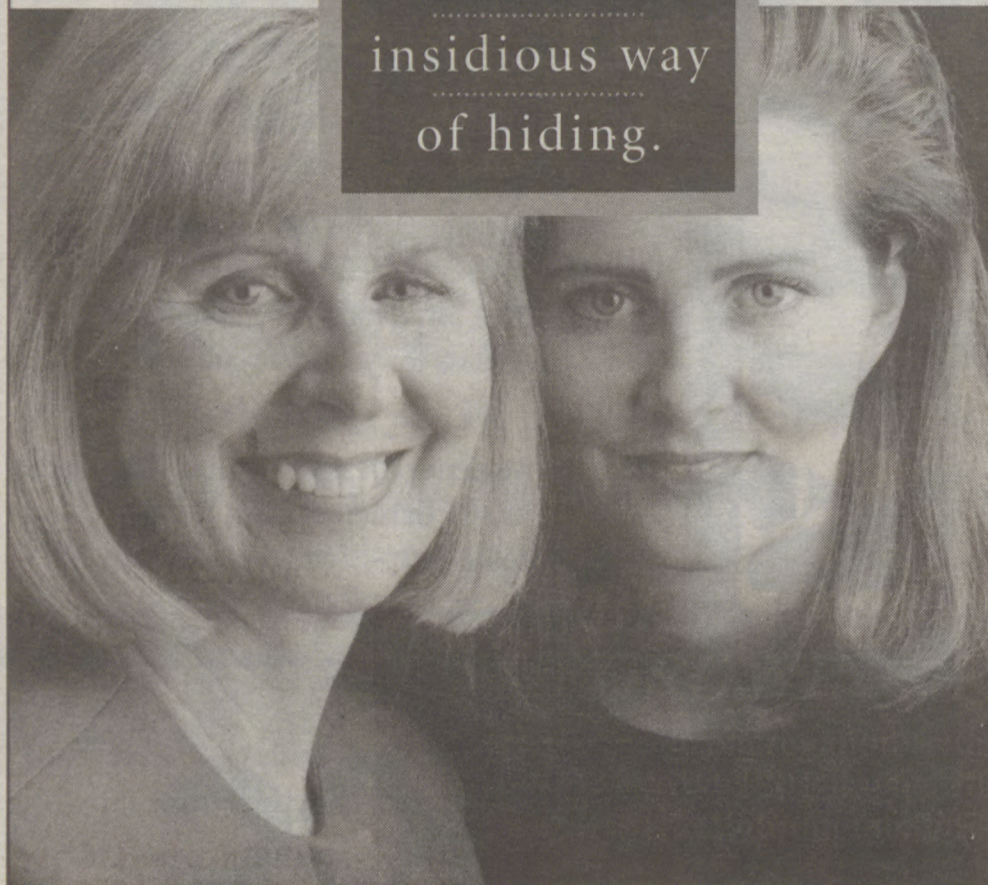
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Jewish Family Service

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enhancing participants' well being. Relating individually and/or interpersonally, topics for children and teens, couples, parents and seniors are extensive. Examples include: communicating and relating, coping and reducing stress, creative expression, using positive discipline techniques, conflict resolution and problem solving, thriving in transition and our changing roles. New this year are *socio-dramatic presentations* that will be offered for the elderly population, *women's support groups* and *bereavement support groups*. Supplementing the workshops for divorcing parents are *support groups for children of divorcing parents*.

Emigré Services integrate newly arrived immigrants in New Castle County into the Delaware community. In addition to securing housing and transportation, the agency provides job development, computer training, English language training and citizenship preparation.

Communal Services provides information and referral for housing, transportation, financial entitlements, legal services and in-home services. It is also the volunteer arm of the agency in which holiday baskets are distributed and financial aid is provided.

The Kimmel-Spiller Jewish Healing Center offers Jewishly based emotional and spiritual resources for coping with illness, loss, and suffering, as well as for enhancing wellness at all life

stages. Offerings include Jewish Healing Services, Spiritual Support Groups, Parlor Meetings, a Resource Library, Pastoral Counseling, and Consultation Support for Jewish organizations and communities. Rabbi Myriam Klotz staffs the Kimmel-Spiller Jewish Healing Center.

Jewish Family Service is a member agency of Jewish Federation of Delaware, United Way and the Association of Jewish Families and Children Agencies, including the Elder Support Network. It also is a member of the Coalition of Children and Family Agencies. The agency collaborates with a myriad of community centers, youth groups, educational institutions, senior centers and retirement communities. In 1998, over 3700 individuals participated in at least one of the agencies' programs.

Jewish Family Service of Delaware Partial Listing of Family Life Education Events Fall 1999

September through June: Weekly Discussion Groups: *Inspirations and Transitions - Gathering and Crafting Stories*,

Stacey Friedland, MSW; Kutz Home, JCC Sr. B'nai B'rith House, Ingleside Retirement Community, Foulk Manor North

Tuesdays (bi-weekly) September 8 and 15: *Bereavement Support Group*, Stacey Friedland, MSW,

JFS; *Healing Hearts Separating and Divorcing Parents Seminar*, JCC.

September 8 and 15: *Healing Hearts Children's Program*, Lauren Pokras, MSS, JCC.

September 23: Parlor Meeting: *Parenting as a Spiritual Journey - Jewish Approaches*, Rabbi Myriam Klotz, Private Home.

September 28: Parlor Meeting: *Interfaith Families - Approaching the Holidays as Times to Heal*, Rabbi Myriam Klotz, Private Home.

October 14: Parlor Meeting: *Now That the Kids are Gone - Finding Jewish Fulfillment in the Middle Years*, Rabbi Myriam Klotz, Private Home.

October 14 and 21: *Healing Hearts Separating and Divorcing Parents Seminar*, *Healing Hearts Children's Program*, Lauren Pokras.

October 13-November 17: *Jewish Sources for Healing for the Body and Spirit*, Rabbi Myriam Klotz, Adult Institute.

October 21: Parlor Meeting: *Music - A Heartbeat of Jewish Healing*, Rabbi Myriam Klotz, Private Home.

October 26: Socio-Dramatic Performance: *The Anne Frank Project*, West End.



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Men can cook at the University of Delaware



Senior citizens dance the day away at the JCC.

Jewish Fund For The Future

The Jewish Fund for the Future is the endowment arm of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. The goals of the Jewish Fund for the Future are: (1) to develop funds which will form a permanent base of support for our local community, agencies and programs; (2) to assist individuals and families to achieve their philanthropic goals in an efficient manner and; (3) to work with estate, tax, and financial

planning professionals to provide current information pertinent to charitable giving.

The current assets of the Jewish Fund for the Future, seven million dollars, are invested in funds containing large, mid and small-cap stocks and bonds. These funds are managed by the Investment Committee of the Jewish Fund for the Future in conjunction with our investment Advisors, Prime

Buchholz & Associates, of New Hampshire. The Fund also contains real estate valued at two to three million dollars.

Grants from the Jewish Fund for the Future benefit our local beneficiary agencies and synagogues, national and international Jewish causes like The Jewish National Fund, Hadassah and ORT and a diverse array of cultural, educational, social and humanitarian causes.

Leader Development

Through a generous grant from Doris and Irving Morris, the Jewish Federation of Delaware proudly continues to offer, for the second year, Leadership Seminars for people age 30-45 who are, or wish to: serve on committees or boards of the Jewish Federation of Delaware and its agencies, and acquire and enhance skills for major leadership roles within the Jewish community. In order to get maximum value from the educational process, participants are asked to make the commitment to attend a series of five seminars and a Shabbaton.

Faculty for the Seminars is provided by CLAL, the National Center for Learning and

Leadership. CLAL is the leading educator of Jewish leaders, lay and professional, across North America, linking the values of our tradition to contemporary issues and concerns.

All sessions will be held at the Jewish Community Center on a week-day evening from 6:00-9:00 p.m.; dinner will be provided at each session.

Several spaces are available for the 1999-2000 program year. If you are interested in participating, contact Sue Shaffer, Federation Leadership Development Director, at (302) 427-2100, ext. 17 to set up an interview.

The JCRC

- Represents the Jewish Federation of Delaware to the general public, elected officials and the media
- Provides information on public policy issues to the Jewish community and the public at large
- Foster Jewish communal involvement in the political, social and religious arenas
- Works to safeguard the rights and interests of the Jewish community

- Promotes human rights locally and globally
- Organizes an annual Interfaith Day of Remembrance program
- Maintains and facilitates use of local Holocaust memorials, including the Children's Memorial and Garden of the Righteous Gentiles, located on the ground of the Jewish Community Centers.



Summer camp is cool when you're in the pool.

Shalom Delaware Newcomers Guide

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Rabbi Joseph Telushkin, Author

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March
Federation Mission to Washington, D.C.

Federation And You: Partners in Tzedakah

The Jewish Federation of Delaware welcomes you to Delaware – a state with a small yet vibrant Jewish community. JFD links you with Jews across the state, in Israel and around the world through a wide variety of programs and services that keep our rich Jewish heritage and traditions alive. Read about issues and events of interest to the Jewish community in *The Jewish Voice*, a bi-weekly newspaper published by JFD and distributed statewide. Connect with your fellow Jews

through involvement in our Federation constituent agencies. Pray and learn at a synagogue that best reflects your expression of spirituality. Develop leadership and advocacy skills on behalf of the Jewish community. Educate yourself and others about the Holocaust. Experience Israel through a UJA Mission for adults or families then transmit your enthusiasm to others through service as a Federation/UJA campaign volunteer.

Your community needs your

infusion of time, talent and energy. Please call us at (302) 427-2100 to make the connection.

Planning For A New Century 2000 Federation/UJA Campaign

“Charity is equal in importance to all the other commandments combined”

- Babylonian Talmud

As Jews, we are responsible for one another. We can demonstrate our commitment to our people in need locally and globally through participation in the Jewish Federation of Delaware/UJA annual campaign. Here in Delaware, campaign dollars:

- Counsel and support families and individuals facing transitions or crises
- Welcome the stranger - Helping émigrés begin new lives in America
- Sustain our elderly with programming that respects their dignity

- Nurture young people with school and camp programs that build a strong Jewish identity

- Support college students through camaraderie, Shabbat and holiday celebrations, Israel experiences, social action and educational programs

- Provide a host of recreational, cultural and social programs that center our community

- Enrich our Jewish community in the Newark area through expanded programming.

In Israel, our campaign contributions help Jews from the former Soviet Union, Kwara, Ethiopia and other lands resettle in their new, yet eternal home. Our dollars channeled through the Jewish Agency for Israel, support social service, educational, vocational and recreational programs. In addition, JAFI supports programs that promote tolerance, religious diversity and unity of the Jewish people.

The Delaware Jewish Federation is particularly proud of its affiliation with Partnership 2000, a program that fosters a hands-on connection with communities in Israel. We are paired with the Arad-Tamar region which is located along the west bank of the Dead Sea. Our support has financed successful after school enrichment programs, an English speaking camp, technology incubators and youth-exchange and pen pal programs.

Around the world, campaign dollars provide a lifeline to Jews living in nations in crisis. In partnership with the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee we

“Help elderly Holocaust survivors live out their lives in dignity

“Sponsor Passover Seders and other holiday celebrations that build identity

“Relieve hunger in the economically depressed countries of the former Soviet Union where hundreds of thousands of Jews remain.



Intergenerational programs abound at the Kutz Home.

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Federation Mission to Israel

Sunday, January 9th or 16th
Generation to Generation Reception
(originally known as the Chai Dinner)
Details to follow

Friday, February 4th and Saturday, February 5th
Federation Shabbat with Danny Siegel
Well-known author, lecturer and poet

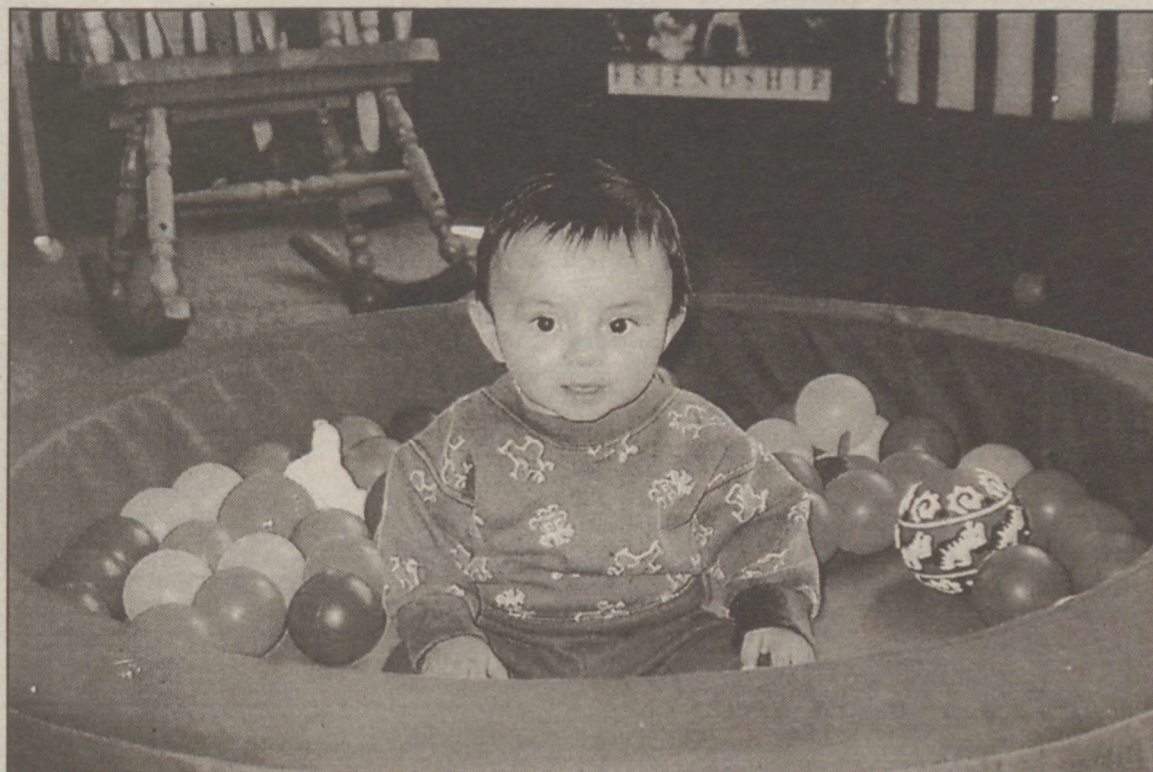
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Purim is fun at Albert Einstein Academy.



It's fun for all ages at the JCC.

The Milton And Hattie Kutz Home Inc.

The Milton and Hattie Kutz Home is a skilled nursing facility providing 24-hour nursing care, certified by both Medicaid and Medicare. It is very much a home to 90 residents. Activities are many and varied, individualized and provide needed socialization.

Built in 1960, and situated on eleven acres in Bellefonte, the Kutz Home has recently undergone a major renovation and expansion. The renovation featured twenty-four new rooms, larger bathrooms and a new lobby with a Snack Bar. One wing is now an Activities Mall, including a Beauty Shop, a new Rehabilitation Department, and Independent Activities Room and a Special Programs Room.

The Milton and Hattie Kutz Home, Inc. is a non-profit agency which receives funds from the Jewish Federation of Delaware, the United Way of Delaware and contributions from the community. In the early part of this century, a Home caring for the Jewish elderly was the dream of a group of Jewish women, the Bichor Cholem Society, who raised funds to make this dream a reality. This tradition exists to this day, and includes Sabbath observance, Jewish holiday services, and delicious and plentiful kosher food. Today, the Kutz Home cares for men and women of many faiths requiring nursing care.

The Rehabilitation Department provides physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy as needed. The services of the



Kutz Home residents schmooze and quilt together.

Home's Medical Director are available round-the-clock. A podiatrist visits bi-monthly, and the Home's psychiatric consultant advises staff on the care of residents with emotional and dementia-related problems. The Home's Social Services staff assists residents and family members with adjustment and other concerns. They also conduct support groups.

The Kutz Home has an active Auxiliary which raises funds to fur-

nish many additional services. The Auxiliary recently purchased a new paratransit van, patio furnishings and special equipment for the Home's residents. Our caring volunteers spend their time visiting and entertaining residents.

The Milton and Hattie Kutz Home is proud of its long history of caring for the community's elderly with the reverence they deserve. For further information, call Sheila Mensch at (302) 764-7000.

Food For Thought The Synagogue Of Chelm

The people of Chelm were excited. The whole town was abuzz with the news. The rabbi had declared that a new synagogue would be built. And everyone had their opinion about the new shul.

Who should do the carpentry, how many seats would there be, how high the bimah would be, were all issues of talk at the marketplace and the house of studv.

The biggest question, however, was what kind of floor there would be in this new shul. There were two

schools of thought on the issue. The first group, led by a butcher named Dovid, argued that the floor need be rough. "For when we dance with the Torahs on Simchat Torah," he argued, "we must not fall to the ground. For the tradition demands that if one drops a Torah, he must fast for forty days!" A rough floor is the only way to go."

The other group, led by a tailor named Moshe, declared "The floor must be smooth. For on Yom Kippur, we leave our leather shoes at home. How can one be expected to stand before G-d and atone

for our sins when our feet are being jabbed by the floor. We must have a smooth floor. Case closed."

The townspeople were dividedly equally. Both camps had good points and both seemed to be right. In order to resolve this issue and begin building, they went before the rabbi and argued their respective points.

The rabbi nodded and pronounced that he would need several days to consider the issues involved. When he returned, he declared: "The boards with which we lay the floor will be finished and smooth on one side and unfinished and rough on the other. For Yom Kippur, we will use the smooth side and on Simchat Torah, we will use the rough side."

And all were happy in Chelm. Article Courtesy of JOI (Jewish Outreach to Intermarrieds)

Purim is a day of taking pleasure but it's also a day of giving pleasure and doing good. We perform tzedakah by donating food or money to at least two poor people, and we practice Mishloach Manot or the "sending of gifts" by bringing a basket of fruit or plate of sweet treats to at least one friend. The custom is mentioned in the book of Esther "make them days of feasting and joy, of sending portions to one another." The silliness associated with Purim is thus countered by the requirement to thank those that we might not usually thank and assist those in our communities that need help the most.

Instead, we will let it grow, and the cow will have baby calves.

"And since I am such a wise woman, I shall sell them and use the money to buy a field. "And we will have fields, and cows, and calves, and chickens, and eggs." And we will not be hungry anymore."

While the countrywoman spoke, she turned the egg round and round in her hands. Suddenly it slipped, fell to the ground, and broke.

We are all like the countrywoman. We make many vows and promises. We say to ourselves, "I promise to do this, and I promise to do that."

But the days slip by, and our promises do not lead to action.

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The Country Women's Egg

There was once a poor countrywoman who had many children. They were always begging for food, but she had none to give them.

One day she found an egg. She called he children and said,

"Children, children, we have nothing to worry about anymore: I have found an egg.

"And being a wise woman, I shall not let us eat the egg, but I shall ask my neighbor permission to put it under her hen until it hatches into a baby chick.

And we shall not eat the baby chick, but shall let it grow until it lays more eggs which will hatch into more chicks.

"But we will not eat even these. Since I am such a wise woman, I shall sell them and use the money to buy a cow.

"But we shall not eat the cow."

Albert Einstein Academy

101 Garden of Eden Rd.
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Head of School
Rabbi Ellen Bernhardt
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At the Albert Einstein Academy, the Jewish day school serving the Brandywine Valley, children are engaged in the learning process with an interdisciplinary approach to teaching that brings our classrooms alive. Housed in a renovated and expanded wing of the JCC, the school served more than 120 children in transitional Pre-K through sixth grades during the 1998-99 academic year. With a curriculum that integrates a superb general and Jewish education along with Hebrew language instruction, the Albert Einstein Academy meets the needs of families who want their children to develop a strong and secure Jewish identity as they pursue a high quality elementary education.

As the Albert Einstein Academy marks its 29th anniversary, it remains faithful to its mission of

providing a challenging educational program in a warm Jewish environment that will encourage each child to reach his or her fullest potential. The school maintains a low student/teacher ratio staffed by a dedicated team of faculty and administrators. At the same time, the school is committed to moving forward, with programs designed to prepare students with the skills they will need to respond to a changing world. Toward that end, the school's expanded facilities include new classroom space, a new library and science laboratory, and upgraded computer equipment, all of which will enhance enrichment classes in the sciences and creative arts.

The Albert Einstein Academy is a non-denominational institution that welcomes students from various religious backgrounds. Space is still available in some classes for the 1999-2000 academic year. For further information contact Rabbi Ellen Bernhardt, Head of School, at (302) 478-5026.

Gratz Slates Two New Programs

The community is invited to expand their knowledge of Hebrew and explore the differences and similarities between Judaism, Christianity and Islam during two new courses to be offered by Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School in the Fall.

On Thursdays, from 8:10 p.m. to 9:05 p.m., Gratz will offer a "Family Ulpan" designed for individuals who have taken a basic Hebrew Course and want to broaden their vocabulary and improve their grammar. Families who plan to travel to Israel will find this course especially useful. Narda Oz, an instructor of Biblical Hebrew at West Chester University who has many years of experience in teach-

ing Hebrew to adults and younger audiences, will teach the course.

"Judaism, Christianity and Islam" encourages students to study each religion's unique contribution to the world. Delaware Gratz students may be eligible for college credit by successfully completing this course to be taught by Fulbright Scholar Jack Winokur, an Assistant Provost at Wilmington College.

Courses may be audited or taken for credit. The cost is \$208 per audited course or \$233 for both audited courses. Classes will begin in September but pre-registration is required. Please call Gratz at (302) 478-8100 for additional information.

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Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School offers a multi-year program of Jewish studies on a secondary level, which provides students with knowledge of Jewish sources and familiarity with Israel. Hebrew language skills, Bible, literature, Jewish life and ethics, contemporary teen issues, Jewish history and laws, and *tikkun olam*.

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Committed to providing the highest quality education, the Delaware Gratz faculty consists of teachers and other specialists from a variety of disciplines who have both talent and experience relating to adolescents and who possess knowledge and credentials in the various areas of study.

High school and college credits, as well as both the JCHS and the I.M. Wise teaching certificates, are granted to those students who qualify. Classes meet on Sundays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Part-time programs and inter-generational learning are also available.

Eligible Gratz graduates are the recipients of the \$2500.00 Greenbaum Jewish Studies College Scholarship.

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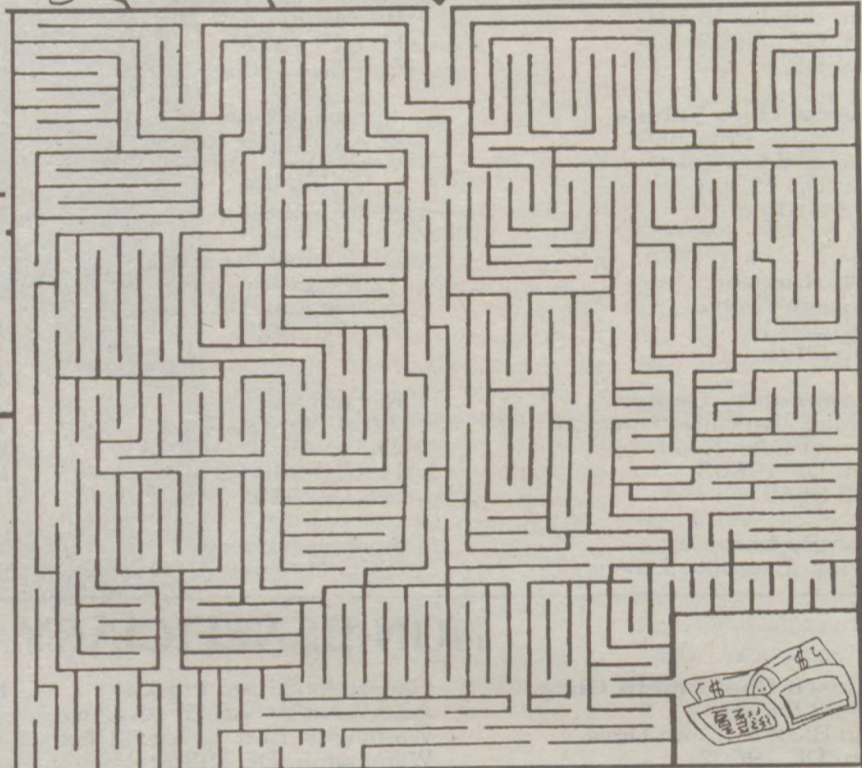
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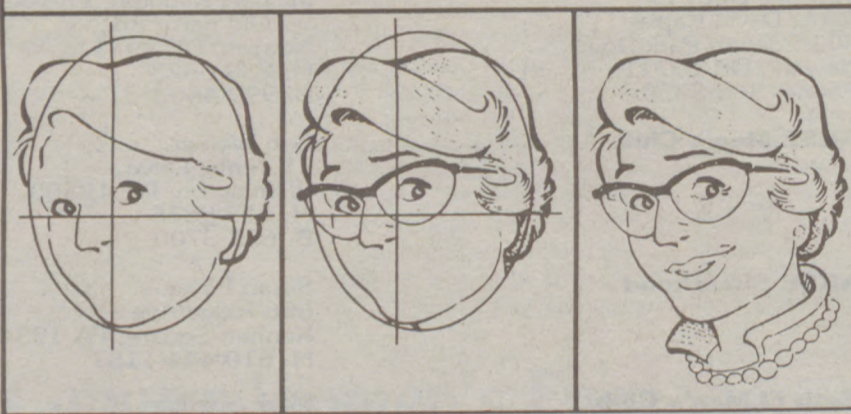
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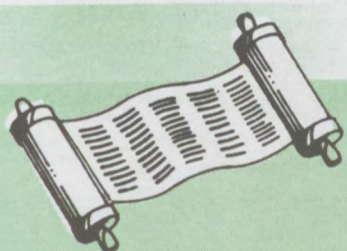
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| SHALOM | GOOD DEED |
| BARUCH | PRAY |
| DAVEN | CHARITY |
| MITZVAH | SABBATH |
| SHABBAT | BLESSING |
| TZEDAKAH | PEACE |

ANSWERS:
SHALOM-PEACE BARUCH-BLESSING DAVEN-PRAY MITZVAH-GOOD DEED SHABBAT-SABBATH TZEDAKAH-CHARITY

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Shabbat Candlelighting Times For 1999

August 20	7:34 pm
August 27	7:24 pm
September 3	7:13 pm
September 10	7:02 pm
September 17	6:50 pm
September 19 (Erev Yom Kippur)	6:47 pm
September 24	6:39 pm
October 1	6:27 pm
October 8	6:16 pm
October 15	6:05 pm
October 22	5:55 pm
October 29	5:46 pm
November 5	4:38 pm
November 12	4:31 pm
November 19	4:26 pm
November 26	4:22 pm
December 3	4:20 pm
December 20	4:20 pm
December 17	4:21 pm
December 24	4:24 pm
December 31	4:29 pm



Calendar Of Jewish Holidays

YEAR	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006
TRADITIONAL JEWISH YEAR	5760	5761	5762	5763	5764	5765	5766
SHABBAT ~ The Sabbath: every week from Friday evening to Saturday evening; one of the holiest days in the calendar.							
ROSH HASHANAH ~ The Jewish New Year; start of the Ten Days of Penitence.	Sat-Sun Sept. 11-12	Sat-Sun Oct. 1	Tues-Wed Sept. 18-19	Sat-Sun Sept. 7-8	Sat-Sun Sept. 27-28	Thu-Fri Sept. 16-17	Tue-Wed Oct. 4-5
YOM KIPPUR ~ Day of Atonement; a very solemn day of the year, devoted to fasting, prayer, and repentance.	Mon Sept. 20	Mon Oct. 9	Thu Sept. 27	Mon Sept. 16	Mon Oct. 6	Sat Sept. 25	Thu Oct. 13
SUKKOT ~ First two days of Tabernacles; commemorating the dwelling of the Israelites	Sat-Sun Sept. 25-26	Sat-Sun Oct. 14-15	Tue-Wed Oct. 2-3	Sat-Sun Sept. 21-22	Sat-Sun Oct. 11-12	Thu-Fri Sept. 30-Oct. 1	Tue-Wed Oct. 18-19
SHEMINI ATZERET ~ Eighth Day of Assembly and SIMCHAT TORAH ~ Rejoicing of the Law.	Sat-Sun Oct. 2-3	Sat-Sun Oct. 21-22	Tue-Wed Oct. 9-10	Sat-Sun Sept. 28-29	Sat-Sun Oct. 18-19	Thu-Fri Oct. 7-8	Tue-Wed Oct. 25-26
HANUKKAH ~ Feast of Lights; victory of the Maccabees and rededication of the Temple	Sat-Sat Dec. 4-11	Fri-Fri Dec. 22-29	Mon-Mon Dec. 10-17	Sat-Sat Nov. 30-Dec. 7	Sat-Sun Dec. 20-27	Wed-Wed Dec. 9-15	Mon-Mon Dec. 26-Jan. 2
PURIM ~ Celebrates defeat of plot to destroy the Jews of Persia.	Tue Mar. 21	Fri Mar. 9	Tue Feb. 26	Tue Mar. 18	Sun Mar. 7	Fri Mar. 25	Tue Mar. 14
PESACH ~ Passover; deliverance of the Jewish people from Egypt. The Seder the story of the Exodus.	Thu-Fri Apr. 20-21	Sun-Mon Apr. 8-9	Thu-Fri Mar. 28-29	Thu-Fri Apr. 17-18	Tue-Wed Apr. 6-7	Sun-Mon Apr. 24-25	Thu-Fri Apr. 13-14
The last two days of PESACH are also observed as full holy days.	WedThu Apr. 26-27	Sat-Sun Apr. 14-15	WedThu Apr. 3-4	WedThu Apr. 23-24	Mon-Tue Apr. 12-13	Sat-Sun Apr. 30-May 1	WedThu Apr. 19-20
SHAVUOT ~ Feast of Weeks; marks the giving of the Law (Torah) at Mt. Sinai.	Fri-Sat June 9-10	Mon-Tue May 28-29	Fri-Sat May 17-18	Fri-Sat June 6-7	Wed-Thu May 26-27	Mon-Tue June 13-14	Fri-Sat June 2-3



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