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KALLAH UNITES JEWS FROM NORTH AMERICA AND CANADA

JCCs of North America

Kallah כללה

the Gathering...

The Jewish Community Center of Delaware will participate in the JCCs of North America Kallah. This program, developed by the JCC Association in partnership with the 92nd Street Y in New York, will unite Jewish adults from

North America and Canada in a celebration of Jewish learning.

Kallah, a Hebrew word that means "gathering", will be held on Sunday, March 11, 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 20, 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 25, 7 p.m. at the JCC of Delaware.

Programming will be transmitted via satellite to the JCC and 30 other sites from the 92nd Street Y.

On Sunday, March 11, Professor Alan Dershowitz, Dennis Prager and Anne Roiphe will discuss "The Future of American Jewry". Panelists will

evaluate the current condition of Jews and America and will identify and respond to the issues and challenges facing this community. Rabbi David Woznica will moderate.

On Tuesday, March 20th, Kallah participants will explore the minds of such great Jewish philosophers as Rabbi Akiva, Rabbi Hillel, Rabbi Heschel and Rabbi Soloveitchik. Contemporary scholars Professor Isaiah Gafni of Hebrew University, Dr. Judith Hauptman of the Jewish Theological Seminary, Peter Geffen, founder of the Abraham Joshua Heschel School in New York and Dr. David Shatz of Yeshiva University will represent these extraordinary individuals who have made important contributions to Jewish theology.

The Sunday, March 25th program will feature "An

Evening with Elie Wiesel". In conversation with Rabbi David Woznica, this great humanitarian will discuss his passions and his life.

The cost for the three session series is \$20 per person or \$8 per person for each individual program. All Kallah participants will receive a study guide which includes background information on the speakers and discussion topics.

Don't miss the opportunity to be part of this groundbreaking event! Participation is limited so call Staci Groland at (302) 478-5660 for ticket information.

A variety of sponsorship opportunities are available. Please call Ivy Harlev, JCC assistant executive director, at the above number for additional information.

SUPER SUNDAY SCORED A HOME RUN!

From sunrise to sunset, more than 130 volunteers made Super Sunday 2001 a success! These committed callers reached more than 1,030 households resulting in more than \$360,000 raised. Those on the receiving end of those calls learned that their pledges will fund vital services to Jewish people in Delaware, Israel and around the world. An impressive contingent of volunteers from the Newark area also helped to inform donors of the unprecedented residential growth in their communities. A phonathon was also held in the Dover area reaching out to even more households.

Traditionally, 67% of the monies raised from the Annual Campaign are allocated towards local needs and benefit Albert Einstein Academy, Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School, Hillel at the University of Delaware,

the Jewish Community Center, Jewish Family Service, and the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home.

Freda Keet, noted lecturer, journalist and resident of Israel inspired volunteers during briefing sessions facilitated by John Elzufon, Esq., Barbara Schoenberg, Leslie Newman, Caryl Marcus Stape and Judy Wortman. Sue Shaffer, JCRC Director and the Federation professional responsible for co-staffing the endeavor commented, "Super Sunday 2001 was a spirited day made possible by individuals of all ages. It was heartwarming to see so many parents who were joined by teen volunteers in the afternoon. Hats off to Barbara Blumberg and Debbie Cohen and their entire committee for clearly hitting a home run!"



TEENS PROUDLY SHOWCASE AGENCY BANNERS AT SUPER SUNDAY!

Left to right, standing: Caryl Marcus-Stape, Robyn Greenberg, Aliza Hait, Alex Snyder-Mackler, Beryl Schragger, Paige Alderson, Andrew Coonin, Pamela MacDonald

Bottom row: Brian Rosen, Daniel Suher, Danielle Lipman, Jennifer Rosenberg, Jessie Neipris

Yasher Koach to Caryl Marcus-Stape who facilitated an educational and training session for the teens which included a dialogue with Freda Keet, a conversation with Hillel students and a surprise visit from Senator Tom Carper. Special thanks to Robyn Greenberg, Community Teen Services Director and to Marlene Milunsky, Principal of Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School for encouraging teens from throughout the community to participate in Super Sunday.

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INSIDE DELAWARE

A Hero Among Us

By Connie Kreshtool

The Delaware Jewish community knows Leo ZefTel as a past President of the Jewish Federation of Delaware and of Congregation Beth Emeth. For over forty years he devoted much of his life after his work and his family to strengthening our Jewish institutions and supporting the cause of Jews worldwide. Those of us who worked with Leo recognized his keen intellect; appreciated his willingness to undertake any task, big and small, and admired the quiet effective way he handled every challenge. What we didn't know was there was a large community out there, a global community, who recognized these same qualities in Leo and also benefited from them.

Early in February I and his family and friends had the honor of attending the first annual Leo ZefTel Lecture sponsored by the Chemical and Biological Arms Control Institute in Washington DC. The Institute announced that "The Leo ZefTel Lecture is inspired by the passionate commitment of Leo ZefTel, a man of industry and science, to the cause of chemical disarmament and his unstinting work to achieve the total elimination of chemical weapons from the earth." As the



Ambassador Rolf Ekeus

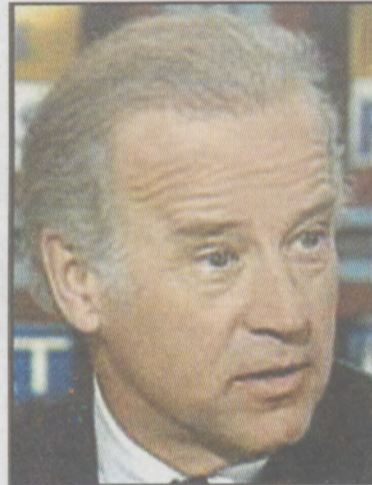
program ensued we learned just how significant Leo's participation had been in this most daunting task.

Both Michael L. Moodie, President of the Institute, and Fred Webber, President of the American Chemistry Council (the chemical industry's advocacy arm), in their presentations spoke of Leo's "immeasurable contribution to the Chemical Weapons Convention." Webber in his historical overview told us that 25 years ago when the effort to ban chemical weapons was undertaken there were only 300 people

involved worldwide; in the United States only about 30. Of these only a handful were industry people including Leo, a DuPont Company appointee. Both speakers agreed that Leo demonstrated that one person can truly make a difference.

Over the years Leo traveled all over the world working with international groups to achieve a global ban on chemical weapons. The United States signed onto the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) in 1993 and under the leadership of Senator Joseph Biden the Senate ratified it in 1997. Speaking at the Lecture Senator Biden said that Leo's passionate advocacy for chemical disarmament blew away opponents' arguments that the Chemical Industry would not support it. Presently 174 countries have signed onto the CWC but not all have ratified it.

Senator Biden's words were echoed by the Lecturer, Ambassador Rolf Ekeus, a former Ambassador of Sweden to the United States, arms control negotiator and Executive Chairman of the United Nations Special Commission on Iraq (UNSCOM). Ambassador Ekeus said that the role taken by the Chemical Industry in America made the difference in achieving the CWC.



Senator Joseph Biden

In his presentation the Ambassador reviewed the history of chemical weapons from the use of mustard gas in World War I after which their use was prohibited due to the fact that in World War II the speed and mobility of military tactics did not lend them to gas warfare. Following the war chemical and biological weapons were seen as outmoded and of little value on the battlefield. In the eighties this attitude made it possible for proponents of a ban to move to achieving a chemical weapons convention finalized in the early

nineties.

Ambassador Ekeus said that Iraq's use of large-scale chemical weapons was decisive in its war against Iran because Iraq's ground forces could not match the superiority in numbers and training of Iran's forces. He defended UNSCOM's work in Iraq claiming that, through inspection and analysis they had uncovered the full dimension of its weapons program and concluded that verification is possible. He did admit that while technically their work in Iraq was a success politically it was unsuccessful.

Ambassador Ekeus ended his presentation with a warning. He said that in these days of expensive high tech and high precision warfare the poor man's weapons are nuclear, biological and chemical. While the former targets are military the latter are civilians. It is imperative therefore that there is an alert to the international community to the threat of proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and a vigorous defense of the Chemical Weapons Convention.

Leo ZefTel was in the vanguard of the call to action to make the world a safer and more peaceful place for all. We owe him an enormous debt.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Come Home To Israel

Where have all the tourists gone? My husband and I returned from a trip to Israel last week. The purpose of our trip was to visit our children and grandchildren as well as to show solidarity with them.

As we traveled throughout Jerusalem by bus, car, and taxicab, we never felt in harm's way nor did we see evidence of any fighting. It did not take long to recognize that the rest of the world did not feel the same. The usual hustle and bustle on Ben Yehuda Street was toned down. The shops were not busy; in most instances, we were the only patrons.

The Old City, usually crowded with tourists, was very quiet. We saw two tour groups of less than 25 people each. The shops were mostly empty. In one usually busy shop, we were the second customer of the day - and it was already 5:00 p.m. Many businesses have closed.

The point I would like to make is that it is safe to go to Israel. There are areas one should not travel, just as the same kinds of areas exist in Delaware. If we all let fear stand in our way, we probably would not leave our homes - and sometimes that isn't always the safest place to be.

The people of Israel need to know that we understand their pain. The pain is not from the prospect of war, but more from the prospect that they are alone. They are aware of the crime in the streets of America and don't understand the reluctance of their brothers and sisters in visiting Israel. It is truly the land of milk and honey. I promise you, after a trip to Eretz Yisroel, you will come home with a feeling of joy, peace, and fulfillment.

**Sheila C. Krinsky
Wilmington**

Speaker Says Thanks

My Dear Jewish Family of Delaware,

The three days that I have just spent in your community have been heartwarming beyond words. Life on the "Jewish road" although deeply rewarding and meaningful usually means lightening visits, whistle-stop schedules, endless airports, the main road into town, a meeting hall or synagogue and then back out to the airport again.

You gave me the chance to experience up close and personal a real live community in-action, to shore up your worship services and meet with people at all levels of community life, from professional workers to lay leadership and members of the active community. I am so grateful for this privilege.

I was impressed by your knowledge of Israel and the Jewish world and was in awe at the number of people who have or have

had children living or studying in Israel. I was awed by their ability to react to the tensions in Israel with calm assurance and confidence.

I always say that Jews should not thank other Jews for doing their "Jewish duty", so I will simply express my admiration for your commitment, your sense of responsibility and your dedication to our wondrous and noble cause. I do however thank you for allowing me to share all this for a few days. The word that immediately comes to mind to best express my experiences in Delaware is "Hallelujah"

**B'Shalom
Freda Keet, Jerusalem**

(Editor's Note: Freda Keet was the guest speaker at the recent Federation Shabbat and Federation Super Sunday.)

Rabbi Applauds JCC Stance

The Jewish Community of Delaware should applaud the position taken by the Jewish Community Center with regard to its Boy Scout Troop. The Boy Scouts of America have a long and proud history but their discriminatory position with regard to gay scout leaders should not be tolerated.

The Jewish Community Center has adopted an open policy for both leaders and scouts, a policy which is just and righteous.

**Sincerely,
Rabbi Peter H. Grumbacher
Congregation Beth Emeth,
Wilmington**

EDITORIAL

Creating Unity In The Face Of Chaos

This was a busy week in Washington and Israel. Israeli Prime Minister-Elect Ariel Sharon has hit some hurdles as he tackles the Herculean task of creating a unity government. While Sharon sambahs with Labor, Likud and various religious parties in an effort to form a coalition, his emissaries traveled to Washington for key meetings with the Bush administration.

Zalman Shoval, Israel's Ambassador to the United States during the final years of the elder Bush's tenure, was one of three Israeli government representatives to travel to the White House. During this "homecoming", he met with such top-ranked officials as Vice President Dick Cheney, Secretary of State Colin Powell and Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld to outline the current situation in the Mid-East and solicit administration support.

Shoval feels confident that the American leadership is in sync with Israel in its refusal to negotiate while acts of terrorism are being conducted against the Israeli people. "You can't make peace while busses are being bombed and acts of violence are perpetuated

by people under PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat's command," said Shoval.

Shoval believes that there are parallels between American foreign policy during the Persian Gulf War and the Israeli platform on the precarious peace process. Then and now, the leadership of both great democracies refuse to reward violence.

Ironically, some ten years after the United States launched Patriot missiles against Iraq in retaliation for its Gulf War missile attacks on Israel, the two nations are holding joint military exercises in the Jewish State. Both nations maintain that these new tests of "the anti-missile missiles" were planned many months ago and have nothing to do with last Friday's air strikes against Iraq by the U.S. and Great Britain.

Then and now, the people of both great democracies trust that their leadership will protect their mutual interests in a safe and secure Mid-East region. Together, we will weather the current political storm and enter a new era in the peace process.

Shabbat Shalom!

PARSHA PLACE

Mishpatim/Shekalim

Exodus 21:1-24:18

Week of February 24

THE LAWS BEHIND THE LAWS

Shira Milgrom

Ask your average Jew-on-the street (well educated or not) for the five most important or famous texts of the Torah, and she will certainly include the Ten Commandments. But if you thumb through the average siddur, you will find that the Ten Commandments are missing from the body of the prayer book. Other famous or important Torah passages are included, like the Shema and the Song of the Sea. Why then, aren't the Ten Commandments included? Surely we could use a daily or weekly reminder of their message.

As it turns out, the Ten Commandments were once included in the early Temple service as remembered by the rabbis (see Mishnah Tamid 5:1). But even in the Talmud we have indications that the Ten Commandments were being left out of the service. Listen to the voice in Berachot 12a: "They recited the Ten Commandments, the Shema and its blessings, the Avodah, and the priestly blessing. Outside the Temple people wanted to do the same [recite the Ten Commandments], but they were stopped on account of the insinuations of the Minim." They were stopped on account of the insinuations of the Minim? What does this mean and why were they stopped?

The Minim were the sectarians, those Jews who were already on the periphery of the Jewish community, about to become Christians. Their "insinuations" were that the legal, legislative part of Torah was no longer necessary; it was enough to believe in and follow the Ten Commandments. In order to distinguish the Jewish community from the sectarians, the rabbis removed the Ten Commandments from the service, lest the average Jew-on-the-street hear the Ten Commandments, and conclude: "I don't need anything else."

And indeed, the weekly parashah that follows directly on the heels of the Ten Commandments is Mishpatim, a portion of law after law after law. It reflects the fundamental Jewish view that principles are grand and magnificent, but they are not enough to live by. Judaism acknowledges that if life were simple, its problems could be addressed by the grand gesture of great principles. But because life is complex, it requires an intricate and subtle system of laws that address its multi-layered complexity.

Many of the laws of Mishpatim have come under serious criticism, both recently and through the centuries. Some remain enigmatic: "He who strikes his father or his mother shall be put to death." (Exod. 21:15) Some were revolutionary (e.g., the attempts to humanize the institution of slavery). Some have made their way into our home customs: Just as the Temple had to be a place of peace and wholeness, it is our hope that our home will also be a place of peace, not a place of hurt, competition, or violence. We reinforce these wonderful principles not only through grand gestures and statements but also through the regular practice of law and ritual.

For further reading: The Jewish Expression, Moshe Greenberg, ed., Judah Goldin (UMI, 1976). Shira Milgrom is rabbi at Kol Ami of White Plains, New York.

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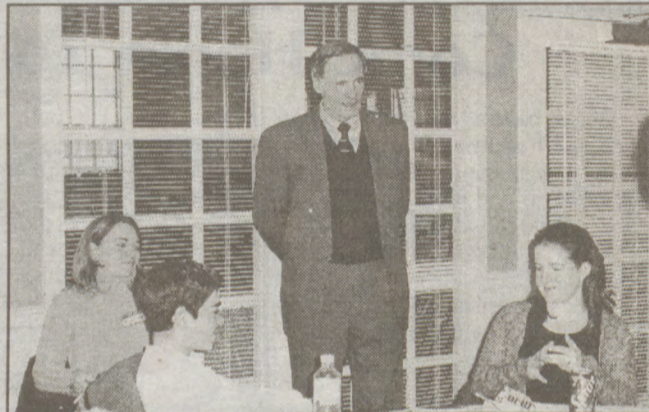
JFD OF DELAWARE - SUPER SUNDAY 2001 TEAM SPIRIT!



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FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION! Jennifer Rosenberg, Ruth Rosenberg; Paige Alderson, Felicia Alderson, Super Sunday Committee member; Nancy Schragger, Beryl Schragger



SENATOR CARPER MEETS WITH COMMUNITY TEENS! Robyn Greenberg, Community Teen Services Director; Daniel Suher, Senator Tom Carper, Pamela MacDonald



NEWARK TEAM SPIRIT! Helene Tanny, Mike Rudolph, Linda Oster, Mike Samuels, Ph.D., Adina Mattes, Super Sunday Committee Member



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HILLEL LEADERS PROUD TO BE AT SUPER SUNDAY! Leah Brody, Adam Turetsky



A GREAT TEAM! Jason L. Berger with his dad, Buddy Berger, Esq., Co-Chair of the 2001 Annual Campaign



GOING TO BAT FOR THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF DELAWARE! John Elzufon, Esq., President of the Jewish Federation of Delaware in conversation with Hank Greenberg, a Newark resident and sports enthusiast!

ENDOWMENT FOR THE FUTURE

Even Intrepid Travelers Fail To Venture There



by Rachel A. Gross, Esq., Endowment Director

This issue of the Jewish Voice is dedicated to camping, travel and vacations. As anyone who has ever taken a trip or sent a child off to camp knows, these endeavors require a lot of advanced preparation and planning. Preparing a child for camp entails shopping for necessary clothing and equipment, sewing or ironing name tags into endless pairs of socks and underwear and dealing with the emotional and psychological issues that arise when sending a child away from home for an extended period of time. Planning is also imperative for travel. You must be sure that you have obtained the nec-

essary documents - tickets, confirmations, passports and visas as well as guidebooks and the proper currency or travelers checks. In addition, you must decide how to handle mail and newspapers during your absence and even arrange to have someone care for plants or pets. Most of us do take the time and expend the energy to prepare for trips - whether we plan to be away for a weekend, a week a month or several months.

At the same time, many people do not spend the time and energy necessary to ensure that their personal affairs are in order. Whether this requires speaking with children or other family members, gathering and reviewing documents and paperwork, scheduling appointments with attorneys and accountants or simply taking the time to decide how to dispose of assets when the time comes

or which people to include in your planning - most people avoid this important task.

I often hear people say that they haven't written a Will because they can't decide who should be named as their children's guardians. Other reasons people cite for putting off this important responsibility are that they are too busy, they don't "really have anything" or their children don't want to have this discussion. There are also many, many people who feel that if they make these arrangements it might hasten the need for these documents and plans.

Most of us would never go away on vacation or send our children to summer camp without making the necessary preparations. Similarly, we should each take the time and expend the effort to plan our estates, whether they are large or small.

Estate planning includes an emotional and psychological component much as sending a child away from home for the summer or "psyching" oneself up for a visit to a particular site. Estate planning also allows you to reflect on your accomplishments and relationships to friends, family and community. Which people, places and institutions are important to you? How will you choose to remember these people and institutions? How will you choose to be remembered? Who should receive specific items of jewelry, furniture, silverware or china? To whom will it be most meaningful? All of these questions raise sensitive issues. At the same time, they may spur you to connect or reconnect with long forgotten memories, family members, friends and organizations that mean the most to you.



Rachel A. Gross

Rachel A. Gross, is the Endowment Director at the Jewish Federation of Delaware. To discuss how you might remember a specific organization or agency or how you might memorialize a loved one, call her at 427-2100 ext. 19.

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The Future of American Jewry

Sunday, March 11, 2001
7:00 p.m.

Professor Alan Dershowitz,
Dennis Prager, Anne Roiphe
Moderator: Rabbi Woznica

We will probe the minds of three passionate thinkers about the present and future of American Jewry. Panelists will evaluate the current condition of Jews in America as they identify and respond to what they believe are the greatest issues facing this community.

Join us for discussion and debate as our guests react to one another's comments and respond to each other's prescriptions for the future.

Great Jewish Thinkers, Great Wisdom

Tuesday, March 20, 2001
7:30 p.m.

Professor Isaiah Gafni,
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Peter Geffen, Dr. David Shatz

What would it be like if Rabbi Akiva, Rabbi Hillel, Rabbi Heschel and Rabbi Solovetichik were able, miraculously, to sit together in dialogue?

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A Conversation with Elie Wiesel

Sunday, March 25, 2001
7:00 p.m.

Elie Wiesel in Conversation with
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approved by the Federation. Application deadline is March 15, 2001. Applications will be reviewed and approved on a first come first served basis.

Applicants must still be in high school when they return from Israel and must commit themselves to attending briefings before and after their Israel experience. Preference will be given to applicants who have not participated in prior Israel programs.

Candidates must provide two letters of recommendation from teachers, rabbis, youth advisors, coaches, employers or supervisors. They must agree to perform community services when they return. Service options include volunteer work in local agencies, synagogues or organizations; involvement in the Federation campaign; recruitment of peers for subsequent Israel experiences; leadership roles in Jewish youth groups; public speaking to the community about Israel and/or writing newspaper articles for publication.

Only those applicants whose parents contribute to the 2001 Federation campaign will be considered. Applications are also available at JFD for students interested in working in Arad, Israel this summer. Only two counselor slots are available at the English-speaking day camp.

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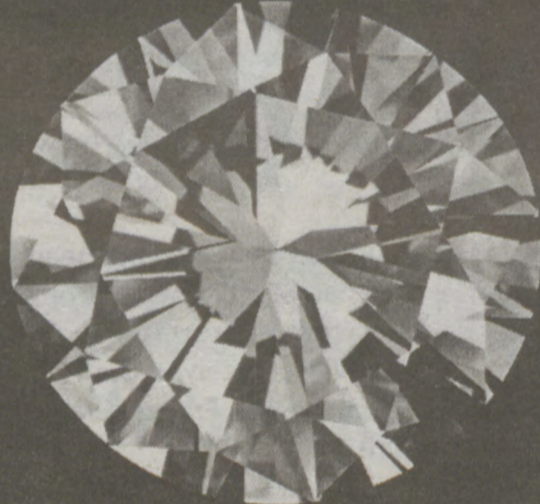


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The Claims Conference is administering this program for the benefit of Jewish Holocaust survivors in this country. Heirs of laborers who died on or after February 16, 1999 may be eligible for this fund.

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Over 40 adults spent 8 hours on Sunday, February 11, in a class led by the energetic Rabbi Noah Golinkin, creator of The National Hebrew Literacy Campaign. Pictured are some of the conscientious and as Rabbi Golinkin, observed, "very responsive and enjoyable students" who attended the marathon at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth. The Delaware participants are now part of the 140,000 veterans of the program, which has been held on every continent except Antarctica.

Beth Shalom member, Sara Haus, commented that she accompanied her husband who was a beginner to Hebrew. Alison Byer expressed, "My child attending Einstein Academy is progressing so fast. I wanted to keep up with my own Hebrew." David and Anna Goldman, employed full time and also Graduate students at Drexel University, took a rare day off from their studies. In their native Ukraine, Hebrew instruction was not allowed.

"When my family first immigrated, I tried unsuccessfully to pass a Hebrew Language course at my high school in Brooklyn. Now I have another opportunity," commented David, who works as a Systems Administrator.

Eleanor Weinglass of ASKE's Adult Education Committee remarked, "The feedback from the participants was positive and there is strong indication to follow up and continue these intense marathon Hebrew classes." Both rookie and veteran Hebrew readers took part in the February program.

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For more information or to make a reservation, contact, Debbie Nachlis, AEA Director of Development at 302-478-5026.

Community Women Invited To Special Seder

This year's Women's Seder is scheduled for April 1, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. This community-wide event is designed for women 12 years old or older.

It will be at Marci Aerenson's house near the Art Museum (2305 Grant Avenue). The cost is \$15 with the purchase of a haggadah and \$10 without purchase.

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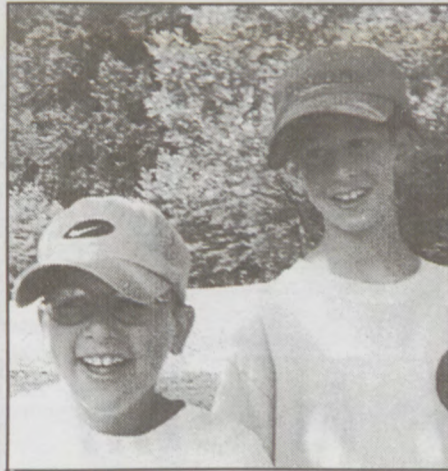
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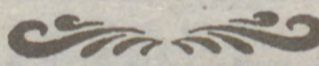
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ISRAEL FOCUS

Barak Resigns Again



Ehud Barak

By David Landau, JTA

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak's second resignation appears to be his final zigzag for now.

Two weeks after his whopping electoral defeat at the hands of Likud leader Ariel Sharon, Barak, the Labor Party's leader, reversed his reversal of his election night resignation, informing Sharon that he would not serve as defense minister in a unity government but would indeed resign.

Political observers say the move will probably ease Labor's way into a unity government under Sharon, though the party will now enter a

hectic period as it prepares to elect a new leader.

Several important Labor figures who support a unity government had threatened to vote against the move if Barak was involved.

In a bitter letter, Barak accused Sharon of failing to live up to his own pledge that the two would collaborate in a unity government in a spirit of mutual trust. That spirit had been shattered, Barak said, because Sharon had made clear that he expected to decide policy autocratically and keep Labor out of core decision making.

Barak referred obliquely to Sharon's determination to bring far-right politicians into his government, in defiance of Barak's demand that these groups be kept out if Labor joins.

However, political observers say the main reason Barak decided to quit was the mounting wave of disaffection — in Labor and the country at large — when he backtracked from his election-night resignation.

During his term, Barak was accused of constant policy shifts that undermined his credibility. Just days after announcing his resignation on Feb. 6, Barak insisted on running Labor's unity negotiations with Likud. It soon emerged that Barak intended to lead Labor into the unity government and take the No. 2 spot

of defense minister.

Barak argued that the move was mandated by the national interest, even though his own personal and political interests would be better served by retiring from political life for now.

Open rebellion soon erupted in Labor. Major party figures spoke out publicly and harshly against Barak's "zigzagging."

Foreign Minister Shlomo Ben-Ami wrote to Barak and accused him of unethical behavior that prejudiced the fundamental morality of the Israeli political process.

Haifa Mayor Amram Mitzna, one of Barak's closest friends in politics, wrote him an open letter demanding that he immediately implement his resignation.

An influential liberal, political scientist Shlomo Avineri of the Hebrew University, went on television to add his voice to the growing chorus of Barak critics.

Significantly, the critics came from both the pro- and anti-unity camps within Labor.

Knesset Speaker Avraham Burg, who favors the unity option, urged Barak to step down.

Interior Minister Haim Ramon, who also favors unity, went to Sharon's ranch in the Negev to state that he would only join a unity government if it didn't include Barak.

Ramon and his allies gave the Labor Party's Central Committee a proposed slate of ministers for the unity government, pointedly excluding Barak.

The committee had been slated to meet this week but Barak postponed the session, realizing that it was shaping up as an impeachment session against him.

Barak began working the phones furiously, speaking with individual committee members and explaining to them why the country needed him as defense minister in these troubled times. Barak also met with groups of committee members to make the same pitch.

"If only he had talked to us like this when he was premier, perhaps he would still be premier," one member noted wryly on television, alluding to what many have described as Barak's perfunctory and high-handed attitude to party activists during his tenure.

On Tuesday, the beleaguered Barak closeted himself with his closest political advisers, and by late evening it was clear a resignation was in the works. The letter to Sharon was released close to midnight, and a resignation from the Labor leadership followed soon after.

Labor Party Secretary-General Ra'anana Cohen said he would consult with Shimon Peres and other key

figures before submitting a slate of ministers to Labor's Central Committee. Likud has said defense, foreign affairs and five other portfolios are available for Labor.

In his letter to Sharon, Barak wrote that he still favors the unity option in principle, provided that a way can be found to collaborate in making policy. Labor's central committee is likely to endorse the party's entry into a unity government if acceptable terms can be negotiated.

However, key figures in Labor's dovish wing, including Justice Minister Yossi Beilin and Ben-Ami, are implacably opposed to such a step. They argue that Labor would serve as little more than a fig leaf for Sharon's allegedly anti-peace policies.

Labor's participation in the government, they say, would blur the distinction between the two large parties and weaken Labor's ability to make its case to the voters in the next election.

They further argue that leftist voters would abandon Labor for the more dovish Meretz Party, which has declined Sharon's invitation to join a unity government.

As to the leadership battle, Burg and Communications Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer have already declared, while Ramon and Ben-Ami are weighing their prospects.

Delawareans In Israel - Dresins Show Solidarity

By Lynn Edelman, Editor

Rabbi Sanford Dresin, spiritual leader of Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth and his wife, Paula had an added incentive to travel to Israel as part of the State of Israel Bonds Rabbinic Solidarity Conference. Their daughter, Judith is in Jerusalem, studying for a year and earning college credit from Stern College of New York's Yeshiva University.

However, the couple's primary motivation for joining this delegation of 80 Rabbis from all across the United States was to demonstrate their continued love for and loyalty to the Jewish State.

"It was exciting to be part of a mission that united men and women from the entire spectrum of Judaism

in K'lal Yisroel," said Rabbi Dresin, whose experiences on the trip were both bitter and sweet.

The group spent some time in the Jerusalem neighborhood of Gilo—the site of a recent shooting and was distressed by the site of embankments made of sandbags and shattered windows fortified by bullet-proof glass. Yet, the delegation was buoyed by their meetings with jubilant young people seeing Israel for the first time through Birthright Israel and felt at ease walking the streets of Jerusalem and joining in prayer at the Wall.

This "good news" is virtually absent from Mid-East media coverage. Paula Dresin was angered by news reports that portray the entire region as being embroiled in vio-

lence.

She believes that these inaccurate newspaper articles and television stories have scared away tourists and greatly contributed to Israel's current economic woes.

The decline in tourism was crystal clear at the famed King David Hotel, where the Dresins met Chaim Hertzog, former Israeli president. At the time of their visit, this premiere property whose guest registry included such international celebrities as the Dalai Lama and President George W. Bush, had an occupancy rate of just 14%!

In addition to their discussions with key government officials and educators, mission participants had the opportunity to feel the pulse of

average Israeli citizens who, while disillusioned by the bloodshed, believe that peace will ultimately be realized.

In her conversation with a Palestinian man who was studying for his Ph.D. at Hebrew University, Paula Dresin discovered how strongly Palestinians feel about the Right of Return—a chief roadblock to final status negotiations. "He believed that his ancestors, who were driven out of Israel some 50 years ago, had a right to reclaim their homes," she said. The Rebbetzin added that "this educated young man was willing to let Jews lead the nation for now, secure in the knowledge that if granted the Right of Return—the Palestinians would ultimately out-populate the

Jews and rise to power."

Rabbi Dresin maintains that outgoing Israeli Prime Minister Barak underestimated the Israeli people's "passion for Jerusalem." During numerous discussions with people in Tel Aviv, Rabbi Dresin learned of the Israeli's fervent belief that "first and foremost, Israel must be a Jewish State."

He is confident that Israelis will, with the support and friendship of their American brothers and sisters, triumph over their current adversities. "They will not sacrifice everything for immediate gratification," he said, adding that "The people of the Jewish State have the courage to achieve Shalom L'Dorot—a lasting peace that will endure for genera-

With Tourism Down, ElAl Banks On The Future

By Tom Tugend, JTA

Tourism to Israel is slumping, but the country's national airline is betting \$400 million on a liftoff.

That's the amount El Al spent on three new Boeing 777 aircraft, which were turned over to El Al on Jan. 31.

The planes, known as "Triple 7" to close friends but formally designated as the Boeing 777-200ER, are named Galilee, Negev and Sharon — the latter not in honor of Israel's new prime minister, but for Israel's coastal plain between Tel Aviv and Haifa.

They will begin service in March on nonstop flights from Tel Aviv to New York or Chicago, as well as to London, India and the Far East.

El Al ordered the planes, whose seating arrangements and other interior features are customized to each airline's preferences, in late 1999.

At the time, El Al was closing out its best year ever, during which it ferried 3.1 million passengers to and from Israel. Projections were that El Al would raise that record figure by 15 percent during the 2000 millennium year. Until September, those estimates were right on the nose.

Then Palestinian violence broke out in late September, the U.S. State Department issued a warning against travel to Israel and expected tourism for the lucrative Christmas season plummeted 30 percent.

Tourism is now running 15 percent to 20 percent below 1999 levels.

Some of the slack has been taken up by U.S. Jewish solidarity missions and sharply higher passenger and cargo loads in flights to India, Hong Kong and Korea.

Conditions may well remain

unstable for much of this year, said El Al's new president, David Hermesh, but he looks forward to a new record of 4 million passengers in 2002.

"It's been our experience in Israel that after each crisis there is a rebound, a boom in tourism," Hermesh said.

The new Triple 7 is smaller than the workhorse 747-400, carrying 300 passengers to the older plane's 416 seats. Yet the new planes have more sophisticated technology, greater fuel efficiency and overall noise reduction, and El Al promises greater passenger comfort and better service.

Behind the scenes in Israel, meanwhile, long-running negotiations continue on whether to privatize the government-owned airline, with no resolution expected until 2002.

If privatized, El Al is likely to try to



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Before 1982, El Al operated worldwide flights on Saturday. The exceptions were the flights to and

from New York, which carried a large number of religiously observant passengers.

(Tom Tugend recently participated in a three-day seminar sponsored by El Al, Boeing and Rolls-Royce.)

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WASHINGTON WATCH

Rich Pardon - Bad For The Jews And Pollard

By Matthew E. Berger, JTA

Did Marc Rich's controversial pardon come at the expense of convicted spy Jonathan Pollard?

And did some prominent Israeli and American Jews compromise their moral integrity by pressing for Rich's pardon?

These are the latest questions swirling around the Jewish world amid indications of a well-choreographed campaign to persuade Israeli leaders and prominent American Jews to advocate on Rich's behalf.

Rabbi Eric Yoffie, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, charged this week that Rich's support from the Jewish community was "bought" and that the Jewish community failed an "important moral test" by participating in Rich's campaign.

Documents released as part of testimony at a U.S. House of Representatives committee looking into the pardon last week show that a Central part of the strategy devised by Rich's backers involved building support from Israeli and Jewish leaders.

The e-mails and letters show the detailed planning involved in amassing support for Rich's freedom.

Apparently not everyone mentioned in the documents ultimately got involved, but the public release of the documents has added to the list of prominent American Jews now embroiled in the controversial pardon — Elie Wiesel, Edgar Bronfman, Abraham Foxman and Rabbi Irving "Yitz" Greenberg.

A commodities trader, Rich was pardoned by President Clinton on Jan. 20 during his last hours in office. He had been indicted on 51 counts of tax evasion, racketeering and violating trade sanctions with Iran, but fled to Switzerland in 1983 before standing trial.

From his Swiss redoubt, Rich became a major benefactor of numerous Jewish and Israeli charitable organizations, including Birthright Israel, the project to send young Jewish adults to the Holy Land.

Rich has given to a variety of major institutions in Israel, including Shaare Zedek Medical Center, Ben-Gurion University, the Israel Museum and the Jerusalem Foundation.

According to the correspondence between Rich and his supporters, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak, former Prime Minister Shimon Peres and several other Israeli political leaders spoke with Clinton about the pardon in his last months of office.

The pleas came as Israeli officials and American Jewish leaders across the political and religious spectrum were urging Clinton to pardon Pollard, the former U.S. Navy intelligence officer who has been serving a life sentence since 1987 for spying for Israel.

There is mixed opinion about whether the efforts on behalf of Rich undermined simultaneous efforts for Pollard.

Malcolm Hoenlein, executive vice chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, said he was surprised to learn that Barak and others had been lobbying for Rich.

Hoenlein, who met with Clinton and other administration officials about Pollard in December, said there is concern that Israeli leaders are using their influence with the United States to grant pardons rather than saving their political capital for "when there are vital issues at stake."

For his part, Wiesel, the scholar, Holocaust survivor and Nobel Peace Prize winner, said that while he was

approached by Rich's advocates to speak to the president on his behalf, he declined to get involved because he wanted to focus his attention solely on Pollard.

According to the released documents, Rich's advocates felt that Wiesel could be the perfect "moral authority" to present Rich's case to Clinton.

One advocate said he had been "assured" that Wiesel had called the White House over the matter.

But Wiesel told JTA on Monday that he did not discuss the matter at the White House and did not know his name was associated with the Rich case until the e-mails were released.

Wiesel said he did not think the Rich and Pollard cases were related and that he wouldn't have supported Rich's petition even if Pollard's wasn't also being considered.

Wiesel said he didn't want to pass judgment on others who got involved in the Rich case, but for his part, "he's a man who has done things I don't like."

"I don't know him. Why should I help someone I don't know?"

The e-mails suggest that other Jewish leaders were hesitant to support Rich because of its potential impact on the campaign to release Pollard.

In one message, Avner Azulay, who runs Rich's foundation in Israel, writes that Israeli Knesset Speaker Avraham Burg would only support Rich if World Jewish Congress leaders Bronfman and Israel Singer do the same.

On why, Azulay, a former Mossad agent wrote: "I don't know but suspect that this has to do with JPoll," apparently referring to Pollard.

Elan Steinberg, WJC executive director, said neither Bronfman nor Singer raised the issue with the

president.

Rabbi David Saperstein, director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, said the Rich efforts may have had some effect on Pollard, because it gave Clinton a choice of who to pardon and still show support with the Jewish community.

But because the arguments for the two men were radically different and the politics of the situations were different, it was not a complete choice between two equals.

"It may not be quite the trade-off that it seems at first glance," Saperstein said.

With Rich, Clinton was likely to anger the prosecutors who had charged Rich and watched him evade prosecution, including New York City Mayor Rudolph Guiliani.

But in pardoning Pollard, Clinton would have gone against many in the national security community who have argued against pardoning Pollard.

However, Saperstein did express concern that the current Jewish embroilment over the Rich pardon would have an effect on Pollard's chances for a pardon in the future.

While there appears to be no dispute that Israel's political leaders advocated for Rich, an Israeli official in Washington said there was "no doubt about it" that their main concern and emphasis was on Pollard.

But while questions remain about how Rich's pardon request affected Pollard, some Jewish leaders are questioning whether prominent members of the Jewish community should have aided Rich at all.

In his op-ed, Yoffie notes that several prominent Jewish leaders participated in the Rich campaign, and accuses them of being pressured by Rich's contributions to advocate on his behalf.

In the piece that was scheduled to run in the New York Jewish Week and the Washington Jewish Week, Yoffie wrote: "The result is we have undermined our community's moral fabric, jeopardized our political standing, disillusioned our youth and compromised the sacred values of our tradition."

"In short, the moral stain of this sordid affair has begun to engulf us," he said.

Greenberg, chairman of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum Council in Washington, apologized to the museum council last month for writing to Clinton in support of Rich on museum stationery.

But he did defend his support for Rich, saying in a statement, "I became aware of other of his good works, including matters done with no expectation of recognition or reward."

And Foxman, national director of the Anti-Defamation League, has come under fire by some for writing a letter to Clinton on Rich's behalf.

Foxman could not be reached for comment, but ADL spokeswoman Myrna Shinbaum confirmed he sent a letter Dec. 7 that said that "we are a country that was founded on the belief in second chances."

Shinbaum said that she did not know if Rich had contributed to the ADL.

A Jewish leader, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, defended the Jewish campaign for Rich, saying, "Just because someone's charitable shouldn't prejudice him from getting something he's entitled to."

The leader added: "I don't think you can blame people because they wrote letters." "I don't think they were motivated by anything but feelings that it was a good thing to do."

JEWISH LIFESTYLES

Bully-Proofing Your Child At Camp

by Joanne Kates

"Mommy, I want to come home. Everybody here is mean. Come and get me." This is the call every parent dreads.

The plea for rescue might arrive in letter form: "Dear Mom and Dad, I hate camp. The kids are mean and I hate the counselors and I haven't eaten in a week and the lake is so cold it has icicles floating in it."

A parent's first challenge (after finding a box of tissues) is to separate fact from fiction. The child's natural tendency to exaggerate makes a parent wonder: Is any of this true? And how do I find out?

Even if they don't expressly cite social problems, there's a good chance a litany of complaints is the call for help of a child who is being bullied. Children often complain about food or activities or boredom when they're in trouble in the group.

As a camp director, the most important thing I've learned about bullying is that victims are almost always telling the truth! Okay, so

there aren't icicles in the lake, and little Jason ate a hearty breakfast, but I take "somebody is being mean to me" at face value. The child saying those words is the victim of bullying. "False victim stories" are, in my experience, few and far between.

If your child is phoning or writing (or talking on Visiting Day) about kids being mean, follow up on the spot with questions. Which kids? When? How? Where were the counselors? If your camper is unhappy but not being specific, ask if kids are being mean to him. Get as much information as your child will share. If she tells you to keep this a secret, refuse. Promise instead that she'll be kept safe. Say that as her parent, you're going to get her help with that problem, because bullying is wrong and nobody should have to suffer that way.

Acting on it is simple. You contact the camp director, tell him everything you know about the bullying, and ask him to intervene in order to protect your child. Also,

ask him to get back to you in a couple of days with a report on results. Your conversations with the director will be more productive if you understand bullying yourself. Camp directors can't fix a bullying problem if they don't know it exists, and many children keep silent about it — except with mom and dad. Thus, it is a wise camp director who thanks a parent for information.

What is bullying? Bullying is when one person is repeatedly hurtful to another. It can be physical, verbal or psychological. In its obvious form, one child is taunting another with put-downs, or shoving or hitting. But bullies are often more subtle: Bullying happens when six girls are sitting at a table in the dining hall, and girl number seven shows up; the six girls spread out just enough so there's no room for her to sit down. Nothing is said.

Bullying is happening when, for the third time in a week, three boys walk out of the cabin together without a word to boy number four. That's a type of bullying called

social exclusion. Bullying is happening when somebody tells the whole cabin that one camper wets his bed.

We used to think that girls didn't bully, because so much of their bullying is non-aggressive and social. We now call that indirect bullying.

We used to think that middle-class kids didn't bully, because they tend to be more verbal and less physical than "disadvantaged" kids. We now know that isn't true. Studies have told us that girls bully as much as boys, and affluent kids bully as much as poor kids, but less directly.

Bullies tend to be smart, socially aware kids who know enough to wait till the grownups aren't watching. At school they wait until recess or lunch time, and at camp they wait until free time, when the counselors take breaks. As if to aid and abet the bullies, victims keep quiet, and we all know why: Squealers are victimized tenfold.

This sounds bleak, but the great news is that when the adults in charge commit to zero tolerance

for bullying, wonderful things happen. I promise you this, based on my experience implementing an anti-bullying program at Camp Arowhon.

It's simple, and it works! We first train staff before camp to understand bullying, to know that we won't tolerate it, and to listen respectfully to every single child's story of being bullied, and act on them all. Staff know to keep their eyes open for bullying, and deal with it.

Every time a counselor comes to me with a bullying story, I meet with the bully and say that the behavior has to stop. We then increase the supervision in that cabin (in order to protect the victim from reprisals), and check in often with the victim. If the bullying continues, we give the bully consequences. (There is nothing quite so educational as missing a coveted evening activity, or spending a morning mucking out horse stalls.) If a bully refuses to give up the hurtful behavior, we phone her

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MATTER OF OPINION

Orthodox And Reform Can Cooperate

By Nechemia Meyers

News reports notwithstanding, there is considerable cooperation between the Orthodox and the Reform here in Israel.

This found expression most recently in the agreement of Orthodox-oriented Bar-Ilan University to offer a Masters Degree program in Jewish education to a group of educators from the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism (what the Reform are called here).

Prof. Ya'acov Katz, who heads Bar-Ilan's School of Education, doesn't see anything special in this arrangement because, as he points, his university is already training other non-Orthodox teachers. While Katz is quick to dismiss any

suggestion that Bar-Ilan "is out to save the world," he nevertheless believes that it can play a valuable role in disseminating educational techniques and Jewish values to all sections of the population. "Where the Reform educators are concerned," he adds, "I think it is better that they study here rather than at some completely secular school of higher learning."

Rabbi David Ariel-Joel, a Sabra Reform rabbi who worked out the agreement on behalf of his movement, is proud to note that it is rapidly expanding the scope of its educational activities. These began way back in 1938 with the establishment of the prestigious Leo Baeck School in Haifa, and, some years ago, an ele-

mentary school was opened in Jerusalem. But the emphasis now, says Rabbi Ariel-Joel, is on promoting pluralistic values and Jewish education in a maximum number of secular schools, institutions which are attended by the majority of Israeli youngsters. Key teachers from such schools are invited to participate in central training programs, after which they pass on what they have learned to their colleagues, who, in turn, bring new-style Judaism to individual classrooms. Last year there were six schools in this program; today there are already twenty.

In parallel, the Reform congregations in Israel run no less than 50 kindergartens, nine in Tel Aviv alone.

Rabbi Ariel-Joel is very upbeat

about the development of Reform Judaism in Israel. He points out that while Reform and Conservative rabbis aren't yet authorized to perform legally-binding marriage ceremonies here, they nevertheless presided over 1000 such ceremonies in the year 2000. The young couples concerned opted for them even though this meant that they also had to go overseas for a civil ceremony because the signature of a Cypriot or Italian mayor on a marriage certificate carries more weight in the eyes of Israeli law than does the signature of a Reform or Conservative rabbi on a ketuba.

"I hope this situation will change soon," says Rabbi Ariel-Joel. "But it should be clear," he adds, "that we'd much rather cooperate with the

Orthodox than compete with them. That is the reason for our initiative at Bar-Ilan and for several joint programs in the political sphere. There are, for example, regular meetings between Reform youth and Orthodox peaceniks from Meimad and Netivei Shalom. Also in operation is a Orthodox-Conservative-Reform body called 'Rabbis for Human Rights', which is presently looking into the plight of foreign workers in Israel.

"All of us," Ariel-Joel concludes, "have more than enough to do if Israel is to become a more Jewish and more humanitarian society."

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The Exploration And Importance Of Outer Space

By E.E. Jaffe

The exploration of outer space is a relatively recent phenomenon. Up to about the middle of the last century neither man nor machines have ever been able to go into outer space. Then, suddenly, without prior notice, in October of 1957 the Russians launched a satellite named Sputnik, which in Russian loosely means Fellow Traveler. It weighed 184 pounds and had a diameter of 23 inches. It circled the earth every 96 minutes. Its transmitter broadcast a single radio signal. Although the signal was designed for tracking purposes it also sent a wake up call to the USA. Within four months, in January 1958, the USA launched the first unmanned satellite named Explorer I. Later the same year, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) was created. Preparation for space exploration went into high gear. Although Explorer I was smaller than Sputnik it had more sophisticated instruments on board, and in fact discovered a pair of radiation belts that envelop the earth, later named Van Allen Belts. That was just the beginning. Enormous progress has been made since that time.

The first satellite confirmed the theory advanced by Sir Isaac Newton way back in 1687 in a book on the Natural Philosophical Principals of Mathematics. He predicted that if a cannonball were to be shot with sufficient velocity from a high vantage point, at a proper angle, it could overcome most of the earth's gravitational pull, thus allowing the ball to achieve a stable orbit, not unlike that of the moon. It took 270 years for rocket technology to develop to the point where it could propel an object with the required velocity. Once the centrifugal force that pulls the satellite away from the earth comes into equilibrium with the earth's gravitational attraction, the satellite can stay in orbit virtually indefinitely since there is no air to slow the satellite down.

Over the past 43 years satellite launches have increased dramatically, particularly from the USA and Russia and 13 other countries. Among them several Western European countries who participate in the European Space Agency, as well as Japan, China, India, Canada, Brazil and Israel. Tiny

Israel has launched a satellite in September 1988 named Horizon I, propelled by a rocket named Shavit from a site in the Negev Desert. The functions of the different satellites are as varied as the number of countries launching them. They range from communication, navigation, weather forecasting, intelligence gathering, military reconnaissance and numerous other functions. Some 2600 satellites, 90 space probes and about 6000 pieces of debris still circle the earth. The Russian space station Mir (Peace), whose life is nearing an end, has been circling the earth for 15 years. It weighs 137 tons, 1638 times heavier than the original Sputnik. A still heavier and more elaborate international station is being built, primarily by the USA, while circling the earth in orbit. Required parts are delivered for the building effort by rockets launched either from the USA or Russia.

Since the inception of the Space Age, starting with Sputnik, the USA has made a very successful effort not only to match but outstrip the Russians. Now the USA has launch vehicles with a wide range of lifting power. That has made the landing on the moon possible, and has contributed importantly toward the development of guided missiles.

However, the greatest practical impact of space exploration has been on the business of communication. The transmission of wireless radio and TV signals has been an exceedingly successful enterprise. Low frequency radio waves can be bounced off the ionosphere, the charged layer of the earth's atmosphere, and then replicated for reception by radio owners. TV signals, on the other hand, cannot be bounced off the ionosphere. Wireless TV signal transmission on earth is limited to about 30 miles by the so-called line-of-sight transmission. That is why TV towers are set apart that distance to transmit a signal over longer distances. Low earth orbit satellites did not serve well in terms of line-of-sight communication, because the satellites circled the earth about every 90 minutes, and from any spot on earth line-of-sight communication could be maintained for only about 10 minutes. It was A. C. Clark, the scientist-author of 2001: A Space Odyssey, who predicted that an orbiting satellite at an altitude of

22,300 miles would require 24 hours to circle the earth. From the earth's vantage point the satellite would appear to be standing still, while the earth is rotating.

Based on this prediction, in 1963 NASA used at that time unprecedented rocket power to send a satellite, Syncom 2, into such a distant orbit above the equator. From that satellite's view about 43% of the earth could be covered at once. From land based receivers the satellite signal is available 24 hours a day, provided more than one satellite is put into the so-called geosynchronous or geostationary

orbit. By launching several such satellites that communicate with each other as well as the earth, the 1964 Tokyo Olympics could be seen in the USA in real time, rather than having to wait for delivery of video tapes by air, as used to be the custom prior to this development.

Today there are 150 communication satellites in orbit, about 100 of which are in a geosynchronous orbit, some simply as standbys. These are arranged about 50 miles apart. In the spring of 1998 one such satellite swung out of control. It knocked out service to 90% of the country's 50 million pagers, thou-

sands of credit card processors and the NPR radio and CBS TV networks, and other communication outlets that depend on transmission by satellites. To restore service, the various enterprises were asked to point their transmitters and receivers to a sister satellite, one of 17 in the very high orbit at that time. Within a few days a backup satellite was moved into the failed satellite's slot, and uninterrupted full service was restored.

Thus, the benefits of space exploration are already very significant, and much more can be confidently expected in the future.

JEWISH PERSPECTIVES

Why Be Jewish

By Leona Weissman

This year, the Northern Seaboard Region of Hadassah will convene an Education Day geared towards outreach to intermarried families in the greater Delaware area. I was invited to serve on the Steering Committee, as a representative of Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth Congregation. It will be my pleasure to work alongside women from other co-sponsoring synagogues and organizations in the Delaware Jewish community.

It is widely recognized today that intermarriage has developed into one of the most important issues for the American Jewish community. While a wealth of demographic information has been collected to measure and study the phenomenon, it is less clear what can be, or should be, done to effect positive change. One of the statistics cited in many studies shows that a significant majority of intermarrying couples themselves report no difficulties with religious differences in their relationships. This may be because many intermarried couples are not making the choice between Judaism and Christianity, but rather between Judaism and no religion at all. The accelerated rise in intermarriage from 6% in the 1960s to over 50% in the 1990s has been accompanied by a decrease of 50% in the rate of conversion of the non-

Jewish spouse from 28% to 14%.

A 1995 Jewish population study of Delaware commissioned by the Jewish Federation of Delaware reported that in New Castle County, 60% of marriages are intermarriages (marriages between two born Jews), 7% are conversionary intermarriages, and 33% are intermarriages. A critical finding of that study was that 55% of marriages for those under age 35 are intermarriages, as compared to 41% for those 35-49, 18% for those age 50-64 and 9% for those age 65 and over.

The underlying explanation for the increase in Jewish intermarriage is the dramatic rise in Jewish mobility and the decline of anti-Semitism in recent decades. While no one would argue that these are positive developments, the impact of these changes on Jewish continuity has given rise to several hotly debated questions. Perhaps the one question we must articulate and answer for ourselves, as well as for the non-Jewish spouse in an interfaith relationship, is "Why Be Jewish?"

As a convert to Judaism, I asked this question of myself in the first few years of my marriage, before choosing to become a Jew in 1980. I found the answers through my own desire and diligent study, assisted by some well-timed intervention by my husband's parents. I wished later that the Jewish community had

reached out to me during those in-between years, but I understand now the many complicated reasons for why that didn't happen and largely still doesn't happen to prospective converts. I consider myself lucky that my husband's family cared enough about me, and about perpetuating their Jewish family, to take the few steps needed to start me on my journey.

This journey into Judaism has led to great spiritual fulfillment for me. It has provided a meaningful and richly satisfying way of life in which to nurture my marriage and children.

I am excited to have this opportunity to work on this outreach effort planned by Hadassah. During this Sunday, May 6th event, we will discuss ways to strengthen the Jewish community while participating in this free and open American society. Our keynote speaker, Dr. Egon Mayer, is professor of Sociology at Brooklyn College and serves as a senior research fellow of the Center for Jewish Studies/North American Jewish Data Bank and as executive director for the Jewish Outreach Institute. He is the author of Love and Tradition: Marriage Between Jews and Christians (Schocken Books, 1987).

For more information about this important Spring event, please contact Lelaie Nemser, Committee chair, at 302-984-1762.

JEWISH PERSPECTIVES

'Going Straight For The Soul'

By Tom Brodigan
and Joyce Moed Charman

The steeple at West Palm Beach's First Baptist Church lit up like a beacon in the newly darkened sky, the doors kept invitingly open. But for the 60 Jews gathered outside, the sight of such a disarmingly friendly setting only brought home the warnings about messianics they'd been bombarded with in recent weeks.

"Now we understand why we have to do something," said Mike Salomon, 17. "We can't just sit back and just let this go on."

Salomon was objecting to a messianic conference that drew hundreds of messianic Jews and Southern Baptists to Palm Beach County between Feb. 8 and 10. Hosted by the Chosen People Ministries, the event, titled,

"To The Jew First in the New Millennium: A Three-Day Conference on Jewish Evangelism," was designed to make Jewish evangelism a priority of the millennium, according to a flier. It featured testimonies from messianics about why they accepted Jesus.

Messianic Jews follow many of the basic tenets of Judaism, but accept Jesus as the messiah.

"The conference was designed to encourage and exhort the church to become a more active participant in the mandate of Romans 1:16, which states that the gospel message is 'to the Jew first, and also to

the gentile," said Chosen People Ministries president Dr. Mitch Glaser from the group's New York City offices.

But it was a message that troubled local Jewish leaders, who worried that conference organizers were targeting them for conversion to Christianity. In recent weeks, Jewish groups have blitzed local high schools and community groups with presentations that take issue with the messianics' belief that people can be Jewish and accept Jesus as the messiah.

"It's a spiritual Holocaust," said Robin Isaacson, co-director of the Palm Beach branch of Torah Life & Living.

"It is so wrong to believe that the New Testament is the logical continuation of the Old Testament."

Jewish community leaders had agreed not to call more attention to the messianic conference with massive protests and newspaper tirades. Instead, they staged the small demonstration on Saturday evening, Feb. 10, outside the conference's closing event, a concert and candlelight vigil for peace in the Middle East.

"We decided to leave the face-to-face encounter for the people who were trained, such as Torah Life & Living," said William H. Rothschild, director of the Palm Beach office of the Anti-Defamation League. Boca Raton-based Torah Life & Living works to educate people about mes-

sianics, cults and missionaries and rescues those who have been recruited by them.

"If there was no Jewish presence there, it would have been a shame," said Rothschild, who did not attend the demonstration. "It's a very fine line we walk in how to cover this and how not to cover this, but you can't ignore it."

Isaacson says messianic groups like Chosen People Ministries often prey upon teens for conversion, targeting a difficult age that can be fraught with confusion and pressure.

Standing on the sidewalk outside First Baptist Church along busy Flagler Drive, the teens rallied around Rabbi Heshy Riesel, one of the spiritual leaders of the shabbaton, and Aaron Schwarzbaum, founder of Torah Life & Living, to begin the service welcoming the week.

"We drew such a crowd that people came outside," Isaacson said. "I think it made a difference." Isaacson and her colleagues tried to connect with conference attendants before they entered the church.

"We spoke to them and asked them to read our brochure, to call us and to make an educated decision," she said. One man, she recalls, took the brochure with tears in his eyes. "I'm proud of what you're doing," he told her before he continued into the church.

Often, that kind of connection is all someone needs to start a journey

back to Judaism, Isaacson said.

In a letter to The Palm Beach Jewish News, a New York woman whose signature read only "Linda R." chided Jewish leaders for their "narrow-minded view" of the messianic conference.

"I am shocked and saddened by the reaction of those who claim to love God and then have the hubris to question another's route to Him," she wrote. "Are they not, by their own hands, instilling the fears, hatred and animosity directed against all Jews in so many parts of the world for centuries?"

But Isaacson says it is not the message of Jesus but the messianics' way of wrapping him in a Jewish cloak that concerns her and other Jewish leaders. To her, the most disturbing part of the messianic conference was its Jewish ambiance.

Inside the church, speakers donned kipot, showed videos of Israel and referred to Jesus as "Yeshua," the Hebrew word for salvation. The crowd danced and sang Hebrew songs, including Israel's national anthem, "Hatikva."

"They basically talked as if they were proud Jews," said Dr. Luis Fleischman, director of the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County.

Fleischman also noted that few speakers allowed questions at the end of their speeches, which broad-

cast what the speakers described as biblical "truths" about Jesus.

But Chosen People's Glaser insists that the conference was not designed to blur the line between Judaism and Christianity. He said participants simply wanted to share their belief that Jesus is the Jewish messiah.

"When I look at the news and see an Israeli motorist ambushed and two Palestinians killed in the West Bank, I am even more convinced that the world must know that true and lasting peace can only come when the world knows that Jesus is the messiah for all people—Jews, Arabs and gentiles," he said.

Isaacson and Fleischman believed their efforts to prevent Jews from ignorantly attending the conference were successful.

"The parking lot was full. There were families there, people with children, but I would say most of the people there were not Jewish," Fleischman said.

A Jewish teenager says she wasn't fooled by the handshakes and warm words offered by the Chosen People Ministries staff.

"They're not torturing people," she said. "They're going straight for their souls."

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Florida Theme Park Mixes Moses and Jesus

By Joyce Moed Charman, JTA

For Dawn Short and Jennifer Willis, the wait to visit a newly opened "messianic Jewish" theme park was worth it.

Ticket sellers bluntly told Short and her friend Willis when they arrived on Saturday that the Holy Land Experience park was too crowded to accept more guests.

But instead of heading home, Short, a Methodist, and Willis, a Pentecostal, spent some time in Orlando and returned to the park in the afternoon.

"We were determined to get in," said Short, who made the two-hour drive from her home to Orlando after reading about the religious theme park in a local newspaper.

The two women eventually got in. Short says she learned more about the Bible in just two hours in the park than she did in years of Bible school.

Josephine Alford, a Christian visiting from northern Florida, also enjoyed the park. Her only regret was that she couldn't spend all day in Orlando's newest attraction.

These aren't the only tourists who have headed to Orlando this month, hoping to find not Disney but the deity.

Since the newest addition to Orlando's theme park row opened Feb. 5, some 30,000 visitors have bypassed the world's most famous mouse to visit the Holy Land Experience, a controversial park that tries to re-create biblical times through stage productions and a Middle Eastern marketplace.

The \$16 million theme park, which mixes Jewish and Christian

symbols, has sparked heated attacks from some Jewish leaders. They assert that the park's founder — a Jew who embraced Jesus — has created a giant proselytizing tool.

But a protest, planned on the park's opening day by the Jewish Defense League, fizzled. Many local leaders say the best action Jewish groups can take against the Holy Land Experience may be no action at all.

"We have to understand that in a democracy, we have to tolerate all situations," said Rabbi Joel Levine, spiritual leader of Temple Judea of West Palm Beach, and chairman of the Cults and Messianics Task Force of the Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County.

"Everyone has a right to practice their religion. We can't picket" the park, he said. "We could have a Jewish Israel park, and we wouldn't want them to picket it."

Instead, Levine said, Jewish groups should focus their efforts on education.

"I think the Jewish community is doing a good thing by letting people know what Holy Land is: a Christian amusement park," Levine said.

Park founder Marvin Rosenthal says he never intended to hide that fact.

"Every piece of literature created by the park states its evangelical purpose," said Rosenthal, who directs an Orlando-based Christian ministry, Zion's Hope.

But Jewish leaders say the Jewish themes that dominate the Holy Land Experience are misleading, and will deceive people into believing that Jews support the park's message.

Critics point to the Holy Land Experiences gift shop, for example, which sells jewelry that contains Jewish stars, but does not sell crosses.

Some Jewish leaders also say Rosenthal's background raises warning flags.

Rosenthal, an ordained Baptist minister, was born into a Conservative Jewish family and says he never formally converted to Christianity.

"I think the word that comes to mind immediately is 'deceit,'" said William Rothschild, assistant region-

al director of the Anti-Defamation League's Palm Beach office.

"The organization is entitled to build a theme park, but our problem is the way it's being presented," Rothschild said. It's part of Rosenthal's "ministry to entice as many Jews as he can, to expose them to a mixture of Christian and Jewish values. We're concerned about it. We feel that what they're presenting is the philosophy that you can be both — and if you're not both, you're not complete — and that invalidates Judaism."

For \$17 a ticket — \$12 for chil-

dren — Rosenthal aims to transport guests 7,000 miles away and 3,000 years back in time. The journey starts when Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt and ends just before the Roman destruction of Jerusalem in the first century.

The idea that the park targets Jews for conversion is fallacious, Rosenthal said. So far, fewer than 1 percent of the park's visitors have been Jewish, he added.

But, he added, "I do believe Jesus is the messiah, and to believe in him is the most Jewish thing a Jewish person can do."



Holy Land — The Messianic answer to Disney World

JEWISH ARTS AND CULTURE

Play Depicts Blacks And Jews

By Paula Shulak

Although a recent article in Delaware's daily newspaper described "No Niggers, No Jews, No Dogs" (playing at the Philadelphia Theater Company until Feb 25) as unsuccessful, I am very glad I went to see it. In a masterful script, John Henry Redmond has tied together the history of Blacks and Jews and offered hope that highlighting their mutual plight will improve their interrelationships. This represents the author's attempt to "Owrite plays that depict Blacks in other ways than fighting, cursing, drug selling, drug taking and drinking. I believe we have sur-

vived on this continent because of the strength and perseverance of the Black woman and if we are remiss in telling their stories we are not being true to our history." Mattie (very well played by Elizabeth Van Dyke) is raped by the same white man who defiled her Aunt Cora, but as an upright, lovingly stern mother and wife Mattie refuses to tell her husband, lest he lose his life seeking revenge. To add to the power of the play, Redmond has juxtaposed the story of Yavni Aaronsohn, (unfortunately played less well by Jack Aaron) a now observant but formerly assimilated Jew who has become friends with

Mattie and her family, and who shares with her his own degradation at the hands of bigots (in Russia, Nazi Germany and the American South) who have mentally raped him. This mutual pain strengthens their relationship. As Redmond states, "Because of the similarities in the sufferings of African Americans and Jews, I find it incredulous that there exists tension between us. Hopefully this tension is blown out of proportion."

Along with this provocative message, Redmond tells a beautiful love story. In her pleading with her husband Rawl (played by Marcus Naylor) to understand why she can

not tell him what has happened, Mattie voices some of the most sensitive descriptions of the trials and tribulations of marriage that I have ever heard. "I never asked you to be Superman, just my man. I cried tears you were too much of a man to cry and now I am just asking you to help me... We vowed for better or for worse - if we have to we can just face the tornado together." This is a heartrending scene beautifully played by Van Dyke and Naylor which ends with his simple soto voce "I can't Mattie" and the ensuing silence is deafening in its impact.

Excellent performances are also

presented by eleven-year-old Charis M. Wilson and teenager Adrienne Carter who portray Mattie's feisty yet admirable children. This play is notable for its plot line, its poetic dialogue, its actors (those mentioned above as well as Rayme Cornell as recluse Aunt Cora who serves as the Deus Ex Machina to the story) and last but not least for its inspired direction by Israel Hicks. Please try to see for yourself and make up your own mind. As Mattie says to her daughter, "You've got to listen to learn, but first you got to learn to listen." This play has too important a message not to listen. Call 215-985-1400 for tickets.

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Linda (Epstein!?) McCartney - Photographer with Chutzpah

by Joel F. Glazier

The Delaware Art Museum has experienced record crowds this winter for their current exhibit, Linda McCartney's Sixties - Portrait of an Era. While many of the 50 photographs' subjects on display are familiar to popular music fans, many visitors probably do not realize that not only are they examining the works of the late wife of Beatle Paul McCartney, but they are admiring the works of a Jewish photographer who also championed the cause of vegetarianism and compassion for living creatures.

Linda McCartney's maternal grandparents, Max and Stella Lindner, were successful department store owners in Ohio. Their one child, Louise, graduated Smith College in 1933, the same year her future husband graduated from Harvard. Linda's paternal grandparents, Louis and Stella Epstein, both Russian Jewish immigrants, married after meeting at Ellis Island. Their son Leopold (Lee) grew up in The Bronx and in the opinion of his family, "married up" when he and German Jewish Louise Lindner were married in 1937. By the 1930's Louise's family was part of the elite of Cleveland's thriving Jewish community.

Several years later by the time Lee and Louise Epstein had their 2nd child Linda, the Society announcements now referred to the

family as Eastman. Show biz attorney and fine art collector, Leopold Epstein had changed the family name to a more WASPish sounding Eastman, as would befit their Park Avenue lifestyle and Scarsdale, New York residence.

After a stint at Sarah Lawrence College, and an unsuccessful first marriage, Linda Eastman found herself working as a receptionist for the fashionable magazine, Town and Country. One day an invitation came for a press conference aboard a boat in the Hudson River for The Rolling Stones. She assumed no one from Town and Country would attend so she herself kept the invitation and found herself the only young woman on the boat, much to the delight of The Rolling Stones. She had the smarts to bring a camera and her exclusive pictures of the rough, and later very popular music group, got the name Linda Eastman known in photography and music circles.

Eastman was assumed to be part of the Eastman Kodak family and Linda later admitted to her biographer that she exploited, by not denying, those rumored Eastman Kodak connections. Perhaps it was old fashioned chutzpah that led her to the press conference? Was it chutzpah that kept her mouth shut about the Kodak rumors?

Her photographic work led her to a meeting of The Beatles, thanks to a legitimate invitation by their manager, Brian Epstein (not relat-

ed). Her 1969 marriage to Paul McCartney was a civil ceremony and their 2nd child, Stella, was named for both of her Jewish grandmothers. She also kept quiet about her Jewishness, but never denied it. Linda Eastman McCartney shared with her biographer that "I'm all Jewish - but I'm very not into religion."

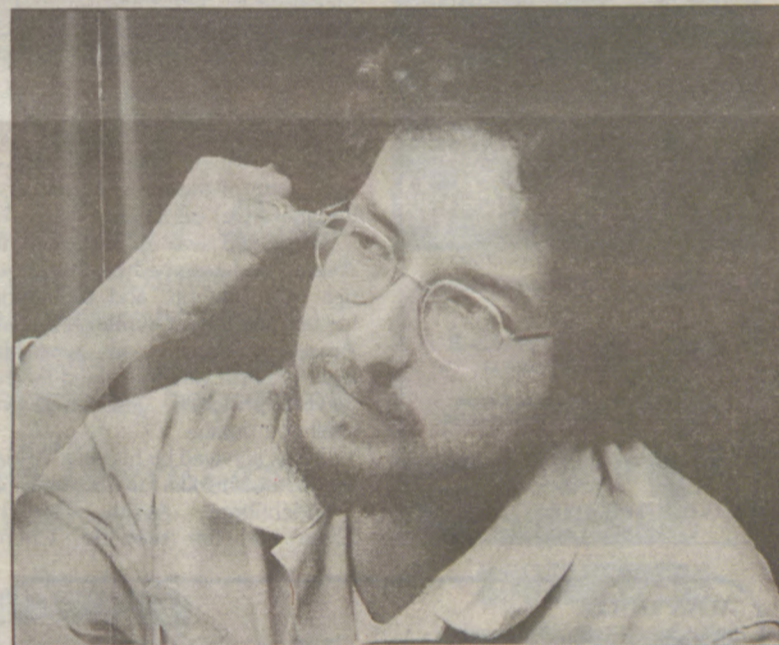
Perhaps Linda considered her religion photography. Several books have been compiled of her work and the current exhibit at the Delaware Art Museum is a traveling one focusing on her works from the 1960's. Besides unique shots of The Beatles, many of that era's Rock Music hit makers make up the collection. McCartney said of her work, she wanted to capture "the inner character—getting beneath the skin of my subjects." The subjects displayed are familiar to many but even the lesser known subjects come across as symbols of a decade. That decade was one during which Linda Eastman (Epstein?) divorced, sneaked herself and her camera into a press conference and also married a Beatle. She died of breast cancer in 1998.

Linda McCartney's Sixties is at The Delaware Art Museum through March 18. Related books of interest include Linda McCartney-The Biography by Danny Fields and Jews Who Rock by Guy Osery.

Also at the Delaware Art Museum through April 22 is an extraordinary display of An

American Century of Photography. Among the 100 works from The Hallmark Photographic Collection is the original 1907 photograph by Alfred Stieglitz, "The Steerage". Stieglitz an acclaimed American Jewish photographer, called this his most important photograph as

immigrants aboard the SS Kaiser Wilhelm II are shown one deck below the upper class passengers. Also on display is a 1937 NY Daily News cover photo the airship Hindenberg aflame. The caption calls it "a holocaust". How time changes word usage!



Bob Dylan (born Robert Zimmerman) as photographed by Linda McCartney in 1968. On display at the Linda McCartney Photo exhibit, the description mentions that Linda photographed Dylan at "his Greenwich Village apartment where he lived with wife Sara and children." Sara Dylan is actually Wilmington native "Shirley" Lowndes (Noznisky).



Linda McCartney on The Hudson River in 1992. Her paternal grandparents, Louis and Stella Epstein met at Ellis Island as Russian Jewish immigrants.

Bully-Proofing Your Child (continued from page 19)

parents and begin the process of sending the child home.

I found out that when your actions prove that bullying is not allowed, victims feel safer, and they start talking. We can't always fix it right away, but children, in their wisdom, know when we're really trying.

Making camp safe for your child should be the most important goal the camp director works toward. Which is why you can and should expect the director to be interested — and act on it — if you phone to say your child is being bullied.

Expect the director to listen to

your child, believe him, and set behavior limits (and consequences, if need be) for the bully. You should speak to the director to get the specifics of this intervention every few days until the problem is solved. (If the director seems unsure about how to combat bullying, recommend my favorite book on the subject, Bully-Proofing Your School, by Garrity and Jens, published and distributed by Sopris West).

Camp is a laboratory where children experiment with independence and grow enormously. Parents want to give their children

a great camp experience, for them to be safe both emotionally and physically. By choosing to send them away to sleep-away camp, parents sign up for a child's first major operation. It's called a parent-ectomy! Mom and dad can't be there at camp to put a Band-Aid on the boo-boo. That's the camp's job. It's appropriate for parents to expect the camp to provide all necessary support to your child as she takes these big steps, towards the most exciting time of her childhood — summer camp!

(Joanne Kates is the director of Camp Arowhon in Ohio.)

MILESTONES

In Memoriam

GEFFEN

Louis Geffen, father of Rabbi David Geffen, spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Shalom in Wilmington from 1970-1977 and father-in-law of Rita Geffen, the first curriculum chairperson of Albert Einstein Academy, died January 23 at the age of 96 in Atlanta, Georgia.

He was born on the Lower East Side of New York City where his father, Rabbi Tobias Geffen, led a small congregation in the community. The family moved to Atlanta, "Gate City of the South," where Rabbi Geffen became spiritual leader of Shearith Israel Congregation. Leo and his brother, Sam were stoned and cursed as they tried to go to school on the morning after Leo Frank was lynched in August 1915. This experience inspired him to fight prejudice and bigotry.

Mr. Geffen attended Emory

University, completing his BA with honors. Six members of the Geffen family earned degrees from Emory. The "Geffen Family Papers" are part of the Special Collections Department of the school's Woodruff Library. He paid for his legal studies at Columbia University Law School in New York by teaching in the religious school of the Hebrew Institutional Synagogue in neighboring Harlem.

Upon receiving his JD, he returned to Atlanta where he practiced law for 62 years. He was active in raising funds for construction of a new home for his family's synagogue and was a past president of the Southeastern Region of the Young Judea organization.

In 1933, Louis Geffen, helped his brother and father persuade Georgia Governor Eugene Talmadge to release an innocent Jewish prisoner from the Georgia Chain Gang. That incident, known as the "matzah pardon" was first described in the Jerusalem Post in the 1980s and later recalled in the American Heritage Haggadah.

He served as a judge advocate in the US Army rising to the rank of lieutenant colonel. He was part of a military government team that served with General Douglas MacArthur in Manila and Japan. On the ship over to Manila he conducted Rosh Hashanah services for 120 service personnel.

In Japan, he led a legal team in preparing the prosecution of General Homa, "The Little Glass Eye", one of the earliest trials of a Japanese war criminal.

After the war he returned to Atlanta and resumed his law practice. His integrity and reputation for fairness attracted many African-American clients to his firm. His legal practice was motivated by the Jewish principle "justice, justice shall you pursue."

He is survived by his wife, Anna, the love of his life for 66 years; his grandchildren, Avram Baruch, Elissa and her husband, Chemi

Burg, Tuvia Jeremy and his wife, Keren; four great-grandchildren and five brothers and sisters.

KAUFFMAN

Edward Kauffman, 77, of Brandywine Park Condominiums, died February 19 while visiting with family in California. Mr. Kauffman received a Purple Heart for his distinguished service in the US Army Air Force during World War II and was the commander of the Department of Delaware Jewish War Veterans.

He moved to Delaware in 1950 to join Wilco Plumbing and Heating Supply. He retired as the company's president in 1985.

Mr. Kauffman was deeply involved in the Delaware Jewish community. He was a member and two-term past president of Congregation Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth and served on the board of the Jewish Community Center.

A 32 Degree Mason, he was a member of Corinthian Lodge AF & AM and Nur Temple Shrine.

He was passionate about music and played the drums. He satisfied a cherished dream by sitting in for celebrated drummer Gene Krupa.

Mr. Kauffman will be missed by his wife of 55 years, Cynthia (nee Klein); his children, Meryl and Elliott Pottock of Wilmington, Amy

and Martin Fisher of Pacific Palisades, CA, Ellen and Alan Levin of Montchanin, and Beth and Roger Poole of Wilmington; sister, Harriet Pinsky of Cherry Hill, NJ; grandchildren, Scott and Laura Kupferman, Robyn and Greg Levithan, Josh and Matt Greenberg, Andrew, Daniel and Jason Levin, Alec and Blake Fisher.

Mr. Kauffman was interred Wednesday in the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road. Shiva will be observed at the home of Ellen and Alan Levin.

The family requests that contributions in his memory be directed to either Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, Washington Blvd. and Torah Drive, Wilmington, DE 19802, American Heart Assn., 1096 Churchman's Road, Newark, DE 19713 or the American Cancer Society, 92 Reads Way, New Castle, DE 19720.

RUDOLPH

Myer (Mike) Rudolph, 95, died February 19. He was the owner of Borno Rug Cleaning and Adams Rug Cleaning and served as a past president of the Philadelphia Rug Cleaning Association. He was a Mason and also served as past president of the B'nai B'rith Philadelphia Council, Mastbaum

Lodge.

Mr. Rudolph was predeceased by his first wife, Esther and will be greatly missed by his wife Edith; children, Susan and David Hefter and Debbie Dittus; sisters, Violet DeJong and Florence Rudolph; grandchildren, Mindi Dittus, Stefanie and Jeffrey Dittus, Lisa and Daniel Lennick and David S. Hefter, Jr. and his great-granddaughter, Ashley Lennick.

Shiva will be observed at the home of David and Susan Hefter, Wilmington. In lieu of flowers, the family would welcome donations to the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Wilmington, DE 19809

ZUPINSKY

Ellen Zupinsky, 91, died February 11 at home. A native of Dublin, Ireland, Mrs. Zupinsky was a member of Temp Beth El in Newark. Her husband, Philip, died in 1977. She will be missed by her daughters, Sandra Z. Freedman of Newark, DE and Delores Levey of Blue Ash, Ohio; her sister, Yetta Zelenetz; five grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. Burial was in Cypress Hills, NY. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Delaware Hospice, Suite 100, Clayton Bldg., 3515 Silverside Road, Wilmington, DE 19810.

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Sorkin And Topper Are Wed

Kristi Sorkin and Randy Topper were married in August, 2000 at Congregation Shaarey Zedek in Southfield, Michigan. Rabbis Herbert Yoskowitz and Leonardo Bitran and Cantor Chai Najman officiated. The ceremony was followed by a reception at the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield, Michigan where the father of the bride is the Executive Director.

Kristi is the daughter of Arlene and David Sorkin of West Bloomfield, formerly of Wilmington and Philadelphia, PA. Randy is the son of Nancy and Harry Topper of Farmington Hills, Michigan.

Laura Sheilds of Wilmington, best friend of the bride was the maid of honor. Bridesmaids included Stefanie and Carly Schechter, cousins of the bride,

Jessica Topper, sister of the groom, Kim Kruger and Stacy Welford, cousins of the groom, and friends Ilona Gale, Rachel Polant, Tara Wasserman, and Lisa Wolfe.

Aubrey Topper, brother of the groom was the best man. Groomsmen included Harold and Michael Nodler, cousins of the groom and friend Warren Frankford.

The wedding party also included Nettie and Norman Sorkin of Northeast Philadelphia and Nathan Goldberg of Valley Forge, grandparents of the bride, and Goldie Topper and Mollie Levin, grandmothers of the groom.

Following a honeymoon at Disney World, the couple currently make their home in Farmington, Michigan. They will move to New York in September.



Kristi Sorkin and Randy Topper

Jaffe Receives Chemistry Award

Ed Jaffe was selected by the American Chemical Society, DE Section as the recipient of the Society's 2000 award for "Conspicuous Scientific Achievement and Contribution in the Area of

Chemistry". On November 29, 2000, Jaffe delivered the keynote address before a meeting of the ACS at the DuPont Country Club. This award is presented to one individual each year. Past recipients

include top-ranked scientists from all over the United States.

(Jaffe, a resident of Wilmington, writes frequently for the Jewish Voice.)

Wishkoff Named Vice President

In the February 9th edition of the Jewish Voice, there was an error in the announcement of Marc Wishkoff's appointment as

vice president of United States Trust, a division of Charles Schwab and Company. Nancy Gordon and Gary Gordon are the

parents of Jill Wishkoff and will remain in the Wilmington area after their daughter and son-in-law move to Washington, D.C.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

BASKETFEST AT BETH EL

Temple Beth El is hosting a fundraiser and needs community support. Sunday, March 4th is BASKETFEST—a time to raffle themed baskets, enjoy refreshments and an entire afternoon of fun. Admission is \$10 at the door and includes 20 tickets. Tickets can also be pre-ordered at a discount of \$9 for 20 tickets through March 1. Please call the synagogue at 366-8330 for more information. Temple Beth El is located at 301 Possum Park Road in Newark.

LEARN HEBREW GRAMMAR

Dr. Eynat Gutman will offer an Intermediate Level Hebrew Course this Spring at the University of Delaware. Classes are scheduled Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11:15a.m. to 12:05p.m. at the main campus in Newark. Students

will present oral reports and lead discussions on topics of their choice. For additional information, please call the professor at 456-3533 or email him at: eynat@udel.edu.

MAKE MARRIAGE WORK

Jewish Family Service will offer Making Marriage Work—a nine-session seminar series for those couples considering marriage or who have been engaged or married for less than two years. Participants will learn to strengthen relationships and create successful families. Led by professional counselors, the series will also include sessions led by a financial planner and a Rabbi. Each couple will also have a private session. Seminars will be held Wednesday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. beginning February 28. The series will meet at the JFS Relationship Center, 288 East Main Street, Newark. Pre-registration is required. For more information call the Center at 286-1402 or call the main number of JFS, 478-9411.

SINGLES MINGLE

Singles Mingles, a group for single men and women ages 40 or older, will go to the theatre twice in March. Join them on Saturday, March 3rd for a performance of

ART at the Chapel Street Theatre. Contact Esther Schatz at 478-1492 by February 22. On Saturday, March 24, check out FUNNY GIRL at Candlelight Dinner Theatre. Call Eleanor Herman for ticket availability at 234-3244. Help the group plan future events. Come to the next Planning Meeting scheduled for Sunday, March 4, 3:30 p.m. in the library of Congregation Beth Emeth, 300 West Lea Boulevard, Wilmington.

FAMED JEWISH CHEMIST THE TOPIC OF AKSE BRUNCH

The life and times of Primo Levi, internationally known author, chemist and Holocaust survivor, will be discussed on Sunday, March 11, 9:30 a.m. during a brunch program at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation in Wilmington. The presentation will be given by Howard G. Barth, senior research associate, Central Research and Development at DuPont Company. \$4.00 includes both the breakfast and educational program. Please phone in your reservations to the synagogue, 762-2705.

BE A JUNIOR MACCABI

Calling all Delaware Jewish athletes, ages 10 to 12. Try out for the

Tri-State Junior Maccabi Games to be held on Sunday, May 6, 2001. Participate in a variety of Olympic-style events and meet athletes from 14 cities in our region. Find out more information by calling Randy Rosenthal at 478-5660, ext. 231.

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HAMANTASHEN BAKE SALE AT BETH SHALOM

Erev Purim is March 9 and is fast approaching. It's time for homemade Hamantashen from Beth Shalom. Homemade apple, cherry, raspberry, grape and prune are available. Order immediately from the Religious School office, 654-4462.

JCC CHESS CLUB FORMING

Do you like chess and want someone to play with? If so, join the Delaware JCC Chess Club and come to their very first meeting on

Monday, March 5 at 7:00 p.m. People of all ages and abilities are welcomed. Chess sets will be provided. Come for a brief meeting before the games begin. For more information, call Randy Rosenthal at 478-5660, ext. 231.

GET ACQUAINTED WITH BETH EMETH

All potential and new members (2000-2001) of Congregation Beth Emeth, 300 W. Lea Blvd., are invited to attend a Get Acquainted Party at the home of Drs. Barry and Ruth Wexler, 2 Jacobs Way, Chadds Ford, Pa. Please RSVP to Laura Ciporin at (302)478-4733.

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE PRESENTS BEGLEITER

The Delaware Chapter of People to People will present Ralph J. Begleiter, former CNN World Affairs Correspondent and Journalist in Residence at the University of Delaware, on Wednesday, March 7, 7:30 p.m. at Cokesbury Village in Hockessin. Begleiter will discuss "Covering the Middle East: Tales from the Front Lines," during a free lecture, open to the general public. For additional information, please call Anna M. White at 577-8465.

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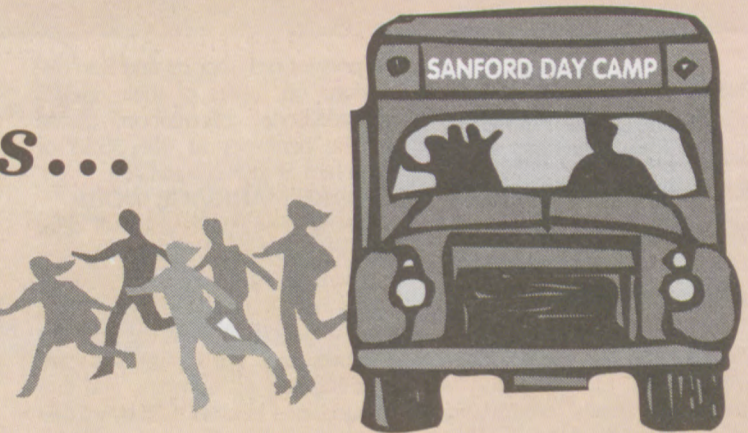
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