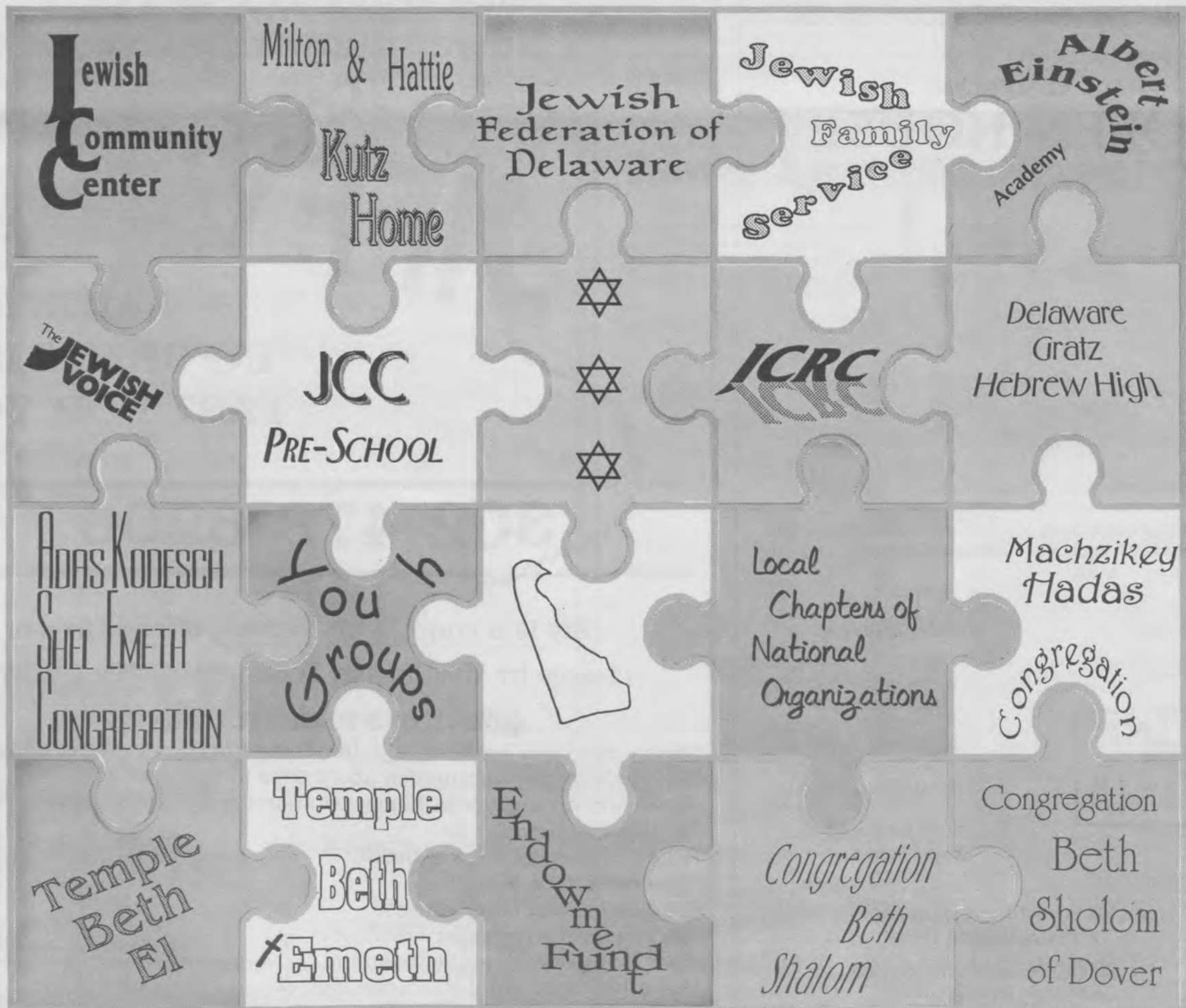


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- Is Billy Joel Jewish?
- When is the pool open at the JCC?
- How can I get a Mohel?
- How can I meet other singles?
- Do you have a recipe for knishes?
- How many Jewish students attend University of Delaware?
- Are any Jewish adult education courses offered here?

HISTORY

100 Years of Active Jewish Life in Delaware

Although there were Jews in Delaware from the seventeenth century days of Dutch settlement, Judaism did not flourish in very early Delaware, and by 1840, it appears to have been nonexistent. Not until 1879, when the Moses Montefiore Mutual Aid Society was organized, did Delaware have a permanent Jewish institution. Therefore, Delaware became the last of the original thirteen states to have an organized Jewish community and worship services for the High Holidays. In 1879, Wilmington had a Jewish population of some 25 families, most engaged in retail businesses. A small number of Jewish retailers lived in Dover, Smyrna and Milford.

Between 1880 and 1910, the Jewish population of Wilmington grew tremendously as East European immigrants found their way here. In just 30 years, the Jewish population of Wilmington expanded to more than 400 families.

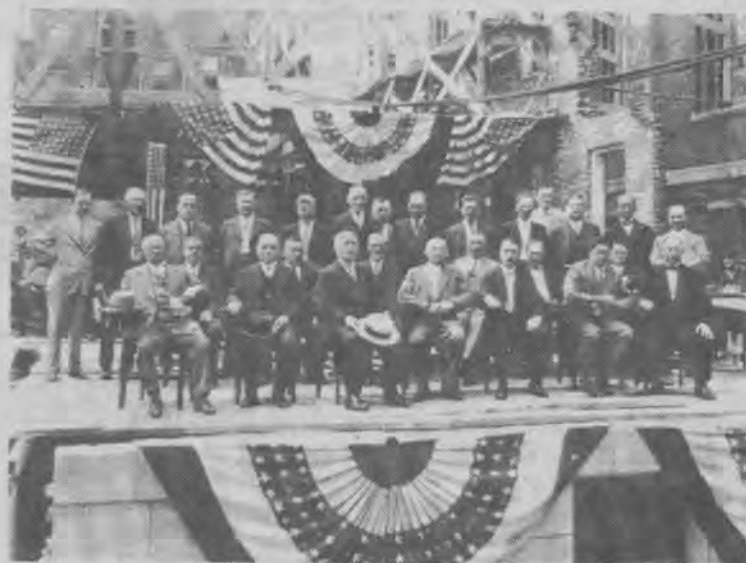
The influx of struggling immigrants, primarily merchants and peddlers, spurred the formation of many service organizations. Between 1899 and 1902, three of today's primary institutions were founded to offer assistance to the new arrivals. The Hebrew Charity Association, today's Jewish Family Service, was founded in 1899; The Young Men's Hebrew Association,

today's JCC, in 1901; and the Bichor Cholem, today's Kutz Home, in 1902.

The immigrants also established several synagogues to meet their differing religious expectations. Three of the early synagogues survived: Adas Kodesch, founded in 1885; Chesed Shel Emeth, founded in 1901, merged with Adas Kodesch in 1957; and Beth Emeth, founded in 1906.

Although Wilmington had the largest concentration of Jews in the state, Jews continued to live in Kent and Sussex Counties. By the early twentieth century, Dover, Lewes, Smyrna, Felton, Laurel, Georgetown, Millsboro, and Seaford had some Jewish retailers, peddlers, canners, distillers or hotelkeepers. The first Jewish farmers arrived in Viola in 1897 and 1900. With support from the Jewish Agriculture Society, 25 Jewish families settled on Delaware farms between 1912 and 1929. Jewish immigrants also entered farm-related businesses — livestock, poultry, and farm supplies.

No Jewish organization existed downstate until 1916, when the short-lived Jewish Farmers Association was established. Religious services were held informally, in individual homes, until 1939 when the Jewish Congregation of Lower Delaware, today's Congregation



Community members attending a ceremony to lay the cornerstone of the Adas Kodesch synagogue in downtown Wilmington, in 1927.

Beth Shalom, was incorporated.

During the first three decades of the twentieth century, the Jewish community of Wilmington grew rapidly, and by 1929, the population reached 3935.

But the community became increasingly fragmented. A fourth synagogue, Congregation Beth Shalom, was established in 1922. By 1929, there were more than 20 Jewish organizations, often working at cross purposes. Attempts to

unite the community were unsuccessful until 1935 when the Jewish Federation was established as a representative body of Wilmington's Jewry. In the following decades, the Federation's role was expanded statewide.

A few Jews attended the University of Delaware before the turn of the century, but Jews do not appear to have settled in Newark until early in this century. The Newark Jewish community, today's Temple Beth

El, was formed in 1954.

Throughout this century, the majority of Jews continued to live in Wilmington. Between 1929 and 1945 the Wilmington Jewish community increased 60 percent, to 6,156 people. Only an estimated 80 Jewish families lived in Lower Delaware in 1945. By 1974, the Jewish population of Delaware was 9000 with 96 percent in Northern Delaware. In the last decade, there has not been a significant increase in the Jewish population, which is estimated at 9300 today.

In this brief introduction, it is not possible to name all the people who have distinguished themselves in the 100 years of active Jewish life in Delaware. Suffice it to say that Jews have held high positions and made significant contributions in numerous fields, including law, business, government, medicine, farming, and journalism.

The Jewish Historical Society of Delaware continues to collect and preserve information on Delaware Jews. The archives of the JHSD are available to all who wish to know more about the rich Jewish heritage in Delaware.

(This introduction is based on material at the Jewish Historical Society of Delaware and on as yet unpublished work by Charles Salkin and Toni Young.)

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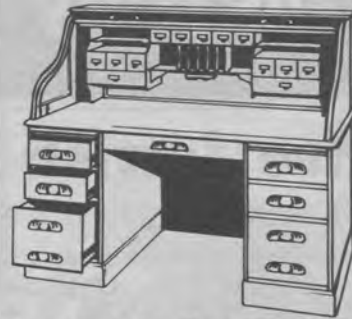
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The Jewish Federation acts as the umbrella and coordinating organization of the Delaware Jewish community which consists of more than 30 local, national and overseas Jewish agencies and organizations. The Federation is the major budgeting, planning and fund raising body for the Jewish community, providing funds to local, national and global Jewish organizations. The Federation operates through a volunteer board of directors and more than 250 men and women serving on 20 different committees.

As the coordinator of community activities, the Federation sponsors the Jewish Community Relations Committee, The Jewish Voice, the Endowment

Fund, Leadership Development, Women's Division, educational projects and the annual Campaign.

The Annual Campaign

The JFD Annual Campaign is an effort involving hundreds of volunteers to support a plethora of cultural, educational, humanitarian, and social services provided to the Jewish community of Delaware, Israel, and the World (see "JFD Allocations" this page for current allocations). To date, 2300 individuals contributed close to \$1.2 million to the JFD 1991 Annual Campaign.

Operation Exodus

Operation Exodus is an international special campaign of one

billion dollars for the rescue and resettlement of one million Soviet Jews. The Delaware Jewish community has already raised \$900,000 toward a \$2.1 million fair-share goal.

Allocations

Through an extensive review of community needs by volunteers, allocations are made to more than 30 local, national, and overseas Jewish agencies and organizations (see "JFD Allocations" this page for current allocations).

Young Leadership Cabinet

Established in 1989, the Young Leadership Cabinet is designed to connect young adults to the organized Jewish community as

the future leadership of our community. Since the organizations inception, more than 300 young adults have participated with some aspect of YLC activity.

Women's Division

Women's Division of JFD administers four projects: the Jewish Women's Coalition, a consortium of all the Jewish Women's organizations; special women's programming in Newark; a newcomers program;

management of the community calendar. New committees are looking for volunteers. For more information, call the JFD office.

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THE JEWISH VOICE

478-6200

Editorial Committee Chairman - Susan Paikin

Editor - Paula Hait

The Jewish Voice is the only Jewish newspaper in the State of Delaware. The Voice provides news and analysis of local, national and international issues, with special attention paid to the political, economic, religious and social life of the State of Israel. There are always two pages of opinions on a variety of topics.

Regular features of The Jewish Voice include a Jewish version of Dear Abby called "Dear Rachel" (a service of Jewish Family Service), a Dvar Torah column, book and movie reviews, a Jewish genealogy

column and a travel column. Local Jewish community announcements and events are listed in every issue.

Special holiday issues are published at Rosh Hashanah, Hanukkah and Passover. Advertising supplements include this Newcomers' Guide, a Bridal/Party Guide, Back To School and Women in Business, among others.

The Jewish Voice is published by the Jewish Federation of Delaware and is overseen by an Editorial Committee.

JCRC

478-6200

Director - Lelaine Nemser

Chairman - Robert Coonin

The purpose of the Jewish Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation is:

1) To interpret Israel's position and needs to the American public and government;

2) To marshal public opinion on behalf of justice and freedom for Soviet Jews in Arab lands;

3) To counteract anti-Jewish activities and significant manifestation of insensitivities to Jewish concerns;

4) To educate the Jewish community and the general community about the lessons of the Holocaust;

5) To help assure a climate which permits the Jewish population to participate fully in the general life of the community and which fosters creative survival of Jewish values and religious heritage. This can

happen only when all groups are accorded equal opportunity, equal rights and equal justice, and through the promotion for the democratic system by working with community coalitions and organizations, both within and outside the Jewish community.

The Jewish Community Relations Committee operates through a steering committee of representatives of Jewish organizations and synagogues. Its work is accomplished through volunteer task forces and committees. There are currently five such task forces: Israel, Soviet Jewry, Interfaith, Domestic Concerns and the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee. In addition, a branch of JCRC exists in

Lower Delaware.

Our Jewish Community Relations Committee is active in the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council (NJCRAC) which consists of 11 national and 114 community Jewish organizations. NJCRAC focuses on issues of concern to the Jewish community and educates on the positions to take on them as well as how to carry out those positions most effectively. Through a national planning process, NJCRAC produces an annual Joint Program plan designed to serve as an advisory guide by member agencies such as ours. Local community relations organizations are free to accept, reject or modify the Plan's recommendations according to local needs and preferences.

ENDOWMENT FUND

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Director - Connie Kreshtool

The Board of Directors of the Jewish Federation of Delaware established the Jewish Community of Delaware Endowment Fund to insure that educational, religious and social services are always available to the Jewish community. The Endowment Fund offers donors the opportunity to endow a service or institution of special interest to them. Such gifts provide a lasting legacy for the community and record the names of the contributors in perpetuity.

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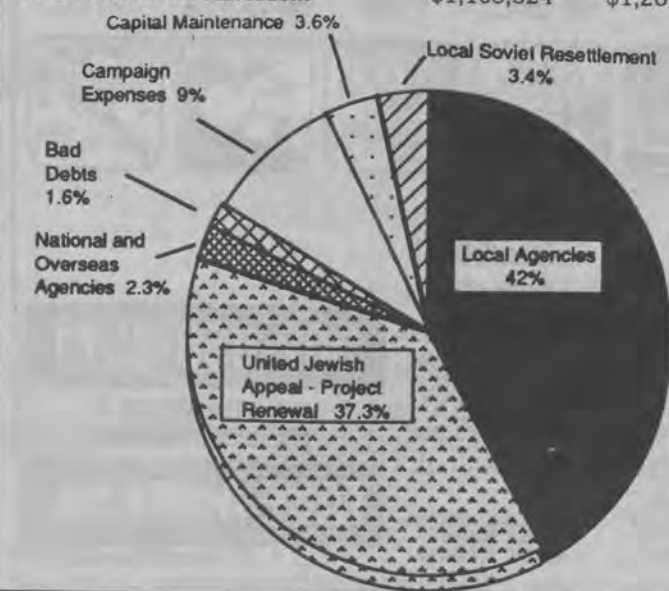
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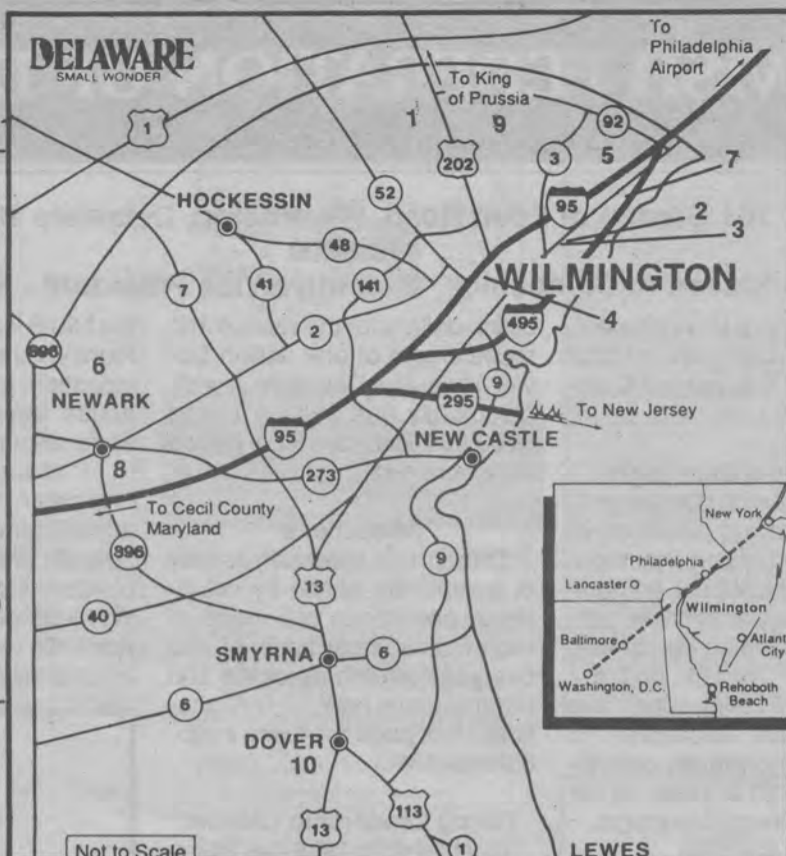
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JFD Allocations

	1991 Recommended Allocations	1991 Interim Allocations
Local Agencies & Programs		
Albert Einstein Academy	\$ 26,755	\$ 21,420
Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School	25,480	20,384
Hillel Counselorship - U of DE	26,520	21,216
Jewish Community Center	87,083	69,667
Jewish Family Service	25,710	20,568
Judaic Workshop	1,008	806
Ki Tov	1,368	1,095
Milton & Hattie Kutz Home	102,000	81,600
Lower Delaware Coordinating Committee	4,675	3,740
Newark Coordinating Committee	5,058	4,046
The Jewish Voice	19,601	15,680
Jewish Community Relations Committee	4,845	3,856
Jewish Federation - Administration, Programs & Campaign	303,237	242,590
Endowment Fund	12,604	10,083
Youth Services Task Force	—	—
Sub Total	\$645,964	\$516,751
National & International Programs		
CJF Dues	25,305	20,244
National & Overseas Agencies	14,930	11,944
United Jewish Appeal	450,000	360,000
Project Renewal	30,000	24,000
Capital Maintenance	50,000	40,000
Sub Total	\$1,216,199	\$972,939
Local Soviet Resettlement	49,675	35,055
Total	\$1,265,974	\$1,007,994
1990 Campaign Recapitulation		
	As of 1991	8/9/91 projected
Campaign Achievement	\$1,129,000	\$1,290,000
Campaign Shrinkage	25,000	25,000
Balance for Allocation	1,104,000	1,265,000
Unused Allocations	4,324	4,324
Total Available for Allocations	\$1,108,324	\$1,269,324



Locating Delaware's Jewish Organizations



Map Key

- 1 - Jewish Federation of Delaware
The Jewish Voice
Jewish Community Center
JCC Preschool
Jewish Family Service
Albert Einstein Academy
Gratz Hebrew High School
Jewish Family Campus
- 2 - Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation
- 3 - Beth Emeth Congregation
- 4 - Beth Shalom Congregation
- 5 - Machzikey Hadas Congregation
B'nai B'rith House
- 6 - Temple Beth El
- 7 - Kutz Home
- 8 - Hillel
Chabad House
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- 9 - Brandywine Country Club
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The Center offers Jewish educational programs, holiday celebrations, cultural and arts programs, plus a wide array of services listed below. 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).

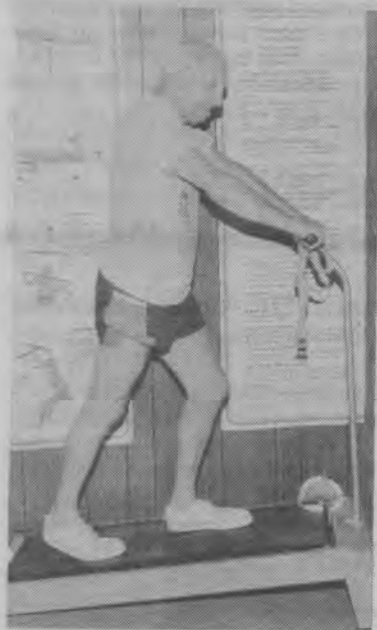
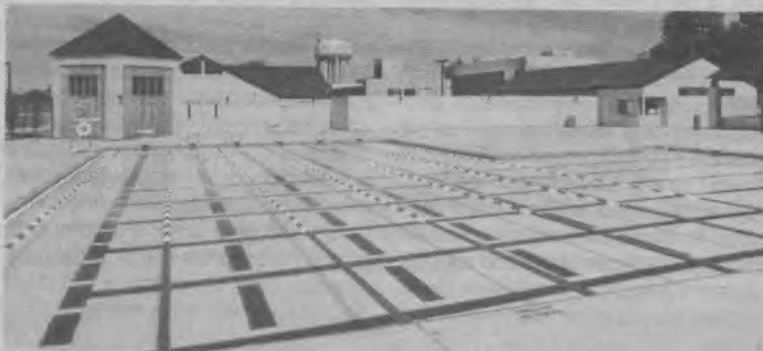
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- ✧ Jewish education programs
- ✧ Chavurah discussion groups
- ✧ Trips
- ✧ Dinner parties
- ✧ Swim parties
- ✧ Socials
- ✧ Leadership training seminars
- ✧ Shabbat services
- ✧ Recreational activities
- ✧ Jewish holiday programs

TEENS OF DELAWARE

- ✧ College caravans
- ✧ Ski trips
- ✧ Bowling and skating parties
- ✧ Sporting events
- ✧ One-day trips
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- ✧ Jewish holiday programs
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- ✧ Clubs and groups for children
- ✧ Birthday party celebrations

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Mom's Connection (Children 0-24 months and their moms or dads).

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Lunch Bunch Enrichment This program offers children a wide range of enrichment programs such as ballet, movement, nature, drama, gymnastics and Hebrew. Children in full day programs may also participate and are escorted to and from their enrichment classes(es).

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CHILDREN'S SERVICES

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Program Coordinator: Paul Mann
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Kidsplace (Kindergarten - 6th Grade). (After school care, snow day and school vacation programs). Kidsplace means fun and your child can join our kindergarten through 3rd grade or 4th through 6th grade programs. Activities include special interest clubs, swimming, gym, sports, outdoor adventure and a homework room. A wide range of enrichment programs, aquatic and fitness classes are also available for Kidsplace children. Transportation, snacks, special vacation trips, snow day programs and much more with the active Kidsplace staff are all part of the program. Safe, reliable transportation is available during the school year. Transportation from selected schools to the JCC, and from schools to local Hebrew schools is available for registered children. For additional information, call JJ Alter at 478-5660.

ADULT EDUCATION

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YOUTH GROUPS

B'nai B'rith Youth Organization

BBYO is housed at the Jewish Community Center. BBG (girls) and Brian L. Dombchik AZA (boys) serves teens in 9th through 12th grades. This program provides area teens with a chance to develop leadership skills through participation in a variety of social, athletic, cultural, educational, religious activities and community service.

For more information about the following groups, contact Paul Mann at the JCC, 478-5660.

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Beth Emeth Synagogue Youth Group

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For more information about BESTY contact:

BESTY	9th thru 12th grades	Advisor for both groups is Rabbi Sarah Messinger 762-5858
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Kadima is an international youth organization sponsored by the Department of Youth Activities of the United Synagogue of America. Geared towards grades 5 through 8, it offers each participant the chance to see that being Jewish and part of a synagogue can and does mean having a good time. The organization provides a number of social activities including field trips, overnights, community service activities and fundraisers.

For more information, contact Jeff Drowos, Vice President and Chair of Youth Activities Committee, at 478-1329.

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Chair of Advisory Committee - Dr. Vivian Klaff

B'nai B'rith Hillel has a presence on the University of Delaware campus 300 students strong. Currently they hold several activities a week, providing a mix of social, cultural, religious and educational programs. Programs include: bagel and lox brunches, Shabbat dinners, weekly Kabbalat Shabbat services, movie nights, trips to nearby cities, and Israel nights. In addition to regular events and programs, students this year were able to attend high holiday services on campus. Steady growth of this organization will soon necessitate a move to larger facilities.

For more information, call the Hillel office at 453-0479.

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The Judaic Workshop

The Judaic Workshop provides a Jewish educational experience to educationally exceptional young adults who have learning disabilities and who cannot be served by congregational religious schools. Presently housed at The Mary Campbell Center, a Jewish enrichment program is held every week for those who would not otherwise have any Jewish education. This program is financially supported by the Jewish Federation of Delaware. For more information contact Helen Gordon at 762-2705.

Ki Tov Class

Ki Tov is a program for children who cannot be mainstreamed into regular afternoon class, but who also do not belong in the "Judaic Workshop for Exceptional Children." The children enrolled in this program are capable of learning about themselves as Jews and about Holidays, Bible and language, but must be taught in a small class setting using individualized instruction and attention. In the past, Jewish education for these children has been neglected. The program is financially supported by the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

For more information contact Helen Gordon at 762-2705.

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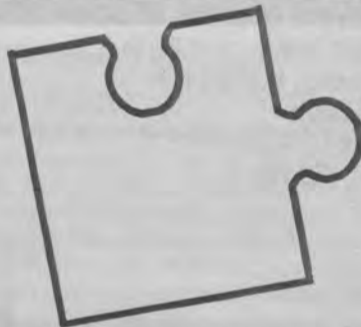
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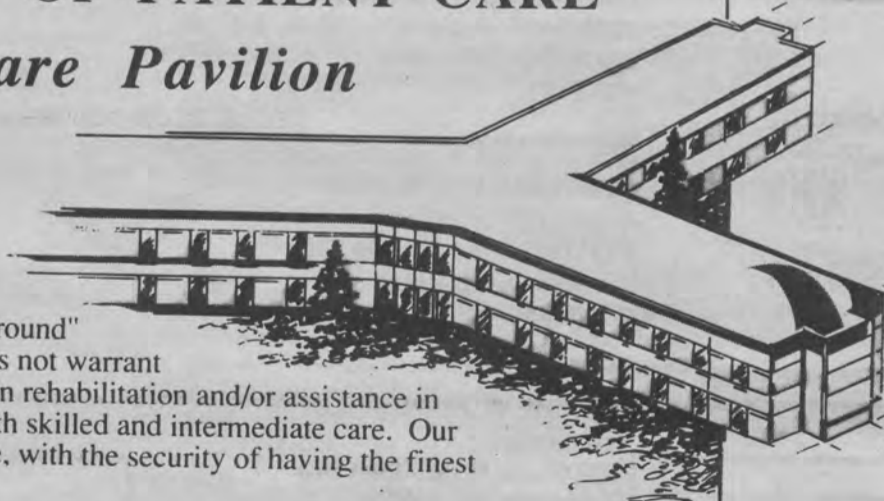
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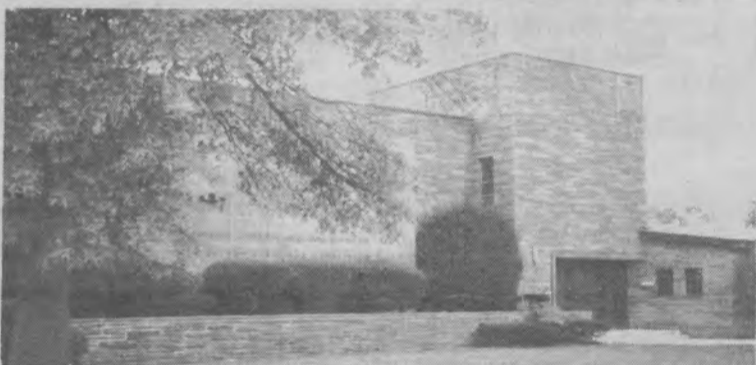


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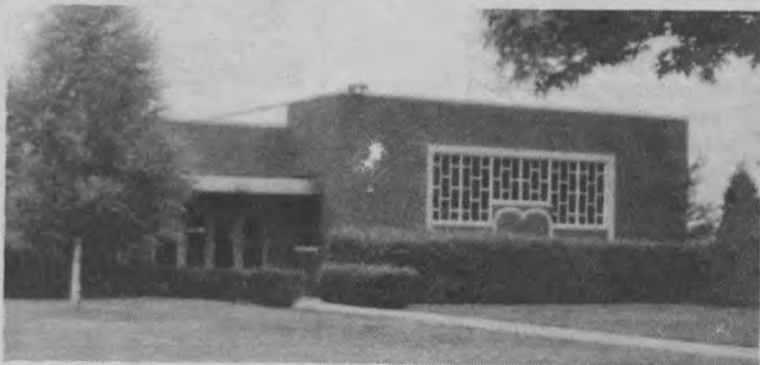
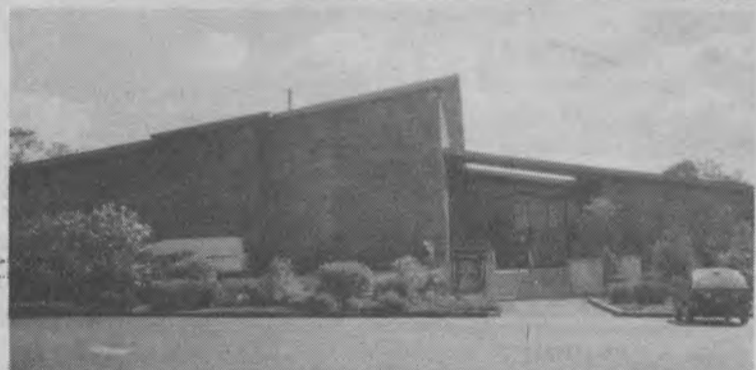


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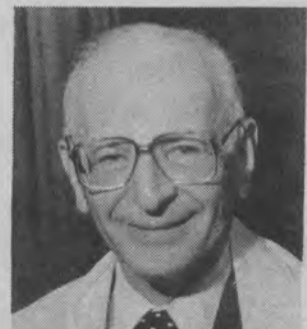


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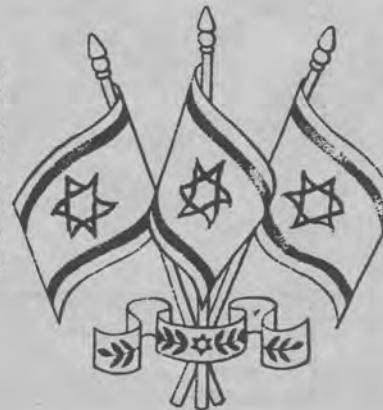


Yom Hashoa: April 30, 1992. The day is marked by memorials and dedications to those who perished in the Holocaust.

Yom Ha'atzmaut: May 8, 1992. Israel Independence Day is celebrated festively by Jews around the world.



Hanukkah: Dec. 1-9, 1991. In 179 BCE, the Maccabees led a band of Jews in battle against invading pagan warriors who had desecrated the Temple. When the Maccabees regained Jerusalem, they found only enough oil to last one day in the Temple's eternal light. Miraculously,



***Yom Kippur:** October 8, 1992. The Day of Atonement is the holiest day of the Jewish calendar, marking the end of the 10 days of repentance. It is spent fasting and in fervent prayer. Sounding of the shofar signals the end of the holiday.

***Sukkot:** October 12-13, 1992. The harvest festival, or Feast of Tabernacles, is named for the temporary dwellings, decorated with fruit and vegetables, set up to recall the booths in which the Jews lived during their journey from Egypt. The

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the oil lasted eight days, until more could be found. The Hanukkah menorah is lit for eight nights to celebrate that miracle. Children play dreidle, and foods fried in oil are customary. Hanukkah was declared a holiday by Judas Maccabee and his followers to celebrate the rededication of the Temple.

Tu B'Shevat: Jan. 20, 1992. This holiday, the New Year of the Trees, marks the coming of spring in Israel. It is celebrated by having picnics, planting trees and eating fruit.

Purim: March 19, 1992. The Feast of Lots recalls the rescue of the Jews of Ancient Persia from annihilation at the hands of Haman, who cast lots to choose this day for his plot. Queen Esther and her cousin, Mordechai, foiled his plan. On Purim, the Megillah of Esther is read, and the holiday is celebrated with riotous festivity, costumes and noisemakers. Hamantashen (three-cornered pastries) are the traditional food, and "misloach manot" (gift packages) are exchanged.

***Passover:** April 17-25, 1992. The Exodus of the Jews from Egypt is celebrated with the eight-day festival of Passover. Ridding the home of "chometz" (leavened food) and eating only unleavened items commemorate the haste in which the

Lag B'Omer: May 21, 1992. This holiday is a tribute to Jewish martyrs and mystics. Children parade as soldiers to commemorate the Bar Kochba Rebellion, and synagogues are decorated with candles.



***Shavuot:** June 6-8, 1992. Shavuot marks the end of the counting of omer. It recalls Moses' receiving the Torah from God. The Megillah of Ruth is read, and all-night Torah study is customary. Confirmation ceremonies, dairy foods, honey and floral decorations are traditional.

Tisha B'Av: August 9, 1992. This solemn holiday is a reminder of the destruction of the first and second Temples and the loss of the Jewish State to the Romans. Lamentations is read, and it is traditional to fast.

***Rosh Hashanah:** Sept. 28-29, 1992. Literally meaning "head of the year," Rosh Hashanah marks the beginning of the Jewish calendar year. It begins a 10-day period of repentance and prayer which ends on Yom Kippur. The holiday is celebrated with feasts and apples dipped in honey to symbolize the hope for a sweet year to come.



holiday is also marked by processions with the lulav (palm branch with myrtle and willow) and etrog.



***Simchat Torah:** October 20, 1992. The last day of Sukkot, Simchat Torah marks the end of the annual Torah reading and the beginning of the cycle for the coming year. The holiday is celebrated with singing, dancing and merry processions of men carrying Torahs and children waving flags.

Note: Holidays begin at sundown of the previous day. *Work is restricted.

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Names and addresses of the United States senators and representative from Delaware are listed below.

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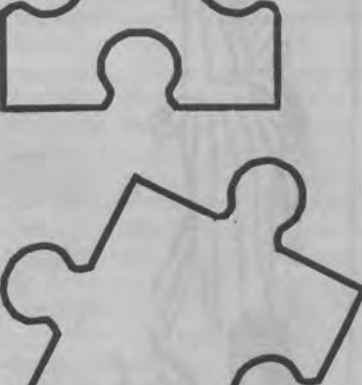
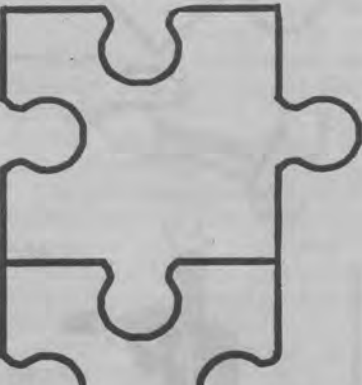
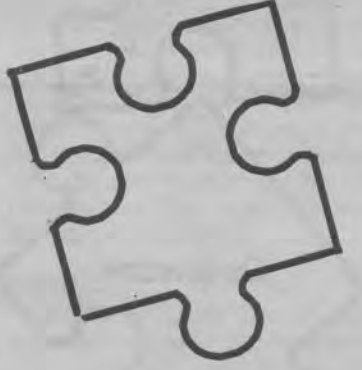
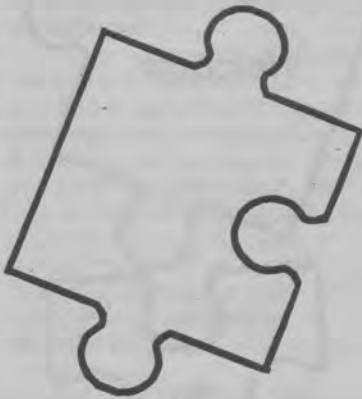


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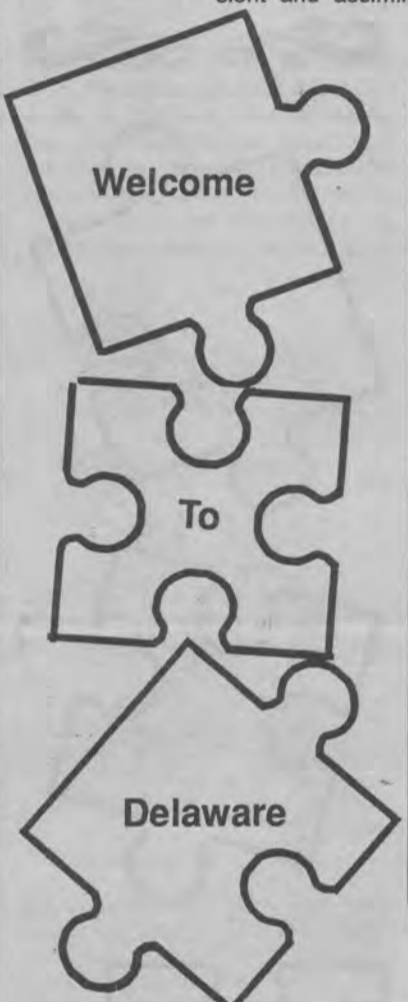
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When a child is born, parents choose a name, which is inscribed on the birth certificate. A Hebrew name also is chosen but is not given officially until the *brit milah* or *simchat bat*. In Jewish families of European origin (*Ashkenazic*), a child usually is named after a deceased relative. In families of Mediterranean origin (*Sephardic*), a child usually is named after a living relative the parents wish to honor.

BRIT MILAH — CIRCUMCISION

Circumcision, or *brit milah*, is performed to symbolize the covenant between God and Israel. A healthy baby boy is circumcised on the eighth day of life. The ceremony includes giving the child his Hebrew name. Traditionally, circumcision is done by a *mohel* (a person ritually trained to perform circumcisions). When done by a physician, circumcision may not meet the requirements of Orthodox Jewish law (*halachah*).

SIMCHAT BAT — CEREMONY ON THE BIRTH OF A GIRL

The birth of a baby girl traditionally is marked in the synagogue, when her father or parents are called to the Torah on the Sabbath to give the newborn girl her Hebrew name. There are also baby-naming ceremonies available to be used at home or in a synagogue.

PIDYON HA-BEN—REDEMPTION OF FIRST BORN

The *pidyon ha-ben* ceremony takes place 30 days after the birth of a first-born son. The tradition is based on the biblical understanding that first-born sons were dedicated to serve God in the temple. In order to redeem them from that obligation, five shekels were exchanged with the temple priests, who then served in the temple instead of the first-born. The ceremony today involves a symbolic exchange of five silver coins with a descendent of the Kohen family of temple priests. The coins then may be donated to a Jewish charity.

BAR/BAT MITZVAH

At age 13 for a boy, and 12 or 13 for a girl, a child reaches adulthood and becomes a *bar* or *bat mitzvah*, a son or daughter of the command-

ments. The ceremony is a public declaration of the child's acceptance of the obligations to fully observe the commandments and to participate in the Jewish community. This adult status occurs automatically whether or not a ceremony takes place.

When there is a ceremony, it generally is celebrated in the synagogue. The child is called upon to recite the Torah blessings and to read a Torah portion. Friends and family attend the service and generally celebrate afterward with a festive meal. Although most ceremonies occur on Saturdays, they also can take place on Monday, Thursday, or on holidays, the other days when Torah is read publicly in the synagogue. In some congregations, a bat mitzvah may take place on Friday evening.

In the past, girls were not called to the Torah, but today in most Conservative and Reform synagogues, the ceremonies are the same regardless of gender. In some contemporary Orthodox congregations, the bat mitzvah is marked by a festive meal during which the young woman presents a Torah lesson.

For adults who missed the opportunity to have a bar or bat mitzvah, there are study programs available throughout the community.

CONFIRMATION

The confirmation year, 10th or 11th grade, represents a special time of celebration and commitment. Typically, the year includes study and meetings with the rabbi, culminating in a special service, often during Shavuot, since that holiday commemorates the receiving of the Torah by the Jewish people.

CONVERSION

Conversion to Judaism is a path that requires both personal commitment and an extended period of study. Most rabbis are available to counsel and/or teach potential converts. Programs and procedures vary, so anyone thinking of converting should contact a rabbi.

MARRIAGE

Judaism views marriage as a sacred act, essential not only for



procreation but also for self-fulfillment. Historically, according to the Talmud, marriage was established in three ways: 1. With money, 2.

through a written document presented by the groom to the bride, and 3. through sexual relations. The present-day wedding ceremony incorporates all three symbolically. The presentation of a ring takes the place of exchanging money. The *ketubah* (marriage contract) is equivalent to the earlier written documents, and among Orthodox and some Conservative Jews, the third custom is symbolically represented by *yihud* (seclusion), in which immediately following the ceremony the couple retire briefly to a private room.

The marriage takes place under a *chuppah* (marriage canopy), symbolizing the home that the couple will make together as well as God's presence. The *chuppah* may be a highly decorated fabric canopy or a simple tallit (prayer shawl) supported by four poles.

The main elements of the ceremony are: 1. *Kiddush erusin* (sanctification of betrothal) 2. Betrothal blessing 3. Presentation of the ring 4. Reading of the *ketubah* and its presentation to the bride 5. Recitation of *sheva brachot* (seven marriage blessings) 6. Drinking of the wine to sanctify the marriage (*nissuin*) 7. Breaking the glass (to remember the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem even at joyous occasions).

Additional traditions that may occur in a wedding ceremony is the *bedeken*, in which the groom places the veil over his bride's face, encircling of the groom by the bride, recitation of a portion of Psalm 118 and a sermon by the officiant. Rejoicing continues during a festive meal. No weddings occur between Passover and Shavuot because they are days of mourning.

DIVORCE

According to Jewish law, a couple is considered legally married, even after a civil divorce, until the wife obtains a *Get* (religious divorce document) from the husband. Reform Judaism generally does not require a *Get*, but Conservative and Orthodox Jews consider the wife's remarriage without a *Get* to be adultery. Israeli law requires a *Get* before remarriage.

A Jewish divorce does not require establishment of fault. There must instead be mutual agreement to dissolution of the marriage and the written document (*Get*) of dissolution handed to the wife.

DEATH

The Jewish traditions related to death and mourning are intended to recognize death as a part of life. The traditions of preparing the body, sitting *Shiva*, (a seven-day period of mourning immediately following a funeral), saying *Kaddish* (prayer for the dead) and observing *Yahrzeit* (anniversary of a death) guide Jews through a difficult period. These familiar customs and rituals provide for mourning, grief and re-emphasizing the true nature of life. The body of the deceased is treated with respect, ritually washed, wrapped in a plain white shroud and placed in a plain pine coffin before burial. During *Shiva*, the departed is remembered with tears and reverence. Mourning is restricted to a maximum period of one year. The *Kaddish* prayer is said by the mourners

for this period of time, on the anniversary of the death and at *Yizkor* services in the synagogue. A *Yarzeit* candle is lit for the seven days of mourning as well as on the anniversary of the death and at *Yizkor* Services.

RITUALS

MIKVAH

Mikvah is a ritual bath of fresh "living" water used for spiritual purification. For many Jews, married life involves laws of *Taharat HaMishpacha* (family purity), requiring the wife's monthly immersion in a mikvah after menstruation, before reuniting with her husband.

The mikvah is used today by some brides and grooms before their wedding, for purification before the High Holy Days and to renew or establish a deep commitment to Judaism. Converts to Judaism traditionally go to the mikvah as part of the birth of a new Jewish soul. New pots and dishes may be taken to the mikvah before they are used in a Jewish home.

KASHRUT

Kashrut is a system of laws and practices derived from several sources. First, there is the biblical injunction to maintain holiness before God, which includes eating only those animals, birds and fish which are kosher or acceptable.

Second, there is the attitude that, through this law, a person practices discipline over his behavior, in this case what he eats. Third, *kashrut* intimately is tied to the concept of reverence for life. Creatures used for food must be slaughtered in a prescribed ritual and humane way with the blood (life) carefully removed before the flesh is cooked and eaten. Further, the life-giving milk is kept separate from the meat to insure that the two are never cooked or eaten together.

The following foods are kosher:

- Vegetables and fruits, which may be served with either meat or milk;
- Fish that have both fins and scales;
- Most domestic fowl ritually slaughtered by a qualified *shochet* (ritual slaughterer);
- Eggs from kosher birds containing no blood spots;
- Animals that both chew their cud and have a split hoof and that have been slaughtered, soaked and salted properly.

During the eight days of Passover, these rules become stricter, as all foods containing leaven are forbidden, including not only bread but also grains, beans, peas and lentils.

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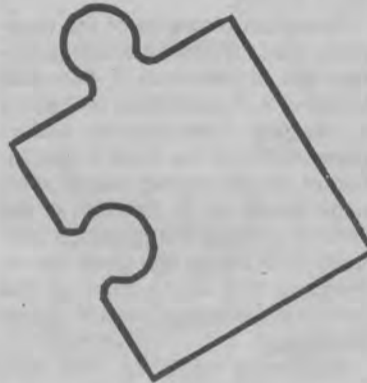
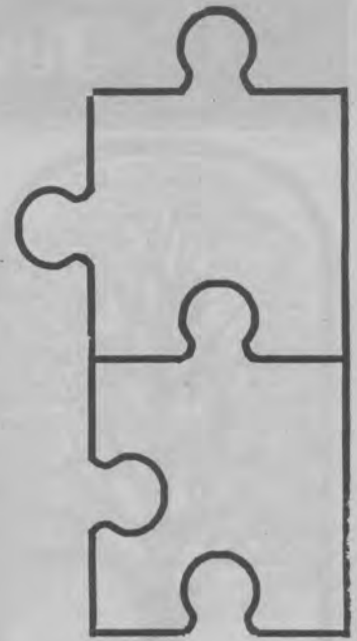
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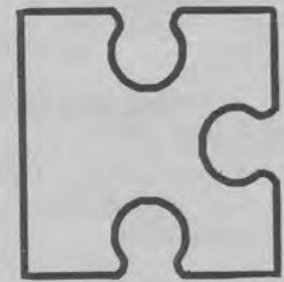
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The Garden of the Righteous Gentiles (above), located in front of the Jewish Community Center in Wilmington, is the first monument in the United States to Christians who saved the lives of Jews during the Holocaust in Europe. The Garden's original trees were dedicated in November 1981 by Holocaust survivors residing in Delaware. Individual bronze plaques at the trees bear the names of rescuers, nine of whom saved Jews who later came to live in Delaware; one Christian couple, Ger and Gerald Van Raan, honored in the Garden for their heroic efforts in Holland, also came to reside in Delaware. The Garden was inspired by an "Avenue of the Righteous" at Yad Vashem, the Holocaust museum and resource center in Jerusalem. The garden was enhanced in 1991 by the planting of shrubs and flowers.

At the entrance to the Jewish Community Center, stands the monument to the children who survived the Holocaust (left). The bronze monument, a pair of figures from a larger work of 12 figures called "Kaddish," is the work of an Israeli artist. The statue was purchased by the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. An accompanying plaque reads: "In memory of the more than one million Jewish children who perished during the Holocaust, 1933-1945."

In Freedom Plaza in downtown Wilmington, stands the Holocaust Memorial of Delaware (top right). The sculpture is comprised of three 15-foot, irregularly-shaped, concrete columns, on which are etched the names of several of the concentration camps. The columns are compressed against three bronze figures; a man, a woman and mother and child, representing the victims of the Holocaust. The massive impersonal forces of the columns suggest man's inhumanity to man and the cold cruel barbaric mentality for the Nazis in an unmoving world. The figure of the mother holding a child over her head may also represent the end of a nightmare and the beginning of a new life. Freedom Plaza is located in the 800 block of French Street (between 8th and 9th Streets) in Wilmington.

The memorial grave marker in the Beth Emeth Memorial Park (bottom right) was dedicated at a memorial service in September 1987.

The Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Resource Center, dedicated in 1987, contains Holocaust-related literature and history books and is housed in the Jewish Community Center.



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