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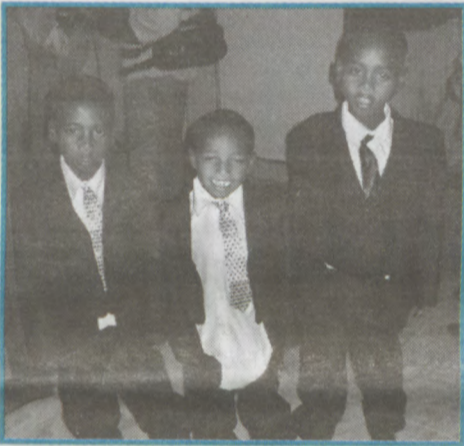
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## FROM ADDIS TO ISRAEL

By Toni P. Young  
Special to the Jewish Voice

On May 25, 2006, the 15th anniversary of Operation Solomon, Stuart and I flew from Addis Ababa to Israel with 130 olim and 63 leaders from federations throughout the United States. The moment was one of great hope and expectation. It contrasted sharply with the deplorable living conditions we had just witnessed in Ethiopia.

Falash Mura is the name given to people whose ancestors converted to Christianity under



duress but who have proven matrilineal descent as Jews to the chief rabbis of Israel. All of the Falash Mura making aliyah have relatives in Israel. The Falash Mura are usually very



reserved, but at the airport in Addis Ababa, their glistening eyes and big smiles revealed their excitement. All were dressed in their best clothing, which they had chosen during their final preparation for aliyah. Women and young girls wore traditional Ethiopian dresses, or contemporary dresses and suits; men and young boys wore suits, jackets and ties. They sat patiently, in family units, in the waiting room. When the airline attendant announced, "Families with children," they lost their reserve and rushed to the line. After a wait of many years, they were on their way to Jerusalem, their name for Israel.

### IN ADDIS ABABA AND GONDAR

Less than 10 days earlier, the Falash Mura had been living in abject poverty. In Addis Ababa, they live in small rooms made of mud and branches with tin roofs and no indoor plumbing. The mud room is lit by one small bulb and is nearly totally filled with a large bed that serves a family of five as a place to sleep, eat, and sit. One hut serves as an outhouse to all eleven families living on a narrow mud road. The stench of raw sewage in the street is overwhelming. Men and children, who have to drop out of school, work as laborers to earn enough money to pay the landlord for this shack they call home. Some families have been living like this for eight years.

Ninety five percent of the olim come directly from Gondar these days because JAFI and JDC have found it is better to let the people live in their natural surroundings as long as possible. In Gondar, the children continue to go to school. They attend seven hundred at a time in three different shifts. The curriculum is a mixture of general education required by the Ethiopian government and a Jewish program that includes Hebrew language and Judaism. A nutritious meal is provided during the school day, so many children come to school primarily to eat.

The mud classrooms are dimly lit by some natural light. Students sit on hard benches with



Photos by Stuart Young

no backs. Since the walls separating their rooms don't reach the ceiling, there is distracting noise. In an English class, instead of speaking, the students struggle to copy sentences, written on the blackboard in a foreign alphabet, into their notebooks. The English teacher doesn't understand any of the simple English I speak to him. The teaching methods are centuries behind current Western classrooms with their modern pedagogical methods and use of technology.

Good health is a rare commodity in Ethiopia. There's only one doctor per 35,000 people. Twenty percent of children die between the ages of one and five. Fifty percent are stunted. The normal age of death is forty two. However, at JDC's

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## BERK MAKES THE CASE FOR ISRAEL

By Lynn B. Edelman  
Editor

"Israel in a good country in a bad neighborhood," said Dr. Stephen Berk, keynote speaker at the June 15th 71st Annual Meeting of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. This acclaimed professor, author and historian called for strong Diaspora support of a lone democracy struggling to survive amidst regimes whose charters call for Israel's destruction.

Hamas, defined by Berk as a "genocidal organization bent on creating a Palestinian nation which extends from the River Jordan to the Dead Sea" poses perhaps the most pressing, immediate threat to the security of the Jewish homeland. "These terrorists are responsible for the deaths and maiming of thousands of Israelis," said Berk who emphatically refutes claims that Hamas will moderate its policies now that it has been duly elected into power.

"We cannot give an inch to Hamas as this is an organization incapable of change," he stated, asking the audience to learn the lessons from the tyrannical reigns of Adolph Hitler and Josef Stalin. Deportations and deaths of mil-



Dr. Mark Wagman, recipient of the inaugural Steven J. Rothschild Volunteer of the Year Award, spoke about the importance of becoming actively involved in Jewish communal life.

lions of Jewish citizens were sanctioned during the tenure of both rulers.

Berk takes umbrage with those who maintain that Yasser Arafat moderated his views towards the Jewish State during his long reign as PLO chairman. "Make no mistake about it, Arafat espoused hatred of Israel until the day he died," Berk commented.

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad shares Arafat's sentiments. In recent weeks, he has caused international outrage by dismissing the Holocaust as a myth and questioning Israel's right to exist. Is it any wonder, queried Berk, that Israel has particular reason to fear Iran's determination to produce nuclear weapons?

Berk fears that allowing this nation to develop a nuclear arsenal would trigger an arms race in the Middle East and exacerbate the terrorism that pervades this region. He hopes that diplomatic strategies to deal with this dangerous situation will be successful but cautions that negotiators must verify that Iran will carry through with the terms of whatever agreement is brokered. "We cannot afford another situation like we have in North Korea where the government appears determined to test-fire a long-range missile that U.S. military officials believe may be able to reach Alaska," Berk commented.

As Israel begins its 58th year of statehood it also faces a number of internal challenges.



Guest speaker Stephen Berk, center, is joined by Samuel H. Asher, JFD Executive Vice President (left) and Bernard Siegel. The JCC, which played host to the 71st Annual Meeting of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, is named in honor of Bernie and his wife, Ruth.

Chief among them is enabling the exodus of an additional 20,000 Ethiopian Jews and assuring their successful absorption into Israeli society. Federation support of Operation Promise helps make this heroic ingathering possible, while also providing sustenance to impoverished elderly Jews in the former Soviet Union as well as Jewish identity programs for FSU young people.

"As Jews, it is incumbent upon us to continue the great works of our ancestors," exhorted Berk, adding, "Only through acts of tzedakah and tikkun olam can we truly say 'Am Yisroel Chai'-The Jewish people Live."

Photos by Mike Samuels

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# FEDERATION FOCUS

## Camps ignite a spark of Jewish identity



**Lauren Schultz**  
Director, Women's Philanthropy

**By Lauren Schultz**  
*Director, Women's Philanthropy*

As a kid, I spent many summers at the Jewish Community Center Camp by the Sea and then at overnight camp at Ramah in the Poconos. The summer has always been an especially spiritual time for me. From Kabbalat Shabbat (the Friday evening prayer service that welcomes the Sabbath) at Camp by the Sea, to the intense ruach (spirit) while Israeli dancing and singing at Ramah, summer for me was always when I felt the most Jewish.

Camp was my first taste of feeling community. It is so important to have had an environment with meaningful Jewish experiences from which really positive Jewish memories grew. It was a place where lasting friend-

ships were forged and more importantly, Jewish values were instilled. It is without a doubt the single most significant factor in fostering my Jewish identity, leading me to where I am today. I think this rings true for many people. Something just happens to kids at Jewish camps...a Jewish spark is ignited and they end up with their own Jewish identities, distinct from their parents'.

Although I am no longer a camper, my memories of those camp days come rushing back to me every June. Now I spend my weekends at the Jersey shore beach and lucky for me, most of my camp friends frequent the Jersey shore as well. We get to spend endless nights rehashing our memories that will surely last us a lifetime. They are Jewish memories, which have shaped my Jewish spirit.

Before camp, my Jewish outlets consisted of Hebrew school and synagogue services, which unfortunately had not gotten me excited about being Jewish. Suddenly I was feeling a great sense of passion about Jewish rituals, which I still feel today.

This summer, as you watch the fortunate children you know head off for camp, think about the children both locally and worldwide who aren't as lucky. Think about the ways in which you can make a difference in their lives. Federation supported agencies introduce children to Jewish life and Jewish values, through experiences such as camp. Not only does the Bernard and Ruth Siegel Jewish Community Center day camp (Camp JCC) offer the best programming and facilities in the Wilmington region, but it provides an

environment in which a community of campers and their families call home for the summer. Scholarships are provided to those in need and you can help send a deserving child to camp.

Last year, UJC/Federations helped send approximately 11,000 unaffiliated young Jews in the former Soviet Union to Jewish Agency summer camps in order to rekindle their Jewish identity. This year, thanks to \$2.1 million in funding from the Operation Promise campaign, nearly 4,000 additional young FSU Jews will attend summer camps as well.

For more information on how to give to the Federation Annual Campaign or Operation Promise, please call us (302) 427-2100. Invest in your Jewish community. *Live generously... It does a world of good.*

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*Photos by Mike Samuels*



Carol Rothschild, a member of the Federation Board of Directors, told Annual meeting participants about her late husband Steven's passionate commitment to making a difference in the lives of others through voluntarism. "Steven would have been delighted that Mark Wagman was recognized with the award that bears his name," she commented.



The Stape family affix a mezuzah to the doorpost of the newly renovated Albert Einstein Academy facilities.



Debbie Cohen proudly hangs a mezuzah on the entrance to the Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School.



Rona Caplan, Louis and Thelma Deitcher sign their names in the Book of Life during the Annual Meeting program as Karen Venezky, Federation's new director of the Jewish Fund for the Future and Jewish Community Relations Committee and Toni P. Young, chairperson of the Jewish Fund for the Future beam their approval. Book of Life signatories have made their commitments to this Fund by setting up bequests, annuities, named endowments or other planned gifts.



A record crowd participated in this annual celebration of Jewish life in Delaware.

## Addis to Israel

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medical clinics in Addis Ababa and Gondar, run by Dr. Rick Hodes, the story is different. This incredible Long Island native who came to Ethiopia on a Fulbright 20 years ago and never left, has created outstanding medical clinics. He has reduced the death rate at his clinics to below that of the U.S. and Israel and to three times lower than the Ethiopian death rate. At the clinics, which are open to Jews and non-Jews, patients receive immunizations and advice on family planning, as well as consultations about serious illness. As part of the public health program, children suffering from nutritional deficiencies are fed daily if their mothers bring them to the clinic and learn about good nutrition. In a "drama" class, women act out a story that is meant to change commonly held misperceptions. In Ethiopia, people believe that in order to cure diarrhea, you must pull out teeth. They don't listen to out-

siders, but when their own people, who have learned at the clinic, tell them, they pay attention.

In Gondar, the National Conference on Ethiopian Jewry (NACOEJ) feeds children on a daily basis and rewards mothers who bring their children by giving them a kilo of beans to take home. The NACOEJ complex includes a synagogue, mikveh and classes for men and women.

The Jewish Agency for Israel is in charge of the final preparations for aliyah. About ten days before families are to emigrate, JAFI brings them from Gondar to Addis where they live at the JDC compound for the final week. The olim go through several stages of preparation. First, they are sent to the hospital for x-rays, which are read in Israel. Anyone with tuberculosis is treated for a month and if not infected, sent on. Second, they get full medical examinations, receive immunizations, and are taught about personal

hygiene. Third, in a final interview, JAFI workers determine the exact age of olim because all of the benefits they will receive in Israel depend on age. This information is sent to Israel a week before their arrival so everything is in place when they arrive. Olim also learn to write their names in Hebrew. Fourth, in a classroom with a sample toilet, refrigerator, and gas burners, olim are taught to use these basic necessities of life, which are totally unfamiliar to them. During the final stage the day before the flight, olim receive their tickets, official papers, luggage, and they have the opportunity to select clothing. They are warned not to use the airport's "magic stairs," known as escalators to us, because in the past olim have hurt themselves on this modern innovation.

### ARRIVAL IN ISRAEL

When the olim descended from the plane at the old terminal at Ben Gurion airport, many kissed the ground while

we sang, clapped and shook hands. Within a very short time they were sitting comfortably and eating in a private room at the terminal. One by one the head of family was called into a private room with two JAFI officials and an Ethiopian Israeli who speaks Amharic. The JAFI official showed the new oleh photographs, the oleh nodded to indicate they were the correct photos. The JAFI worker then fastened them to the identity card and the oleh either signed or stamped his fingerprint. A JAFI official then handed him an envelope with money. The concept is that new olim must open bank accounts and begin to pay for their stay at the absorption center right away so they understand the idea of becoming self sufficient and not being fully supported. Within an hour of landing in Israel, the new olim had identity cards and money! Then they greeted their mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers and cousins who were eagerly waiting for them at

the new terminal. One father gave his son six kisses, three on each side. As soon as he finished, the son gave the father six kisses. Several families followed a similar ritual. The joy and sense of promise for a new life were thrilling.

Through our support of Operation Promise, we are doing something that's never been done. We are bringing black Africans to live as free people in a modern, westernized society. We can be proud of what we are accomplishing and of the excellent work of JAFI, JDC and NACOEJ, but we cannot rest until we bring the remaining 11,000 Falash Mura out of Ethiopia and until we give the Ethiopian Israelis the help they need to become fully integrated into Israeli society.

*(The challenges of moving from a mud hut to an advanced twenty first century society in a matter of days are extraordinary. More about that in my next article.)*



# EDITORIALS AND OPINIONS

## Step up to the Plate

The game of baseball (even when played by this year's Philadelphia Phillies) is often inspiring! Athletes of varying backgrounds, interests and levels of experience come together as one unit. For nine innings these "boys of summer" set aside personal egos and ambitions toward the collective goal of a team victory.

Each player has the ability to make a difference. Each play could be the one that scores the win.

For 58 seasons, Israel has stepped up to the plate. She is a powerful presence in the often cut-throat Mid-East league.

At home, they play under hostile conditions. Hamas, Hezbollah and other terrorist teams are formidable foes. Security costs are exorbitant and must be added to a budget already taxed by the demands of feeding, housing, educating and training its scrappy band of sabras and new olim who come from every corner of the world to find spots in Israel's team roster.

Stephen Berk, keynote speaker at the recent annual meeting of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, is a big fan of Team Israel. He admires the tenacity of these quintessential underdogs who refuse to be vanquished by wars or intifadahs.

He exhorted all of her many fans here in Delaware and throughout the Diaspora to support Team Israel financially and through participation in missions or volunteer service programs.

Berk cautioned against exerting undue influence on Team management decisions. "We are here and the Israelis are there. If Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert says that they will deal with Hamas then Diaspora Jews should stand beside them," he said.

The Jewish Federation of Delaware invites you to show your Team Israel colors on its upcoming Mission to our Jewish homeland. From September 9th through September 18th, we'll tour this beautiful land of milk and honey and participate in high level briefings with Israel's key policy-makers.

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B'Shalom

*Lynn B. Edelman*

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Editor

## TASTE OF TORAH

### Korach's Big Break

Among the awesome and miraculous events depicted in Torah is the apparent ignominious death of the demagogue and rebel Korach. He and his evil coterie are swallowed up by the earth.

Moses in invoking punishment upon the evildoers prays: "If G-d will create a phenomenon and the earth opens its mouth and swallows them and all that is theirs and they will go down alive to the grave-then it shall be known that these men have provoked G-d." (Numbers 16:30) That Korach and his followers did suffer this punishment is borne out by the Talmud (Baba Batra 74a) where it is related that Rabba Bar Bar Chana was led by an Arab to the place where the rebels were swallowed alive. The Arab placed a piece of moist cotton on the end of a spear and inserted it into a fissure in the ground. When the spear was withdrawn, the cotton was singed to indicate so to speak the fires of the underworld. Listening carefully, Rabba Bar Bar Chana was able to discern words emerging from deep down in the earth, "Moses is true, and his Torah is true."

At this point, we are left with the question as to why Moses, the epitome of righteousness would have prayed for Korach and his band to suffer this living death? Barbarism of course is



Rabbi Dresin

not uncommon to this part of the world, even today. The sadistic butchering of two young American soldiers in Iraq in the name of Allah certainly attests to brutality in the name of religion.

Was Moses ever found guilty of a similar act? The truth is that Moses' prayer was a prayer for mercy, for were Korach and his men to have perished instantly they would never have had the opportunity to repent and would have been condemned to oblivion. Since they went down alive they were given the opportunity to repent and redeem themselves.

Clearly we have here set forth a distinction between life and death. As long as a person remains alive, he/she has the opportunity to redeem themselves from an ignominious fate. The departure of life takes with it the possibility of the exercising of one's free will in the cause of repentance. This is why G-d is described as being slow to anger and abundant in kindness. Korach's departure from the face of the earth was an act in this vein, allowing him to use his free will to redeem himself. Punishment was delayed in the hope that he would mend his ways. Justice need not always come swiftly. This event in part addresses the theological difficulty of why the wicked at times seem to prosper. They too are the benefactors of G-d's divine mercy.

Rabbi Sanford L. Dresin is the spiritual leader of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation in Wilmington and chair of the Rabbinic Association of Delaware.

## LETTER OF THE EDITOR

### A personal tribute to Jeff Metz

After 10 years of service, Jeff Metz is stepping down as Executive Director of the Jewish Community Center. Many accolades will be directed Jeff's way, all deserving. I would, however, like to reflect on the positive effects Jeff has had on me.

Iris and I met Cindy and Jeff Metz 10 years ago during a group trip to New York. I knew we would hit it off because we all agreed to explore on foot rather than catch a cab. We past by a knish shop and marveled at an establishment dedicated to knishes. We also saw 'Rent' and to this day, have no idea what it was about. The Metz and the Tockers went back to New York several years later to eat at the Carnegie Deli and walk some more.

I will always think of Jeff as "My JCC Director". It was during Jeff's tenure that I realized my own philanthropic duties to the Jewish community. Among Jeff's strengths is his ability to engage. I have participated in and supported the JCC Sports Classic for the past 10 years. I have also served on the JCC board and support-

ed the community capital campaign. I became involved because Jeff asked. His honest commitment to our community is contagious. In retrospect, Jeff's natural ability to engage may have laid the foundation for my becoming active in many aspects of our community. I am a better person for it and am thankful that Jeff reached out to me.

Jeff and I have played golf in Myrtle Beach. This experience left Jeff as one of the few people on the planet to see me sing karaoke. The Metz family has been regular guests at our home for Thanksgiving. Both Jeff and I pretended to reclaim our youth on the football field during flag football the day after Thanksgiving.

I am certain the next JCC director will be fine. But, Jeff Metz will always be "my JCC director" and also my friend. We should be flattered that the Metz family has chosen to stay in Wilmington to continue to enrich our community.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Allan Tocker  
Wilmington

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The first independent meeting of the Mizrahi Women's Organization opened on June 19, 1939.

Ethel Rosenberg was executed on June 19, 1953, alongside her husband, Julius Rosenberg.

Hilary Price became the youngest woman

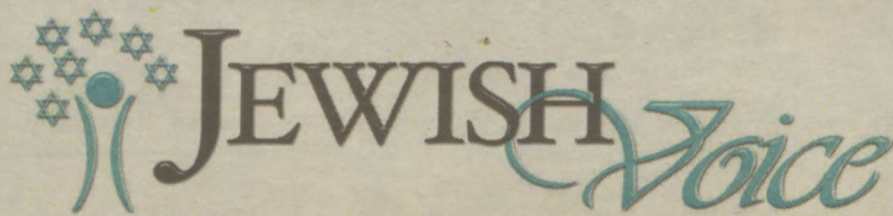
ever to have a syndicated daily cartoon strip when "Rhymes With Orange" appeared in national newspapers for the first time on June 19, 1995.

Comic actress Fanny Brice appeared in the Ziegfeld Follies for the first time on June 20, 1910.

Maxine Frank Singer, a leading biochemistry researcher and advocate of science education, was awarded the National Medal of Science on June 23, 1992.

On June 24, 1983, the New York Times reported on Mathilde Krim's newly-established AIDS Medical Foundation.

Annie Cohen Kopchovsky, known as Annie Londonderry, began a round-the-world bicycle trip on June 25, 1894. She became the first woman to travel around the globe by bicycle.



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## EDITORIALS AND OPINIONS

### Hunger doesn't take a summer vacation

By Dr. H. Eric Schockman

As the temperature increases, we put away our sweaters for another year and prepare for summer months full of outdoor adventures in the sun. Our summer activities could include a trip to the local beach or lake, a hike in the mountains, BBQs, ice cream on a hot day or afternoons by the pool. But, while we enjoy the summer months, hunger does not go on vacation. Nearly 38 million Americans, including 14 million children will face hunger. This summer, visiting farmer's markets can mean proper nutrition and a better life for many low-income families.

Farmer's markets throughout the country offer local farms, ranches, dairies and nurseries the opportunity to sell their products at

weekly markets. While promoting healthy eating and proper nutrition, the farmer's markets are a great resource for low-income families.

At various markets there is a partnership between the private and public sectors, allowing the Women, Infants and Children Farmer's Market and Nutrition Program swipe cards to make the market accessible. WIC is a federal program that provides nutrition education, food and health care to pregnant women, new mothers, infants and children. WIC has been proven to be effective in minimizing low-birth weight and reducing fetal mortality.

In addition to the weekly farmer's markets, many nonprofits that organize the markets also provide programs on how to eat healthy meals by cooking nutritious foods and shopping wisely.

Moreover, these nonprofits offer programs that enable low-income families to grow their own food by providing them space in a large community garden. The community garden programs consist of gardens with plots, some of which are located on the grounds of local elementary and middle schools. The gardens increase access to fresh, local fruits and vegetables in neighborhoods where supplies are limited, as well as decrease food expenses for low-income families, who work together by sharing produce from their garden with neighbors. Beyond their financial benefits, community gardens are an important tool in promoting healthier lifestyles by joining community members together around a common cause. Along with this type of community involvement, this allows for nonprofits to provide cur-

ricula, training workshops, tools and seed for people who wish to take part in the program.

Federal nutrition programs as well as private programs, such as farmer's markets and community gardens, provide a means for the hungry Americans to have an opportunity to live an independent life-style. And of course, in the end these are all band-aid practices, until we build the political will in this country to end hunger. So, while we enjoy the summer days, let's also support local programs that provide for low-income families, so that they too can have a happy and healthy summer.

Dr. H. Eric Schockman is president of MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger. For further information about this organization, visit their website at [www.mazon.org](http://www.mazon.org).

### Will Sderot become a ghost town?

By Nechemia Meyers

Today the Upper Galilee town of Kiryat Shmona has a population of some 20,000 people. However, had everyone sent there in the 50's, 60's and 70's remained, it would have ten times that many inhabitants, and perhaps be the third or fourth largest city in Israel.

This turnover in population had one major cause, the thousands of katyusha rockets that rained down on the town in the course of a decade. For obvious reasons, the tense situation didn't appeal to potential residents, and most left at the first opportunity. Those who remained were mostly social welfare cases, families too impoverished to establish themselves somewhere else, plus a group of people who had special links to the town.

The experience of Kiryat Shmona is very much on people's mind now that an Israeli town at the other end of the country, Sderot, is being mercilessly bombarded in the same

manner. The Hamas is quite straight-forward about its goal. One of its spokesmen, Abu Uheideh, stated this week: "We have decided to make Sderot a ghost town."

That is a goal they are unlikely to achieve. But, at the same time, they will certainly frighten some people away from Sderot, as the Hezbollah did from Kiryat Shmona. The populations of the two towns are quite similar; both are composed mainly of relatively poor people, who are defending Israel's frontiers not because they are great patriots but because that is where they were sent to live. While most men and women here will do their best to stay away from "rocket zones", there are a certain number of middle-class Israelis who have decided to express their practical Zionism by moving to Kiryat Shmona or Sderot. Among these unusual people was my daughter and her family, who resided in Kiryat Shmona for over a decade.

It was not always easy. Indeed, on some occasions my daughter would ask herself in

near despair, "what am I doing here?" On one such occasion when she was taking her two older children to the kindergarten and the third grade respectively, suddenly, the rockets came whizzing in. Her first impulse was to return to her home with the two kids in order to put them in a special shelter. But then she remembered that, as a special education teacher, she had a whole class—already at school—to worry about. So, with a heavy heart, she took her own children to their respective educational institutions and rushed off to look after other people's off-

spring.

"On another occasion," she recalls, "the rockets were falling almost on top of us, and the kids were sleeping on the second floor. Who do I take down to the shelter first, the little girl or the little boy? After a moment's hesitation, I took the girl, the younger of the two."

My daughter has great sympathy for the mothers of Sderot and hopes that their travail will come to an end very soon. But like most Israelis, she doesn't know how the shelling can be stopped short of a full-scale and costly military effort to destroy the Hamas.

### Myths and Facts

"I extend my hand in peace to Mahmoud Abbas, elected President of the Palestinian Authority. On behalf of the State of Israel, we are willing to negotiate with a Palestinian Authority."

— Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, Speech to Congress, (May 24, 2006).

**MYTH #223:** "If Israel ends the occupation, there will be peace."

**FACT:** The mantra of the Palestinians and their supporters since 1967 has been "end the occupation." The assumption underlying this slogan is that peace will follow the end of Israel's "occupation." The equally popular slogan among critics of Israeli policy has been that it should "trade land for peace." Again, the premise being that it is simply Israel's presence on land claimed by the Palestinians that is the impediment to peace. The experience in Gaza has offered a stark case study of the disingenuousness of these slogans. When Israel announced the plan to evacuate Gaza, rather than cheer the unilateral end to the occupation, the Palestinians denounced disengagement and refused for months to cooperate or to take measures to ease the transition. If the Palestinians' fervent desire was really to end Israeli control over their lives, why didn't they cheer the disengagement and do everything possible to make it a success?

Israel has withdrawn from every inch of Gaza; not a single Israeli soldier or civilian remains. The evacuation came at great emotional and financial cost. And what has the end of "the occupation" brought Israel? Has it received peace in exchange for the land? No, to the contrary, the Palestinian answer to meeting their demands has not been quiet, but a barrage of rocket fire. Since September 12, 2005, 770 Kassam rockets have been fired, more than 100 since the weekend of June 10, 2006 (Jerusalem Post, June 13, 2006; Embassy of Israel).

Fortunately, these rockets are relatively inaccurate and have caused minimal death and destruction, but that is beside the point. What nation would hold its fire if its population was under daily attack from missiles? The ongoing rocket fire disrupts the lives of Israelis, traumatizes the children, and amounts to an act of war.

It has been a testament to Israel's restraint that it has not mounted a large-scale military operation to this point to end the threat to its citizens. The Palestinian Authority has ceased to exist in Gaza; now it is simply a wild west outpost for terrorist factions to fight for power and provoke Israel. Time is running out for the Palestinian leadership to exert control or face the consequences.

Slogans are good for bumper stickers and sound bites, but they are irrelevant to the future of Israel and its neighbors. Israelis have repeatedly shown a desire for peace, and a willingness to make painful sacrifices, but nothing they do will end the conflict. The escalation of violence not only has occurred following Israel's evacuation of Gaza but after the Israeli Prime Minister expressed his intention to withdraw from virtually the entire West Bank. Peace will be possible only when the Palestinians and other Muslims and Arabs demonstrate by their deeds their willingness to live beside a Jewish state.

Source: *REVISED Myths & Facts Online - A Guide to the Arab-Israeli Conflict* by Mitchell G. Bard.

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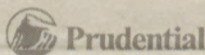


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## INSIDE DELAWARE

### Albert Einstein celebrates its 36th graduating class

Albert Einstein Academy graduated 9 students at its 36th commencement exercise on Sunday, June 11. The program, hosted at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth featured each student as a graduation speaker, along with a personal prayer written by each student. Sara will be attending Hanby Middle School and Gratz Hebrew High School. The class also led a brief Maariv Service and sang selected musical pieces.

**Sara Downard**, daughter of Jill and Ralph Downard and sister of Rebecca. She attended AEA since Kindergarten. Sara will be attending Hanby Middle School and Gratz Hebrew High School.

Sara's hobbies include playing the alto sax, participating in Girl Scouts, horseback riding, swimming, traveling, and the beach. She enjoys conducting her own chemistry and physics experiments in her lab, and wants to be a food chemist. Her favorite studies at AEA were social studies and the incredible AEA art program.

Her grandparents are Carole and Herbert Gary, of Monroe Township, New Jersey, and Ellen and Ralph Downard of Apple Valley, California. Her Great-Grandmother Nana Helen Rosowsky lives in Middletown, New York.

**Jacob Eisenberg** was born on June 14, 1994 (Flag Day!). Jacob and his family moved from Willingboro, New Jersey to Delaware in late August 1999. Jacob started Gan at AEA in September '99 and is now very proud to have graduated from 6th grade. During his time at AEA Jacob has shown true interest and skill in both computers and art. As a participant and graduate of Reading Assist, Jacob has developed a true interest and appreciation for reading. He has also enjoyed being a part of AEA's soccer and basketball teams, as well as his time serving on the school's safety patrol.

Among the activities and events

that are fond in Jacob's AEA memories are the Egg Drop; Purim celebration; Passover Seder and of course Chanukah Choopla at the JCC.

In the fall Jacob will attend Hanby Middle School, as well as Gratz.

**Aaron Gabriel Feldman** is the son of Anne Breikss and Jerald Feldman, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Feldman of Baton Rouge, LA and Mrs. Arija Breikss and the late Ivars Breikss of Denver, CO. He is the brother of Asher. Aaron attends Congregation Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth where he regularly leads concluding prayers on Shabbat. He was a Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth finalist in both Math and Language Arts and participates in the CTY program. Aaron loves sports, especially basketball and baseball. He also enjoys travel (he will be visiting Israel for the second time this summer), computer animation, origami, reading anything technical, and working exceptionally difficult math problems. He will be attending Hanby Middle School and Gratz Hebrew High School in the fall.

**Danny Goodman** loved being at AEA because all the teachers and other students know each other so well. He especially liked the sports teams and was really proud to be the co-winner of the Soccer MVP Award this year. Danny's favorite subjects are science and social studies, and of course he has always loved gym.

Danny has one brother and one sister. Ben graduated from AEA in 2003 and is now a Concord High School student. Hannah is entering 2nd grade at AEA. Danny is looking forward to meeting new friends at Hanby Middle School, and feels very lucky that two of his AEA classmates will be joining him there.

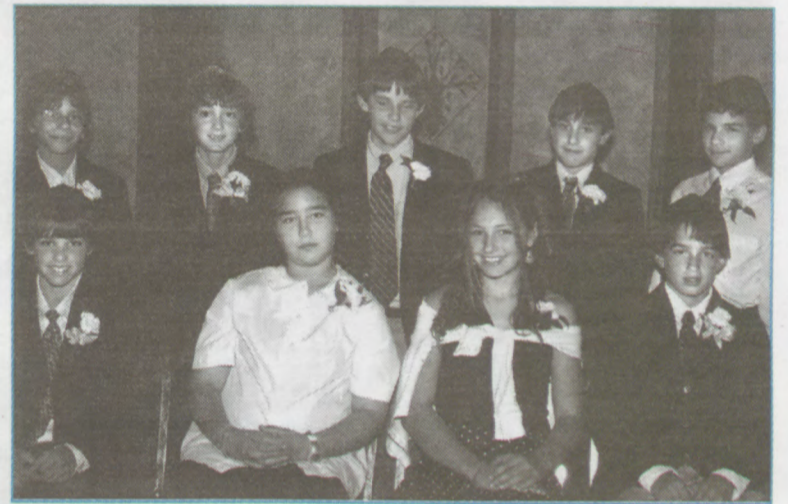
In Danny's graduation speech he quoted a famous baseball player who said: "Life is like a baseball game.

When you think a fastball is coming, you've got to be ready for the curve." Danny believes that his education at AEA has prepared him for all of life's curves.

**Aaron Kogon**, son of Susan and Jay Kogon, grandson of the late Irving and Rita Kogon and Jack Coonin, has attended Albert Einstein since kindergarten. Aaron was voted the MVP for the AEA basketball team for 2005-2006, and was a Maccabi player as well. An avid sports fan, Aaron enjoys music, reading about famous athletes and loves animals. A member of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, Aaron will be attending Pinemere camp this summer with many of his Einstein friends, and Garnett Valley Middle School in the fall. Aaron will miss his close AEA friends, pick-up games of football and basketball during recess and his many involvements at school: Chess Club, Safety Patrol and Band.

**Samuel Mark Rambo** is the son of Caryn and Mark Rambo and the grandson of the late Natalie and Jacob Wolf and Sheila and Robert Rambo. He loves to play basketball and baseball. Sam played basketball as well as soccer while attending AEA. Sam has had a wonderful 7 years and has learned so much from all of his fantastic teachers as well as his peers. With the wonderful background that Einstein has provided Sam, he feels strongly that he will succeed in anything he puts his mind to. Sam's goal for the future is to some day become an Attorney. He is now looking forward to moving on to middle school, at Everett Meredith Middle School.

**Joshua Adam Schwartz** is the son of Randi Schwartz and Steven Schwartz, and the grandson of Herbert & Doris Mazer and Philip & Elaine Schwartz. He is the brother of Melanie and Samantha Schwartz, and



the step-son of Laurie Schwartz. Joshua enjoys sports, both as a participant and as a spectator. He is an avid fan of the New York Yankees, and loves traveling to see professional baseball and basketball games in other cities. Joshua scored in the top of the nation on both ERB exams and Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth. He is an avid math student. Joshua has the choice to attend either the Tredyffrin-Easttown Middle School or the Wilmington Friends School in the fall, and will become a Bar Mitzvah at Beth Emeth on September 30, 2006.

**Mark Louis Stape** is the son of Jeffrey Stape and Caryl Marcus-Stape. Mark has attended Albert Einstein Academy for 8 years, starting in their Geshur (Pre-K) class. Among his many accomplishments at AEA, Mark was one of the first to play on both the Basketball team and Soccer team in third grade. This year, Mark was the recipient of the Scott Bowers Award for outstanding offensive player in soccer. Additionally, Mark has played travel team soccer for Concord Soccer,

and both recreational basketball and JCC Jr. Maccabi basketball and soccer. Mark looks forward to the challenges of a new school and will be forever grateful to the teachers, administration and his friends at AEA. Mark is the brother of Pamela Rachel MacDonald (class of '98) and grandson of Eugene and Roberta Marcus and Jack and Lois Stape.

**Lindsey Rose Weiss** has loved her AEA experience and will miss her AEA friends and teachers when she moves to Southlake, Texas later this month. She has been involved in many of the AEA activities over the years including the school's soccer and basketball teams, the annual school plays, and the choir. Lindsey's outside activities include Girl Scouts, St. Catherine of Sienna's varsity cheerleading squad, Concord Soccer, and theater productions through the Arden Shakespeare Guild. Lindsey is the daughter of Alison and Dale Weiss and has a younger brother, Daniel, who is eight.

These remarkable students are extremely well prepared for their respective middle schools.

## JFS welcomes new board members

Jewish Family Services of Delaware (JFS) recently held its annual board meeting, at which the organization inducted new board members and officers for the 2006-2007 year. Also at this meeting, outgoing JFS board President Stephen Tanny presented a "State of the Agency" report; JFS Executive Director Dory Zatuchni acknowledged the expertise of staff and board members alike, with special recognition to board members Jill Flambaum and Gael Szymanski for their extraordinary contributions to the organization. Flambaum chaired the 2005 and 2006 Best of Brandywine House Tour committees and Szymanski donated her talents as a professional designer/painter to provide a "facelift" to JFS' Newark office.

Robert Pincus, President of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, installed the following officers to the JFS Board of Directors: President, Natalie Woloshin; 1st Vice President, Marla Eskin; 2nd Vice President, Roberta Levine; Secretary, Bryan Schwartz; and Treasurer, Steven Ogintz. Incoming JFS President Natalie Woloshin accepted the induction on behalf of the entire board.

In total, eight new members were added to the board: Steven A. Colton; Dr. Beverly H. Friedberg; Mitzi Klatzkin; Diana M. McWilliams; Laurie S. Polleck; Jordon N. Rosen, CPA; Orly M. Wallach; and Arlene C. Wilson. McWilliams, Polleck, Rosen, Wallach

and Wilson will serve three-year terms through 2009; Colton and Friedberg, two-year terms through 2008; and Klazkin a one-year term ending in 2007.

Established as a charitable aid society in 1899, Jewish Family Services of Delaware is a non-profit, social service agency, offering counseling, care management and community outreach programs throughout the Brandywine Valley. Today, JFS is a full-member agency of the United Way of Delaware, the Jewish Federation of Delaware and the National Association of Jewish Family and Children's Agencies.

In addition to services and programs for the public, the agency contracts with organizations such as Delaware's Youth Rehabilitative

Services at the Ferris School, LifeLines, B'nai B'rith House and Bayada Nurses, and enjoys partnerships with community centers, retirement communities and other agencies including Boys and Girls Clubs of Delaware and West End Neighborhood House.

The agency continues to evolve, yet its core mission has never changed: To provide counseling, care management and community education, guided by Jewish values, to strengthen the well-being of the individual, family and community. For additional information about Jewish Family Services of Delaware, please contact Communications Officer, Michelle Kramer-Fitzgerald, at 302-478-9411, ext. 12 or info@jfsdelaware.org.



Jewish Family Services of Delaware welcomes the following new members to its board of directors (L-R): Arlene C. Wilson, Mitzi Klatzkin, Laurie S. Polleck, Diana M. McWilliams, Orly M. Wallach, Jordon N. Rosen, and Steven A. Colton. Not pictured is Dr. Beverly H. Friedberg.

## JHS helps Delaware Jews explore their roots

The Jewish Historical Society of Delaware is continuing its study of the places of origin of members of the Delaware Jewish Community. At the April 30th "Routes to Roots: Tracing Jewish Genealogy" program by Miriam Weiner, many discovered that more and more resources are becoming increasingly available to help Jewish families learn about their grandparents and earlier generations. Ms. Weiner's lecture to an audience of about 130 at the Jewish Community Center gave a useful overview of what to expect when

researching Jewish genealogy in Central and Eastern Europe. Many research tools and indexes are available at The Routes to Roots Foundation, [www.rtf-foundation.org/](http://www.rtf-foundation.org/). Help may also be found at the Jewish Genealogy website, [www.jewishgen.org/](http://www.jewishgen.org/).

There's still much we don't know about our grandparents' generation. According to an informal survey being conducted by the Jewish Historical Society of Delaware, 60 percent of those who replied to the family history survey were born in Wilmington. Fifty-

two percent of the respondents' parents were American-born but only 12% of their grandparents were born in the US. Nearly one-third of grandparent's birthplaces were reported as "Russia." Because Russia's voracious expansion until the end of the 19th century created an empire comprising almost one-sixth of the world's landmass, and including much of the Pale of Settlement, this response includes towns now in Ukraine, Moldova, Belarus, Lithuania, Latvia and Poland! Finding more detailed information and records about families who

emigrated from this region can be rewarding and fascinating, despite the challenges, as Ms. Weiner reminded her audience.

The purpose of Jewish Historical Society of Delaware is to preserve and document the history of Jewish settlement and Jewish life in Delaware and to present programs of interest concerning Delaware's Jewish community. For further information, please call JHSD at (302) 655-6232, send an e-mail to [jhs-del@yahoo.com](mailto:jhs-del@yahoo.com) or visit the JHSD website at [www.jhsdelaware.org](http://www.jhsdelaware.org).






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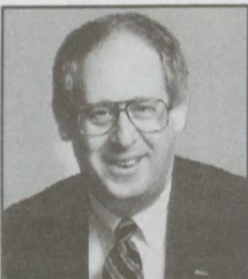


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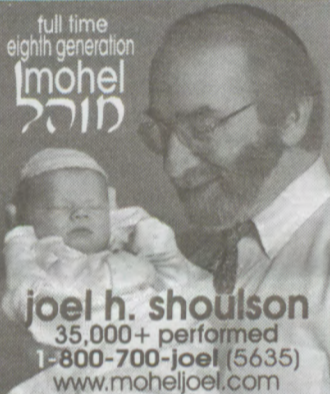
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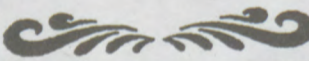


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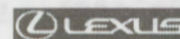
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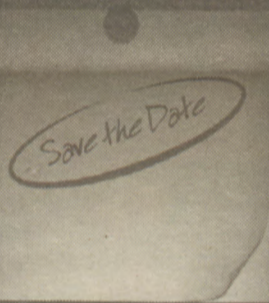
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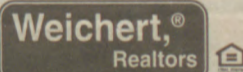
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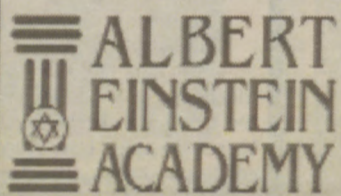
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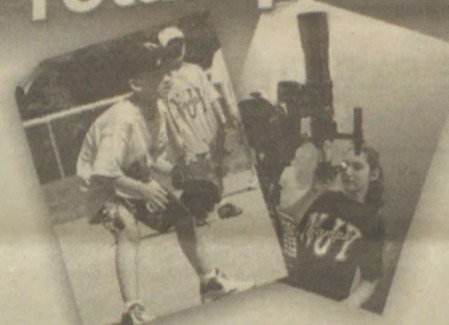
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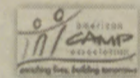
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# PERSPECTIVES

## Searching for our family's roots

By Cheryl Fruchman  
Special to the Jewish Voice

On a visit to my mother (Eda) and father (Leon)-in-laws this past fall, Eda expressed a desire to go back to her hometown in Lodz, Poland. Eda wanted to know if there was some kind of marker on her father, mother and brother's grave. Going back to search the cemetery for this information would require too much walking for an 80 year old with back problems, so Marc and I told her we would make this our mission over the spring break.

Marc contacted the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C. and explained our situation. They were very helpful in sending documentation that they had on his mother and father's families. They also provided us with the name of a person to contact in Lodz. This person kept the records of the burial plots in the Jewish Cemetery.

Over spring break Marc, Jacob (my son) and I left for Warsaw, Poland. Of course we picked one of the worst weekends to be there. It was Easter and it was like being in Tel Aviv, Israel over the High Holy Days. We only had Monday to visit Lodz before we had to leave. We decided to go to Marc's father's hometown on Saturday as we knew we would be able to get a taxi to Auschwitz and Berkinau. The taxi driver took us around parts of the

city that his father lived. We stopped by the synagogue that Leon attended as a child. Unfortunately, it was closed.

After a brief ride around the old ghetto we proceeded to Auschwitz and Berkinau. It was very horrifying to imagine the atrocities that went on there and to know my dear mother and father-in-law and their families were victims of these atrocities. It was a very grueling day. Sunday we walked around Warsaw. Most of the ghetto in Warsaw had been replaced with high rise buildings. The few old buildings that were left still had bullet holes on the outside walls. As I was walking past these buildings all I could feel was the fear and anguish that our people suffered. It brought chills to my spine!

What is left of the bunkers after the Nazis burned them down to hide their wrongdoings at Berkinau.

Monday we boarded the train to Lodz. We were told that Mr. Symcha Keller; the man with the records, could not speak to us until noon. The taxi driver didn't speak English but could read my notes in my date book.

I showed him the address of Eda's home. He started driving away from the city to a wooded area with a few small homes most of which were either new or unoccupied. At number 10 Midowa there was nothing left, only a lot filled

with trees.

This is the street that #10 Midowa was believed to be on.

Our guess was that this was not the same place she grew up in and we found out when we showed her the pictures that we were right. The taxi driver took us on a tour of the Jewish Holocaust Memorial of Lodz, the Jewish Cemetery and the Ghetto before taking us back to Mr. Symcha Keller.

He provided us with copies of the names of Abraham, Mariam, and Zallman Grinbaum (Eda's brother and parents) and a listing of where they were buried. The only one he did not have a specific location of the grave site for was Eda's father. Mr. Symcha Keller also told us that Zallman had passed away during a six month period when the cemetery did not keep records, but assured us that he did in fact have a single grave and was not buried in a mass grave. Eda was fearful of them being buried in mass graves.

Upon arriving at the cemetery, we found the gravedigger that we were told to look for and were told that he would take us to the site. We came within fifteen feet of Eda's mother's grave. The headstones in that area were only a few and most of the marked ones were not very clear to read. Marc brought along plaques that he had made up with a Jewish Star and the name of his

grandparents and uncle. Marc decided to place the two plaques, one plaque of his grandmother and one plaque of his grandfather together under a tree.

It was the best he could do for his mother. We did manage to find the grave of Abraham. We placed Abraham's plaque in front of his grave.

It is our hope that one day we can take Eda back to see the cemetery and her hometown. We had found what she was unable to look for! Finding the graves were a very important part of the trip for us to be able to show her pictures and

enable her to just know! I am very grateful to be a part of this loving family.

I am also very proud to be a part of Seaside, my extended family! I think often of all the souls lost back at the camps. It makes me even more proud to be a part of creating a Jewish community in a county and a town that would not let Jews live in certain developments. Even today we see anti-Semitism in our schools and radio programming. Please help our community by volunteering and keeping it moving forward for you are the future of the Jewish people!





# MILESTONES

## In Memoriam

**ELLIS**

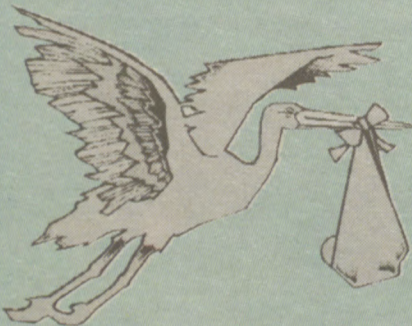
Robert L. Ellis, 79, of New Castle, DE, died Thursday, June 15, 2006.

He is survived by his wife, Joan; and sister, Elaine Silverman. A funeral service was held 10

am, Friday, June 16, 2006, in the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Chesapeake City Rd., Bear.

The family would appreciate memorial contributions to the charity of your choice.

## A New Son of Israel is Born



Sheila and Perry Goldlust are pleased to announce the birth on May 30th of their grandson Jamison Morris. He is the son of Johanna and Mark Seldes and lives in Tampa, Florida with his parents and big sister, Malina.

His proud great-grandmother is Rose Gainen of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

## NACHAS NOOK

### Delaware Library Assoc. honors Jack Markell

The Delaware Library Association presented State Treasurer Jack Markell its Distinguished Service Citation in appreciation of his outstanding support of Delaware Libraries at the Delaware Library Town Meeting on Wednesday, June 7, 2006.

Markell was honored for spearheading the financial literacy campaign, "Read! Using Your Library Is An Investment In Your Future", which provided more than 500 financially-themed children's books to Delaware's public and elementary school libraries, along with posters, bookmarks, reading ledgers and signed certificates to lend his endorsement to the value of reading and library use. The program



DE State Treasurer Jack Markell

was designed to bring attention to the importance of literacy and to foster an appreciation of reading in young children.

"Access to libraries could make a difference in the lives of children by giving them access to information that they otherwise would have no exposure to. This is a fantastic opportunity for Delaware's public and school libraries to help our kids learn the importance of saving, budgeting and other basic financial skills," Markell said. "These skills are a requirement of the state educational standards and the continuation of this program will again provide an additional fun way for kids to gain exposure and knowledge of personal finance."

# LIFESTYLES

## Blintzes in Burbank, Lox Vegas and so much more

By Joel Glazier

Earlier this year it was reported that The United States no longer commanded the world's top Jewish population. It is now estimated that America's Jewish population of 5.2 million has been surpassed by Israel with its 5.8 million Jews. However, it continues to impress and even fascinate Jews from older established American Jewish communities that Jewish life is accessible and vibrant in many areas beyond the East Coast.

**The Southwest beyond Los Angeles**

Shavout approached as I was recently visiting Burbank, California. "Beautiful downtown Burbank" has been a laugh line on television shows, many of them filmed in that hot California city. However, near that downtown, a beautiful Temple Emanu El welcomed this visitor. "Yes, we'll have New York Cheesecake and the traditional blintzes for our dairy Kiddush," said the cordial rabbi. With New York Cheesecake becoming almost de rigueur at Shavout meals, one wonders how they get it all the way out in Southern California and also do they serve something different in New York?

Burbank Rabbi Richard Flom's message read in Temple that day mentioned finding shuls when traveling and noted "The shared language and texts of Jews allow us to be at home no matter where we are." He went on to mention that years ago he and his wife found themselves in Arad, Israel (Delaware's Partnership 2000 community). "Coincidentally we ended up spending Shabbat dinner there with a visiting rabbi who had mar-

ried us 19 years earlier." That rabbi was Moshe Goldblum, who for years had been rabbi at Beth Sholom in Dover. "A most joyful experience indeed," shared Rabbi Flom.

Many travelers beat a path to Sedona, Arizona, known for its breathtaking red rock mountain surroundings. Reputed to be location of earth's energizing vortexes, it is possible to experience all types of New Age, artsy crafts and alternative healing centers in this heavily visited location. This July, the members of the Jewish Community of Sedona and the Verde Valley will welcome the first full-time rabbi for their unaffiliated synagogue. Rabbi Alicia Magal will officiate at the new geometrically designed synagogue/Jewish Center, located in an area surrounded by 4 churches. "The view from our sanctuary can only have been created by a Higher Being," says Joe Knauer, President of the Jewish Community of Sedona. An ancient religion now has a house of worship in a city with many New Age followers.

**Fast Growing Las Vegas**

Not only is the Las Vegas / Clark County, Nevada area experiencing the fastest population growth in the country, but also its Jewish population now has surpassed 80,000 and is growing monthly. Away from the famous "strip" of Las Vegas Boulevard, a newly enlarged Chabad establishment serves a growing young Jewish population and just off the Strip several kosher eateries have opened. On West Sahara Avenue, for example, Adar Kosher Pizza (no pepperoni to worry about here) offers up not only food but also an informal gathering spot for visiting Jewish eaters.



Further West on Sahara Avenue, near the large Art Museum is the Young Israel Synagogue that holds daily and Shabbat services. Several synagogues are growing in the sprawling Las Vegas area. However, due to the high number of newcomers in an often fragmented Jewish population, The Jewish Federation of Las Vegas struggles to make the connections to whom they describe as the "Hidden Yidden." This summer, the Chai Connections program will begin, offering discounts and special services at participating businesses.

"Got Chai? You've Got Connections", say the signs in stores. For an \$18 donation, local Jews will get a card entitling them

to discounts. The idea is to further unify local Jews. And in the hot dry heat of the Las Vegas desert climate, it is very possible to find cool, moist lox in many bagel shops and in some of the large buffet breakfast bars. Lox—Vegas style.

New York City's Jewish population fell below one million recently. An outward migration from the large

east coast cities continues but as Jewish populations move, as has happened in the 1,871 years since Jews were last forced from the land of Israel, the familiar religious, cultural and culinary institutions follow. The joys of Shabbat and Jewish experiences can be part of vacations. Happy Travels!

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## Fiscal Year 2005 - 2006

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In the 2005-2006 Annual Report, you will see a focus on our building efforts here in Delaware. Our work is made possible, in large part by the Annual Campaign, along with the Community Capital Campaign, special campaigns and the Jewish Fund for the Future.

We are particularly proud of the 2006 Annual Campaign under the chairmanship of Suzanne Grant and Robin Kauffman Saran, which is predicted to close at more than \$1,875,000. This represents the highest campaign total in the history of the Jewish Federation of Delaware and the fourth year in a row that our campaign has set a new record. This is due to the hard work and generous support of many contributors and volunteers.

Our hard work is helping to further the growth and development of the Federation's six beneficiary agencies - Albert Einstein Academy, Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School, Kristol Center for Jewish Life at the University of Delaware (Hillel), Bernard and Ruth Siegel Jewish Community Center, Jewish Family Services and Milton and Hattie Kutz Home.

There is much to celebrate as we mark the 71st Annual Meeting of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. The Grand Re-Opening of the Bernard and Ruth Siegel Jewish Community Center took place on May 16, 2006. Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School and the Jewish Family Services celebrated their grand openings earlier in the year.

Phase II of the construction made possible by our Community Capital Campaign is complete and the building committee held its last meeting on April 4, 2006. The temporary locker room trailer is long gone and the EDiS construction trailer is gone too. The Jewish Federation of Delaware takes tremendous pride in providing a wonderful, state of the art home for the agencies on the Weinberg Campus and helping to improve all of our facilities.

Under the leadership of our Women's Philanthropy co-chairs, Amy Leviton and Arlene Simon, more and more women contributed to the Federation - over 100 new women donors this year, eight new Lion of Judah donors and five new Ruby Lion donors. At the International Lion of Judah Conference, Miriam Edell will be honored as Delaware's second recipient of the Kipnis-Wilson/Friedland Award. This national award recognizes women for their extraordinary achievement and volunteerism for the Jewish community.

Our community's bond with Israel is strengthened through our involvement in Partnership 2000, building people-to-people links with our friends in Israel. This year, Idan Kligerman, came to Delaware as the first Israeli Shaliach in our community in 20 years. Idan's Young Emissary program was funded through Partnership 2000, the JFD Annual Campaign and the Jewish Fund for the Future. His interaction with all members of the community from the youngest to the most elderly created a positive image of and interest in Israel. Funding for this position has been increased by both the JFD and JFF in order to allow for a full year of shlichut next year.

Under Financial Resource Development, Operation Promise, United Jewish Communities' initiative to, among other things, bring remaining Ethiopian Jews to Israel, help mainstream the entire Ethiopian-Israeli communities, has raised over \$360,000; the endowment fundraising for the Holocaust Education Committee has raised, thus far, more than \$35,000, and we are beginning to raise money to bolster Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School. A corporate gift was recently received from Citizens Bank for energy assistance.

Jewish Fund for the Future is moving forward with new director, Karen Venezky. New development efforts are being planned and Karen will be getting some specialized training with UJC. The Jewish Fund for the Future ensures the vitality and future of the Jewish community in Delaware, Israel and around the world. As the planned giving and endowment arm of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, the Jewish Fund for the Future manages over \$15,000,000 in assets, including restricted funds, donor advised funds (philanthropic funds), unrestricted funds, charitable gift annuities and charitable remainder unitrusts. Under Toni Young's chairmanship this fiscal year, five donors have made provisions to leave bequests to the Jewish Fund for the Future totaling \$1,000,000. During this fiscal year, grants from the Jewish Fund for the Future totaled over \$1,400,000 benefiting a diverse array of cultural, educational, social and humanitarian causes including our local synagogues and beneficiary agencies.

We passed a new governance model this year, which goes into effect July 1, 2006. Mike Ginzberg and Glenn Engelmann chaired a committee of our Board that led this effort. The new model allows for the streamlining of our Board of Directors and the

implementation of a new Leadership Council, which will serve as the voice of and to the community. It is projected that the leadership council will play a key role in charting a new vision for our community.

A new Community Leadership Institute class is planned for the fall under the co-chairmanship of CLI grads Barbara Blumberg and Michael Rosen. This dynamic program provides unparalleled educational and networking opportunities for present and future leaders.

Live Generously Mitzvah Day, an effort to engage the community, was an incredible success. With Caryl Marcus-Stape and Jon Brilliant at the helm, over 450 community members worked on 18 different projects that benefited people in need within and beyond our Jewish community. This extraordinary experience will be offered again in fall 2006.

JCRC sponsored two buses that participated in the Rally for Darfur in Washington, D.C. on April 30th. Eighty members of our Jewish community were in attendance (approximately 15 of whom were University of Delaware students). Thanks to Roland Roth for coordinating this important effort.

JCRC events will continue next year, starting with a fall Candidates Forum on September 14th at 7:00 PM at the Bernard and Ruth Siegel Jewish Community Center.

The Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee is sponsoring their annual trip to the U.S. Holocaust museum in Washington, D.C. on Tuesday, July 18th. They are also utilizing a grant from New Castle County to greatly expand its work throughout the state. Projects include a DVD of Delaware survivors and liberators, expansion of its resource center located at Brandywine Hundred Library and curriculum development - all this in addition to sponsoring a moving annual Yom HaShoah observance again this year.

As we celebrate the 71st Annual Meeting of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, we ask you to join us in renewing our historic commitment to social justice, human rights advocacy, education and tzedakah. Together we will mobilize our community to address issues, meet needs and build an agenda for the future.

### A LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY



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# OUR MISSION

*The mission of the Jewish Federation of Delaware is to mobilize the Jewish community to address issues, meet needs and build an agenda for the future.*

*The Federation fulfills its mission by raising funds which will meet mutually agreed upon goals; allocating and managing community resources based upon the community agenda; developing leadership; fostering identification with our Jewish teachings and heritage to inspire an informed and involved community; and providing a structure for the Jewish community to interact with the non-Jewish community.*

## ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

The Annual Campaign is the heart of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. Funds raised through this year-long effort have enormous impact on lives locally and abroad. The 2005 Annual Campaign closed at the highest level ever: \$1.86 million with gifts from over 2000 donors. The 2006 Annual Campaign is projected to surpass this record. All this is due to the tireless commitment of countless volunteers and the kindness and generosity of our donors.

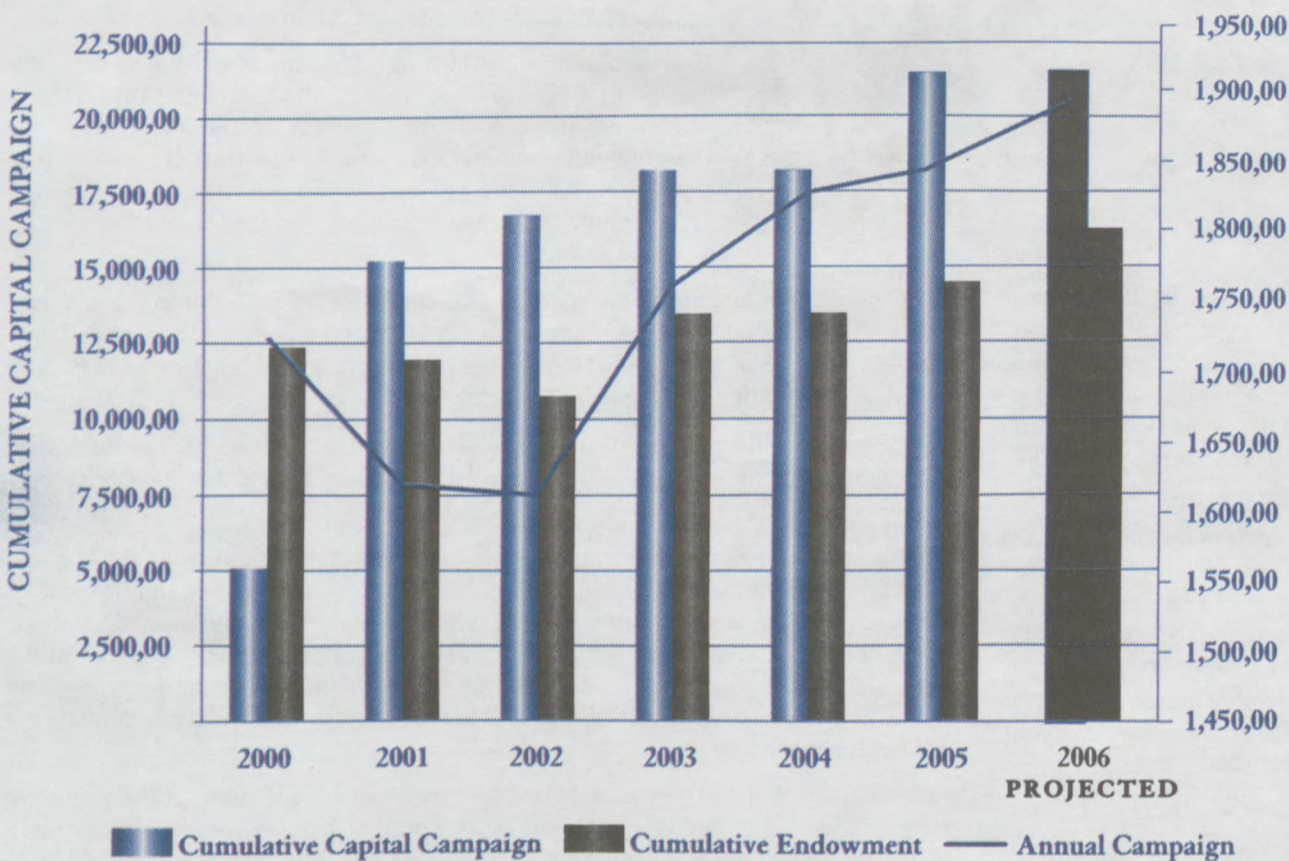
The 2006 Major Gifts event was held at the beautiful home of Wendy and Buddy Berger. Mark Wilf, UJC National Campaign Chair, inspired the group with his family's story of strength and survival. As a stellar example of the "Next Generation," Wilf helped propel our Campaign to its fastest start ever.

Super Sunday and Super Week were another cause for celebration. Thanks to the efforts of co-chairs Eve Slap and Debra Kimless-Garber, \$338,000 was raised over the three day phonathon. Volunteers came out by the score. In fact, we had more volunteers than phones on Sunday morning. Once again, prizes were awarded to the campaigners who closed the most increases. Stephe Saran proved that youth is no disadvantage by winning the grand prize, an i-pod nano. This year's Spirit Award, given to the agency with the highest percentage of their staff and board at Super Sunday was the Albert Einstein Academy.

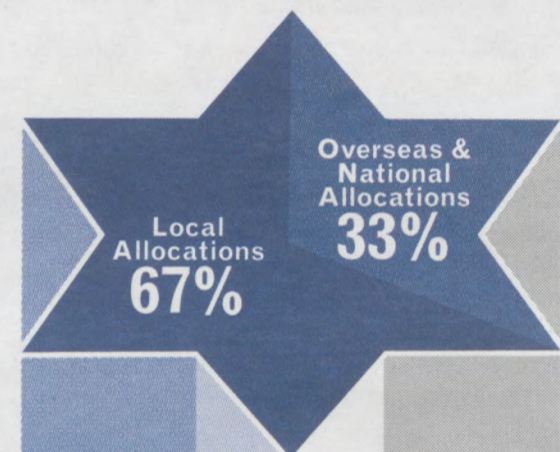
The Second Annual Vanguard Event, the Catskills Cabaret, was great fun and a great fundraiser. Co-Chairs Michelle and Glenn Engelmann, Cheryl and Ken Kamm helped bring us down memory lane with fond memories of Catskills vacations. The crowd was entertained by comedian Joel Chasnoff, dance demonstrations, fabulous food and a trivia contest. This \$1,000 minimum contribution event, sponsored by Citizens Bank of Delaware, was a treat for donors who gave over \$200,000 to the 2006 Annual Campaign.

As the Annual Campaign is the heart of the Jewish Federation, the soul and spirit of the Campaign are reflected in the people whose lives are forever changed by the help we give. Funds raised here feed the hungry, heal the sick, educate, console and offer hope to countless people here at home and around the world. Wherever there are Jews in need, the Federation is there. We can all feel proud of the work we do as exemplified by our tag line: Live Generously...It Does a World of Good!

## 6 YEAR TREND



## 2006 - 2007 TOTAL ALLOCATIONS \$2,012,131



### HELPING OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY THRIVE

<b>Educating Ourselves &amp; Our Children</b>	
Albert Einstein Academy .....	\$132,636
B'nai Brith Youth Organization (BBYO) .....	\$3,000
Coalition for Advocacy for Jewish Education .....	\$1,000
Community Leadership Institute .....	\$4,000
Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School .....	\$61,363
Israel Teen Scholarships .....	\$1,000
Jewish Historical Society .....	\$2,000
Kristol Center for Jewish Life at the University of Delaware (Hillel Foundation) .....	\$70,000
<b>Caring for the Elderly</b>	
<b>Helping with Personal &amp; Family Needs</b>	
Bernard & Ruth Siegel Jewish Community Center .....	\$275,000
Jewish Family Services .....	\$84,600
Milton & Hattie Kutz Home .....	\$15,000
Burial Fund .....	\$5,000
<b>Building Our Jewish Community</b>	
Capital Maintenance .....	\$35,765
Interest on Advances- Newark .....	\$10,000
Jewish Community Relations Committee .....	\$39,898
Jewish Federation of Delaware .....	\$520,401
Jewish Voice .....	\$20,198
JFD Marketing .....	\$5,000
JFD Outreach .....	\$2,000
Repayment Reserve- Newark .....	\$56,228
Southern Delaware Communities .....	\$2,000
Yom Ha'Atzmaut .....	\$1,000
Young Emisary .....	\$12,000
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$1,359,089</b>
<b>HELPING PEOPLE WORLDWIDE</b>	
Partnership 2000 .....	\$3,100
United Jewish Communities .....	\$609,600
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$612,700</b>
<b>HELPING PEOPLE ACROSS THE NATION</b>	
Birthright Israel .....	\$18,876
JCPA Dues .....	\$1,700
Jewish Communal Services Association .....	\$1,000
United Jewish Communities .....	\$18,766
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$40,342</b>



# JEWISH FUND FOR THE FUTURE

The Jewish Fund for the Future ensures the vitality and future of the Jewish community in Delaware, Israel and around the world. As the planned giving and endowment arm of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, the Jewish Fund for the Future manages over \$15,000,000 in assets, including restricted funds, donor advised funds (philanthropic funds), unrestricted funds, charitable gift annuities and charitable remainder unitrusts.

In 1985, several progressive families in Delaware organized the Jewish Community of Delaware Endowment fund. Starting with under \$300,000, the fund has grown to its current level of \$15,000,000. The Fund has provided the necessary financial capital to start new programs, ensure the survival and long-term stability of existing programs and to supplement agency needs. The Jewish Fund for the Future includes endowment funds of Federation beneficiary agencies, several area synagogues and over 80 individuals and families.

Only one year old, the Book of Life program honors those individuals and families who have established a fund or have provided for the community through their estate plans. Endowment donors are invited to write a personal statement and sign their page in the Book of Life as a permanent record of their commitment to provide for future generations.

Endowment gifts can be made to the Jewish Fund for the Future during a donor's lifetime or by bequest including an outright contribution of cash, securities, real estate or other property, life insurance, IRA or pension plan assets, charitable trust or grant from a private foundation.

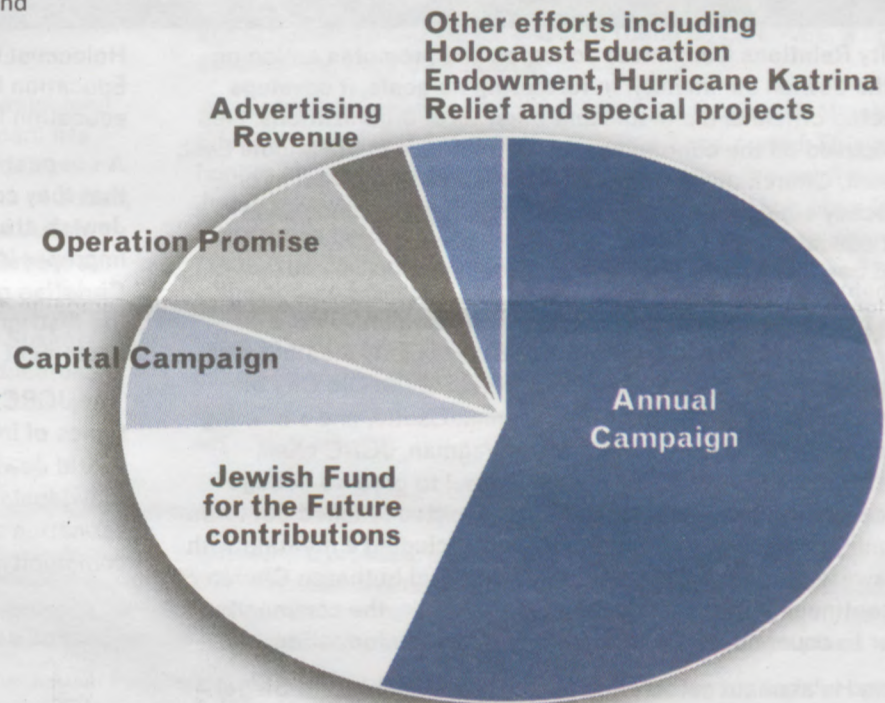
Investment committee members meet quarterly to review the Fund's performance and asset allocation. The Fund has had a stellar investment return since its inception in June 1987 of 10.1%. The asset allocation of the Fund includes large growth, large value, mid value, small cap, non US equity, fixed income and cash/short term investments.

## Grant Highlights:

So far this fiscal year alone over \$1,469,459 has been given by the Jewish Fund for the Future benefiting a diverse array of cultural, educational, social and humanitarian causes including support of our local synagogues and agencies.

- \$95,000 to agricultural projects in Israel from the Joshua Goldinger Trust in Memory of the descendants of Lena and Berel Goldinger
- \$17,000 to 25 students studying in Israel and the United States from the Jerusalem Study Fund, Joseph and Marion Greenbaum Scholarship Fund and the Gilbert J. Spiegel Memorial Fund
- \$19,000 to the agencies and programs of the Jewish Federation of Delaware from the unrestricted endowment of the Jewish Fund for the Future
- \$6,900 to provide social and educational services for orphans and immigrant children in Israel from the Esther Sherman McDonald Endowment Fund for Israel
- The newest grant established the P2K Young Emissary Program which enabled the Jewish Federation of Delaware to bring an outstanding young Israeli leader, Idan Kligerman, to the community. His interaction with all members of the community from the youngest to the most elderly created a positive image of and interest in Israel.

TOTAL FINANCIAL  
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
PROJECTED FOR 2006  
**\$3,384,995**





## PARTNERSHIP 2000 – P2K

Partnership 2000 (P2K) is a program of the Jewish Agency for Israel, United Jewish Communities, Keren Hayesod, Diaspora communities and municipalities in Israel. The primary goal of P2K is to develop programs that will build bridges in the area of education, tourism, economic development and volunteerism. Each year a portion of our overseas dollars fund projects in the city of Arad and in the Tamar region in Israel.

Delaware P2K chair Lelaine Nemser helped welcome the first "Young Emissary" to our community in twenty years. Shaliach Idan Kligerman hit the ground running as he visited all of our local synagogues, agencies and schools. Idan's presence offered a charismatic, informative voice on behalf of Israel. During his six months volunteering here, he spent time with people of all ages making a particularly good impression on school age kids. This program offers a true living bridge, providing opportunities for our community to develop strong ties to Israel by forming lasting friendships with extraordinary people like Idan. We hope to have a shaliach to inform and inspire us again next year.

Our community hosted three Israeli athletes from our Partnership 2000 region of Arad/Tamar for the 2005 JCC Maccabi Games. The athletes played along with our Bernard & Ruth Siegel JCC Maccabi volleyball, basketball and tennis teams at the games in Richmond, Virginia. Additionally, Greg Eng enjoyed a fantastic summer volunteering as a Kefiada summer camp counselor in the Arad/Tamar region. As we go to press, Faith and Lou Brown are preparing to spend three weeks in Arad as part of P2K's Volunteer Corps Program and Pamela MacDonald is packing her bags to be a counselor in this summer's Kefiada program.

P2K offers unique opportunities to bond with Israel. We are a proud partner of Arad/Tamar and look forward to many more years of partnership.



## JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The Jewish Community Relations Committee educates and promotes action on issues of concern to the Jewish community. In furthering its goals, it develops relationships with elected officials, the media and other local organizations. This year the Committee focused on the continuing search for peace in the Middle East, the Gaza disengagement, Church divestiture from companies that invest in or trade with Israel, advocacy education for teenagers, stopping the genocide in Darfur and Holocaust education.

Advocacy efforts on behalf of security and peace for Israel involved op-eds and letters to the editor of the News Journal and articles in the Jewish Voice, a meeting with the editorial board of the News Journal, a community meeting with Senator Tom Carper, personal meetings for the Chief Rabbi of the Old City of Jerusalem with Senators Biden, Carper and Congressman Castle, and a briefing by the Israel Consul in partnership with AIPAC. Mark Wagman, JCRC chair, designed and taught a course at Gratz Hebrew High School to prepare college bound students to become advocates for Israel. The Committee reached out to the local religious community to discuss Church divestment, including a meeting with the Bishop of the Delaware-Maryland Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. The JCRC continues to proactively monitor the media, the community and campuses in order to counter anti-Israel speakers and misinformation.

A community-wide Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration at the Bernard and Ruth Siegel Jewish Community Center featured a panel discussion on approaches to Israel advocacy. All of the advocacy efforts by the JCRC conformed to proven strategies, including emphasizing Israel's sacrifices for peace and promoting an Israel that is technologically advanced, dynamic, democratic and a wonderful place to visit. Of course, we must constantly deal with the latest events affecting Israel—in particular, the threat from Iran and the Hamas government are new challenges being met by Israel and its supporters.

JCRC was the organizer of Delaware's efforts to create awareness about the genocide in Darfur. Two busloads, including students from Hillel, participated in the Save Darfur Rally in Washington, D.C. The Rally created widespread interest in the situation in Darfur. There is real hope for positive movement towards ending the nightmare that has seen over 400,000 civilians murdered. The Jewish community joined over 160 religious, civic and human rights organizations because we know that "never again" must not be an empty slogan.

Formed 27 years ago, The Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee, under Regina Kerr Alonzo, continues to undertake new projects while strengthening its existing ones. At the annual Yom HaShoah commemoration, elected officials, community members and busloads of students from Dickinson High and Wilmington Friends Schools heard the moving personal experience of Charles Rojer, who was a hidden child in Belgium. The Committee is in the final stages of developing a DVD of Delaware Holocaust survivors and liberators and continuing its work on incorporating the Holocaust into Delaware school curricula. The Halina Wind Preston Memorial Lecture was held at the Brandywine Hundred Library, and the committee conducted a successful trip of educators to the

Holocaust Museum in Washington. This year saw the creation of The Holocaust Education Endowment Fund with the goal of securing the future of Holocaust education in Delaware.

As in past years JCRC contacted all the school superintendents in Delaware so that they could create awareness and sensitivity to the religious observances of Jewish students and teachers. We also monitor and respond to instances of improper intrusion of religion in public school settings. When an assembly with a Christian message was held at Newark High School in the fall, we pointed out that the district already had a policy prohibiting such an event and urged them to implement their own policy.

The JCRC provides opportunities for discussion and action on a wide range of topics of interest to the Jewish community—from equal opportunity, social justice, World Jewry and Bill of Rights issues, to separation of religion and state. Individuals and families with issues regarding the proper role of religion in public education and groups with public affairs programs affecting the Jewish community, for example, are encouraged to use the resources of the JCRC.





## WOMEN'S PHILANTHROPY

The mission of Women's Philanthropy of the Jewish Federation of Delaware is to inspire all women in our community to give to their full potential – by sharing their time, knowledge, skills and financial commitment with others. We enhance our community by: educating ourselves and others about needs in the Jewish community, and the crucial role Federation plays in meeting those needs, empowering others to not only get involved, but to become future leaders, encouraging women to take advantage of our local Jewish agencies so that each of us can live a satisfying Jewish life and pass the tradition of Judaism to the next generation and raising the funds necessary to carry out all the above.

Under the skillful leadership of co-chairs Arlene Simon and Amy Leviton, fundraising efforts for women's giving reached new heights. The Women's Campaign comprises nearly 50% of all gifts with an impressive 15% average increase over the 2005 Campaign.

In the spirit of camaraderie and fellowship, women of Delaware came together for the spring 2006 Annual Women's Philanthropy event. The guest speaker, Kate Wenner, award-winning producer for ABC 20/20 and novelist, offered thought provoking insight about opening dialogue across generations through her own experiences. Those who attended were moved by Kate's story and inspired to look carefully into their own lives and experiences in a new way.

Lion of Judah, a national donor recognition level of \$5,000 or more to the Annual Campaign, was established in 1972 as a symbol for the new level of commitment set forth by a cadre of donors that wanted to shape the future. Today, over 13,000 women worldwide proudly wear their Lion of Judah pins to declare their commitment to the preservation and growth of the worldwide Jewish community. The 2006 Campaign put a special emphasis on Ruby Lions, with the national Reach for the Ruby Campaign encouraging women to give at least \$10,000 to the Annual Campaign.

The Delaware Lions had a roaring year! During the 2006 Campaign we welcomed five new Ruby Lions: Michelle Engelmann, Kate Pincus, Connie Sugarman, Iris Tocker and Sandye Turnauer. In addition to our new Ruby Lions, eight additional women stepped up to make significant gifts in their own names as Lions of Judah, bringing our total to 65 Lions. Now proudly wearing the beautiful Lion of Judah pins are Annette Aerenon, Dorothy Bobman, Debra Kimless-Garber, Rebecca Jaffe, Susan Jonas, Robin Karol-Eng, Carla Markell, and Barbara Miller.

This year's fall Lion of Judah event was hosted by Carole Bakst during Sukkot. Guest speaker, Juliet Spitzer, singer/songwriter, recording artist and educator, gave a thoughtful presentation on the holiday and the beautiful Sukkah built at Carole's home.



The Lion of Judah Endowment (LOJE) is the National Women's Philanthropy component of the Perpetual Annual Campaign Endowment (PACE). A LOJE allows you to help secure a strong and vibrant Jewish community for future generations by allowing funds to be available in perpetuity for the services and programs that are important to you. There are currently over 2,450 LOJEs worldwide totaling more than \$360 million. This year Ruth Ann Ger and Caryl Marcus-Stape joined Amy Leviton, Connie Sugarman, Suzanne Grant, Miriam Edell, Barbara Schoenberg and Toni Young as Or L'Atid, a light unto the future, by establishing their own LOJEs.

At the 2006 International Lion of Judah Conference in Washington DC, Miriam Edell will receive the Kipnis-Wilson/Friedland Award. This prestigious award honors an extraordinary woman who embodies the spirit and vision of the Lion of Judah through a commitment to tzedakah and tikkun olam in their community. Miriam has been a Lion of Judah for thirteen years; six years ago she became a LOJE. The Jewish community of Delaware is truly blessed by the contributions and talents of Miriam, a true Aishet Chayil, a Woman of Valor.

Women's Philanthropy provides the perfect venue to meet people with similar passions and interests while making a mark on the future. Every woman is invited and encouraged to make a gift in her own name and participate in the myriad of activities offered.

## OPERATION promise

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Our Jewish story begins with a promise, passed from generation to generation like a golden chain, etched in our collective memories and recorded in our books. This promise represents our hope to be a free people, to return to our historic homeland and to create a better future; it represents our dream to be a compassionate people, whose purpose it is to make the world a better place.

The Jewish Federation of Delaware accepts this promise as our legacy and our opportunity. We are responsible for one another's safety, health and quality of life. And Operation Promise reminds us of our commitment to a rich tradition of generosity and justice that are the hallmark of the Jewish people.

### \$160 Million in New Funding Over Three Years

Operation Promise has been launched to continue and expand the already extraordinary achievements of the Federation movement: caring for hundreds of thousands of needy elderly and building and supporting the next generation of Jewish life in the FSU; and bringing the Ethiopian Jewish community home to Israel and helping them to take their rightful place in Israeli society. The programs are in place; the urgent needs have been well documented. Now is the time to implement the plan: \$160 million in new funding over the next three years.

- \$23 million for the Falas Mura in Ethiopia: for maintaining the compounds, providing assistance with food, rent and healthcare, and operating several feeding programs; Hebrew-language education and other vital aliyah preparation to help ensure a smoother absorption; and airfare to Israel.
- \$40 million for the initial absorption of the Falas Mura as the rate they arrive in Israel doubles from 300 to 600 each month; the absorption centers and the programs and services provided must be expanded.
- \$37 million towards critical initiatives to improve the educational opportunities for all Ethiopians, who, without these opportunities, are in danger of becoming part of a permanent underclass.
- \$30 million for needy elderly Jews in the FSU who live in poverty, with virtually no government safety net.
- \$30 million for programs to connect to a generation of young Jews in the FSU, with no roots in Jewish life; falling short means that we may lose them forever.

To date, over \$360,000 has been raised toward the Delaware Jewish community's commitment. Your three year commitment can make a difference to a generation of Jews in need.



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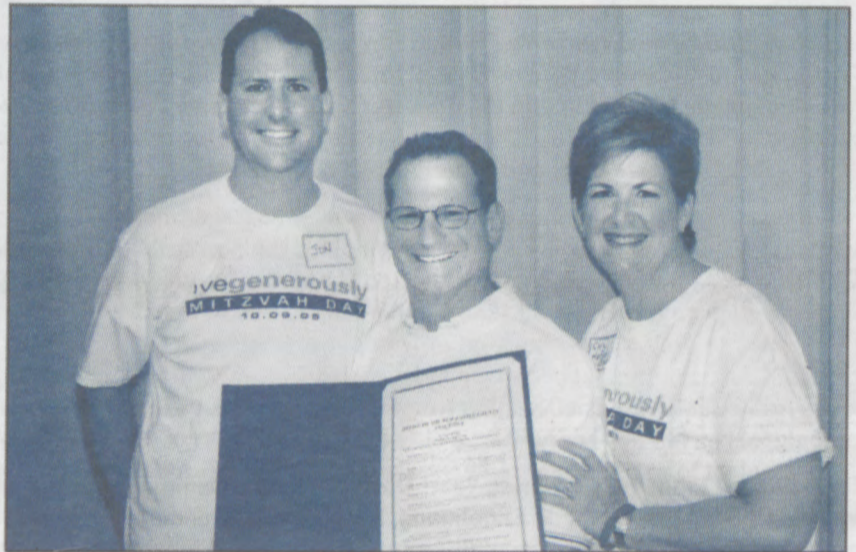
## MITZVAH DAY

The first ever Live Generously Mitzvah Day was held on Sunday, October 9, 2005. The Jewish Federation of Delaware was thrilled to bring the area synagogues and Jewish agencies together as one to perform acts of loving kindness benefiting many of Delaware's most needy citizens. On this community-wide day of service, we helped improve facilities, provide meals, and offer companionship along with life-sustaining and life-enhancing supplies such as food, clothing, books and the like. Live Generously Mitzvah Day was held on the Sunday between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, our holiest time of year. This season of contemplation and renewal was the perfect time to do mitzvot together.

Live Generously Mitzvah Day Co-Chairs Caryl Marcus-Stape and Jon Brilliant assembled a fantastic team that worked hard to develop the wide variety of projects. A sample list included serving lunch at the Sunday Breakfast Mission and Emmanuel Dining Hall, doing some light construction at Sojourner's Place, visiting residents at the Mary Campbell Center, doing yard clean up for elderly home owners, and much, much more. There were tons of activities for parents to do with their children too including craft projects, making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, gardening, even singing at the Kutz Home. These are just a few of the projects that gave volunteers of all ages great pride in helping those less fortunate.

Donations collected along with partner Jewish Family Services included canned goods, linens, school supplies, clothing and other items that were distributed throughout the community. We even collected roller hockey equipment for our sister city in Israel!

Once again, the Jewish Federation of Delaware shone brightly as over 450 people gathered to perform acts of loving kindness, strengthen ourselves as a community and to truly Live Generously.



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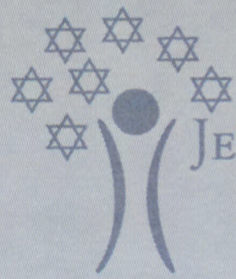
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## COMING EVENTS

### Wilmington Woman Needs Life-Saving Bone Marrow Transplant.

27 year old Wilmingtonian Jill Sabsevitz needs a bone marrow transplant so that she can walk down the aisle in October. It is her only hope for a full recovery from an aggressive form of leukemia. Her doctors have been unable to find a donor with a perfect match, exhausting the current Gift of Life bone marrow donor registry of 6 million. Without a perfect match, the odds of a successful transplant and long-term cure are low, according to her physicians. Two donor recruitment drives are scheduled. The first drive is scheduled for Tuesday, July 18, 2-9 p.m., at the Jewish Community Center, 101 Garden of Eden Rd., Wilmington. The second drive will be held Wednesday, July 19, 4-8 p.m., at the 2nd floor offices of Avenue A Razorfish, an internet website company for which Rich works, located at 417 N. 8th St., Philadelphia, PA 19123.

Tissue type is inherited, according to Gift of Life officials, so Jill's best chance of finding a perfect match lies with donors of Eastern European Jewish descent; however, everyone is welcome to be tested. Eligible donors must be between ages of 18 and 60 and in generally good health. Testing is fast and easy, requiring only a swab of cells from inside the cheek; no blood is drawn during initial testing. Donors will be entered into Gift of Life's registry of volunteer donors for the

benefit of all patients - who are in desperate need life-saving matches - worldwide, officials noted. Please support this life-saving effort!

**Israeli Dancing spells summer fun.** Israeli dancing continues twice a month in the Wilmington area, at the Arden Gild Hall through the Arden Folk Dance Guild.

Second Sunday afternoon date 3-5 p.m. is: July 9 (no August date). The last Wednesday of each month Israeli dancing is from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. on: July 26, and August 30. There will also be an Israeli dancing session at the Arden Fair on September 2.

For further information, please contact Elaine Schmerling at (302) 475-3708.

**Melton Slates Summer Short Story Discussions.** The Florence Melton Adult Mini-School will hold two discussion sessions this summer. Come out of the heat and into the cool Siegel JCC to enjoy stimulating evenings of insights and perspectives as only Melton provides! Join us from 7 - 9pm, Wednesday July 19th and Wednesday August 16th at the Siegel JCC.

"Conversion of the Jews" by Philip Roth and a selection from "Gimple the Fool Stories" by I.B. Singer will be discussed in July. Two more selections from "Gimple the Fool Stories" have been selected for August. Copies are available for \$2/session at the front desk of the Siegel JCC or from Melton Director, Lynda Bell.

Join Discussion Leader Cyra Gross for one or both sessions.

Please Register with Lynda Bell at 302-478-5660 lyndabell@siegeljcc.org or Cyra Gross 302-475-3914 cyra711@aol.com.

**Melton Offers Early Registration Discount.** Registration is now open for the Florence Melton Adult Mini School 2006/07. Beginning on September 20, 2006, classes will be offered at the Siegel JCC on Wednesdays 9:15-11:30am and Thursdays 7 - 9:15 pm., and at Beth El in Newark on Wednesdays 1-3:15 pm.

Melton is a two-year curriculum meeting 2 hours per week for 30 weeks each year. The curriculum was developed by a team of scholars and educators at the Melton Center for Jewish Education at Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

The cost is \$450 per year plus a small materials fee.

REGISTER BY JUNE 30TH AND SAVE 10%.

Contact Melton Director, Lynda Bell, at the Siegel JCC 302-478-5660 or email lyndabell@siegeljcc.org

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

If you have any information about, or memorabilia from past

years, we would appreciate hearing from you.

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

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

**The Jewish War Veterans of Delaware need new members,** young or old and patrons. It is extremely important that this Jewish Organization continue. Please call Len Markovitz at 302-234-4785 or Milt Slovin 302-478-4888. You do not have to be a veteran to join.

**JFS SPONSORS INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS**

**THE HEALING CIRCLE** workshops - Led by Rabbi Michael Beals in the Kimmel-Spiller Healing Center of JFS will be briefly postponed while new dates and times are scheduled. If you are interested in attending future Healing Circle programs, please contact Lisa Driban at JFS at 302-478-9411, ext. 21.

Bereavement Group-free and open to the community. Group meets the first and third Thursday

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

**Women in Transition Group** - \$20/session or \$75 for entire program. This Discussion group is open to women of any age who are contemplating or experiencing changes & choices in their lives. Join JFS staff member Nona Smolko, LCSW on Wednesdays, 6:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Kimmel-Spiller Health Center. Call 302-478-9411 to register.

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

**The Sounds of Summer concert series** continues at Longwood Gardens with world-class concerts. Don't miss rumba flamenco master Jesse Cook on Tuesday, July 11, kid's favorite Trout Fishing in America on Friday, July 14, and folk singer David Roth on Saturday, July 15. Concerts begin at 7:30 pm. A special ticket is required for Trout Fishing in America. Call 610-388-1000 x 100 to purchase tickets.

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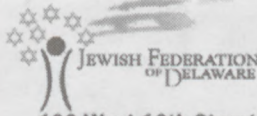
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The Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee, working with the Delaware Teacher's Center, is offering a trip to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC on Tuesday, July 18th.

A \$30 per person fee includes roundtrip bus transportation, a lecture by a Holocaust educator on the bus and an introductory group orientation at the Museum Lunch is on your own.

To register, please send a \$30 check, payable to the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee, c/o the Jewish Federation of Delaware, 100 West Tenth Street, Suite 301, Wilmington, DE 19801. For more information please contact Gina Kozicki at 427-2100 x 20 or via e-mail at gina.kozicki@shalomdel.org

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