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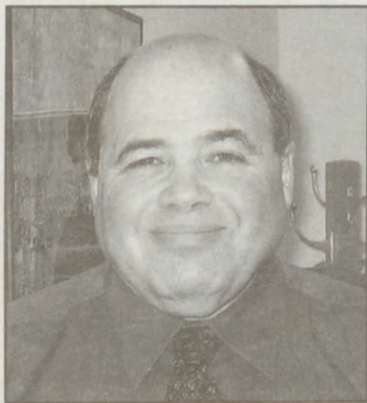
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## Samuel I. Horowitz Says Shalom To Delaware

By Lynn B. Edelman, Editor



Samuel Horowitz

Samuel I. Horowitz, Federation's new director of JCRC and Community Planning, traces his passion for community relations and government affairs to his days as a graduate student at Indiana University. While serving as chair of the campus Committee for Soviet Jewry, he was questioned by FBI agents concerned about possible violence on campus and received a warning from the dean of students who threatened to hold him personally responsible for any disruption. "We protested peacefully to make the point that it was unjust for one Russian group to be allowed to express themselves and learn about their history and culture while Jewish refuseniks were jailed for their personal beliefs and teaching Hebrew, the language of their people," he explained.

Horowitz traveled twice to the former Soviet Union to meet with refuseniks. He helped relay messages and supply them with books and personal items. On one trip, a Presbyterian minister and his wife accompanied him. The trio carried into Russia medical textbooks for Jewish physicians who were treating refuseniks who had been fired from their jobs. When customs tried to confiscate the books, "we told them we were medical students studying for our exams, and how dare they take our textbooks." The textbooks were in fact delivered to these underground physicians.

His hands-on experience with

advocacy on behalf of a safe and secure Israel and the struggle to free Soviet Jewry made him particularly effective as Jewish Community Relations Director in Columbus, Ohio. During his tenure in Columbus, he organized the 1992 Mega-Mission to Israel. "It was an amazing sight to watch 250 people board the first Boeing 747 jet to ever land in Columbus bound for Israel" he recalls. He also led the Ohio Agricultural Mission to Israel to promote trade between Ohio and Israel.

Horowitz has traveled to Israel numerous times since his first trip in 1975 as a volunteer on a Modern Orthodox kibbutz located in the Beit Shean Valley near the Jordanian border. He and his wife, Lorna Michelson and the couple's two sons, Ari and Daniel, enjoy extended visits with relatives who have made aliyah.

He also has served as JCRC director in Minneapolis, Minne-

sota. While in Minnesota, he toiled as executive director of the Joint Religious Legislative Coalition, an interreligious organization that advocates for social and economic justice issues at the state capital in St. Paul.

Horowitz's varied Jewish portfolio includes stints as Hillel director at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, director of the New Jersey State Association of Jewish Federations and director of Financial Resource Development at the Jewish Federation of Atlantic and Cape May Counties. Immediately prior to joining the Jewish Federation of Delaware staff late last month, he served as campaign manager of the Jewish Federation of Ocean County.

Horowitz looks forward to using his skills to advocate for the Delaware Jewish community on the local, state and national levels and build upon the already good relationships that our community enjoys with our non-Jewish friends and neighbors.

He is very impressed by the scope and breadth of community relations activity in Delaware, including Israel advocacy (hasbara) and the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee. He looks forward to visiting the vibrant congregations and agencies in the community.

Please contact him at 427-2100, ext. 30 or via email at [Samuel.horowitz@shalomdel.org](mailto:Samuel.horowitz@shalomdel.org) to say hello and wish him well as he begins this exciting new career challenge.

## New Jewish Agency Project Manager Invites Delawareans to Volunteer in Arad-Tamar



Lelaine Nemser chairperson, Partnership 2000 and Beth Rais chat at a recent program in Delaware

Beth Rais, Jewish Agency Project Manager for Arad-Tamar, Delaware's Partnership 2000 community, recently addressed members of the Delaware Jewish community at the Bernard and Ruth Siegel Jewish Community Center. She invited those in attendance to experience first hand the beauty of this unique desert area by volunteering their time, talent and energy.

There are many possibilities for adults of all ages to become part of the communities and build the strong bonds that are the cornerstone of the Partnership 2000 program. Volunteers work for a minimum of 2 weeks, 4 hours

each day at a variety of social, educational and recreational settings. Volunteers are responsible for transportation to and from Israel but will receive lodging at an Arad Bed and Breakfast and the support and friendship of an adoptive family during their stay. This is an ideal opportunity to discover what everyday life is like in Arad-Tamar and bring people closer together. For more information about the Partnership 2000 program, visit [www.partner.org.il/arad](http://www.partner.org.il/arad).

To learn more about volunteer opportunities in Arad-Tamar, call Jennifer Young, at 302-427-2100, ext. 19.

## Businessman hopes that building Palestinian economy will forestall violence

By Dina Kraft, JTA

Leo Kramer says there will be hope for Israel only when the Palestinians themselves can hope for a better future — which, he argues, must be rooted in a stable Palestinian economy.

"American Jews should apply the Torah and the American tradition of how people are treated to the Israeli situation. In doing so they will help the Israelis have a better life," Kramer said in an interview with JTA while on a recent business trip to Israel.

"The tragedy of this whole thing, among many things, is that the Jews, being committed to the social teachings of the Torah,

received the begging and pleading of the Palestinians for 40 years but did not respond until there was physical violence," he said. "So we taught the Palestinians that physical violence works, not moral commitment."

Such thinking was standard fare in Israeli and American Jewish circles during much of the 1990s. Israeli and American Jews invested heavily in Palestinian areas during the Oslo peace process, and Israeli officials went around the world raising funds for the Palestinians based on the idea that a better economy would encourage Palestinians to build their own society rather than seek to tear down Israel's.

But the Palestinian Authority discouraged cooperation with Israel, and Palestinian terrorist groups frequently targeted investments, such as industrial parks, that were meant to improve the Palestinians' standard of living. That led some Israelis to feel that Kramer's approach was tried and proved naive.

Still, Kramer argues that Israelis never paid enough attention to how much of a stranglehold they imposed on Palestinian economic development.

The Washington-based Kramer, 78, who has testified on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict before the U.S. Senate, is a veteran importer and exporter who has negotiated trade

deals with various Third World nations. He was asked by Israel to help launch investment in the Palestinian economy in 1994.

He says Israelis and American Jews must stop blaming the Palestinians for the conflict and look to what they have the power to do to change the situation.

Kramer is a frequent visitor to Israel and the West Bank, cultivating leads for new investment opportunities now that peace appears again to be in the offing. He has had two parlor talks since December, drawing interested potential investors from the Washington-area Jewish community.

Kramer now is working on plans for two major projects that were

put on hold since the intifada began in September 2000. The first is a college in the Gaza Strip, to be built under the auspices of the P.A.'s Ministry of Education. The school will teach management and offer courses on marketing, purchasing supplies and running a factory.

Kramer hopes the school will begin operating in the next year with several hundred students.

Kramer also is involved with plans to build a plant near the West Bank city of Ramallah that will produce and package olive oil for American and British markets. The plant is projected to employ about 50 people.

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by Michael Healey



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## FEDERATION FOCUS

### What I learned on my winter vacation

By Ruth Rosenberg  
Campaign Director

I recently had the joyful privilege of taking a vacation. A mid-winter week on a tropical island sounds nice, doesn't it? My brother invited a select group of friends and family to Jamaica to celebrate his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday. He had chosen a villa on the cliffs in Negril to relive past exploits while basking in the warm Caribbean sun. We were delighted to have an excuse to get away from the mid-Atlantic snow and ice.

Those of you who've suffered through my recounting of how the week really went, know that while neither the accommodations nor the weather were what we'd hoped for, a good time was had by all. My brother was thrilled to be in a place that he loves with people that he loves. We laughed our way through the lack of hot water, dark windy days and countless mosquito bites.

So why am I telling you this? No, not to brag of my wintertime taste of the tropics or warn you off a particular rental agent, but to



Ruth Rosenberg

share with you what I saw of the real Jamaica. Many, who visit this island and others like it, spend their time in the confines of beautiful resorts where their vaca-

tion needs and desires are summarily met. Vacation paradises filled with endless buffets, swim up bars and nightclubs give only the slightest flavor of the land in which they're housed. Our situation caused us to venture out among the people every day. We walked and drove through the streets, seeing with our own eyes how the people of Jamaica truly live.

The poverty we witnessed was palpable. Ramshackle shacks with yards dotted with meandering dogs, goats, donkeys and cows are the norm. A single wire provides minimal electricity and many homes appear to lack indoor plumbing. Shops consist of veritable lean-tos with wares lining narrow shelves. And yet there is a pride, a sense of contentment that the Jamaican people demonstrate. Along with the astonishing lack of resources you see smiling faces. You see children in clean school uniforms and hard working citizens waiting patiently for buses. You see people who accept their lot and live as fully as they can. You see poverty but not despair.

I found myself wanting to **Live Generously**; to give as much as I could, not to dicker for a bargain but pay a fair price to people who have so little. We are so privileged here and yet we long for more. We can take a lesson from those who find satisfaction even little material wealth. Could we be satisfied with less? Could giving more have little or no impact on our daily lives but make all the difference to someone else? Undoubtedly.

Vacations both long awaited and spur of the moment evoke great expectation. I expected to spend the week reveling with family and friends. While that certainly filled the majority of my days in Jamaica, I personally can't leave my true self at home; one that expects to give, to help and to hope.

Please give to the 2005 Annual Campaign. Your gift provides hope, help and healing to Jews across the world. As you ponder what you have or what you long for (like a tropical vacation), consider making a difference to those less fortunate. **Live Generously ... It Does a World of Good!**

### Endowments are forever

By Jennifer Young

Last week I had to prepare the D'var Torah for the Jewish Fund for the Future board meeting. The week's Torah reading was Trumah - Exodus 25:1-27:19 and as I did my research for the D'var Torah, I found an interesting interpretation of G-d's instruction to take a donation for the tabernacle. The Rabbi said that the key to proper giving is that it should be with a full heart. That if you give with the right intentions you can be sure it will be used for the right things. He also made a point that really stuck with me - the money we own is temporary, but our good deeds are eternal. What a great point for an endowment meeting. An endowment is a forever gift. Donors that wish to establish a lasting legacy create endowments during their lifetime or by bequest and the principal remains intact forever. The Jewish Fund for the Future is the Delaware Jewish community's eternal gift. Over 80 individuals have created endowments to strengthen the Jewish community in Delaware and



Jennifer Young

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# EDITORIALS AND OPINIONS

## Jewish Camping - Fellowship, Fun & More

It's not too early to plan your child's summer vacation. Whether your family is Reform, Conservative, Reconstructionist, Orthodox or secular, there's a Jewish camp that's right for you. Some 120 camps in North America are under the umbrella of the Foundation for Jewish Camping (FJC)-an organization dedicated to upgrading the quality and accessibility of non-profit, overnight camps that have a Jewish agenda.

FJC founders Elisa and Rob Bildner, maintain that Jewish camping is the most powerful way to build Jewish identity and commitment in young people. Their statement, though supported by numerous statistical evidence, is based heavily on the positive experiences of their four children-all of whom attended Camp Ramah. "They loved being Jewish because they went to camp," Elisa declared. "It's the ruach of the place. They came away feeling that they loved Judaism and Israel."

Where else, outside the State of Israel and beyond the structure of a Jewish day school, can your child or grandchild feel that

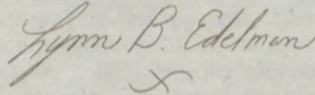
they are part of a majority culture? - A culture where they can experience Shabbat under the stars, converse in Hebrew with fellow campers and counselors and develop a personal sense of where they fit in our Jewish world.

Consider Jewish camping an investment, which pays off in:

- Stronger Jewish identity
- Greater Jewish affiliation
- Increased Jewish practice
- Decreased intermarriage
- Enhanced interest in entering careers in Jewish communal service.

Look through the advertisements placed by many of these camps throughout this edition of the Jewish Voice.

Make this a summer to remember! Shabbat Shalom,



Lynn B. Edelman  
Editor

## This Week in Jewish History



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**FEBRUARY 16, 1997**

The first Conference on Feminism and Orthodoxy took place in New York City on February 16 and 17, 1997, leading to the founding of the Jewish Orthodox Feminist Alliance.

**FEBRUARY 17, 1925**

On February 17, 1925, Florence Prag Kahn won a special election, becoming the fifth woman and first Jewish woman to serve in the United States Congress.

**FEBRUARY 17, 1963**

Published on February 17, 1963, *The Feminine Mystique* by Betty Friedan is credited with sparking the modern feminist movement.

"This Week in History" is brought to you by the Jewish Women's Archive. More information about each of the events described below can be found on JWA's website at [http://www.jwa.org/this\\_week/week52.html](http://www.jwa.org/this_week/week52.html)

**FEBRUARY 13, 1945**

Henrietta Szold, the founder of Hadassah: The Women's Zionist Organization of America, died in Jerusalem on February 13, 1945.

**FEBRUARY 14, 1985**

On February 14, 1985, the Conservative movement's Rabbinical Assembly voted to allow women rabbis to join the organization as members.

**FEBRUARY 15, 1931**

Maxine Frank Singer, a leading biochemistry researcher and advocate of science education, was born on February 15, 1931.

**FEBRUARY 16, 1935**

Barbara Myerhoff, acclaimed anthropologist and documentary filmmaker, was born on



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### PARSHA PLACE

Week of February 18

Tetzaveh

Exodus 27:20-30:10

#### The Kabbalah of Clothes

By Rabbi Shraga Simmons

For fashion fans, this week's Parsha features a detailed account of clothes worn by the Kohanim (priests) in the Holy Temple. Each garment was metaphysically designed for peak performance - from the gold plate across the forehead, down to the bells and pomegranates at the hem of the robe. (Don't ask about shoes; the Kohanim served barefoot!)

An entire Parsha dedicated to clothing?! Why do human beings need to wear clothes in the first place anyway?! We all remember the story of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden: They started out "naked and unashamed" (Genesis 2:25), but after eating from the Tree of Knowledge, "they became aware of their nakedness, and made themselves clothes" (Genesis 3:7).

Why the shift?

The Western world typically relates to others as physical beings. In characterizing someone, we typically describe their physical appearance - e.g. he's the tall guy, or she's the one with curly brown hair.

Yet the most important aspect of a person is the spiritual dimension: talents, hopes, dreams and fears. And we struggle to make that voice be heard. How do we feel when we're seen only for the outward appearance? Cheap, demeaned, and dehumanized.

In our society, women feel the burden of this most. They suffer the indignity of harassment and objectification. Madison Avenue has convinced the Western woman that she must be obsessed with weight, complexion, and fashion. The challenge to resist this peer pressure and media barrage is overwhelming. And it affects us all.

Which is why the Torah is so strict about dignified dress. It is essential that we deflect attention from superficial appearance, to enable others to see us as the real person that we are. Judaism does not ask us to dress in a way that is ugly. Rather, we should not draw undue attention to the body by being flamboyant or provocative.

For in fact, that which is more "precious" is generally hidden - not open, available and free for all.

Rabbi Shraga Simmons spent his childhood trekking through snow in Buffalo, New York. He has worked in the fields of journalism and public relations, and is now the Co-editor of *Aish.com* in Jerusalem.

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# America can still achieve peace with honour in Iraq

By Richard N. Haass

The US stands on the cusp of fateful decisions about Iraq. What it decides and what happens on the ground will go a long way towards defining not just the future of this critical, oil-rich country but also the fate of George W. Bush's presidency.

It is too soon to be confident that history will turn out right. To be sure, the recent vote in Iraq was an impressive accomplishment. Even the most ardent opponent of the American-led war against Saddam Hussein's regime should be impressed with the images of jubilant Iraqis lining up to cast their ballots.

At the same time, it is essential to keep a sense of perspective. An enormous amount of work remains to be done if Iraq is ever to become anything like a properly functioning country. Such caution is justified because democracy is about much more than elections. In a democracy, power must be distributed: among an executive, a legislature and an independent judiciary at the federal level; between the centre and the local or provincial level; and between the state and the individual citizen, who must enjoy basic rights. All this comes from laws and institutions, not elections.

Drafting and gaining the necessary support for a new Iraqi constitution from Iraq's minorities and not just its Shia majority will prove far more difficult and, if achieved, far more significant than anything accomplished to date. Power must also be accountable. This requires independent media, a civil society in which non-governmental organisations flourish, a private sector and a middle class and regular elections. A democratic culture needs both time and wise leaders if it is to take root. No one

can predict whether the Iraqis will be so fortunate as to have both.

What is also clear is that democracy can survive and grow only in a stable environment, one in which people can go about their lives free of fear and free to earn a decent living. Alas, Iraq is anything but stable. This reality presents the US with three choices: to stay the course, to leave abruptly or to transform its role and leave gradually.

Staying the course is, for now, the chosen approach of the Bush administration, on the grounds that it provides the best hope for bringing security and democracy to Iraq. Here Mr. Bush is correct to insist that an exit date is not an exit strategy.

But Mr Bush also pledged in his State of the Union address that US forces would not leave Iraq until it was democratic, representative of all its people, at peace with its neighbours and able to defend itself. This is a tall order, something that would require a large number of US forces to remain in Iraq for years to come. The problem, though, is that the US military presence in Iraq stimulates the very nationalist insurgency America and the Iraqi government are confronting. Making matters worse is the fact that the presence is also costly in lives and dollars and is undermining the morale and effectiveness of the US military.

If the administration lost domestic support for a continued presence in Iraq, it could pursue a second option, that of pulling out. The danger with this approach is that the Iraqi government could well be overwhelmed by its opponents, something that would embolden terrorists everywhere and demoralise friends of the US. It could also set the stage for a war within Iraq, one that could drag in Iraq's neigh-

bours and bring ruin not just to Iraq but to the entire region.

A third option would be to accelerate the phasing out of offensive combat operations and narrow the role of the US military to training and advising. The Iraqis would assume a larger share of the security burden. Such a shift should not be decided or carried out unilaterally; it would be best if a timetable were negotiated by the US and the new Iraqi government. This approach is not ideal - it is an open question whether sufficient Iraqi security forces could be trained quickly enough to replace what mostly American soldiers are now doing for them - but it offers the best chance to weaken the insurgency while reducing the US presence.

If these choices sound familiar it is because they are. The options facing the second Bush administration in Iraq resemble nothing so much as the options faced by previous US administrations some 35 years ago in Vietnam, the last controversial war of choice waged by the US.

Lyndon Johnson rejected calls that he should simply declare victory and leave Vietnam, fearing it would lead to a domestic political backlash and a domino effect in the region. So he stayed the course, a strategy that cost tens of thousands of American lives. Also victims of this strategy were Johnson's "Great Society" - guns and butter proved too much for the US economy - and in the end Johnson himself, who stepped down rather than attempt to win a full second term.

Johnson was succeeded in 1969 by Richard Nixon who, together with Henry Kissinger, put into place a policy of "Vietnamisation" that blended gradual US military withdrawals with

increased South Vietnamese responsibility for their own fate. The attempt failed in the end - the North took over the entire country in 1975 - but it did buy important time for other US friends in the region to strengthen themselves so they could resist communism. "Peace with honour", while costly in blood and treasure, also reduced the intensity of recriminations at home and the degree of doubt around the world about US reliability.

The decision to reduce the US profile in Vietnam meant that Nixon's presidency escaped being dominated by the war. On the contrary, he was able to pursue detente with the Soviet Union, establish relations with China, negotiate peace in the Middle East and introduce important domestic reforms. Nixon was forced to resign because of the Watergate scandal, not because of his policy in Vietnam.

Mr. Bush is trying to go one better than Johnson: guns, butter and lower taxes. This is not sustainable. Moreover, he should consider the costs to his whole foreign policy of an overly ambitious agenda for Iraq. Trying to accomplish too much could prove expensive for the US, not just in Iraq but well beyond.

This is a time of both opportunity (Israel and Palestine) and challenge (Iran and North Korea). What is needed is an approach towards Iraq that will allow the US to pursue the former and cope with the latter. If Mr Bush were looking to his predecessors for guidance, he would do better to borrow from Nixon than from Johnson.

The writer is president of the Council on Foreign Relations and author of the forthcoming book, *The Opportunity* (PublicAffairs). For other articles of interest in the Middle East, please visit the website at [www.cfr.org](http://www.cfr.org).

## Kashrut in the industrial age

By Adam J. Frank

Is the kosher slaughter process as ethical as it is mandated to be? The controversy over revelations from an Iowa kosher slaughterhouse has drawn attention to the issue recently, but the Conservative movement has long contended that unnecessary pain to the animal can be greatly reduced if the imperatives of Jewish law were applied to their full spirit and clear intent.

In 2000, the Conservative movement's Committee on Jewish Law and Standards (CJLS) unanimously ruled that slaughtering animals in an inverted position, whether by use of a mechanical inversion pen or the more brutal system of shackling and hoisting an animal by its rear legs, violates the Jewish law prohibiting *tza'ar ba'alei haim*, the unnecessary infliction of pain on an animal. There is a better way.

It has been scientifically determined that industrial holding pens that allow the animal to stand upright during *shechita* (kosher slaughter) greatly reduces the animal's pain and stress at the time of slaughter. When *shechita* is performed properly in this manner, the animal does not kick or bellow or display other outward signs of anxiety, and evidently is rendered insensate within seconds.

This is hardly the case with the shackle and hoist method nor an inversion holding pen as is evidenced by the recent revelations in Iowa. Since more humane systems exist, the inversion methods are avoidable, and thus a violation of Jewish law.

Last November, an undercover investigation by an animal rights group (see [www.petatv.com](http://www.petatv.com)) caused quite a stir when it revealed grotesque abuses at AgriProcessors, a glatt-kosher slaughterhouse in Iowa. The graphic video, and the subsequent statements by kashrut certifying agencies and the Israeli Rabbinate that the abuse of the animals does not affect the kosher status of the meat, show that the laws of *shechita* alone do not protect against animal abuse. Only slaughter that employs both the requirements

of *shechita* and of *tza'ar ba'alei haim* can avoid unnecessarily inflicting pain on an animal and ensure compliance with the corpus of applicable halacha.

The expose' showed the use of the very animal handling systems that, though more humane than some, were ruled impermissible by the CJLS's 2000 decision. SO FAR, the Conservative movement's response has been to restate its ruling against inversion pens and to call upon all kosher processing plants to employ the more humane upright holding pens.

Now, two months later, how can this statement be taken to the next step? Some have suggested that the movement create its own kosher slaughter supervising agency. This is not practical and, most significantly, the goals of the movement can be met without competing with or repeating the work of existing agencies.

The Conservative movement has a constituency of more than one million members, 750 affiliated congregations, 70 Solomon Schechter day schools, and more than 10 summer camps servicing thousands of children and staff. The movement has ordaining seminaries on both the East and West coasts and a rabbinical union with more than 1,400 members.

Representing nearly one-third of affiliated American Jewry, the Conservative movement is influential enough not to compromise its high standard for the ethical treatment of animals in conjunction with its commitment to kashrut.

It is time for the movement to set standards for kosher processing plants that ensure that the kosher slaughter process meets its full ethical potential and mandate. As part of this process, Conservative institutions would buy kosher meat only from suppliers that meet these standards.

The practical work of setting such standards would be greatly assisted by the industry's foremost authority on animal handling systems, Colorado State University animal science professor Temple Grandin. Having

designed the upright restraint system used by many kosher abattoirs, she has offered her expertise, contacts, and considerable influence to help eliminate the animal abuse that currently accompanies some kosher slaughter.

Grandin has lectured, gratis, at both of the Conservative movement's seminaries and provided much information for the 2000 CJLS ruling prohibiting inverted slaughter. She is on record as being an avid supporter of *shechita*, but only when it takes into consideration the welfare of the animal throughout the entirety of the process.

Jewish law demands that the kosher meat industry reform. This reform should take place as the result of Jewish teachings and not as the result of public outcry. Should the reform occur as a result of shame and embarrassment, then Judaism will have lost the opportunity to blaze the path of justice and righteousness that is its mission. This lapse is particularly egregious given that Judaism is characterized by many laws that give humanity dominion over animals while, at the same time, protecting defenseless living creatures from needless cruelty at the hands of people. It would be ironic if kashrut, which historically

represented a breathtaking ethical advance in the relationship between people and animals, were to be seen as indifferent to calls to become as ethical as it can and must be. The Conservative movement holds that Jewish law, properly implemented, does not allow this indifference.

Conservative Judaism stands for the synthesis of observance of Jewish law and Torah study with modernity. The industrialization of food production brings with it new challenges, creating the responsibility to apply all areas of applicable Jewish law to this modern interaction between people and animals. The movement would be providing a great service, not only to its members but to many other Jews and non-Jews who care about the humane treatment of animals, if it recognized kosher plants that use the halachically mandated ethical practices, allowing consumers to avoid meat from those who do not. A leadership committed to both tradition and modernity is just the body to pilot this effort.

The writer, a rabbi, teaches at the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem. His mother and father-in-law, Ruthie and Shelly Weinstein, live in Wilmington. This article originally appeared in the *Jerusalem Post*.

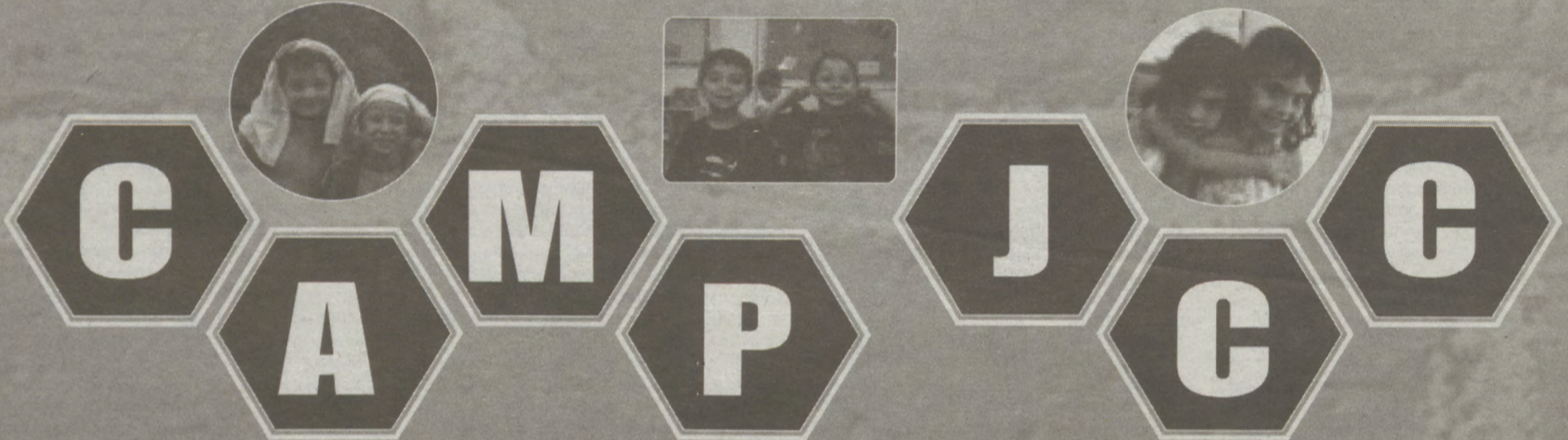
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## INSIDE DELAWARE

# Argentina vacation turns into marvelous Mitzvah

By Joel F. Glazier

During January, many local residents' thoughts turn toward The South where there are warmer temperatures and no snow. Aida Waserstein and husband Eric Doroshov were thinking of The Southern Hemisphere, now in its peak summer months. Their daughter Amanda was in Buenos Aires as part of a university winter session. They read up on the land they were journeying to and would visit their daughter, too.

"We were struck by some of the statistics we read concerning the economic crisis that has hurt Argentina and its middle class population for the last few years," said Waserstein. Members of Argentina's vibrant Jewish community were largely represented in that society's middle class. "In one day the middle income people suddenly became the poor," shared Doroshov, who added, "so many of the Jews of Argentina were in business and now they were needy."

Waserstein had been aware of help provided by visiting Jewish missions to the needy and isolated Jewish community of Cuba. She learned from B'nai B'rith reports that such personal aid visits were now helpful and needed by thousands of Jews in Argentina. Argentina has been home to over 200,000 Jews, and now over 10% of that population fell below the poverty line due to a two-thirds loss of the peso value and the collapse of savings' in the country's banks.

### "The Joint" sets up Help Centers

The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee in Argentina has established Help Centers in many Jewish facilities. Last December, Melina Fiszerman, of the Argentina Joint Committee spoke during the Federation Shabbat at Beth Emeth explaining some of the crisis, including the needs and the ways Jews are helping one another in that community. She was proud of the establishment of the newly formed Help Centers.

Beth Emeth Rabbi Peter Grumbacher and wife Suzie visited Argentina last summer and had seen these well organized Jewish community Help Centers. Here, those in need can get assistance with job searches in a country now saddled with 14% unemployment; get needed medicines at newly established pharmacies; use soup kitchens, counseling services and find a caring place for babies and children under age 5. The Wilmington couple thought that they could provide support for the Baby Centers.

Waserstein recalls contacting Ruth Rosenberg, campaign director at the Jewish Federation of

Delaware, and inquiring how she and her husband might best be of assistance. "With lightning speed, calls were made to Jewish Family Service and to Jeff Metz who contacted some officers and members of the JCC Board who were meeting that week. Apparently Caryl Marcus-Stape, Mark Delmerico, Lisa Driden, Julia Sander, and Andrea Lender orchestrated an immediate call for baby clothes and supplies that we could take. "I am still overwhelmed thinking about the 160 lbs. of clothes that greeted me when I came to the Board meeting!" Waserstein adds, "The level of willingness and generosity" was astounding.

"This helped me — you see the joy of giving," reflects Waserstein who was able to contact Melina Fiszerman in Buenos Aires. The Delaware visitors got to see a joyful birthday party for two-year olds at one of the centers. There are 30 Help Centers throughout the country and each center has about 25-30 kids under 5 years old and Hillel volunteers help the grandmothers prepare and serve lunch.

Waserstein learned that The Jewish Joint Distribution Committee helped about 4000 people in 1998. By February 2004 at the height of the crisis, 36,000 people were being helped. The situation has stabilized a bit since 2005 began.

Argentina's "new poor" are men and women who up until recently were generous donors to Jewish charities and organizations. Now, they are the ones who need help. Elana Grumbacher, 21, used a winter break in her senior year in college to go and help at these centers. Beth Emeth members raised \$22,000 at the High Holy Days for the Argentinean Jewish Community to help supply the centers.

Noting that their three suitcases turned into six and getting a sympathetic airline check-in agent to allow the extra weight, Eric Doroshov commented that "This vacation turned into a mission. We got more out of this trip. We were so impressed with the organization and commitment of the Jewish community."

### To Save one Person...

Rabbi Grumbacher says, "You really have to see it to believe how well organized these volunteer-run Help Centers are. It is a concrete example of the Jewish belief that saving one life saves the entire world." Some also refer to the Talmudic obligation to help those who are destitute and bring them back to the level they were used to prior to their poverty.

Currently, Jewish charitable efforts are focused on providing relief to victims of the Tsunami. Yet needs remain critical in many other parts of the



Judge Waserstein's visit helped provide this baby center with critically needed supplies.



Young children receive care and support at an Argentinian help center organized by the Jewish community.

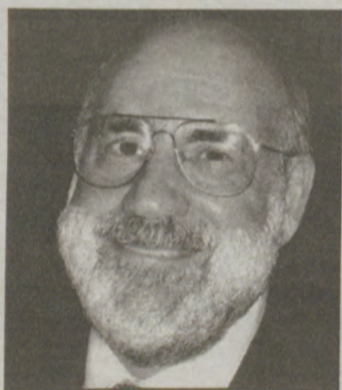
globe. Jewish agencies continually deliver aid to Jews in the former Soviet Union, Argentina and Israel where émigrés from Argentina, Ethiopia and all throughout Eastern Europe need support and assistance as they begin new lives.

Eric Doroshov describes their "vacation" to Argentina as "...a sobering experience—an eye opener that the middle class still might appear as successful business people but now they are in desperate need of everything." It was a great trip, but he adds, "It was a bit scary to see how dramatically things could change for people overnight.

It makes you reflect about how fortunate we are that many of our ancestors settled here 100 years ago and it could have been any one of us whose lives could have instead been in Argentina."

The couple, now back home at their respective careers in the legal field, she as a Family Court justice and he, as an attorney with a Wilmington law firm, express "Heart felt thanks to the Delaware Jewish community for supplying baby clothes, medicines and encouragement in generous measures." They relay a message of "gratitude" from the Jewish Community of Buenos Aires.

## Learn the mysteries of our Hebrew Calendar



Dr. Howard Cohen

Congregation Beth Shalom in Wilmington invites the community to its Sunday, March 13th brunch featuring acclaimed astronomer Dr. Howard Cohen. Dr. Cohen, associate professor emeritus at the University of Florida, will discuss "The Secret of the Sanhedrin: Understanding the Jewish Calendar" at 10:00 a.m. following minyan.

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Program highlights will also include music by the Fifes and Drums of the Delaware Militia, a flag ceremony by the First Troop Philadelphia City Cavalry and the presentation of a commemorative medal to Mikveh Israel struck to honor the 350th anniversary of Jewish life in America. Celebrate 350

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Guests will enjoy cherry pie at the conclusion of the program.

This free program, co-sponsored by Mikveh Israel and its immediate neighbor, The National Museum of American Jewish History, will be held at the museum, located at Independence Mall East, 55 North 5th Street, Philadelphia.

For more information, contact the museum at 215-923-3811 or visit [www.nmajh.org](http://www.nmajh.org).

## Jewish Arts Week coming soon

The Bernard and Ruth Siegel Jewish Community Center will be holding a Jewish Arts Week beginning on Sunday, March 13 and continuing through Friday, March 18, 2005. There will be a variety of programs for all ages during this week.

An Israeli Art Expo, presented by Bar Kocva, will feature works from thirty-five different artists including Peter G, Nava Shoham, Nachum Gutman, Heinz Seeling, Miry from Kedumium, Bar Kocva Moshe, Gregory Kohelet, Alexander Klevan, Victor, Manor, Yhoda Front and more.

The events for Sunday, March 13th include a

Membership Open House, Camp Open House and the Israeli Art Expo Opening Gala. The Israeli Art Expo, along with the JFS Mishloach Manot Sale will be held throughout the week. A special early evening dinner, film, "Song of Hannah" and discussion, will be held on Tuesday, March 15th and an early evening "Musical Mommy" Program held on Wednesday, March 16th with a BBYO/teen program later that evening.

Please watch for more information or contact Wendi Weingartner at (302) 478-5660 or by e-mail to [wendiweingartner@siegeljcc.org](mailto:wendiweingartner@siegeljcc.org).

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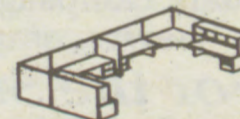
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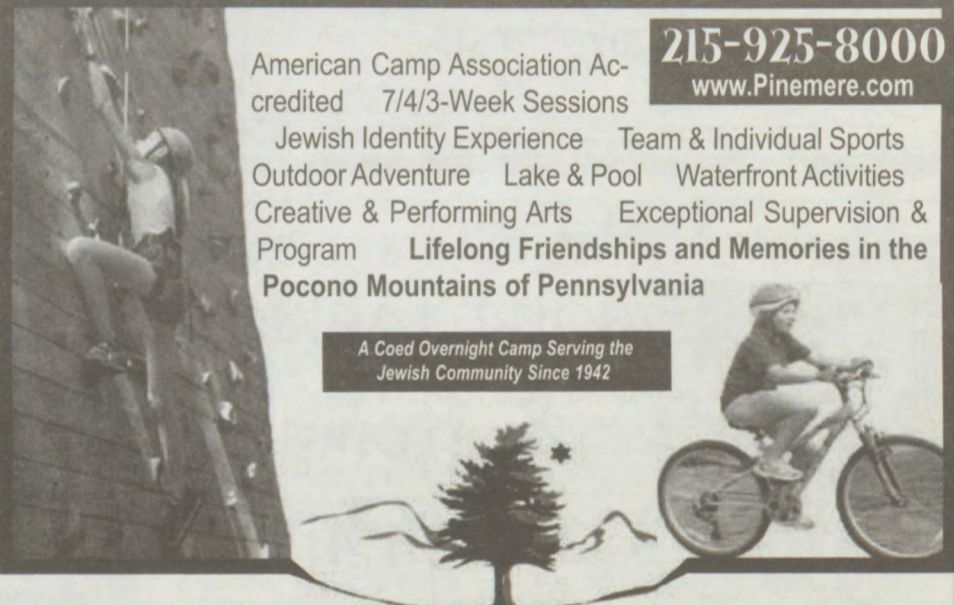


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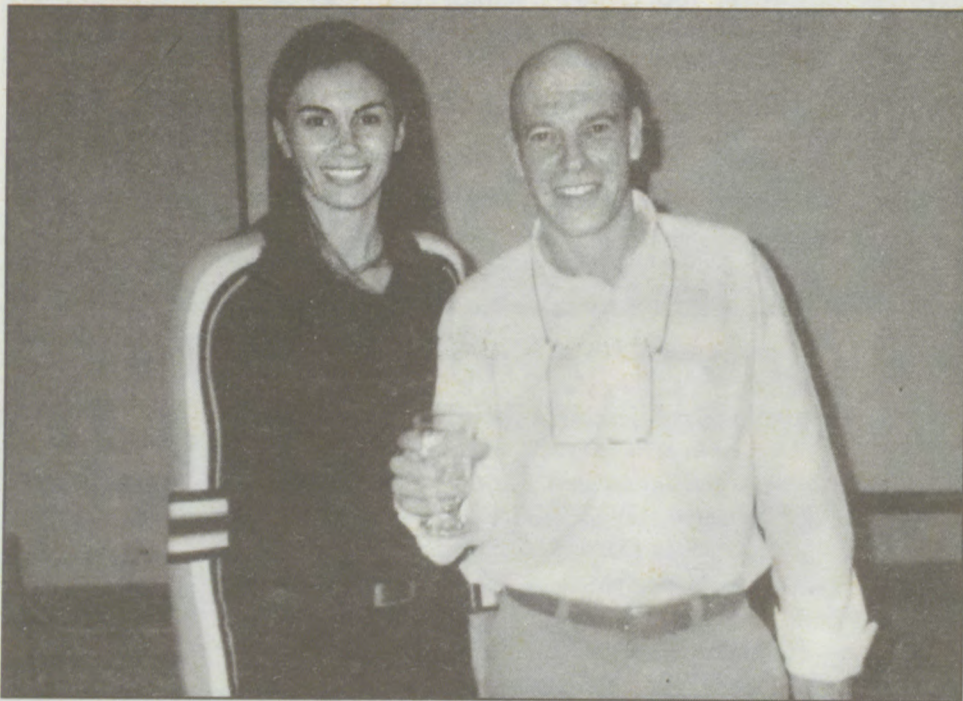
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## JEWISH PERSPECTIVES

### Israeli travels from top of the world to "The Bottom"



Olfat Haider and Doron Erel hold a symbolic glass of "broken ice" after sharing some of their experiences. Haider had never touched snow prior to this project and Erel had previously climbed Mt. Everest.

By Joel F. Glazier

Thirteen months ago, Israeli Doron Erel led what he called, "the weirdest combination of explorers of all time" on a unique journey of Peace and Friendship. Erel, 45, was part of a group of eight-four Israelis and four Palestinians, who journeyed to Antarctica and climbed a 3000 foot unexplored mountain, which has now been named The Mountain of Israeli and Palestinian Friendship. This journey, called "Breaking The Ice", took place over 35 days beginning in January, 2004.

"I was the only one of the eight who had ever climbed mountains, and some of our group had never touched snow before our one week training, held in France," remarked Erel. The Givatayim, Israel native spoke recently in Delaware along with 34-year-old Olfat Haider, another member of the expedition. Haider is a high school physical education teacher from Haifa and an Arab citizen of Israel. She had never been in snow before but admitted she liked it. "We have only one snow capped mountain in Israel but I had never been there."

Doron Erel, whose parents survived the Holocaust and traveled together on the ship The Exodus to Israel after WW II, was the first Israeli to climb Mt. Everest. In 1987 he unfurled the Israeli flag on the summit of the world's highest peak. No other Israeli had ever attempted the climb. "So Israel has a perfect score on attempts vs. successes," Erel proudly boasts. He has since gone on to climb the highest peak on each continent. Erel and Haider spoke last week with students at University of Delaware's Hillel, and also on WDEL radio with announcer Rick Jensen.

"I loved hearing about the experience and the tenacity of the 8 strangers," commented Alana Zavett a Jewish Campus Service Corps Fellow at UD Hillel. "We had a nice turn out in Newark of both Hillel students and photo journalism students who had just completed a winter session program in Antarctica."

"Putting together the team of eight had nothing to do with the individual politics. We had the support of a broad range of international leaders, including Kofi Anan, European Community officials, The Dalai Lama, Shimon Peres and Yassir Arafat, explained Erel. Erel added that having written documentation from the late PA chair-

man gave the four Palestinians protection against threats and suspicion from militant groups in the Occupied Territories. Spirited political discussions were commonplace as the group sailed from Chile to Antarctica, trekked across glaciers, climbed the mountain and then traveled back again to Chile. "However we had to put aside our personal politics to pull each other through snow, sail rough waters and help one another cook breakfast," shared Erel and Haider.

#### Palestinian and Jewish Celebration in Chile

"The expedition would not bring about peace in the mid-East, but at least we showed that a group of Israelis and Palestinians could work as one group and succeed at a difficult task," Erel explains. "Perhaps young people might see an alternative to violence when dealing with differences. Two of the Palestinians on the expedition had spent time in Israeli jails for past violence against Israelis," Erel explains to surprised audiences.

After the grueling Antarctica trek and climb in the midst of a blinding snowstorm, their sailing boat brought them back to Chile. When they arrived at the Santiago airport for their departure, a throng awaited them with hugs and cheers at midnight. "Chile has a very large Palestinian population and they approached the local Jewish community to join them in a welcome party. It was the first time the two groups had anything to do with each other and was a total unexpected benefit from the trek," Erel happily explains. "There were hugs and good wishes all around," he added.

The "Breaking The Ice" project received no funding from Israeli Government or Palestinian Authority sources. Some financial support came from sponsors and European Community funds. The adventure received the 2004 "Search for Common Ground" Award from a Washington based group interested in unique conflict resolution through support.

Doron Erel, father of three, is now working to organize a multi national camel trek from Israel to Tripoli. Olfat Heider, member of Israel's national volleyball team, has already worked with Outward Bound in North Carolina, where groups of young Israelis and Palestinians are to be trained in that organization's programs of cooperative survival.

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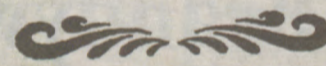


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# SPORTS PROFILE

## Jewish QB is hall of famer

By Peter Ephross  
JTA

Benny Friedman has been elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame, perhaps with a little bit of help from his former players at Brandeis University.

When Friedman, a Jewish quarterback who was a pioneer in developing the forward pass, was elected to football's shrine over the weekend, it came after several years of effort by those who knew Friedman as a coach at Brandeis from 1951 to 1959.

A group of alumni began the effort to gain recognition for Friedman as they developed a tribute to him at Brandeis' 50th anniversary dinner in 1998.

That effort was based not just on what Friedman achieved in building a short-lived football program at Brandeis — he was the school's first athletic director and its only football coach — but also on what he contributed to his players' lives.

Dick Bergel, who played halfback at Brandeis and graduated in 1957, said Friedman helped keep him in school by finding ways to support his widowed mother.

"I feel indebted to him for what I was able to achieve," said Bergel, a former vice chairman of Montgomery Ward who is now retired.

The group looked into ways to get Friedman on the nominating slate for the Hall of Fame, but were told that would have to come from the hall's Seniors Committee.

That finally happened last fall, when Friedman and Fritz Pollard were named as two of the 15 people eligible to be voted into the hall this year.

Headed by former team manager Bob Weintraub, the group of Brandeis grads sprang into action. The alums sent a package promoting Friedman's candidacy to the 39 members of the media who vote for induction into the hall. Brandeis President Jehuda Reinharz wrote a separate letter to the Hall of Fame selectors, pushing for Friedman's selection.



Former Brandeis football coach Benny Friedman, who was voted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame, celebrates with his team in a photo from the 1950s.  
Credit: Brandeis University

They had a lot of accomplishments to promote. Though the Brandeis alumni knew Friedman as a coach, he made his mark as a player by introducing the forward pass as a legitimate weapon.

Friedman first starred for the University of Michigan, where in 1926 he became the first Jew to captain the football team.

He is believed to have led the NFL in touchdown passes during the years he played, 1927-1933, though statistics for the period are spotty.

A sportswriter for the New York Daily News, Paul Gallico, wrote that Friedman was the "greatest football player in the world." He was named to the National Football League's All-Time team in 1951.

His lack of recognition at the hall has been attributed, at times, to anti-Semitism, his perceived arrogance or his battles with the NFL over several issues, including pensions for former players.

The son of Russian Jewish immigrants, Friedman was born in Cleveland and once attributed his good fortune to Judaism.

He remembered that his mother told him she would put 18 cents — the number 18 symbolizes life in Hebrew — into a tzedekah box for him.

"I never questioned whether it

was my ability that kept me aloof from injury. I let it go that chai was working for me," he said.

Friedman, Pollard and more recent stars such as Dan Marino and Steve Young were voted into the Hall of Fame this year. Friedman becomes one of only a few Jewish players in the hall, joining such luminaries as Sid Luckman.

During his tenure at Brandeis, Friedman traveled with President Nathan Sachar to promote and fund raise for the fledgling Jewish university.

"Benny was perhaps the greatest fund raiser for Brandeis during those years," Weintraub said.

Friedman left Brandeis a few years after the school disbanded its football program in 1960.

In later years, he suffered from declining health. Ill from diabetes and with an amputated leg, Friedman committed suicide in 1982.

But this August, his story will have a happier ending when he is inducted into the Hall of Fame.

The Brandeis alums have no way of knowing whether their efforts had any effect, but when they learned that their former coach had been elected, they began planning a reunion for this summer to see Friedman honored at the Canton, Ohio, shrine.

## Businessman: Build the Palestinian economy

Continued from page 1

Kramer first became outspoken about Israeli treatment of Palestinians 12 years ago, after visiting the Gaza Strip for the first time. Seeing the poverty and the Israeli army's treatment of Palestinians "was a terrible shock," he said.

He was surprised by the economic limitations in Gaza and especially disheartened to see Palestinian farmers who had to choose, he says, between leaving oranges to rot on their trees or

selling them below market price to Israel's produce monopoly.

Experts say this often was less an issue of Israeli vindictiveness than an Israeli failure to set free a dependent economy.

Kramer briefly helped facilitate the export of strawberries from Gaza to England and the export of grapes from the West Bank.

How the Palestinian economy fares will help determine Israel's future, and how the Israelis treat the Palestinians is the key to solving the conflict, according to

Kramer.

"The bottom line is I don't think our people will have a happy life until they also have a happy life," he said.

Labor Party legislator Efraim Sneh, who has known Kramer for several years, agrees.

"I share his main ideas that without economic growth there is no chance of a peace process with the Palestinians, and that a sound economic basis is crucial for all possible political solutions," Sneh said.



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# GLOBAL JEWISH NEWS

## Person to person with Colin Powell

By Trude B. Feldman  
Special to the Jewish Voice

During his four years as America's 65th Secretary of State, Colin Powell was intensely involved in foreign affairs and diplomacy and how those issues affected the world and our global interests.

In a farewell interview in his State Department office, he focused on his efforts in the Middle East, and that region's and Europe's growing anti-Americanism. This is the first of a two part interview.

**Q: Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas (also known as Abu Mazen) continues to say, in retrospect, that the 4-years plus Intifada (Palestinian uprising) was a mistake, and that he intends to end the violence in the region. Do you believe him?**

A: Mr. Abbas has said this before and he is correct. It is time to end the Intifada and not just say it should end, but start taking such action like encouraging their media to stop inciting, stop encouraging, stop applauding people who conduct these actions or those who commit suicide acts. I had encouraged all Palestinian officials to make clear statements that they are giving up terrorism.

Now, Mr. Abbas has begun to take action. As you know, he gave instructions to the Palestinian television stations to stop their inciting language, so I am encouraged.

**Q: His statements aren't new to you, are they?**

A: No, but he is now saying these things from a new position of authority. Yasser Arafat is gone.

**Q: But, do you believe Mr. Abbas?**

A: Yes, I do believe that he wants the Intifada to end. With Mr. Arafat, you never really were sure. But I think Mr. Abbas understands that the Intifada has destroyed the Palestinian economy [and] killed lots of people, both Israelis and, in turn, Palestinians. The Intifada has not moved the Palestinians one step closer to a Palestinian state.

Now that Mr. Arafat is gone and the Israelis have begun to show some flexibility toward the Palestinians by allowing them to move around, I've been encouraged that Mr. Abbas is still saying he will take action. I believe him. Yet, my believing him and his actions are two different things.

There must be reform of the security services as well as an end to terrorism. When that is accomplished, I believe the Israelis, when they have a new partner for peace, will make progress. And of course, the U.S. will then play a vital part.

**Q: How would you describe your last official visit to the region (Nov. 22)? Did you personally see any progress?**

A: Yes, my last visit was one of the better visits because when I met in Jerusalem with Israel's Prime Minister (Ariel) Sharon, he was really engaged in his disengagement plan. He demonstrated flexibility toward the Palestinians, and was working with the Egyptians to help the Palestinians on security and political issues. He was engaged, and he clearly was preparing to take advantage of the new opportunity — after the passing of Mr. Arafat. When I met in Jericho with the Palestinians, I sensed an understanding on their part that this is a chance they cannot miss. Also, in the immediate aftermath of Mr. Arafat's departure from the region, to the hospital in France, and then his death, the Palestinians displayed quite a bit of political skill in keeping things intact, making sure there was no violence and essentially determining who would be in powers of authority during the transfer to their elections. That they were able to do this was also encouraging.

**Q: Do you now see a solution, an end to this powder keg that is the Middle East?**

A: I've always been looking for that end. There is now the possibility of an end. But it will only come if terror ends and if the Palestinians are serious about that, and are serious about reforming themselves so that they are a responsible interlocutor for the Quartet (United States, United Nations, European Union and Russia).



Left: Reporter Trude B. Feldman conducts an exit interview with former secretary of state

They have to end corruption and make sure they have a government that is resting on a body of law and is operating properly.

Frankly, they also have to see some response from Mr. Sharon. He has obligations with respect to ending the outpost activity. You know our position with respect to settlement activity — it is that it should cease.

And there needs to be some opening of the region so that people can start to move back and forth. Both sides have obligations. While we want the Palestinians to reform, to put in place responsible leadership and end both incitement and terror, we also have expectations for Mr. Sharon.

**Q: In retrospect, what was the problem with Mr. Arafat?**

A: Mr. Arafat was certainly a major hindrance to progress. I tried to deal with him. I went to see him several times. Twice, I helped him get out of the prison he was in [his compound in Ramallah]. Both times I said to him, "You need to start acting." And he said, "I will, I will." But he never did. Finally, the President and I came to the conclusion that we could not go on like that with him and cannot deal with him.

So, in the President's June 24, 2002 speech, he stated that the Palestinians need new leadership. Some months later, they did get a new leader, in the person of Mahmoud Abbas. But we were not able to benefit from him because Mr. Arafat was still in the way.

**Q: What is the real key to a solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict?**

A: I am always optimistic that we will [find a solution]. I think Mr. Sharon has put on the table an interesting idea, namely, 'Let's evacuate Gaza' ... and when you see the problems in Gaza, then the more reason to say, 'Let's evacuate Gaza.' I think if the Palestinians would prepare themselves by political action and reform of their security forces to govern Gaza when that evacuation occurs, we could be back on the

road map process and see more progress.

**Q: Do you believe that Mr. Sharon's vision for the West Bank provides a basis for a viable Palestinian state?**

A: President Bush made clear to Mr. Sharon that a viable Palestinian state has to have contiguity and coherence. There cannot be little "bantustans" all over the West Bank. You have to start somewhere. Mr. Sharon's plan for Gaza and the West Bank is a start. It is not an end, it is a start.

**Q: In light of all the animosity and mistrust, do you really think it is realistic to anticipate a sovereign Palestinian state?**

A: Yes, if you look at public opinion in Israel, not just the Likud Party politics. Public opinion will support the road-map plan. Peace means a Palestinian state. So, yes, I think there is a possibility and I think there is considerable support in Israel and among most Palestinians because they need peace.

**Q: How has the Israeli-Palestinian conflict affected the reputation of the U.S.? And what about Iraq?**

A: We are having difficulty with public opinion in Europe and the Arab world. People would like us to solve the issue overnight and it doesn't lend itself to an overnight solution. We are often criticized for not doing more and putting more pressure on Israel. But Israel is a sovereign nation and has a right to self-defense and to make its own judgments.

The Iraqi people want to see their leaders take over again and to see the coalition forces leave. We, in the coalition, want to leave, but under the right conditions.

**Q: Last May, Mr. Sharon's chief of staff, Dov Weisglass, sent a letter to Condoleezza Rice (then the President's National Security Advisor), a letter that seemed to contradict the terms of the road-map plan regarding the removal of settlement outposts and freezing settlement construction. How would you cor-**

**rect that contradiction?**

A: There is no contradiction on the outposts because we all understand they are to be removed and the Israelis say they will remove them. They are having some legal difficulties, but they are obliged to remove them.

With respect to settlements, the President's statements have been clear over time. He wants to see the end of settlement activity. The Weisglass-Rice exchange was a way of getting our arms around what settlement activity means and dealing with some of the issues that the Israelis raise with respect to, "What do we do about natural growth; a settlement exists — we are not trying to expand it, but if people have children, how can we accommodate that natural growth?"

We don't really accept that concept. But what we were trying to do in the Weisglass-Rice exchange was to follow up on that, and get a better understanding of what we mean by ending settlement activity in a particular place. So I don't think there is necessarily a conflict, but clearly that requires clarification so that we all have a common understanding.

**Q: Do you think that anti-Americanism became worse as a result of the President's policy in the Middle East and his firm support for Israel?**

A: We are held to a higher standard by some nations as the superpower that should be able to solve every problem. The anti-Americanism that we see now is not good.

As far as the Arab and Muslim worlds are concerned, I think anti-Americanism is the result of a couple of things. One, we have not found a solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The Arabs want that problem solved and we bear the burden in the eyes of the Arab world by not solving it. They think we can solve it. And we are held responsible for that because we have not told the Israelis to stop, and that causes a lot of the anti American feeling.

Secondly, Iraq. Because we have had difficulty in Iraq for the past year since we liberated the country ... Abu Ghraib, other things, and the continued fighting have caused us to suffer in the eyes of the Arab and Muslim worlds as well as in Europe. European public opinion was always against us on the Iraq conflict. Even though European leaders joined us, most public opinion was against us.

Therefore, we have lost favor in the European and Arab public eye. But it is really our policies that have lost favor, rather than America. I am confident, based on my foreign trips and based on young people with whom I speak, who want to know about America and like America, that, when our policies show success and our Army can start to come out [of Iraq], and if we can find a way forward in the Middle East peace process, I think anti-American attitudes could change in a positive direction.

Trude B. Feldman, a veteran White House and State Department correspondent, has interviewed every American Secretary of State since William Rogers in the Nixon Administration and has known Colin Powell since 1972, when he became a White House Fellow.

## Ayalon speaks at Philadelphia function



Israel's Ambassador to the United States, Daniel Ayalon, (l.) was the keynote speaker when the America-Israel Chamber of Commerce honored prominent Israel business advocate Steven L. Friedman (c.). Howard Joffe, President of the Chamber, presided over the Yitzhak Rabin Public Service Award gala at the Rittenhouse Hotel in Philadelphia. The America-Israel Chamber is solely dedicated to developing business and investment ties between the United States and Israel.

## MILESTONES In Memoriam

### BERMAN

Rhea Berman, 95, died peacefully in her sleep at Millcroft Health Care Center, Newark, on February 11th. She was born in Pittsburgh, PA in 1909 to the late John Kramer and Jennie Winer Kramer.

Preceded in death by her husband, Martin Berman and three sisters, Helen Marcosky, Frances Radin and Rose Gantz, she is survived by her daughters, Judith B. Klevans, of Elkton, MD and Linda Waldrun of Ogden, UT; six grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

A private funeral service will be

held in Pittsburgh, PA.

### GREEN

Marvin L. Green, a resident of Chesapeake City, Maryland, died February 6th at Forwood Manor in Wilmington.

A World War II Army veteran, Mr. Green worked in retail with Bird Speakman and Braunstein's, where he served as credit manager for 17 years. He continued his career at Winner Group until his retirement.

Preceded in death by his wife, Aileen Hanzlicek Green; his sister, Vivian C. Levine and brother, M. Herbert Green, he is survived by his

sister, Ruth G. Dougherty; his brother and sister-in-law, Alfred J. and Florence Green; and seven nieces and nephews.

The funeral service was held on February 8th at Chandler Funeral Home with burial immediately following in Beth Emeth Memorial Park.

### KRAVET

Martin Kravet, 80, of Philadelphia, died February 4th.

A native of New Jersey, Mr. Kravet served as a 2nd Lt. Navigator in the U.S. Air Force during World War II. After the war, he

studied to be a pharmacist. He was the co-owner of Kravet Pharmacy which maintained locations in Newark, Old Bridge and Spotswood, New Jersey.

He was predeceased by his wife of 54 years, Hannah Jacobs Kravet; a brother, Jules (Sonny) Kravet and a daughter, Julie K. Perrin.

Mr. Kravet will be missed by his brother, and sister-in-law, Alan and Anne Kravet of Lakewood, FL; his children, Debra Reis and her husband, Rick of Phoenixville, PA; Linda Wolff and her husband, Jon of Bear, DE; son-in-law, Jack Perrin of

Piano, TX and his beloved grandchildren, Michael Perrin, Lynn and David Reis and Andrew and Justin Wolff.

Memorial services were held on February 7th at Paul's Run in Philadelphia, PA. Interment was at Beth Israel Cemetery, Woodbridge, NJ.

Contributions in his memory would be appreciated to either the American Diabetes Association, 1 Plymouth Meeting Mall, Suite 520, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462 or to the American Cancer Society, 1626 Locust Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

## AROUND OUR JEWISH WORLD

### Anti-semitism in Britain reaches new levels

By Daniella Peled  
JTA

It may sometimes seem that British Jews display upper lips as stiff as their non-Jewish countrymen's, preferring to suffer quietly or downplay prejudice directed against them.

But new official statistics have revealed that anti-Semitic incidents in Britains have reached new heights.

According to the Community Security Trust, the body that monitors threats to British Jewry, a total of 532 anti-Semitic incidents were recorded last year, marking a 42 per cent increase from 2003.

The figures include a 323 per cent rise in anti-Semitic threats, with an all-time high of 93 such incidents last year, compared with 22 in 2003.

There also was a 54 percent increase in assaults, with 83 attacks recorded last year, including four in which the victim's life was endangered.

Britain historically has been a generally tolerant and calm society, but in recent years life has become more uncomfortable for the country's 290,000 Jews, most of whom live in London.

"Violent assaults increased disproportionately," said the trust's director of communications, Michael Whine. "This increase is extremely alarming. The transfer of tensions in the Middle East to the streets of Britain has resulted in an unprecedented level of anti-Semitic incidents."

"Jews now have two fronts, which wasn't the case five years ago," said Barry Kosmin of the U.K.'s Institute for Jewish Policy

Research. "There is a constant level that comes from the far right, but there's the opening of a new front by far-left and Palestinian sympathizers and people antagonistic to the Zionist cause."

The trust's figures put the correlation between events in the Middle East and attacks on British Jews in stark relief.

In October 2000, just after the start of the Palestinian intifada, the total number of anti-Semitic incidents in Britain leaped to 105, the largest number recorded in a single month for at least five years.

In March 2004, the month in which Israel assassinated Hamas leader Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, there were 100 anti-Semitic incidents, including 54 within 48 hours of Yassin's death on March 22.

Incidents have ranged from cemetery desecrations — the worst example came in May 2003, when almost 600 gravestones in East London's Plashet graveyard were defaced — to physical attacks, such as the spate of assaults early this year on members of London's fervently Orthodox Stamford Hill community.

"The government shares the Jewish community's concerns about attacks on Jewish people and property," said a Home Office spokesperson. "Attacks on synagogues and Jewish cemeteries are completely unacceptable and we continue to strongly condemn anti-Semitism and all forms of racism."

"Our track record for tackling anti-Semitism is a good one, and we believe that our approach of introducing strong and effective legislation, while working closely with community groups and working in the field of education, is the

right one."

But community leaders are keen to emphasize that this new atmosphere goes far beyond street thuggery. They charge that widespread media hostility toward Israel, which many feel often crosses the line from acceptable criticism into downright bias, has served to legitimize prejudice against Jews.

One such incident was the publication of a cartoon in the staunchly pro-Palestinian newspaper *The Independent* on Jan. 27, 2003 — Holocaust Memorial Day — that showed Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon biting off the head of a Palestinian child.

Not only were official complaints by Jewish groups dismissed, but the drawing went on to win the Cartoon of the Year award from Britain's Political Cartoon Society.

As for the BBC, whose policy is to describe Palestinian terrorists as "militants," the corporation's stance so angered the Israeli government that by mid-2003 Israeli officials temporarily severed all official contact with the broadcaster.

Analysts say that in some cases the demonization of Israel has amounted to incitement.

Pointing to the "insidious and drip-drip effect" of coverage of the Middle East conflict, Kosmin said, "The left-liberal media claim they distinguish between being anti-Israel and anti-Semitic, and at an academic level you can make that distinction, but people are attacking the local synagogue, not searching out their local Zionist headquarters."

Most worryingly, community leaders point to a creeping level of prejudice in British politics.

Historically, the far-right British National Party has been steadfastly antagonistic toward Jews, although in recent years it has shifted its focus of prejudice toward Muslims and asylum-seekers. Those tactics helped the party win 17 council seats in June 2004 local elections.

But in recent months Jewish leaders have expressed concern that elements in Britain's ruling Labor Party have been attempting to make political capital over issues of anti-Jewish prejudice.

In May 2003, Britain's longest serving member of Parliament, Labor's Tam Dalyell, sparked controversy when he expressed concern over a "cabal" of Jewish advisers allegedly exerting undue influence over Prime Minister Tony Blair.

Then, in a piece published in the *Muslim Weekly* newspaper this January, Minister Mike O'Brien of the Department of Trade and Industry said that only Labor would protect the rights of Muslims and campaign for the establishment of a Palestinian state.

Singling out the leader of the Conservative party, who is Jewish, O'Brien wrote, "Ask yourself what will Michael Howard do for British Muslims? Will his foreign policy aim to help Palestine?"

Weeks later, Jewish leaders were astonished when trial posters for the Labor election campaign featured the faces of Howard and his shadow chancellor Oliver Letwin — Britain's two most prominent Jewish politicians — transposed onto the bodies of pigs. Another image showed Howard as a Fagin-type hypnotist.

"There is at the moment a very nasty smell of anti-Semitism

around," said Labor peer Lord Greville Janner, who is Jewish. "Each of these issues or items on its own is not particularly important, but I can't remember a time since the end of the war when there has been so much of this muck around."

London Mayor Ken Livingstone, a member of Labor, outrages Jewish groups regularly. Last July he set off a firestorm by hosting a radical Qatar-based preacher, Sheikh Yuduf al-Qaradawi, who has justified Palestinian suicide bombings.

Only last week, Livingstone refused to apologize for comparing a Jewish journalist to a concentration camp guard.

Such high-profile displays of insensitivity have depressed community figures, especially as the displays appear to indicate a more widespread lack of awareness.

When Prince Harry, third in line to the throne, was pictured wearing a Nazi costume, a newspaper survey found that more than half of British adults between 18 and 24 could see no problem with the outfit. According to a BBC poll last December, 45 percent of British adults claimed never to have heard of Auschwitz.

With mainstream ignorance at such levels, British Jews face a battle if anti-Semitism is to be treated as a general human-rights issue, rather than a Jewish problem that Jews are responsible for tackling.

"The single most important thing is for our community to enlist others to join in the protest against the attacks," said Britain's Orthodox chief rabbi, Jonathan Sacks. "Jews must not be left to fight anti-Semitism alone."



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### HUMOR IN THE TORAH

#### AT AKSE SUNDAY BRUNCH

Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Men's Club will host Rabbi Daniel Feldman of Edison, New Jersey on March 6th for its monthly Sunday brunch-time discussion series. Rabbi Feldman will discuss "Humor in the Torah" beginning at 10:00 a.m. Breakfast will be served at 9:30 a.m. at a cost of \$4 per person. Come one, come all. Call the synagogue office at

302-762-2705 with questions.

### MOONLIGHT DINNER CRUISE

Dine, dance and tour Baltimore's inner harbor by moonlight as part of an elegant Beth Emeth Outreach fundraising event on Saturday, March 5 from 7PM to 10PM. Enjoy a romantic and cozy atmosphere. Minimum donation of \$100 per person includes 3 hour cruise, dinner buffet, and open bar. Tickets are limited - Reserve yours today by making your donation at the Congregation Beth Emeth Temple Office (Phone 764-2393). Dress is upscale festive - boarding starts at 6:30. For directions, local hotel information, and the menu, please visit [www.bethemethoutreach.com](http://www.bethemethoutreach.com).

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### INTERMARRIAGE IS GOOD FOR THE JEWS??

Join Congregation Beth Emeth

Outreach on Sunday 2/27 @ 1PM in the Temple Lounge for our Family Monthly Potluck Lunch. Bring your favorite side dish or dessert, and your family - both Jewish and non-Jewish, to eat and discuss the many issues raised by Karen Kushner's article, "Inter-marriage is Good for the Jews". Free child care for children under 12. All families are welcome! Please - no shellfish, pork products, or meat with dairy dishes. This event is free but you must call the Temple Office at (302) 764-2393 or email [beout2@minque.com](mailto:beout2@minque.com) to register. For more info and for the other fun events, visit [www.bethemethoutreach.com](http://www.bethemethoutreach.com).

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

On Saturday, March 12th, 2005 at 7:00 PM, Albert Einstein Academy will be presenting its, Community Builder Award to AEA Presidents from the past decade.

This prestigious list includes: Jonathan Neipris, who served from 1994-1996; Jeffrey Wasserman, who served from 1996-1998; Samuel Blumberg, who served 1998-2000; Robin Saran, who served from 2000-2003; Jay Kogon, who served from 2003-2004.

These "Pillars of the Past" will receive their award at the annual Gala at Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania. Join us for dinner and dancing and a spectacular evening. The cost is \$130 per person for the black-tie invited event

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### SUMMER SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

The Sylvia & Isadore N. Silverman Scholarship Fund will be awarding its 16th annual Scholarship to a deserving youth for a Jewish summer experience in camp or Israel. Applications may be picked up at the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth office, Washington Street Ext. and Torah Way, Wilmington, DE 19802, and must be returned by the deadline on March 1, 2005.

The Fund was established in 1989 to honor the Silverman's

55th wedding anniversary by their four daughters and many friends.

### SENATOR CARPER HOSTS SERVICE ACADEMY INFORMATION NIGHT

Delaware high school students with dreams of attending the nation's elite service academies after graduation will have the opportunity to talk with representatives in person at the 4th Annual Academy Information Night, proudly hosted by United States Senator Thomas R. Carper, with the cooperation of Delaware Technical and Community College. The program will be held on Tuesday, February 22, 2005, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Delaware Technical & Community College, Education & Technology Building, Terry Campus in Dover.

Each year, members of the U.S. Congress are charged with nominating top candidates from their home state, ensuring the best and brightest are considered for admission to the nation's leading military academies. The process begins in the spring of the junior year of high school.

"Some of the great heroes for America's future could be right here in Delaware," said Carper, who was the mission commander of a P-3 aircraft in Southeast Asia during Vietnam and the Cold War. "They will be the military leaders who continue the proud tradition of protecting the freedom of the United States of America."

The session will allow interested students to gather advice on gaining an edge in the competitive application process. Senator Carper's remarks will be followed by remarks from Dover's Gardea T.J. Christian, who has accepted an appointment to the US Naval Academy. Breakout sessions and personal visits with Academy and ROTC representatives will follow.

More details on both the Academy Night and Senator Carper's selection process can be found at <http://carper.senate.gov> or by calling Lori James at 302-674-3308.

### DEADLINE EXTENDED FOR GOVERNOR'S YOUTH SERVICE AWARDS

Nominations for the Governor's Youth Service Awards will be accepted through Friday, Feb. 25 at the State Office of Volunteerism (SOV) in Delaware Health and Social Services' Division of State Service Center.

These prestigious awards recognize the efforts of young people who best exemplify the spirit of volunteerism throughout Delaware. Categories include individual youth and youth groups working in the areas of environment, public safety, education, community, arts and culture, social justice and health. Award recipients will be honored at a special dinner ceremony with Gov. Ruth Ann Minner on April 20, at the Modern Maturity Center in Dover. To nominate an individual young person or youth group, request a form from the State Office of Volunteerism at 1-800-815-5465 or find it online at [www.state.de.us/dhss/dssc/volevnts.html](http://www.state.de.us/dhss/dssc/volevnts.html) <<http://www.state.de.us/dhss/dssc/volevnts.html>>.

The Governor's Youth Volunteer Service Awards are sponsored by the Office of the Governor and coordinated by the State Office of Volunteerism and the Governor's Commission on Community and Volunteer Service.

## Spring lecture series includes something for everyone

Whether it's the politics involved in the Israeli-Palestinian peace process or the social changes reflected in *ketubot*... searching for the beginnings of Tin Pan Alley or searching for Israel's ancestors with the BBC... there's something for just about everyone in the series "Issues and Ideas in Jewish Studies" at the University of Delaware during the Spring semester.

The series begins on February 15 and continues, each Tuesday from 12:30 to 1:30, until May 10. It is designed to provide exposure to the intellectual resources at the University, in the local Newark and Wilmington areas, and in the surrounding areas of Philadelphia and Baltimore. Topics cover a broad spectrum of research and thought on the history, literature, culture and philosophy of the Jewish community in a variety of contexts.

Everyone is welcome to attend and you are encouraged to contact the Center by e-mail through its website or by phone to receive additional information about the speakers or directions to campus.

The formal lectures take place in Smith Hall, Room 203 and are part of a scheduled Jewish Studies Program class for students which they can take for university credit, but we always have many extra seats for guests. In fact, community members attending would not only be helping to demonstrate to the University that the Center is a valuable resource for the Jewish community, but will also be able to interact with the students and provide a level of life experience to combine with their search for knowledge. Lecturers have agreed to remain for a short period after the class to answer questions or hold informal discussion with the audience

Additional information about the lectures and/or directions to Newark and the lecture room can be found at the Center for Jewish Studies website at [www.udel.edu/jsp/events.html](http://www.udel.edu/jsp/events.html) or by calling the Center at (302) 831-3324. The full schedule of programs appears below:

- February 15** Dr. Stuart Kaufman - Professor, Department of Political Science and International Relations, University of Delaware  
"Symbolic Politics and the Israeli-Palestinian Peace Process"
- February 22** Ms. Riva Brown - Calligrapher, Living Letters Studio, Wilmington, DE  
"The Ketubah as Art and Social Commentary"
- March 1** Dr. Josef Stern - Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Chicago  
"Maimonides on the Commandments to Eradicate Amaleq"
- March 8** Dr. David Suisman - Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Delaware  
"Building America's Song Factories: German-Jewish Assimilation and the Rise of Tin Pan Alley"
- March 15** Rabbi Sarah Messinger - Congregation Beth Emeth, Wilmington, DE  
"Judaism and Medical Ethics: Abortion, Euthanasia, and Transplants"
- March 22** Ms. Karen Wallace - Retired Delaware High School History Teacher  
"Teaching About the Holocaust from a Historical Perspective"
- April 5** Tia Mukerji - Department of Mathematics, Delaware Technical and Community College, Wilmington, DE  
"Hinduism and Judaism: Comparative Ideas on Common Social Issues"
- April 12** Rabbi Michael Beals - Congregation Beth Shalom, Wilmington, DE  
"Judaism and Hinduism: Comparative Ideas on Common Social Issues"
- April 19** Dr. Elaine Safer - Professor, English Department, University of Delaware  
"Philip Roth's *The Plot Against America*: Paranoia or Possibility?"
- April 26** Dr. Arthur Lesley - Associate Professor, Hebrew Language and Literature, Baltimore Hebrew University  
"Don Isaac Abravanel's Family Business: Bible Commentary, the Pepper Trade and Messianism"
- May 3** Dr. Barry Gittlen - Professor of Biblical and Archaeological Studies, Baltimore Hebrew University  
"Joseph in Egypt: With the BBC on the Trail of Israel's Ancestors"
- May 10** Ms. Susan Coonin-Kogon - Doctoral Candidate, University of Delaware  
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- May 17** Dr. Vivian Klaff - Director, Center for Jewish Studies, University of Delaware  
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