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## Choosing The Date For The Day Of Rememberance

By IRVING GREENBERG

NEW YORK, April 7 (JTA) — Why does Yom HaShoah come out on the date of Yom HaShoah, that is, on 27 Nisan on the Hebrew calendar?

The date of the mourners' day for the destruction of the Temple was set on 9 Av, the traditional anniversary of the day in 70 C.E. when the Romans set the Beit HaMikdash (Holy Sanctuary) on fire. Passover is celebrated on 15 Nisan, the full moon of the spring month, the traditional anniversary of the Israelite Exodus from Egypt. But no one great catastrophe in the Holocaust occurred on 27 Nisan.

In actual fact, 27 Nisan represents no actual historical anniversary. The placement of Yom HaShoah is the outcome of pluralism in Jewish life and a profound philosophical and religious judgement. Understanding the timing is critical to the proper understanding of Yom HaShoah. First, the pluralism. The initial pressure for a day to commemorate the Holocaust came from the survivors of the Holocaust in Israel, specifically from leaders of the ghetto fighters, partisans and the underground resistance to the Nazis.

After the Shoah, they came to Israel with strong connections to the Zionist leadership which shared their views. People like David Ben-Gurion originally came from those destroyed communities. They mourned the destruction and were committed to commemoration. However, the fighters were determined to remember and honor the uprisings, above all. They were somewhat embarrassed that the 6 million victims of the Shoah did not fight back.

Sad to say, the worldwide Jewish people — which had failed to do enough to protest the ongoing Holocaust, which had failed to inform

and help European Jewry, which had failed to press the Allies to take adequate measures — initially reacted by blaming the victims for not saving themselves. This temporary aberration of judgement — which overlooked the victims' heroic stand for dignity and preserving the image of God of every Jew in the Shoah — eventually passed as deeper understanding set in.

To the ghetto fighters, the appropriate day of commemoration was the anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising — April 19, 1943, 15 Nisan, 5703. They would remember all the victims of the Holocaust but they wanted to hold up the fighters as the ideal symbols of Jewry in extremis.

Of course, 15 Nisan is the first day of the Pesach holiday, the anniversary of the Exodus, the core redemption event of Jewish history. The representatives of Orthodox Jewry strongly objected to using this date. The heart of Judaism is its affirmation that the world will be perfected, that good will defeat evil, that freedom, dignity and justice are the ultimate birthright of everyone. To override this holiday of liberation and crush the day beneath the weight of woe and death of the Shoah would constitute surrender of Judaism's message. It would turn the religion that chooses life into a commemoration of the triumph of death. In the political give and take, the date of Yom HaShoah was pushed off eleven days.

With hindsight, we can say that these objections included another deep truth. To honor and privilege the ghetto fighters in this way would have constituted a degradation of the vast majority of victims who were caught by surprise, overwhelmed by force, betrayed by circumstances. Their only possible heroism was to maintain their life and relationships and dignity as best they could in the face of catas-

trophe.

Choosing 27 Nisan makes a highly symbolic statement. Traditionally, days of mourning were excluded from the month of Nisan because it is filled with rejoicing and the afterglow of the Exodus. By permitting Yom HaShoah to be scheduled in this 30 day period, the Orthodox conceded that the Exodus message is wounded by the assault of the Shoah. But the proponents conceded that the Exodus remains the primary Jewish affirmation. Thus the Jewish consensus spoke through pluralism.

The decisive vote was cast by the Zionist leadership, religious and secular alike. Yom HaShoah would occur eight days before Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel Independence Day. This day celebrates the response of world Jewry to the total assault of death on life, the Shoah. Jewry renewed its life, took up power, and began the greatest rebirth and renaissance of its history.

Thus, Jews affirmed that without denying the fierce, incredible power of evil and death we, nevertheless, give the final word to life and redemption. The two days are forever twinned in opposition — as challenge and response, as victory of death and triumph of life, as death and resurrection.

One of the most effective new traditions of Holocaust memory is the March of the Living. Thousands of young Jews from all over the world march together through Auschwitz and other places fraught with Holocaust tragedy on Yom HaShoah. But they go on to Jerusalem where they celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut together with the vibrant Jewish people in Israel.

This understanding must guide our commemoration of Yom HaShoah. We must not succumb to the tendentious claim that in



Holocaust Memorial of Delaware. Memorial Plaza - Wilmington.

America, the Jewish community has substituted the Holocaust for the positive message of the Torah. It is false that the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum or university chairs in Holocaust studies come at the expense of all the other forms of Jewish education.

Now we know that in affirming life, we must be prepared to brave the worst that death can inflict on us. Now Jews know the tragic cost of our covenant of redemption. Wiser, more realistic, more determined than ever, we retell the whole Jewish story — of which the Holocaust is an inseparable, searing part — of the journey from slavery to freedom, from death to life.

(Editor's note: Irving Greenberg is president of CLAL — The National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership and author of "The Jewish Way" (New York: Summit Books).

## Young Leadership Conference In Washington Takes Place As Plans For Local Young Leadership Efforts Begin

By DAN WEINTRAUB  
YLC Director

The Tenth UJA-Young Leadership Cabinet Washington National Leadership Conference was held in March. As the Jewish Federation of Delaware begins plans for a new Young Leadership Committee, the next Washington conference in two years is one activity to which future Delaware leaders can look forward. This recent Washington conference was highlighted by a standing-room only address by William Jefferson Clinton, the President of the United States of America. Clinton had just returned from Israel. He spoke about measures he supported which would help promote security for the people of Israel and his continued support for the peace process. Other luminaries present included singer Debbie Friedman, author Joseph Telushkin, activist Rabbi David Saperstein, pundits James Carville and Mary Matalin, White House staffer George Stefanopolis and the daughter of Yitzhak Rabin, the late Prime Minister of Israel. Local

attendees to the Conference included Neil Kalin and Sharon Mittelman. The gathering brought Jewish leaders ages 25 to 45 from around the country for learning, lobbying and leadership.

Prior to these events in Washington, a Professionals Institute was held in which the YLC Director of the Jewish Federation of Delaware participated along with peers from around the country. Program ideas and approaches were exchanged. Among the new wrinkles employed by Young Leadership groups at Federations around the country were social action projects in the style of Habitat for Humanity. Some communities showed a greater sensitivity to the needs of young parents by facilitating baby-sitting for Young Leadership events. In the coming months these and other ideas will be examined to determine their potential application for a new Young Leadership Committee here in Delaware.

For more information on YLC, call 427-2100, ext. 17.



President Clinton speaks at Y.L.C. Conference.

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## PANIM EL PANIM

(Face to Face with JFD People)



## LATE BITS

# David Sorkin Leaves JCC

(Editor's Note: The following is an open letter to the Jewish community of Delaware.)

Dear Friends:

It is with regret that I must inform the community, at this time, that David Sorkin, Executive Director of the Jewish Community Center of Wilmington since July 1988, has accepted the position of Executive Director of the Metropolitan Detroit Jewish Community Center effective July 1, 1996.

I know that leaving Wilmington and our Center was a very difficult decision for David to make, one which he and his wife, Arlene, agonized over. In the final analysis, however, the opportunity and challenges presented by becoming the executive director of a metropolitan center the size of Detroit could not be overlooked. His leadership of our agency will be deeply missed.

Under David's stewardship, the Center has been transformed into one of the leading social service agencies in our community and a model for Centers nationwide. The Wilmington JCC is recognized for its sound fiscal integrity and management practices, including having

been among the first to develop a modern personnel code and leadership ethics policy. Our staff training is among the most comprehensive in the country. As a result, we have been able to attract and retain a highly-skilled, dedicated staff to serve the community's needs.

During David's tenure, we have seen our camp develop and prosper on the Jewish Family Campus. Our pre-school, day care and infant care program have earned national accreditation and enjoy very high enrollment each year. Our commitment to community outreach, with the financial assistance of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, has enabled us to provide pre-school and day care services at Temple Beth El to begin to serve some of the needs of the Newark community. This summer, for the first time, Jewish day camp services will be offered to that community, as well. For the first time in years, this community enjoys the services of a full-time teen worker committed to creating wholesome programming opportunities for our youth. During David Sorkin's term as Executive, we have surveyed long-



David Sorkin

term capital needs at the Garden of Eden Road complex, including projections for future maintenance and upgrading of systems. We have built a state-of-the-art fitness center, a pre-school library with computer center and a Judaic-theme children's playground which is among the finest in the county. Within weeks, the quarter of a million dollar renovation of the indoor pool, including its mechanical, filtration and heating and air conditioning systems will have been completed.

David has helped us attract a large number of energetic and talented volunteers who devote countless hours of service working on programs and serving on our many committees and Board of Directors.

Through the partnership of these volunteers and staff, under David's direction, we have been able to keep abreast of the changes in services needed by our community that the passage of time has called for. For this we are all grateful to David.

While his departure from our community will, of course, be viewed with a great sense of loss, it must also be viewed with a great sense of pride ... pride in both the high regard in which David is held as an Executive and pride in the success of the Wilmington JCC and our community, which brought him to the attention of Detroit in the first place. The success of an executive must be measured not just in his personal accomplishments, but also in the accomplishments of the community leadership and staff, both within the particular agency and among agencies. In this regard, David's tenure must be viewed as a resounding success. This partnership need not end when one member leaves, but rather, should continue to develop and evolve through the addition of a new executive into the partnership circle. In Delaware, the success of our community partnership will, certainly, enable us to attract a large number of highly qualified applications for this executive position.

The process of selection of a new Executive Director has already begun. A search committee is being formed and professionals at JCC Association in New York have been contacted and already are searching

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NEW YORK — The decision of Reform rabbis to endorse a resolution supporting civil marriage for gays and lesbians triggers sharp reaction among the Orthodox.

MOSCOW — A notoriously anti-Semitic newspaper is urging support for the Community Party's presidential candidate.

JERUSALEM — A crisis center's volunteer program trains immigrants from the former Soviet Union to aid their compatriots.

JERUSALEM — Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres says he will hold a national referendum on a permanent settlement with the Palestinians.

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Shimon Peres arrives in Oman and is received with a full state ceremony.

JERUSALEM — Authorities begin investigating a helicopter crash during military exercises that killed seven Air Force personnel.

JERUSALEM — Israel and Qatar sign an agreement to exchange economic liaison offices.

OKLAHOMA CITY — A year after a bomb blast tore apart this city, the Jewish community here feels more connected to fellow Oklahomans and to Jews around the world.

MOSCOW — A notoriously anti-Semitic newspaper in Russia urges support for the Communist Party's presidential candidate, who it says can "solve the Zionist question."

JERUSALEM — An American researcher is awarded the Wolf Prize in Jerusalem for his study of diseases related to the now famous mad-cow disease.

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## BRIEFS

## Atlanta Police Consult With Israelis

JERUSALEM, (JTA) — A delegation of police officials from Atlanta have arrived in Israel to gather information on security and counterterrorism procedures in preparation for the summer Olympic Games.

The 11-member police delegation was the fourth group of Georgia law enforcement officials to visit Israel since Atlanta was chosen as the site of the summer games.

During the two-week visit, the group will study public-safety issues with Israeli police.



Mass Bar Mitzvah: JERUSALEM — Some 1000 Jewish immigrant boys from the former Soviet Union celebrate their Bar Mitzvahs at the Western Wall in Jerusalem March 28. The event was sponsored by the Lubavitch movement of Brooklyn, New York. The group has held similar events during the past two years. RNS photo Reuters.

## Israel Population At 5.6 Million

JERUSALEM, (JTA) — Israel's population has reached 5.6 million, according to the Central Bureau of Statistics. The bureau, reporting preliminary results of a 1995 census, said Monday that Israel's population increased by 40 percent since 1983, when the total population stood at 4 million.

The bureau also said that the number of settlers living in the West Bank and Gaza Strip had grown to 134,000, compared to 24,000 in 1983, when the last census was taken.

The survey results indicated that the highest rate of growth was in southern Israel, where the population grew by 57 percent since 1983.

The census also indicated there are 1.6 million households in Israel having an average of 3.4 people, compared to 1.1 million households in 1983 with an average of 3.5 people.

The bureau said final results from the census would be published next year.

## Israel Museum Gets Einstein Paper

JERUSALEM, March 21 (JTA) — Albert Einstein's first manuscript on relativity is being donated to the Israel Museum in Jerusalem.

The 72-page document was sold privately for an undisclosed sum to the Jacob E. Safra Philanthropic Foundation, which will donate the 1912 manuscript to the Israel Museum, Sotheby's Auction House said.

The manuscript went unsold in public bidding last Saturday, when the asking price was set between \$4 million and \$6 million.

The document is the earliest surviving paper on Einstein's theory of relativity.

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## From Oklahoma City To Afula

By DANIEL KURTZMAN  
OKLAHOMA CITY, April 1 (JTA) — Standing at the site of the demolished Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building here, Raz Oren sensed an all-too-familiar quality in the air.

"The feeling of death and quiet," he said. "It's here."

Two years ago, a Hamas terrorist detonated a car full of explosives at a bus stop in the northern Israeli town of Afula. The bomb blast killed eight and set Oren on fire.

He was 13 at the time.

Oren and four of his classmates and friends who were injured in the Afula bombing came to Oklahoma City last week to share stories of survival with those coping with the traumatic effects of the bombing that hit this city nearly one year ago.

A sixth teen-ager on the trip, 14-year-old Sivan Horesh, survived the bombing of the No. 5 bus on Tel Aviv's Dizengoff Street Oct. 19, 1994.

The Anti-Defamation League arranged the visit, called Peers in Healing, to give the Israeli youths a chance to share their experiences as victims of terrorism with children, teen-agers and parents in Oklahoma City who are also working toward recovery and reconciliation.

During a week that served as a testament to the resiliency of youth and the healing powers of shared pain and hope, the Israelis spent much of their time visiting schools in and around Oklahoma City.

At Edmond Memorial High School north of the city, where shock waves ran through the halls when the bomb exploded April 19, 1995, students listened intently as the Israeli youths told their stories and answered questions.

"Every time a bombing happens, it happens all over for us again," Horesh said, adding, "We came to say no to violence, no to the killing and yes to peace."

The message resonated with 16-year-old Erin Israel of Edmond, a suburb of Oklahoma City.

Impressed with the Israelis' courage and spirit, she said the people of Oklahoma City could learn from the way the Israeli teenagers had coped with trauma.

"They've stopped mourning and they've started healing," she said. "I think we need to get out of that phase in Oklahoma because people are sad, but we also need to heal."

As the Israelis moved from classroom to classroom, they drew a following of admirers. At times it was not clear who was trying to help whom.

"I'm hearing from the Israeli kids that they want to help heal people here," said Patti Harrold, a social studies teacher whose classes hosted the Israelis. "But I see our kids wanting to help them."

Ultimately, the talk turned away from bombs as the teens discovered that they were linked by more whimsical similarities. They found they shared interests in music, Corvettes and the opposite sex.

"I pictured people from the Middle East differently, especially from Israel," said Andres Cantu, 17. "But

after hearing them talk and talking with them, I realized they're a lot like us."

Even the language barrier could not prevent the teen-agers from getting down to a basic understanding.

One Jewish student here, trying to impress Cadoori Rahamim with her limited Hebrew, approached him and cooed the Hebrew word for "handsome" in his ear.

During their visit, the Israelis spent time with local Jewish youths, had dinner at the governor's mansion and enjoyed some local color with a horseback ride through a park.

But a candlelight memorial service at the small, open-air Heartland Chapel across from the bomb site proved the most difficult part of the trip.

As Horesh stared at the barren



Israeli youths share experiences with Oklahoma audience.

Flashing a smug smile, Rahamim reciprocated with: "Ah, beautiful," which, when strung together with "I love you," all but rounds out his English vocabulary.

"They've lost their childhood, and yet Cadoori will sit there and laugh with them and joke and want to dance for us and make passes at girls," said Harrold, whose sister-in-law died in the Oklahoma City bombing.

"There is still the child in them," she added, "but whenever they start to talk about things, you can just see their faces and see that they have to move to a different level, to that different person in them."

The bombing in the northern Israeli town of Afula — as remote a target, in many ways, as Oklahoma City — forever changed the lives of Oren, Rahamim and their classmates Tal Peretz, Meital Yona and Shlomi Eliyahu, all 15 years old.

Two years later, the physical scars remain visible.

Most of them suffered bad burns that still require pressure bandages. They are plagued by persistent nightmares, and many of them need medication to help them sleep.

Although they continue to carry deep psychological scars, their trip to the United States — the first for each of them — appeared to have provided a measure of catharsis and healing.

Tamar Peretz, who accompanied the Israelis to Oklahoma City, said the trip had helped her son mature and make strides toward greater independence.

land and ruined buildings through a fence lined with crosses, stuffed animals, photographs and notes, she flashed back to that horrible day on Tel Aviv's Dizengoff Street.

It all came back, she said, in a dizzying flood of black and white images — the explosion, the smell of blood, the burning bodies.

Horesh had missed her bus for school that morning, so she jumped on the No. 5 bus and sat down near the front.

She was wearing her good luck charm around her neck that day, and as her fingers played with it, the charm broke free and flew to the back of the bus. Horesh retrieved it there and sat down.

"That's what saved my life," she said.

Horesh emerged from the wreckage uninjured, while all those at the front of the bus died in the explosion.

A year and a half later in Oklahoma City, she said she was puzzled when a reporter asked her why she thought that she survived.

"I didn't know how to answer," she said. "I don't know why I stayed alive and why other people didn't. I'm not the one who can answer it. Only God."

She paused, then added, "Some people say perhaps someday maybe I will do something important with my life."

Judging by the earnest, admiring faces Horesh encountered here, in the heartland of America, that day has already arrived.

## February Emigration

NEW YORK — The Soviet Jewry Research Bureau of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry (NCSJ) announced March 19, 1996 that 4,461 Jews from the Former Soviet Union (FSU) arrived in Israel in Feb-

ruary. An additional 1,291 Jews from the FSU arrived in the U.S. in February under the Government's Refugee Program.

# What More Is There To Say?

This week as we commemorate Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, we also pass a 50 year milestone since the liberation of the concentration camps following the end of the Second World War. In these intervening years much has been recorded, written, and said about the horrors of man's inhumanity to man. One may be inclined to ask what more is there to say? Another Holocaust article, speech, film, or book? Will this ever end?

In memory of the six million innocent men, women and children who were slaughtered by the Nazis there is a need to remind the world that a "civilized" society can run amok and bring the horrors of the Holocaust. Books continue to be published; most recently Daniel Jonah Goldhagen's powerful and controversial book, *Hitler's Willing Executioners*, brings an added perspective to the Holocaust. Professor Goldhagen argues that the average

German "had no moral scruples about killing Jews and did so voluntarily, even eagerly, with malice and cruelty." The brilliant Stephen Spielberg brought the reality of the Holocaust to millions of people throughout the world with his Academy Award winning film *Schindler's List*. Mr. Spielberg continues to say more about the Holocaust through his massive project of recording experiences of the Holocaust survivors. His associates are traveling throughout the world interviewing these survivors, including several of the twenty-five or so survivors here in Delaware. Most recently two documentary films received Academy Awards: *Anne Frank Remembers* and *One Survivor Remembers*. Through the vision and artistry of these producers and directors their films continue to remind the world "never again." Special kudos must go to survivor Gerda Klein who accepted the Academy Award and has been a long time UJA speaker throughout the world. Those who know her

are gratified that this film was made and that her story will be shared.

Washington's Holocaust Museum continues to host throngs of Jews and non-Jews to learn more about the Holocaust. A glass wall in the museum memorializes the provinces, villages and shtetls destroyed by the Nazis. On any given day one may see an American born and raised Jew reverently placing his hand on the wall with name of a shtetel that he knows only from stories told to him by parents or grandparents. As he outlines "Kovno" or "Linkava" with his fingers, tears stream down his face as he weeps for cousins, aunts, uncles that he never knew.

Is there more to say? We have an obligation to those that were murdered in places like Bergen-Belsen, Dauchau, Treblinka, Buchenwald and Auschwitz that we must never again let the world become a place of such inhumanity. Yes, there is more to say.



Director Stephen Spielberg lighting a Yom Hashoah Memorial Candle.

## Forms Of Blue

During this week of Yom Ha-Shoah commemorences, we take this opportunity to direct your attention to an extraordinary performance piece created by Chinese-American poet Harrison Tao. The poem, "Forms of Blue," is a reflection on a striking photograph of the Majdanek gas chamber. The poem and photograph was published in the latest issue of *Kerem*, an independent literary and religious journal. *Kerem* is co-edited by Gilah Langer and Sarah Horowitz. Sara is the head of Jewish Studies at the University of Delaware.

Tao's poem is also available as a 12-minute audio tape with a 35mm slide of the photograph. This raw and powerful original work would make an emotionally moving addition to teacher training seminars, community Holocaust commemorations, workshops, and other activities.

The poet, Harrison Tao, was born in China but spent his teen years in Highland Park, New Jersey, after a childhood in Brazil. "Although I am an outsider, the Holocaust has never been

just history to me," he writes in the prelude to his poem. "It is the direct and indirect experience of the families of people whom I love and who embraced me as a teenager."

About two years ago, Tao happened across a photograph of the Majdanek gas chamber taken by Arnold Kramer of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. Tao was struck by the stunning blue color of the walls of the gas chamber and wondered why they would have been painted blue. Upon investigation, he learned that the gray-bluish pellets of the Zyklon B gas left a blue residue on the breaths of the gas chamber's victims. "Those beautiful blues were formed by the deposit of uncounted poison-soaked breaths," writes Tao. The work was first publicly performed before a church audience in the Philadelphia area on November 5, to commemorate the anniversary of the liberation of Majdanek. Mr. Tao's deep empathy with the historic suffering of the Jewish people offers a vehicle for greater understanding across religious and ethnic communities.

(Excerpt from: the poem "Forms of Blue"  
By: Harrison Tao.

The room is empty now, the bricks  
not dispersed baking bread,  
lining garden paths,  
echoing psalms.  
They have remained,  
an honor guard stained with screams  
neither fire nor rain can purge; bricks  
innocent before conscription into these walls  
are now tattooed with a breathless Blue  
that transforms all blues.

We were clay  
I am clay.

God shaped us into Man-kind.  
Man shaped me to his will.  
God breathed life into us.  
Man gave me function.  
Man-child and woman-child  
We sang, we loved, we created.

In work, warmth, and worship  
We praised God together.  
Yet a darkness of spirit came.  
Where went the music?  
Where flew the angels?

What madness overtook Creation?

## VOICE MAIL

### Searching...

Dear Editor:

I wonder whether you can help me.

A relative in Paris has asked me to try and trace a man by the name of Bernard Lerner, or his family. His army No. was PFC 12134646, 3564 ORD Main Co., APO 887, c/o P.M. U.S. Army.

He was a GI who helped her family at the end of World War II. Her efforts to find him years ago were unsuccessful and these are the two addresses she has:

239 Claremont Avenue, Jersey City, New

Jersey and 48 Canterbury Gardens, N. Arlington, NH Jersey.

My relative is a 72-year-old lady who would like to say thank you.

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# Judaism And... Intermarriage

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Jewish Family Service

Intermarriage is a term with tremendous power. Power to turn personal worlds upside down. Power to send synagogue boards into months of deliberation. Power to weaken the American Jewish community. Power to strengthen the American Jewish community.

The statistics regarding intermarriage are well known. The 1990 National Jewish Population Study revealed that the rate of intermarriage is approximately 52%, which means that for every marriage between two Jews, there are two marriages between a person who is Jewish, and one who is not. This is a national statistic, and we can only assume that the same statistic applies in Delaware. After the Jewish Federation's population survey is complete, we will have a better idea of the number here.

There are now fewer than six million Jews in the United States (which is the same number of Jews who died in the Holocaust). With the intermarriage rate as it is, there are some very real concerns about whether there will be a Jewish community in a generation or two. The trend that only a small percentage of children of intermarriage will be raised as Jews will continue, unless there is strong intervention. The pattern of Jewish identity for children of intermarriage will be crucial to the composition and size of the future Jewish population. Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg said that what Jewish renewal and Jewish continuity depend upon is its willingness to confront seriously what it means to be a Jew. We need to examine our ability, or inability to ask, "Does being Jewish mean something distinctive? Does it demand sacrifices and commitments? Does it mean that we have to decide that being Jewish means something to us?"

We have many choices here in the United

States, including the ability to choose our religion and how we practice our religion. We are not bound by shtetels, parental muscle, or anti-Semitism. But, intermarriage can be challenging. Problems in intermarriage are usually much more evident when children arrive. We need to know that the challenges are not insurmountable. But it does require good communication, understanding, knowledge and support.

When raising children in interfaith homes, it is generally believed that parents need to make tough choices. Children need direction and guidance. Of course, you will find books which will explain how to raise children in two religions. However, when one studies child development, we learn that children need to know who they are, and this needs to be clear and concrete. Judaism is not just Christianity without Jesus! Judaism has a different world view. There are profound, fundamental differences between Judaism and Christianity: concepts like original sin and salvation, just to name two. In material written by adult children of intermarried parents, two issues emerge. First, both as children and now as adults, children of interfaith couples want to know who they are religiously. They describe the experience of being raised in two religions, and feeling as if they belonged to neither. Second, they voice concerns of loyalty and betrayal of their parents, especially if they ultimately choose to practice exclusively, the religion of one of the parents.

Intermarriage is not the problem; it is the symptom of the problem. The problem is that we have not found a way to create passionate Jews. Most Jews no longer thrill in their Jewishness. The Jewish community has been unable to make itself a place where many of its young people want to spend much of their time. We are having difficulty transmitting to

the next generation what is exciting about Judaism. Steven Bayme of the American Jewish Committee says that we need to create a Jewish community that is attractive and vibrant enough that people will want to be a part of it.

There are many issues and concerns felt by interfaith couples and their families, including: discomfort with the practice of Judaism; searching for a place to begin exploring Judaism; searching for meaning in the culture, prayers, rituals; dealing with feelings of rejection from the Jewish community; exploring ways to balance Judaism and another religion in a family, and needing help in negotiating the differences between the partners; needing help to work with other family members; needing assistance as they work out reasonable solutions for their children; and many others. The Jewish Federation of Delaware, through its initiatives process, has identified outreach to interfaith couples and their families as a priority, and has given a grant to Jewish Family Service to provide outreach, education and support. This initiative provides a vehicle for exploration, provides comfort, encouragement, education and understanding, with time for attention to specific and individual needs of members of our community. In this atmosphere, people are encouraged to "ask the next question." The initiative provides a variety of venues through which to "try on" Judaism.

Some of the programs offered at Jewish Family Service include support groups and forums in which participants can explore issues such as those previously described; holiday and Shabbat workshops and dinners; forums for parents of interfaith couples; raising children; exploring and negotiating religious differences; and information and referral services, just to name a few that are offered. Anyone interested in information, or in par-



ticipating in a group or workshop, should call Myrna Ryder at Jewish Family Service, 478-9411.

We must be a welcoming community that offers a sense of belonging, openness and inclusiveness. We need to provide user friendly information because at the present, both people who are not Jewish, and many Jews, have a common lack of understanding about how one goes about the process of joining the Jewish community and the Jewish people. We have to provide a multitude of venues. The approach needs to be geared toward enabling intermarried couples to introduce Jewish content into their homes. Rabbi Harold Kushner once said that the most important thing we can do is to learn to see intermarriage as a doorway that leads into Judaism, not a doorway that leads out. As we look at the future of the Jewish community, this will be our challenge.

## The Rabbi Writes:

# Pan Am Flight 103

By: Rabbi BARRY D. CYTRON

Congregation Adath Jeshurun,  
Minneapolis, MN

Pan Am Flight 103 exploded over Lockerbie, Scotland on December 21, 1988. Last week, I officiated at a funeral for one of its victims.

His name was Ben Bernstein, age 89. His daughter Judith, and her husband Gary were among the hundreds of passengers on board that jumbo jet. They were gifted, handsome young people, hugely successful in their careers, on assignment in London for a set of work projects. Just recently married, they were traveling home for the holidays, like so many others on that flight.

It promised to be the best of times, a festive season of light and hope, when we are reunited with family and friends. But the terrorists had a different agenda in mind. Managing

somehow to maneuver past airport and airline security, the killers planted a massive bomb which ripped away, not only the side of that airship, but lives from loved ones.

For those completely innocent passengers, and the equally innocent Scots crushed by that exploding, flailing airplane, the "reunion" that holiday season turned out to be held, not around a dinner table, but in a church or synagogue graveyard.

Ben and his wife Pauline never recovered. How could they? Both were just settling into their twilight years. It should have been a time to look back in fulfillment, to revel in their children and the promises of their lives. That vacation should have been one of unalloyed joy.

Instead, a mother and father, like hundreds, thousands of other family kin, had their lives violated. In this particular instance, two aged parents had to set about, not making a "welcome home" party, but claiming the remains of their children, choosing proper burial sites, trying to reconcile themselves to an unspeakable horror.

Reconciliation never came. Pauline and Ben got on with their lives, to be sure. They continued to greet family and long time neighbors, kept up with community events, fulfilled their responsibilities to each other. But the passion for living was gone, forever.

For those parents, no doubt for all the kin of the victims on board and the ground that cold December day, W. H. Auden had captured the moment, when he wrote his Song: *Stop All the Clocks: Silence the pianos and with muffled drum Bring out the coffin, let the mourners*

come...

*The stars are not wanted now; put out everyone,  
Pack up the moon and dismantle the sun;  
Pour away the ocean and sweep up the woods:*

*For nothing now can ever come to any good.*

As we escorted Ben's coffin to its home at a small, lovely cemetery in St. Paul, next to where his wife was buried sixteen months ago, it was impossible not to focus on the adjoining tombstone. It bears the name of his daughter and son-in-law, with the words: "Victims of the Lockerbie Airship Disaster."

Perhaps that phrase ought to be inscribed on Ben and Pauline's grave markers, too. They, too, are victims. So are the surviving

family members of every woman, man and child murdered that day.

By extension, so are we, the rest of us who routinely go about our lives. We have also been victimized, but not so much by that awful bombing as by our unwillingness, or inability, both as a nation and world community, so see justice done. The killers still go free, the nations which harbored them are still unpunished.

Until they are, Pan Am Flight 103 will haunt our days and besmirch our civilization.

(Editor's Note: Barry D. Cytron is the Rabbi of Adath Jeshurun Congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota. This article originally appeared in the Minneapolis Star Tribune and is published in The Jewish Voice with the permission of the author.)



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# Mayor Holds Retreat on Racism

By DAN WEINTRAUB  
JCRC Director

Wilmington Mayor James Sills convened an ecumenical retreat with workshops for a day and a half last month for area religious and cultural leaders to address societal racism. The Director of the Jewish Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware was invited as a participant. The activities ranged from consciousness raising to planning for reducing racism

locally. Participants hope to continue meeting as an ad-hoc group devoted to ending racial prejudice.

The JCRC works on an ongoing basis to address racism, anti-Semitism and other prejudice in Delaware. The JCRC promotes coalition building activities between Jews and our neighbors for the purpose of promoting good community relations. For more information on the work of the JCRC call 427-2100, ext. 17.

# Combined Donor Event

Learn how to make chocolate truffles, middle east appetizers, tea sandwiches, Buddha's Delight, and great recipes with fresh tuna. Plus many other exciting things. On April 21, 1996 the Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah and the Sisterhoods of Congregation Beth Emeth and Congregation Beth Shalom will have a joint donor venture. The theme for their combined donor event is a celebration of Jerusalem 3000. It will take place at Congregation Beth Emeth at 3 p.m.

The program will consist of vari-

ous seminars by culinary experts, a professional in the style and fashion industry, and an expert on Jerusalem 3000. Joseph Masero, Chef at Harry's Savoy Grill, will demonstrate desserts; Sean Warner, of CaterKarts, a kosher catering service, will demonstrate first course dishes; Steve Bonner of Boscov Kosher Caterers will demonstrate Middle East appetizers; Steve Hurshman chef at Kosher Affair will demonstrate Buddha's Delight; and Janet Day, chef at The Flavour of Britain, will teach us how to make tea sand-

# Eli Avidar To Speak At U of D

Eli Avidar, of the Consulate General of Israel, will discuss "Peace in the Middle East: The Dawn of a New Era" on Thursday, April 25 at 7:00 P.M. in Room 100, Kirkbride Hall, at the University of Delaware.

Mr. Avidar will provide his insight and observations on the recent developments in the peace process. Mr. Avidar finds that as the country is able to move toward greater peace, the resources of Israel can and will be committed to enhancing the economy and to fostering research in the fields of agriculture, science and education.

Mr. Avidar was born in Alexandria, Egypt of a Greek family who immigrated to Egypt in the beginning of this century. His family eventually immigrated to Israel in 1967, where he completed his active duty assign-

ment in the Israel Defense Force as a captian.



Eli Avidar

In 1989 he attended the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, majoring in Middle East and Islamic Studies and Philosophy. His focus was on Islamic thought and philosophy in early and modern Islam.

In 1992 he joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Jerusalem and was assigned to the PLO Desk in the Center for Political Research. During that period he was actively engaged in following the peace process in Washington and the relations and developments between the Palestinian delegation and the PLO.

He then served in the Asia department and was involved in the development of diplomatic relations between Israel and Vietnam from the pre-diplomatic relations stage until the establishment of official diplomatic relations and Israel's embassy in Hanoi.

He has served in the post of Consul in the Consulate General of Israel, headquarters in Philadelphia, since 1993.

The program is sponsored by the Frank and Yetta Chaiken Center for Jewish Studies at the University of Delaware.

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wiches and how to brew proper tea. Joan Bernard, Director of Barbizon School and Modeling Agency, who just returned from Paris to view the new fashions for the upcoming season, will demonstrate fashion techniques. Arnold Kneitel, who teaches at the Academy of Lifelong Learning will give a three part lecture on Jerusalem 3000. There is something for everyone.

The combine donor event will follow the kashrut guidelines established by National Hadassah. There will be a fish dinner catered by CaterKart.

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**B'Hatzlacha**

# Women's Torah Study Find Promised Land

**By ELIZA GOUVERNEUR**  
 Several women's Torah study groups have gotten under way recently in Wilmington. There was enough interest expressed this winter in a women's community Torah study to begin both a Tuesday evening group and a Thursday lunchtime group. Both these groups have begun their study with Devarim (Deuteronomy). The groups are small — generally 6-10 women — and diverse, representing a broad spectrum of the local Jewish community. This diversity is further enhanced by the use of various commentaries, in an attempt to cast light on the text from various angles. The process is not easy, but it is rewarding. According to one participant, "We are exposed to very different expressions of our shared Judaism. It can be frustrating, and sometimes we have to 'agree to disagree,' but we also share insights that overcome our differences, when some aspect of the text is suddenly seen in a clearer way." The groups are a cooperative effort, and move slowly. Interested

women can join at any time. The Tuesday group meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month (barring some holidays) from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the upstairs library of Congregation Beth Emeth (300 W. Lea Blvd.) In the first five sessions they completed the first chapter of Deuteronomy. The Thursday group meets from noon to 1:30 of the second and fourth Thursday of each month, in Myrna Ryder's office of Jewish Family Service (101 Garden of Eden Road). They were on the fourth chapter after five sessions. For further information, call Eliza Gouverneur at 322-4103. In addition, at Chabad House in Green Acres, (1306 Grinnell Road), Orya Vogel has begun a Torah study on alternate Monday lunchtimes. The group meets from noon to 1:00 or 1:30, resuming on April 22. They are studying Pashat Lech Lecha with commentaries, and also Jewish Holidays as they come up. Please call to confirm in case of schedule changes, at 478-4400. No previous knowledge is necessary.

Dear Reader,  
 I believe that I am in possession of information that should be of great interest, in view of the fact that it concerns property of a very high value. Between the two World Wars, Jewish people, especially residents of Eastern Europe, acquired plots of land in Israel — which was known as Palestine in those days. The purchase of land was made with both the intention of fortifying the Zionist settlement in Palestine, and the intention of coming to the country and finding in it a foothold. It has to be noted, that most of those people never saw Israel since the purchase was carried out by proxy. As is known to all, the Holocaust put a tragic end to all intentions and dreams. Most of the buyers of land died during the War, not having told their kin about the purchase. In the course of my work, I have traced about a hundred plots of land in the region of Haifa, including the names of their rightful owners, but unfortunately, in spite of all my efforts in which the Israeli daily newspaper Yedioth Ahronoth took part, I have managed to trace only a small number of legal heirs to those plots of land. It is reasonable to assume that some of the offsprings of the land owners had emigrated to the U.S.A. after the War, with no inkling of their legacy in Israel. I am enclosing a list of names of some of the land owners, with the request that you refer to this issue in your paper and publish my letter, and the enclosed list of names. I am most grateful for your attention and am sure that you will want to take part in returning legacies to their rightful heirs. **List of land owners in Israel — do you know any of them?** Abba Nathan; Buchalter Shalom

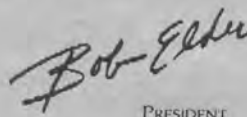
and Sarah; Beyle Faige; Parshal Rachel; Bergman Isachar Dov, Berger Joseph and Benyamin, Berger David; Barsky Zalman; Gindelman Genesh and Maria Tabryth; Grosman Max and Rivka; Dobrowetzius Isaks Itzhak Huzeh; Silberman Isidor; Tomarkyn David; Topf Emil; Bertha and Karl; Tarponskys Wolf; Cohn Moris and Ethel; Lacky Lyna; Levy Itzhak and Freidl; Levyn Ber and Schmuel; Liberman Bertha; Grinfield Avraham; Haimovitz Theodor; Moses Louis; Molder Moris; Moskowitz Marck; Manishevitz Hirsh and Peres; Minkes Schmuel (Samuels) and Faina Minzna; Margulies Ethel; Mangulies (Margalith) Israel; Aizik and Moshe; Nemtziuskes Aiziks and Isaiah; Salamates Aixiks; Sotker Rivka; Redlih Moizek; Silsky Jatzek-Aizik; Samilowitz Samuel; Fordonsky Rivka; Lifshitz Freidl Frantziska; Faikin Peisah; Preis Sabine-Selma;

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"Even though I have been active in many Jewish activities, I have learned so much more about politics and social action in *Panim el Panim*," said Anne Parsons, high school senior. "The interaction with so many different active people made me think, question, and want to act."

In addition to tours of the Capitol and monuments, the students toured the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, studied Jewish texts on "Poverty in America" and "Refugees and Sanctuary," were briefed on the importance of the U.S.-Israel relationship by AIPAC, and held a memorial service for Yitzhak Rabin and the recent victims of terrorism in Israel. The students also heard a moving presentation on homelessness from Michael Stoops of the National Coalition for the Homeless and Jim Peterson, a man who was homeless for seventeen years. At the end of the program, the students went to the office of Sen. William Roth to discuss the issues of the day.

"Poverty in America" and "Refugees and Sanctuary" were the topics of two plenary sessions. Students



Lev Yampolsky (L) and Anne Parsons (R) at Panim el Panim.

heard about several aspects of "Poverty in America" from Michael Tanner of the CATO Institute and Rev. John Steinbruck of Luther Place Memorial Church. They also heard from Abbe Lowell of the U.N. High Commissioner's Office and Marta Ixcot, a Guatemalan refugee, on the topic "Refugees and Sanctuary." In addition to these speakers, the students participated in a Values Conflict exercise, where students debate the morality of difficult public policy decisions.

*Panim el Panim* is a unique educational program designed to stimulate a serious commitment to Jewish values in the context of wrestling with vital political questions. "Not only does *Panim el Panim* help students to relate Judaism to the hot issues of the day, it also helps them realize that

their active involvement in social and political issues is a way to effect *tikkun olam* (repairing the world)," says Rabbi Sidney Schwarz, founder and president of the Washington Institute for Jewish Leadership and Values, which sponsors *Panim el Panim*.

"I learned about the importance of participation in our government," said Lev Yampolsky, high school sophomore. The students were

joined by students from Phoenix, AZ; Baltimore, MD; West Hartford, CT; Austin, TX; Springfield, MA; Flint, MI; Cherry Hill, NJ; Philadelphia, PA; and New York, N.Y.

Graduates of *Panim el Panim* demonstrate a significant growth in their knowledge of the application of Judaism to political issues, in addition to a dramatic increase in their sense of Jewish identity. This was part of a series of findings that

emerged from a major impact evaluation of the *Panim el Panim* program, conducted by the Jewish Educational Service of North America last year. The study heralded *Panim el Panim* as one of the most valuable formative experiences available to Jewish teens in America. There are over 3,000 graduates of *Panim el Panim* from over 80 communities. The program runs at regular intervals throughout the year.

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# Woman Of The Year

Faith A. Wohl will receive the Woman of the Year Award from the Newark Chapter of Hadassah at a dinner to be held at the DuPont Country Club on April 14, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The award, which will

be made in her name to the Hadassah Youth Aliyah Program in Israel, will be presented to Ms. Wohl by Karen Venezky, New Castle County Councilwoman and member of the National Executive Board of

Hadassah.

Ms. Wohl joined the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) in January, 1994 as Director of the agency's newly created Office of Workplace Initiatives. Wohl's expe-

rience and national reputation for successfully dealing with family issues in the workplace prepared her for this assignment at GSA, where she oversees policy development and implementation of child care and telecommuting centers for employees throughout the Federal sector.

Wohl came to GSA from the DuPont Company in Wilmington, Delaware, where she served as Director of Workforce Partnering and pioneered DuPont's initiative to help employees balance their family life

and careers.

Wohl received her degree in economics from Adelphi University in Garden City, New York where she graduated *summa cum laude* in 1957. She has three children and seven grandchildren.

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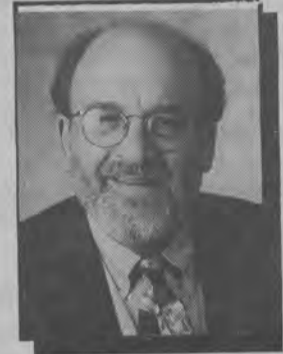
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# Chaim Potok To Speak

Acclaimed author and playwright Chaim Potok will be the featured speaker at the annual scholarship dinner of Albert Einstein Academy on Sunday evening, April 28. This fundraising event, to be held at the Delaware History Museum in downtown Wilmington, will also include a tribute to the outgoing AEA President, Jonathan Neipris.

Best known for his award-winning novels, *The Chosen* and *The Promise*, Potok is also the author of six other novels, including *My Name is Asher Lev*, *The Book of Lights*, and *Davita's Harp*. He has also written *Wanderings: Chaim Potok's History of the Jews* and numerous articles, short stories, and reviews. His four plays have all premiered in Philadelphia since 1990. He has now pub-

lished two children's books, *The Tree of Here* in 1993 and *The Sky of Now* in 1995.

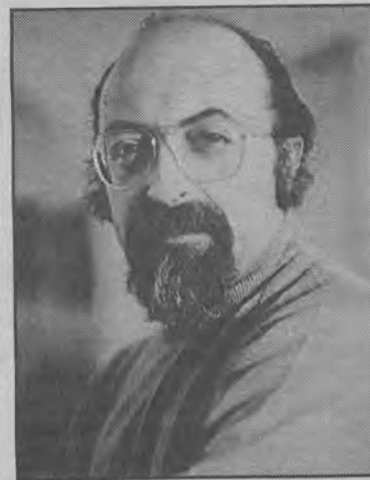
Chaim Potok was born and raised in New York City. He received a B.A. *summa cum laude* in English literature from Yeshiva University, an M.H.L. and rabbinic ordination from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, and a Ph.D. in philosophy from the University of Pennsylvania. Potok is married, has three children, and lives in a suburb of Philadelphia.

Albert Einstein Academy is celebrating 26 years of service to the Jewish community of northern Delaware. It combines strong religious and secular curricula and a warm, supportive environment to develop the whole Jewish child. Through the efforts of many committed and tal-

ented individuals, particularly Neipris and the principal, Rabbi Ellen Bernhardt, AEA is now experiencing a period of significant growth. Last summer its physical facilities were completely renovated and greatly expanded. In a single year the student population (pre-K to 6) has grown from 80 to 110. Full accreditation is being pursued, and extension to grades 7 and 8 is being considered.

AEA is a beneficiary of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. Another important source of funding is a major annual event and ad book. Proceeds from this year's event will go to the scholarship fund, which makes it possible for many who cannot afford tuition to attend AEA.

The fundraiser will begin with a



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for qualified candidates for our consideration. You may, no doubt, be concerned about the effect this transition to a new executive will have on our Center. I am confident that everyone, from David and the senior management staff to each member of our lay leadership, is committed to making the search for and transition to a new executive a smooth and successful one. I know that the tremendous success our Center enjoys will continue under new executive leadership and that David is committed to assisting us in ensuring that his successor continues to build on his and our accomplishments.

While this announcement and the search for David's replacement may cause some anxiety among us all, I know that I can count on each of you for your support during this important period in our history. There will be many opportunities during the search process for many of you representing different segments of our community to help in this endeavor, and I urge you to feel free to share your thoughts and ideas with me throughout.

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reception at 5:30, followed by dinner at 6:30. For further information contact the school office at 478-5026 or the event chair, Sylvia Wagman, at 475-8351.

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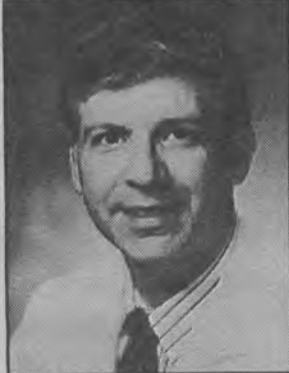
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# AEA Commended First Camp Experiences

Albert Einstein Academy, the Jewish Day School serving Delaware and the Brandywine Valley, was recently commended for its superb educational program by an accreditation team of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. In February, a team of educators visited the school to observe classes and meet with teachers, staff, parents and students in the final phase of the accreditation process.

In its evaluation report the visiting team remarked on the "warm, open, enthusiastic spirit that permeates Albert Einstein Academy," and noted that the school's "commitment to Jewish values is profound." They also remarked on the involvement of parents and the board of trustees in their

efforts to move the school toward its goals.

Accreditation is an ongoing process of evaluation and improvement that offers an assurance of quality in education, administration, and environment. Albert Einstein Academy expects to receive formal accreditation from the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools in September.



Mindy Sternberg with birthday cake

## Happy Birthday Einstein

Students at the Albert Einstein Academy learned many interesting things about the school namesake's accomplishments in math and science and how he represented the Jewish world. Questions were asked about how he performed in school and if his wife was brilliant,

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"Enrollment for Camp JCC is at an all-time high this year. Plans for a great summer is well underway for hundreds of children and teens. For many parents, this will be your first experience with our day camp", said Artie Allen, Camp Director.

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variety of programs, including our new 'Add-On' specials for full-day Olim campers. Register your child for karate, T-ball, soccer, cooking and music sessions. Along with our popular traditional camps, we also offer specialty camps for those interested in adventures, horseback riding, wild water adventures, karate, gymnastics, performing arts and computers. Your children won't believe that they can have so much fun.

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## Make a Challah Cover

A make-your-own Challah Cover Class will be held at the JCC on April 28th at 11:30 a.m. This special hands-on family education workshop will be part of the community Jerusalem 3000 activities scheduled for April 28th from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. This class is open to adults and children above third grade. No prior needlework experience is necessary.

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# JCC Hires New Adult Programming Staff

The Jewish Community Center of Delaware has recently hired two new Adult Department staff members, Priscilla Siegel, Elderhostel Coordinator, and Michelle Silberglied, Adult/Senior Adult Services Coordinator. Ella Zukoff, Membership and Adult Services Director, says, "We are delighted to have added both Priscilla and Michelle to our Adult Services staff."

As the new Elderhostel Coordinator, Priscilla Siegel began working at the JCC in February, preparing for the first Elderhostel of the year, which concluded on March 31st. "It was a huge success. The Elderhostelers had a wonderful time and many lasting friendships were made. I am looking forward to the upcoming Elderhostels in June and August."

Siegel has an MA in Art History from the University of Delaware and has worked in the community for

many years. She has worked for the Delaware Humanities Forum, the Jewish Studies Program at the University of Delaware and the Jewish Voice as a staff reporter. She and her husband, Dr. Jerome Siegel, a professor at the University of Delaware, live in Newark.

Michelle Silberglied has just started in her new position as the Adult/Senior Adult Services Coordinator. Ms Silberglied has a BA in Political Science and Hebrew from the University of Wisconsin and an MSW from the University of Pennsylvania School of Social Work.

Silberglied has extensive experience in Jewish communal work, having worked at the JCC in Cherry Hill, NJ and the Kaiserman JCC in Philadelphia. "I'm very excited about working with the adult and senior adult population here in Wilmington," she says. Michelle and her husband, Russell, an attorney

with Richards, Layton & Finger, PA, are looking forward to moving to Wilmington.

Please feel free to stop by the Jewish Community Center anytime and introduce yourself to both Priscilla and Michelle.



Michelle Silberglied, Adult/Senior Adult Services. Priscilla Siegel, Elderhostel Coordinator.

# Delaware Teens Enter Float

Members of the Jewish community from across the Delaware valley will gather in center city Philadelphia on Sunday, May 19th at 10:00 a.m. to celebrate Israel's 48th year of Independence.

The theme of the day is "Jerusalem 3000" which commemorates 3000 years since King David established Jerusalem as the capital.

Delaware teens will assemble the float on April 28th at Delaware's

community Jerusalem 3000 celebration. The float will be led down the Benjamin Franklin Parkway by our teens representing the Delaware Jewish Community. We encourage all of you to come out and support our community. For more information on the parade and the float building please contact Etai Belinky at 302-478-5660.



**Celebration of Jerusalem 3000**  
Lindsay Swinger and Chelsea Weisbord place notes in the "Western Wall" built by Kindergarten students at the Albert Einstein Academy.

# Camp Conference

The Jewish Community Center has made a commitment to making our day camp program the best in the area. Six key staff members learned about camping at the Tri-State Camping Conference, held in New York, March 21 through March 24.

"We learned a lot about camping in the '90's from many different perspectives", said Artie Allen, Camp Director. Sessions ranged from camp songs, camp communication, teen camping, personnel management, special events and programming, to the American Camping Association accreditation process.

According to Staci Berger, Assistant Camp Director, "This three-day experience was extremely beneficial in helping us bring new ideas and new approaches to our camp program. Camp JCC will certainly benefit from the information we received at the many sessions of the Tri-State Conference."

The conference was attended by over 300 camp staff from New York, New Jersey, Delaware and Pennsylvania.

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## Farrakhan's Travels Criticized

By DANIEL KURTZMAN

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Louis Farrakhan's supporters descended on Washington again recently, this time to answer a congressional probe into the Nation of Islam leader's controversial foreign travels with their own show of force.

At a tense congressional hearing, lawmakers criticized Farrakhan for verbal attacks he made against the United States during his recent multinational tour. The criticism at the hearing prompted angry jeers from Farrakhan's backers in the audience. Two people were arrested and charged after being ejected for disrupting the proceedings.

The hearing came just days after black newspaper publishers honored Farrakhan as "Newsmaker of the Year." The honor sparked dismay among Jewish groups. One of the four criteria for the award from the National Newspaper Publishers Association is the display of a "higher level of moral authority."

The Nation of Islam leader has come under fire for his recent tour of at least 18 countries. The tour included stopovers in Libya, Iran, Iraq and Sudan, which are countries that the U.S. government considers sponsors of international terrorism.

Rep. Christopher Smith (R-N.J.), who chairs the House International Relations Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights, said the hearing was part of an ongoing attempt to investigate rogue regimes and their efforts to influence U.S. policy. Foreign policy experts testified about the relationship between those nations and U.S.

interests.

But the main focus was clearly on Farrakhan. "It is self-evident that this hearing was called in response to a series of statements made by Louis Farrakhan to some of the most despicable, bloody dictatorships on the face of this planet," said Rep. Tom Lantos (D-Calif.). Rep. Peter King (R-N.Y.), the Nation of Islam leader's most outspoken critic in Congress, said the trip was a "terror tour" and called Farrakhan "a vicious racist and hater as well as a potential national security threat."

"When you combine a foreign dictator and a foreign tyrant such as [Libyan leader] Muammar Gadhafi with a domestic racist such as Louis Farrakhan, that is dangerous to our nation," King said to coughs and jeers from the Farrakhan supporters in the hearing room.

In Tripoli, Gadhafi reportedly pledged \$1 billion to finance Farrakhan's political activities in the United States. In Iran, a newspaper quoted Farrakhan as labeling the United States the "Great Satan" and saying that "God will destroy America at the hands of Muslims."

The Justice and Treasury departments have both launched inquiries to determine whether he violated any laws during his trip.

Rep. Donald Payne (D-N.J.), who chairs the Congressional Black Caucus, criticized the hearing. Rep. Cynthia McKinney, (D-Ga.) stopped short of defending Farrakhan, but suggested that the hearing may have been "a thinly veiled attempt to do a

little Farrakhan bashing."

"Louis Farrakhan is not above the law, but neither is Louis Farrakhan beneath the protections of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights," the black congresswoman said. "I don't offend him and he doesn't offend me," Payne said of Farrakhan. Farrakhan was not asked to testify and did not attend, but scores of his backers, led by his chief of staff, Leonard Mohammed, packed the hearing room, while others lined the corridor outside.

"To have a hearing and to mention the names of repressive people and oppressive people as though the Nation should be mentioned in that same group is very unfair, but I think the American people know better," Mohammed said in a brief interview.

A woman was arrested and escorted out of the committee room after standing up and shouting, "I cannot stand to sit here any longer and see you point the finger at a man who has saved the souls of many in this country." U.S. Capitol police said she and another individual were charged with disruption of Congress, a misdemeanor.

At the close of the hearing, some of Farrakhan's top aides and supporters angrily denounced Smith as a "liar," saying that he had agreed to allow them to testify. Smith replied that the committee's record would remain open for written testimony.

Next week, the House will debate a resolution introduced by King and Lantos condemning Farrakhan's travels and calling on the Clinton administration to step up its investigation.



Palestinian Riot: BIR ZEIT, WEST BANK — Palestinian police grab a student as he tries to throw stones at passing Israeli cars after a demonstration against the mass arrests by Israel last week of more than 350 university students suspected of having ties to the militant Hamas movement. RNS photo Reuters.

## Life From Death

By DEBBIE COHEN

SAN FRANCISCO (JTA) — In Prague, at the site of what was once the crematorium of the Nazi death camp Theresienstadt, stands an "etz chaim" — a tree of life.

In San Francisco, locked in the freezer of a nursery at Golden Gate Park, six seeds taken from that tree are now striving for a life of their own.

"There is an incredible story behind all this," said Don Friend, a San Francisco Jewish community leader who helped bring the seeds to one of the top arborists at Golden Gate Park.

The story, about a kindly Czech guard, a devoted teacher and the children she lived, is one that Friend has begun to share with the Jewish community.

The story of the seeds began on Tu B'Shevat in 1943, when a guard at Theresienstadt smuggled a tiny oak seedling into the children's barrack.

With help from their teacher Irma Lauscher, one of the few Jewish instructors the Nazis allowed to hold classes, the children planted the seed in their courtyard.

Because of the meager water rations the children were able to spare, the tree sprouted.

By the time of liberation, the red maple had grown to 5 feet.

The children gave it one last drink before digging it up and replanting it near the crematorium where the ashes of 38,000 fellow Jews lay scattered.

Declaring it their "etz chaim," they left a sign at its base that says: "As the branches of this tree, so the branches of our people!"

Friend had the opportunity to stand under the tree, now 60 feet high by 30 feet wide, when he visited the camp in 1992 as part of a Jewish federation mission. It was led by Mark Talisman, then director of the Washington, D.C., office of the Council of Jewish Federations.

It was Talisman who mailed Friend the seeds, a mitzvah he performs annually to honor Lauscher, the godmother of his daughter Jessica.

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So far, the seeds have been planted in 600 locations throughout the world.

"Before her death in 1985 at age 81, Irma [Lauscher] asked that seeds from her tree be planted in memory of the children at the camp. So each year I send one to a different person, to be planted in their community," Talisman said.

Jessica was just 10 years old in 1983, when Talisman brought her to Theresienstadt.

Lauscher took her by the hand, led her to the tree and asked her to read an English translation of a child's poem.

After Jessica read the poem aloud, Lauscher revealed that it had been written by one of the children of the camp, who, coincidentally, was named Jessica and was 10 years old on Tu B'Shevat in 1943.

"As a kid I used to think that was such a corny story. I used to cringe every time my father would tell it. But as I got older that moment gained so much meaning and beauty," said Jessica, now 22.

An elementary school teacher in Oregon, Jessica today is determined to keep alive the memory of those who perished in the Holocaust.

She teaches a course about the Holocaust to a group of high school children at a Reform temple in Portland and is pushing to have the subject taught in the public school where she works.

While the seeds given to the Talismans by Jessica's godmother have been planted in the United States before, the Golden Gate Park project marks the first attempt to grow the trees in California.

But, cautioned Phil Rossi, an arborist and Golden Gate Park nursery specialist, it is too soon to tell whether the seeds, which were harvested in October, are still viable.

"Right now we're working on duplicating the climate of a winter in Prague by keeping the freezer at 40 degrees and should know by the beginning of April whether or not the germination process was successful," Rossi said.

Waiting to see whether the seeds become viable has made Friend feel "something like an expectant father."

If just one of them successfully sprouts and is planted "in an appropriate spot in San Francisco," he would consider it a blessing, he said.

## Peres And Hussein To Address AIPAC

Stunned by the suicide bombings of Jerusalem Bus #18 and the Dizengoff Street massacre by Palestinian extremists, many are asking if the peace process now underway can be salvaged. Moreover, activists are asking what role Congress and the Administration can play in supporting Israel during this time of tragedy and uncertainty. How will the upcoming elections in Israel and the U.S. affect the peace process? What is necessary for the pro-Israel community to do in the upcoming election cycle and what is the most effective way it can make an impact on Capitol Hill?

These and other questions will be tackled as over 2,000 political activists, policy-makers, administration officials, Members of Congress and Middle East analysts converge on Washington D.C. at the American Israel Public Affairs Committee's 37th Annual Policy Conference on April 28-30.

And leading the way to Washington D.C. will be Rita Hochberg, AIPAC's Northeast Policy Conference Recruitment Chair.

"This is an incredibly exciting opportunity for members of our community to make a real difference in our nation's capitol," said Hochberg. "I urge everyone in the Northeast to go to Washington, learn about the

key issues of importance to the U.S.-Israel relationship, and make your voice heard."

Prime Minister Peres of Israel and King Hussein of Jordan have been confirmed to headline the conference as they will speak on the growing prospects of peace throughout the Middle East in a special plenary entitled, "A Salute to the Peacemakers," on Sunday, April 28. President Clinton has also been invited to participate in this session.

Senate Majority Whip Trent Lott (R-MS) and Senator Joe Lieberman (D-CT) will address AIPAC's annual Monday night banquet. They will be joined by over 200 Members of Congress, ambassadors and top level administration officials.

Tuesday's luncheon session will feature a stimulating look at the current election cycle entitled, "Crossfire: Politics, Foreign Policy, and the '96 Presidency." Wall Street Journal Columnist Paul Gigot and Roll Call Executive Editor Morton Kondracke will moderate a panel discussion with Ann Lewis, Deputy Campaign Manager of Clinton/Gore '96 and Scott Reed (invited), Campaign Manager of Bob Dole for President.

Participants will be briefed by top officials and academics on critical issues such as the status of Israel-Syria

talks, the escalating Iranian threat, Israel-Palestinian relations, the role of foreign aid and the coming election cycle. Conference delegates will take part in small interactive workshops on grassroots political activism, lobbying and pro-Israel advocacy on the internet.

"Despite the monumental peace advances in the Middle East, there are still significant challenges that lie ahead — the threat of terrorism, the rise of Islamic extremism, and the spread of nuclear weapons," said Hochberg. "The American Jewish community must rise up to meet these challenges with a new level of activism. The Policy Conference is the best vehicle for educating ourselves and our elected officials on the importance of the U.S.-Israel relationship in facing the challenges which affect us as concerned Americans."

Award-winning Israeli singer-songwriter Chava Alberstein will perform in concert and AIPAC is rolling out its first ever Israeli film festival. Private tours of the Holocaust Museum, Israeli art exhibits, and "Shalom Chaver" photographic retrospective of the late Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin are also featured at Policy Conference '96.

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# Oscar Night Honors

By TOM TUGEND

LOS ANGELES, March 26 (JTA) — The spotlight was on the stars, but some of the most dramatic moments at the Academy Awards came during the documentary presentations, when the memory of past horrors intruded on the celluloid world of make-believe.

"One Survivor Remembers," produced by the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, won in the Short Documentary category for its unsparring, hourlong interview with Gerda Klein, who survived six years in concentration camps.

Klein accompanied producer Kary Antholis to the podium and recalled a time "when winning meant a crust of bread." "Each of you who lives in freedom is now a winner," she said. Holding back tears, Klein added, "I have asked myself why I am here and in my mind's eye I see all the others. Thank you for honoring their memory."

In the Documentary Feature category, the Oscar went to "Anne

Frank Remembered," a film that sheds new light on the life of Anne, her family and the people who knew and helped her.

Jon Blair, the London-based writer, director and producer of the film, was accompanied to the podium by Miep Gies, the Dutch woman who sustained the Frank family during their years in hiding and rescued Anne's diary from oblivion.

Accepting the Oscar, Blair said, "In this city of celluloid heroes, Miep Gies is a true hero." The glittering audience gave a standing ovation.

A special Lifetime Achievement Award was given to Kirk Douglas for his career total of 82 films. Douglas, born Issur Danielovitch Demsky 79 years ago, was lauded by Steven Spielberg for his moral courage in breaking the Hollywood blacklist during the McCarthy era. Douglas recently had a minor stroke that impaired his speech but he expressed his pride in his four sons and his 50-year career in Hollywood.

# Oldest U.S. Veterans

By DANIEL KURTZMAN

WASHINGTON, March 25 (JTA) — Just over a century ago, Mark Twain wrote a letter in Harper's Weekly magazine suggesting that Jews had "an unpatriotic disinclination to stand by the flag as a soldier."

In response to the slanderous attacks by Twain and other would-be revisionists of the day, 63 Jewish Civil War veterans — including six recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor — met in New York City in March 1896, and founded what would later become the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A.

As the oldest veterans organization in America turns 100 this month, the Jewish men and women who served in America's armed forces continue to wave the flag of Jewish pride and American patriotism.

The record shows that nearly one million Jewish soldiers have served in every armed conflict in which the U.S. has been engaged — from the Civil War to the 1991 Persian Gulf War — as well as in, peacekeeping operations, most recently in Bosnia.

Still, the veterans say there is as great a need today as ever for Jews to defend themselves against charges that they never served their country. "There has always been a feeling that

Jews buy their way out of everything, that Jews have a dual loyalty, that Jews are only interested in money and not their nation, that they lack patriotism," said Robert Zweiman, chairman of the JWV Centennial Committee. "We put a lie to it."

At a national centennial celebration in Washington this month, more than 500 Jewish veterans from across the country gathered to salute the organization, visit members of Congress and walk through the 100th anniversary exhibit at JWV's National Museum of American Jewish Military History.

As veterans recalled war stories and looked at old photographs during one gathering, strains of "God Bless America" drifted easily into "Jerusalem of Gold."

Richard Marowitz, one of more than 500,000 Jews who served in World War II, talked about entering Munich with American liberation forces on April 30, 1945. As a point scout in an intelligence and reconnaissance platoon, Marowitz was assigned to search Hitler's home in Munich, where he made a surprising discovery. "I opened up a closet and I saw something dark on an upper shelf," recalls Marowitz, now 70. "So I pulled over a chair, climbed up and grabbed this thing. It was a beau-

# Mossad Breaks Secrecy

By NAOMI SEGAL

JERUSALEM, March 24 (JTA) — Usually veiled in secrecy, the name of the newly appointed head of Israel's foreign intelligence agency has been made public.

The appointment of Maj. Gen. Danny Yatom to head Mossad was announced at Sunday's weekly Cabinet meeting.

In the past, the name of the Mossad chief was kept a state secret until the official's retirement from the post. The military censor last week lifted the ban on publishing the name after the Israeli daily Ha'aretz defied the ban by reporting that Yatom was the prime minister's choice.

Other segments of the Israeli media soon also announced the name of the candidate to top Mossad.

In an editorial, Ha'aretz argued that the publication ban was outdated, maintaining that Israel's enemies know who the Mossad chief is in any case.

Security officials have argued that releasing the current head's identity could endanger his personal security and interfere with ongoing operations.

Yatom, 51, has been in the army for 33 years. He most recently served as chief military aide to Prime Ministers Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres.

He succeeds a man identified only as "S," in keeping with the long-standing practice of keeping the names of Mossad leaders secret. "S"

is planning to retire in June and will then become manager of Kupat Holim Maccabi, Israel's second-largest health care fund. At that time, his identity will be declassified.

The disclosure that Yatom will head Mossad comes two months after the Israeli media broke a similar tradition of secrecy by announcing that Rear Adm. Ami Ayalon was the newly appointed head of the Shin Bet, Israel's domestic intelligence agency.

In the wake of the November assassination of Rabin and the resulting questions of security procedures, Israelis have been pressing for more openness from the two intelligence agencies.



**Ancient Ossuaries: JERUSALEM** — An archaeologist with the Israeli Antiquities Authority, stands near several ossuaries, or stone coffins for bones, that are engraved with the names Jesus (foreground), Joseph (r) and Mary (2nd r). Authorities believe there is almost no chance the ossuaries actually contained the bones of the biblical holy family. RNS photo Reuters.

seders and Chanukah parties for Jews at local VA hospitals. "I joined the Jewish War Veterans 20 years ago as a way of giving me something to look forward to when I retired," said Sondak, 72, who served as an instructor in the army finance train-

ing school from 1943 to 1945.

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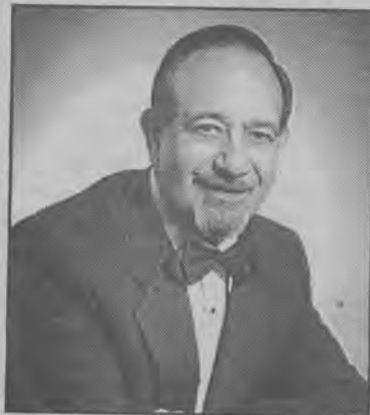
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Ruth Sondak of Surfside, Fla., is one of many JWV members who volunteer time caring for veterans in their community. As JWV Commander for Dade County, Sondak has helped, among other things, to organize Shabbat dinners, Passover

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To Be Honored

Cantor Norman Swerling

Wilmington's Congregation Beth Shalom has designated the Shabbat of May 10 and 11 to honor Cantor Norman Swerling on his retirement. Cantor Swerling has been the Cantor of Beth Shalom for 10 years and during his career has served several congregations both in this country and the Caribbean. Friday evening service, which begins at 8:00 P.M.

Talent Show  
And Auction

A talent show and silent auction will be held at Congregation Beth Emeth, 300 W. Lea Blvd., on Saturday, April 27th. The auction starts at 6 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres and wine being served. The talent show starts at 8 p.m. Gourmet desserts will

Scholar In Residence  
Weekend

Wilmington's Congregation Beth Shalom will hold their annual Scholar In Residence Weekend on May 3, 4 and 5 at the synagogue 18th and Baynard Boulevards. The weekend, which is supported by the Kraft Educational Foundation, will have it's the scholar Dr. Ron Wolfson.



Dr. Ron Wolfson

Dr. Wolfson is the author of *The Art Of Jewish Living*, a series of books on the celebration of the Jewish Holidays in the home. He received his Ph.D. in Education at Washington University in St. Louis with additional studies in Judaica at the University of Judaism at the West Coast. His series of books, prefixed with "The Art Of Jewish Living" include *The Shabbat Seder*, *Hannukah*, and *The Passover Seder*.

will include a presentation by the Cantor of his favorite melodies. The service will be followed by an Oneg Shabbat sponsored by the Beth Shalom Sisterhood. Shabbat morning service will include participation by a number of Cantor Swerling's former students, a Kiddush will follow the service. The community is invited to the Shabbat eve and Shabbat morning services. Please call the synagogue office (654 4462) to confirm your attendance.

Saturday afternoon at 6:00 P.M. a Se'udah Shelishit has been planned, followed by a study session with Cantor Swerling. At 7:30 P.M. a catered dinner and Havdallah service will honor the Cantor. The dinner and Havdallah service will be followed by the presentation "Swirling With Swirling". This literary and musical review will explore Cantor Swerling's life, his talents and diverse roles as cantor, musician, actor, camp director and educator. This review will include a number of professional performers who are Beth Shalom members. Prepaid reservations are necessary to attend the afternoon and evening programs and can be made by calling the Synagogue office (654 4462) by April 30.

be served later in the evening. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children 13 and under. Send checks payable to Congregation Beth Emeth to Beryl Gamiel, 621 W. 38th St., Wilmington, DE 19802. RSVP by April 20.

Dr. Wolfson credits his family, activities in a Conservative Synagogue and summer camp experience to a career in Jewish Education. His Jewish Holiday experience goes back to Omaha, Nebraska a Jewish community of 6,500, one of the smallest in North America.

The weekend will include a Friday Night dinner "Celebrating the Shabbat Seder" which is an interactive Seder experience and a service "Blessing and Kisses: Turning Friday Night into Family Night". Saturday morning service "From Anateva to Wilmington" that evening a Havdalah service and discussion groups. Sunday morning will conclude with "Raising a Jewish Family-Taking a Jewish Journey", featuring workshops and seminars with focus on creating a Jewish environment in the home.

The Kraft Foundation is dedicated to the memory of the late Jacob Kraft, Rabbi Emeritus of Beth Shalom and regularly brings to the Delaware Jewish Community lectures and related programs by noted rabbis, educators, and authors to enhance Jewish values, traditions and knowledge. The Kraft foundation Chairman is Sheldon Weinstein Esq. and the chair of the Scholar In Residence Weekend is Karolyn Lipman. The program is open to members of the community, for reservations or additional information please call the synagogue office at (302) 654-4462.

Myrna Ryder  
Speaks At AKSE

By MARVIN CYTRON  
Acting Editor  
Of The Jewish Voice

Myrna Ryder, Director of Family Life Education, Jewish Family Service (JFS) spoke recently at the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Men's Club. Her topic "The Jews' Responsibility To The Community" stressed the instances in Jewish writings which address the Jew's responsibility to the community. Perkei Avot, which she referred to as a "loose translation" from the Hebrew as "ethics of our ancestors", was referenced as a source of guide to Jewish Ethics. Most notably Hillel's declaration "If I am not for myself, who will be for me?, If I am only for myself, what am I?, if not now, when?". Analyzing this declaration, she provided an analysis whereby community responsibility is an integral part of Hillel's teaching.

References from the Torah were cited as further examples of community service, particularly the instruc-

tion to leave corners of the fields for the poor as the basis for the establishment of charitable organizations. Myrna also quoted Hillel's well known teaching "What is hateful unto you do not do unto your neighbor. The rest is commentary. Now go and study." as a example of teachings that emphasize that we are obligated to perform good deeds and that "we are obligated to take care of and repair or perfect our world and it's environment".

Ms. Ryder acknowledged that this task "can be overwhelming and daunting. And we can become frustrated and tired. But our responsibility is to work on it. We don't have to finish the work. But we do have to continue to try." Community responsibility also demands our involvement in creating a community that is comprised of ethics, equality and freedom said Myrna.

In closing Myrna stated, "We at Jewish Family Service are dedicated to helping those in our Jewish Com-

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munity. And in addition, as we follow the teachings of Judaism, we are also dedicated to the values which guide us to help heal or perfect the world, or the larger community as well. We-the collective we-in addition to the individual "I"- are all responsible for the future of our community."

Myrna Ryder holds a Master of Education degree and is a Certified Family Life Educator. In addition to serving as Director of Family Life Education of JFS she is a member of Hadassah, and National Council of Jewish Women She is also Vice President, Jewish Communal Professional Association of the Delaware Valley.

Beth Shalom Celebrates  
Israel Independence Day

Congregation Beth Shalom invites the Jewish community of Lower Delaware for an Israel Independence Day celebration. It will be held on Sunday, April 21, 1996 from 2:00-4:00 P.M. at Congregation Beth Shalom, Queen & Clara Street, Dover, Delaware.

Our featured performer will be Rabbi Avraham Rosenblum, the "Rockin' Rabbi". Rabbi Rosenblum is a singer, guitarist and songwriter who directs the University of Delaware's Hillel Student Center in

Newark. While in Israel he formed the band Diaspora Yeshiva and he has toured throughout the United States, Canada and parts of Europe including a performance at New York's Carnegie Hall. Rabbi Rosenblum's program will be geared to all age groups.

All members are invited to welcome new and prospective members and their families. Children of all ages are welcome. Refreshments will be served. Admission is free.



Rabbi Avraham Rosenblum

Get Acquainted  
Party

A get-acquainted party is being held on Sunday, May 5th for 1995-1996 new and potential members of Congregation Beth Emeth. It will be from 3 to 5 p.m. at the home of Donald and Ethel Parsons, 4501

Whittier Road. This is an opportunity to meet Rabbi Grumbacher, Rabbi Malingner and members of the congregation. Please RSVP to Jean and Ed Davis at 475-8448 by April 26th.

Jerusalem 3000  
Celebration @ the  
JCC - April 28th  
Save the date!

## NACHES

Berger  
Bat Mitzvah

Rachel Berger, daughter of Sharon and David Berger will become a Bat Mitzvah on Friday, May 3, 1996. Rachel is the granddaughter of Ruth and Bob Golder of Wilmington, DE, and Miriam and Irving Berger of Delray Beach, FL.

Your naches announcements will be published without charge as space allows. Photos are welcome along with a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Send announcements and photos to: The Jewish Voice, P.O. Box 2193, Wilmington, DE 19899-2193.

Wedding  
Wishes

Richard Levine and Andrea Rogosin were married on Saturday evening, March 30. Best wishes and Mazel Tov to Richard and Andrea and their children, James Levine, Katie Levine and Emily Rogosin.

## ARTS • ENTERTAINMENT • BOOKS



## What's On T.V.

Tuesday, April 16, 11 p.m.

**FRONTLINE: MEMORY OF THE CAMPS:** A half century ago, Allied troops marching into Germany at the end of World War II found evidence of atrocities that have tortured the world's conscience ever since. As these troops entered Nazi concentration camps and faced the horrors of gas chambers, medical experimentation labs, crematoria and haunted, starving survivors, they made a film record of what they saw. The resulting film was never broadcast, never even completed. FRONTLINE gave the film its first world broadcast in 1985. Now, TV 12 rebroadcasts "Memory of the Camps" on Tuesday, April 16 at 11 p.m. — National Holocaust Remembrance Day.

Wednesday, April 17, 8 p.m.

**FRONTLINE: SHTETL:** On November 8, 1942, Nazi soldiers rounded up the Jews living in a *shtetl*, a small village, in Bransk, Poland, and ordered the town's farmers to provide horse wagons to transport them to a nearby train station. Within 24 hours, Bransk's 2,500 Jews died in Treblinka's gas chambers. Their *shtetl* died with them. To commemorate National Holocaust Remembrance Week, FRONTLINE embarks on a four-year-long journey to search for what happened to the *shtetl* in Bransk and to uncover the origins and depth of Polish anti-Semitism. In "Shtetl," filmmaker Marian Marzyński, a Polish-born Jew hidden as a child by Catholics, and Zbyszek Romaniuk, a 29-year-old Pole with a curiosity for Jewish history, confront the memories of Nazi terror and explore the state of Polish-Jewish relations today. "Shtetl" premieres Wednesday, April 17 at 8 p.m. on TV 12.

Saturday, April 20, 10:45 p.m.

**MOVIE: HITLER'S FINAL SOLUTION: THE WANNSEE CONFERENCE:** This 1984 German film is a chilling recreation of the Nazi meeting to discuss the Final Solution in a Berlin suburb in 1942. **HITLER'S FINAL SOLUTION: THE WANNSEE CONFERENCE,** airing Saturday, April 20 at 10:45 p.m. on TV 12, stars Dietrich Mattausch, Gerd Backmann and Friedrich Beckhaus.

Saturday, April 20, 8 p.m.

**MOVIE: SOPHIE'S CHOICE:** There is a time in a young person's life when unusual events pull him beyond his own limited experience, and new acquaintances open him to a world previously unimaginable. Such a time is recalled by Stingo (Peter Macnichel), the narrator of *SOPHIE'S CHOICE*, airing Saturday, April 20 at 8 p.m. on TV 12. Meryl Streep's Oscar-winning performance is the centerpiece of this film adaptation of Wilmin Styron's book about a Polish woman's attempt to justify her existence in America after surviving a living hell during WWII.

## Words &amp; Music

## Entertainment Worthy of Your Affikomen Reward

By STEVE COHEN

Graham Nash deserves an *E* for earnestness, and the American Music Theatre Festival deserves an *E* for effort, for presenting the world premiere of the singer's multi-media autobiography which he calls *LifeSighs*.

But *E* is not a passing grade. Good intentions notwithstanding, Graham's production displayed few insights and a rather dull cutting edge.

You can see more exciting technology in the "virtual reality" section at some Delaware Avenue piers, or in Broadway shows like *The Who's Tommy*. Heck, even on some kid's CD-ROM games.

Lifesize images of Churchill and Hitler underwhelmed us. The best moments came when a pre-recorded David Crosby appeared on screen to play and sing with the live Graham Nash. It wasn't revolutionary, but it was genuinely entertaining.

Jon Faddis and Lee Breuer showed an introductory film that segued into a nice jazz quartet, and they called it a jazz opera (*Lulu Noire*.) Laurie Anderson once again showed off a large number of images on television screens, and digital games lined the corridors of the Annenberg Center.

The AMTF put a lot of its money and energy into its week-long explo-

ration of the links between live performance and new technology. They deserved to get better results, but hey, it's a crapshoot. They at least provided a forum. I didn't expect as-toungingly smooth productions to emerge, but I had hoped to see more inventive flights of the artist's imaginations.

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One of the most striking and original productions of a non-musical play in years is *An Inspector Calls*, and it was a coup for the Playhouse at the Hotel duPont to present it here. It's hard to say what was most impressive: the house of the privileged family tetering uncomfortably on stilts, the pouring rain on stage, or the later destruction of the house.

Rodger's and Hammerstein's *Carsoul* just played a short week at the Merriam Theatre. It's part of a national tour, and we hope we can see it back in this area as part of a Playhouse season. This is a reconceived interpretation by Nicholas Hytner, who also directs *Miss Saigon*, continuing at the Forrest Theatre.

Hytner took hints from Oscar Hammerstein's script and magnified them into bold images of oppressed workers and of a wife-beater.

He totally restaged the opening scene and gave the whole show a tougher, more vital feel. The leading

man (I can't call him a hero) was magnificently sung by Patrick Wilson.

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Right on the heels of *A Chekhov Trilogy* by the Academy of Vocal Arts comes another look at Russian culture—an adaptation of *Eugen Onegin* by Pushkin and Tchaikovsky.

Using an English translation of Pushkin's play by Vladamir Nabokov, a narrator tells the tale and introduces excerpts from the opera, sung in the original Russian.

This is another worthy enterprise by the AVA. Next on the agenda is a complete stage performance of Mozart's *Don Giovanni*.

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*Kindertransport*, a play about the Jewish children who fled Hitler on trains to England between 1938 and 1940. Written by British playwright Diane Samuels, it will be playing at the Cheltenham Center for the Arts, just north of Philadelphia, April 17 through May 5. A discussion of artistic representations of the Holocaust will take place there on Thursday, April 18. On April 21 and May 1, people who actually were "kinder" evacuated from Germany will speak.

I've seen an advance screening, and I've attended concert performances of the music, so I can strongly recommend the upcoming telecast of *The Journey of Butter-*

## Potok's Children's Books

Reviewed By  
MARGARET DARBY  
Librarian at the

Albert Einstein Academy

*The Sky Now* tells the story of Brian and his confidante, Broomer, a ceramic clown from his Uncle Conor. Broomer, an acrobatic clown who specializes in tightrope walking balanced by an umbrella and a broom, is the only character to whom Brian has confessed his fears of heights. After Brian manages to get through a trip into the top of the Statue of Liberty without admitting his paralyzing fantasy of falling out of the crown, he receives another ceramic figure from Uncle Conor to celebrate his upcoming tenth birthday: a fighter pilot. A note from Uncle Conor says there is more to the present.

The rest of the present is a trip in a glider with Uncle Conor. Both author and illustrator collude in a sleight of hand to help us see Brian's fearful delusion: Broomer and the fighter pilot, Zoomer, take control of the glider. This makes the reader (by the way, I have also battled the senseless fear of heights) feel the dizziness which Brian is suffering as he scrambles to gain control of his own feelings.

It is not until Zoomer points to a graceful eagle gliding alongside of the plane that Brian begins to relax and enjoy the beauty of his flight. Uncle Conor then comes back into focus and Brian seems to be cured of his fears.

The smooth transition into fantasy is beautifully done by author and illustrator, Tony Auth. Some of the il-

lustrations, like the frowning face of the Statue of Liberty, are so good I would like to have them on my walls at home.

*The tree of here* has more sophisticated vocabulary and a more sophisticated theme: moving.

Potok first paints a wonderful picture of the home Jason's family is about to leave. Auth's illustrations take on a slightly Rockwellesque-perfect America in his illustration of Sol the soda jerk who runs Sol's place where Jason and his friends meet. Sol, of course, gives Jason a sundae on the house. One more sign that the town they are leaving will be hard to replace.

The next two characters portrayed so movingly by both author and illustrator are Mr. Healy, the greying garden-enthusiast neighbor whose

full bristling beard is as prolific as his flowers, and the dogwood tree, whose wrinkled face and loving branches show you just why, in case you had any doubts after meeting Sol the soda jerk, Jason does not want to leave.

Potok does nothing to directly say that moving can be positive, outside of Lisa's envious dialogue, but he does make sure Jason leaves with one of Mr. Healy's carefully prepared dogwood saplings — so you know, although you never see the new home, that Jason will take root and grow "at least a foot a year" just like his dogwood.

Although it is extremely difficult to put an age level on a book, I would try "The Sky of Now" (\$17.00, Knopf) out on ages 6 to 8 and "The Tree of Here" (\$13.00, Knopf) on ages 7 to 9.

## Satmar Hasidim Exhibit

"The Challenge of Piety: Satmar Hasidim in America," opened at the National Museum of American Jewish History, 55 N. 5th Street, Philadelphia, on March 20, 1996. The exhibit provides a rare glimpse into a community that wishes to remain almost completely isolated, separate and distinct.

Organized by the Judah L. Magnes Museum in Berkeley, CA, and photographed by Maud B. Weiss with Michel Neumeister, "The Challenge of Piety" is the first extensive photographic study of the relentless quest of the Satmar Hasidim to preserve their way of life.

Renowned for its fervor in fulfilling Jewish law, the Hasidic movement revitalized orthodox Judaism in eastern and central Europe in the eighteenth century.

In 1947, following his confinement in Bergen-Belsen concentration camp, Rabbi Joel Teitelbaum came to America, determined to renew Hasidism here by keeping the community's religious beliefs intact and countering the pressures to acculturate that had reshaped the lives of earlier Jewish immigrants.

"The Challenge of Piety" runs through July 21, 1996.

## Veterans

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of Jewish soldiers be marked by the Star of David, rather than a cross.

JWV spearheaded a nationwide boycott of German goods during the 1930s; brought out more than 250,000 Jewish veterans to parade in New York City in support of the State of Israel in 1948; and took the lead among veterans groups in calling for the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Vietnam in 1970.

The organization today remains active in the political fray, sometimes taking positions that run against the grain of opinion in much of the Jew-

ish organizational world.

JWV, for example, recently raised a lone voice in the Jewish community opposing the deployment of American ground forces as part of a peacekeeping mission in Bosnia.

"There is no vital national security interest in the former Yugoslavia," JWV said in a statement last year. "American entrance into this quagmire can lead to a protracted engagement involving countless U.S. troops."

Many in the Jewish organizational world "look at us as an anomaly, who don't conform, who don't follow what they may deem to be politically correct thinking," Zweiman said.

It is a distinction, however, that JWV appears to wear as a badge of

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## OBITUARIES

## FRANCES COHEN KLEIN

Frances Cohen Klein, 84, of B'nai B'rith House, Brandywine Hundred, died March 31 in Wilmington Hospital.

In the 1930s, Mrs. Klein, a homemaker, was a saleswoman at Wilmington Dry Goods, where her husband, Maurice, was a buyer and merchandise manager. Mr. Klein died in 1982. She was a member of the Sisterhood at Congregation Beth Shalom.

She is survived by a son, Dr. Gershon Klein of Beacon Hill, Brandywine Hundred; a daughter, Barbara K. Miller of Brandywine Hundred; brother, Milton Cohen of Green Acres, Brandywine Hundred; six grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

The family suggests contributions to Deborah Heart and Lung Foundation, care of Mary Weinstein, 8602 Society Drive, Claymont 19703 or other charity.

## REBECCA TANZER LACHER

Rebecca Tanzer Lacher, originally of Wilmington, Delaware, died on March 26, 1996. Mrs. Lacher resided in Toms River, N.J. for the past forty years. She is survived by two daughters, Mara and Ellen, and five grandchildren. Other survivors are a brother, Leon Tanzer of Arden, Delaware, two sisters, Dr. Miriam McKenzie of East Hampton, N.Y. and Mrs. Sema Greenberg of Great Neck, N.Y.

## SEYMOUR MILLER

Seymour Miller, 68, of 28 Homewood Road, Lynnfield, Brandywine Hundred, died March 20, 1996.

Mr. Miller was a salesman for Park Distributors, a wholesale liquor distributor in Wilmington, for more than 20 years and retired in 1988. He was a member of Congregation Beth Emeth and a past president and board member of Rock Manor Golf Course, Wilmington.

Survivors include his wife, Regina; son, James C. of Annandale, Va.; daughters, Shelley Silber of Newark and Carol Ann Miller of Houston, Texas; brother, Aaron of Middletown; sister, Gloria Gross of Chalfonte; and four grandchildren.

The family suggests contributions Congregation Beth Emeth Family Assistance Fund or Delaware Hospice.

## RUTH SILVER

Ruth Silver, 75, of Hollywood, Fla., formerly of Wilmington, died Monday, April 1, 1996 of a cerebral hemorrhage in Memorial Hospital, Hollywood. Mrs. Silver, a homemaker, was a former member of Temple Beth Shalom in Wilmington, where she lived for 30 years. She moved to Florida in 1976.

She is survived by her husband of 51 years, Sylvan, former director of public relations for the Delaware Chapter of the American Red Cross and former reporter and advertising

salesman for The News Journal; sons, Arnold H. of Rockville, Md., and Mark E. of Timonium, Md.; brother, Philip Grossman, and sister, Jeanette Naidich, both of Baltimore; four grandchildren.

## SARAH STERN

Sarah Stern, 94, died on March 26, 1996 at her residence, Kutz Home for the Aged, 704 River Road, Bellefonte.

Mrs. Stern, formerly of Wilmington, had been a cashier at the Linen Mart, Wilmington. She was a member of Machzikey Hadas Congregation, Deborah Heart and Lung Foundation, B'nai B'rith Women and Hadassah. Her husband, Isadore, died in 1973.

She is survived by daughter, Edie Slovin of Surrey Park; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The family suggests contributions to Deborah Heart and Lung Foundation, in care of Mary Weinstein, 8602 Society Drive, Claymont 19703.

## Veterans

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honor. "We lend our voice into the Jewish community, sometimes whether they like it or not," Zweiman said.

Gen. Mick Kicklighter, who heads the Defense Department's World War II Commemoration Committee, said he has been proud of his association with JWV. "They're very dedicated and committed," Kicklighter said as he walked through the 100th anniversary exhibit. "They have a great story to tell and they tell it very effectively. "I think they perform a great service, not only recognizing veterans, but in helping our nation remember our history." It is a history which Jewish veterans helped shape with great pride.

To those who would deny them that pride and charge that they never served their country, the veterans simply point to the record, which shows 15 Jewish recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor. They point to their museum, which chronicles a century of Jewish patriotism. And they point to the graves in military cemeteries across America that bear the Star of David.

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## ART • BOOKS

## First English Haftarah Commentary

A monumental new achievement of modern Jewish scholarship, the first English-language *haftarah* commentary — a work dealing with the weekly selections from the Prophets that have been read by Jews down through the ages — will be published in June by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC), central body of 850 Reform synagogues throughout the United States and Canada.

Fifteen years in the making, the 298-page volume will serve as a companion piece to *The Torah: A Modern Commentary*, which has sold more than 200,000 copies since it was brought out by the UAHC Press in 1981.

The work, titled *The Haftarah Commentary*, will offer a fresh interpretation of the readings that are chanted in the synagogue following the Torah readings at Sabbath and holiday morning services. For many Jewish boys and girls, chanting the *haftarah* on the occasion of their bar or bat mitzvah becomes the centerpiece of their rite of passage into adulthood.

Traditionally taken from the Prophets, a book of the Hebrew Bible — the Bible is composed of the Torah or Pentateuch (the Five Books of Moses), the Prophets and the Writings — *haftarah* meanings are believed to have been instituted as a substitute for the reading of the Torah, which was forbidden by Israel's Syrian conquerors in the second century B.C.E.

The new commentary includes *haftarah* interpretations that draw on contemporary scholarship in such fields as archaeology, history, linguistics and literature. These interpretations approach the text from three perspectives: what the Prophets meant to say in their own day and how they were understood by their contemporaries; how later readers — Jews, Christians, Muslims and non-believers — interpreted them; and what their words say to modern readers.

*The Haftarah Commentary*, which is intended for use in the home and synagogue, is expected to sell for \$35.

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**Entries for the Calendar of Events are due on the Thursday deadline, published in *The Jewish Voice*. Copy should be typed and double spaced. Entries are preferred on 3 1/2" floppy disk or via E-mail. Please include day, date, time, place, brief description, and contact person.**

## APRIL 1996

### Tuesday 16

**Men's Basketball Information League Meeting.** The JCC is interested in starting a Men's Basketball League. Join us for this informational meeting. 7:00 p.m. For more information, call Chris Mighton at (302) 478-5660.

**Jewish Great Books Discussion Group Meeting.** The group will be discussing "Renewing the Covenant" by E. Borowitz. Newcomers are welcome. Meetings are held at the JCC. 7:30 p.m. Please call Rona Finkelstein at (302) 478-7598 for more information.

### Wednesday 17

**Candlelight Dinner and Program.** Join us as we honor Sara Berman, retired JCC Senior Center Outreach Worker. Following a delicious dinner, entertainment will be provided by the Academy of Lifelong Learning Chorus, directed by Sarah Goldstein. A \$5.00 dinner donation is required, advance reservations are required. 6:00 p.m. For more information, call Michelle Silberglied at (302) 478-5660.

### Saturday 20

**Teen Havdallah Under the Stars** (Grades 9-12) Usher in the new week at the Mt. Cuba Observatory. The cost is \$5.00 per person. 7:30 p.m. For more information or to register, call Etai Belinky at (302) 478-5660.

### Sunday 21

**Donor Dinner Meeting** of Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah, Cong. Beth Emeth Sisterhood and Cong. Beth Shalom Sisterhood with talk by Arnold Kneitel on Jerusalem along with workshops 3-7 p.m. at Beth Emeth.

**Teen Connection Pool Party.** (Grades 7 and 8) Join your friends for a splashing good time. The cost is \$7.00 per person. 2:00-4:00 p.m. For more information or to register, call Etai Belinky at (302) 478-5660.

### Tuesday 23

**AARP 55 Alive Driving Course.** Completion of this course entitles participants to a 10% discount on the liability portion of your automobile insurance. The course will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$8.00 per person. Pre-registration is required by calling the JCC at (302) 478-5660.

**Healthy Cooking Class.** Healthy, low-fat recipes to sample and try at home. Nutrient breakdowns, foods and recipes will be provided. The cost is \$30.00 for members and \$45.00 for non-members. 11:30 a.m. For more information, call Suzanne Rodriguez at (302) 478-5660.

**Yom Ha'Zikaron Memorial Ser-**

**vice & Film.** A community-wide memorial service commemorating the lives that were lost in pursuit of Israel's independence will be held at the JCC. Following the service, in honor of Yom Ha'Atzmaut, the film, "Cast a Giant Shadow", will be shown. 7:15 p.m. The cost for the film is \$3.00 for members and \$4.00 for non-members. For more information, call Mona Allen at (302) 478-5660.

### Wednesday 24

**AARP 55 Alive Driving Course** Completion of this course entitles participants to a 10% discount on the liability portion of your automobile insurance. The course will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$8.00 per person. Pre-registration is required by calling the JCC at (302) 478-5660.

**Lunch, Laugh & Learn Series.** As part of the Jerusalem 3000 Celebration, Mona Allen, Cultural Arts Coordinator, will present a special program entitled "Images of Jerusalem". The program will be followed by a Israeli-style lunch. The cost is \$2.50 for members and \$3.75 for non-members. 10:45 a.m. For more information, call Michelle Silberglied at (302) 478-5660.

### Thursday 25

**Learn About Camp JCC.** Come find out what's in store for your camper this summer at Camp JCC. Key camp staff will be available to answer questions. 9:00 a.m. or 7:00 p.m. For more information, call Artie Allen at (302) 478-5660.

**How to Handle Your VCR and Other Electronics Without Blowing a Fuse.** Bring your questions about your electronics to the "doctor". An expert from Circuit City will be available to help solve your electronic "nightmares". Free of charge and open to the community. Co-sponsored by Jewish Family Service and the JCC. 7:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required. For more information, call Myrna Ryder at (302) 478-9411.

### Saturday 27

**Congregation Beth Emeth** is hosting a talent show and silent auction. The auction starts at 7 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres being served. The talent show starts at 8 p.m. Gourmet desserts will be served later in the evening. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$5 for children 13 and under. Make checks payable to Congregation Beth Emeth and send to Beryl Gamiel, 621 W. 38th Street, Wilmington, DE 19802. RSVP by April 20.

### Sunday 28

**Community-Wide Jerusalem 3000 Celebration.** The Delaware Jewish Community Celebrates Jerusalem 3000 at the JCC. A variety of activities will be offered for children and teens starting at 10:00 a.m. A Jerusalem Street Fair with authentic food, vendors and exhibits will be open throughout the entire day. Eli Avitar from the Israel Consulate's Office will be joining us at 10:30 a.m. On-going programs include a Travel Room where teens and adults can learn about future trips to Israel and a Video Room which will feature adult and children's videos. 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. For more information, call Mona Allen or Ella Zukoff at (302) 478-5660.

**The Jerusalem 3000 Commit-**

**tee** of the Jewish Federation of Delaware will present the Jerusalem 3000 Extravaganza in Wilmington, DE: an all day celebration for all ages with music, entertainment, games, vendors, food and educational opportunities. The event will be held at the JCC of Wilmington. The extravaganza will last all day. There is no charge for the event. For more information, call (302) 427-2100.

**Albert Einstein Academy** invites the community to a special scholarship evening at the Delaware History Museum in Wilmington. World-renowned author, Chaim Potok will speak and proceeds from the event will go to Albert Einstein Academy's scholarship fund. For tickets and further information, please contact the school at 478-5026, or event chair Sylvia Wagman at 475-8531.

**Community Celebration of Jerusalem 3000** at Jewish Community Center.

### Tuesday 30

**Women's Torah Study Group** will meet, 7:30-9:00 p.m., in the upstairs library of Congregation Beth Emeth. This Group meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday night (except some holidays).

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### Friday 17

**Celebration in conjunction** with Yom Yerushalayim, 7:30 p.m. Congregation Beth Shalom, Dover, Delaware.

### Sunday 19

**The Jewish Community Relations Council** of Greater Philadelphia and the Young Leadership Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia will cosponsor an Israel Independence Day Celebration: The theme is Jerusalem 3000. This event includes a parade; a bazaar with Israeli food, merchandise and information; local entertainment; interactive educational activities for children, participatory Israeli dancing, and ceremonies with dignitaries. The event will take place at the Judge Lewis Quadrangle, Independence Mall in Philadelphia from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. There is no charge for this event which is open to the community. For more information, call Shira Kosoy Moses at (215) 922-7222.

### Monday 27

**Congregation Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth** in Wilmington, Delaware, the annual celebration of Israel -Cafe Tamar will take place. Cafe Tamar features performances of Israeli dancing and music at Congregation Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth in Wilmington. The event takes place in the evening with the charge to be and further details to be announced. For more information, call (302) 762-2705.

### Ongoing

**JCC Art Gallery Exhibit.** Wall Hanging Exhibit - The Needle Mavens Chapter of the Pomegranate Build of Judaic Needlepoint will be sponsoring this unique collection of original works of fiber art, created by artists throughout the United States in celebration of Jerusalem 3000. The exhibit will only be in the country for a limited time before heading to Israel to be included in the Jerusalem 3000 events there. Continues through April 30, 1996

**JCC Art Gallery.** Raphael

Abecassis, internationally-known Israeli artist, will present a one-artist show at the Jewish Community Center. The show will include originals, serigraphs, lithographs, prints and posters, as well as Judaica. April 21 - May 26, 1996. For more information, call Mona Allen or Ella Zukoff at (302) 478-5660.

**Women's Torah Study Group** will meet from noon to 1:30, at Myrna Ryder's office at the Jewish Family Service, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington. This group meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday lunchtime (except some holidays). Women of the community are welcome. Both groups are studying Devarim/Deuteronomy. For more information, call Eliza Gouverneur at 322-4103.

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**JCC Art Gallery Exhibit** - Continues through April 1996. "Memories of My Life in a Polish Village" by Toby Fluck. Gallery hours are Sunday and Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. For more information, call Ella Zukoff or Mona Allen at (302) 478-5660.

**Exhibition: "THE ASSOCIATED: A 75th Anniversary Retrospective,"** tracing the growth and development of Baltimore's Jewish community federation and its agencies. Historic photos, artifacts, and memorabilia. From January 21 through June 2, 1996 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays from noon to 4:00 p.m. at The Jewish Historical Society of Maryland, 15 Lloyd Street,

Baltimore. Admission fee is \$2 for adults; free of charge for Society members and children age 12 and under. The sponsors of this event are The Jewish Historical Society of Maryland and the Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore.

**Young Jewish Adults of Delaware's** (YJAD's) co-ed, non-competitive volleyball league continues every Wednesday night from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. It will move inside to the J.C.C. gym as of September 6, 1995.

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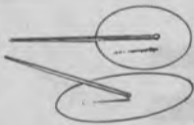


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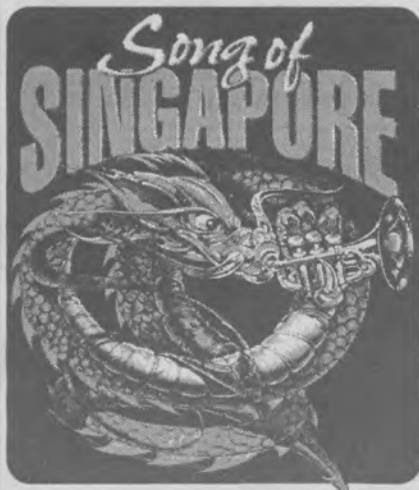
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