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YOM HaSHOAH COMMEMORATED THROUGHOUT DELAWARE

Yom HaShoah, the day commemorating the Holocaust, was created by an act of the The Knesset, in 1951. The Hebrew date of 27 Nissan, five days after Pesach, is the designated time for many Jewish communities around the world to hold special programs and remembrances of the Six Million Jews murdered by The Nazis during perhaps the darkest chapter in modern Jewish history. In Israel, a siren is sounded, all citizens pause in silence and there is an official torch lighting ceremony at Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Memorial and Museum in Jerusalem.

In Delaware several public observances were held during the last week of April, with the annual Holocaust Observance, organized

by the Jewish Federation's Preston Holocaust Committee held on Tuesday April 25 at the Carvel State Building. That ceremony, featured a powerful presentation from a man who survived the Holocaust being hidden with a dozen other children throughout Belgium by a pair of Righteous Gentile sisters as well as readings by students from Dickinson High School and Wilmington Friends School and proclamations from Delaware's elected officials. It culminated at the foot of the Holocaust Monument in the Government Plaza in Downtown Wilmington with memorial prayers.

Photos, captions by Joel Glazier



Dr. Charles Rojer, keynote speaker at the annual Yom HaShoah Interfaith Service sponsored by the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, spoke about his experiences as a hidden child in Belgium during the Nazi reign of terror. Joining him at the Holocaust Monument are his granddaughter, Gabrielle, a student at Albert Einstein Academy and his daughter, Rachel Harad.



The program concluded with memorial prayers led by Rabbi Sanford Dresin, spiritual leader of Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth and Ahron Augenbraun, a Holocaust survivor, who fought in Israel's War of Independence.



Temple Beth El's president, Joel Shertok, introduced the Yom HaShoah program sponsored by the Rabbinic Association of Delaware, by saying "Music is the ultimate reflection of the human spirit, and we remember how Jewish life has risen again after The Holocaust." The Beth El Youth Choir, (pictured) and Adult Choir and Thread of Blue Klezmer Band provided appropriate selections



Rehoboth Beach's Seaside Jewish Community members (l to r.) Stanley Silverblatt, Barbara and Jim Sparks, Carol Ann Rudolph and Hank Wirtschaffer stand before six lit Yom HaShoah Memorial Candles. The special yellow candles were surrounded by tulips and the tallit in which the congregation's rescued and restored Torah scroll had been buried and hidden by the Jews of Lutsk, Russian, in advance of the Nazi decimation of their town and synagogue. The videotaped testimony of Hungarian Holocaust Survivor Richard Koves was viewed. Koves's daughter, Cindy Silverblatt, a member of Seaside, led the group in several prayers and readings before the video showing and discussion.



Candles were lit as Gene Danneman, child of Survivors, read aloud names of places where Jews were murdered en masse during The Holocaust. Danneman (middle) is joined at Beth El by Isaac Schlecht, 15, who provided a touching reading of a "Poem by Motele from Terezin"; Beth El President Joel Shertok and congregation member Ann Herman look on.



Beth El members Irv Engelson, Staci Bagel, Laurita Halbert and Joan Brandt performed scenes from Shayna Maidel, a drama about the remnant of a family meeting in New York after the Holocaust.

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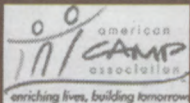
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A message from Ronald S. Lauder - # 2 in a Series



Negev residents enjoy their
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is no sight more breathtaking than the
Negev desert.

Jewish National Fund has embarked on
Blueprint Negev, a long-term vision to develop
the Negev into a hospitable environment that
will become home to 250,000 new people over
the next five years. We move forward in this
international \$500 million campaign with
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government and the Or Movement. JNF plans
include building reservoirs, creating
infrastructure for new homes, identifying job
opportunities, and attracting industry, while
preserving the desert environment. JNF is
creating a philanthropic bank to assist in
financing loans for people moving to the Negev.

Our plan is to build 25 new communities
and strengthen existing communities across

the Negev. Here's an update on our work in the northeastern region.

At Haruv, 22 families have founded a community with the goal of growing to 210.
Their vision is one of religious and secular Jews living side by side, sharing community
resources and activities. JNF is providing temporary homes, the infrastructure for permanent
ones and a playground for Haruv's children.

At Kibbutz Shomriya, established in the 1930's, only 13 families remain. The Israeli
government approved a plan to turn over the kibbutz to 60 families evacuated from Gaza.
Another 90 families will follow. JNF has cleared the land and is preparing the infrastructure
for the permanent homes. The current kibbutz members will move to nearby Kibbutz Dvir
where they will welcome additional families when the infrastructure is completed.

Once a military outpost, Sansana has been refashioned with the help of JNF as a new
Negev town. It currently has 220 people and looks to expand to 2,200. Living in temporary
JNF-sponsored caravans, residents have already found work in the area or study at nearby
Ben-Gurion University in Beer Sheva.

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Giv'ot Bar, which literally means 'hills of grain,' has plans to grow to 500 families
with JNF's continuing partnership. At Carmit, JNF is working with Nefesh B'Nefesh to
establish an English-speaking community where Diaspora Jews can change the quality
of life and image of the Negev.

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It's annual meeting time



Samuel H. Asher
Executive Vice President

Spring in Delaware is a time of change. The warmer weather makes us feel so alive!

The weather energizes us and spurs us forward. The greening of the lawns, the vibrant colors of the flowers and the additional sunlight inspire us to shake off our winter doldrums and accomplish great things.

Spring is also the time of year when the annual meetings of our 6 local beneficiary agencies and

the annual meetings of many national and international organizations take place. At these events, agencies take stock of their accomplishments for the year that is ending and set goals for the year to come.

Many of our agencies have much to be thankful for. The Community Capital Campaign renovations are just being completed at the Weinberg campus and Albert Einstein Academy, Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School, The Bernard and Ruth Siegel Jewish Community Center and Jewish Family Services are all now operating out of new or renovated space. These "new digs" have sparked newly re-energized programming.

Albert Einstein Academy has had the benefit of Dr. Jack Sparks at the helm of the school for almost a full year. His energy and vitality have already made a great mark on Einstein and our community. We know that AEA will continue to grow in the coming year and benefit from new and improved educational programs.

Jewish Family Services has just been awarded a grant from the Delaware Community Foundation to serve as the lead agency in New Castle County in a statewide project benefiting elderly residents

throughout the state of Delaware. This is an indicator of the high esteem with which JFS is held among the social service agencies in Delaware. This agency has really blossomed in its new headquarters on the Weinberg campus. We know that JFS will go from strength to strength as one of the best social service agencies in our community.

The Bernard and Ruth Siegel JCC will celebrate its grand opening on May 16 with a progressive dinner and recognition program. Many new members are joining the JCC thanks to its beautiful new fitness facility and the attractive early childhood wing. We know that the JCC will continue to grow in the years to come!

Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School will soon mark the graduation of 14 students during ceremonies on May 11. This is the largest graduating class since I have been in Delaware. We are confident that many more students will turn to Gratz for their post bar and bat mitzvah Jewish education in the years ahead.

So, that's the good news. Spring also is the season for Federation's annual allocations process. For, what would fundraising be were it not for the fund dis-

tribution process. We have an excellent committee of community volunteers who review the funding requests from our beneficiary agencies and organizations. They do a marvelous job of ensuring the accountability of the entire fund distribution process.

While our resources may go up slightly this year, the needs exceed the funds available. We have some requests for new programming. We also have some requests from existing beneficiary agencies that have gone up dramatically. The costs to maintain the Weinberg campus are also going up as we have acquired 30,000 new square feet in space and will have to heat and cool the space at prices that have also risen dramatically. Since we borrowed the last \$1M to complete the Capital Campaign building project, some of these financing costs will also be taken into consideration during our allocations process.

The Jewish Agency is attempting to meet the needs of 13 million Jews worldwide in a climate of escalating anti-Semitism and attacks on Israel. The needs of individuals who have made aliyah are particularly acute due to unemployment and a reduction in Israel's government subsidy. Youth

aliyah programs offer emergency assistance and scholarships. Unemployed families need job training, language acquisition and day care. Aliyah both rescues people from hostile situations and helps strengthen Israel by increasing its human capital and consumer demand.

And I could go on with more needs identified in the allocations process.

Our community already has many of the essential ingredients for future growth and development. We have men and women of vision at the helm of our agencies-the front line of our service delivery system. We have responsible agencies that deliver effective programs and services. We have a communal vision and leadership able to distribute funds to emerging priorities while addressing the efficacy of funding existing services.

So what more do we need? We need more people involved in raising money, more donors, and more high-level campaign contributions. If you have not yet made your gift to the 2006 annual campaign, please do so now so we can include your pledge in this allocations cycle. We need **you**.

With your help we can keep moving forward

Say Shalom to Karen Venezky

By Lynn B. Edelman

Karen Venezky, a member of the New Castle County Council since 1992, has added a new appointment to her varied portfolio of political and Jewish communal affiliations. Effective April 3rd, she was named Director of Endowment and Jewish Community Relations for the Jewish Federation of Delaware. Federation Executive Vice President Samuel H. Asher believes that Venezky's strong community involvement and her leadership of several high profile Jewish organizations will make her a "strong addition to Federation's professional staff."

Venezky believes her new career challenge is a natural progression in her "lifetime commitment to Jewish communal causes." In her role as

chair of the Advocacy Unit for Hadassah, her portfolio includes Israel, Zionist, International and American Affairs. She has been a member of Hadassah's National Board since 1985 and serves as secretary of their Foundation board. She is a past National Vice President.

Indeed, Hadassah involvement is in Venezky's gene pool. She was raised in Hazleton, PA, a community with a small Jewish community with no Federation. Hadassah provided the women of her family with a way to connect Jewishly. She fondly remembers helping her mother and grandmother stuff envelopes and make phone calls for fundraising events.

Venezky continued to be involved in Jewish life at Cornell University where she received her bachelor's degree in art history. During college,

she met her late husband, Richard. After graduation, the couple moved to Madison, Wisconsin. During their 11 years in this community they became active members of the local Jewish Federation and co-founded its Young Leadership Division.

In 1977, the Venezkys moved to Newark, DE and continued to devote significant volunteer energies to enhance the quality of Jewish life. Karen, served on the Jewish Federation of Delaware Board of Directors and was a member of the Editorial Committee of The Jewish Voice. Richard, who passed away in 2004 after a courageous two year battle with leukemia, served as Allocations chairman of the Jewish Federation of Delaware from 1986-1988.

She is excited to be working pro-

fessionally in a community she has been proud to call home for 28 years. "It has been a wonderful place to raise a family," she commented adding that her role as parent and grandparent brings her "great joy". She is the proud mother of son, Elie, who lives in New York City and daughter, Dina Venezky and her husband, Stephen Hahn, who live in Redwood City, California with their two sons, Benjamin and Nathaniel Read.

Suffice to say that Venezky will continue to "rack up" her frequent flyer miles for many years to come.

Please call Venezky at 302-427-2100, ext. 19 or email her at Karen.venezky@shalomdel.org. She would welcome the opportunity to answer questions about Endowment opportunities or Jewish Community Relations Committee concerns.



Karen Venezky
Director Endowment and JCRC

Myths and Facts

MYTH #216

" Hamas is a threat only to Israel."
FACT

While attention is correctly focused on the threat Hamas poses to Israel because of its commitment to the destruction of the Jewish State, and its active involvement in terrorism to accomplish that goal, the radical Islamic organization also is viewed as a grave danger to the stability of Jordan.

The Jordanians have no illusions about Hamas and, in late April 2006, arrested several members of the organization it suspected of planning a terrorist attack against senior members of the government on orders from Hamas leaders in Damascus (Jerusalem Post, April 25, 2006). This followed an earlier threat uncovered when Jordanian officials learned that Hamas had smuggled weapons, including bombs and rockets, into the kingdom. That discovery led Jordan to cancel a planned visit by Palestinian Foreign Minister Mahmoud Zahar of Hamas (AP, April 18, 2006).

Tensions between Hamas and Jordan are nothing new. In 1998, the government warned leaders

of the Islamic resistance movement in Jordan to refrain from making statements inciting violence or obstructing the Palestinian-Israeli Wye River peace deal that had just been signed. The admonition came after a Hamas bomb attack on an Israeli school bus in the Gaza Strip, and a statement by the Hamas politburo chief in Amman, Khalid Mashal, condemning the Wye agreement and vowing to continue the war against Israel (Jordan Times, November 2, 1998).

In 1999, five commercial offices in Amman registered under the names of Hamas leaders were closed, several of its members were detained and arrest warrants were issued for several Hamas leaders. On September 22, 1999, Khalid Mashal, Ibrahim Ghousheh, Mousa Abu Marzook, Sami Khater and Izzat Rasheq were arrested after returning from a trip to Tehran. Marzook, who held a Yemeni passport, was deported. Mashal, Khater, Rasheq and Ghousheh, all Jordanian citizens, were given the choice of being tried for membership in an illegal organization or leaving Jordan. Ultimately, the four men were deported to Qatar (Middle East

Intelligence Bulletin, August/ September 2001).

Jordanian officials were growing increasingly worried about the close ties that Hamas was developing with the radical Muslim Brotherhood and the group's close ties with Iran and Syria. Computer files confiscated from the Hamas offices contained sensitive information about the kingdom and Jordanian figures, records indicating that around \$70 million had been transferred to Hamas from abroad over the previous five years, and the locations of arms and explosives caches around the kingdom (Middle East Intelligence Bulletin, September 1999).

Subsequently, Hamas became an "illegal and non-Jordanian" organization whose presence was no longer tolerated (Middle East Intelligence Bulletin, August/ September 2001).

This article can be found at <http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/myths2/exclusives.html#a53>

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Keeping hope alive

Ten year old Gabrielle Harad, granddaughter of Dr. Charles Rojer, the keynote speaker at Tuesday's Yom HaShoah Holocaust Remembrance Day commemoration in Wilmington, never knew her great grandparents. They died in Auschwitz, just days after they visited their son in the Belgian sanitarium where he was first hidden from the Nazis. Through her grandfather's stories, Gabrielle feels connected to these and other relatives who perished at the hands of monsters bent on annihilating the Jewish people. She vows to tell others about how her family was impacted by the Holocaust in the hope that good people will never again stand by idly as their fellow humans fall victim to racial, ethnic or religious genocide.

This child-like faith in the power of people to make a difference is hard to sustain during these troubling times. In the past few weeks, more than 10 people were killed and countless others injured during a suicide bombing in Tel Aviv. In neighboring Egypt, 18 people were killed and 65 injured during explosions, which rocked the town of Dahab, a popular vacation spot for Israelis and Egyptians, as well as Westerners. The Islamic Jihad took credit for the Israeli attack and while it is still unclear who is responsible for Monday's bombings in the Sinai resort town, terrorism experts believe that more attacks are imminent.

Despite these distressing developments, there is cause for optimism in other parts of the world where state-sanctioned genocide reigns supreme. The U.N. Security Council voted on Tuesday to impose sanctions on four

men involved in the Darfur conflict. These were the first formal penalties imposed on people who have taken part in the conflict between the rebels and the government-backed militias, which has caused some 200,000 people to die from disease and hunger and has made two million others homeless.

Jews have been at the forefront of efforts to stop the slaughter in the region. Dr. Rojer and his family will be in Washington, D.C. this Sunday to participate in the Save Darfur Rally. He is guided by the Biblical commandment "Lo taamod al dam réakha" - "Thou shall not stand idly by the shedding of the blood of thy fellow man."

Survivors have a unique understanding of the consequences of standing silent in the face of atrocities. Dr. Rojer knows first-hand that men and women of conscience can make a difference. His life was spared thanks to the courage and goodness of two Christian sisters who hid a dozen Jewish children from the Nazis. He celebrates their kindness by speaking out against injustices and working to ensure that all human beings are allowed to live their lives freely.

Let us continue to honor the memories of those who perished in the Shoah by working to thwart terrorism and stop the slaughter of innocent lives.

B'Shalom,

Lynn B. Edelman

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April 24, 1980 - Historian Barbara Tuchman gave the annual Jefferson Lecture at the National Endowment for the Humanities. An invitation to give the Lecture is the federal government's highest award for intellectual achievement outside of science.

April 25, 1846 - The United Order of True Sisters, the first independent national

women's organization in America, held its first meeting.

April 27, 1944 - Psychoanalyst Helene Deutsch published the first of two volumes of *The Psychology of Women*.

April 29, 1957 - Jane Evans, executive director of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, spoke about the need to ordain women rabbis in the Reform movement.

April 30, 1901 - Lizzie Black Kander's *Settlement Cookbook* was first published.

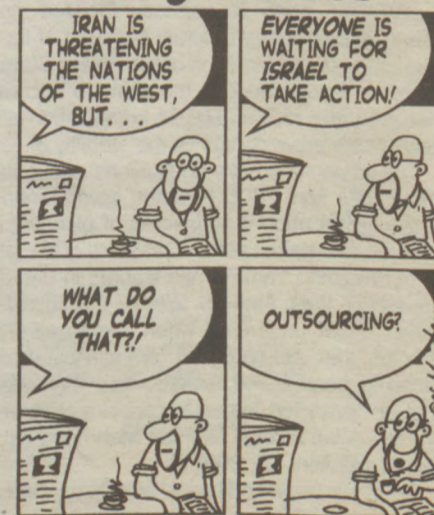
April 30, 2001 - Cookbook author Joan Nathan received the Who's Who of Food and Beverage in America award for lifetime achievement from the James Beard Foundation.

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EDITORIALS AND OPINIONS

How the PA makes suicide bombers

By Itamar Marcus and Barbara Crook

What drives a young Palestinian to turn his body into a bomb? Suicide terrorists such as the man who killed nine people in Tel Aviv this week are not born hating. It is something they learn — and the Palestinian Authority has been the ideal teacher. It has perfected the arts of fomenting hatred and promoting suicide terror.

The first step in creating a terrorist is to promote hatred within the society by demonizing a target group. This target group is portrayed as so evil and threatening that killing its members is seen not as murder, but as justified revenge and admirable self defense. Examples of the PA's incessant demonization of Jews and Israelis include a recent article in the official PA daily that describes Israeli military actions against missile launching sites in Gaza:

"It seems that the rivers of blood in our cities, villages and refugee camps are not yet satisfying the thirst of the blood-thirsty for Palestinian blood among the Israeli politicians and military officers..." [Al Hayat Al Jadida, March 4, 2006]

PA TV has been running daily video clips in recent weeks with actors depicting Palestinian prisoners going through horrific torture at the hands of Israeli guards. Hate

libels are common, including the "drug libel" that Israel intentionally poisons and addicts Palestinian youths by spreading drugs throughout PA society. This was repeated on PA TV just two days ago by the PA Mufti, Ikrima Sabri.

Another component of this demonization is to depict Israel's very existence as a nation as being illegitimate and temporary. This also continues unabated. One example is a documentary, broadcast twice in recent months, in which the Israeli city of Jaffa is defined as a stolen Palestinian city. The documentary includes the words:

"Palestine was attacked by invaders. It is time for you [Israelis] to be gone. Live wherever you like, but don't live among us (pictures of Jaffa). It is time for you to be gone. Die wherever you like, but don't die among us. We have the past here. We have the present, the present and the future. So leave our country, our land, our sea, our wheat, our salt, our wounds. Everything. And leave the memories."

The totality of this first PA message is to turn Israelis into the ultimate enemy: Israelis are evil and dangerous. Their very existence is illegal, and so they must be defeated and destroyed. Killing them is transformed into justice and self-defense.

But it's not enough to establish Israel as the enemy. The terrorists who kill Israelis

must be seen as heroes and leaders of society — and that's the second component of the PA's creation of suicide terrorists.

There are no greater heroes and role models in PA society than terrorists. Summer camps for children have been named for Wafa Idris and Ayyat Al Achras — woman suicide terrorists. Sporting events are routinely named for terrorists, including a soccer match for 14-year-olds named after the terrorist who killed 31 Israelis four years ago at a Passover Seder in Netanya. The PA Ministry of Culture recently produced a poetry collection named after Hanadi Jaradat, the woman terrorist who killed 21 in a Haifa restaurant.

And just last month, the PA announced it was granting honorary citizenship to Lebanese terrorist Samir Quntar, who is serving a life sentence in an Israeli jail. Smadar Haran, wife and mother of Quntar's murder victims, wrote in The Washington Post:

"It was a murder of unimaginable cruelty. The terrorists took (husband) Danny and (daughter) Einat down to the beach. One of them shot Danny in front of Einat. Then he smashed my little girl's skull in against a rock with his rifle butt. That terrorist was Samir Quntar."

The message the PA is sending to its people and its children by honoring Quntar and

other terrorists is that killing Israelis is a ticket to honor and eternal glory.

A special program broadcast just last week on PA TV captures the essence of this message — and its acceptance within the highest levels of PA leadership. This is part of the poem a young girl chanted on Palestinian Children's Day:

"Even if all the Jews arrived (in Israel) seeking refuge with the monkeys [as Jews are commonly called]... we will never accept compensation for our land. There is no substitute for Jerusalem!... Our death is like life, My homeland is the invaders' grave... I will walk 1000 miles even if I die in it as a Martyr..." [PA TV April 10, 2006]

Her audience included PA chairman Mahmoud Abbas, seated in the front row along with senior PA officials. Their reaction to these words of hate from the mouth of a young girl? A round of applause.

With messages to children fomenting hatred of Israelis and glorifying terrorists, and when the supposedly moderate Mr. Abbas appears on TV to applaud a young girl's message of hatred and martyrdom, is it any wonder that young Palestinians become suicide terrorists?

Itamar Marcus is Director and Barbara Crook is Associate Director of Palestinian Media Watch (<http://www.pmw.org.il>)

'Never again,' but it happened in Cambodia

By Tibor Krausz

As someone who lost practically his entire family to the Holocaust, I came to regard the Holocaust as the ultimate benchmark for mass murder. Any subsequent 20th-century genocides seemed merely sad reminders that the post-Holocaust pledge "Never again" was just an empty promise.

Tuol Sleng is Cambodia's version of Auschwitz. I found seeing Tuol Sleng not only a harrowing experience but an eye-opener of the similarities between the two killings.

Outside Tuol Sleng, or "Poison Tree Hill," ragged little children chase a football while a small girl savors a vanilla ice cream. Like over half of Cambodians, they were born after the Khmer Rouge genocide and probably don't know why this former school has been turned into a museum.

The three-story, horseshoe-shaped building with open-air corridors resembles any high school in Southeast Asia. Once it was anything but. Here, even courtyard trees take on sinister connotations: Perhaps people were spread-eagled to branches and flayed alive.

Now Tuol Sleng is painfully personalizing this formerly abstract tragedy. A former Khmer Rouge prison, the Tuol Sleng Museum of Genocidal Crimes was once known as Prison S-21.

In a room left as Vietnamese troops found it in 1979 after driving Pol Pot and his thugs back into the jungles, stains still blacken the walls around a metal bed hooked up to electric prods under a large photograph of a burnt victim, the last to die here after no doubt "confessing" to being an "imperialist stooge" recruited by the CIA to undermine Cambodia's new people's paradise. Rule No. 6 of the Security Regulations displayed at the door declares: "While getting lashes or electrification you must not cry at all."

While their end results were similar, the Holocaust and Cambodia's Killing Fields were motivated by different ideologies. One was the industrialized, systematic mass murder of a people purely for ethnic reasons with a concomitant attempt to erase an entire, millennia-old religious culture from the face of the earth; the other saw millions of helpless Cambodians clobbered and starved to death fairly randomly by their indoctrinated compatriots who often came from the same village, by virtue of being "enemies of the

revolution."

Yet the Holocaust and the Killing Fields had this much in common: Not only did both the Holocaust and the Khmer Rouge genocide obliterate the lives of the murdered, but they have also irretrievably destroyed civilizations.

The Nazis' mass murder of Jews is singular among modern genocides in that beyond exterminating 6 million Jews with industrial efficiency, it destroyed a distinct civilization in the process — that of Eastern European Jewry.

Cambodia's own holocaust came close. With a back-to-basics agrarian utopia in mind, Pol Pot set about eliminating all traces of culture and urbanity from Khmer society. Monks, teachers, doctors, lawyers and intellectuals — anyone with spectacles qualified — were butchered, in a civilization that produced the renowned Angkor Wat temple complex dating from the Middle Ages. It was no accident that the school of Tuol Sleng was turned into the regime's most notorious slaughterhouse.

Covering the walls in two ground-floor rooms are snapshots. With Gestapo-like efficiency, Khmer Rouge guards took pictures of their victims, men, women, even children — often whole "enemy" families. Most stare back frightened, many dumbstruck, some resigned, a few defiant. The photos' original purpose was to humiliate. Yet with their help the victims, individually and collectively, have defied their murderers: Although they went to their death nameless, they haven't remained faceless.

Past classrooms were turned into torture chambers honeycombed with makeshift brick coops containing iron shackles. A gruesome gallery of oil paintings provides an eyewitness account of how inmates met their ends. Left behind by Vann Nath, one of seven survivors out of some 16,000 prisoners, the paintings' childish perspectives make them all the more poignant.

Vann Nath has done for the Killing Fields what Art Spiegelman, in his comic book "Maus: A Survivor's Tale," has done for the Holocaust: show horror through the eyes of an innocent. In one painting, guards in the Khmer Rouge's trademark black pajamas and checkered scarves wrench the fingernails of their captive with pliers; in another, they cudgel a man to death with bamboo sticks; in a third, they dip a prisoner headfirst

into an oil drum of acid. Mounted on a wall in another room is a large map of Cambodia fashioned from human skulls and dissected diagonally by a stylized Mekong painted blood red. Nothing could better encapsulate the Killing Fields. Between 1975 and 1979 — or Year Zero to Year Four in their reckoning — Pol Pot, or Brother No. 1, and his illiterate peasant boys transformed the country into a countryside death chamber.

He who kills one soul kills an entire world, Judaism stresses. Khmer Rouge executioners did their work well. They killed some 1.7 million Cambodians, or nearly a quarter of the population. It was a national disaster that approached the Holocaust in its quantitative magnitude.

Though Pol Pot died in 1998, his bloody handprints continue to bedevil Cambodia, in its enduring poverty and lawlessness. Outside the museum, maimed beggars plead for loose change. While several Khmer Rouge stalwarts laze about in retirement in baronial mansions, landmines littering the countryside continue to claim daily victims from among the downtrodden.

Yet life goes on. A comparatively upscale

neighborhood encroaches on the museum's barbed-wire perimeters. A guesthouse has sprouted opposite the museum's gate.

The Cambodian government occasionally pledges to bring Khmer Rouge leaders to trial, but it seems doubtful that the Cambodians' aggressors will be brought to justice.

Nonetheless, survivors and relatives can exact their own measure of justice through remembrance of the victims and appropriate public testimonials. Perhaps that's why Cambodian scholars and nonprofits have turned to Yad Vashem and Holocaust museums in the United States for inspiration in creating their own memorials. Sadly, the Cambodian memorial project remains perennially bedeviled by severe cash restraints.

That said, in one of the world's poorest countries, any funds collected for a fitting museum could be much better spent on improving the lives of Cambodians. The Khmer Rouge, like the Nazis before them, may have killed the past and blighted the present for millions of innocents, but Cambodian survivors, like Jews now prospering again, must be allowed to reclaim the future.



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INSIDE DELAWARE

Beth Emeth's Cantor Stanton to sing at Bloch/Bernstein Concert



Cantor Stanton

On the afternoon of May 21st members of the Delaware Jewish community are invited to enjoy a rare performance of Ernest Bloch's monumental Avodath Hakodesh or "Sacred Service" for cantor, chorus and orchestra. The work grew out of the composer's friendship with Reuben Rinder, cantor of the Temple Emanuel Congregation in San Francisco. Completed in 1933, it is a setting of prayers from the

Sabbath Morning Service according to the Reform Movement's Union Prayer Book. Like Bach's "Mass in B minor" and Beethoven's "Missa Solemnis," Bloch's "Sacred Service" transcends its original liturgical setting, transforming the words of Jewish religious tradition into an expression of the universal human aspiration for peace, harmony, and oneness. Unfortunately, this beautiful work has not been performed nearly as frequently as it merits because of the sheer scope of its musical requirements: an outstanding baritone soloist, a chorus numbering seventy to a hundred voices, and a full orchestra.

This performance will feature the rich baritone voice of Beth Emeth's Cantor Mark Stanton, under the baton of Conductor Jack Warren Burnam, former Music Director at Congregation Beth Emeth. For many years, Mr. Burnam has been Music Director of CoroAllegro, Delaware's premiere chamber choir. Every three years it is a tradition for CoroAllegro to undertake a major production requiring more than the group's twenty-four outstanding singers.

For this year's special CoroAllegro & Friends - 2006 concert, other excellent singers and musicians from the community have swelled their numbers to eighty singers, two soloists, and a full orchestra in order to meet the demands of the program.

Seven of the additional singers have been recruited from the Beth Emeth Adult Choir. They include David and Judith Adkins, Bill Brown, Brian Gluck, Charlotte Gluckman, Dayle Joseph, and Paul Timmeney. Mr. Burnam's love of Jewish music and long connection with Beth Emeth made this year's program choice a marvelous way to celebrate the congregation's 100th anniversary and, at the same time, to fulfill his long held dream of conducting the Bloch work.

Also on the program will be Leonard Bernstein's "Chichester Psalms," in three movements. This work was commissioned for the 1965 Southern Cathedrals Festival in England by the Dean of Chichester Cathedral, the Very Rev. Walter Hussey, a noted patron of the performing and fine arts. Bernstein insisted that the selected psalms be sung in Hebrew and

applied his most engaging musical personality to this dramatic ancient poetry. The music is, by turns, lyrical, intense, or sweetly consoling. The orchestra includes an unusually large array of percussion instruments. The text includes all of Psalms 100, 23, and 131 as well as a portion of Psalms 108, 2, and 133.

Like the Bloch "Sacred Service," this work also requires an outstanding male soloist. In this case, Bernstein insisted it must be sung by a youngster. Wilmington's Kevin Kelso will perform the part. Kevin is a Treble Chorister of the Cathedral Choir School of Delaware which was selected in 2005 by the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities and its partner agencies as a winner of the prestigious Coming Up Taller Award, our nation's highest honor bestowed on after-school programs for children and youth. The Cathedral Choir School was further honored to be invited to perform for the awards ceremony at the White House.

Kevin began singing at the age of four. In addition to playing the piano, he has studied trombone

and saxophone. Currently, he receives choral instruction from Dr. Darryl Roland and piano lessons from Professor Christine Delbeau. He has been with the Choir School for two years and is excited about entering 7th grade next year at the Cab Calloway School of the Arts. It is interesting to note that Cantor Stanton once sang the solo parts of the "Chichester Psalms" himself many years ago at Lincoln Center in New York.

The concert will mark the conclusion of Congregation Beth Emeth's year long 100th Anniversary celebration with a glorious afternoon of Jewish music. The program is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 21, 2006 at Concord High School in North Wilmington, on Ebright Road just off Naamans Road. Tickets are \$18, \$12 (college Students), and \$5 (students K-12) and may be obtained from Congregation Beth Emeth by calling (302) 764-2393. For your convenience, tickets are also available in downtown Wilmington near the Wilmington Hospital at Living Letters Studio, Inc., 1328 Washington Street.

Celebrate Yom Ha'Atzmaut!

The Bernard & Ruth Siegel Jewish Community Center and the Jewish Federation of Delaware will celebrate Israel Independence Day (Yom Ha'Atzmaut) on Sunday, May 7, 2006. Festivities begin at 4:00 p.m. with an authentic Israeli food buffet beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Yom Ha'Atzmaut marks the worldwide commemoration of the State of Israel. In the diaspora, this is a day of rejoicing - you'll want to join this global celebration! Highlights of the local festivities include cooking lessons, Israel Jew-Pardy, the interactive Israel Map, children's activities, current events discussions and Israeli films. "This will be a guaranteed fun-filled educational night for the entire family", says Ivy Harlev, the Siegel JCC's Associate Executive Director. All

activities are free of charge. Cost for the dinner is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 per child.

This community-wide event is co-sponsored by Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, Albert Einstein Academy, Congregation Beth Emeth, Congregation Beth Shalom, Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School, Hadassah, Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee, Kristol Center for Jewish Life at U of D (Hillel Foundation), Jewish Family Services of Delaware, Jewish National Fund, Milton & Hattie Kutz Home, National Council of Jewish Women, Temple Beth El, Brandywine Chapter of Women's American ORT.

For more information, please contact Ivy Harlev at (302) 478-5660 or e-mail ivyharlev@siegeljcc.org.

Gratz student represents State of DE

By Niel Rosenthalis
Special to the Jewish Voice

Every year, outstanding high school sophomores are selected by their school to be ambassadors at the HOBY Seminar of the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership organization. When I was chosen to represent Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School at the regional conference, I was excited. I didn't know the specifics of the conference but I knew it was something important, and I was going to be a part of it. After I was chosen, I paid more attention to the news, in order to be versed in current world events. I also thought more and more about what kind of people I would meet at the seminar, wondering if there would be more work than fun. I experienced some nervousness as I approached the doors of the Brighton Suites Hotel in Rehoboth Beach. Here were all these intelligent people my age, and lots of adults expecting great things from all of us.

I found that there were students there representing a large variety of interests: athletics, music, arts, and academics, among other areas. Each person brought something different to the table. I responded to the wealth of positive energy as the students exchanged ideas and opinions, exercising critical thinking and emphasizing our common ideals and experiences. These friends were a big part of the experience and the

team to which I was assigned made my experience so enjoyable. Everyone was interested, articulate and open to learning from the event. I felt honored and extremely proud that I was with these terrific, talented people.

The two days passed quickly—we had a variety of fascinating panels presentations to listen to and learn from, such as 'The Future of Technology in the U.S.', 'America's Incentive System' and 'Ethics in Business', 'Volunteerism', 'Education', and even 'Future of the 1st Amendment'. When we first arrived, the junior counselors put on a show of all the cheers we were to learn. Everyone was stunned and a little intimidated. As expected, it was awkward initially but we soon bypassed that stage.

On the last night, all the HOBY ambassadors sat in a large circle and wrote reflections. It was really enlightening to hear everyone's impressions, and the ideas they took away from our time together. My reflection concerned how great it felt to be included among the nominees for HOBY, and how powerful the program was in firing up my ambition to actively contribute to my community and to develop my own skills.

To my surprise, I was asked to present my reflection at the closing ceremony in the Bay Center in Dewey Beach. Soon afterward I was selected as the international representative of the state of Delaware for the



Niel Rosenthalis

World Leadership Congress which will have up to 25 other countries participating. I am still marveling that my name was called. I imagine that I will have the time of my life and meet new, like-minded and amazing individuals. Most importantly the upcoming Congress will be another great learning opportunity—learning about myself, the world, and my place in it. I am grateful to both Delaware Gratz and the HOBY organization for these terrific opportunities.

Niel Rosenthalis is the son of Victoria Rosenthalis and the late Raphael Rosenthalis. He is a sophomore at Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School and at The Sanford School. Niel was selected from the sophomore class of Delaware Gratz for his leadership potential and the expectation that he will make great contributions to the community.

Russian Passover celebration brings holiday to local émigrés

When brothers Evan and Jared Kahn agreed to team up on a project for their B'nai Mitzvah in April, they decided upon a particularly inspiring idea: To offer an authentic Seder for Russian residents of B'nai B'rith House as part of the Passover holiday.

The boys were instrumental in the preparation, set-up and service for the event, which was held on Wednesday, April 5th and drew more than 20 participants, the majority of whom were Russian speaking. Both of these young men were proud to offer this opportunity to the residents, who may have been unable to host or attend a Seder on their own. The service, conducted primarily in Russian and Hebrew, was led by Cantor Boris Kazansky from Philadelphia.

This special holiday program was developed and presented by the Kimmel Spiller Healing Center at Jewish Family Services and generously underwritten by the Margules Family. For more information on community programming or youth mitzvah projects, contact Lisa Driban at ldriban@jfsdelaware.org or (302) 478-9411.



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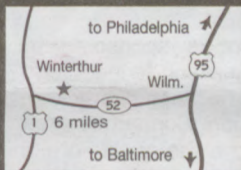
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LIFESTYLES

Teens perform survivors' stories

By Dina Kraft, JTA

On stage, a spotlight focuses on a girl with thick, dark braids. She is asking her father what the word "war" means, but there's no time to explain.

Rinat Birger, 13, plays the role of Tsila Lieberman, a Holocaust survivor from Poland who escaped Auschwitz. Lieberman also sits on stage just a few feet behind Birger, watching the girl act out some of the most important scenes of Lieberman's life.

"I learned so much about what they went through," Birger said of her experience with Witness Theater, a yearlong program that brings together Holocaust survivors and teenagers in weekly meetings that culminate in a joint theater production.

Organizers say the idea is to merge drama therapy with Holocaust education in a way that benefits both sides. The survivors draw strength from having their stories heard; the students feel like they have stumbled into a whole new world.

It also makes the Holocaust more tangible to the teens.

"I went through a process and now I will never forget the Holocaust," said Omri Shamir, 13. "Every story I heard, I imagined I myself was living through."

Shamir portrayed Sarajevo-born Avi Albahari, who was separated from his mother at age 4. During and after the war, he lived as a Christian at nunneries and orphanages, where he was beaten and abused.

The Hadera group gave several performances at a city theater, prompting tears and standing ovations from the packed room. The performances led up to Israel's Holocaust Remembrance Day, which began Monday evening.

As survivors begin to die out, more thought is being put into how to document and pass on their memories in Israel.

"We are the last of the survivors... and the next generation needs to know what happened," said participant Dorina Moscovitz, who survived the war in Romania as a young girl.

"It became an inseparable part of us — these weekly gatherings where we connected to the people and their stories. The tears would pour down," said Violet Hadad, 14. "I think we matured a lot through the process and learned about ourselves. Before, these were only stories we heard on television, but now these stories were in front of us."

The project is the creation of Ezra and Idit Dagan, a husband-and-wife acting-and-directing team who believed that an intergenerational drama workshop would be one of the best ways for Israeli youth to make the stories of the Holocaust their own.

Ezra Dagan, a veteran Israeli stage actor, credits his role as a rabbi in Steven Spielberg's "Schindler's List" with emboldening him to focus on the Holocaust.

"We have to do this, it is stronger than we are," he said.

While traditional Holocaust education, such as school assemblies on Yom Hashoah, has its place in



Young Israelis act out scenes from the lives of Holocaust survivors they have been meeting with through Witness Theater. Credit: Courtesy of Witness Theater

Israel, "there needs to be new, active educational paths" as well, he said.

The Dagens have put together about 10 groups in the past six years that have included religious Jews, kibbutzniks and Ethiopian immigrants.

Originally they planned to work with children of survivors, but the survivors and their grandchildren's generation came together most easily, Dagan said.

The program is sponsored by Eshel, an organization founded and supported by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee that works to improve the quality of life for Israel's elderly and boost their image in society. One of the proj-

ects of the theater group in Herzliya was sponsored by the UJA-Federation of New York.

In the theater production, the survivors take their places at round tables, as if at a caf. They narrate events in their life as black-and-white photos of themselves before the war and scenes from the Holocaust flash behind them on a large screen.

The students act out the drama of the survivors' young lives — being shot at by soldiers, fleeing through forests, fighting with partisans and arriving at concentration and work camps in overcrowded trains.

Albahari sang Slavic songs from his childhood. After immigrating to

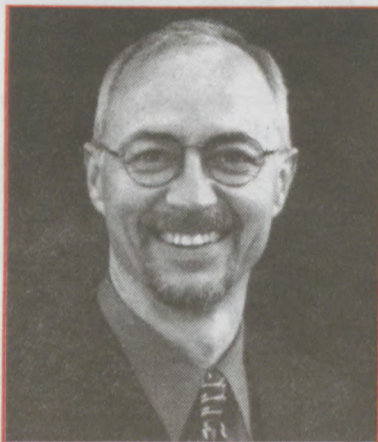
Israel and being abandoned at an orphanage by adopted parents, he found some peace only as a teenager when he was brought to live on a kibbutz by a cousin, David Elazar, who went on to become the chief of staff of the Israel Defense Forces.

"It was important for me to pass on the story," Albahari said. "There are many young people who have no idea what happened."

Shamir, the small-boned boy with large hazel eyes who portrayed Albahari, said the experience felt intensely personal.

"I really got into his character. I have to act through all these hard things he actually lived through," he said. "He gave me something I did not have before."

Israel advocacy experts to speak at Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebration



Jack Zigon



Steve Feldman

Two professional pro-Israel advocates, Jack Zigon and Steve Feldman, will participate in a panel discussion on Hasbara (Israel advocacy) as part of Delaware's Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration on Sunday, May 7 at the Bernard and Ruth Siegel JCC.

The panelists will address the theme "Making the Case for Israel — What Works for Delaware?" The discussion will focus on where we should direct

our resources and efforts and what approaches are most effective for the challenges we face in Delaware. Should we concentrate more on the Jewish or non-Jewish community, teenagers or adults, the media or public officials, newspapers, radio or TV? Should we emphasize all the good things coming from Israel or the conflict? Should we work behind the scenes building relationships and winning friends or try to reach a

large audience by making the news? The panelists will make 10-minute presentations and then answer questions from the audience.

Jack Zigon is Senior Advisor for Strategy and Media for The Israel Project (TIP), an international non-profit organization devoted to educating the press and public about Israel. He is in charge of TIP's electronic communications, including its website www.theisraelproject.org. Before joining TIP, Zigon was Director of Jewish Community Relations and Planning for the Jewish Federation

of Delaware. Among his many accomplishments while here was the production of a week-long radio talk show with Rick Jensen broadcast live from Jerusalem on WDEL.

Steve Feldman is the Executive Director of the Greater Philadelphia District of the Zionist Organization of America (ZOA), which includes Eastern Pennsylvania, Southern New Jersey, and Delaware. Feldman hosts "The ZOA Middle East Report," a unique radio show broadcast live every Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. on WNWR Radio,

1540 AM. Every Friday from noon to 1 p.m., the Philly ZOA holds a pro-Israel rally in front of the Israeli consulate to counter an anti-Israel rally across the street.

The panel discussion will take place between 4:30 and 5:15 p.m. It is one of many activities planned for the community-wide Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration, which begins at 4 and ends at 7 p.m. For more information about the panel discussion, contact Mark Wagman at 475-8351. For general information about the celebration, contact Ivy Harlev at 478-5660.

SIEGEL JCC NEWS NOTES

ATTENTION POKER PROS

The second Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament of the season will be held on Saturday evening, May 6th at the Bernard and Ruth Siegel Jewish Community Center. This fundraising event will benefit after school and senior programming at the Center.

The tournament is open to all poker players, 21 years of age or older and will have a first prize payoff of \$2,000 based on entries. The tournament will start at 7:00 p.m. The registration fee will be \$100.00 with two "add-ons" available at \$25.00 each.

Credit card entries will be accepted over the phone at 302-

478-5660 and drop in registration will be accepted at the front desk of the Siegel JCC, which is located at 101 Garden of Eden Road in Wilmington.

For additional information, please call Randy Rosenthal at 302-478-5660 or email him at randyrosenthal@siegeljcc.org.

CHESS ANYONE?

The Bernard and Ruth Siegel Jewish Community Center will host the 4th annual Delaware State Elementary School Chess Championships on Sunday, May 7th. The tournament will be divided into two sections, 1st through 3rd grades and 4th through 6th

grades. Tournament director is David Gertler.

The cost for the tournament will be \$8.00 for those who register on or before May 5th, and will rise to \$11.00 after May 5th. The registration desk will open on Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. Opening remarks will be made at 12:00 Noon and the first round of chess will begin promptly at 12:30 p.m.

The Siegel JCC is located at 101 Garden of Eden Road in Wilmington. Please contact Tammy Farr at 302-478-5660, ext. 209 or email her at tammyfarr@siegeljcc.org if you need additional information.

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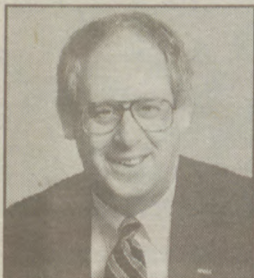
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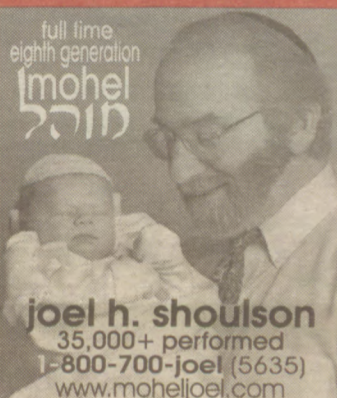
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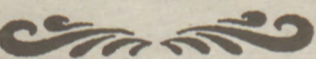
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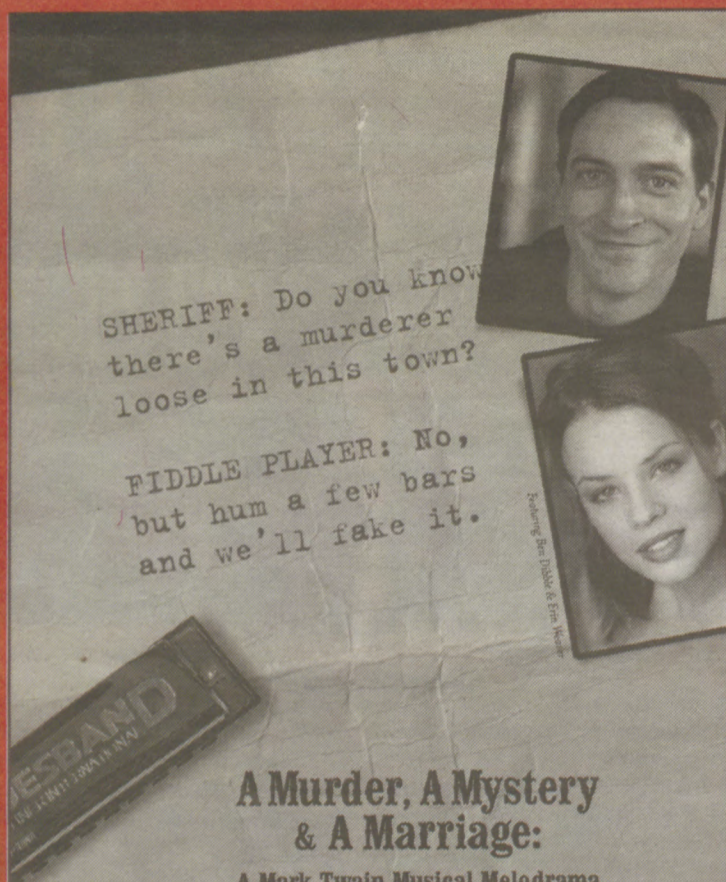
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PERSPECTIVES

A snapshot of Argentine and Uruguayan Jewry

By Toni Young

Special to the Jewish Voice

Four years after the severe economic crisis that devastated Argentina and Uruguay, what is the situation of Argentine and Uruguayan Jewry? How have the communities dealt with the crisis? What are their prospects for the future?

In early April, Stuart and I visited Buenos Aires, Argentina and Montevideo, Uruguay, as part of a small UJC delegation, to study the status of the Jewish recovery. With our wonderful hosts and partners from the Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) and the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI), we visited the Ariel Job Center, the construction site of the old age home, a social assistance center, several Jewish day schools, and the Tzedaka foundations, to name a few. We met individuals who lost everything during the economic crisis and individuals who were not hurt economically and are leading Argentine and Uruguayan philanthropy to new heights. At every stop, we were thanked and told that the financial aid provided by UJC (through the North American federations), JDC and JAFI had changed lives and saved the Jewish day school system. Because of our assistance, the Jewish community fared better than other segments of the population. One third of the Jewish population fell below the poverty line while one half of the general population fell to that category. People below the poverty line earn less than \$200 per month for a family of four.

While Argentina and Uruguay are through the worst stages of the depression, both are far from fully recovered and will need our help at least until 2008. In Argentina today, 22,913 Jews receive welfare, down from 36,500. JDC expects to reduce the number by 2008; however, JDC predicts a permanent welfare caseload of 12-15,000 individuals including many elderly who will be unable to find jobs. Making precise predictions about how long our assistance will be needed is difficult because of Argentina's history of wild economic ups and downs. Uruguay is very dependent economically on what happens in Argentina. What is clear is that there are strong groups of committed Jews in both countries who are raising increased funds to help their fellow citizens through the crisis. Equally important for our continued success is that JDC and JAFI are working together seamlessly, in a joint effort that should be a model for all of our communal work.

HELPING THE NEW POOR

Before the economic crisis of 2001-2002, Argentina had a Jewish population of some 200,000 Jews with only about 4,000 who needed welfare assistance. The local community easily met those needs. The crisis suddenly put some 36,500 people on the welfare roles. Who were the new poor? Quite simply, "they were us." Before the economic collapse of 2002, these people lived comfortably, covered all their living expenses, sent their children to day school and contributed to Keren Hayesod and other charities. "Being newly poor is different than living in poverty ones' whole life," directors of JDC and JAFI explained to us with great sensitivity. "Our programs are designed to help people maintain their dignity."

At social assistance centers



Toni Young was part of a UJC delegation studying Jewish recovery efforts in Uruguay and Argentina.

(CIAO) throughout the city, JDC provides medicine, legal advice, debit cards to purchase food at neighboring markets, baby help packages for families with infants, and support groups. At the height of the economic crisis there were 72 centers throughout Buenos Aires. Today there are 62. The centers are located close to Jewish population centers so that people will not have to spend money on transportation.

DELILA'S STORY

At one of these centers, we met an incredible, sixty year old, former journalist. Delila grew up in a very comfortable, well-connected family: her grandfather served as president of the Zionist Organization, her father was a lawyer, and her mother was a teacher. Delila worked for ABC News in Argentina. Among her proudest accomplishments was locating a major Nazi leader and bringing him to justice. When ABC decided to close its office in Argentina, Delila lost her job. Because of her age and the failing economy, she couldn't find another job, so she moved to a smaller apartment to cut down on expenses. The banks were unstable so Delila gave her life savings to a notary, who was a longtime friend of her family, for safe keeping. The notary disappeared with her money and that of many others. (Apparently this was a common occurrence.) Delila was forced to move to a rooming house, where she lived in deplorable conditions. When she developed diabetes and had no money for medicine, Delila finally recognized that she had to ask for help. Delila went to the JDC office, which was in a building she remembered from her days at Jewish summer camp when she was surrounded by loving family and faced a bright future. Entering the building brought the painful realization of how far she had fallen. JDC supplied Delila with all her medicine and gave her money to move to her own apartment. With JDC's assistance, Delila has just found a job with the Simon Wiesenthal Center. This talented, articulate woman couldn't thank us enough for what we had given her. We, of course, felt indebted to her for the inspiration of her story, for her life lived with courage and perseverance.

We visited the Ariel Job Center, started by the JDC, to help middle class community members find jobs. The center helps clients choose a field, write a resume, learn technology and practice interview skills. Most importantly, JDC helps people main-

tain their sense of self worth by giving them the tools to help themselves. As Fanya, a single mother and former secretary, explained, "The center gives me confidence that I can find a job, that I am not alone. I can't emphasize how important that is to me." The center has been successful in finding some 4,647 jobs. To encourage employers to hire its candidates, the Ariel Job Center also pays part of the first year salary so the cost to the employer is less.

AMIA - A LIFELINE

AMIA, the central organization of institutional life in Argentina, was founded in 1894 as a Chevre Kedusha. It promotes individual, family and institutional growth of Jewish life in Argentina and provides programs for all ages. During the celebrations for its centennial year, on July 18, 1994, terrorists bombed the AMIA headquarters killing 85 people and wounding more than 300. The memory of the victims is kept vividly alive through plaques with their names, an Agam sculpture, and a photographic album about the community with the victims at the center. In 1999, AMIA opened its new headquarters at the same location on Pasteur Street. Since the economic crisis, AMIA has expanded its work in welfare and education with the help of JDC and JAFI, who have wisely recognized that their role is to bolster this important Argentine institution rather than replace it. Part of AMIA's work involves reaching out to Jews in provinces throughout Argentina.

Until the 1990s, the day school system in Argentina was the largest and strongest in South America; at its height, 22,000 students were enrolled. The system began to have troubles in the 1990s. After the bombing of the Israeli embassy in 1992 and the terrorist attack on the AMIA headquarters in 1994, some parents were afraid to send their children to a Jewish school. Then the banks began to fail and people didn't have funds to pay for tuition. Twelve day schools closed, the number of students declined to 14,000, and training programs for teachers that had served all of South America, stopped. The Jewish Agency, JDC, and AMIA worked together to develop a plan to maximize the number of kids in day school by consolidating schools, developing programs to share information, and selling some properties. They were successful. Today there are some 18,000 students in day school and prospects for increasing the number



The Tzedaka Foundations of both nations support a broad range of welfare programs.

are good. The students who we met at Sholem Aleichem school had visited Israel, spoke Hebrew well and were happy to be at a Jewish day school. In addition to supporting the day school system, JAFI has another 1800 Jewish children in informal Jewish education programs. The children we met were enthusiastically preparing for Passover.

BAMA, the Jewish educator's home, is a meeting place and resource center for Jewish educators throughout Argentina and South America. BAMA provides teaching materials, workshops for effective teaching and development of innovative techniques. Yehudit, BAMA's director, explained, "We want Jewish educators to breathe Israel and Judaism in their hearts, in their neshama." More than 5,000 teachers have come to BAMA. Today BAMA also runs 50 centers in 37 different colonias, small Jewish communities in the Argentine provinces that were originally established with Baron de Hirsch funds.

ONWARD TO ISRAEL

During the crisis, some 10,000 Argentine Jews made aliyah. Given their strong Hebrew skills and love of Israel, the new olim adapted well to Israel and are considered a very successful aliyah. Only 15%, a very low percentage, returned to Argentina. We met with a group of some twenty-five individuals who will make aliyah in the next three months. They ranged from three young doctors in their twenties to a widow in her seventies who had an Israeli boy friend. Each saw Israel as a land of prosperity, a place of opportunity to make a good life.

At the Instituto Ariel Hebreo in Uruguay, we met kindergarten students who gleefully told the Passover story in Hebrew, Spanish and English. In a class of 15 high school students, everyone said they had family in Israel. Most of these family members made aliyah recently. In the four years since the economic crisis in Uruguay, 14,000 Jews made aliyah, leaving an estimated 14-16,000 in Uruguay. We were surprised to hear that without the seder at school, many children would not experience a seder. The head of the Yavne Day School, which is the more orthodox of the three schools, admitted that the majority of his students do not come from observant families. The only daily minyan in Montevideo is at the Yavne school. Relations between Uruguay's three Jewish day schools, Ariel, Integrada

and Yavne, are good and we had a joint meeting during which all emphasized their need for more funds to send young people to Israel.

STRONG ZIONISTS

Uruguay is reputed to be the most Zionist country in the diaspora, and the strong Zionist spirit was evident when we met with a group of teenage youth movement leaders. They quickly explained how important their youth movements are to their identities. They spend many hours each week on their youth movement activities in spite of their homework and other responsibilities. Their closest friends are members of the youth movement. They have visited Israel, are very familiar with its politics, history and culture and see it as a land of opportunity. Many of them expect to make aliyah. The leader of the Habonim Dror movement told us about a program for kids between 5 and 15 who have moved away from Judaism. Every Saturday, members of Habonim Dror travel a radius of 100 kilometers to pick up children from poor homes who can't afford to come to the group. After a full day of activities including food, the Habonim Dror members take the kids home. If I were a Jewish educator, I would study the formal and informal educational system in Uruguay carefully because it is outstanding.

The Tzedaka Foundations of both Argentina and Uruguay support a range of welfare programs and involve community leaders in solving problems. JDC has played a pivotal role by providing funds, personnel and guidance to the foundations. As the economy has improved, community members have raised more private funds. JDC has announced its intention to begin withdrawing support, and community members intend to make up the difference through increased private contributions.

We returned to the United States feeling proud of our collective ability to support communities in crisis and eager to build stronger connections between North American Jewish leaders and our counterparts in Argentina, Uruguay and all of South America. By working side by side with our Jewish brethren throughout the world, we change despair to hope and give real substance to the concept of Jewish peoplehood. Just as we all stood together at Sinai, we will all stand together to meet needs everywhere in the world.

MILESTONES

In Memoriam

CHODOS

Eva Chodos, age 92, died April 12. Born in Poland, she was the daughter of Moses and Eta Wilnin and was the sole Holocaust survivor of her family. She emigrated to America to New York City, NY in 1951. She was a former corsetiere and later a teacher's assistant in New York City schools. She was widowed in WWII (Isaac Gilewich) and in 1960 (Abe Chodos).

She was beloved by her sons, Laban Gilewich, Murray Chodos and Dr. Joel Chodos of Wilmington.

Mrs. Chodos was buried in North Arlington Jewish Cemetery, N. Arlington, NJ on April 16, 2006.

The family would appreciate donations in her memory to a charity of the donor's choice.

GOODMAN

Susan Goodman, nee Sklut, age 64, of Wilmington, died April 25, 2006.

She was born and raised in Wilmington and graduated from P.S.

Dupont High School. She enjoyed Torah studies every Saturday at Congregation Beth Emeth and also attended the Academy of Life Long Learning at the University of Delaware.

Mrs. Goodman is survived by Irwin, her husband of 44 years; her sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Jan of Wilmington and James and Lauren of Oak Ridge, N.J.; her grandchildren, Alexa, Avery, Ben, Danny and Hannah; and her brother, Charles Sklut of New York.

A funeral service was held at Congregation Beth Emeth in Wilmington on April 27th with interment at the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road.

The family would appreciate memorial contributions to Congregation Beth Emeth, 300 West Lea Blvd., Wilmington 19802 or to a charity of the donor's choice.

HYMAN

Andrew David Hyman, of

Wilmington, DE, died April 19, 2006.

Survivors include his mother, Kathleen A. Sherwin, of Wilmington; father, Howard M. Hyman, of Warrington, PA; and sister, Meredith K. Hyman.

The funeral service was held on Sunday, April 23, at the Schoenberg Memorial Chapel, Wilmington.

The family would appreciate memorial contributions to Father Martin's Ashley, 800 Tydings Lane, Havre de Grace, MD 21078.

LIPMAN

Edward G. Lipman, 78, passed away on Friday, April 14, 2006, in Delray Beach, FL.

A former resident of Wilmington, DE, he was in the insurance business for over 30 years.

Survivors include his beloved wife of 50 years, Rachelle (Meritz); his three sons, Lawrence (Debra) of Englewood, CO; Mark

(Karolin) of Wilmington, DE; Paul (Heidi) of Marietta, GA; and his seven grandchildren, Bryan, Lauren, Danielle, Jillian, Reed, Sloan and Betsy. He also is survived by his sister, Ruth Snyder.

A graveside service was held on Monday, April 17, 2006, at the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road.

The family would appreciate memorial contributions to Congregation Beth Shalom, 1801 Baynard Blvd., Wilmington, DE 19805; or to the Alzheimer Association, 2306 Kirkwood Hwy., Wilmington, DE 19805, website, www.alz.org.

MILLER

David B. Miller, 68 of Hockessin, DE, died on April 11, 2006, in FL after a courageous battle with illness.

Originally from Philadelphia, PA and a graduate of West Chester State College, David was a devoted and dedicated teacher of chil-

dren in the Alfred I. Dupont/Brandywine School District and the Jewish Community in Wilmington and West Chester, PA.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 45 years, Lorraine (Goldstein); his loving daughters, Faith (Allan) Zaback and Amy (Doug) Spavlik; and his treasured grandchildren, Josh and Kara Zaback and Dara and Abby Spavlik. Also survived by brother and sister-in-law, Jeffrey and Roberta Goldstein.

A funeral was held on Monday, April 17, 2006, at 10 am, Beth Shalom Synagogue, 18th and Baynard Blvd.

Contributions in his memory may be made to Congregation Beth Shalom 18th and Baynard Blvd. Wilmington, DE 19801; or Synagogue or Keshet Israel Synagogue, 1000 Pottstown Pike, West Chester, PA 19380 "David Miller Student Scholarship Fund".

LIFESTYLES

A little kosher whine?

A Selection of Cartoons by Jeremy Gerlis

Valentine Mitchell Books 2005; Portland, OR; 103 pages, \$16.50

Review by Joel Glazier

The adjacent seasonal cartoon typifies artist Jeremy Gerlis's work that has delighted (maybe even provoked) readers of London's (UK) Jewish Chronicle every week since 1998. Recently several dozen of his cartoons have been compiled into a paperback book, *A Little Kosher Whine?* One does not have to be British or Jewish to grasp the humor (or as the Brits would write, humour), wit and poignant commentary provided by Gerlis.

American readers may not fully understand references to English football, but Messrs. Jerry Springer, Arafat, Sharon, George Bush, Spielberg, and even

Madonna and Monica Lewinsky are among the many who have been subjects of Gerlis's pen and paper works. The book is filled with familiar personalities and holiday references. Each cartoon also has a sentence or two of contextual explanation.

The book's title, like the Egyptian plague cartoon, exemplifies Gerlis's style.

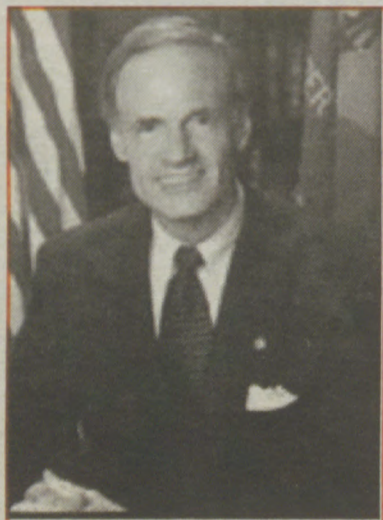
"My starting point is always the words," says Gerlis. "Words to do with the subject or to connect two subjects. I write them down, misspell them, alliterate them, ...and do it all over again." The phrases or gag follows, then he sketches the cartoons. He has done this hundreds of times for *The Jewish Chronicle*, one of the world's oldest and most widely read Jewish weeklies. This author gets his points across both with word play and visual caricature.

Humor, some have said, has made Jewish survival a bit easier and this book offers American Jews a glimpse into some familiar witty ideas with a unique British spin. Perhaps our own unpredictable spring weather here with snow in April on blooming flowers, and a year that brought over 20 named tropical storms and hurricanes, hail at Pesach may not be out of the question. However, as Jews everywhere know and recently remembered at Seders, the hail in the land of The Pyramids over 3000 years ago was a plague — seeing it portrayed in this computer age is the latest evolution of the basic story. Hoping for a pleasant spring as we count The Omer (Sefarit Ha'Omer).

(Ordering information for *A Little Kosher Whine?* Available at www.vmbbooks.com or www.kosher-whine.com.)



Senator Carper comes to Beth Shalom



Sen. Tom Carper

Following the discussion the synagogue will host the community to a festive dessert oneg to celebrate Israel's birthday and the Bar Mitzvah of Gabe Kaplan.

Congregation Beth Shalom will welcome Senator Tom Carper to the bimah on Friday, May 5, 8:00 p. m. as the final guest in Rabbi Michael Beals' year-long Friday Night Shabbat Builder's series. Rabbi Beals will conduct a Charlie Rose-style interview with Senator Carper on the subject of "US Foreign Policy Towards Israel: How to Build a Stronger Relationship." The conversation was planned to coincide with the 58th anniversary of the Creation of the State of Israel as well as the beginning of the Rebuilding of Congregation Beth Shalom, through an ambitious Capital Campaign.

Following the discussion the synagogue will host the communi-

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Jewish Women International (JWI) Makes Mother's Day Special- Jewish Women International and a coalition of like-minded organizations have committed to ending violence against women this Mother's Day. Each spring, through its annual "Mother's Day Flower Project", JWI sends bouquets to battered women's shelters as a gesture of compassion and support to abused women across the United States.

Donations help JWI deliver flowers to the women's shelters and also support the Women's Economic Security Fund- a special initiative that funds a variety of programs that expand resources, education and training for at-risk women and girls.

The Mother's Day Flower Project is such a wonderful way to help women in need- and also a unique opportunity to give a truly meaningful Mother's Day gift to the special women in your life. For each donation of \$25 or more, JWI will send a tribute card to one of your designated honorees on Mother's Day letting her know that a charitable contribution has been made in her honor.

Honor the special women in your life - your mother, sister, aunt, friend, daughter, teacher, colleague - and support battered women.

To make a donation or for more information, call 1-800-343-2823.

Celebrate Yom Ha'Atzmaut, Israel's 58th Birthday- Attend the community celebration of Israel's independence on Sunday, May 7th. There will be activities for the entire family including an Israeli dinner at 5 p.m. The fun begins at 4 p.m. and lasts until 7 p.m. at the Bernard and Ruth Siegel Jewish Community Center in Wilmington. For more information contact Ivy Harlev at 302-478-5660 or ivyharlev@siegeljcc.org.

Magee Rehabilitation Hospital Hosts a Night of Champions - Join Philadelphia 76ers' Hall-of-Fame coach Billy Cunningham and other Delaware Valley sports and entertainment celebrities during Magee Rehabilitation Hospital's Sixth Annual Night of Champions on Friday, May 5, 2006, 7 p.m., at the

Sheet Metal Workers Union Hall, 1301 S. Columbus Blvd., Philadelphia, Pa. Chaddsford Winery will host a VIP wine-tasting reception at 6 p.m. Tickets start at \$125 with numerous sponsorship opportunities available. All proceeds will benefit Magee's Community Program Fund. Call 215-587-3090 for details.

AKSE History Is Ongoing Project-The Historical Committee of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth is looking for information to further update the history of AKSE. "We will be keeping a current record for the future of our congregation as well", stated Barbara S. Keil, Historian for AKSE.

If you have any information about, or memorabilia from past years, we would appreciate hearing from you.

Information for the Historical Committee can be left at the synagogue office for the committee, or mailed to Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, Washington Blvd. and Torah Drive, Wilmington, DE 19802.

Friends Needed by JFSI-To share volunteer hours each month on an ongoing basis. Basic office responsibilities and tasks as assigned. Any assistance is appreciated-no experience necessary! Please call Volunteer Coordinator Lisa Driban today at (302) 478-9411 for further details.

The Jewish War Veterans of Delaware need new members, young or old and patrons. It is extremely important that this Jewish Organization continue. Please call Len Markovitz at 302-234-4785 or Milt Slovin 302-478-4888. You do not have to be a veteran to join. Join JWV for its Annual Installation Luncheon Sunday, May 28, 11:00 a.m. at Harry's Savoy Grille on Naamans Road. All paid up members and their spouses are invited.

The Adult Education Committee of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth and Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School invite you to attend a Mother's Day Trip to New York City. to see a new rendition of Maurice Sendak's, This moving, bittersweet children's opera was performed in

Theresienstadt Concentration Camp in 1942 by the children who were interned there. The performance will take place on Sunday, May 14, from Noon to 1:30 p.m.

A bus will leave from the AKSE parking lot promptly at 8:15 a.m.

After the play, travel with the bus to the Jewish Heritage Museum for a kosher lunch and visit the museum for an extra fee or enjoy time on your own in NYC.

Your check for \$42.50 will ensure a seat on the bus and for the performance. Children under nine will not be admitted.

Please make checks payable to Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School and send to 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington, DE 19803. Call Marlene Milunsky, 302-478-8100 for more information.

Aligning Your Desires- a unique weekend for Jewish couples, will take place at Elat Chayyim Retreat Center in New York's Catskill Mountains, July 7-9. The weekend is designed for married or committed couples who seek more connection, passion, and meaning in their relationships within a Jewish framework. Workshops will be led by Rosalie and Efraim Eisen, the founders of Basherte, Inc™, and have presented more than 150 programs for Jewish adults throughout the US, Canada, and Israel. Rates vary depending on accommodations, and include gourmet, kosher meals. Pre-registration for the weekend is required.

Information/Registration: (800) 398-2630. info@elatchayyim.org. info@basherte.org

JFS sponsors innovative programs. The Healing Circle - Holistic Transformation of Mind, Body & Spirit-designed for those who have experienced a loss in their lives or who desire a lift in their day. Led by Rabbi Michael Beals, spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Shalom in Wilmington, this free, informal gathering incorporates meditation, visualization, deep breathing exercises and ancient mystical language. Call 302-478-9411 for more information and to register.

Bereavement Group-free and open to the community. Group meets the first and third Thursday of each month, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Kimmel-Spiller Healing Center. JFS staff leader on the first Thursday, on the third Thursday, Rabbi Sanford Dresin of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth will lead the program accompanied by a JFS staff member. Call 302-478-9411 to register.

Women in Transition Group - \$20/session or \$75 for entire program. This Discussion group is open to women of any age who are

contemplating or experiencing changes & choices in their lives. Join JFS staff member Nona Smolko, LCSW on Wednesdays, 6:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Kimmel-Spiller Health Center. Call 302-478-9411 to register.

Computer Maven Workshop- This program is open to older adults in the community teaches basic computer skills such as e-mail and how to surf "the Net" (Internet). Cost: \$25/JCC members, \$35/non-members. For more information, contact Scott Michels at 302-478-9411, ext. 18.

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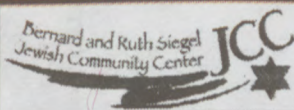
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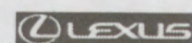


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If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Bev Zimmermann at 302-576-2137 or by email at theatren@ci.wilmington.de.us. You may also sign up on our website at www.theatren.org click on the "Contact Us" page and fill in your contact information.

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