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DELAWARE JEWS RALLY IN NEW YORK CITY ON SEPTEMBER 23

BOARD THE BUSES TO SHOW SOLIDARITY WITH ISRAEL

The buses will roll from three Delaware locations on Sunday morning, September 23rd. Destination: New York City-the site of a major Solidarity Rally for Israel sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Delaware, United Jewish Communities and the Jewish Federations of North America.

Hundreds of thousands of Jews will converge upon Second Avenue, beginning at 47th Street in Manhattan to show the world that American Jews stand behind Israel now and forever.

Aptly named "Standing Together", the rally will feature Holocaust survivor, author and activist Elie Weisel as honorary chairman. New York Mayor Rudolph Guliani will participate along with a host of dignitaries from the United States and Israel.

Jewish Federation of Delaware President John A. Elzufon describes the event as an opportunity to show the world that "we still care passionately for Israel." He urges Delaware's Jews to "seize this opportunity to give our Israeli sisters and brothers a much-needed morale boost."

Chartered buses-air-conditioned and equipped with restrooms-will depart from the Delaware Jewish Community Center on Garden of Eden Road in North Wilmington at 8:30 a.m. on September 23rd. Members of the greater Newark and Dover Jewish communities may board buses at Temple Beth El, Possum Park Road at 8:00 a.m. University of Delaware students will have a bus of their own. Buses will leave New York at 4:00 p.m. One bus will be sponsored by the Rabbi Jacob Kraft Education Foundation, Congregation Beth Shalom.

While there is no cost to participate in this milestone event, voluntary contributions to defray transportation expenses are welcomed. Rally participants should dress comfortably and pack snacks. Water will be provided.

Registrations will be accepted now through September 7th. Please call Sheila Krinsky, at the JFD offices, (302) 427-2100, ext. 15 send a fax to (302) 427-2438 or email her at Sheila.krinsky@shalomdel.org to make your commitment to this continental show of unity with the people of Israel.

ALIYOT HANEFESH

By Connie Kreshtool

I was privileged to be among the 160 leaders of the Reform Movement in North America who made a spiritual journey to Israel in early August. This was a mission to express **solidarity** with the State of Israel and its citizens, to show **unity** with Progressive congregations and Reform Jews in Israel and to gain **understanding** of the changes that have taken place in Israel over the last ten months. Joan Wachstein who also joined the mission agrees with me that in five very, very busy days we did just that.

Earlier this summer the Reform Movement's leadership had made the difficult decision in view of the violence to cancel their youth trips to Israel. We did hear from many Israelis, both leaders and the man-in-the street, about their great disappointment with this decision. But we heard more loudly from all whom we encountered how pleased and grateful they were that we had come.

I marveled that the Israelis are able to go about their daily business in spite of the violence and terror all around them. For parents every moment is stressful as they try to keep a semblance of normality in their children's lives. While the absence of tourists is having a serious economic effect it is the sense of abandonment especially by North American Jews that has gripped the country. We felt it everywhere.

To help us understand the realities of the present situation we listened to government leaders, religious leaders, representatives of the media, leaders of Progressive congregations, and residents of communities beyond the Green Line. They offered a wide spectrum of opinions.

Rabbi Michael Melchior, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, offered a very depressing picture. He faults the Palestinian leadership for not taking advantage of the opportunities offered by Israel. The deteriorating situation has become for Palestinians a religious existential conflict for which he sees no solution. He decried the onslaught of Arab hate propaganda that floods the airways throughout the Middle East. He also warned that the Jewish world must connect with human rights organizations or else risk having human rights become a weapon against Israel.

Colette Avital, a member of the Knesset for the Labor party, spoke to

the group after returning from a seminar held in Italy with the PLO. She believes that the Palestinians want peace. However both the Palestinians and the Israelis see themselves as victims. While she praised Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's management of the crisis she said that he has offered no strategic plan to get to the conference table. She also worries that the present situation has pushed aside the serious social issues that affect the quality of life for Israeli citizens.

Representatives of the mission met with Prime Minister Sharon who emphasized Israel's commitment to peace and to implementation of the Mitchell report and the Tenet understandings. He repeated his position that Israel will not negotiate under fire. He justified his strategy of "targeted assassinations" as a defensive measure that prevents an all-out war.

Three representatives of the media offered three different interpretations of the current condition. Dr. Ra'anan Gissin, policy consultant to Prime Minister Sharon, spoke out emphatically. "The violence was launched by Arafat, against Israelis and Jews."

"Israel has the moral right to the land," Yossi Klein-Halevi of *Ha'aretz* accused the Israeli press for not looking at the Oslo process critically and called it "the great deception of all times." He blamed the Right for building settlements indiscriminately and the Left for allowing the arming of the Palestinian police. He said that today the peace camp has moved to the periphery of the Israeli public.

Yigal Carmon of the Middle East Media and Research Institute stated there is a need to inform Americans what goes on in the Arab world. He especially pointed to the rise of anti-semitism in Egypt and the statement of a relatively moderate PLO leader Faisal al-Husseini (now deceased) who in his last interview said, "The Oslo Accords were a Trojan Horse; the goal is the liberation of Palestine from the river (Jordan) to the sea (Mediterranean). Carmon believes that we are in the "early stages of a Holy War."

Three Israeli political leaders offered their perspectives. Yossi Beilin who helped frame the Oslo process feels the only chance is to cooperate through negotiations. Likud member of the Knesset, Dan Naveh, said that Arafat decided to move ahead with terror and violence in his effort to internationalize the conflict. Meritz member of Knesset, Naomi Chazan, said that many Israelis fell in love with peace not knowing what it involved and believing it would lead to a honeymoon. Instead

she compared the process to a messy divorce with a property settlement through mediators. She said survival depends on it.

Our final speaker was Dalia Rabin-Pelosoff who spoke to us at the Rabin Center in Tel Aviv. She spoke of her father, Yitzhak Rabin, who felt that there was a window of opportunity in 1993 after years of the intifada to sign an accord with Arafat. The peace process was based on signing the accord in phases, building trust with each phase and then leading to reconciliation. Now she said that Arafat believes he can get what he wants through violence but only negotiations will bring about peace.

Along with all the political talk we did meet and talk with members of the Progressive (Reform) congregations. I visited with members of the Ranana Congregation and toured their building now under construction. Whether they shall be able to occupy it by the High Holydays depends on the political situation. Terrorist attacks keep Arab workers at home. The American leaders renewed their commitment to help build the movement in Israel. The Israel government funds buildings and rabbis' salaries of Orthodox congregations but not a penny for a non-Orthodox group.

My visit to Efrat was one of four choices which brought mission participants into communities across the Green Line (1967 Israel border). We traveled in a yellow armored bus with bulletproof windows accompanied by a military escort along a road that tunnels under Arab lands. Once out of the tunnel there were cement barricades placed at strategic locations on the road to protect the travelers from gunfire. I was a little nervous to say the least. Residents of Efrat commute to Jerusalem on this road every day.

The topography is one of undulating hills, rocky and barren, with Arab gardens and vineyards in the valleys. Efrat is built on a series of six hills. The homes are stone, solid looking and attractive. The community buildings present a picture of permanence and purpose. We met with Rabbi Shlomo Riskin, the charismatic leader of New York's Lincoln Square Synagogue who with his congregants made aliyah in the early 1980's and built Efrat. I could only marvel at what he has accomplished. This is an Orthodox community of 10,000 people, eighteen synagogues, schools and yeshivot.

Rabbi Riskin accompanied our group in the bus as we traveled along a rocky path up the side of a hill to the

site of the last settlement in Efrat. This expansion completes what Rabbi Riskin sees as the purpose of Efrat, a deterrent to the expansion of Bethlehem and a buffer and protector of Jerusalem. At the settlement we saw several broken-down caravans (trailers) which house fifteen families and a small temporary building which is the yeshivah. There were no people there only a garrison of Israeli soldiers and two tanks as protection against the shelling which occurred the previous days.

Rabbi Riskin believes that the Arabs were the aggressors in the wars with Israel and therefore lost the right to return to these lands. He spoke about his good relations with some of the Arab leaders in the area who he said are at the mercy of the PLO. He said he opposed any Palestinian state under Arafat and the PLO. In response to a question about the possibility of the dismantling of settlements Rabbi Riskin did admit that if in the pursuit of a lasting peace there was a democratic decision to do so he would not oppose it.

I heard enough from all the experts and the not so expert to finally believe that the peace I fervently wish for is not just around the corner. In fact at this time it is not even in sight. Most people said that Oslo is dead and that Arafat who is the only partner has made a pact with Hamas and Jihad. There were some who questioned whether it is possible to have 100% cessation of terrorism and violence. They hinted that within the current unity government it was in Sharon's interest not to move in any direction lest his coalition government fall. Still others felt that eventually that the Palestinians would have to negotiate and expressed their hope for a peaceful future.

This was echoed by Rabbi David Harman, a leading Jewish thinker, who referred to Jewish texts as he explained that Israel's destiny is never to abandon hope...even among great uncertainties.

I walked along the streets of Jerusalem's Jewish Quarter and German Colony and in the streets of old Jaffa. Sadly there were no tourists and the shops were empty. With all of the tension and strife I still say if ever there was a time to visit Israel it is now. It is time to show the Israelis and the world:

*We are one with them.
 We support them in their search for peace.
 We shall not abandon them.*

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Local women return from Hadassah Convention in Israel

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NEWS ANALYSIS

U.S. Envoy Says Arafat Killed Camp David

By Matthew E. Berger, JTA

As new versions are presented of what went wrong at last summer's Camp David summit, the Clinton administration's lead Mideast negotiator is reiterating that Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat is primarily to blame for scuttling the talks.

That version generally had been accepted in Washington, Israel and elsewhere since the talks ended in late July 2000. But recent analyses by the New York Times and by one of Dennis Ross' colleagues on the U.S. negotiating team have sought to shift much of the onus from the

Palestinian leader to the United States and Israel.

These reports say that Arafat was pushed into attending the Camp David summit by former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and President Clinton, and went only after receiving assurances that he would not be blamed if the talks failed.

The conflicting observations have led to confusion over what actually happened at Camp David and in talks held in January in Taba, Egypt.

Ross served as Clinton's special Middle East coordinator and was

the administration official most involved in the peace process. While there were reasons for Arafat to be wary of Barak, Ross said, "Arafat was the one unwilling to take the steps toward peace."

"Arafat wasn't thinking in terms of a permanent deal," Ross said recently at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy. "Barak was thinking in historic terms, and Arafat was thinking in interim terms."

For the process to work, both sides needed to give up things they long had deemed essential — but Arafat was unwilling to do so, Ross

said.

Arafat expressed an interest in a permanent peace plan because he believed an interim solution would not be acceptable to his people, Ross said, but made no serious effort to create one.

Instead, Arafat "created new mythologies," including a version of history that denied the existence of the Jewish temples in Jerusalem during biblical times.

"When you question the core of the other side's faith, it's not exactly an indication that you are ready to find an end to the conflict," said Ross, who is writing his memoirs

and serving as an adviser to the Washington Institute.

The frustration over Arafat's attitude led Clinton to go back on his word not to blame the Palestinian leader for the summit's failure, Ross said. But, he emphasized, Clinton did not so much criticize Arafat as lavish praise on Barak — leaving listeners to draw their own conclusions.

Ross said the summit was postponed repeatedly at Arafat's request, but the Palestinian Authority seemed to make no effort to gear up for the meeting in the meantime.

Other Palestinian negotiators, Ross said, were more flexible than Arafat and made key concessions including setting practical limits on the Palestinian "right of return," accepting the Jewish neighborhoods of eastern Jerusalem as part of Israel, accepting slight modifications to the pre-1967 borders and accepting three warning posts in the West Bank that would contribute to Israeli security.

But a whole week went by at Camp David before Palestinian negotiators came to him and said they were ready for serious discussion of the parameters of a peace plan, Ross said.

While Barak's team made historic steps toward resolving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, Ross said, Barak himself, fearing for his political future, was reluctant to specify details that he might have difficulty selling to the Israeli public.

In order to sell a final agreement to the public, Barak believed he could not squander political capital in advance, Ross said.

"His mind-set was riveted on an end-game summit, where he could finally talk about issues like Jerusalem," Ross said.

He also said Barak was unwilling to make a third redeployment of Israeli troops from the West Bank — as specified in interim peace agreements — because the Palestinian leadership likely would dismiss any offer as insufficient.

In addition, Barak was known to believe that the interim redeployments robbed Israel of bargaining chips it could use in final negotiations. Instead, he preferred to go directly to a final agreement, in which he presumably could be more generous with land transfer in exchange for a declaration that the Israeli-Palestinian conflict was over.

By the time Clinton offered his own proposal for a permanent peace plan in the fall, the violent Palestinian uprising had begun and the atmosphere in the Middle East had changed immensely.

Arafat told Clinton he accepted the peace plan — but with so many reservations that they negated the terms, Ross said.

"He never formally said 'no' but his 'yes' was a 'no,'" Ross said.

While the eruption of violence made the situation harder to resolve in the fall, Ross said, the key component remained Arafat's unwillingness to close a deal. While Arafat was capable of beginning the peace process, he did not have the ability to conclude it, Ross said.

"I do personally feel that it is to

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EDITORIAL

Rally Our Resources For K'lal Yisroel

Throughout this edition of *The Jewish Voice*, you will see information about the **Israel Now Rally** in New York City on September 23rd. The importance of our community's participation in this milestone event cannot be over emphasized.

Israel's foes, many of whom still fail to recognize her very right to exist, perceive a vulnerability that has not existed before. It is not a military vulnerability, but a vulnerability to Israel's psyche and a chance to increase

that vulnerability by isolating her internationally. Israel knows, as does the rest of the World, that the unwavering support of the United States is critical. At this rally we have a chance to show to our leaders that in this time of crisis Jewish communities across America stand with Israel. A poor turnout at the rally will be disastrous for the Jewish State. If American Jewry fails to support Israel, can lack of support from our government be far behind?

This rally is not about the government of Israel, nor its policies. It is about the State of Israel and its right to exist. The organizers of the rally are going to great lengths to have representation from both government leaders and opposition leaders. While I am mindful of the fact that many American Jews oppose Israeli government policies in dealing with the current crisis in Israel, I must emphasize that this rally is not about those issues. This rally is about whether you, as an American Jew, believe Israel has a right to exist. The situation in Israel may be complex, but the purpose of the rally is very simple. We have an opportunity to show the rest of the world that we still care passionately for Israel

The people of Israel will be watching this rally, as will her foes. Let's seize this opportunity to give our Israeli sisters and brothers a much-needed morale boost.

In October of last year, Delaware's Jewish community showed its support for Israel with a massive turnout at the Service For Solidarity held at Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth Congregation. To be sure, a rally in New York City is more time consuming and physically inconvenient, but the stakes are higher and this time, the whole world is watching.

SHABBAT SHALOM,
John A. Elzufon, President,
Jewish Federation of Delaware

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Organ Donations Are Kosher

My husband has been waiting for a kidney for nearly six years, since my son was ten weeks old. I was surprised to discover that there are some Jews who believe that they can not donate their organs for religious reasons. This is not true-all the major branches of Judaism support organ donations.

Organs can be donated to anyone, regardless of their religious background-saving the life of a non-Jew is just as much a mitzvah as saving the life of a Jew.

How can a religious Jew become an organ donor? First, let your family and rabbi know your wishes. Then add a line to the form on the back of the driver's license: "With the approval of my Rabbi." Attach the name and address of the Rabbi and also include the number of the Bioethics Commission of the Orthodox Rabbinical Council of America, 305 7th Avenue, NY, NY 10001-6008. This will ensure that the organs are donated in accordance with Halacha.

Other websites with information on organ donation include:

TransWeb- www.transweb.org United Network for Organ Sharing: www.unos.org

Of course, the decision to donate any, all or none of the organs of a loved one lies with the family. If you have doubts, but think you would like to donate, please talk to your Rabbi. One person donating organs and tissue can help many other people live full, happy lives. Should you be faced with the horrible decision to donate, it is my hope that you would be able to find comfort in the fact that the death of your loved one need not be in vain. Rather, you can help your loved one perform one final act of generosity-giving perhaps the greatest gift of all-the gift of life.


Sincerely,
Heidi Hass
hehass@yahoo.com

Plan For Hebrew Education

I want to comment on the lead article, p. 1, of the June 29 issue: "Federation in Action: Planning for the Future of Our Jewish Community". It seems to me that with the percentage of adult Jews in the community able to (a) understand what they are saying when reciting the brachah upon being called to the Torah, or (b) help their

children and grandchildren with their Hebrew homework, hovering around zero (my estimate), the need for a plan to improve the situation belongs in Federation planning.

Sincerely,
Dov Seidel



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PARSHA PLACE

Week of August 18
 Nitzavim, Deuteronomy 29:9-30:20
BRINGING THE TORAH HOME
 Rabbi Robert Orkand

This week's Torah portion, Nitzavim, tells us something that may seem obvious: The Torah is not in space. That is, we do not have to travel to the heavens nor cross the seas to learn Torah. It is close to our hearts and our lips to live and observe (Deuteronomy 30:11-14). Although the Torah is not in the heavens, that is not always the case with us Jews. We read this week that sometimes the Jewish people will be so dispersed that "Even if your outcasts are at the ends of the world, from there Adonai your God will gather you, from there God will fetch you." (Deuteronomy 30:4)

These two verses provide an amazing contrast. Although the People of the Book may be as far-flung as the heavens themselves, the Book is always within our reach. Ultimately both the far-flung Jew and the Torah will be joined.

What does the Torah mean when it tells us that it is not in the heavens? Isn't that obvious? Aren't we reading it here on earth this Shabbat?

Rashi explains that the Torah is telling us that if it were actually in the heavens we would have to find a way to retrieve it, bring it back to earth, and study it. Was Rashi, who lived in the Middle Ages (eleventh century), predicting space travel, or was he suggesting something else?

Perhaps an old Jewish story will help us better understand what the Torah is telling us in this parashah. The tale is told about Reb Chaikel, a poor tailor from Lodz, who had the same recurring dreams. Each night his father would appear to him and tell him about a secret fortune. All Reb Chaikel had to do was travel to Vienna and go to the royal palace. Exactly fifty yards from the palace, his father said, was an old oak tree. Under that tree, his father told him, lies a great treasure. All Reb Chaikel had to do was dig under the tree, and all his financial problems would be solved.

At first, Reb Chaikel ignored the dreams, but they recurred night after night. And so, he decided to go to Vienna and seek his fortune.

He camped out near the palace and waited for an opportune time to begin digging for the fortune. At midnight on a moonless night, he stealthily crept up to the tree and began to dig. His shovel had not even had a chance to strike dirt when he felt a rough hand squeeze the back of his neck. "Jew!" shouted the palace guard. "What on earth are you doing at midnight, fifty yards from the palace gates, shoveling dirt?"

Reb Chaikel had no choice but to tell the story of his dreams about the great fortune that lay beneath the oak tree that he was about to dig up. He even offered to split the booty if the guard would let him go. "You idiot!" laughed the guard. "Everyone has dreams. In fact, I myself dreamed that if I were to go to the city of Lodz in Poland and dig in the basement of some Jewish tailor named Chaikel, I, too, would find a fortune! Hah! Now get lost!"

Legend has it that Reb Chaikel returned to Lodz and, after a little digging in the basement of his own home, became a very wealthy man. Sometimes we look at the Torah's values and precepts and regard them as being way up in space, beyond our reach. We look at the Torah's expectations of us as impossible tasks that are as difficult to achieve as landing on the moon was. We view them as hurdles that are impossible to overcome, as if we were being asked to travel to distant lands to perform difficult tasks.

The Torah assures us twice (Deuteronomy 30:11-14) that what it teaches us is within our reach. Even if a Jewish soul is lost in space, coming home to Judaism is always possible. And, we are told, the Torah, our manual of instruction, is more accessible than we may think.

Robert J. Orkand is the senior rabbi at Temple Israel, Westport, CT.

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Meet The Federation Financial Resource Development Team

By Lynn Edelman, Editor

A new year dawns. Federation hopes to make 5762 more "donor friendly" through its Financial Resource Development Department. Rachel A. Gross, Esq., recently named Assistant Director of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, will direct FRD activities. She explains that, through coordination of annual campaign, capital campaign and endowment opportunities, "we can meet donors on a face-to-face basis and help them plan their total philanthropic giving."

Gross, hired three years ago to serve as Endowment Director, will continue to manage the Jewish Fund for the Future and write her popular column which appears regularly in the *Jewish Voice*.

She works closely with Steven Selznick who was named JFD Chief Financial Officer in April. Selznick, a native of Rochester, NY, has twenty years of experience in the not-for-profit sector, serving most recently as Chief Financial Officer for the Episcopal Church Home in Rochester. Selznick received his undergraduate and graduate degrees from the Rochester Institute of Technology and has special expertise in managing information systems.

Selznick's team includes Bookkeeper Ron Bierman, who joined Federation in November after more than 20 years of tenure at DuPont. Bierman, a graduate of the University of Delaware, brings to the job solid experience with financial accounting systems. His background also includes service as a programmer analyst.

Native Wilmingtonian Sandy Rosen recently came on board as Data Entry Clerk. She is a familiar face to members of Adas Kodesch Congregation where she and her husband, Frank are long-term congregants. She has also enjoyed a professional association with AKSE, serving as Assistant Office Manager and Secretary for the synagogue's Hebrew School.

NEW FACES IN CAMPAIGN...
Stop by the JFD offices and say hello to Todd Polikoff and Amalia Snyderman. Polikoff, a native of West Philadelphia, joined the Federation staff on August 1st as Assistant Director of Financial Resource Development. Polikoff most recently served as Senior

Development Officer for the Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Greater Boston. There, he was responsible for running the campaigns of lawyers, accountants and realtors.

A passionate Zionist, he traveled to the Jewish State after graduating from high school. He spent six months there, living on a Kibbutz and participating in an Ulpan program. The start of the Gulf War prompted his return to the United States where he began studies at New Jersey's Stockton State College.

While on campus, Polikoff served as chairman of the school's United Jewish Appeal campaign and became one of only 35 people nationwide to participate in a special mission to Israel and Moscow. He seized the opportunity to take a side trip into Jordan and became one of the first Americans to tour this Arab nation.

After graduation, the Jewish Federation of Southern New Jersey sponsored Polikoff's participation in Project Otzma-a ten-month community service fellowship in Israel. There, he enjoyed such varied experiences as teaching English to Russian and Ethiopian emigres,



Team members include (l to r): Gross, Polikoff, Rosen, and Snyderman.

working on Israeli ambulance crews and volunteering at a school that serves children with cerebral palsy. Polikoff terms the fellowship "a once in a lifetime opportunity".

Israeli native Amalia Snyderman marks a return to Federation with her recent appointment as Campaign Associate. She served as Advertising/Marketing Manager for the *Jewish Voice* from 1987 to 1992 before launching a second career as a travel consultant.

Snyderman honed her leadership skills in the Israeli Defense Forces where she served as a Lieutenant in command of 80 women. After

her military service, she studied at Tel-Aviv University.

A dual citizen of the United States and Israel, Snyderman is fluent in both English and Hebrew.

The Jewish Federation of Delaware invites you to make these new faces familiar ones. Introduce yourself to these Financial Resource Development Team members during Federation's Annual Meeting on Thursday, September 6, 7:00 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center. Call 427-2100 today to let us know how many people will be attending.



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by Rachel A. Gross, Esq. Endowment Director

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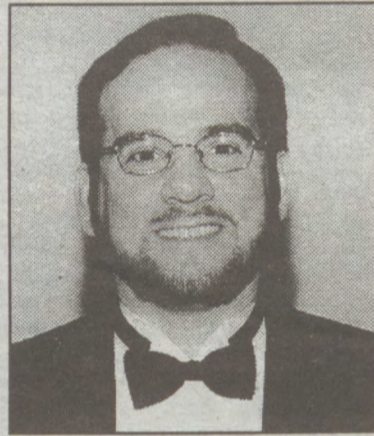
Beth Shalom Welcomes Hazzan Horwitz

By Marvin S. Cytron

In conjunction with Selichot services on September 8, Wilmington's Congregation Beth Shalom will formally welcome Hazzan G. Michael Horwitz and his wife Heidi with a dessert reception at the synagogue. The 8:30 p.m. reception will be followed by Selichot Services at approximately 10:30 p.m.

Since his youth, music and Jewish Liturgy has played a significant role in the life of this native St. Louisan. He attended the H. F. Epstein Academy, the oldest Hebrew Day School in that city of over 60,000 Jews. His great grandfather, Rabbi Jacob Boxerman, an émigré from Czarist Russia, was a charter member of Sharei Hessed Congregation, a

synagogue known for enhancing Jewish liturgical music and hosting famous cantors. Hazzan Horwitz is a graduate of Indiana University and a 1999 graduate of the H. L. Miller Cantorial School of the Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS) in New York City. He is the recipient of numerous awards including the H.L. Miller Fellowship Award and the St. Louis Circle of Jewish Music Scholarship. Active in various music circles he has performed in numerous plays and concerts including a member of a troupe that has performed at Presidential inaugurations. Hazzan Horwitz has served as cantor to synagogues in Omaha, Nebraska, Florida and New Jersey, and, as a JTS student, he served as the High Holy Day Cantor at the University of



Hazzan Horwitz

Delaware Hillel. He will also bring to our community twenty years of experience working with children at community centers, summer

camps and synagogues. While the Youth Program Coordinator of the JCC in Houston, he created a city-wide program for teens from all streams of Judaism. During this time he rekindled his deep connection with Jewish music and applied his talent and interest in his youth programs. It was during this time that he met Cantor David Propis who inspired him apply to the JTS Cantorial School. Hazzan Horwitz is a life member of Friends of Na'Amat USA and serves on the Executive Board Council of Boys

and Girls Hope. He is an accomplished distance runner and has finished 22 marathons, including four New York City Marathons.

The cantor met his wife, Heidi, on an El Al flight to Israel as both were enroute to Jerusalem for a year of study at the Hebrew University. "Heidi, P'Nukie, our Labrador mutt, and I are excited about living in Wilmington and look forward to a long and healthy relationship with Congregation Beth Shalom and the community" said Horwitz.

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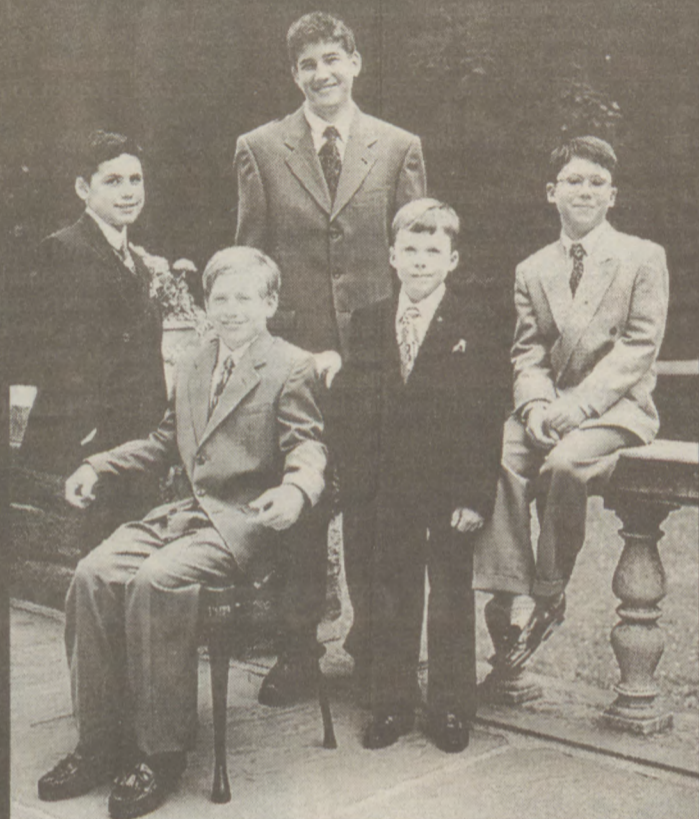
Ross showed respect for his old boss' efforts. He said Clinton was an avid reader of Israeli polls and believed that if a final agreement were reached he could sell it to the Israeli public. In fact, polls showed a very high popularity rating for

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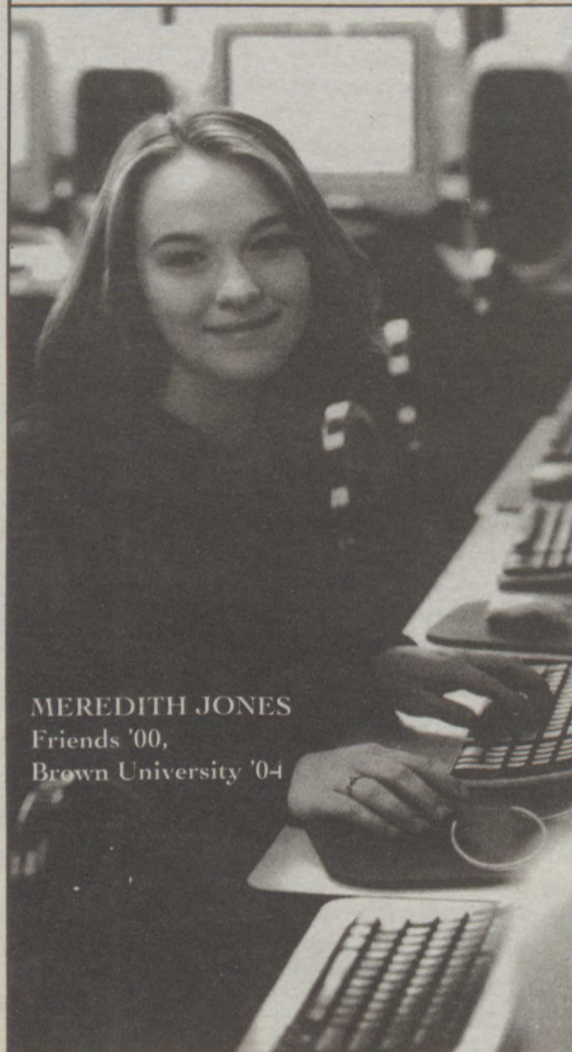
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OPINION

Jewish Historical Society ... Why Need One?

By Rabbi DAVID GEFFEN, Ph.D.

What a thrill it was for me to attend the meeting of the planning committee of the Jewish Historical Society of Delaware at the home of Toni and Stuart Young. Held during the 75th anniversary shabbat-weekend of Beth Shalom, this gathering gave me an opportunity to realize what strides this organization has taken since Bill Frank first suggested a centennial of Delaware Jewry a quarter of a century ago. Not only has the centennial been celebrated, but the archival collection of the society has grown enormously including documents, memorabilia and artifacts which would amaze not only the members of the Jewish community but also the general community.

It appears that in terms of the history of the Jewish community of the First State every quarter of a century another major step is taken to build on the solid foundation that the last 25 years has built. Interestingly, Judge Charles Keil, who came forward in the seventies to lead the society to its incorporation and first major slide show "Sights and Sites in Jewish Delaware," has returned as a very active participant in this new program of vitalization. He has been joined by his wife Barbara S. Keil, whose article on "Delaware Jewry in the Military" helped to spark Delaware's Jewish Bicentennial celebration in 1976.

The third partner is the historian of Delaware Jewry, Toni Young, who put aside her manuscript on Delaware Jews from the 1600s to 1922 in order to provide the community with outstanding leadership as president of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. Soon her manuscript will be a book. This team has been joined by a number of individuals whose names you will soon hear about. Helen Goldberg, president of the Jewish Historical Society, has charged this group to come up with plans for the immediate future and plans for the long-ranged future of the society.

Surely, many of you out there are asking why do you need a Jewish Historical Society and an archives? Of what importance is it to have records of the past when it is the present that really counts and then there is the future. Here I will recall for you the pioneering efforts of three individuals and perhaps then you will be more sensitive to what has occurred in our community.

Emile Topkis, a lawyer by education and a Rhodes scholar, was the grandson of Jacob and Rosa Topkis, the patriarch and matriarch of the Topkis family. Emile realized back in the fifties and sixties that the records of the Jews in Delaware were quite scanty. Single-handedly he began to ferret out these records and preserve them for posterity.

Since, in his own lifetime, he bridged the gap from the beginnings of organized Delaware Jewry in the 1880s and 1890s into the middle of the twentieth century, he was able to discover all types of information about individuals, organizations, businesses which he knew for a fact had Jewish connections. His invaluable notes, which have now been catalogued by the Jewish Historical Society of Delaware, provide the structure on which to build the history of the local Jewish community. First, you need someone to mine the sources and find many of the gems which are hidden there.

Bill Frank was a Delaware journalist, who at various times in his life became very Jewish minded. Fortunately, the last period of his life, he took up his Hebrew name Zev Amity and wrote for the Jewish Voice along with his articles in the city's press. Bill Frank was a maverick who never did what anyone expected of him. That is the reason he was an editorial page journalist for over a half century who was loved and hated but whom everybody read. When Bill believed in an idea, he did not rest until that idea became a reality. When Bill championed the persecuted and downtrodden, he did all he could to help. When Bill wanted to see justice done, he worked very hard to make sure that it happened.

When I got to know Bill in the early seventies, he had decided that the history of Delaware Jewry had to become a living reality. He was well aware of what Emile Topkis was doing but he wanted everyone in the state of Delaware to know about the Jew's history in this state. His first challenge was to the Rabbinical Association of Delaware. He arrived at our meeting one day in 1972 and told us that we had to have a celebration of the centennial of Delaware Jewry. "When?" we naively asked him. He said in response, "By the end of the year." Since it was then June 1972, we knew that it would take a little longer. However, his challenge planted the seed of the creation of the Jewish Historical Society of Delaware and his efforts brought into being the "historic compact" as he called it. That compact made it possible to house the archives of the Jewish Historical Society at the building of the Historical Society of Delaware for the last twenty years.

Harry Bluestone was a most knowledgeable individual. Through his efforts and those of Rabbi Krinsky and Dr. Bimbaum, the Delaware Hug Ivri was established and lasted for almost 40 years. When he was JCC director, Harry was always concerned about the preservation of records of local Jewish institutions. He was not able to find a place for the records so he decided to write historical surveys about the major Jewish communal institutions. His first was on the Jewish Family Service; then he wrote about the YMHA-JCC; next he wrote on the Kutz Home; then on Jewish education in Delaware and finally on the Jewish Federation of Delaware. We are indebted to Harry for those publications, groundbreaking in so many ways. We are also thankful that he copied out portions of source material and did preserve many minute books which came into his hands. Without his actual writings and publications, the Jewish community would have lost part of its roots.

Finding and recording the source material, inspiring the creation of the Jewish Historical Society, writing about the backgrounds of the community's Jewish institutions are the legacy of these three great people. Unless a community knows and appreciates its roots, it cannot really plan for the future. Not that the past has to give advice to the present, but it is important to be sensitive to who and what helped create the contemporary world in which we live. None of us really invent the wheel - but each of us has a chance to make it function a little better.

The planning committee will be working closely with the Historical Society in the next few months to articulate goals for 1998 and for the years which will become the 21st century. Your life in Delaware is a part of the ongoing saga of Jewish Delaware. Make sure that what you are doing is preserved for your own family's knowledge and also share it with the larger community. Your records, your photos, your memorabilia are part of the story of this Jewish community. Make sure they are not lost.

A few Delaware Jewish trivia questions to close.

1. Who is the only Delawarean to win the Nobel prize?
 2. Who is the best known Jewish Delawarean in the world?
 3. What Delaware Jewish artist's work is most seen in the world Jewish community?
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Rabbi Writes: Major Or Minor Holiday

By Rabbi MOSHE V. GOLDBLUM

Most of us would not go out of our way to see a ball game played in the minor leagues. We would consider it quite a privilege to see a major league ball game and we would go more often if we could afford it.

The holiday Hanukkah is handicapped with its being labeled a minor Jewish holiday. The major holidays are the most ancient ones for they are recorded in the Torah text in a number of instances. Hanukkah which tells of the rebellion of the Jewish people against the Antichus IV in 167 B.C.E. is an historical incident that takes place long after the completion of the text of the Torah.

Moreover, the Sager were not very happy with the Hasmonian family. The first and second generations of the Hasmonians were true Pietists and wanted to make certain that the Jewish people remained true to their faith and their culture. However, the

succeeding generations including such leaders as Alexander Janai, Aristobulus, Hycanus and even Herod became ardent Hellenists influencing their people to abandon Jewish traditions.

The Rabbis for a number of centuries wanted to forget about Hanukkah, but following the destruction of the second Temple, a spirit of nationalistic hope and cultural optimism was necessary and the victory of the Maccabees was reinstated and made popular.

Throughout these past 2000 years the Jews have accepted the responsibility to place their menorot in the window in order to publicize the holiday and the story of that accompanies it. The Menorah became a symbol of both the past and the future. The Jewish people could remember with pride the courage and self sacrifice of the Maccabees and could hope with optimism for another opportunity to resettle the land

of Israel and rebuild Jerusalem.

It may be that Hanukkah is considered a minor holiday because the halacha does not make many demands on that holiday. And yet the obligation to kindle the Menorah rests upon the shoulders of both men and women. The spirit of the Hanukkah saga (even the sad fate of Hannah and her seven sons) is so necessary today. The soldiers entering the Israeli Defense forces are minded that they are descendants of the Maccabees in mind. The Jews who are living in Israel now, no matter from whence their families may have come, are resolved to build and maintain their land as they pictured their Maccabean ancestors fighting against great odds in order to establish their own independence the presence of the powerful armies of the Syrians Greeks.

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OPINION

Israel in Spite of It All

By Rabbi PETER H. GRUMBACHER

I vividly remember the first time I traveled to Israel. It was one of the most exciting experiences of my life. Suzy and I were newlyweds and we were on our way to spend a year in Jerusalem as part of my rabbinic education. I also remember my eleventh trip to Israel last year, the one on which Pastor David Mueller and I brought an inter-faith group to share all of the wonderful points of interest for Jews and Christians alike. That trip too was among the most wonderful times I ever had. There is always something new and exciting to see and this is on my mind as my twelfth trip is being planned for June 24 to July 5, 1998.

Invariably people ask me whether we were frightened. So much is read about in the newspapers that might cause great anxiety, but quite honestly I have never been fearful while we were in Israel. Tourism is Israel's number one industry and you can be sure that everything is done to protect her visitors from danger. Fellow travelers have come back and shared this same perspective with potential tourists, but you really

have to go there yourself to understand what we are talking about. But let's leave that problem alone for awhile.

This spring Israel will be celebrating her 50th birthday and in that wonderful half-century her cities and towns have grown and so many museums and historical sites have opened for the traveler. Every time we go there is something new! Some folks have a hard time believing that a country only as large as the state of New Jersey can have enough to see and do that will keep you busy from morning until night. Those traveling to Israel for the first time never have enough; and those who have been there before would be surprised as to how many sites they did not see the first go-round. On our last trip alone we visited two places in the north which had been uncovered by archeologists in recent years and revealed elaborate and beautiful cities that would take your breath away! We planned on revisiting those places as well as landmarks such as Masada; the old city of Jerusalem; Safed, the magnificent artist colony, and so many other places which make Israel the fascinating land that it is. And, no

doubt, there'll be so much to see which is new even since the last time I visited.

I believe that Jews have an obligation to visit Israel at least once. In spite of all of the problems she faces, in spite of differences in opinion we may have with her government and her policies, in spite of the tensions between Palestinians and Israelis, and, for me, even in spite of the second-class status given to liberal Jews, there is a magnetic pull which draws me to the Jewish homeland. You might think that this is merely a commercial for my upcoming trip to Israel. You bet it is! But more than that, it is a commercial for any trip to Israel. Those who are there for even a brief period of time gain a special understanding of the place of Israel in the Jewish heart. When you come back you feel energized to make your faith and heritage an even greater part of your life. You connect with your People, appreciating the vast number of Jews who have come from all over the world yet whose roots are the same as ours.

If you are interested in joining us next June, give me a call at 764-2393. I'll be happy to answer your questions.

Taking God To Work

Would your temple accept a large contribution from a reputed mobster? When you consider buying a product, do you stop to think about whether it was made by slave labor? Would you buy stock in a company that had substandard conditions for its employees? And if Nazi Germany existed today, would America be trading with it?

These were some of the controversial questions debated at "Taking God to Work: Practicing Jewish Ethics in Our Careers," one of the most popular workshops at the recently concluded Union of American Hebrew congregations biennial convention in Dallas.

Also at the convention, the delegates supported a resolution that calls upon federal and state governments to enact legislation banning the import of products made under these conditions.

"I believe that the way we work can be an extension of our spiritual lives," said Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin of The Community Synagogue, Port Washington, NY and a noted

author on ethics in the workplace, who started off the discussion. The dichotomy that exists between the Monday through Friday "real world" and Shabbat is "psychologically and spiritually damaging," he added.

"We need to bring sanctity into the profane world. Imitating God in our work is a way of achieving holiness," Salkin said.

As business people, ethics professors and rabbis discussed the dilemmas which people face in their daily lives, those listening to the presentation added thoughts of their own. "although parts of this discussion are a gray area, we can't say it's OK to have sweatshops," said one delegate. "Our religion commands us that this is black and white."

Others said the issues are not so clear cut. If we do business with countries that have low wages, it will ultimately lead to the creation of new jobs and over time, wages will correct themselves.

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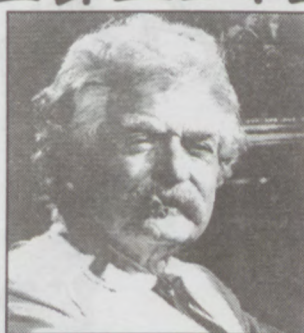
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INSIDE DELAWARE

Cantor Joel Kessler Joins AKSE



Cantor Joel Kessler

Story and Photo by Joel Glazier

Cantor Joel Kessler from Connecticut began Cantorial duties at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth in Wilmington during the hottest week in August.

He smiled as he recalls his first week. "AKSE's air conditioning did not work, there were 2 funerals in the AKSE family, the rabbi was on vacation and I became the needed 10th man for daily minyan." Cantor Joel, as he prefers to be called, added, "I was made to feel welcomed from the first day and I anticipate continued warm feelings from the community, even as the summer heat subsides."

Cantor Joel has been employed

as a High Holiday Cantor for a number of years and part-time Cantor of Congregation Beth Emeth of Larchmont, New York. For the past six years he has attended the Belz School of Jewish Music at Yeshiva University, from which he will receive his Cantorial Certificate later this year.

250 tunes for Adon Olam

"ADN - OLM" reads his Connecticut license plate. "I do have a repertoire of 250 tunes for Adon Olam—enough variety for a whole year. There are some nice ones for use at different holidays be it **Rosh Hashanah** ("Those Were The Days" hums in my mind) and even Labor Day ("Look for the Union Label" has a tune which fits nicely)." However Cantor Joel readily acknowledges that he hopes to lead a **congregation's** singing. "I want people to sing along—not let me do everything solo," he adds with total seriousness.

"One hundred of my melodies are based on old style rock n' roll tunes. Two Beatles songs particularly fit well—*Ob la Di* and *Yellow Submarine*", remarked Kessler, who as a graduate of Long Branch High School was also a member of the New Jersey All-State Chorus. He continued studying in New Jersey receiving a B.A. in Economics from Rutgers and then to NYC, earning a J.D. from St.

John's University School of Law and an LL.M. in Taxation from New York University.

Several years of Collections and Matrimony litigation did not satisfy the baritone bass vocalist Kessler. Music and singing filled his free time. Cantor Joel has had the honor of singing at several special events, both in choirs and as a soloist. He performed at the groundbreaking of the Meadowlands Complex and with Marilyn Horne at the United Nations General Assembly. He remembers singing at the inaugura-

tion of NJ Governor Brendan Byrne but one of his most memorable "gigs" was performing at Madison Square Garden in NYC.

"A choir of six of us from the Belz School stood along side President Clinton, NY Governor Pataki, Shimon Perez and Israel Chief Rabbi Yisroel Lau at the 53rd Anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising. 6,000 people were in the audience. It was truly an honor."

Chess and Family

Cantor Joel is also a certified chess coach. He has run scholastic

chess clubs in Connecticut, one of which won the State Middle School Chess Championship last year. He has already offered to start up a Chess Club at Concord High School, where his son Nathan will attend. His daughter Rachel will attend Barnard College this year. Cantor Joel has been married to his wife Arleen for 22 years and once they are established in Wilmington, look out for the Delaware vanity tag, proudly reading "ADN-OLM". It will belong to AKSE's Cantor Joel Kessler.

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riage and conversion will also be discussed.

This year the class will be hosted by Congregation Beth Emeth - Wilmington, DE, Congregation Beth Shalom - Wilmington, DE, and Temple Beth El - Newark, DE. The class will meet one night a week from 7:00-9:30 p.m. The night of the week will be determined according to which Synagogue is hosting for that week.

There will be an orientation for the class on September 12, 2001 at Temple Beth El in Newark, DE. Participants are encouraged to attend as the class schedule and part of the materials will be given out that evening. The actual class

will start on October 16, 2001 and run through April 30, 2002. Rabbi Peter Grumbacher, Rabbi Steven Leapman, Rabbi Daniel Satlow, and Rabbi David Kaplan will be the instructors.

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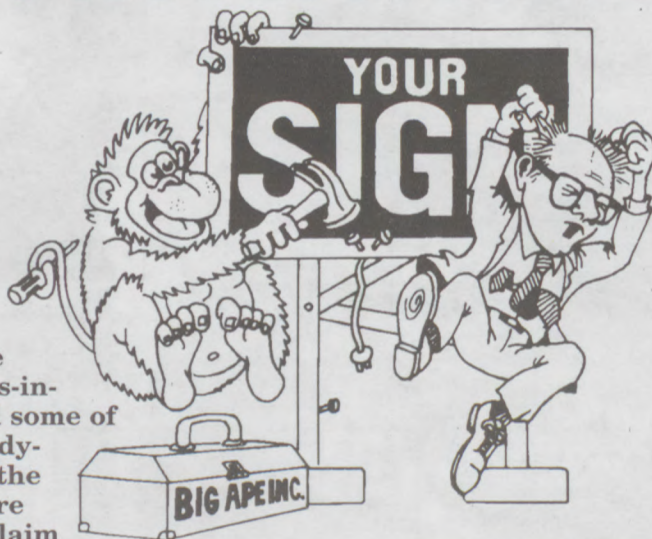
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For further information about the Melton School, please contact Marion Hamermesh at 302 478-5660 x 207. For information about scholarships please contact Wendy Weingartner at (302) 478-5660 x 205.

Mark Your Calendars For The Adult Institute Of Jewish Studies

A Jewish New Year is dawning. The time is now to mark your calendars for the 2001 Adult Institute of Jewish Studies. Intriguing topics ranging from "American Jewish Life through Theatre", to "Going KabBalistic" to "Exploring the Jewish Internet" and much, much more will be taught by respected community leaders during a series of Wednesday evenings, October 17th through November 14. Classes will be offered from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. and 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., enabling participants to enjoy two classes each evening. All classes will be offered at the Delaware JCC in North Wilmington. A nominal registration fee of \$20 per person includes two courses plus admission to a Sunday, November 18th, 7:30 p.m. program featuring CBS Radio and TV Correspondent Dan Raviv. Raviv is a recognized expert on America's relationship with Israel.

Registration for all Adult Institute of Jewish Studies classes can be mailed to the JCC of Delaware, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington, DE 19803. Attention: Adult Institute or can be dropped off at the JCC Front Desk or participating synagogues.

Israel Bonds Honors Markell



Jack A. Markell

The Delaware Committee of State of Israel Bonds will honor State Treasurer Jack A. Markell on Sunday, September 16. The 5:30 p.m. reception and dinner will be held at the Delaware Art Museum in Wilmington.

Markell will receive the Declaration of Independence Award in recognition of his life-long support of the Israel Bonds program to build and develop Israel's economy.

This Newark native has personally invested in Israel Bonds since the age of 13 and has frequently visited the Jewish State.

Markell has served as Delaware's Treasurer since 1998. Prior to his election, he held a number of senior management positions with McKinsey and Company, Nextel Communications and Comcast Corporation.

Toni and Stuart B. Young will serve as Dinner chairs along with Michael A. Begatto, president of the Delaware AFL-CIO. Honorary chairs include Governor Ruth Ann Minner, Lt. Governor John C. Carney, Jr., Senator Joseph R. Biden, Jr., Senator Thomas Carper, U.S. Representative Michael N. Castle, New Castle County Executive Thomas P. Gordon, New Castle County President Christopher A. Coons and Wilmington Mayor James M. Baker are Honorary Chairs of the event.

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ISRAEL FOCUS

U.S. Jews Try To Strip Arafat Of Nobel Prize

By Michelle Dardashti
JTA

Frustrated by what they consider Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat's renewed embrace of violence, a group of young American Jewish professionals has launched an Internet petition to revoke Arafat's Nobel Peace Prize. Located at www.revoketheprize.org, the petition asks "all people of morality and good faith to stand up and express their anger and disappointment in Mr. Arafat by calling for the revocation of his Nobel Peace Prize."

One of the organizers, Mark Semer, said the petition, which has been up since the end of June, has almost 10,000 signatures.

"We believe that the peace prize

gives Arafat legitimacy as a peace-maker that he does not deserve," Semer said, adding that the site is not affiliated with any political organization or religious denomination.

The desire to strip Arafat of his Nobel was born almost as soon as he received it.

Together with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, Arafat received the peace prize in December 1994, a year after he agreed to renounce decades of violent opposition to the State of Israel and resolve Israeli-Palestinian differences peacefully.

The decision to reward Arafat was harshly criticized in the Jewish community — and beyond. One

member of the Nobel prize committee even resigned in protest.

Americans for Peace Now was one of the few groups in the Jewish world to back Arafat's prize in 1994. Lewis Roth, the group's assistant executive director, called the new petition — and similar attempts to discredit Arafat since the Palestinian uprising began last September — "unproductive."

"Problematic though he is, he is still the only address that Israel has to pursue negotiations," Roth said.

But one long-standing Arafat critic, Zionist Organization of America President Morton Klein, backs the drive.

"It is a perpetual stain on the Nobel Peace Prize until he is removed from the list of peace

prize winners," Klein said.

It's not clear what practical effect the petition could have.

Semer, a New York public relations consultant, is hopeful that the Nobel Commission will be compelled at least to consider the proposal if the petition reaches a "critical mass."

Arafat is not the only one of the 1994 winners to come in for criticism.

Last spring, shortly after Labor Party leader Peres agreed to serve as foreign minister in Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's unity government, an Israeli Arab lawmaker said his Nobel should be revoked.

Sharon is reviled in the Arab world for his role in the 1982 massacre of Palestinians by Lebanese

Christians at two refugee camps in Lebanon. An Israeli inquiry commission found Sharon indirectly responsible because, as defense minister, he failed to foresee and prevent the killing.

"The sooner both sides can get past the name calling and finger pointing, the sooner there will be improvements" for both Israelis and Palestinians, Roth said.

Semer maintains that his primary goal is peace — but his current concern is the welfare of the Jewish people.

"Right now there's a great deal of pain and suffering in Israel," Semer said. The petition "is something that, as American Jews, we believe is a constructive effort in support of the state — in support of Israel."

Sen. McCain To Help Find Kidnapped Israelis

By Sharon Samber
JTA

For 10 months, the families of four Israelis kidnapped by Hezbollah have been waiting for their loved ones to return home.

Now the families have found a new source of hope, after U.S. lawmakers and Jewish groups indicated that the families' crusade has not been forgotten and that a new effort will be launched to get the four back.

But amid the uncertainty they have had to contend with since the abductions, the families now have to deal with a U.N. report indicating that as many as three of the four kidnap victims may have suffered serious injuries when they were abducted across the Israeli-Lebanese border — and that some or all of them may no longer be alive.

Last October, Hezbollah gunmen kidnapped three Israeli soldiers — Benny Avraham, Adi Avitan and Omar Souad — from a disputed border area known as Shabaa Farms.

Shortly after, Hezbollah kidnapped an Israeli businessman, Elhanan Tannenbaum, who also serves as a colonel in the Israeli reserves.

Last week, appearing outside the U.S. Senate, Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) announced he would take part in an international commission to get information about the four and secure their release.

There has been no word from Hezbollah about the condition or fate of

the prisoners despite repeated attempts by the families and the International Red Cross to gain information and access to the men.

"These families deserve to know," McCain said when he made his announcement Aug. 2.

McCain also said he would work with Sen. Joseph Biden (D-Del.) on legislation calling for increased U.S. involvement in the effort to bring the four Israelis home.

His comment came one day before U.N. officials released a report indicating that the three Israeli soldiers who were kidnapped suffered serious, possibly even critical, injuries.

Many feel McCain's prominence will speed along a solution and that the senator's personal history will raise the issue's profile.

In 1967, McCain, a naval avia-

tor, was shot down over Vietnam and held as a POW in Hanoi for five-and-a-half years, much of it in solitary confinement.

"All of Israel appreciates his efforts," Mark Regev, spokesman for the Israeli Embassy in Washington, said last week.

McCain accepted a pin depicting a blue ribbon of solidarity for the MIAs. Many officials wore stickers that read "Adi, Benjamin, Omar — Mother is Waiting."

The atmosphere at last week's announcement on the Senate steps — attended by the World Jewish Congress, the American Jewish Committee and other groups — was disturbed somewhat by protesters who shouted and held placards with such anti-Israel slogans as: "Condemn Israel's Aggression" and "Free Palestinian POWs in Israel."

The families of the four kidnap victims came to Washington to thank those involved with the increased efforts, including Israeli Ambassador David Ivry and former U.S. Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger.

The family members were hopeful, but their words were mixed with pain.

After so many disappointments, Avitan's father, Ya'acov, said he was optimistic that this is now "a turning point."

Saoud's father, Qassem, said his son's children, ages 3 and 5, cry for their father every day.

Tannenbaum's son, Ori, said, "I am haunted by anxiety day and night."

Avraham Burg, the speaker of the Israeli Knesset, said he wants to continue pressuring the United Nations and the Red Cross and drumming up international support.

"This is a process which addresses the conscience of the world," he said.

A day later, U.N. officials provided some information about the kidnapping of the three soldiers.

In an 18-page report released last Friday, the officials presented the findings of an internal U.N. investigation into the handling of a videotape shot at the scene hours after the three soldiers were kidnapped.

After denying for months that a videotape existed, U.N. officials reversed course last month and

ordered an investigation.

The report included the assessment of a senior U.N. peacekeeper in Lebanon that the three soldiers may have died from their wounds.

It also indicated that there were not one but two videotapes.

The report acknowledged that U.N. officials had failed to keep Israel informed, but that this had resulted from "lapses in judgment and failures to communicate, not from conspiracies."

The report left open questions regarding the role some U.N. peacekeepers may have played in the kidnapping.

Israeli officials later said they appreciated U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan's willingness to launch an investigation. But the officials criticized The United Nations for taking so long to offer information about the soldiers' possible condition.

Defense Minister Benjamin Ben-Eliezer said this week the Israeli defense establishment is working under the assumption that the soldiers are still alive.

"We have no information to say they are not alive," Ben-Eliezer said in television interviews over the weekend.

An Israeli team will travel to New York to review items collected by U.N. forces from the vehicles Hezbollah used in the kidnapping.

Bloodstained items are expected to be checked by a third party, most likely the World Health Organization, for identification, and the results will then be conveyed to Israel.

Haim Avraham, father of one of the kidnapped soldiers, protested that the Israeli team has to travel to New York.

"This information in my opinion should be sent to Israel. We claimed all the time that the U.N. has a videotape of the kidnapping and items belonging to the soldiers."

Avraham also said he believed U.N. officials have additional "important details about the kidnapping of the boys, which must be disclosed."

For months, contacts have been held via third parties regarding an exchange of the Israeli abductees for Arab prisoners held by Israel.

Portions of one of the videos have already been broadcast on Israel's Channel Two Television.



Former Vietnam POW Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.), pictured here during a recent AIPAC appearance, will be part of a new international commission seeking to locate and free three Israeli soldiers and an Israeli businessman kidnapped by Hezbollah. CREDIT: AIPAC

They show U.N. officials trying to tow two cars that were apparently used by the kidnapers and later abandoned.

A U.N. spokesman who viewed the video said that the cars contained bloodstains, explosive materials and equipment belonging to the U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon, as the peacekeepers are known.

According to reports, the cars had forged UNIFIL license plates.

Rallies and protests over the past several months have sought to increase awareness about the four kidnap victims.

At a rally last month in New York, campers from Young Judaea's Tel Yehudah solicited signatures for a petition calling on U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell and other political leaders to take action on behalf of the missing Israelis.

Israel has also been seeking information about three soldiers missing

in action in Lebanon since 1982.

Zachariah Baumel, Zvi Feldman and Yehuda Katz disappeared June 11, 1982, in the Battle of Sultan Yakoub at the beginning of Israel's war in Lebanon.

Their families have since launched an international effort to obtain information regarding their whereabouts.

In 1999, President Clinton signed a law that requires the United States to raise the cases of the three MIAs when it meets with the governments of Syria, Lebanon and the Palestinian Authority.

In addition, the law calls on U.S. officials to take into consideration the willingness of the three governments to help secure the return of such soldiers when considering financial aid.

(JTA correspondent Naomi Segal in Jerusalem contributed to this report.)

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MATTER OF OPINION

Ranting About the Middle East

By Mitchell Bard

The events in Israel make you want to alternately scream and cry. For lack of any alternative, let me rant about some of the outrageous notions being bandied about in the press and government about the causes and solutions.

The rush to Mitchell. Lack of imagination, foresight and courage has led the Bush Administration to throw all its energy – that is, the little it has directed to the region – behind the implementation of the Mitchell Plan. Of course, what they really want is Israel to stop building settlements in the vain hope that this will satisfy the Palestinians enough to get them to reach some final agreement. The Bushies, like their predecessors, don't care about Palestinian compliance with Mitchell or any other agreement: they just want Sharon to start counting the seven days of "calm" the Prime Minister required (and the U.S. agreed to) before implementing Mitchell even as terrorists are mur-

dering Israelis on a daily basis.

Israel's policy is counterproductive because it prompts revenge attacks. This has become the conventional wisdom simply because the Palestinians vow revenge for every Israeli retaliatory or preemptive action. The notion falsely assumes the Palestinians wouldn't be attacking Israel anyway. The Palestinians who are blowing themselves up for the glory associated with murdering innocent men, women and children would do so even if Israel withdrew to the 1967 border. These fanatics won't be satisfied with anything short of the disappearance of Israel. Only ostriches believe otherwise.

Arafat "can't." How often do we hear that Yasir Arafat can't control all the militants in the Palestinian Authority, or that he dare not for fear of provoking a civil war? What other leader is held to such a low standard? Why shouldn't he be required to control his constituents and to do what is necessary to insure

calm? The idea that he can't is pure nonsense. In the last week Arafat has sentenced five Palestinian "collaborators" to death. He certainly has no difficulty taking care of his enemies, so let him arrest every member of Hamas and Islamic Jihad and, if they're guilty of terrorism, execute them with the same efficiency.

State's hypocrisy. Iraq poses little or no threat to the U.S. and yet we didn't hesitate to bomb Baghdad and kill whomever was in the way in 1991 and now respond to Iraqi anti-aircraft fire at our planes with retaliatory strikes. I don't want to hear lectures from the State Department decrying Israeli actions to protect its population and respond to Palestinian provocations. The Administration's major concern now is that the Palestinian-Israeli violence is interfering with efforts to garner support for new Iraqi sanctions. Put bluntly, the sanctions don't work, so the idea of undermining Israel's security in the hope

of getting the Arabs to go along with our failed Iraqi policy is a serious mistake.

Moral equivalence. Every newspaper story equates Palestinian snipers targeting Israeli children with Palestinian civilians inadvertently killed in Israeli retaliatory strikes. Stories about Palestinian suicide bombers emphasize the fact the terrorist had a wife and kids as though they deserve sympathy. The disproportionate casualty figures are cited as if the conflict was a sporting event and the Palestinians are "winning" because they have more dead. Frankly, that's a game I want to lose.

Israelis are bloodthirsty. Tragically, much Palestinian blood has been shed; however, not a single Palestinian would have been injured if they had not chosen the path of violence. If their kids were in school or in their homes, they would not be in danger. When innocents are killed by Israeli forces, the Israeli public agonizes. Everyone debates the wisdom of the policy and investigations

are launched into the circumstances. When Palestinians murder Israelis, there is only applause. After the bombing in Jerusalem, the New York Times ran pictures of Palestinians dancing in the streets.

If only Israel had better PR. The best PR for Israel, unfortunately, is the actions of Palestinian terrorists. All the millions now being spent for PR won't have the same impact. At the same time, all those millions might have been tossed in the bonfire when a group of extremist Jews shot up a car full of innocent Palestinians. A war is going on and public opinion is primarily going to be shaped by the events.

It's good to get this all off my chest. I wish I felt better, but I don't.

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American City Rises In Rehovot

By Nechemia Meyers

Rehovot, south of Tel Aviv, needs a lot of things, including more public gardens, better schools, a modern cultural center, cleaner sidewalks and additional activities for its youth. What it doesn't need is another mall, as there are a dozen of them within a radius of five miles. But that is just what Rehovot is getting.

Moreover, it is not just an ordinary mall; its promoters grandiosely call it American City—apparently on the assumption that anything "American" will attract customers. The name also accords with the current tendency to use English words even when perfectly good Hebrew equivalents exist. So a chain that sells appliances calls itself Best Buy and when a younger Israeli talks about having a discussion with someone, he uses the phrase "I'dasces" (to discuss) rather

than "L'sohaiach", as his father would have done.

Linguistic issues aside, my wife is very enthusiastic about American City because of the huge, new supermarket on the bottom floor of the still-to-be completed structure. The store boasts not only bargain prices, but also an extraordinary selection of products arranged in tasteful displays, as well as aisles much broader than is usually the case in this country. And, in a first for Israel, it provides youngsters to bag your purchases after you have paid for them at one of its 25 checkout counters.

It is hard to imagine that this country didn't have a single supermarket a few decades ago. Moreover, when the first one opened in the center of Tel Aviv, it was picketed for many long weeks by proprietors of mom-and-pop grocery shops, but to no avail. Every town now has several super-

markets, albeit few are in the same league as the one in American City.

Despite the supers, there are still quite a few corner groceries—now called minimarkets. While their prices are higher and their variety of products much sparser, they still attract some customers because they are conveniently close by and open several hours before the supermarkets. Still more important for the many Israelis who live from overdraft to overdraft, they allow their patrons to sign for purchases and to pay once a month or even less frequently. Be that as it may, their survival is doubtful.

Exactly the same development took place a little later where modern drug stores are concerned. The first ones opened up despite fierce opposition from existing pharmacies, which were just that; they sold pharmaceuticals and almost nothing else. Now most Israelis buy their drugs and many other prod-



Rehovot is infused with the American spirit.

ucts at Superpharms (or other chains), at least one of which will undoubtedly have an outlet at American City.

This mall will also have its very own McDonalds, which is not surprising in view of the fact that the company has expanded more rap-

idly in this country than anywhere else in the world. In fact, the average local kid out for a snack would choose a Big Mac over a traditional Israeli falafel any day of the week. But then he too, wherever his residence, lives in "American City".

AGENCY CHAILIGHTS

JFS Honors Its Volunteers

Jewish Family Service of Delaware hosted its first annual Volunteer Appreciation Ceremony to acknowledge nearly 90 individuals and groups. The Jewish Volunteer Network, a component of the Kimmel-Spiller Jewish Healing Center, honored the various ways in which volunteers are providing service to our community. JFS Executive Director Dori Zatuschni said that contributions made by volunteers "exemplify the Jewish tradition of tzedakah."

Arlene Johnson and Matt Friedman shared testimonials about their volunteer experiences. Johnson spoke about her experience providing companionship and connection to an older adult. Moved by the impact of this new relationship in her own life, Arlene

referred to her client as "a gift from G-d."

Friedman, whose volunteer work is with a team of youth through JFS's Adolescent Enrichment and Achievement Program at the Greater Newark Boys & Girls Club, explained that his mentoring relationship with this team has led Matt to possibly developing a career working with adolescents. Matt noted his surprise and delight with the breadth of services Jewish Family Service provides to the community.

Special honors were awarded to Marcia Kimmel and Sharon Sternberg. Said Zatuschni, "It is Marcia's vision, undertaking and ongoing financial and emotional support that initiated the Jewish Volunteer Network more than a

year ago. Marcia has a commitment to and love for Jewish community, and her faith in Jewish Family Service has impacted many other lives in our community, including volunteers and recipients of volunteer service."

Sharon Sternberg was presented Jewish Family Service's 2001 Volunteer of the Year Award. Sharon tutors students, is active in her synagogue, helps with the Mitzvah basket program, and has provided companionship to a JFS client. The client, who wrote to express Sharon's impact on her own life, referred to Sharon as a "sister", and expressed her blessings for Sharon.

Special acknowledgement is made to the Pollyanna Foundation for its financial support.

Morissa Sher, Volunteer Coordinator, spoke of volunteers Nick and Draga Slijepcevic, who were this year's recipients of Governor Ruth Ann Minner's

Outstanding Volunteer Award. Nick and Draga have helped over 40 refugees coming in to Delaware from Yugoslavia through JFS's Émigré Services Department.



Enjoying the luncheon are Dori Zatuschni, JFS executive director, Marcia Kimmel, Morissa Sher and Sharon Sternberg.

JEWISH LIFESTYLES

Livin' Jewish On Canada's Prince Edward Island

By Bram Eisenthal
JTA

Can a tiny Jewish community of no more than 50, in a Canadian province of 180,000, find happiness and Judaism during the High Holidays? If you're one of the Jews of Prince Edward Island, the answer is a definite yes.

One of Canada's prettiest, smallest and poorest provinces, PEI is really something to see. Stunning beaches dot the landscape, some encircled by the iron-rich red clay cliffs that give the island its distinctive look. Natural habitats abound. There are 20 golf courses serving residents and tourists, including many Americans who flock to this part of Eastern Canada during the summer months.

"Anne of Green Gables" creator Lucy Maud Montgomery hailed from PEI — and Anne resonates everywhere, particularly in the picturesque Green Gables House in the Cavendish region.

And, yes, there are Jews here, too. No synagogue, mind you — the only Canadian province not to have at least one. The closest one is found in Moncton, New Brunswick, some two hours away by car. Yet the island Jews make due as best they can. One veteran community member, Joe Naylor, even manages to keep kosher. Quite a feat, seemingly, but local stores like the Sobey's grocery

chain have been stocking the required kosher foods at Passover. Naylor and his wife, Jane, bring a freezer-full of kosher meat in from Montreal once a year. A regional kosher farmer's cheese is not marked as such, but a rabbi in Halifax, Nova Scotia, keeps a vigilant eye on its production.

Naylor, a Toronto-born doctorate educated in Munich, Germany, is a source of inspiration, education and leadership for the Jewish islanders. He'll tell you how there was a branch here of the London Society for Promoting Christianity among the Jews in the latter part of the 19th century — but no Jews to try to convert. The first recorded Jewish settler arrived at the turn of the 20th century and, Naylor reveals, a newspaper reported that the Jews of Charlottetown, the capital, celebrated Passover in 1908. That's about the time the Block brothers, Louis, Israel and Abie, arrived from Latvia, sired three families and became prominent entrepreneurs. Sarah, the widow of Abie's son Maurice, still resides on the island.

In 1998, when Naylor was presented with the Atlantic Jewish Council's Community Service Award, he noted in his acceptance speech that "Jews don't come to Prince Edward Island for 'yidishkeit.'"

"(But) we have learned a lot living on PEI, and I thought I might

pass on a bit of those lessons to you, in case you come from a small community to which our experience might be relevant and helpful."

While many Jewish islanders are older and include several noted authors, young Jews are in evidence on the island as well.

Oliver Sauve, 18, and his girlfriend, Aislin, 19, have been dating during their years at Bluefield High School. Oliver's mother, Julia Sauve, is a Russian Jew who lived in Brooklyn before she married his dad, former Montreal businessman Eugene Sauve. The family operates the intimate Landmark Cafe in quaint Victoria-By-the-Sea. Oliver can be found at the cafe during the summers, a prominent Star of David hanging around his neck as he waits tables.

This fall, they will both attend the University of PEI in Charlottetown, where Oliver plans to study psychology and anthropology, while exploring his options for a career in criminology elsewhere. He says, however, that there isn't a future for him and Aislin on the island.

"I'd love to keep our house here and return often," he said. "But island life isn't too exciting. I've seen very little of it so far, but it's a big world out there and I want to experience it. I really want to see Israel some day. My girlfriend went and loved it."

Anti-Semitism, Oliver stated, isn't a big concern on PEI, but it does exist. "We have some skinheads who appear from time to time, but I haven't had a problem with them," he said. "And during a football game at school, one guy gave me a hard time and used some racist language."

"Most kids know what my Star of David is, and it's OK with them. A kid once asked me if it had to do with witchcraft, though," he said, laughing.

Since 1996, Rabbi David Ellis has taken care of the islanders' spiritual needs. Ellis services the smaller maritime communities from his base at the Atlantic Jewish Council, in Halifax. In addition to performing a Bar Mitzvah on the island that year, Ellis also led High Holiday services.

"We held the services at a B&B, and it was really unique," Ellis said. "We even went down to the ocean for Tashlich," the service at the end of Rosh Hashanah when Jews cast away their sins.

The rabbi pointed out that the tiny community is unique in other ways.

"Although the people are not that observant, they come at Judaism from an intellectual point of view," he said. "They have had a study group for a number of years."

"What's especially nice is that PEI's community members look

out for one another. If someone is sick, everyone goes to the hospital to visit."

Ellis said he believes the reason so little anti-Semitism exists on the island is that there are "members of other ethnic groups here as well, trying to preserve their heritage."

"They can understand where Jews are coming from and, hence, there is very little hatred."

Still, island life for Jews here is different than life in many other North American locales. In "The Heart," a story in his 1993 anthology "Dancing at the Club Holocaust," author J.J. Steinfeld describes an encounter between an island bartender and a Jewish patron named Isaac, whom the bartender had identified as German.

"German Jews are not Germans," Isaac declared.

"Sorry, what do I know," the bartender quickly apologized. "We don't have many Jewish people on the island. To tell you the truth, I don't remember ever serving one."

"We're lucky to have 25 on the whole island," the man on Isaac's left offered with a head shake of authority, appearing to count elusive Jews in the air.

"Maybe 30, 35, tops," the bartender added.

"At least you got a minyan," Isaac said to everyone's confusion.

On PEI, it's at least that much. And a whole lot more.

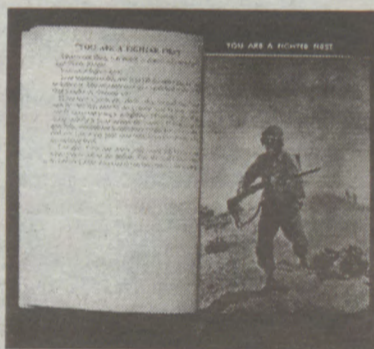
A Soldier's Story:

Intimate Artifacts Of World War II

An exhibition of large-format color photographs, opens Sunday, September 9, at the National Museum of American Jewish History.

The exhibition, dedicated to all veterans, is a tribute by Gelles to her late father-in-law, Sidney Gelles,

who served during World War II. She has created a series of still-life images of military artifacts that he preserved, which are accompanied by a selection of objects. The exhibition provides an intimate perspective on military service, reflecting the personal meaning the Second World



The manual *From Combat First Aid: How to Save Life in Battle* was one of many issued to servicemen. Shortly after World War II, the Jewish War Veterans of America calculated that Jewish soldiers were awarded a total of 52,000 decorations, citations and awards. Approximately 11,000 Jews died for their country. Photo by Judy Gelles

War had for Jewish Americans.

Jewish men and women were wholehearted participants in World War II. Half of all Jewish men of military age served in the war, with 550,000 represented in all branches of the military.

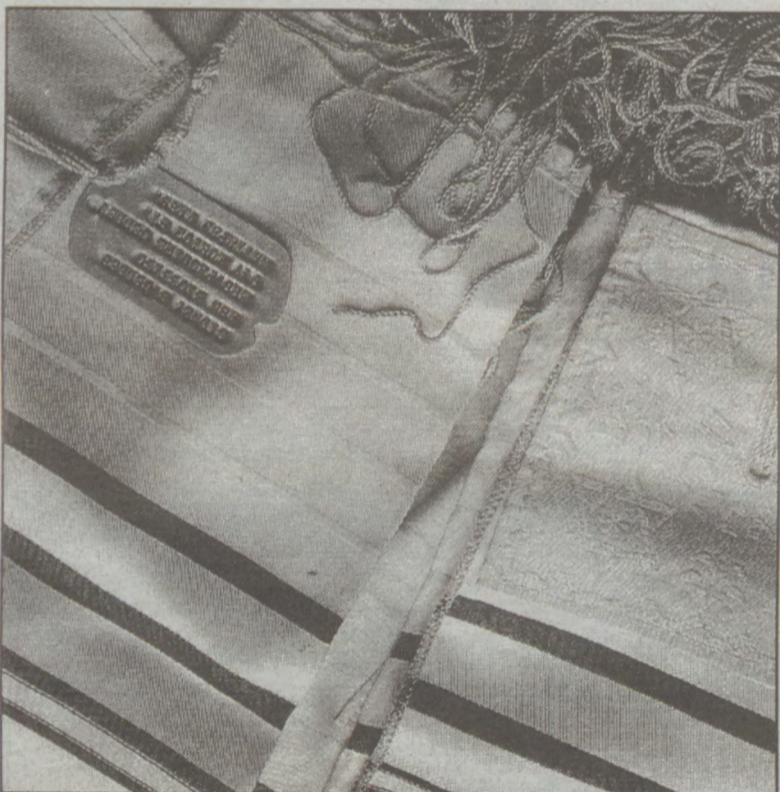
Sidney Gelles was drafted into the Army in 1940, when he was 24. He was about to be sent to Japan at the time the war ended in August 1945. He served in Washington, D.C., in the 36th Coast Artillery Brigade, Anti Aircraft, a unit designated to defend the nation's capital in case of attack.

When Judy Gelles, who was very close to her father-in-law until his death in 1986, discovered his World War II memorabilia she decided to photograph the artifacts for exhibition.

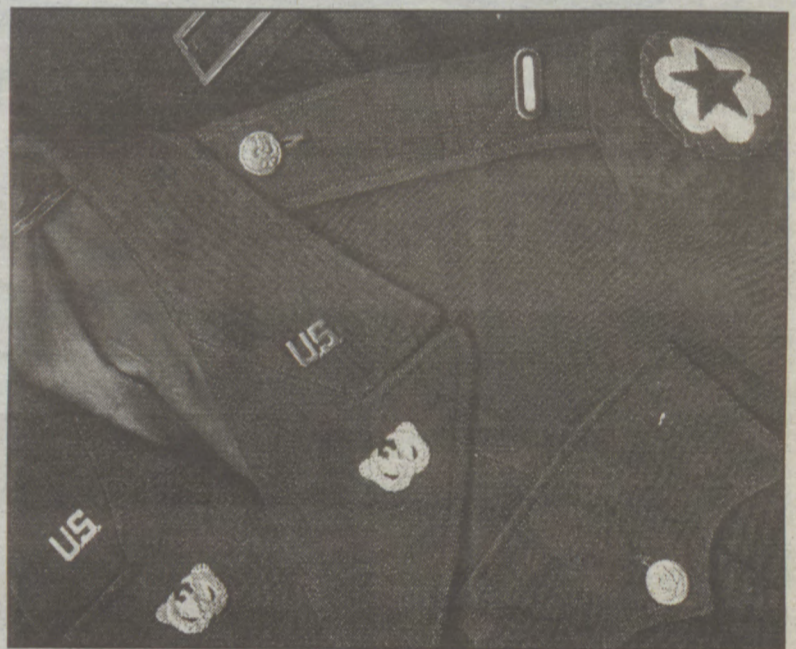
Judy Gelles, who received her MFA in photography from the Rhode Island School of Design in 1991, has received many grants and awards. She has exhibited her work extensively in solo and group exhibitions throughout the country. Her photographs are in numerous museum collections, including Boston's

Museum of Fine Arts, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art and the Philadelphia Museum of Art. She is on the faculty of the University of the Arts in Philadelphia.

The National Museum of American Jewish History, located at 55 North 5th Street, Independence Mall East, in Philadelphia, presents educational programs and experiences that preserve, explore and celebrate the history of Jews in America. For additional information, call the Museum at 215-923-3811.



Sidney Gelles' tallit and dog tag. Gelles kept the tallit, a prayer shawl, with him throughout the war. Half of all Jewish men of military age (18-44) most of them native born, served in the armed forces during World War II. Photo by Judy Gelles



Jacket of World War II veteran Sidney Gelles. His final rank was chief warrant officer in the U.S. Army. Photo by Judy Gelles

JEWISH ARTS AND CULTURE

Jewish Art Gets A Makeover

By Julie Wiener, JTA

A women's tefillin set with a beaded velvet box and blue satin straps.

A silver kiddush cup in which ceremonial wine passes through a delicately-crafted silver net formed from the Hebrew word for "blessed."

A sukkah with brightly painted walls made of the long, plastic strips found in industrial-sized refrigerators — and furnished with stools and a mirrored table symbolizing the self-reflection expected during the High Holidays.

This is not your parents' Judaica.

For years, Jewish ritual objects and Jewish fine arts have occupied very different domains.

Ceremonial objects, mostly produced by artisans, often mimicked traditional styles and — while beautiful and useful — were not necessarily cutting-edge artistically.

Jewish fine arts pieces, in contrast, have generally been more about aesthetics and ideas than ritual function.

But partly due to the encouragement of several Jewish institutions, numerous Jewish and non-Jewish artists are using their skills and creativity to reinterpret items used in Jewish worship.

"There's more blurring of the lines between art and functional Judaica," said Susan Braunstein, curator of archaeology and Judaica for the Jewish Museum in New York.

The Jewish Museum recently created a staff position focusing on "contemporary ceremonial art," and is seeking artists who are "working within tradition but pushing the boundaries," Braunstein said.

The Reform movement's Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion recently marked the seminary's 125th anniversary by inviting 153 artists to create "contemporary and innovative works of Jewish ceremonial art," according to the catalog for the resulting exhibition.

Since 1994, the Spertus Museum of the Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies in Chicago has sponsored biennial competitions focusing on specific ceremonial objects. The Jewish Museum in San Francisco also sponsors competitions for Jewish ritual objects.

A new national project — called Avoda: Objects of the Spirit — reaches out to young Jewish artists with workshops in which they create avant-garde ceremonial objects.

Spertus — which gets 150 to 180 entrants for each competition — has offered prizes for Torah scroll covers, Chanukah menorahs, seder plates and Havdalah spice boxes, and has created exhibits of the top pieces. The next prize will be for mezuzot.

"The people who designed them are not just artisans; they're architects, they're designers and, as a result, the pieces we receive are extremely unusual and avant garde, even ones where they're basing the designs on traditional ideas," said Olga Weiss, Spertus' curator for special exhibitions.

In the HUC exhibit — which will become a permanent feature

with rotating artwork — pieces included Torah scrolls, tzedakah boxes, spice boxes for Havdalah, mezuzot, seder plates, matzah covers and chupot, or wedding canopies.

The new pieces experiment with a variety of materials, ranging from fabric, gems, wood and silver to old Jewish National Fund tins and — in the case of a Miriam's cup, for a new feminist Passover ritual — a pomegranate skin.

Many also offer a modern spin on Jewish rituals.

For example, an embroidered and painted matzah cover created by Judy Chicago of New Mexico — who is nationally known for her feminist art — has images of three women in the Hagaddah, personalities who generally don't get a lot of attention in the retelling of the Exodus story. A sukkah has wooden chairs painted and decorated with objects that symbolize biblical heroines such as Esther and Sarah.

A feather and candle for use in checking the home for foods that cannot be eaten during Passover sits in a silver tractor reminiscent of those used on kibbutzim.

While most artists created new versions of existing ritual objects, some developed pieces for new rituals. Michael Berkowitz of New York made a large purple and black paper cut amulet to protect those around it from "madness" and depression.

Ayana Friedman of Jerusalem created "Deborah's Throne," a chair covered with crimson velvet, for baby girls to sit on during the simchat bat, or girls' naming ceremony, a relatively new ritual. Friedman, who also created the blue velvet women's tefillin, describes the piece as "the feminist response to the 'Elijah's Throne' on which baby boys are circumcised."

Arnold Schwarzbart of Knoxville, Tenn., created a sarcophagus for old etrogs, the citrus fruit used during Sukkot.

"The artists are not trying to

replicate and simply reiterate the forms of the past, which is what you basically find for the most part in a lot of high-priced Jewish shops," said Jean Bloch Rosensaft, exhibitions director for HUC.

"They're trying to make Judaica that speaks to the consciousness of our own time."

Berkowitz, 48, whose work has appeared in a variety of Jewish and secular venues, sees his interest in Jewish art as part of a larger trend of artists "going back to their roots as inspiration."

Berkowitz grew up attending yeshiva and, as a child, wanted to be a rabbi until he became more interested in art.

"For me, the impulse has always been the same," he said. "I've seen being an artist as something of a spiritual guide between the divine and the mundane."

It has not always been so easy finding a niche for his work.

While the symbols of other faiths often make their way into fine arts pieces, Berkowitz said, "there's a big resistance to people looking at anything with Jewish calligraphy or Jewish symbolism as being anything other than Judaica. And the Judaica audience is very traditional and resists anything that looks too different."

However, he said, that is starting to change.

Alyssa Dee Krauss, 38, of Leeds, Mass., who created the kiddush cup with the silver netting, welcomed the HUC exhibit for its "contemporary and more updated questioning of traditional practices."

"There's a little pushing of that edge, of contemporary accepted standard ways of doing things," Krauss said. "Whenever I see that I'm always excited."

Both HUC and Spertus distributed reference materials on Judaism and rituals in order to help guide the artists — who range from those working primarily in Jewish themes to those who have little Jewish education to those who are



The winning Torah cover, by Temma Gentles and Dorothy Ross, in one of the Spertus Museum of Chicago's ceremonial objects competitions.

not even Jewish — in re-imagining the objects.

The Jewish Museum, which is approaching some Jewish and non-Jewish artists, is developing a guide that will explain Jewish ritual objects to artists, craftspeople and industrial designers not familiar with the requirements of the rituals.

"The artists become very educated in the topic, trying to find new ways of expressing the ritual," Weiss said. "They don't take it at face value, as this is how it's always been, but let's look further into the meaning of the symbolism. Then

they come up with different symbols, different ideas."

While ritual objects available in most shops are generally mass-produced and more traditional than these new works, the new artworks will likely influence the mass-produced designs in the coming decade.

The new HUC pieces range in price from \$75 to \$75,000 — and many are being purchased by synagogues and individuals.

"Apparently there's a demand for something that's a little different," Weiss said.

"Now You Don't Have To Call Your Mother"

A Collection of Recipes by Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation

Book Review by Malchie Glazier

"No, I don't need another cookbook," I remember telling my children when they showed me the brand new title. But I am glad I have been able to peruse this new one filled with contemporary and traditional Kosher recipes. It is the first time in AKSE's 115 years that their members published a cookbook. Of course, a nice feature of such cookbooks is seeing the names of recipe contributors. Seeing the name of a friend, loved one or relative (my late sister, Neshie August's farfel kugel is near the beginning) hopefully adds a personal touch to those who may undertake the very readable collection of over 300 dishes.

I passed over trying any Pesach dishes this time of year, but many seem doable any season of the year. It still fascinates me that so many are dairy recipes. Growing up in Wilmington, I was not used to using

any dairy over Pesach, but later learned specially produced milk products were available elsewhere. Of course, as the variety of AKSE recipes show, almost anything is possible. This book is divided into 10 sections. One can plan weeks of meals, literally from soups to nuts; meat, poultry, vegetarian and of course cakes, pies and desserts. A nice index can lead you to all of them including 3 choices of rugelach, 3 types of hamantashen and 3 honey cakes, as seasons and tastes dictate.

Personally I have spent a lifetime baking and cooking. I consider myself now a "retired cook." However, readers should be glad these contributors put pen to paper and included all necessary ingredients and such a wide collection of ideas. I tried my hand at "mock chopped liver" and its taste could have fooled me that there was actually no meat and little cholesterol. The "Very Easy Gefilte Fish" really seemed easy and perhaps even unsavvy kitchen hands could succeed

with it.

As the book's title suggests younger readers might like these recipes and it is nice to see recipes of varying difficulty. Some of the soups can be handled by beginners and even the more challenging concoctions are savory to read, create and consume. The Minestrone and Lentil soups are worth the effort and if an extra pinch of salt is added or green pepper left out, the result is still very very acceptable.

My most fun was selecting which of the 12 types of Kugels to prepare. I do not dare NOT recommending any I did not try, but the Sweet Kugel certainly is fulfilling and of course, filling. The dearth of Kosher restaurants in the area will not leave a kosher cook wanting. This recipe book, besides having many Eastern European originated recipes, also will enable the adventurous cook and eater to enjoy Sephardic dishes, Moroccan soup, Mandarin salad, Hawaiian chicken, Mexican fajitas and enchiladas and finishing with Pareve Pears baked in

Marsala with crumbled Amaretto.

This well-organized book will be a help to anyone who likes to create delicious dishes. As Rosh Hashanah will be here before you know it, this recipe collection will provide ideas for 3 different types of Challahs and several Honey Cakes. You will have to supply the accompanying honey and apples. Not only would this book make a nice gift, it would be a great gift for yourself. Any one new to our community will know we have much to offer — from the kitchen.

My own mother, on sharing a rugelach recipe with me, told me not to forget "to add love" when creating meals. This book, complete with holiday explanations and easy to understand "kosher" guidelines, obviously was assembled "with love". *Essen in gezundaheit.*

"Now You Don't Have to Call Your Mother" is available from Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation. Call the synagogue office 762-2705 for information)

MILESTONES

FISCHER

Charlotte Fischer, 80, formerly of Wilmington, died August 13. The owner of a prominent personal stationary business, she was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom and Hadassah. She is survived by her brother, Bernard Fischer and many nieces and nephews. Graveside services were held on Thursday at the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road. Contributions in her memory may be made to the ALS Muscular Association, 8501 LaSalle Road, Towson, MD 21286 or to a charity of the donor's choice.

PARIS

George M. Paris, 81, of Ashbourne Hills, died August 6. He was an active member and ritual assistant at Congregation Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth in Wilmington and volunteered at the Kutz Home. Mr. Paris, a decorated veteran of World War II, was awarded the Bronze Star for Valor. He was the former owner of Robert's Jewelers in Media.

Survivors include his sons, Jon

N. Paris; Melvyn L., Richard E. and Rodney A. Johnson; daughters, Deborah P. Rubin and Virginia N. Aiello; ten grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions in his memory be made to either AKSE, Washington Blvd. and Torah Drive, Wilmington, DE 19802 or to the Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Wilmington, DE 19809.

WEINBERG

Zelma R. Weinberg, 66, of Green Acres, died August 5. She was a member of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation and its Sisterhood. Mrs. Weinberg is survived by her husband, Stanley H.; sons, David and Mark; brothers, Harry and Lois Newman and grandson, Philip. Contributions in her memory may be made to either Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, Washington Blvd. and Torah Drive, Wilmington, DE 19802 or to Delaware Hospice, Suite 100, Clayton Bldg., 3515 Silverside Road, Wilmington, DE 19810.

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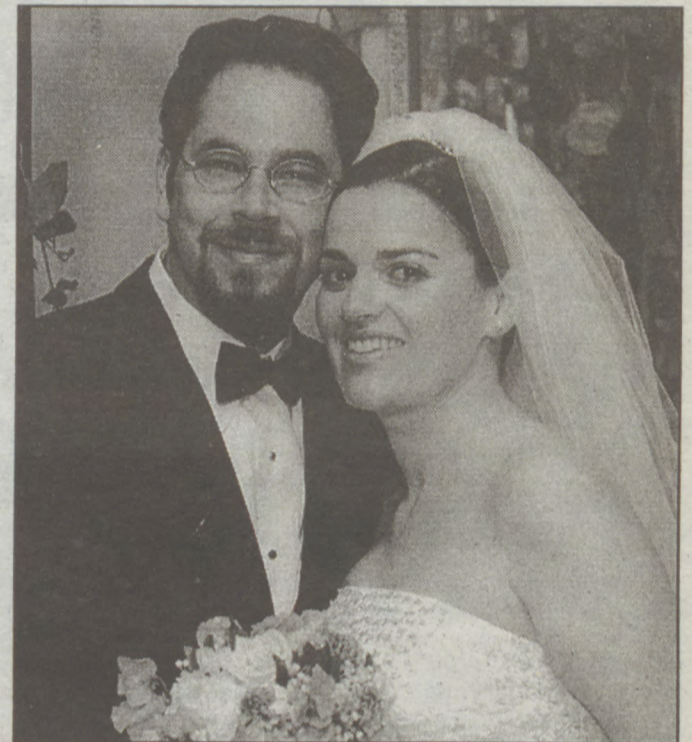
Diznoff And Matzner Are Wed

Jennifer Lynn Diznoff and Gregg Justin Matzner were married on May 27th at the Hotel DuPont in Wilmington. The proud parents are Betty and Barry Diznoff of Wilmington, DE and Nancy and Bruce Matzner of Great Neck, NY. Jennifer is the granddaughter of Mickey and Sherman Westrich of Hollywood, FL. Gregg is the grandson of Rose and Sam Peller of Rome, Georgia.

A graduate of Brandywine High School and Washington University in St. Louis, Jennifer received her Masters of Science in Social Work from Columbia University. She is currently employed at New York City Employee Assistance Program.

Gregg is a graduate of Great Neck South High School and Indiana University in Bloomington. He received his Masters of Arts in Elementary Education at Columbia University and is currently employed as a third grade teacher at P.S. 163 in Manhattan.

The couple lives in Bedford Hills, NY.



Jennifer Lynn Diznoff and Gregg Justin Matzner are husband and wife

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Cohen Named Collegiate Scholar

Valerie Cohen of Wilmington has been inducted in The National Society of Collegiate Scholars and will be honored during a campus ceremony this fall at James Madison University. NSCS recog-

nizes first and second year undergraduate students who excel academically.

Valerie, the daughter of Merle and Ron Cohen of Wilmington, is a 1999 honors graduate of

Brandywine High School. She currently plays field hockey for James Madison and was a member of the USA Field Hockey Team for the Maccabiah World Games.

China Requests Adoption House's Expertise

Harlan Tenenbaum, Managing Director of Adoption House, and Anne Gallagher, Director of International Programs, traveled to Beijing, China recently as part of a delegation to present recent developments on U.S. Implementation of the Hague Convention on

Inter-country Adoption.

"China remains one of the most attractive alternatives in intercountry adoption today," said Tenenbaum, an attorney who serves as Chairman of the American Bar Association Adoption Committee. "Adoptions

from China have a proven track record of success. The children are generally healthy and adjust exceptionally well with their families in the United States.

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

Judith Schwab At Bellevue State Park

The Arts Center at Bellevue State Park is pleased to announce the inception of an "Artist-in-Residence" Program throughout the month of September featuring Judith Schwab, well-known artist. Ms. Schwab creates abstract wall reliefs and sculptures with wood, fiberglass, and acrylics, and will be working and displaying her works, which include new pieces which have traveled here from the

Synergy Gallery in West Palm Beach, Florida, and from the Artemis Gallery in Richmond, Virginia.

There will be a "Meet the Artist" reception on Friday, September 7th from 5:00-9:00 p.m. at Bellevue, featuring jazz guitarist

Bruce Anthony.

Ms. Schwab's artwork may be previewed at her website www.judithschwab.com and her art gallery www.artspinning.com. For more information about the "Artist-in-Residence" program at Bellevue call 302-577-6540.



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

ISRAEL BONDS DINNER HONORS MARKELL

The Delaware Committee of State of Israel Bonds will honor State Treasurer Jack A. Markell at a reception and dinner on Sunday, September 16, 5:30 p.m. at the Delaware Art Museum, 2301 Kentmere Parkway in Wilmington. Admission to the dinner is \$75 per person. For reservations or additional information, please contact Elaine Saylor or Lynne Cohen at 1-800-752-5671.

JFS SLATES PARENTING SERIES

Choose one or all of four Tuesday morning hour-long sessions to discover new pathways to parenting. Each one will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Relationship Center, 288 East Main Street, Newark. The cost for each session is \$20. Call Jewish Family Service at 478-9412 to register.

September 11

"Raising Children in an Interfaith

Marriage". This group will discuss parenting tips, ways to decrease stress that is often involved in raising children in interfaith marriages, especially around the holidays.

September 25

"Handling Overwhelming Responsibilities. This session will address specific parenting issues and how to handle spirited children and day to day problems.

October 9

"Firm Yet Fair". Learn the best practices for helping children identify problems, create solutions and feel good about the outcome.

October 23

"Reality Check 101". Help your child and yourself get organized and on the right track for a great year in school. Tips for parents, kids and tips to share with teachers.

JEWISH MUSEUM OPENS NEW EXHIBIT

"A Soldier's Story: Intimate Artifacts of World War II opens on Sunday, September 9 at 1 p.m. at the National Museum of American Jewish History. This exhibition is photographer Judy Gelles' tribute to the more than half a million Jewish soldiers who served in the U.S. Armed Forces during World War II. The opening includes a discussion on the transformations in Jewish identity forged by World War II, with

Deborah Dash Moore, professor of religion at Vassar College. Admission is free. The museum is located at 55 North 5th Street, Independence Mall East in Philadelphia.

DELAWARE GRATZ OFFERS COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School will offer a community service opportunity at the Claymont Community Center beginning on September 10th. Gratz students will tutor local elementary school students throughout the academic year. In exchange, they will receive six credits per year and a Gratz College JCHS certificate in Service Learning upon Graduation from Gratz High School. Community service hours can also serve to fulfill requirements for high schools, youth groups and National Honor Society. For more information, please call Marlene Milunsky, principal, Delaware Gratz, at 478-8100.

HEALING HEARTS AT JFS

"Healing Hearts", a co-parenting group for separated or divorced parents focuses on skills that enable separated or divorced parents to co-parent their children. This course is certified by Family Court. The course will be offered at two separate locations:

In Wilmington: JFS, 101 Garden

of Eden Road-Wednesdays, September 5 and 12, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

In Newark: JFS Relationship Center, 288 East Main Street-Thursdays, September 6 and 13, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The facilitator is MariAnn Wolskee, MSW. Cost is \$100. Scholarships are available. Call 478-9411 for more information.

SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

"Healing Hearts" offers a separate group for children and teens of separated or divorced parents. Sponsored by JFS, the group meets Wednesday evenings, September 5

and 12, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the JFS Wilmington site. The group will be facilitated by Jennifer Dagia, MSW and is free if parent attends the co-parenting group. Otherwise, costs are on a sliding fee scale. Please call JFS at 478-9411 for more information.

DELAWARE GOES TO ISRAEL

Join the Jewish Federation of Delaware for a once in a lifetime experience. Be a part of the community's Mission to Israel, October 20-October 28. Mission co-chairs are Reiko and Barry Kayne. Call 427-2100, ext. 16 for more information. Show your solidarity with the people of Israel.

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A first ever SinglesFest, an evening of music, giveaways, prizes and surprises for Jewish singles ages 20's-40's will be held at the Katz JCC September 15th, 2001 from 8pm-midnight. Mix and mingle in a relaxed, fun-filled environment. The event will draw singles from New Jersey, Delaware, and Pennsylvania who will enjoy hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar, and music presented by Y-100. Cost for the event is \$18.

Amy Kaplan, Adult Department Chair, SinglesFest expects "several hundred Jewish singles to attend this kickoff event of the JCC's expanded singles program." For further information on SinglesFest 2001 or other singles activities, contact Leslie Breslau at 856-424-4444 extension 260 or check the Katz JCC website at www.katzjcc.

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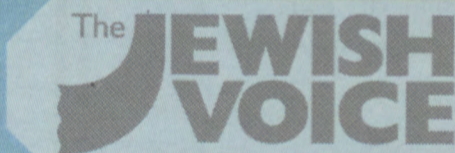


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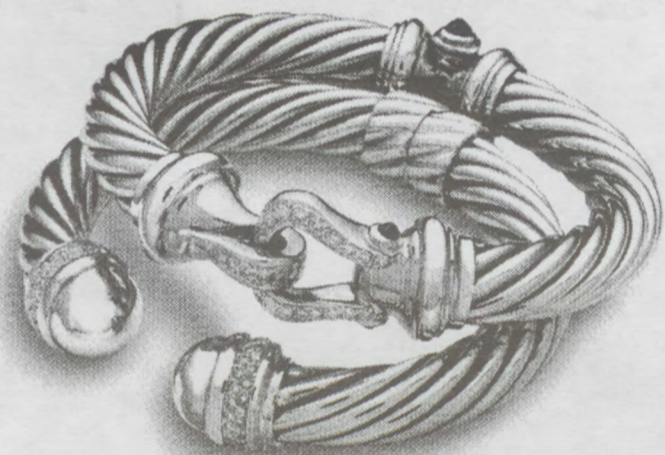
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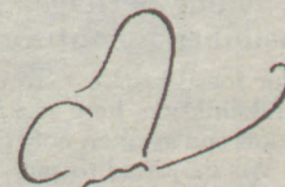


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To carry out this mission and vision, the Jewish Federation raises funds for the needs of Delaware's Jewish community and needy Jews

overseas, plans for our local community's needs and acts as spokesperson for the community at large. All of this is done in coordination with other Jewish agencies and organizations as well as the synagogues.

Locally, there are six agencies that receive Federation funds. Two of these agencies focus on Jewish education, long held to be our community's highest priority: Albert Einstein Academy, a pre-kindergarten through sixth grade Jewish day school, and Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School. The needs of students at the University of Delaware, which has one of this

country's fastest growing Jewish student populations, is met by Hillel. Our elderly are cared for at a modern kosher skilled nursing care center: the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home. The needs of immigrants and any family requiring counseling are addressed by Jewish Family Service at its main office in North Wilmington and at the JFS Relationship Center in Newark. Finally, the Jewish Community Center's facility located north of Wilmington, Delaware with a satellite location in Newark, provides facilities and programs from day care to infants to educational programs and events for all ages in between. It also boasts a state of the art physical fitness center.

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John A. Elzufon, Esq.

FROM OUR EDITORIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

Whether you are new to our community or have been here for years, we extend to each of you a warm "Welcome to Delaware."

We hope you enjoy reading this special issue of The Jewish Voice, which includes our annual Shalom Delaware, and that you will find it a helpful resource now and throughout the year.

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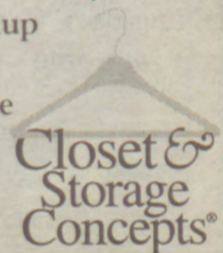
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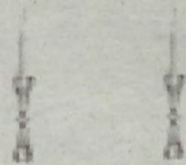
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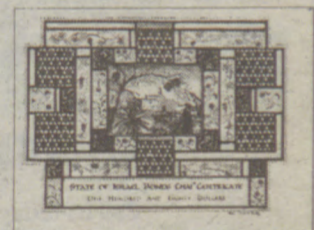
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Campaign*	\$ 1,714,034
Unspent Allocations	30,795
Jewish Fund for the Future	55,960
Designated for Capital Maintenance	6,572
TOTAL INCOME	1,807,361

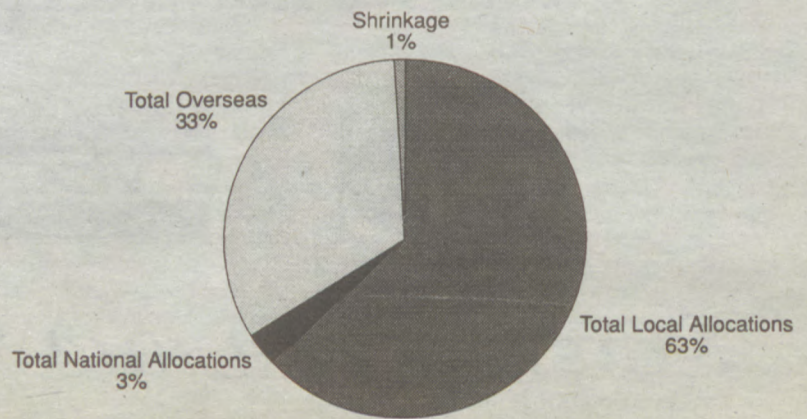
EXPENSE	
LOCAL	
Albert Einstein Academy	93,600
Gratz Hebrew High School	40,348
Capital Maintenance	7,532
Community Teen Program	39,465
Hillel	59,500
Jewish Community Center	119,500
JCC Newark	44,584
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Jewish Family Service	69,222
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Milton and Hattie Kutz Home	10,000

Israel Experience Scholarship	10,000
Jewish Federation of Delaware	450,509
JCRC	41,836
Jewish Fund for the Future	7,761
Jewish Voice	20,000
Jewish Historical Society	1,000
Rabbinical Association of Delaware	200
Rabbinical Association Yom HaAtzmaut Celebration	5,000
Southern Delaware Community	9,000
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TOTAL LOCAL	1,157,201

Dues and National Agencies	3,474
Birthright Israel	9,411
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United Jewish Communities**	562,275
Campaign Shrinkage	25,000
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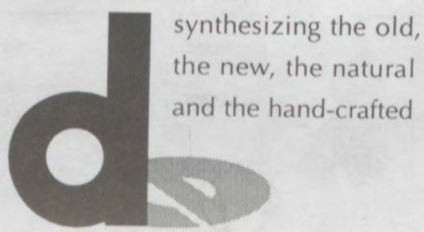
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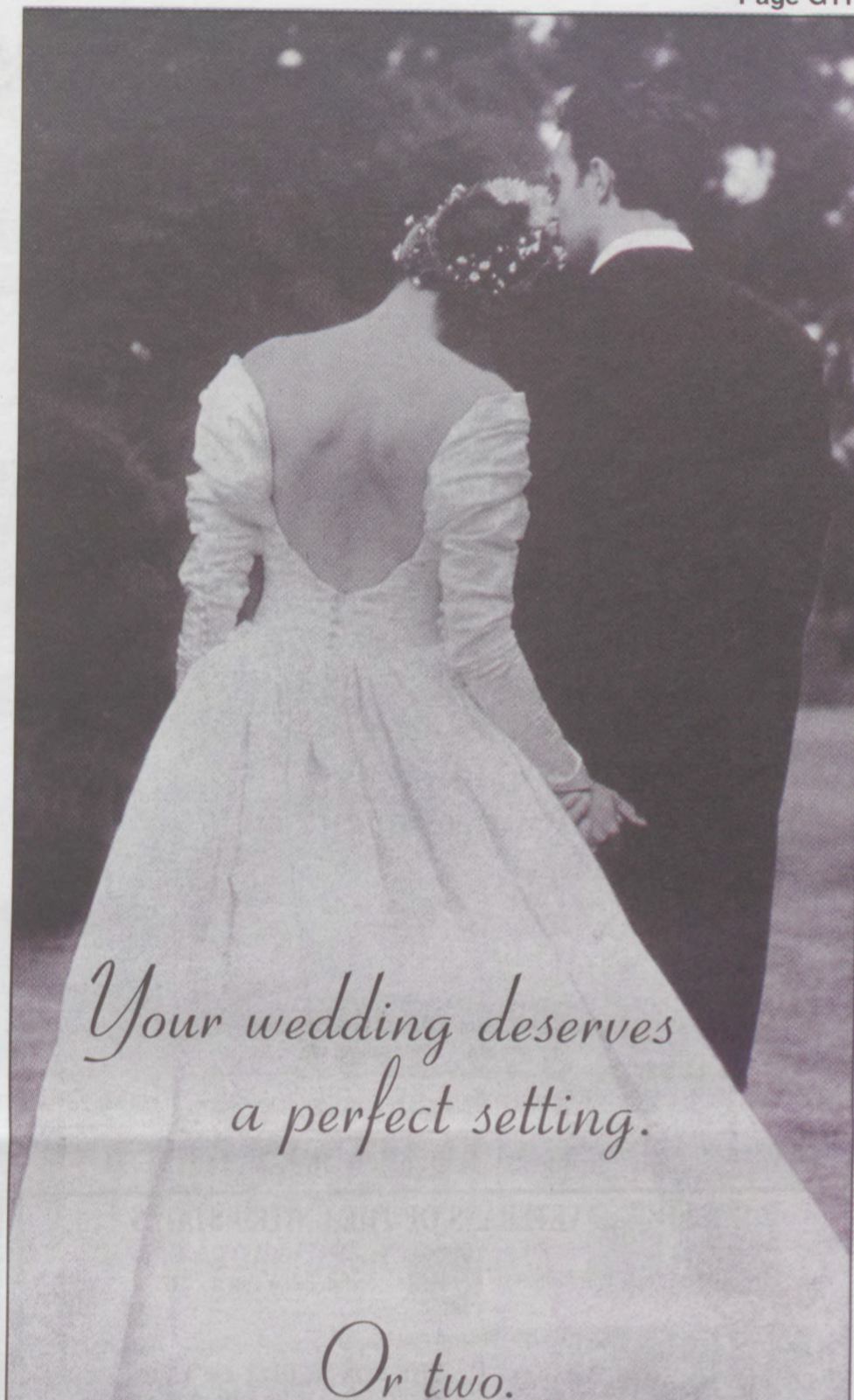


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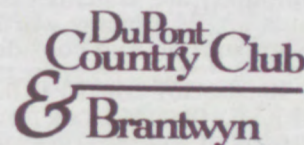
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Delaware's youth turn out in strong numbers for Federation Super Sunday.



Debbie Cohen (left) and Barbara Blumberg served as chairpersons for this past Super Sunday Phon-a-thon.

Jewish Federation Of Delaware/Annual Campaign

Jewish Fund For The Future



The **Jewish Fund for the Future** is the planned giving and endowment arm of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. Established in 1985 to develop the resources needed to ensure the future vitality of the Delaware Jewish community, today the Fund has almost \$12 million in total assets.

The goals of the **Jewish Fund for the Future** are to develop a permanent base of support for our local Jewish community, agencies and programs; to assist individuals and families to achieve their philan-

thropic goals; and to work with estate, tax, and financial planning professionals to provide current information pertinent to charitable giving.

All of us, regardless of means, share the obligation to secure the future of the Jewish community. Each of us views that obligation from a different perspective.

Contributions to the **Jewish Fund for the Future** may be made through any of the following types of gifts: bequests, IRA or pension plan assets, outright gift of cash, stock, real estate or other assets, life insurance, charitable remainder and charitable lead trusts.

The **Jewish Fund for the Future** offers a variety of giving

programs tailored to individual needs - and beneficial to donors who make gifts of any amount:

- Unrestricted Funds
Gifts of any amount to the Endowment Fund of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, Inc.
- Philanthropic Funds
Donor advised funds that allow you to better manage your charitable giving.
- Designated Funds
Gifts targeted toward specific agencies, programs, projects or needs.
- Campaign Endowments
Gifts that sustain your contribution to the Annual Campaign, in perpetuity.
- Life Income Gifts:

Gifts that provide you, your spouse or other loved ones with income during lifetime and sustain the Jewish community after you are gone.

Grants from the **Jewish Fund for the Future** benefit a diverse array of cultural, educational, social and humanitarian causes including our local synagogues and beneficiary agencies, other local social service and charitable organizations, national and international Jewish causes and concerns, museums, universities, schools and hospitals.

To find out more about the **Jewish Fund for the Future** please call our Endowment Director, Rachel A. Gross, Esq. at 302-427-2100 ext. 19.



Rachel Gross

Jewish Community Relations Committee

The Jewish Community Relations Committee (JCRC) is the public affairs arm of the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD) the central planning and funding agency for the Jewish community and its agencies throughout the State of Delaware. Co-chairpeople for 2001-2002 are Dr. Mark Wagman and Rabbi David Wortman.

Through the JCRC, the Jewish community interacts with the community at large. This organization works with government leaders and the media, advocating for Israel and

promoting policies which keep with Jewish values and the welfare of the Jewish people. The Committee combats anti-Semitism and other forms of bigotry in addition to seeking civil rights for all. It also participates in programs and coalitions to enhance good relations among different religions and cultural groups. In addition, the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Center, a part of JCRC, provides Holocaust education to the community.

"The JCRC advances the general welfare of the community by pro-

moting positive relations with other cultural, religious, and ethnic groups.

"The JCRC supports Israel by providing educational opportunities for the public through speakers, briefings and articles as well as by educating public officials about Israel, combating anti-Israel propaganda in the media and the general community, and monitoring issues of concern.

"The JCRC pursues International Human Rights by monitoring international events of concern to the Jewish community.

"The JCRC facilitates the democratic process by promoting local and national legislative initiatives in keeping with Jewish values, monitoring judicial decisions which effect the Jewish community, informing and educating the public about pending public policy issues, and providing a public forum for candidates prior to the elections.

"The JCRC offers outreach programs to enrich public education by providing educational opportunities for school administrators and teachers to heighten sensitivity on issues

of religion in public schools; this includes producing and distributing a ten-year calendar of Jewish holidays and communicating with elected officials on issues such as prayer in public schools.

"The JCRC provides the community with information and creates awareness through its interaction with the media by monitoring local media for fair and appropriate coverage of issues of concern to the Jewish community and providing background information to assist local reporters.

Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Center

The Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Center, part of the Jewish Community Relations Committee, works to promote education about the Holocaust by:

-Providing comprehensive resources, including books, periodicals, teaching guides, tapes and audio-visual materials about the Holocaust at the Concord Pike Library, 3406 Concord Pike in Wilmington. Students, teachers and the public are encouraged to borrow these materials:

-Offering educational seminars for teachers. Working with the Delaware Teacher Center (Dover), the Holocaust Education Center coordinates educational opportunities for State teachers, such as an annual trip to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., enabling teachers to earn in-service education credits;

-Providing a Speakers Bureau, offering speakers, including Holocaust survivors, their children, and concentration camp liberators,

to school and community groups;

-Distributing selected books dealing with the Christian response to the Holocaust, through the Kerr Book Fund, to local educators, libraries and Delaware's Christian clergy, endeavoring to promote knowledge of the Holocaust and better understanding between Christians and Jews;

-Coordinating the annual community Holocaust Remembrance Day (Yom HaShoah) commemoration held each spring at

Freedom Plaza;

-Offering the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Memorial Program, a biennial program, often a lecture, dedicated to the memory of Halina Wind Preston and endowed by her family;

-Maintaining The Garden of the Righteous Gentiles at the Jewish Community Center Campus, honoring those non-Jews who placed their own lives and their family's lives in jeopardy to save Jews during the Holocaust. Those remembered in the Garden are Gentile

rescuers of Jews who eventually settled in Delaware.

The Jewish Federation of Delaware, the Jewish Community Center, private foundations and individual memorial and tribute contributions support the work of the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Center.

For more information on any JCRC program, contact Sue Shaffer, JCRC director at the JFD, (302) 427-2100, ext. 17 or via e-mail at sue.Shaffer@shalomdel.org.

Jewish Sites In Delaware

Because Delaware is located so close to the large and very historic Jewish community of Delaware has little in the way of Jewish historical sites. Wrong!! Despite being a relatively young Jewish community, Delaware has a number of distinct and interesting Jewish historical sites as well as sites of general Jewish interest. The Jewish Historical Society of Delaware is currently compiling information on all sites of Jewish interest in the state. Described below are some of the better known sites and few of the lesser known ones.

Lieberman Building is located on the southeast corner of Fifth & Market Streets in Wilmington. The Lieberman Building was the site of the organization of the Moses Montefiore Mutual Benefit Society in 1879. This was the first Jewish organization in Delaware and marked the establishment of Delaware's Jewish community. The building

housed the clothing store of Nathan Lieberman, a well-known citizen and businessman in Wilmington at the time.

Adad Kodesch Shel Emeth Synagogue, established in 1885, is the oldest existing Jewish congregation in the state. It also is the only synagogue designed by Percival Goodman. Mr. Goodman designed over 50 synagogues in the United States, more than any single architect. Adad Kodesch is located on the Washington Street Extension and was dedicated in 1963.

Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth obtained a burial section in the Lombardy Cemetery on Foulk Road and created the Jewish Community Cemetery. By the 1940's, many other Jewish organizations had established burial sections in the cemetery. In the 1950's the Jewish Community Cemetery was formed and purchased as a separate and distinct cemetery from the Lombardy Cemetery.

Today, this is the oldest and largest extant Jewish cemetery in Delaware.

The site of the first Jewish cemetery was established in the 1870's on 5th & Hawley Streets by the Moses

Montefiore Benefit Society. This cemetery was relocated in the early 1900's to the Jewish Community Center on Foulk Road.

The Holocaust Memorial in

Delaware is one of the earliest U.S. Holocaust memorials. Dedicated in 1979, the memorial is located in Freedom Plaza in downtown Wilmington.



Jewish Community Center

Jewish Community Center

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www.jccdelaware.org

Amy Leviton, President
Jeffrey S. Metz, Executive Director
Ivy Harlev, Assistant Executive Director

The Jewish Community Center (JCC), is a non-profit membership organization which provides the Delaware Valley with diverse and extensive services. The Center provides its members and the entire community with a central place in which, individuals, families, groups or organizations can best express their interests and have their social, educational, cultural, fitness and recreational needs met.

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

The Jewish Community Center is partly funded by the Jewish Federation of Delaware, the United Way of Delaware and is affiliated with JCCA (Jewish Community Centers Association of America).

THE CHILDREN'S CENTER

Susan Gentry, Director
Sonja Hildebrand, Coordinator

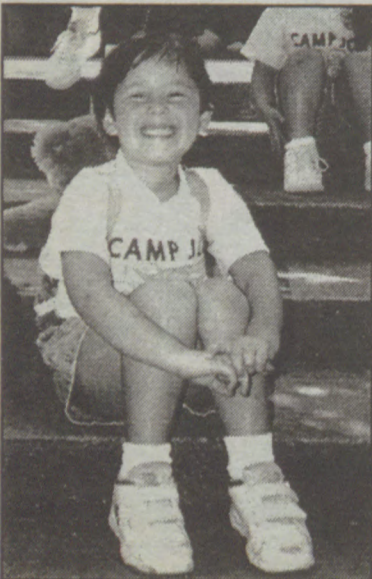
It takes a community to raise a child. Children thrive when they are treated with respect and given opportunities to grow emotionally, socially and intellectually through curriculum filled with age-appropriate experiences.

Ours is a child-centered, experiential approach which respects the importance of children's play and the uniqueness of each child. We strive to create an environment rich in stimulation, yet gentle and accepting of each child as he or she develops at their own pace.

We seek to impart a strong sense of belonging by providing opportunities for children to share their Jewish heritage.

Program Components

- Accredited by the National



Association for the Education of Young Children

- Jack S. Jacobs, M.D. Infant Care
- Preschool
- Full Day Child Care (Preschool Plus)
- Early Morning Program
- Extended Day Program
- Sol Toumarkine Family Education Center
- Lunch Bunch Enrichment
- ParentOs Connection
- Toddler Programs
- Newark Preschool and Shabbat Program
- Newark Full-Day Preschool (September 2000)
- Dover Preschool Program

YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

Greg Rappaport, Director

Providing today's parents with before and after school childcare options is but one part of our program goal. We offer children creative, safe and enriching group experiences that allow them to feel good about themselves and the group. When school is out, a full day option is available.

Program Components

- KinderPlace and KidsPlace Programs
- School's Out Days
- KidsTime (Satellite After School Care)
- Club and Enrichment Programs
- Birthday Parties
- Family Activities
- Pre and Post Camp Programs
- Vacation Camp Programs
- Family and Holiday Programs
- Scouting Programs

DAY CAMP SERVICES

Ivy Harlev, Executive Camp Director
Joe Consiglio, Summer Camp Director

Camp JCC offers exciting summer opportunities for all ages from toddler to teen. Campers learn swimming, arts-n-crafts, sports, Judaics, nature, Israeli culture, drama, rock climbing, archery, music and more.

Program Components

- Eight Week Day Camp
- Specialty Camps (Computers and Fine Arts)
- Sabra (Teen Travel) Camp
- Maccabi Sports Camps
- Science and Space Camps

TEEN SERVICES

Robyn Greenberg, Director

The Community Teen Program focuses on offering unique, outstanding youth programs for junior and senior high school students. Programs are developed, organized and implemented by youth leaders. Programming touches all aspects of Jewish life, with strong emphasis on social, educational, spiritual, recreational, leadership and community service events.

Program Components

- 8th Grade Israel Trip
- Teen Leadership Council
- Shabbatons
- Community Service
- Synagogue and Youth Groups
- College Resources/SAT Readiness
- Maccabi Club
- Sabra (Teen Travel) Camp
- Panim el Panim participation

YOUNG JEWISH ADULTS OF



DELAWARE (YJAD)

YJAD provides opportunities to meet and socialize with other Jewish singles and young professionals in a social environment focusing on a connection with our community. YJAD generates, organizes and implements programs and services for its members providing leadership opportunities within the group and the community as well.

Program Components

- Social Mixers
- Chavurah Discussion Groups
- Recreational Volleyball
- Recreational Softball
- Jewish Education
- Restaurant Samplers
- Synagogue Drop-Ins



ADULT SERVICES

Ella Zukoff, Director

Provides opportunities for active participation in various Jewish educational, cultural, social and recreational activities for self-enrichment.

Program Components

- Classes, Programs, Lectures and Forums
- Entertainment/Performances
- Discussion Groups
- Cultural Caravan Trips
- Art Exhibitions
- Elderhostel
- Annual Book Fair
- Jewish Heritage Video Collection

SENIOR CENTER

Wendy Harvis, Director

A wide range of social services are offered to meet the emotional needs of older adults: to promote social relationships, reduce isolation and stimulate creative growth

among this age group, to provide a Jewish community focal point where people come together for activities which supports their independence and encourages community involvement.

Program Components

- Daily Activities
- Nutritional Kosher Lunch Program
- Transportation Service
- Counseling, Information and Referral
- Health and Wellness
- Candlelight Dinners/Birthday Celebrations
- Day Trips
- Overnight Trips
- Max and Jeannette Podlosky Lunch and Learn Series
- Telephone Reassurance and

Recreational Services

Randy Rosenthal, Director
Scott Bowers, Coordinator
Ryan Melson, Coordinator
Michael Strouse, Coordinator

Healthy mind, healthy body, is a value first described by Maimonides, an acclaimed Jewish philosopher. The value of preserving health and wellness is rooted in Jewish tradition and law.

In addition, this environment attracts the single largest population to the Center and thus provides quality opportunities for socialization.

The Family Campus provides a wholesome, safe environment for families and individuals to meet and enjoy the leisure hours in a quality outdoor environment.

FITNESS, SPORTS AND WELLNESS

- Cardiovascular Conditioning
- Strength Training
- Evaluation/Fitness Assessments
- One-On-One Personal Training
- Exercise Routines and Programs
- Teen Exercise Classes
- Senior Exercise Classes

Therapy and Rehabilitation

- Hydrotherapy and Arthritis Swim Program
- Cardio Rehabilitation
- Physical Therapy

Lifestyle Management

- Nutritional Assessment
- Health and Fitness Lectures
- CPR Training and First Aid
- Massage Therapy Services
- Yoga and Tai-Chi Classes

Lifetime/Sports Classes

- Indoor Rock Climbing
- Gymnastics and Dance Classes
- Children's Sports Leagues
- Adult Pick-Up Sports
- Afterschool Sports Classes
- Tennis Lessons and Clinics
- Racquetball Tournaments
- Basketball and Volleyball Lessons
- Aerobics and Karate Classes
- Special Events (Snowball Run, Sports Classic)

Family Campus

- In-Line Hockey Rink
- 50 Foot Long Water Slide
- Swim Club
- Summer Swim Team and Aquatic Classes
- Arts and Nature Exploration
- Family Entertainment and Dinners
- Sports and Tournaments
- Rental of Facilities

JCC NEWARK

288 East Main Street
Newark, Delaware 19711
Phone (302) 286-1401
Fax (302) 286-1403

Lynda Bell, Program Director

The Jewish Community Center of Newark, conveniently located on Main Street, offers a variety of programs and classes for members of the Newark community. All programs are open to the entire community.

Program Components

- Judaic Quilting Class
- Kosher Restaurant Series
- Mah Jongg Group
- Mommy & Me Playgroup
- Book Club
- Chavurah Discussion Group
- College Preparatory Program

The Milton and Hattie Kutz Home

THE MILTON AND HATTIE KUTZ HOME

**704 River Road
Wilmington, Delaware 19809
302-764-7000
President: Miriam Edell
Executive Director:
Karen Friedman**

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

Built in 1960, and situated on eleven acres in Bellefonte, the Kutz Home has recently undergone a major renovation and expansion. The renovation includes twenty-four new rooms, larger bathroom and a new lobby with a commissary. One wing is now an Activities Mall,

including a Beauty Shop, a new Rehabilitation Department, an Independent Activities Room and a Special Programs Room.

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

The Rehabilitation Department provides physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy as needed. The Home's Medical

Director is on call around-the-clock. A podiatrist visits bi-monthly, and the Home's psychiatric consultant advises staff on the care of residents with emotional and dementia-related problems. The Home's Resident Relations and Counseling staff assists residents and family members with adjustment and other concerns.

The Kutz Home has an active Auxiliary which raises funds to provide many additional services, such as a paratransit van, patio furnishings and special medical equipment. Our many caring volunteers spend their time and energy making life for our residents interesting and pleasurable.

The Milton and Hattie Kutz Home is proud of its long history of caring for the community's elderly with the reverence they deserve.

For further information, please call Sheila Mensch at (302) 764-7000.



Jewish Historical Society

**Marvin Balick, President
Archives Telephone:
(302) 655-6232
505 Market Street
Wilmington, DE 19801**

Often people ask what the Jewish Historical Society of Delaware (JHSD) is all about and what can they do to assist in the work of the Society. The JHSD was established in 1974 and was

incorporated the following year. Our purpose is to collect, preserve, and share those materials that tell the story of the Delaware Jewish Community. The Society's collections encompass information on the history, activities, and the people who have lived in and affected Jewish life in our state. These collections, which make up our Archives, contain over 350 linear feet of materials relating to

synagogues and temples, Jewish organizations, Jewish owned business, Jewish families, and Jewish individuals. The JHSD Archive is located at 505 Market Street in downtown Wilmington. It is within the building of the Jewish Historical Society of Delaware Library.

The JHSD, however, is more than old records, photographs, and collectibles. Our organization

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

just love learning about Delaware's Jewish history.

Not only does the JHSD maintain the archive and serve as a resource center but it also produces displays and publishes a newsletter and various booklets and pamphlets as well as videos. We maintain a small wall-case of the Jewish Community Center and has changing displays.

We need your assistance and support! Why not consider joining our organization, making a financial contribution, or donating items for our archives. Membership forms are usually available at the synagogue offices, at the Jewish Community Center, or by calling the Society at (302) 655-6232. Join us today! You'll be glad you did! By preserving and understanding our past, we help ensure a strong and healthy future.

**Support Federation agencies through a gift
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- 24-hour skilled nursing care
- Physical rehabilitation services
- On-site beauty parlor
- Kosher meals and snacks
- Sabbath and holiday services
- Activities programs

At The Kutz Home, we are privileged to help make a difference.

The Milton & Hattie Kutz Home, Inc.
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DELAWARE'S JEWISH NURSING FACILITY

Jewish Family Service Of Delaware

JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE OF DELAWARE
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 Wilmington, DE 19803
 302-478-9411
 Fax: 302-479-9883

280 East Main Street
 The Relationship Center
 Newark, DE 19711
 302-286-1482
 Fax: 302-286-1403

8000 Society Drive
 Claymont, DE 19703
 302-798-0600

President: Glenn Engelmann
Executive Director:
Dory Zatuschni, LCSW

Jewish Family Service founded on Jewish values and philosophies, offers guidance and direction for all populations. Created in 1899 as a resource for Jewish immigrants adjusting to American society, the agency has grown into a full service social service agency. Troubled adolescents, single parents, families, couples facing divorce and elderly people struggling to maintain their independence, are just some of the people who can rely in the



JFS past presidents celebrate 100 years

addressing the physical, mental and emotional challenges of aging. In-home counseling and case management for the frail elderly is offered. Services are also provided to the well elderly. Workshops and support groups are held throughout the year including bereavement groups, journal writing and memory enhancement and pain management workshops. (Martha Frost, LCSW, Stacey Friedland, MSW, Morissa Sher, MSW)

Service for Adolescents counsels adolescents coping with their identities and personal relationships by helping them confront contemporary issues including conflict resolution, communication skills, sexual awareness, drug abuse and self-esteem. (Nicole Doyle, MSW and Laura Kogut, MSW)

Jewish Family Life Education's learning forums help individuals confront challenges existing in everyday living. Discussions, seminars and support groups are suited to all ages and stages enhancing participants' well being. Topics for children and teens, couples, parents, and seniors are extensive. Parent Education Groups and Children of Divorce Workshops for families engaged in divorce are offered monthly. (These programs are mandated by Family Court.) Making Marriage Work is a new program for couples planning marriage or married for one year or less. (Karen Townsend, MSW, Barbara Berrick, MSW and Peggy Lubin, LPC)



Delaware Senator Tom Carper helps Jewish Family Service celebrate a 100 years of service to the community.

expertise of Jewish Family Service.

The agency is fully accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Services for Families and Children and by Delaware's Division of Family Services as a parent education provider for divorcing parents.

The agency is open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Appointments may be scheduled by calling the office. Many agency services are covered by insurance. Fees are charged on a sliding scale.

Family Counseling guides

individuals, couples and families regarding issues such as marital concerns, personal growth, parent child relationships, single parenting and employment satisfaction. Workshops and support groups address the following issues: communicating and relating, coping and reducing stress, creative expression, positive discipline techniques, pet loss, conflict resolution, thriving in transition and our changing roles. (Helene Rudnick, LCSW, Peggy Lubin, LPC, Dori Zatuschni, LCSW)

Services for Older Adults helps the older adult maintain their independence and dignity by

Hillel Makes The Difference

Hillel at the University of Delaware is gearing up for an amazing year! Exciting programs and lots of energy are what can be found at the home of 47 West Delaware Avenue, Newark. Hillel is preparing to make being Jewish a cool thing to do.

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

look forward to continued successes this year.

Hillel will still be providing haven for students who participate in Jewish-based programs including Shabbat dinners, bagel brunches, kosher cooking, Israeli dancing, study groups, etc. Hillel will still be serving as the "Jewish voice on campus" and will continue their quest of creating "Clal Delaware," a unified Jewish community on campus.

If you would like information about Hillel or would like to get involved, please contact **Linda Oster, Director**, at 453-0479. Hope to hear from you soon!

P.S. Please visit our interactive website at <http://udel.edu/stu-org/hillel/>



Hillel students go to bat for the JFD Annual Campaign during Super Sunday. Federation President John A. Elzufon cheers on their efforts.



Fun and friendship come easy on the rinks.



An Israel experience for college students often launches a lifetime of Jewish involvement.

Jewish Education Is Our Future

Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School

Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School
at the
Jewish Community Center
101 Garden of Eden Road
Wilmington, DE 19803

Principal:
Marlene C. Milunsky
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Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School offers a five-year program of Jewish studies taught on the secondary level. Formal and informal education provides students with knowledge of Jewish sources and familiarity with Israel. Hebrew language skills, Bible, literature, contemporary teen issues, Jewish history and laws, Jewish life, ethics, heritage and contributions to the world, leadership training and community service opportunities through tikun olam.

Social interaction with other

Jewish teens from throughout the region in a learning environment where discussion, debate, and sharing of views and knowledge are invigorating and satisfying and is an integral part of the school's mission.

A Delaware Gratz education gives teenagers the foundation to develop an enhanced sense of pride and identity as Jews; it helps them to understand the basic values and practices of Judaism in its diverse forms, and encourages feelings of belonging, loyalty, and responsibility to the Jewish community and to Israel.

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

High school and college credits,



Mazel tov to Delaware Gratz Class of 2001. Photo by Cyril Milunsky

as well as both the JCHS and the I.M. Wise teaching certificates are granted to those students who

quality.

Classes meet on Sundays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and on

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Part-time programs are also available.

Albert Einstein Academy - Serving The Brandywine Valley

101 Garden of Eden Road
Wilmington, DE 19803
Head of School
Rabbi Ellen Bernhardt
President Robin Saran

At the Albert Einstein Academy, the Jewish day school

serving the Brandywine Valley, children are engaged in the learning process with a interdisciplinary approach to teaching that brings our classrooms alive. Housed in a renovated and expanded wing of the Jewish Community Center, the school

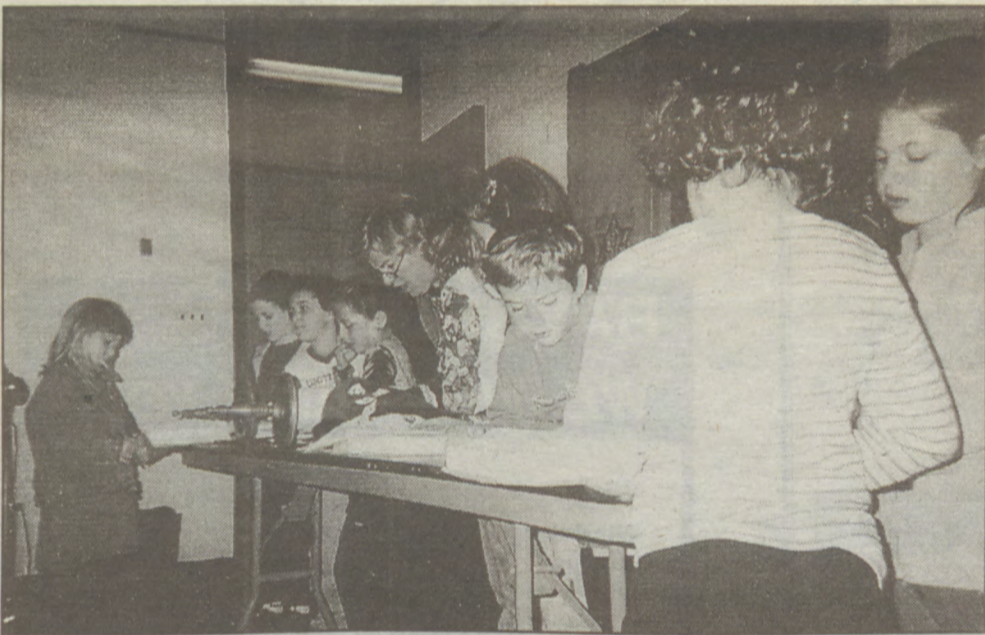
served more than 120 children in transitional Pre-K through sixth grades during the 2000-2001 academic year. With a curriculum that integrates a superb general and Jewish education along with the Hebrew language instruction, the Albert Einstein Academy

meets the needs of families who want their children to develop a strong and secure Jewish identity as they pursue a high quality elementary education.

As the Albert Einstein Academy marks its 30th anniversary, it remains faithful to its mis-

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

The Albert Einstein is a non-denominational institution that welcomes students from various religious backgrounds. For further information, please contact Rabbi Ellen Bernhardt, Head of School, at (302) 478-5026.



At Albert Einstein Academy, children forge lifelong friendships as they build a strong foundation of Jewish learning and lifestyles.

The Florence Melton Adult Mini-School - A Newcomer To Delaware

Responding to feedback from its members and to the success of local congregational and community adult education programs, the board of the Jewish Community Center has identified adult education as one of several priorities for the Center for the near future. Consequently, they have decided to open a Florence Melton Adult Mini-School at the JCC in the fall of 2001. The Florence Melton Adult Mini-School promotes the growth of Jewish literacy through the sequential, systematic study of Jewish sources in a pluralistic environment. During the past 15 years, 15,000 adults in Jewish communities all over the United States, and in Canada, the United Kingdom and Australia have dis-

covered and re-discovered the joys of studying and learning using this curriculum which was created by a team of scholars and educators at the Melton Center for Jewish Education at Hebrew University.

The orientation of the curriculum has both theoretical and practical applications. Its overall rubric for study is "learning for Jewish living," with the student's presumed life concerns serving as a point of reference for the subject matter. The lessons, presenting information in a descriptive rather than prescriptive manner and discussing the varied options offered by mainstream Judaism, are designed specifically to meet the educational needs of adults.

The Melton School meets for 2

and a half hours once a week for thirty weeks. The curriculum consists of four courses, each of which meets for one hour per week. *Purpose of Jewish Living and Rhythms of Jewish Living* are taught in the first year. *Dramas of Jewish Living and Ethics of Jewish Living* are taught in the second year. The first year is a pre-requisite for the second. After two years, students celebrate their graduation and receive certificates of completion from The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

The Melton School is a unique opportunity for Jewish adults from all backgrounds to acquire Jewish literacy in an open, trans-denominational, intellectually stimulating learning environment. Connec-

tions between Jewish learning and Jewish living are revealed as students explore Jewish history, religion, ritual, language, ethics, philosophy, literature, theology and contemporary Jewish life in an informal setting which offers direct contact with primary sources, critical and reflective analysis, and interaction with skilled faculty and with similarly motivated students.

Classes begin on September 5. The morning session meets every Wednesday from 9:15 a.m.-11:30 a.m. An evening session begins on September 6 and will meet every Thursday from 7:30 p.m.-9:45 p.m.

Contact Marion Hamermesh, the Director of the Melton School in Delaware at the JCC, (302) 478-5660, ext. 207 or by email at melton@jccdelaware.org.



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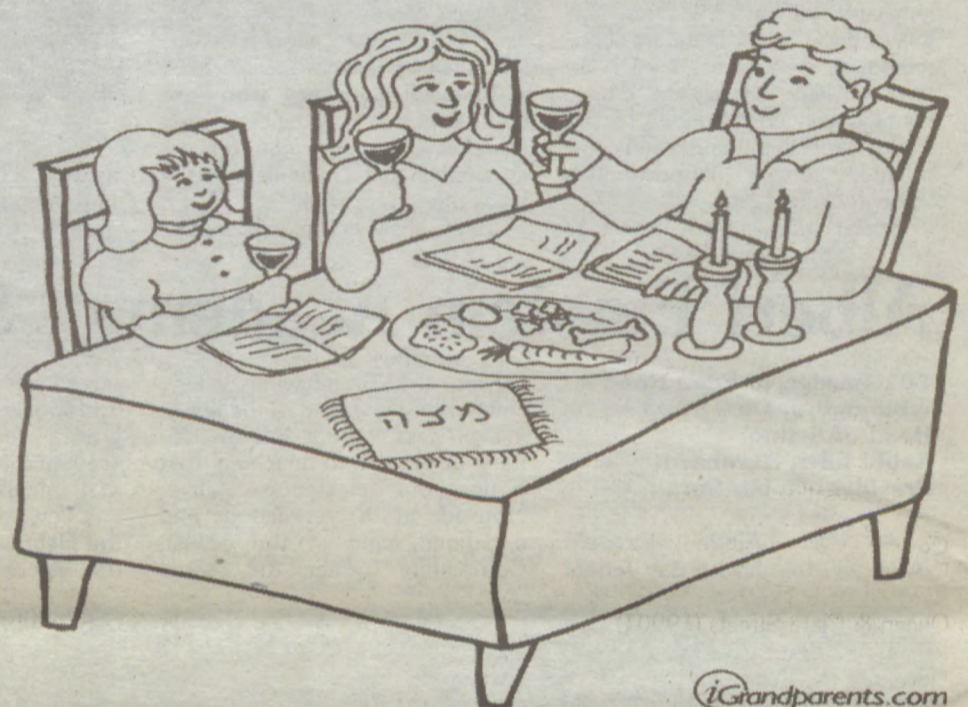
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Merion Station, PA, July 25-2001 - In 1946, the founders of Akiba Hebrew Academy embarked upon a visionary experiment in Jewish Day School education by founding a pluralistic Jewish secondary school. One of the first things that these educational pioneers did in constructing the school's academic program was to institute the "Core Program" - a multidisciplinary, integrative course, built around themes, that was designed to teach students how to think critically, to make reasoned decisions and to read and write analytically.

More than 50 years later, the

Core approach to learning has proven to be quite successful, not only at Akiba, but across the country.

Initially, Core was a required course for all students in grades 6, 7, 8 and 9, taking the place of the traditional English, Social Studies and Science courses. However, as the academic demands placed on high school students increased in the 1960s, in the 9th grade Core was replaced by college preparatory courses in English, History and Biology. However, it was retained in the 6th, 7th and 8th grades, although eventually a Middle School General Science curriculum was introduced.

As Akiba's Middle School began to evolve in the mid 1980s, the Core Program became a central element—the "core" of the Middle School. While Core continues to be an interdisciplinary course based

upon themes, with an emphasis on critical thinking and decision making, the program also focuses on those learning and study skills that are necessary for students to master in order to become independent learners. Skills introduced in Core, such as critical reading and analytical writing, could be applied in a student's Bible class, in a science research project, or in a Jewish Studies class discussion.

In addition, because a Middle School student spends twice as much time with his/her Core teacher than with his/her other subject area teachers, it was a natural step for the Core teacher to become an advisor to his/her Core students as well as a traditional "homeroom" teacher. The opportunity for Middle School students to interact with a caring adult on a regular basis beyond the academics is a central component of any strong

Middle School. Taking this philosophy to the next level, Akiba has introduced an Advisory Program in which a middle school student is placed in a small group comprising five to six students from several different grade levels. This program has been quite successful in creating mentoring relationships between middle school and high school students under the supervision of a teacher/advisor.

In the 21st century, Akiba's Core program continues to be a central part of the Middle School. Computer literacy and skills have been integrated into the Core curriculum. Themes and skills from the Core curriculum are also central to the Art, Public Speaking and Drama courses taken by Middle School students. In the 2001-2002 school year, Core concepts will become a part of a new Jewish Studies curriculum.

The educators who founded Akiba Hebrew Academy over fifty years ago were certainly ahead of their time by designing an academic course that embodies the major thrusts in American education, both at the secondary and college levels. Akiba Hebrew Academy's Core program seeks to develop broadly educated individuals, who are exposed to the skills necessary for independent learning and thinking and who can move beyond needless compartmentalization of ideas and concepts.



Calendar Of Jewish Holidays

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

Dina's New Markers

by Rabbi Yair Kobernick

Jesse parked his bicycle outside his best friend Danny's house. Jesse and Danny were such good friends that they would play with each other just about every single day.

When Danny opened the door, he put his finger over his lips and softly said, "Shhh ... My Mom is resting. Come quietly and we'll play in my room."

"Hey Danny," said Jesse as they walked into the room. "I see you have some new markers. Wow, 12 in a pack! Can we make some Rosh Hashana cards with them?"

"Well," answered Danny, "they're not really mine, they belong to my sister Dina."

"Do you think she would mind if we used them just a little bit," asked Jesse?

"No," said Danny, "and besides, she uses my things sometimes, so I'm sure she won't mind."

Danny found some paper and they had a good time drawing colorful pictures with the markers. Jesse drew a beautiful shofar and wrote "Happy New Year." Danny made sure to use every single marker to make his card very colorful. He drew a big fish swimming in the sea. The words coming out of the fish's mouth were: "Something's fishy here. So have a

great year!"

After they finished their pieces of art, Jesse took his card and went home. Danny took his and taped it on the door of the refrigerator to surprise his mom and dad.

Later on that afternoon, Dina came home and sat down to do some homework. She needed her markers for a project she was working on. She was upset to find that 5 out of the 12 markers didn't even have their caps on them and were almost dried out. And to make things worse, the tips of some of the other markers were totally squashed!

Dina was angry! Somebody had used her new markers without asking her permission. And now they were ruined! "They'll never be the same again," she said.

Just then her mom walked by and saw that she was upset about something. "What's the matter Dina?" she asked.

"My new markers are ruined. Someone used them and totally ruined them!"

"Just a minute," said Dina's mom, as she went into the living room to find Danny. "Danny," she called. "Come with me please." She walked him into the kitchen. "Who made this beautiful card that I see here on the door of the fridge? Was it you

Danny?"

"Yes," said Danny. "When Jesse was here today, we each made a card."

"And such nice colors! Hey, where did you get the markers?"

"We used Dina's. I knew she wouldn't mind because I let her use my things sometimes."

"Oh," said mom. "Well, actually I just saw Dina and she was saying something about her markers not being in such great shape. She looked a little sad, so maybe you should go see what's up with her. If there's any problem I'm sure you'll know how to take care of it."

Danny suddenly remembered that he didn't put the markers back the way he found them. It was the month of Elul, and he had learned about taking responsibility for his actions. As he went to find Dina, he regretted not having asked her permission first. Although he let his sister use his things, he remembered that she always asked his permission first. Not only that, but he didn't take care of her markers. "I'd better think of something quick," he told himself. "She's probably real upset."

He quickly went to the telephone and called Jesse. "Jesse, it's Danny. I need you to do something super quick. Ride your bike to the store and

buy a new package of markers — the kind we used today, but get a Deluxe 36-pack. Then bring them to my house. I'll pay you back. Thanks. Bye."

Danny prepared for the worst. He went into Dina's room and found her throwing her markers into the trash can. She seemed to be quite upset.

"Dina, I see you're throwing your markers away. I must admit that it was my friend and I who used them today without permission. I'm really sorry. First of all, I didn't ask you. Secondly, I didn't put them back properly."

She seemed to calm down. "It's nice of you to admit that you did it," she said. "But it doesn't help me much because I need to work on my project now and I don't have any markers to use."

"Hopefully, very soon, you'll have some pens. A new set is on its way over right now. I wanted to replace the ones that I ruined."

Dina was touched that her brother was taking responsibility for his actions. She felt lucky to have such a brother. The fact that he ruined her pens didn't even seem so terrible anymore.

Elul is the time of year that we remind ourselves that we need to take responsibility for our actions. Being responsible for what we ourselves do

will, in turn, be admirable to others as well. People will say, "He/she is a very responsible person!" People will know they can depend on us. It's a great time to talk to family members and discuss where improvement is needed. This helps us grow.

Younger Children:

Q. Why is it important to ask permission before we use something that isn't ours?

A. Maybe the owner has certain reasons why he/she doesn't want anyone using his/her things.

Q. Can we assume that it's OK to use something without permission if it belongs to a close relative?

A. It's always better to ask, even if it belongs to a close relative. This way you have no doubts that it's OK.

Older Children:

Q. What does it mean to take responsibility for our actions?

A. When we do something wrong, we admit it and see what we can do to fix it up.

Q. Danny's intentions were good by wanting to make the card for his parents. However at the same time, he did something not so good (he used his sister's pens). Can you think of other examples similar to this?

A. You borrow your friends bike without asking, to run an errand for your mother.

Dr. Mitzvah's Rosh Hashanah

by Yaffa Ganz

"What will we do on Rosh Hashana without a shofar? Dr. Mitzvah you are the only one who can help us!"

"Dr. Mitzva looked out the window of his office. "Oh my," he said, "it's raining again. I'm so glad I can stay home today. Especially since I lent my rubber boots to Mr. Goldstein and Trudy Silverstone borrowed my umbrella. It's the perfect time to catch up on my mail." Dr. Mitzva sat back in his chair and began to open the tall pile of letters on his desk.

Dr. Emanuel J. Mitzva was a little man with a little mustache and a neat, pointy beard. You could always recognize him by his grey bowler hat and the red dotted bow tie on his shirt. If you turned left at the first corner of Cobblestone Lane in the little town of Cedarville, you saw his neatly lettered sign: DR. EMANUEL J. MITZVA, M.D. Doctor of Mostly Everything

And he was. He set broken fingers; cured sore throats; put an end to coughs and colds and earaches. He took care of plants and animals; babysat for cranky babies; sang songs to sick children and ran errands for elderly folks who couldn't go out. He also repaired broken dolls and fixed old clocks and showed people how to smile and be happy. If you needed help, you came to Dr. Mitzva. "After all," he would say, "if we don't help each other, then who shall we help?"

Everything Dr. Mitzva did was a mitzva - a kind deed to help people and make them happier. Even when it was a hard deed to do. But now he was sitting quietly at home reading his mail.

Dr. Mitzva picked up a large envelope with a colorful stamp. "Well, well! Here's a letter from my old friend Mr. Haddad in Afghanistan. I haven't seen him since he broke his glasses. He couldn't see the letters in the Torah Scroll without them. I got him a

new pair and they solved the problem. I wonder if he broke his new pair now?" Dr. Mitzva put on his own glasses, cleared his throat and read:

To my dearest friend Dr. Mitzva, Shalom!

I hope you are in the best of health. Rosh Hashana, the Jewish New Year, will soon be here and Jews all over the world are getting ready to blow the shofar. But our very old and precious shofar will not blow. The only sound it makes is a whoofy-poofy sort of sound, not at all the kind of sound a proper shofar is supposed to make. No one here has been able to fix it. I know you are very busy and that Afghanistan is far away from Cedarville, but what will we do on Rosh Hashana without a shofar? You are the only one who can help us. Hoping to see you soon. With best wishes,

Your faithful friend,
Chaim ben Nachum Haddad

"Oh dear," he thought, "I really am busy. And tired too. And Afghanistan is so far away." He looked out at the rain. "I don't even have my rubbers or my umbrella."

But then he remembered his friend Mr. Haddad and the shofar. "What could be wrong with it?" thought Dr. Mitzva. "I suppose I shall have to go out into the rain after all. I would hate to disappoint Mr. Haddad. Especially before Rosh Hashana."

Not one to waste time, he put on his grey bowler hat, straightened up his red bow tie, took his bag, and hurried to the airport. Before you could say "Rosh Hashana", he was in the sky and on his way.

What a welcome he received in Afghanistan! The entire village came out to meet him.

"How kind of you to come so far," said Mr. Haddad. "We have prepared a small feast in your honor."

Dr. Mitzva smiled. "A small feast in Afghanistan takes at least three

days," he said, "and I must be home by tomorrow evening. A glass of cold seltzer and a plateful of your wife's cookies is feast enough for me."

Mitzva drank the seltzer, ate the cookies and went straight to the synagogue. "Here is the shofar," said Mr. Haddad sadly. "We've been blowing away but not a sound comes out except a whoof and a poof."

"My my, what a beauty!" said Dr. Mitzva. He shone a light inside the shofar. He peered into the narrow end you blow and he examined the wide end where the sound comes out. He tapped both ends and listened to the sounds with his stethoscope. Finally, he announced: "I shall have to operate!"

"To operate?" everyone asked. "On a shofar?"

"Yes. Something seems to be blocking the sound. I think that a little corrective surgery will fix it up."

Dr. Mitzva took his tools out of his bag. Two helpers held the shofar while he inserted a pair of long tongs inside the wide end. Slowly, carefully, he pulled out one small

round bird's egg!

"Here is your shofar problem!" he said. "An egg!"

"An egg?? That's what comes of leaving the shofar uncovered on top of the Holy Ark!" said Mr. Haddad. "The synagogue is always full of birds. They sing while we pray. We keep the shofar inside the ark but this year we thought it would be a good idea to air it out. I suppose the birds saw it and decided it would be a safe place to lay an egg!"

Mr. Haddad put the shofar to his lips and blew. A long, deep, mellow sound came out - the very same sound which reminds the Jewish people all over the world that Rosh Hashana, the Day of Judgment, is here.

"I knew you could help," cried Mr. Haddad. "The shofar sounds perfect! How can we ever thank you?"

"You have thanked me enough," said Dr. Mitzva. "You gave me the chance to help. Helping people is a big mitzva! It makes the world a better, nicer place. And as I always say, if we don't help each other, then who shall we help?"

"Nonetheless, we must thank

you," said Mr. Haddad. "A favor or a good deed must never be forgotten. Especially if someone comes all the way from Cedarville to Afghanistan to do it! Please do us the honor of taking a small gift as a token of our appreciation." He handed Dr. Mitzva a miniature shofar, much smaller than the big one he had fixed, but just the right size for a little man like himself.

"And now you must hurry home or you shall miss your plane," he said.

After more thank-you's and good wishes, Dr. Mitzva packed his shofar and his tongs together with some of Mrs. Haddad's cookies and climbed onto the donkey which was waiting to take him to the airport.

"Shalom and Leshana Tovah - have a good, blessed year!" everyone cried. "You and us and all the Jewish people everywhere!"

"With God's help, I am sure we will!" answered Dr. Mitzva. "I just hope it stopped raining in Cedarville. And off he rode, holding his bag, on his bumpy donkey-ride to the airport.

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