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## Going Once...Going Twice. **On-Line Auction Benefits Hillel**

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introduces a whole new way to show support for Jewish students at University of Delaware: On February 28th, the "doors" opened to Shalom Delaware, an auction that takes place on the Internet at http://udhillelauction.cmarket.com.

The auction will run through 10 pm. April 4 and promises to have a major impact on the community. Kristol Center for Jewish Life supporters will be receiving emails about the auction, and can forward those emails to invite an unlimited number of guests to virtually "attend" and take part in the auction. Members of the public can also participate by going to http://udhillelauction.cmarket.com.

Using exciting new software provided by cMarket, Inc., an organization with a focus on serving nonprofit organizations, and thanks to the generosity of donors such as The Music Joint, Closic's Furniture, Lieberman's Book Store, and The Gavel Group, University of Delaware Hillel has assembled an exciting catalog of auction items to get peo-

The Kristol Center for Jewish Life ple bidding. Items up for bid include: a 1968 still-sealed Jimi Hendrix Album, a 10-Day European Adventure, a Hot Air Balloon Ride, a hand-signed original photo of Willie Mays' famous catch in the 1954 World Series and a wide variety of other adventures and collect-

> According to President Mike Samuels, "This is a great innovation for UD Hillel. With students and parents from all over the United States, a local auction just doesn't give them the opportunity to be a part of the excitement. With an online auction, we can invite far more supporters to contribute to the growth of Jewish life on this campus." "We're extremely honored that Kristol Center for Jewish Life has chosen cMarket to help raise money for such an important cause," said Jon Carson, Chief Executive Officer and Co-founder of cMarket. "We understand how challenging it is for nonprofits to raise funds solely through live auctions, since such not all of their supporters are able to attend and place bids. This is a wonderful

example of how nonprofit organizations can use technology to reach out to their supporters on a much larger scale, and raise the funds they need to truly make a differ-

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Money raised by the auction will go toward spiritual, educational, social and social action programming for Jewish students at University of Delaware. With 1600 Jewish students on campus, a wide variety of programs are needed to reach them in all their interests.

Everyone is welcome to browse, shop, or just drop by and sign our guest book to show their support for University of Delaware Hillel at http://udhillelauction.cmarket.com. Donations are still being accepted simply log on to the site and click on the "Donate Now" button. Users can also contribute to the auction's success by using the "Tell A Friend" button on the website.

For more information about get ting involved, contact Susan Detwiler or Rebecca Woolf, at 302-453-0479, or sdhillel@udel.edu.

By Leslie Susser, JTA

The late February suicide bombing in Tel Aviv shattered a threemonth lull in terror and brought key Israeli-Palestinian peacemaking issues into sharp relief.

The terror attack, which came just three weeks after Israeli and Palestinian leaders declared an end to more than four years of hostilities, forced both sides to define their new relationship more clearly.

It enabled Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon to clarify his policy toward the Palestinians, finger Svria and the Hezbollah as potential spoilers, and re-emphasize his view that there can be no real peacemaking until the Palestinians dismantle their armed militias.

It also highlighted Israel's vulnerability to suicide terror attacks and rekindled the debate on the security fence.

Lastly it underlined the core Palestinian dilemma: How to stop rogue terrorist cells from subverting the peace process without actually taking them on.

The bombing last Friday night killed four Israelis on the Tel Aviv beachfront. A fifth later died of her wounds. Israeli military intelligence traced the orders for the attack to

the Damascus headquarters of the radical Palestinian Islamic Jihad.

The Lebanon-based Hezbollah, which has dozens of agents on the West Bank, also was said to be implicated. According to military intelligence, the Jihad in Syria used Hezbollah channels in Lebanon to convey instructions to Hezbollah agents in the West Bank, who, in turn, operated a small Jihad cell in the West Bank town of Tulkarm.

In a pre-bombing video, the bomber identified himself as a Tulkarm-based Jihad operative. A few days later, Israeli forces found and dismantled a huge car bomb between Tulkarm and Jenin. Again Islamic Jihad in Damascus was said to be behind the planning, with the Tulkarm cell responsible for the actual operation on the ground.

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Friends of Odelia Hobera, 26, who died of wounds sustained at a Feb. 25, 2005, Palestinian suicide bombing outside the Stage nightclub in Tel Aviv, grieve at her funeral held in Jerusalem, Tuesday, March 1, 2005. Hobara had planned to moved to the U.S. in April with her boyfriend of the past year, who works there. She had already prepared her farewell gifts for four close friends, a framed photo with a farewell poem. Credit: Brian Hendler/JTA

# Albert Einstein Academy Honors Past Presidents

Albert Einstein Academy's presidents from the past decade, including Jonathan Neipris, Jeff Wasserman, Sam Blumberg, Robin Saran and Jay Kogon, will each receive the Community Builder Award for their outstanding commitment to AEA and the community at the Albert Einstein Academy Annual Gala Tribute Event, "Pillars of the Past," on Saturday, March 12, 2005, 7:00 p.m.

Jonathan Neipris served as Albert Einstein Academy Board of Trustees President from 1994

through 1996. He and his wife, Myrna Ryder, have two daughters, Rebecca and Jessica, who from Albert Einstein Academy.

both graduated Jonathan Neipris

Jeffrey Wasserman served as Albert Einstein Academy Board of Trustees President from 1996

through 1998. Jeff has been devoted friend of AEA for more than ten years. Jeff and his wife, Michelle, have Jeffrey Wasserman two children, Adam and Robin.



who are both graduates of AEA. Samuel Blumberg served as Albert Einstein Academy Board of Trustees President from 1998-2000. He is married to Dr. Elizabeth Hembree and they

have three children-Jessica, age 17 Benjamin, age and Jonathan (Yoni), age 9



Jessie and Ben Samuel Blumberg are graduates of the Albert Einstein Academy. Yoni is in the

fourth grade at AEA. Robin Saran served as Einstein Academy Board of Trustees President from 2000 through 2003. Robin is married

Saran and they have three children. Allie. Stephie and Jesse. Allie is a graduate of AEA, Stephie is Robin Saran



a 6th grader and Jesse is a 3rd grader at AEA.

Jay Kogon served as Albert Einstein Academy Board of Trustees President from 2003 through 2004.

Jay and his Susan wife have three sons. Aaron and Sam are current AEA students and Jay Kogon



Seth previously attended AEA.

The Gala, which begins at 7 pm, will be held at Longwood Gardens according to Gala Committee Co-chairs Caryl Marcus-Stape and Jodi Cohen. "This is Albert Einstein Academy's premiere event," Marcus-Stape said. "We are delighted to bestow this prestigious award to such beloved members of our Albert Einstein Academy family.'

An elegant kosher dinner, festive dancing and the award presentation will all be part of the spectacular evening. The cost is \$130 per person for the black-tie invited event. For more information or to make a donation in honor of the award recipients, please contact Debbie Nachlis, Director Development at AEA, at 302-478-5026 ext. 25.

Albert Einstein Academy, a constituent of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, is the academically excellent Jewish Day School in the Brandywine Valley. It is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. For more information about Albert Einstein Academy, call 302-478-5026 or visit www.aeacademv.org.

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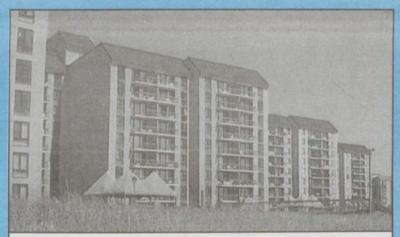
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## FEDERATION FOCUS

#### **A Campaign Update**



**Ruth Rosenberg** 

I've used my last few columns to convey stories and messages that relay the essence of our Live Generously theme; my impressions of how Living Generously feels and what it looks like to me. With the 2005 Annual Campaign well underway, this time around I'd like to use this space to tell you of the great successes we've had in our community and what impact is felt because of the contributions each of us has made.

To date, our Annual Campaign has raised over \$1.3 million with just over half a million to go to reach our goal for the year. This is the fastest pace we've ever achieved, meaning that funds have been pledged much earlier in our Campaign cycle than ever before. This is a very important accomplishment as it directly impacts the allocations that can be made for our agencies and other beneficiaries. You see, the sooner pledges are made, the better we are able to make promises of support to the thousands of people here in the Brandywine Valley and around the world who count on us for funding.

The Community Capital Campaign has been an extraordinary success. In fact, I'm

hard pressed to use enough superlatives to tell you how proud we should be. To date, over \$21 million has been pledged and the construction site on the Weinberg Campus is a flurry of activity. I want to emphasize the enormity of such an accomplishment. Last year, an informal survey of similar size Federations around the country revealed that the average Capital Campaign total reached 3 to 5 times the community's Annual Campaign. Using round numbers, we could have therefore expected to raise about \$10 million The fact that we raised more than twice that amount is astonishing. The fruits of the commitment of more than 500 donors and immeasurable volunteer hours are currently visible at the Kutz Home, the Kristol Center for Jewish Life (Hillel) and now at the Siegel JCC and its sister agencies on the Weinberg Campus. I encourage you to take a drive to Garden of Eden Road and see the new early childhood education wing taking shape. On the far side to the building you'll see the new fit-

ness center addition and the future home of Jewish Family Service. A beautiful campus is becoming a site to behold.

Dollars tell just part of the story. The real deal is in the lives that are changed and oftentimes saved by the money we raise. Here in Delaware, children are nurtured in warm loving classrooms, seniors are treated with skill and dignity, those in need of emotional support find it readily and we are all invited "home" to the true center of our community to play, learn and grow. Across the globe, hungry bellies are filled, homes kept warm and hope is offered where lives and souls may seem lost.

Each of us holds the lives of one another in our hands. The Jewish Federation of Delaware, as our community's central fundraising organization, can therefore make the greatest impact. Your charitable dollars go further, help more people and change more lives than anywhere else. Please continue to give generously and Live Generously...It does a world of good.

## Insure the future of our Jewish community



Jennifer Young

The Jewish Fund for the Future is our community's endowment. Endowment assets are set aside in the Jewish Fund for the Future and kept separate from operating and capital fund accounts. The funds are invested for long-term growth and in general only the interest on the fund is spent in a given year. The unique quality of JFF is that you, the donor can choose the charitable giv-

ing vehicle that best fits your lifestyle and the field of interest you want to support. The Jewish Fund for the Future staff will work with you to achieve your goals.

A gift of life insurance can benefit the community and has excellent tax benefits for the donor.

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A gift of Life Insurance can establish an Endowment Fund to create permanent, secure, future support for the Jewish Federation of Delaware and generate an income tax charitable deduction for the donor. A donor may accomplish this by purchasing a life insurance policy on his or her life, naming the Jewish Fund for the Future/ Jewish Federation of Delaware as the beneficiary. The policy is then contributed to the Federation, with the instruction that the ownership be changed to the Federation and that the net proceeds of the policy be used to establish an Endowment Fund, perhaps to perpetuate one's Annual Campaign gift (PACE or LOJE) or to support one of our Jewish community agencies. At the death of the insured, the Fund is established in his or her name, thereby bringing perpetual honor and memory to the family name.

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Federation may elect to use to pay the annual premium to keep the policy in force. The donor may claim that contribution as an income tax charitable deduction, reducing the effective cost of the annual premium from what it would have been had the donor retained ownership of the policy.

As an example, Rebecca\*, a 61-year-old, non-smoking woman, in good health, purchased a life insurance policy with a face value of \$100,000 and an annual premium of \$3,600, naming the Federation as the beneficiary. After paying the first premium, she transferred ownership of the policy to the Federation. Each year, for ten years, she made a tax-deductible gift of \$3,600 to the Federation, which, in her 40 percent combined tax bracket for federal and local taxes, saved her \$1,440 each year. Therefore, her annual gift really cost her only \$2,160. Each year, the Federation elected to pay the premium on her policy, keeping it in force. At the end of the ten years, Rebecca had spent only \$21,600 to make an ultimate gift of \$100,000, the value of the policy.

The net proceeds of the policy will be used as the donor designated, to establish a Lion of Judah Endowment Fund in her name.

☆ guarantee future support for the Jewish Fund for the Future/Jewish Federation of Delaware; and

perpetuate one's family name.

A gift of life insurance can be an attractive charitable giving vehicle for donors at any age. If you already have a policy, you can designate the Federation as beneficiary, younger donors may choose to purchase a new policy. The staff of the Jewish Fund for the Future is able to show you a variety of ways you can use the vehicles of gift planning to make an endowment dream come true - whether now through a current gift, or later through your estate plan. For more information or to schedule a confidential appointment please contact Jennifer Young, Director, Jewish Fund for the Future & Women's Philanthropy, at 302-427-2100 ext. 19 or email Jennifer.young@shalomdel.

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#### Tsunami Relief Update -

## JDC allocates \$4 million in four countries

The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) has raised over \$16 million to date for its disaster response. Assessment teams have visited India, Thailand, and Sri Lanka, and another JDC team is in Indonesia. JDC has already allocated \$4 million for emergency relief and assistance activities in the four countries.

In India, JDC is working with the Disaster Mitigation Institute, building temporary shelters made of wood beams, corrugated metal and thatched roofs in 10 locations benefiting up to 1,200 families. Initial small grants will help revive the livelihoods of 1,200 families, and local professionals will help up to 300 youth who wish to start new occupations in higher-value sectors such as marketing, trade, and the service industry.

In Sri Lanka, JDC is working with the renowned local organization, Sarvodaya, in the most severely affected areas of the country's east coast. Some 47,000 individuals will ben-



In Banda Aceh, Indonesia, there is desperate need for food among children and women. Photo: Disaster Mitigation Institute

efit, many among them children, women and elderly. JDC has provided school bags, workbooks, writing instruments, shoes and socks to 200 students. And through a cash-for-work program, local residents are sewing school uniforms for the children. This partnership with Sarvodaya has recently been extended to



Sacks of rice provided by JDC to the villagers of Kanachetikulam, Tamil Nadu, India. Photo: James Nubile

Galle, at Sri Lanka's southern tip, reaching another 2,000 kids. The psychosocial needs of individuals – and entire communities – are being addressed by Sarvodaya with JDC assistance. One project already underway provides mine education for children living in dangerous zones. Training and support is helping to



School kit distribution in Galle, Sri Lanka. Photo: James Nubile

reestablish the livelihoods of victims in Ampara, Kalmunai, and Batticaloa.

JDC is working with its long-time partner, the International Rescue Committee, in the hard-hit Aceh Province of Indonesia. The primary focus is on the identification and protec-

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## EDITORIALS AND OPINIONS

## Outrage brings optimism

New voices have joined the chorus expressing outrage at the two most recent acts of terrorism and one foiled car bombing in the state of Israel. Palestinians have spoken out loudly and angrily against the homicide bomber who blew himself up in the February 25th attack outside a Tel Aviv nightclub, which killed five and injured fifty. Their anger resurfaced three days later when terrorists opened fire on two Israelis in the West Bank and-in a separate incident-the Israel Defense Forces found a car booby-trapped with half a ton of explosives. This was the largest and potentially most deadly cache produced by these hate-mongers since the intifada began more than four years ago.

Public Palestinian outcry is a startlingly refreshing departure from the previous postattack responses. This time, there were no joyous celebrations in the West Bank and militant groups were not seen hanging posters of congratulations at the bomber's home.

Also appreciated is the shift in focus in global media coverage of the recent Middle

East tragedies. The Associated Press and the Financial Times both ran sizeable stories about Palestinians who denounced the Tel Aviv and West Bank attacks. Most world media chose to ignore the large public rally sponsored by the Syria-based Islamic Jihad in Hebron, the group that claimed responsibility for the Tel Aviv terrorist attack.

Could this outpouring of rage against groups hell-bent on destroying the fragile cease-fire agreement between Israeli and Palestinian leadership mean that the Palestinian people now know that terrorism must be vanquished before peace can rule?

Can the new PA President Mahmoud Abbas reign in these terrorist elements and put the road map back on course?

I believe in miracles! How about you? In the spirit of shalom and salaam,

Lynn B. Edelman

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

#### **Terror** is back

the terror attack on Friday night, a young girl, died from her injuries.

Thus, the number of slain victims is currently five and the number of those injured stands at fifty.

The terror is back in Tel-Aviv, after over three months of calm.

The whole of Israel has recently enjoyed the relative quiet that reached its peak at the summit in Sharem A-Sheik where the Palestinian Authority Chairman Abu Mazen promised to act against the terror.

Even if Abu Mazen does act in that direction, it is obvious the terror is back.

Israel faces a dilemma: Each step it takes following the attack might be interpreted as an action against the new Palestinian Authority Government, that is wholly supported by the US Administration, and Israel itself wishes to remain stable.

Nevertheless, Israel cannot remain indifferent to such mass destruction in the center of Tel-Aviv (and anywhere else for that matter). By doing just that Israel abandons its own civilians' safety.

Israel's over preoccupied Prime Minster,

This morning one of those wounded from kept busy with the impending disengagement plan's execution and the public's response to it, has chosen to react moderately: on the one hand, Israel will delay the transfer of power of the Palestinian cities to the Palestinians, yet will refrain from taking direct action against the terror.

Further acts of terror are most likely inevitable. There are still frustrated Palestinians out looking for vengeance. This time it was an Islamic Jihad member, next time it might be from another terror group. We should assume that the terror acts will narrow down, but not disappear entirely,

surely not immediately.

On the humane side of the events: the story of the people hurt on Friday night is an Israeli tale. It was a reservist division who planned to meet together with their partners for a surprise party, and took a direct hit upon entering the club. The division fought during the Intifada, on different frontiers and in various fights. It was fate that brought them together, on a Friday night, in Tel-Aviv to be hurt, injured and killed.

Nachman Shai Senior Vice President, Director General UJC

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#### PARSHA PLACE

Week of March 5

Vayakhel **Table for Two**  Exodus 35:1 - 38:20

By Rabbi Phil Miller

Our tables, symbolic altars, become tools in our quest for sacredness when we share them with the poor and marginalized.

New York of the mid-1980s was a beautiful place to be.

Gentrification brought cafes, bistros and bookstores up and down the upper West Side, Columbus Avenue and Broadway. Spring saw this neighborhood at its finest. Cafes would bring tables out on the sidewalk and every block was filled with diners.

But at the end of each café's sidewalk umbrella, a much crueler story was unfolding. The homeless population was exploding in size. Streets were filled with men and women asking for money and food if they were sober enough to do so. If not, they slept ten feet from your sidewalk

I knew a man named Timmy, a graduate student at Columbia who was not much of a café goer, but whose heart broke for the people living on the street. He rebelled against the sidewalk café tables by taking his own table, a supermarket cart, into the streets. Every night, Tim would cook a 50-gallon vat of soup and slap together a box of sandwiches and walk the streets of the upper West Side, offering street people to join him in a decent supper.

I was 19 and I thought Timmy was the greatest person I had ever met. Certainly, he was greater than many of my professors, sitting at Café Boccaccio, with their backs turned to the street.

In later years, as I became a student of the Talmud, I found the story of a woman much like Timmy, who welcomed street people at her table. The Babylonian Talmud (Tractate Ketubot 67b) tells the story of Mar Ukba, a third-century rabbi and his wife. They were in the habit of secretly donating money to a poor man in their neighborhood.

One day, to protect their anonymity, they fled from the poor man and jumped into a furnace (where else?) which had just been extinguished. Mar Ukba's feet immediately began to burn, but not his wife's. She received spiritual protection unavailable to him. "Your gifts are too private," she explained. "I am always at home and poor street people come to see me. I invite them in and we sit at the table together."

Mar Ukba's wife was a third-century Timmy.

This week's Torah portion, Vayakhel, tells the story of Moses and the children of Israel building the Mishkan (the Tabernacle) in the desert and all the vessels and structures it required. For centuries, the Mishkan and later the Beit ha-Mikdash (the Temple which stood in Jerusalem) served as the spiritual center of the Jewish people. It was destroyed in 586 B.C.E., rebuilt, and destroyed again in 70 C.E. In its absence, rabbis, prophets, mothers and shoemakers have dreamt of its return and the spiritual sustenance it brought.

One such dreamer was Ezekiel, a prophet of 2500 years ago. Living in Babylon after the destruction of the first temple, he dreamt of a Mikdash rebuilt (see Ezekiel chapters 40-48).

The Rabbis of the Talmud (Tractate B'rachot 55a) found an inconsistency in one verse of Ezekiel's dream. He dreamt of the altar in the temple, but refers to it as a shulchan, a table. Why does he call the altar a table? asked the Rabbis.

Rabbi Yochanan, a third-century Rabbi in Israel, offers an interpretation. When the Mikdash stood in Jerusalem, the altar offered atonement and allowed us to return to God, lacking the Mikdash, "it is our tables in our homes that offer us atonement and closeness."

Rabbi Yochanan gives us insight into the spiritual power behind the story of Timmy's table and that of Mar Ukba's wife. As one mystical commentary explains, there is a yichud, a oneness that is achieved in the world when the poor are brought to our tables. To see them on the street reminds us of the world's brokenness. To sit with them at our tables, create relationship with them, begins our collective journey back to repair and wholeness.

Most of us may not be ready for the courage shown by Timmy or Mar Ukba's wife. Yet, there is much we can do to reach out to those at the periphery of our communities and give them a seat at our tables. In doing so, we return a oneness to the world—one for which we all long.

Rabbi Phil Miller was ordained at Yeshiva University and is director of the Helene Mirowitz Department of Jewish Life at the Jewish Community Center of St. Louis. This column first appeared on-line at www.socialaction.com.

## EDITORIALS AND OPINIONS

#### **Reach out to Protestants**

By Dexter Van Zile

Jews in the United States have every reason to express shock over the World Council of Churches' decision to encourage members to follow the lead of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in divesting from Israel.

The dominoes are falling against Israel. First, U.S. colleges embraced the cause of divestment, next the Anglican Church announced that it was studying the issue, then the Presbyterian Church (USA) adopted the policy - and now the World Council of Churches on Monday encouraged denominations to do the same.

It looks bad, but Jews need to understand that lay members of Christian churches remain firm in their support for the Jewish state. Jews need to reach out to Protestants in the pews of the churches that fund the WCC, telling them that the council isn't worthy of their support and that it's time to start a divestment campaign of their own - against

Jews might be surprised at the response they get. U.S. Christians stopped listening to the WCC long ago. Many still have not forgiven the WCC for giving \$85,000 to the Patriotic Front of Zimbabwe in 1978, months after the group shot down an airliner, killing 38 of the 56 passengers on board. Terrorists killed 10 survivors.

American Christians know the WCC has a history of supporting violent "liberation" movements in Central America, Africa and East

They know the WCC ignored the plight of dissidents behind the Iron Curtain and "built bridges" with killers and tyrants, just as leaders from the Presbyterian Church (USA) recently extended offers of friendship to Hezbollah, a group that killed 241 U.S. Marines in 1983.

The reaction of Presbyterian lay members was so strong that two church employees were fired for meeting with Hezbollah, demonstrating where the denomination's true power and conscience rest — in the pews, not in the minds of the movement's theologians.

American Protestants know the WCC turns a blind eye to the violence perpetrated by the Muslim regime in Sudan, instead focusing its criticism on Israel. They know this without having to read the study by the Institute on Religion and Democracy that reports that between 2000 and 2003, the WCC issued 36 human-rights complaints against Israel and two about Sudan, where close to 2 million black Africans, many of them Christian, were killed and tens of thousands were enslaved in a self-declared jihad waged by the Islamist regime in Khartoum.

They know the WCC is foolish to praise the leaders of the Presbyterian Church (USA) for embracing divestment, even after the denomination released a survey showing that 42 percent of the church's members oppose the decision and only 28 percent support it.

Knowing all this, lay Protestants in the United States long have regarded the WCC as

But it's a mixed blessing. Because they have grown used to ignoring WCC pronouncements, Protestants do not understand the lethality of the organization's one-sided condemnations of Israel. They do not understand that the WCC's soft-pedaling of terrorism against Israel only encourages more terrorism against Jews.

Because U.S. Christians spend more time listening to the pastors in their pulpits than to their denominational leaders, they don't know that some of their theologians harbor ill will toward Israel and an obsession with the Jewish state's alleged misdeeds that borders on the pathological.

Because U.S. Christians always have enjoyed religious freedom in America, they do not understand the oppression suffered by Christians in the Middle East and the threat faced by Jews in Israel.

Once U.S. Christians understand these things - and groups like ours are making a fullcourt press to educate them - they will know which organizations are the true, legitimate targets of divestment.

They just have to be told. Their own leaders will not tell them, so their Jewish friends and neighbors - and their Christian allies - will have to step into the breach for the sake of Israel, the United States and all of our chil-

Dexter Van Zile is a member of the Judeo-Christian Alliance, an initiative of the David Project that promotes a fair and honest discussion of the Middle East conflict in Protestant churches. He also is a member of the United Church of Christ, which will consider divestment at its General Synod in July.

## Where the handicapped become champions

By Carl Alpert

The participation of Israelis in last year's Olympics for the handicapped in Athens was a revelation for many. The story behind it is fascinating and deserves to be told in greater detail. Though a small and young country, Israel is confronted with a relatively large percentage of its population physically handicapped. This is because of a number of contributing factors. Firstly, many are still survivors of their harrowing experiences in the Nazi concentration camps. Then came the War of Independence, which left a large number of wounded veterans. Soon thereafter the country was struck by a deadly polio epidemic, which left thousands of young people with partial paralysis. Subsequent wars and constant terrorist attacks added to the number of handicapped victims.

And to top it off, the curse of road accidents each year adds many hundreds of men, women and children to the list of citizens who are compelled to carry on their daily lives with severe physical handicaps.

Much attention is being given these days to the provision of improved facilities and greater access to the disabled, but little note has been taken of what has been done in the field of sports. As early as 1960 the obvious need led to creation of an Israel Sports Center for the Disabled to encourage disabled youth and

adults to take part in organized sport activities. In the meantime there had been parallel activity on the international scene, and it was decided to set up an Olympic structure for the handicapped, with games to be played at the same time as the World Olympics. Israelis took an increasingly active role in these events, known as the Paralympics.

In 1968, when the Olympics were scheduled to be held in Mexico City, it was decided to change the venue for the handicapped because of fear that the altitude there would serve as an obstacle for many participants. Israel stepped into the breach and hosted the games in which 800 participants from 29 states took part. In the decades that followed, Israel became a country that could be counted on in paraplegic sports. In the 2000 Sydney Paralympics the Israel delegation of 34 participants brought back six medals, including three gold won by the swimmer Keren Leibowitz.

That was the background to last year's Paralympics held in Athens. It was attended by 3846 competitors from 136 countries. There were 24 Israelis who competed in swimming, shooting, table tennis, equestrian events, sailing, archery, cycling, athletics and wheel chair tennis. They earned 4 gold medals, 4 silver and 5 bronze.

Each of the Israeli contestants is a person-

18 years ago. "I don't treat sports as a means of rehabilitation," he said, "but rather as a means of excelling, and to succeed like anyone else." As a rifle marksman, Doron got three silver medals at previous Paralympics in Atlanta and Sydney. At Athens he took two bronze

This country's youngest personality was 17year-old Inbal Pezaro, from kibbutz Yizra'el, whose parents came to Israel from New Zealand. She has been disabled almost from birth, when damage to her nerves left her with her legs almost completely paralyzed. She moves around with the aid of crutches or a wheel chair, but makes amazingly fast time in the water. At Athens she won a silver medal in the breast stroke event and a bronze in the free style. She does not like the description "disabled" and refers to herself as "limited".

Perhaps leading the list was 31-year old Keren Leibowitz, who had won three golds at Sydney. At Athens she took one gold, two silvers and one bronze in various swimming

events. Keren revealed that she keeps all her medals in the same drawer as her underwear "so that they won't go to my head. Must preserve a sense of proportion." She gets around on dry land with the aid of crutches and a wheel chair, but makes fast time in the water.

Leibowitz now has her eyes set on the Paralympics to be held in Beijing in 2008. She is in demand as a lecturer, especially at

The Israel Sports Center for the Disabled looks back with pride on its ongoing program through the years. Its experience confirms that organized sport activities contribute more to the confidence, morale and self-image of the disabled than any other form of rehabilitation. Today at the Ramat Gan Center more than 2000 children and adults participate regularly in more than 20 different sport activities. Parallel programs are carried on in Tel Aviv, Haifa and Jerusalem.

And they all have their eyes set on the Paralympics to be held in Beijing in 2008.

#### ality. Doron Shaziri lost a leg when he stepped on a mine while on military service in Lebanon

This Week in Jewish History



Celebrate 350 Jewish Life in America 1654 - 2004

**FEBRUARY 28, 1935** 

Jeannette Miriam Goldberg, who organized Texas chapters of the National Council of Jewish Women and the Jewish Chatauqua Society, died on February 28, 1935.

FEBRUARY 29, 2004

"Ten Years of Hope," a play by Elizabeth Swados about the experiences of women who fled El Salvador for new lives in New York City, opened on February 29, 2004.

MARCH 1, 1993

Esther M. Broner's "The Telling: The Story of a Group of Jewish Women Who Journey to Spirituality Through Community and Ceremony"

was published on March 1, 1993.

MARCH 2, 1997

The Jewish Women's Archive put women's history on the Jewish calendar by inaugurating Jewish Women's History Week, March 2-9, 1997.

MARCH 3, 1862

Sadie American, one of the founders of the National Council of Jewish Women, was born on March 3, 1862.

MARCH 3, 1995

Lynn Gottlieb's guide to nonsexist Judaism, "She Who Dwells Within", was published on March 3,

"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

#### Tsunami relief

Continued from page 4

tion of separated and/or vulnerable children. Specific activities to respond to the psychosocial needs of children, families, and communities are being set up. JDC has also identified local partners through which urgently needed supplies such as mattresses and bed sets will be distributed to individuals and hospitals, and water containers will be provided to 40,000 people still requiring emergency relief.

In Thailand, JDC is partnering with Chabad to bring medical help, meals, and clothing to survivors. Further, in collaboration with the local NGO, Population and Community Development Association (PDA), and the Israeli Embassy in Thailand, JDC is helping to support ten week-long "healing camps," where 500 children from the south of the country will participate in recreational and educational activities. JDC will also join with PDA to rehabilitate the village of Ban Pat in Phang Nga Province through the provision of scholarships, meals, clothes and supplies; restoration of income-generating activities in the community; reestablishment of water, sanitation and waste management services; and facilitation of village residents' involvement in the rebuilding process.

JDC is also overseeing the 38-member Jewish Coalition for Asia Tsunami Relief allowing North American Jewish organizations to coordinate efforts and maximize donor dollars.

JDC serves as the overseas arm of the North American Jewish community providing relief, promoting Jewish renewal, rebuilding Jewish communities in 60 countries around the world, helping Israel address its most urgent social challenges and supporting nonsectarian relief efforts. JDC's programs are supported primarily by contributions to the annual campaigns of the Jewish Community Federations throughout North America in partnership with United Jewish Communities (UJC).

#### How you can help victims of the Isunami

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Kefiada 2005 is late June—July, call now for an application



## INSIDE DELAWARE

#### **AEA's celebration –**

#### Global Understanding showcases diverse student projects

By Judi Feinson Special to the Jewish Voice

The students of Albert Einstein Academy recently participated in the school's Celebration of Global Understanding at the Bernard and Ruth Siegel JCC. This unique event, spearheaded by School Librarian, Elly Alexander, and Head of the Jewish Studies Department, Michal Cherrin, consisted of enlightening student presentations and exhibits demonstrating the students' understanding of places and people from around the world.

The event grew out of this year's school theme, "Seek Peace and Pursue It: Getting Along with Others at Home and Abroad." To support the geography and world cultures curriculum, Albert Einstein Academy received an Excellence in Education grant from MBNA enti-

tled, "Readers for Global Understanding." This grant enabled the school to purchase atlases and books about continents, different cultures, and stories about peace. The books provided resources for completing the projects for this event.

To prepare for the celebration, students in grades kindergarten through six completed integrated geography projects – some focusing on Israel and others highlighting a continent, country, state, or unique landmark. The third grade students, taught by Melissa Hinspeter, Merav Narunsky and Karen Moss, crafted posters about the United States, enthusiastically sang an entertaining song about the 50 states, and created a Gan Shalom (Garden of Peace). To emphasize the strong connection between Judaism and trees, the life-size Garden of Peace contained replicas of trees indigenous to Israel,

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on which the students incorporated *mitzvot* that they had studied in recent weeks.

Under the guidance of Karen Bradley (Social Studies teacher), Elly Alexander (Librarian) and Rami Goren (Computer Specialist), the sixth grade students created and presented an inspiring Power Point presentation about winners of the Nobel Peace Prize. In preparation, each student chose and researched one recipient, capturing the individual's character traits and accomplishments as well as studying the pressing issues of the recipient's country. Elly Alexander said, "The students learned that the Peace Prize winners fulfilled mitzvot such as tikkun olam (repairing the world) and shalom (making peace) in accomplishing what they did. I am impressed with the thought and depth that our students displayed in their research projIn an attempt to educate attendees about regional efforts to foster global understanding, one of Albert Einstein Academy's parents, David Freschman, arranged for Debbie Buchwald, Executive Director of the America-Israel Chamber of Commerce, Central Atlantic Region to speak at the event. She made a brief presentation about the AICC (<a href="https://www.americaisraelchamber.com">www.americaisraelchamber.com</a>), which is the only economic development group in the area that fosters business relationships between American and Israeli companies.

In addition the entire Albert Einstein Academy student body came on stage to sing Shalom-Salaam (The Peace Song).

For the balance of the evening, parents and students visited the various grade exhibits and displays that were positioned throughout the auditorium.

#### Schlock Rock comes to Wilmington

Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation and Congregation Beth Shalom and their joint Hebrew School bring SHLOCK ROCK to the Wilmington Jewish community on Tuesday, March 22 at 4:15 PM. for one performance only! SHLOCK ROCK is the "biggest sound in Jewish music today," according to Cantor Joel Kessler who invites the entire community to attend.

SHLOCK ROCK puts original, clever words to popular rock, pop and rap tunes from the 50's to the present. Through their music they enhance Jewish identity and awareness and stimulate Jewish pride.

The band has produced 23 albums to date. Their music library includes more that 7150 song parodies and original songs. The latest Shlock Rock album, "Shlock Rock Almost on Broadway," debuted in August 2003 and offers parodies from such well-known musicals as "Les Miserables," "Guys and Dolls," and "My Fair Lady."

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and "My Fair Lady."
Lenny Solomon, the band's leader and creative influence, devoted himself full-time to SHLOCK ROCK in 1985. Lenny took his musical background and his flair for creative lyrics and began composing and playing music with messages of Jewish self-pride and identity especially geared toward young people. The band's goal is to share positive Jewish images with their audience in a fun approachable way. The band's method has worked, as SHLOCK ROCK has become the jewel in the crown of Jewish music.

"The message behind every SHLOCK ROCK song, whether a parody or an original tune, is simple," Lenny explains. "Be good, be cool, be Jewish ... Jewish pride keeps you going strong."

The concert is free and will be taking place at Congregation Beth Shalom. For more information call Cantor Joel Kessler at AKSE at 762-2705.

#### Jewish Arts Week coming soon to JCC

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.

#### Scholarships Available



Scholarships are available for Israel experience and leadership development, please contact Gina at 302-427-2100 x 20 for more information about the Jerusalem Study Fund and other opportunities.

## Delaware Gratz invites community to March 13th Open House



Meet Scholar-In-Residence Tamar Jacobowitz (seated at desk) and discover all that Delaware Gratz has to offer during the agency's annual Community Open House, on Sunday, March 13th, from 9:30 am until 1:15 pm.

9:30 am - Refreshments

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#### 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.

Learn the secret rules of Hebrew calendar calculations and how it links humankind and nature together in ways that our civil calendar does not. Through colorful, understandable computer animated slides, the audience will receive valuable insights into the basics of a complex and elegant calendrical system which is still used today.

Please call the Beth Shalom office, 654-4462, to make your reservation by March 9. The cost of the brunch is \$5.







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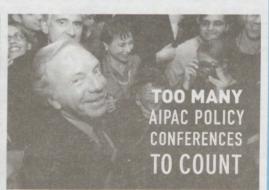
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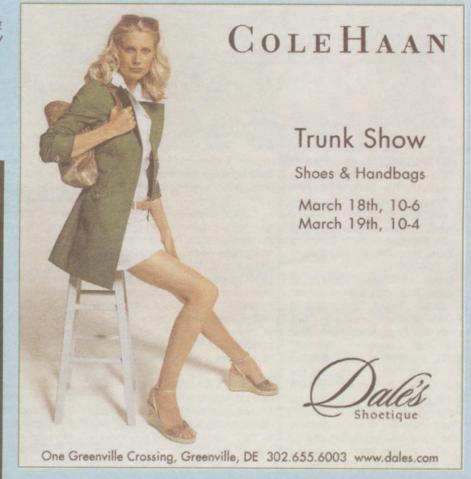
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## LIFESTYLES

#### **Vocolot to perform at Beth Emeth**

On Saturday, March 12th at 8:00 p.m., the internationally acclaimed singers of Vocolot will appear live in concert at Congregation Beth Emeth at 300 West Lea Boulevard in Wilmington. The performance will run about an hour to an hour and a half, and light refreshments will be provided. Complimentary tickets may be obtained at Beth Emeth or by phone from the temple office at (302) 764-2393.

Based in California, Vocolot has released four critically acclaimed recordings: "Heart Beat" (2002), their newest album, which won CARA Awards for Best Album and Best Song (La Comida); "Behold!" (1997), which was nominated for best World/Folk album by the Contemporary A Cappella Society; "Roots And Wings" (1992); and "Gather Round" (1989).

They describe their a cappella music as a "joyous fusion of folk, jazz and cantorial vocal traditions.' It is "music rooted in universal heart, social conscience and Jewish soul, communicating a powerful eral Bay Area vocal groups: the vision of world peace and reconcilia-Vocolot sings in English, Hebrew, Ladino, Yiddish, and Arabic. Their works include original compositions and new renderings of ancient songs and texts.

Cantor Linda Hirschhorn is the founder and principal composer for the group. She has released two songbooks and seven recordings of original material, four with Vocolot. Linda organized and directed the first Jewish Women's Chorus in Kiev in 1994. Her songs and choral arrangements have been published in major folk anthologies and are performed by professional and amateur groups around the world.

Ellen Robinson performs in San Francisco Bay Area jazz clubs and on concert stages where she is known for her vocals. Ellen also has produced a CD of her own "On My Way to You." Ellen has also been teaching and directing for over 30 years. Currently, in addition to her private students, she is the Director of sevAnything Goes Chorus, Swingshift Singers, and Girlfriendz.

Julia Bordenaro is a singer-songwriter and pianist who has been performing solo throughout the Bay Area for the past four years. Three times she was awarded "Best Song," and featured for "Best Performance" by West Coast Songwriters. She is also a member of the Bay Area Quartet, Thread, and performs duets with her husband, Ira Scott Levin.

Jennifer Karno has starred in Bay Area productions of "My Fair Lady" and "Evita," and has recently completed a year-long run as the lead in San Francisco's hit musical "Beach Blanket Babylon." When she's not performing, Jennifer runs her own company, video production Karnocopia Productions.

Elizabeth Stuart is the group's percussionist. She plays with several ensembles in the Bay Area and has performed live as percussionist with Anne Bluethenthal and Strong

Current dance companies. Recently, she composed and recorded original music scores for 2 modern dance pieces choreographed by Chimene Pollard. Elizabeth has arranged, sung, and played keyboards for musical theatre, rock and new music

Shana Levy has extensive experience performing in choirs, operas, musicals and a cappela groups. She directed the nationally recognized collegiate a capella group from U C Berkeley. Shana also composes, arranges, plays percussion, and

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#### Yiddish theater star 'returns' to stage in Newark

The Chaiken Center for Jewish Studies and the Jewish Studies Program at the University of Delaware is sponsoring a musical play... Molly Return Engagement. Curtain time is March 22, 8:00 pm at the Loudis Recital Hall in Amy duPont Music Building (corner of Amstel Avenue and Orchard Road) in Newark. The price is right... it's free and open to the public... so please bring your family, friends and co-workers and, as Molly would say, "So, laugh a little!"

Enter the vanished world of Yiddish theater and its greatest star. Often called the Jewish Charlie Chaplin, Molly Picon also was known as the Yiddish Helen Hayes. When the two actresses finally met, Hayes said, "If you are known as the Yiddish Helen Haves, I would be honored to be known as the shiksa Molly Picon."

Renee Matthews portrays Molly Picon in a performance by playwright Sarah Blacher Cohen who has had productions of ten plays across the country. In 1984 she collaborated with Nobel Laureate, Isaac Bashevis Singer, on the off-Broadway play, "Schlemiel the First." From 1989 to 1994, her prizewinning comedy about disability, "The Ladies Locker Room," played at many universities around the country.

"Molly Picon's Engagement" stars Renee Matthews as Molly and Gerald Bailey as her husband, Jacob Kalich. They have taken their play across the country and in Canada and have received standing ovations, bringing it back for repeat engagements to the same

In the 1920s and 30s Molly Picon was a star in Yiddish theater and film and then in American stage and film. She starred in the Yiddish movies "Yiddel Mit'n Fiddle" and "Mamale." Molly Picon and her husband were among the first entertainers to visit the European camps for displaced persons. She used to tell the story about a woman who came up to her with a child and said, "My child is 2 years old and she has never heard the sound of laughter." Jacob Kalich told Molly: "That's our job." In her

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sisties Molly went on to star in such shows as "Milk and Honey," "Majority of One," and "Hello Dolly." She appeared as Frank Sinatra's mother in the movie "Come Blow Your Horn" and was Yentel the Matchmaker in "Fiddler on the Roof."

THE ACTORS: Renee Matthews resembles Molly Picon, who was a petite, effervescent woman. So is Matthews. And, like Picon, Matthews continues to enjoy an active stage career at a time when many have made the decision to retire. After

being a star in Yiddish theater and films, she also became a star in American theater and films and concerts. Renee Matthews appeared as Mrs. Fezziwig in "A Christmas Carol" at the Goodman Theatre in Chicago and in "Queen of the Stardust Ballroom" at Marriott's Lincolnshire Theatre. She appeared in an episode of the CBS-TV hit series "Early Edition" and has performed as a singer, actress, and harpist on concert stages from coast

Matthrew virtually becomes Molly Picon - every gesture, every nuance is perfect when she sings such famous Yiddish songs as "Abi Gezunt" (Be Well), "Maz'l" (Luck) and "Yid'l Mit'n Fidl" (Jew with a Fiddle). In English, among other songs, she sings "Chins Up, Ladies," a show stopper made famous by Fanny Brice and taken over by Molly Picon.

Co-starring with Renee Matthews is Gerald Bailey (playing Molly's husband). He has been involved in over

100 productions as an actor, director, musical director, and composer. As a actor, he has appeared in "Bye Bye Birdie," "Brigadoon," "Pump Boys and Dinettes," and "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest."

information, For additional please call (302) 831-3324 or email to cjs@udel.edu. Links to website articles and information on Renee Matthews and Molly Picon can be found on the Center website at <a href="http://www.udel.edu/jsp/events.">http://www.udel.edu/jsp/events.</a>

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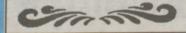
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## GLOBAL JEWISH NEWS

#### Part two -

#### **Person to Person with Colin Powell**

Part Two

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 second segment of a two part interview

Q. Please give me your thoughts on two other countries-also affected by terrorism. President Bush recently (Dec 3) signed the Miscellaneous Tariffs Bill containing a provision enabling normal trade relations for Laos. Laos will subsequently apply for World Trade Organization membership. What impact will these actions have on our bilateral relations?

A. I hope they will have a favorable impact, and that Laos will ultimately meet the requirements of WTO membership and participation. You know, during the last four years, some people think that all we did was be concerned with Iraq, Afghanistan and the Mideast, But we focused a lot on the poor countries of the world, including Laos. When you look at the Millennium Challenge Account, which is going to be five billion new dollars every year for developing countries that are committed to



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

democracy, freedom and economic openness— in addition to that money— we have almost doubled the amount of money that we have in development assistance, in aid, for poor countries.

We spent tons of money on HIV/AIDS. If we don't deal with HIV/AIDS, then development doesn't work because a society is being

destroyed with HIV/AIDS. So we believe that while we are fighting terror we have to deal with poor countries that are the swamps of terrorism. If people don't have jobs, if people don't have homes and can't educate their children, then why should they believe in democracy? They decide they might as well be terrorists.

Q. In Northern Ireland, discussions on implementation of the 1998 Belfast Agreement are at a critical stage. What's your sense of the situation today? Are they close to an agreement?

A. They came close, but they didn't consummate the latest agreement because of a difference of opinion—as to how they verify the Irish Republican Army (IRA) turn-in of weapons, You know, Ian Paisley wanted pictures taken of all of this decommissioning and there was a problem with the IRA. Right now it is not solved. The good news here is that the people of Northern Ireland have pretty much been not subjected to terror and violence while elements of the Good Friday Agreement have been debated for several years. And, clearly, they want peace. They don't want to go back to the past. We're still trying to give them that peace; as are the Parties. But they haven't quite finished the work. There have been a lot of setbacks, but a lot of progress. And while we are looking for that final political settlement and the turn-in of all these weapons, at least the people of Northern Ireland are thriving. The economy is doing very well and we don't see any terrorist incidents taking place.

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

#### Bombing creates quandry for all sides

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The new terror, clearly designed to scuttle the nascent Israeli-Palestinian peace process, left Israeli policy planners in a quandary.

If they retaliated with military might they could play into the terrorists' hands and destroy the fragile process. And if they waited for the Palestinians to act, things could get badly out of hand. Instead, they appealed to the international community to limit the spoilers' room for maneuver and put pressure on the Palestinians.

On Monday, Israel's Foreign Ministry summoned ambassadors of countries on the U.N. Security Council and in the European Union for a briefing. Brig. Gen. Yossi Kuperwasser, head of research in military intelligence, explained the Syrian, Hezbollah and Jihad involvement.

The Foreign Ministry's directorgeneral, Ron Prosor, said the Hezbollah and Jihad were trying to undermine the cease-fire agreement Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas had reached with the militias. And Syria was to blame for allowing the Jihad offices to operate on its territory, he said.

Late Monday, the U.N. Security Council condemned the Feb. 25 attack "in the strongest possible terms." Noting in its statement to the media that the Palestinian leadership also had condemned the attack, the council urged the Palestinian leadership to "take immediate, credible steps to find those responsible for this terrorist attack and bring them to justice and encourage further and sustained action to prevent other acts of terrorism."

Clearly feeling the heat, Syria, Hezbollah and Islamic Jihad all vigorously denied the charges.

Syrian President Bashar Assad, already under massive international pressure to pull his troops out of Lebanon, told the Italian newspaper La Repubblica, "It is a pointlessly offensive accusation. Syria had nothing to do with it."

Hezbollah officials dismissed the Israeli charges as "beneath contempt." And Islamic Jihad's Gaza chief, Mohammed al-Hindi, claimed the bombing was the work of a rogue cell acting on its own.

"The Islamic Jihad's policy has not changed. We are still committed to the period of calm we

Late Monday, the U.N. Security agreed with Abu Mazen," he buncil condemned the Feb. 25 declared, using the popular name tack "in the strongest possible for Abbas.

Israel also sought to apply pressure directly on Abbas's new Palestinian leadership.

Sharon himself took the lead, warning that the new diplomatic process would get absolutely nowhere unless the Palestinian Authority confronted the terrorists and disarmed them.

"While Israel is interested in advancing toward a settlement with the Palestinians, there will be no diplomatic progress, no progress until the Palestinians take strong action to eliminate the terrorist organizations and their infrastructure," he told a meeting of Likud Party members.

"Israel," he warned darkly, "will not compromise over the security of its citizens."

Sharon has no wish to be caught in a situation where Palestinian rogue organizations carry out terror and Israel can't respond because of its concern for the peace process. And the subtext of his message was that if terror continues, Israel will take military action, even if that means sacrificing the chance for peace.

In the meantime, Israel is exploring other options. By far the strongest lever it has is the release of Palestinian prisoners. Writing in the mass circulation daily Ma'ariv, columnist Ben Dror Yemini argued that Israel shouldn't stop the political process or its disengagement from Gaza and the northern West Bank, "because that is just what the terrorists want."

Instead, it should make the rate of prisoner release dependent on the degree of terror.

"Release the prisoners gradually — 20 at the end of every quiet month," he wrote. "Every violation of the cease-fire will lead to a suspension of the releases for a period of time that Israel alone will decide."

The bombing also highlighted the fact that the government has completed the construction of only one third of the security fence designed to keep the bombers out.

Even if there is progress in peacemaking with the Palestinians, politicians and pundits argued that Israel should rely on its own devices to keep the bombers out — devices like the fence. So far, only some 132 miles of the planned 372-mile route are

in place.

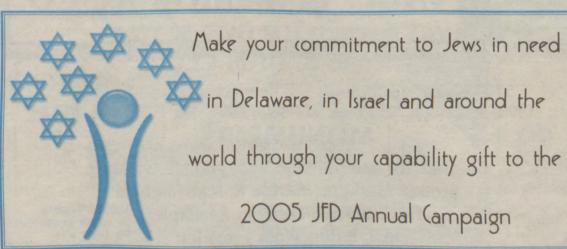
On the Palestinian side, Abbas, in the short time he has been in power, has made some positive security moves. He has appointed a new interior minister, who is charged with enforcing the cease-fire, and warned a group of new military commanders that they would be sacked if violence isn't stopped.

As for moves on the ground, Palestinian forces have closed down 12 arms-smuggling tunnels in Gaza and arrested six Jihad militants

But the bottom line is that so far there is no sign of any willingness to actually dismantle the terrorist infrastructure. That could be fatal for the peace process.

If the terror continues and Abbas does nothing about the militias, the process will die. It could die, too, even if there is quiet, and Sharon continues to demand dismantling of the militias as a condition for progress in peacemaking.

Which leads to what is perhaps the most important question of all: What will the American position be a few months down the road, if there is quiet — or relative quiet — but the militias remain intact?





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## MILESTONES

#### Memoriam

#### DRESCHER

Anita Drescher, of Wilmington, died February 24th. She was a member of Machzikey Hadas Congregation and was employed by the Wilmington Dry Goods for many years. Mourning her passing are her son and daughter-in-law, Arnold and Nancy Drescher; her sister, Sylvia Strauss; nephew, Robert Strauss; grandchildren, Brian Drescher, Mindy Coppola and her husband, Ronald and great-grandchildren, Nicholas and Alexis.

A private graveside service was held in the Jewish Community Cemetery.

Contributions in her memory would be appreciated to Deborah Heart and Lung Foundation, c/o Mary Weinstein, 8602 Society Drive, Claymont, DE 19703.

FEINGOLD Freda Feingold, 96, of Newark, DE, died February 17th. She was a long-time resident of the B'nai B'rith House in Claymont and was an active member of both B'nai B'rith Women and Hadassah. Mrs. Feingold had worked as a sales person for Arthur's Department Store in Wilmington.

Predeceased by her husband, Morris, she is survived by her niece, Norma Rose, who served as her primary care giver, and several other nieces and nephews. All who knew her, loved her.

Graveside services were held on February 20th at Mt. Sharon Cemetery in Springfield, PA Please make charitable contributions in her memory to a charity of personal choice.

#### **FERDMAN**

Shirley Ferdman, 96, of Wilmington, DE, died February 21st. She was the widow of Abraham and is survived by her son, Dennis

Graveside services were held

on February 24th in the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road.

The family would appreciate that contributions in her memory be directed to the Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Wilmington, DE 19809.

#### KATZ

Minerva S. Katz, 94, died February 11th.

Predeceased by her husband, Maurice, she is survived by her daughter, Barbara Donaghy; sons, Gordon and Gerald; a daughter-inlaw, Suzanne; grandchildren, Neil, Alise, Michael and great-grandchildren, Kelsey, Alex, Alyson and Jordan.

Graveside services were held on February 18th in the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk

#### KLEIN

Henry Klein, 87, died February 18th. Survivors include his sons, Ted and Larry Klein and four grandchildren. Graveside services were held on February 20th in Cedar Park Cemetery in Paramus, NJ. Arrangements were made by Schoenberg Memorial Chapel SANDLER

George Sandler, 97, a resident of the Kutz Home, died February 28th. He was active in the Jewish Community Center Senior Center and Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation.

Mr. Sandler is survived by his son, Sheldon and daughter-in-law, Susan; his grandchildren, Julie Friedlander and her husband, Joel and Alison Sandler Giammo and her husband, Michael; great grandchildren, Ariel and Seth Friedlander and Natalie Giammo.

A private graveside service will be held in Maple Hill Cemetery in Peabody, MA. Shiva will be announced.

The family would appreciate contributions in his memory to the Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Wilmington, DE 19809.

#### STEIN

Helen Stein, 87, of Newark, DE, died February 21st at the Kutz Home in Wilmington.

She was a native of New York City and was a published awardwinning poet and a pianist. She was an active member of her synagogue, Temple Beth Tikvah in Madison, CT and volunteered her time in several area libraries.

Mrs. Stein had worked as an employment counselor and as a bookkeeper.

She was blessed by the love of two husbands, David Gordon, who died in 1963; and Alan Stein, who died in 2004. Also preceding her in death were her two sisters, Ada and Molly; four brothers, Lou. David, Joe and Charlie. Survivors include her daughter and son-inlaw, Andrea and Jim Sheppard of San Diego, CA; three sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Suzanne Gordon of Elkton, MD, William and Linda Gordon of Newark, DE and Jon and Athena Gordon of Boston, MA; stepdaughters, Marian Valenti of Peekskill, NY and Cindy Sweet of West Chester, PA; and one stepson, Alan Stein, Jr. of White Plains, NY Also surviving her are 16 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

A graveside service was held on February 25th at Nut Plains Cemetery in Guilford, CT

Contributions in her memory should be sent to Hospice Odyssey Healthcare, 1407 Foulk Road, Suite 200, Wilmington, DE

## NACHAS NOOK

#### Rosen becomes a Bar Mitzvah



Paul Benjamin Rosen

Paul Benjamin Rosen, son of Shay and Neil Rosen and of Will of Cochranville, PA, became a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, February 26th, at Adas Emeth Shel Kodesch Congregation.

Paul is in the 7th grade and is an honor roll student at Octorara Middle School. He is in Boy Scott Troop #99 in Bellefonte, DE. Paul Minyonaire attends the Program at Adas Kodesch

His proud grandmothers are Mrs. Sandy Rosen and the late Frank Rosen, and Mrs. Harla Hagen of Mesa, Arizona and the late Terry McNamara.

Paul is the great-grandson of the late William and Dorothy Bronstein Wilmington, Beatrice and Nathan Rosen Philadelphia, and Harlin and Pauline Tierney of Running Springs, CA.

#### A New Daughter of Israel is born

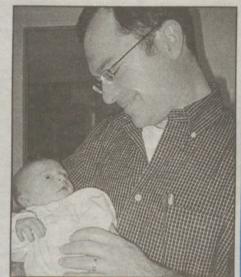


Mick and Hila Weinstein announce the birth of their third child, a daughter named Shoham Aliza, born in Jerusalem.

Shoham was the black precious stone that was on the shoulders of the High Priest. On it were the names of all the 12 tribes, so it is a symbol of unity of the Jewish People.

Aliza was the name of her maternal great-grandmother who was a Holocaust survivor and a most special woman.

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Mr. Brenner was a Holocaust survivor from Berlin, Germany. He was imprisoned by the Nazis from 1939 in Sachsenhausen, Buna Monowitz, Auschwitz and Buchenwald until liberation in 1945.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and may be obtained from Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, Washington Blvd. and Torah Drive,

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#### CALLING ALL MINYONAIRES

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In 1790, President George Washington wrote to the congregation and affirmed the importance of religious freedom in the United States. The adjacent National Museum of Jewish American History cosponsored the program which included the reading of Washington's letter as well as the Congregation's letter of congratulations sent to the First President. Cherry Pie was served to all at the ceremony and in 2005 the pies were TastyKake complete with the "OU" certified Kosher label... a truly American treat.



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