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MESSAGE FROM FEDERATION LEADERSHIP –

DESPITE THE CEASE-FIRE THE CRISIS CONTINUES



Robert B. Pincus
President

In August, a ceasefire brought an official end to Israel's 34-day confrontation with Hezbollah, which rained death and destruction upon Northern Israel. The latest statistics are sobering:

- 157 Israelis have died, 114 of them were members of the Israel Defense Forces

- 4,801 men, women and children are wounded, 497 are IDF



Samuel H. Asher
Executive Vice President

members

- 2773 civilians are in shock and must receive counseling and other support services

- 3949 rockets have damaged or destroyed 7,000 homes – more than 372 missiles scored a direct hit upon the center of Kiryat Shmona and an additional 354 landed within the municipal boundaries

- 90,000 small businesses are suffering losses!

The estimated price tag to recover and rebuild is a staggering \$1.27 Billion! Yet, to paraphrase a popular American Express commercial, the cost of helping our Northern Israeli brothers and sisters, and their Arab and Druze neighbors, to take back their lives and their livelihoods-priceless.

On July 26th, the Jewish community of Delaware stood with the people of Israel. We rallied with the people of our Jewish homeland in their fight against Hezbollah missile attacks. We demonstrated our solidarity with our hearts, our voices and our generous gifts to the Israel Crisis Campaign.

To date, our Federation has pledged more than a half a million dollars to the \$300 Million+ initiative launched by United Jewish Communities to:

- Help people deal with the trauma of having their lives uprooted.

- Rebuild the communal infrastructure in Northern Israel-community centers, libraries, day care centers and homes for the elderly.

- Provide temporary housing while homes are rebuilt.

- Assist those most vulnerable-seniors, the disabled, recent émigrés through a safety net of essential social services.

- Train the newly unemployed
- Enable missile ravaged businesses to reopen with the support of small-business loans.

- Offer scholarships to university students whose studies were interrupted by the conflict.

- Upgrade fire trucks, ambulances and other emergency vehicles.

- Renovate shelters and improve emergency response systems if, G-d forbid, this conflict resumes or a new terrorist threat rears its ugly head.

UJC's international partners, the Joint Distribution Committee and the Jewish Agency for Israel, are meeting with area residents and businesses owners to assess their needs. Half a billion dollars or more may be required to rebuild the economy and infrastructure of Northern Israel and provide the necessary programs.

We must continue to stand with the people of Northern Israel.

Our Jewish Federation of Delaware has committed to participate in the National Israel Emergency Campaign Super Sunday organized by United Jewish Communities. On Sunday, September 17th between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., community volunteers will gather at the Bernard and Ruth Siegel Jewish Community Center to raise funds for Israelis in crisis. To cut down on administrative costs, we are asking these volunteers to bring their fully charged cell phones to the JCC and make this mitzvah all the more meaningful. Individuals may also make a commitment to the Israel Crisis Campaign on-line at www.shalomdelaware.org.

We must help because now, more than ever before the words of the late great Rabbi Hillel ring clear and true.

"If I am not for myself, who will be for me? If I am not for others, what am I? And if not now, when?"

We look forward to seeing you on September 17th!

Wed, Sept 5:

Mid-East Briefing

with Senator Biden at the
Bernard & Ruth Siegel JCC

Sun, Sept 10 – Wed, Sept 13:

International Lion of Judah
Conference

Fri-Sat, Sept 15-16:

Solidarity Shabbat

Sun, Sept 17

National IEC Super Sunday

Wed, Sept 20:

Solidarity Rally at the United
Nations

We Stand With Israel

MID-EAST BRIEFING WITH SENATOR BIDEN

Senator Joseph R. Biden, Jr., the ranking Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, has played a pivotal role in shaping U.S. foreign policy for over three decades. The Jewish Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware is delighted to host the Senator during this special community event.

Will the fragile ceasefire hold in this tumultuous Mid-East region where Hezbollah, Hamas and other terrorist factions, backed by Iran and Syria, exert an enormous influence on Israel's future? What can American Jews do to support Israel during this time of crisis?

Find out the answers to these and other questions on September 5th, 8 AM at the Bernard & Ruth Siegel JCC.

Light refreshments will be served.



ISRAEL CRISIS CAMPAIGN SUPER SUNDAY

There will be a special nationwide Super Sunday on September 17, 2006. It will be held at the Bernard & Ruth Siegel Jewish Community Center. Look for more information on the website and in future emails soon!

To make a donation to the Israel Crisis Campaign go to www.shalomdelaware.org

ISRAEL SOLIDARITY RALLY

There will be an Israel Solidarity Rally at the United Nations on September 20, to coincide with the start of the next UN General Assembly. The noon rally (at Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza 1st Ave. and 47th St.) will be sponsored by the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations and the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York, in cooperation with UJC and the UJA-Federation of New York.

Israel Recovers and Rebuilds

How your contributions help



Barry S. Kayne, DDS

By Barry S. Kayne, DDS.

The war is now behind us. Reconstruction lies ahead.

The majority of the Northern population has returned to the north. Some residents are without a home to return to and are living in temporary residential facilities. Their homes need to be rebuilt. Some returned to find their business damaged or demolished. Businesses need to be reconstructed.

Vulnerable populations (elderly, disabled, children and immigrants) suffered severe trauma and now are in need for post trauma treatment. Schools and community centers were damaged and are now being reconstructed in order to begin the new school year. Families are being reunited after periods of time during which the children were in summer camps in central and southern Israel. Many people are picking up the pieces and trying to return to some kind of daily routine. The majority of the reserve soldiers are returning to their homes, their families, their studies and their civilian routine.

The focus now is on reconstructing, rehabilitating and recapturing the childhood glee that was partially impaired by the war. Your contributions to the Israel Crisis Campaign help to support the following activities implemented by United Jewish Communities (UJC), Jewish Agency For Israel (JAFI) and the Joint Distribution Committee:

Children:

Overnight summer camps: about 37,000 children from northern towns and settlements in the confrontation enjoyed five days of summer camp during the confrontation, an additional 7000 children continued to participate in 5 day summer camps in the south and center of Israel. The JAFI camps were operated in partnership with the Ministry of Education.

Daily and Weekly Camps: Jewish, Arab and

Druze children continued to participate in these activities. In coordination with the Ministry of Education, JDC continued to host one-day summer camps in some locations for children and youth. JAFI coordinated with the Ministry of Education to organize daily summer activities and one-day tours for kids in the Arab Sector.

Community Center - Emergency Outreach Programs: Local community centers continued to provide special activities for children in the north. In addition, the Israel Association of the Community Centers continued to run daily summer camps for children from the north. Over 50,000 children participated in these activities.

Emergency Psychological Support: Over 3,500 kids and their parents received professional psychological support in shelters and evacuation sites. The organizations of the Israel Coalition of Trauma (ITC) have been mapping psychological needs while supplying "first aid" psychological services where needed.

Youth in Protection Facilities: At-risk youth who live in seven residential facilities in the North received services from additional personnel to help them cope during this difficult period.

Disabled Children: Three programs were implemented in order to assist disabled children and their families, both physically and psychologically in all sectors of the community.

*Volunteers and professionals provided in home and hotline assistance to 631 children in 17 locations.

*Special camps for children with special needs served 856 children in 9 locations.

*Evacuation assistance and related activities such as respite and daily fun activities for children with disabilities were provided to 182 children in 34 locations.

New Immigrants (Olim)

JAFI relocated about 300 families from the Safed absorption center to absorption centers in the center of Israel and reached out to assist all olim particularly those from Ethiopia, who relocated from absorption centers in the north. In addition, over 3,100 immigrants received emergency care within the absorption centers that continued to operate in the north.

Children from Absorption Centers: 14 absorption centers have been damaged. Much of the damage is structural and many of the center offices and classrooms were badly hit. Some residents were relocated. Construction and repair began immediately at the damaged centers.

Some new immigrant children have suffered severe trauma from both the effects of the war and from being separated from their parents. JAFI has established a team to look into the situation and is prepared to help them.

Special Needs

The Elderly: The JDC has implemented a range of services for those elderly men and women who have been impacted by the war. Services include:

1. Meals at home to 7,259 recipients
2. Telephone check-ins to 11,700
3. Emergency light fixtures for 3,565
4. Special emergency equipment to 13,795 elderly.

As many caregivers either fled or were called up by the IDF, 200 substitute emergency staff have been funded through the Israel Crisis Fund. Various respite programs are being provided to over 5,099 elderly, some in cooperation with the government and some in cooperation with Amigur. In addition, JDC also provides transportation for meals, dry goods and caregivers to over 5,840 recipients. 100 sets of safety gear for



employees serving the elderly have been allocated as well as 180 wheel chairs.

The Disabled: As many as 1735 disabled persons have received emergency assistance through reinforced accessible community networks, which provide additional support for those in the conflict zone. There were also camps for over 856 children with physical disabilities outside of the conflict area. Evacuation assistance was provided to some 790 persons in 20 locations and in cooperation with an NGO. More than 1500 people with disabilities have been provided with a hotline service. 1200 disabled Israelis and their families have received 5 nights of respite with accessible transportation and recreational activities. Disabled children have been included in the camp activities.

Respite Days: The need for respite for all the population was immense. All sectors of the population were in great need and the different organizations were putting endless effort into supplying respite care to as many people as possible. The first beneficiaries of respite were the most vulnerable population i.e. Children and youth and their families (2400), Elderly (5,099) and Disabled adults and children (1,540).

Shelters: In coordination with the Home Front Command, JAFI supplied televisions, air conditioners, emergency light fixtures, and portable toilets to bomb shelters in the north. The final number of appliances that were installed in shelters:

- 1652 air-conditioners
- 1428 televisions
- 2537 emergency light fixtures
- 50 portable toilets
- 15 Water pumps

JAFI also assisted in the renovation of 1000 bomb shelters in Amigur public housing. Although it has no legal responsibility to do so, the company

has renovated 500 bomb shelters in apartment buildings where most of the apartments are privately owned and updated 390 bomb shelters in Amigur-owned buildings in Acco, Shlomi and Safed.

JAFI also supplied volunteers with helmets and protection equipment such as bullet-proof vests.

School Readiness Program: JAFI, JDC and the Ministry of Education prepared a week-long summer camp for all sectors of the population which took place during the last week of the summer vacation. This program helped to prepare 100,000 children for the new school year and provide them the support they needed to make the transition to the school year routine.

The Delaware Jewish Community has pledged more than \$500,000 to the Israel Crisis Campaign to date. We are confident that more people will answer this important call to action on Sunday, September 17th, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Bernard and Ruth Siegel Jewish Community Center when we join with Federations throughout North America in a special National Israel Emergency Campaign Super Sunday Phone-A-Thon. To volunteer, please call Ruth Rosenberg, JFD Campaign Director, at 302-427-2100, ext. 17 or register on-line at www.shalomdelaware.org.



Letter to the Editor

Vote September 12

Exercise your right to vote when Delaware holds its first Tuesday primary on September 12. Besides several local primary races, statewide there will be a Democratic primary for US Representative and a Republican primary for US Senate.

The Jewish community fought long and hard to move the state's Saturday primary to Tuesday, culminating in the successful pas-

sage of a bill in 2004. Let's show our legislators how we exercise our democratic right and obligation, released from conflict with our religious tradition.

B'Shalom,

Mark Wagman
Chairman, Jewish Community Relations
Committee
Jewish Federation of Delaware



Editorials and Opinions

A Time to Act

This is not your usual Jewish Voice. Then again, these are unusually hectic and challenging times for our local and global Jewish communities.

This special edition of the Jewish Voice is cram-packed with news about the current situation in Israel. As we go to press, Israel's ceasefire with Hezbollah is holding and United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan has publicly called for the unconditional release of the two Israeli soldiers whose capture by this terrorist organization triggered the 34-day war.

This is the good news! The bad news is that Hezbollah's merciless barrage of rocket attacks upon Northern Israeli homes, businesses and community organizations, has been emotionally and financially devastating. Representatives from the Jewish Agency for Israel and the Joint Distribution Committee have met with area residents and business owners to assess the damages and begin delivery of services that will help them recover and rebuild. The cost-an estimated \$1.27 Billion-is simply too steep for Israel to shoulder alone.

Members of the Delaware Jewish community have accepted the challenge

posed by United Jewish Communities and have raised more than \$500,000 for a special Israel Crisis Campaign. On September 17th, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Bernard and Ruth Siegel Jewish Community Center, Campaign volunteers will attempt to widen this circle of support and expand upon this very impressive tally. This National Israel Emergency Campaign Phone-A-Thon is a clarion call to action. To volunteer, please call Ruth Rosenberg, JFD Campaign chairperson, at 302-427-2100, ext. 17 or register on-line at www.shalomdelaware.org.

At Super Sunday, say hello to Hila Elhayany, Delaware's brand-new Shaliacha. Hila, who just arrived in our community from Eretz Y'Israel on August 30th, is anxious to build upon the wonderful relationships that Ilan Kligerman established during his time here in Delaware.

B'Shalom,

Lynn B. Edelman

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Editor

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Letter to the Editor Building a Secure Future

Dear Friends,

On Sunday, the day before the ceasefire, we traveled north. Our first destination was Rambam Hospital in Haifa where we arrived with the purpose of visiting the wounded new immigrant and lone soldiers recuperating from their injuries incurred in Lebanon. We went to support these brave young men and their families and moreover to offer our support and to extend the good wishes of World Jewry and Israeli society.

The group included Carole Solomon, Chairperson of the Jewish Agency Board of Governors, Leonid Nevzlin, Donor and Board Member, Jewish Agency staff members and myself. We entered the hospital with the intention of offering strength and support to the wounded and left, ourselves empowered and moved by the depth of the dedication and devotion of these wonderful young people - many of whom are alone in the country - who returned from the war with a deepened allegiance to the State of Israel. We were awestruck by their commitment to their mission and belief in the justness of their actions.

On behalf of you, we wished them a complete and speedy recovery. We will continue to stand beside them and provide any assistance necessary during their rehabilitation and return to daily life. On your behalf, we extended our sympathies to the grieving families who have lost their loved ones in this war, among them new immigrants and lone soldiers, individuals who gave their lives for the security and safety of the State of Israel.

Our next destination was a bomb shelter occupied by new immigrants at the absorption center in Karmiel. From there we traveled to Kiryat Shmona whereupon from the moment of our arrival until our departure hours later, the city was bombarded nonstop by Katyusha rockets, only a few hours before the ceasefire came into effect.

Looking back on the past month, I would like to share with you the sense of pride which fills my soul as I contemplate the work of the Jewish Agency at its best and shining moments. We are honored and privileged to stand beside the Government of Israel and the Jewish People to offer, on behalf of all, a helping hand to nearly every home and every family in the north.

You were the ones, who gave us strength and provided us with the opportunity to effectively fill the mission we took upon ourselves during this critical time. Your extraordinary mobilization, one which will never be forgotten, and your steadfast position by our side

exceeded all expectations or what we could have asked for at this time of crisis.

The words elude me to describe the love, devotion, involvement, caring, generosity and openheartedness we received from you. There is no doubt that combined components enabled us to be a significant factor and presence in the lives of hundreds of thousands of residents in cities and towns throughout the north.

I give you my word that we will continue, as we have done over the course of the past months, to stand by the residents of the north today and in the coming years. We will offer assistance loans to businesses, to help them attain renewed economic prosperity. We will help by offering student scholarships, by strengthening the residents of the towns in the north; investing resources in education; rebuilding of public facilities and cultural centers and assisting in the founding of new centers as a tool to encourage the development of community life in the north. With volunteers from the Jewish communities who will work within the cities and towns and will function as a bridge connecting them to the world Jewish communities, we will make a difference.

We will be there to ensure the restoration of normal life to the residents of the north and furthermore, we will be a driving force to raise the region towards the realization of goals and success in all aspects. We will be there on your behalf as your emissaries, representing the donors from Israel and throughout the global Jewish community. We will be your bridge, linking you to the developments and successes of Israeli society.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to the United Jewish Communities (UJC) and the Jewish Federations in the United States, to Keren Hayesod and the Israeli donors, who for the first time in the history of the Jewish Agency, expressed their faith in us and our work and contributed generously.

The trust we were privileged to receive from you, is the source of our strength and might, and moreover is our motivation to continue and march forward at full speed to face the challenges to our future. I am confident that through the commitment, faith, devotion and strength of the Jewish people and the State of Israel we will build a secure future for us all.

Yours,

Zeev Bielski, Chairman,
Jewish Agency for Israel



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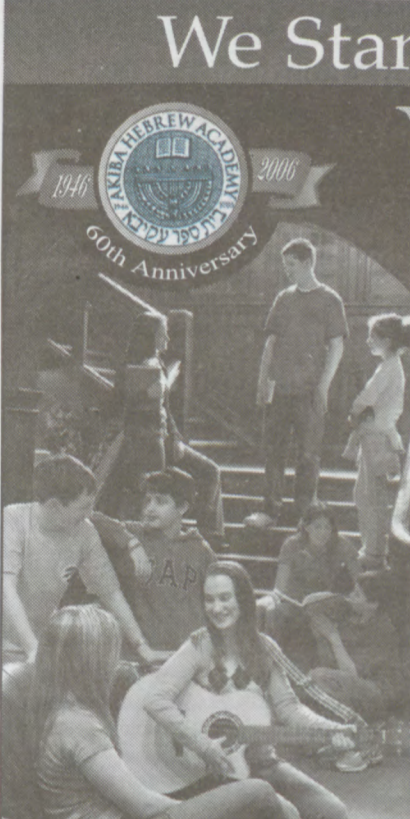
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Matter of Opinion

Galilee resorts are packed

By Nechemia Meyers

Last weekend it was extraordinarily difficult to find a place to stay at one of the many Galilee vacation villages. During the recent war they had been empty, as the falling rockets in the area frightened away potential guests. And while some of the beautiful Galilee green spots are now brown because of Katyusha-ignited fires, and some tourist attractions like the Manara cable car are not yet operating, Tel Avivians are flocking to the area anyway. Some are participating in "Katyusha tours", visiting the spots where the rockets landed, but most are swimming in the Kinneret or the Mediterranean, and, because of the heat, avoiding any unnecessary physical activity.

It wasn't easy to forget the war last week, even as we embarked upon our Galilee vacation. Listening to news broadcasts on our car radio, we were constantly reminded about the ongoing controversy over how the conflict was handled by Israeli politicians and generals, whom many Israelis are demanding be sacked. The only light relief on the airwaves, if it can be called that, was provided by the lurid reports about our allegedly sex-mad leaders. I personally doubt whether they are any more obsessed with sex than their counterparts elsewhere, as Monica Lewinsky can testify. But hearing about the bedroom behavior of our VIP's was less troubling than the descriptions of how blood had been shed in the recent past and, might be shed again in the not too distant future.

We met many reservists who had served in

Lebanon at the place where we were staying...and most of them were clearly anxious to talk about their battlefield experiences. We heard again and again about shortages of food, water and equipment, as well as about the confusion and needless casualties caused by constantly changing battle plans.

The most striking observations, however, concerned the Hezbollah fighters. "Beforehand," one of the reservists told me, "we thought that they were just a bunch of dumb Arabs, who would run away as soon as we showed up. But we were absolutely wrong. They had been well trained, knew how to use their weapons and were determined to put up a fight even when their situation was almost hopeless. After all," he went on, "they had no planes tanks or ships. What they did have, however, they used to maximum advantage. For example, they would let one of our tank columns go by for a while, but then hit the middle of the column and at both ends—causing maximum damage."

"We won't ever underestimate them again," he concluded.

Unfortunately, our next military confrontation is not likely to be with an Iranian satellite, the Hezbollah, but with Iran itself. Even during that marvelous vacation we couldn't completely ignore the looming nuclear threat from Teheran. For those of us old enough to remember, however vaguely, the Second World War, the consequences of appeasing the Ayatollahs is all too clear. We can only hope that the world's conscience doesn't go on vacation while the threat remains.

This Labor Day, consider the poor

By Simon Greer

Jews understand the power of anniversaries: Many of our tradition's most important holy days mark a triumph or tragedy. These events, though often removed from our lives by millennia, offer an opportunity in the retelling to remember the history that shaped our lives.

This year, as we mark Labor Day, we should contemplate two recent anniversaries. Aug. 22 marked 10 years since welfare reform, which ended the federal government's guarantee of cash support to the poor. Aug. 29 marked one year since Hurricane Katrina, which destroyed a chunk of the Gulf Coast and, in the process, exposed the region's destitution.

Both events represent important dates in our nation's struggle to confront domestic poverty.

In 1996, a Republican Congress passed President Clinton's signed welfare reform. This bill replaced guaranteed cash assistance with block grants, time limits and work requirements. The goal was to move millions of welfare recipients into jobs and end a cycle of poverty allegedly created by welfare dependency.

I remember driving through rural areas of Laurens County, S.C., that year, delivering meals to the poor. During those visits I saw the truth about welfare mothers: They were not living like queens, contrary to the stereotype advanced by many pundits.

What a disappointment to listen to Michael Leavitt, the secretary of Health and Human Services, use this recent anniversary to proclaim welfare reform an "unqualified success."

While he noted that some former welfare recipients have seen their quality of life improve, he ignored the many flaws of welfare reform. Most former welfare recipients have not, in fact, moved into the working class. At the height of the economic boom of the late 1990s, the Preamble Center for Public Policy estimated the odds at 97-to-1 that someone coming off welfare would find a living wage job. When the five-year time limit hit in the early 2000s, the number of Americans in poverty was on the rise; it has increased in recent years by 6 million.

The education and child-care necessary for a successful transition to the work force often are unavailable. People who left welfare for work too often remain mired in poverty. Yet we could still ignore them — until Katrina hit.

Hurricane Katrina displayed the poverty that

welfare reform missed. One year after the storm, dead bodies are still being recovered and sections of New Orleans resemble a ghost town, with hundreds of thousands of locals living elsewhere.

Crime has returned, and many streets are not safe. Too many people have returned not to rebuilt houses, but to FEMA trailers. The levees are back, but are too weak to protect against another Katrina-like storm. Public institutions such as schools and police are not fully functioning.

Yet there's reason to be optimistic.

When the government ended guaranteed cash payments, the face of poverty in the public imagination shifted from welfare mothers to low-wage workers. This change has given momentum to the living-wage movement: In the past decade, 140 cities, states, counties and universities have passed living-wage laws.

Hurricane Katrina caused many people to lose their jobs, but will be remembered for the destruction of wealth, mostly homes and businesses. As a result, many victims are seeking low-cost loans to help them rebuild. Organizations and individuals have responded by learning more about how investing in community development financial institutions, like credit unions, can help working families own homes.

Jewish Funds for Justice, of which I'm president, has funded living-wage campaigns and invested in CDFIs for many years.

There are signs that others in the Jewish community also are embracing these strategies. Synagogues and local Jewish organizations, like Washington's Jews United for Justice, have promoted raising the minimum wage or creating a living wage.

Nationally, the Union for Reform Judaism has been investing resources in community economic development, while several Jewish groups, including the United Jewish Communities federation umbrella and UJA-Federation of New York, have supported my group's efforts to capitalize a community investment loan fund to help rebuild areas devastated by Katrina.

In light of this recent activity, it's worth remembering that Labor Day was created 120 years ago, at a time when workers were fighting for an eight-hour work day.

Perhaps these anniversaries can instill our Labor Day with new meaning, for this generation and beyond.

Simon Greer is president and CEO of Jewish Funds for Justice.

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Israeli Voices

A shattered business and family

"There are no words to describe the feeling I had when I saw that our store had been ripped to shreds by a Katyusha rocket," says Rahamim sadly. "The smell of smoke lingers everywhere. How are we going to support our three beautiful daughters? I have never felt so helpless."

For 19 years, Rahamim Yonah and his wife Matilda worked side-by-side selling and making jewelry. They were the proud owners of the "Hand of Gold" jewelry store in Kiryat Shmona. Until the second Lebanese war destroyed everything they had built.

In addition to the daunting challenge of rebuilding their damaged

store, Rahamim and Matilda earned no income for over a month. And with the extensive damages, it will take at least another month for them to start repairing the damages. "I go from office to office, filling out papers and waiting for answers. It is frustrating and depressing."

In order to continue paying basic expenses, Rahamim and his wife have gone deeply into debt. "Time is against us," he says.

However, when asked if he would think of leaving Kiryat Shmona, Rahamim answers with a resounding "no". "We built our house in my parents' yard; we raised our children here. Our liveli-

hood, although severely damaged, is here. I don't intend to let anyone chase us from our home."

Rahamim looks at the massive debris in his store and tears come to his eyes. "There is so much work to be done. Nothing is very clear at this point."

The Jewish Agency for Israel is providing immediate emergency funds for small, independent business people such as Rahamim, to give them hope and help them get back on their feet. The first-aid assistance will allow these hard-working individuals to pay some of their immediate bills, such as water, electricity and rent, and kick-start the rebuilding of their busi-



nesses.

"Life is stronger than any event,"

says Rahamim. "Slowly, very slowly, we'll get back to normal."

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Deputy Prime Minister Shimon Peres once said, "good fences make good neighbors." Not when you live in the northern town of Metulla, and the Hezbollah has been your next-door neighbor, watching your every move for the past six years.

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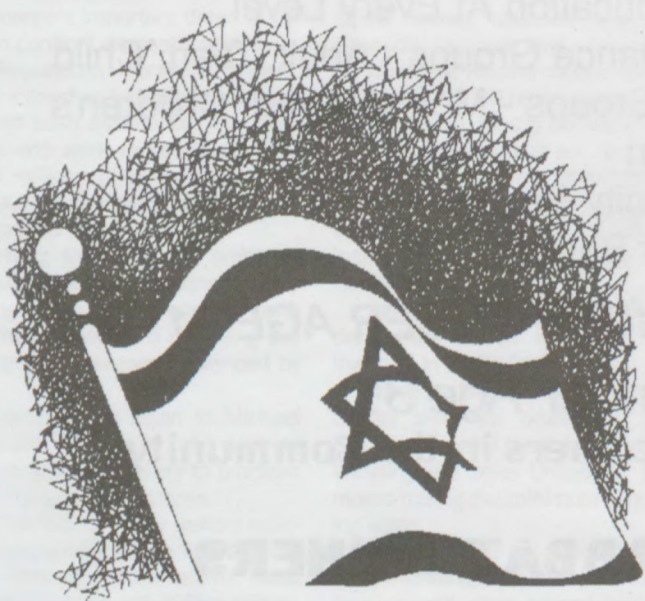
Just northwest of Metulla lie the beautiful orchards farmed by the Bez family. Metulla's fruits - pears, apricots, cherries, plums, peaches, nectarines and apples - are well known in Israel and around the world for their exquisite taste.

Ophir Bez has been running the family's 25-acre orchards since his father retired six years ago. "Our activities for the entire year are focused around the harvest season, which fell exactly when the war broke out," he explains. "All our time and money spent in bringing the fruit to its maximum has been for nothing. We were not able to go to the orchards and pick, and the fruit is just rotting in the fields."

The day that the cease fire took effect, Ophir put a crew together to pick some of his finest plums, which he had personally nurtured. "They were already too ripe, and had very little market value, but I

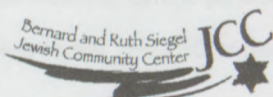
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Israeli Voices

Russian Israelis experience their first war

By Lev Krichevsky
JTA

All Israelis in the North suffered in the recent war against Hezbollah, but immigrants from the former Soviet Union, particularly the elderly, may have suffered more than most.

Before Katyusha rockets began raining down on northern Israel, these immigrants made up one-third of the population of many of these communities, such as Haifa. After only a few days of fighting, as veteran Israelis fled to safety elsewhere in Israel, the proportion of Russian speakers in some northern towns increased to as much as 60 percent of the remaining population.

Unlike most native Israelis, some Russian Israelis, like many other immigrants, had nowhere to go or could not afford to leave their homes.

"The percentage of Russians in many communities in the North dramatically increased" during the war, said Ze'ev Elkin, a Soviet-born member of the Knesset representing the ruling Kadima Party. Because the Russian community includes a high

percentage of pensioners, the Russian population cannot move easily, he said.

"Pensioners don't know Hebrew and are often not included in the system of social help," he said. "This is the most vulnerable part of the population. They are more socially dependent on how the post office or the bank works."

The financial situation of working Russian families was another factor limiting their mobility. Even among those who work, "an average Russian repatriate lives a little worse than an average Israeli," Elkin said.

One Russian immigrant agreed. "Most Russians live on their monthly earnings," said Viktor List, 33, a computer specialist who hosted two families from the North in his apartment in central Israel during the fighting.

"People may live here for 15 years, but they don't have any savings," he said. "They simply cannot afford to not work a month or two."

Elkin also said Russians appeared to be more prone to panic than many local-born Israelis.

"They are not used to this," he said of the war. "They have a stronger reflex to leave when the rockets are falling, but fewer possibilities to do so," a situation he called "schizophrenic."

"In the first days of war, there was enthusiasm" in the Russian community, he said. It turned out that "the Russian community was craving war, but did not understand that it would take victims on both sides."

After a few days of fighting, many in the community voiced discontent with the government and the military.

"The Russian community is very much right-wing-oriented, but it is not ready to pay the price for this," Elkin said, calling the war a "very uneasy test for the right-wing ideology in the Russian street."

That ideology still has a strong champion in Avigdor Lieberman of the Yisrael Beiteinu Party. Speaking a day after the cease-fire took effect Aug. 14, Lieberman called for the creation of a new coalition government that he said would bring Israel "a clear victory" in the fighting against Hezbollah.

Lieberman made his comments

to a mission of the Euro-Asian Jewish Congress, a group mainly comprised of Jewish leaders from the former Soviet Union.

Right-wing rhetoric is likely to remain a key political characteristic of the Russian community, but for many Russian Israelis, the war changed their perception of Israel.

For most of the Russian speakers, it was the first experience living under the threat of rockets. When Iraqi Scuds were falling near Tel Aviv in 1991, most of today's Russian Israelis still called the Soviet Union their home.

"For us, 'the war' is World War II, which we read about in history textbooks," List said.

He added: "Of course, when this all started now, we were bewildered. After a few days, bewilderment grew, as we used to think that Israel can decide such problems in five days."

Younger Russians — especially those who experienced the fighting firsthand — didn't seem to share these doubts and fears.

"These are all politicians," said Anton Semin, an Israel Defense

Forces soldier and a native of Kazakhstan. "If we were given one more month, we would have solved the problem" with Hezbollah, said Semin, speaking a day after the cease-fire as he recuperated at Rambam Hospital in Haifa from a hand injury he received in Lebanon.

The mother of another Russian-born serviceman recuperating at the same hospital agreed.

"I don't understand what we achieved in this war," said Lena Charsky, standing by her son's side. Dani Charsky, 26, a reservist, had shrapnel wounds in his face, arm and leg.

Originally from St. Petersburg, Russia, the Charskys now live in the northern Israeli town of Ma'alot. While Dani Charsky was fighting in Lebanon, his mother and younger brother had to flee to central Israel.

But Lena Charsky still feels confident of eventual victory, and says she is looking forward to her younger son Shai, 17, joining the army next year.

"There will be a new war, but I don't see how we can solve the problem otherwise," she said.

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wanted to show the Hezbollah that the Israeli people will not be beaten," says Ophir.

The Jewish Agency is providing immediate emergency funds to help put small business owners back on their feet. This critical assistance will allow these hard-working individuals to pay some of their most pressing bills, such as water, electricity and rent, and kick-start the painful task of rebuilding their businesses.

Erez Shemesh was shocked

when he returned to Kiryat Shmona after the cease-fire to see his beauty salon in ruins. "I have to start completely over," says Erez. "I don't know where to begin."

Erez was born and raised in Kiryat Shmona. Despite his tremendous losses he is adamant that he will not leave. "This is where my home and family are," says Erez. "This is where I belong."

Erez supported the war, but feels that he may be in the same situation in another few years, with

Hezbollah attacking from Lebanon, and Kiryat Shmona residents taking the brunt of the rocket attacks. "I worry about my family and my livelihood, but we're not running away," states Erez.

"July and August are, by far, the two busiest months in the tourist industry. We have lost 70% of our annual turnover," says Reuven Wineberg, owner of the Alaska Inn, which has been in his family for almost sixty years.

"My parents, holocaust sur-

vivors, established the hotel in the late 1940's. Times were tough then, but they worked very hard and managed to go forward," Reuven recalls. When they passed away, Reuven took over the running of the hotel. However, it has never been easy to operate a business in the North, especially in Metulla, as there have been many attacks over the years, he explains.

Reuven was injured while serving in the Israeli army during the first Lebanese war and still walks with a

limp. His late father-in-law, Eitan Grundland was killed when an Iraqi-fired Scud missile hit his home in the center of Israel during the Gulf War.

For Reuven and his late parents, the hotel is a symbol of their determination to live a normal life within their own country. "I won't be leaving, despite the heavy losses we will incur this year," says Reuven. "I don't know how we will survive it, but we will," he says with determination.

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Back to School

Israel Programs abound on U of D Campus

By Michael Blum
Program Director
Kristol Center for Jewish Life
at University of Delaware

The Kristol Center for Jewish Life stands in an extremely fortunate position within the Jewish community in Delaware. With nearly 1600 Jewish students on campus, we serve roughly 10% of the Jewish population of the state. These are at a time where the individuals between the ages of 18 and 25 are still very open to ideas, concepts and political change. As we all know, Israel and the war in the Middle East is at the forefront of the thoughts and resources of the Jewish community. The Kristol Hillel Center is no different. Because of Taglit Birthright Israel and the number of students who spent this past summer in Israel many of our students are passionate about their connection to Israel occasionally in bomb shelters. At the same time, research shows that too many students have a tenuous connection at best to the Jewish homeland. So it is no surprise that Israel programming is in full swing at UD Hillel.

This year we are lucky to again be granted a Young Israeli Emissary, Hila Elhayany, from the Jewish Federation of Delaware. We already are planning for her to conduct a bi-weekly Israel current event series to be held at local coffee houses. Over time, we plan to feature University professors, integrating the academic community into the process of learning about and discussing the hopes to draw out varying opinions on the situation in Israel. We certainly plan on taking full advantage of having our Emissary here, introducing her to the Political Science, History, Judaic Studies and other departments, as well as having her work with the Study Abroad department.

The Kristol Center will also welcome a Grinspoon Israel Intern, a sophomore who is charged with increasing and promoting student travel to Israel. National research shows that the single most effective way to build Jewish identity and identification with the land of Israel is through travel to the country. The Grinspoon Intern will be very visible on campus, promoting travel to Israel and recruiting for the Taglit-birthright Israel trip. We have already made arrangements for our Winter birthright trip, with an unprecedented guaranteed 40 seats on a dedicated University of Delaware bus in January.

Along with regularly scheduled programming, the Kristol Hillel Center is always seeking speakers who will be effective in reaching the student population. With the

support of our student pro Israel organization, Blue Hens for Israel, and the Jewish Studies Program, we are bringing in two speakers in September to talk about the situation in Israel. The events will be open to the entire University and greater Delaware community. The Israeli Consulate in Philadelphia has us on his speed dial, as he is frequently able to offer us excellent speakers who are traveling between Washington and NYC. Similarly, we are on the distribution list for information about speakers from AIPAC, ZOA, Peace Now, Hamagshamim, JNF and many other organizations supporting the Israel on Campus Coalition.

As a Federation beneficiary agency, we are very fortunate to have access to the Delaware JCRC (Jewish Community Relations Committee), and its many resources. Zach Schafer, a University of Delaware student who sits on the Hillel Board, is a member of the JCRC Board. Working closely with the Federation, we make materials available to students that are already in circulation in the wider community.

Of course the Kristol Center for Jewish Life is always a place to promote intellectual conversation and discourse among students. We welcome the opportunity to host large programs as well as smaller conversations between students. As a Hillel Foundation, accredited by Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life, we support the Hillel Policy Statement on Israel: "Hillel is steadfastly committed to the support of Israel as a Jewish and Democratic State with secure and recognized borders and as a member of the family of free nations."

Students who know they love Israel will often bring programs to our attention. We hope that by providing many different kinds of Israel programming, we can reach the many Jewish students who have not yet made the connection.

Please contact Mike Blum, Program Director at mblum@udel.edu with any questions, concerns, program ideas, or if you would like to be involved with promoting Jewish Life and Israel awareness on campus. Please also check out the Israel on Campus Coalition, to see how major national Israel organizations are supporting Israel advocacy on campus. <http://www.israelon-campuscoalition.org>. To support the Kristol Center's Israel efforts, you may also make a donation by calling 302-453-0479, or going to our website <http://www.udhillel.org> and clicking on the "Make a Donation" button.



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As we go to press, classes have begun, however it is still possible to late register for the next two weeks. For additional information please call Mary Lee Lutz at 302-831-3324 or send queries via e-mail to cjs@udel.edu.

While the Center for Jewish Studies program has always welcomed "drop-in" members of the community at its Spring semester "Issues and Ideas in Jewish Studies" lecture series, Delaware residents ages 60 and older may also benefit from the college's "Over 60 Tuition Free" opportunity to take classes at no additional charge. Parking, textbooks, library fees, and such are the individual responsibility of the student, but they can attend classes and receive credit free of charge.

This is an ideal opportunity for senior adults to explore their heritage and try something new. There's more information about this program at: <http://www.continuingstudies.udel.edu/home/over60.shtml>

Registration for classes through the over-60 tuition-free program takes place on a space-available basis. Participants are responsible for buying their own books and for paying late registration charges and fees for other services.

To be eligible for free graduate or undergraduate tuition, Delaware citizens aged 60

or over must apply for admission to the University and be admitted. Students 60 or over taking classes as non-matriculated. Continuing Education students are not eligible.

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- * the student teaching fee
- * the new student orientation fee

For additional general information about gaining admission to the University of Delaware, visit the Admissions Office site, <http://www.udel.edu/admissions/view-book/apply/> and click on "Transfer applicants." If you decide to apply for admission, please complete an admission form, /write "Over-60 Tuition-Free Program" in bold letters in the top right-hand corner/, and send it to:

Admissions Office
Room 116 Hulliher Hall
University of Delaware
Newark, DE 19716

Attention: Ms. Barbara Johnston

Ms. Johnston will begin processing the application and can answer any additional questions you may have. You can reach her by phone at the Admissions Office at 302/831-1615 or by e-mail at BarbJ@udel.edu

Applications can take six to eight weeks to process.



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For more information about Israel programming at the University of Delaware and on campuses across the country, see

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Israel Travel

The Train

By Martin M. Roffman, Ph.D.
Special to the Jewish Voice

When my wife and I booked our tickets in April, Israel was quiet and summer, 2006, looked like a perfect time to enjoy a trip. Our plans called for spending a week in the Jerusalem area and we arrived there on July 14, just as the war began to intensify. There was considerable cause for concern and local TV provided round the clock coverage of weather, traffic, and reports of missile attacks as far south as Haifa. Those Hebrew reports offset English language news from CNN, Sky, and Fox News covering events in south Lebanon as well as Israel.

While planning a side trip to Tel Aviv University, we decided it would be best to take a shared cab from Jerusalem directly to campus and then return by train afterwards. The cab ride was direct, uneventful, and costly. On the other hand, the train ride back was a little out of the way, spectacular, comfortable, and very reasonably priced at 19 shekels (\$4.25). It is arguably one of the best bargains in the country. As a regular rail commuter between Philadelphia and Wilmington, I am quite experienced with rail service that spans acceptable to nightmarish. However, my strong preference for rail travel motivated us to choose the Malha Mall Line for returning to Jerusalem.

Israel National Railway runs clean trains, nearly on time even during a military action, and at an attractive fare. Rail service extends from Nahariya in northern Israel down the coast to Tel Aviv and from there, south to Ashkelon and Beersheva, east to the airport and Kfar Saba, and southeast to Jerusalem. On the day we traveled, train service operated only as far north as Binyamina, near Caesaria, due to the war. In

2005, temporary connecting service was extended to the Malha Mall / Teddy Stadium area in Jerusalem. We decided that even though the trip would be a little longer than by bus, it would be fun to commute via train and in fact, it was.

Tel Aviv University station is actually a few blocks south of campus, located in the middle of a super highway. The station has food service facilities, clean restrooms, and ice cold water to counteract the heat of a summer day. Best of all, commuters are treated to a free Hebrew newspaper which mercifully contained a medium-difficulty Sudoku puzzle that transcended language. It was pure joy to this Wilmington commuter! Note: I glanced at but didn't try the crossword puzzle; that would have been a nearly impossible challenge!

The train arrived a few minutes late, stopped at some local Tel Aviv stations, and then headed west as a vendor appeared offering more cool drinks and snacks. We traveled on, passing Ben Gurion airport and continued through farm land to Ramla and Bet Shemesh. The cell phone rang with a caller from Philadelphia inquiring about our safety due to some frightening news that had just appeared on CNN about the war. We looked around at the farm land, drank some cool water, and answered that everything on the Tel Aviv - Jerusalem corridor was just fine.

At Bet Shemesh, the train stopped within sight of a large strip mall containing fast food restaurants and a large Ace Hardware store. A few women with very young children entered and sat nearby. It's one stop from Bet Shemesh to Jerusalem and they were out for an afternoon visit to the Malha Mall.

Then the train began to climb. The surround-

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Israeli commuter trains are a colorful combination of fire-engine red and white. This train is just departing from Tel Aviv University station.



The current Malha Line climbs through impressive scenery that includes quiet farmland, steep mountain passes, and swift streams on its way to Jerusalem.

Milestones In Memoriam

ABRAMS

Leonard Aaron Abrams, age 82, of Joppatowne, MD, died on Saturday, August 5, 2006.

Mr. Abrams enjoyed a distinguished career with the federal government, retiring from the Test and Evaluation Command at Aberdeen Proving Ground, with over 40 years of service. He served in the US Navy and was a survivor of the South Pacific campaign during WWII.

He was a member of the Northeastern Maryland Officials Association, which kept him involved with youth and collegiate sports for over 55 years. He officiated football, basketball, volleyball and swimming. In addition to officiating sports, Mr. Abrams spent many years coaching and mentoring children in youth sports.

His hobbies included birdwatching, as well as spending time with family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Carol; sons, John Vines, of MD, Henny, of Brooklyn, NY, and Bryan, Ronny and

Scott Abrams, all of Wilmington, DE; grandchildren, Ashley and Brooke Abrams and Alex and Shaun Vines; and sister, Elaine Beuchler, of NJ. In addition to his parents, Lenny was preceded in death by his son, Ricky Abrams.

A graveside service was held on Monday, August 7, in Vineland, NJ. A memorial service will follow at a later date.

The family would appreciate memorial contributions to New Directions, Box 768, Claymont, DE 19703.

BYER

Mildred Byer, age 84, died August 22, 2006.

A native of New York, she attended and graduated from Gratz College. Mrs. Byer was a popular elementary school teacher who also taught Sunday School. She served in the Women's Army corps for 3 years, doing administrative work. She was an elementary school teacher, and also taught Sunday School. Mildred attended and graduated from Gratz College. She was

a member of Congregation Beth Shalom, the JCC, Hadassah, and the Academy of Lifelong Learning. She enjoyed painting in oils.

She will be dearly missed by her husband of 57 years, Joseph; her son, David and daughter-in-law, Alison, of Wilmington; daughter, Carol Meltzer, and her husband, Bruce of PA; grandchildren, Maurisa, Rebekah, Joshua and Lauren; and brother, Arthur Hirsch and sister-in-law, Loretta, of NY.

The funeral service was held on Thursday, August 24th, at Congregation Beth Shalom, Wilmington.

GOLDSTEIN

Arthur Goldstein, age 81, died August 28, 2006, at home.

Owner of B. Ritter Furniture, he was a member of Congregation Beth Emeth, the WWII Veterans, and Avoda, a 32nd degree Mason, and a life member of the Shrine. He was also a Red Sox fan.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley; 2 daughters, Marjorie Lyn Titunik, of VA, and Brenda Litwin; 3

grandchildren, Jordana, Jeffery and Rebecca; a brother, Martin, of PA; and a sister, Marsha Gold, of FL. He was predeceased by a grandson, Michael.

A graveside service was held on Wednesday, August 30, 2006, in the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Rd.

Contributions in his memory may be sent to the Beth Emeth Building Fund, 300 W. Lea Blvd., Wilmington, DE 19802; or to Avoda, PO Box 3120, Margate City, NJ 08402.

The family suggests contributions to Congregation Beth Shalom, 18th & Baynard Blvd., Wilmington 19802 or a charity of your choice.

LAPLACE

Melissa Joy LaPlace, Age 40, died August 18 2006, at home.

She is survived by her mother, Maxine, of NM; father, Maurice, of Wilmington; sister, Leslie, of VA; brother, David, of Bear; her companion, Troy Rhodes, of New Castle; and nephew, Dylan.

The funeral service was held on Tues., Aug. 22, at Cong. Beth El, 301 Possum Park Road, Newark. Interment was in the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Rd. The family would appreciate contributions to the Delaware Humane Association, 701 A St., Wilmington, DE 19801; or to National Eating Disorders, 603 Stewart St., Suite 803, Seattle, WA 98101 (www.nationaleatingdisorders.org).

NEWMAN

Helen Newman, a resident of the Kutz Home, died August 24 after a long illness. She was 93 years old.

Born Sarah Helen Rubel to Samuel and Rose Rubel of

Dickerson City, PA, she lived most of her life in Scranton, PA before moving to Delaware last year. A member of Temple Israel, she was very active in the Jewish community and served as executive director of the Jewish Federation in Scranton during WWII. She returned to work in 1964 after the death of her husband, Dr. Joseph Newman, and spent many years as a caseworker for the State of Pennsylvania Social Services in Lackawanna County.

She is survived by her sons, Dr. James Newman of Wilmington, DE (Leslie), and Dr. Stephen Newman of Toronto, Canada; and her grandchildren, Michael and Craig.

A graveside service was held on August 27th, in Dalton Jewish Cemetery, Dalton, PA.

The family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Wilmington, DE 19809; or Delaware Hospice, 3515 Silverside Road, Wilmington, DE 19810.

TUTTLEMAN

Stanley C. Tuttleman died on August 3, 2006.

He will be missed by his wife, Edna; his children, Jan Tuttleman, Steven Tuttleman and his wife, Elizabeth, David Tuttleman, S. Zev Guber and his wife, Heidi and Carol Guber. He also is survived by ten grandchildren.

Memorial services were held on August 8th at Temple Adath Israel in Merion, PA.

Contributions in his memory may be made to the Stanley C. Tuttleman Memorial Fund at the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, 2100 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

Israel Feature

Rehabilitation Process Begins

First Tree is Planted in Northern Israel

Just a week after the last Katyusha landed, the first tree was planted in the forest outside Kiryat Shemona.

Gathering around the shovel were Jewish National Fund-Keren Kayemeth Lelsrael Chairman Efi Stenzler; Haim Barbivai, the Mayor of Kiryat Shemona; Ronald Lauder, President of JNF of America; and

Israel's Minister of the Interior, Roni Bar-On.

More than 20% of the forests in northern Israel were damaged during the war. One million trees were destroyed and it is estimated that one million more, weakened by the fires, will not survive the remaining summer months. Experts are now assessing the full extent of the envi-

ronmental damage the area sustained, which will take several weeks to compile. Foresters predict it will take several years to fully replant what was lost and 50-60 years to regain the growth that previously existed.

This was Ronald Lauder's third trip to Israel during the past month. "I was not prepared to see all the destruction," he said, "but I do feel the war has united the Jewish people, even those who do not live here. We will send as much money as we can to rebuild the north."

Said Efi Stenzler: "It is my pleasure and honor to plant the first tree towards restoring the green of the Galilee. This tree will lead to tens of thousands of other trees to be planted in the next few years. I call upon every Jew to join forces and take part in renewing the north."

Jewish National Fund is a non-profit organization founded in 1901 to serve as caretaker of the land of Israel, on behalf of its owners - Jewish people everywhere. Over the past century, JNF has planted over 240 million trees, built over 180 reservoirs and dams, developed over 250,000 acres of land, created more than 1,000 parks, provided the infrastructure for 1,000 communities and educated students around the world about Israel and the environment. Today, JNF is putting its century of experience to work with the Blueprint Negev initiative, supporting Israel's newest generation of pioneers in developing the Negev Desert, Israel's last frontier.

For more information on JNF or to plant trees in Israel, call 1-800-542-TREE (8733) or visit www.jnf.org. To contact your local office, please call 888-JNF-0099 or visit www.jnf.org.



From right: Interior Minister Roni Bar-On; JNF of America President Ronald Lauder; Kiryat Shemona Mayor Haim Barbivai; and JNF-KKL Chairman Efi Stenzler plant the first new tree in a forest outside Kiryat Shemona.

*The Officers, Board of Directors
and Staff of the
Jewish Federation of Delaware
acknowledge with profound sorrow,
the death of
Helen Newman
on August 24, 2006.
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be a blessing for her son
Dr. James Newman, daughter-in-law,
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Coming Events

Jewish War Vets to Rededicate Cemetery – The Jewish War Veterans of Delaware will celebrate the “rededication” of their War Veterans Cemetery on Foulk Road, off Concord Pike in Wilmington on Sunday, September 17, 12 Noon.

The ceremony will feature a military honor guard and the display of numerous new amenities including: a marble commemorative bench; grave-marking plaques and a new flag and pole.

Throughout its history, the Jewish War Veterans of Delaware has been involved in charitable work. They have donated thousands of dollars and countless volunteer hours to the Veterans Hospital of Elsmere and numerous other worthy causes. Every dollar raised during the organization's month-long May sale of poppies benefits war veterans at the Delaware VA Medical Center, taking care of such diverse personal needs as wheelchairs, televisions or monthly bingo games for those veterans who are confined to the facility. A portion of these proceeds also supports the new Veterans Home in Milford, DE.

Please come and remember Delaware's fallen Jewish heroes on the Sunday following Selichot, the dawning of the Days of Awe. The entire community is invited to pay tribute on Sunday, September 17th at Noon.

Assemblyman Dov Hikind to Keynote AKSE September Brunch – New York State Assemblyman Dov Hikind will discuss “A Search for Peace: My Recent Trip to Israel” during the

September 10th AKSE Men's Club Sunday Brunch. Elected in 1982, Assemblyman Hikind is known as a strong proponent of the State of Israel. He has led two separate delegations of elected officials and constituents to Israel to show solidarity with the residents of Gush Katif. The free program begins at 10:00 a.m. Come for breakfast at 9:30 a.m. for just \$4 per person. All are welcome!

JFS in Full Fall Swing – The Healing Circle – Holistic Transformation of Mind, Body & Spirit. Led by Rabbi Michael Beals in the Kimmel-Spiller Healing Center of JFS

This informal group welcomes anyone who desires a lift in their day; wishes to replenish their goodwill; or has suffered any loss in their lives. The program offers the perfect complement to a regular health and fitness regimen – incorporating meditation, visualization, deep-breathing exercises, and ancient mystical language.

1st Tuesday of month • 7:00-8:30 p.m. FREE and open to the entire community Call (302) 478-9411 and join the circle today!

Bereavement Group – JFS Kimmel-Spiller Healing Center. 1st & 3rd Tuesday of every month, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Please call (302) 478-9411 to pre-register for this program FREE & open to the entire community

This gathering is intended to help community members acknowledge and work through grief in the loss of a loved one. The first Tuesday group is led by a JFS staff counselor only; the third

Tuesday is led by both Rabbi Sanford Dresin & a JFS staff counselor.

Coming in October: Kutz Home Auxiliary Gala – Mark your calendars and get out your dancing shoes, the Gala is coming. On Saturday, October 21, 2006 the Brandywine Country Club will be the place for a wonderful evening of dancing to the music of The Black Tie Orchestra. The festivities will begin at 7 p.m. Watch the mail for your invitation... be sure to save the date. For more information, call Dorothy Bobman at 610-350-9122 or e-mail dbobman1@aol.com.

Hadassah Host Annual Donor Pledge Event – Back by popular demand, Hadassah's

“Dinner and a Movie” event is slated for Monday, September 18th at Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth at 6:00 pm. Featuring The 2006 Treasurer's Report starring National Treasurer Ruth Hurwitz in her final performance. Pre movie entertainment is “Certificates on the Runway” – A certificate fashion show starring our own Hadassah members. Enjoy a delicious Kosher dinner. Bring your spouse, family, friends, non-Hadassah members also welcome. For more information and RSVP:

Elisa Ley 475-4677 e-mail elisa.ley@comcast.net, or Susan Hoover 764-2653, susan@hoovercs.com

Register Now for Melton's Fall Session – Registration is still open for the Florence Melton Adult Mini-School. First Year classes will be taught in Wilmington on Wednesday mornings and Thursday evenings, and in Newark

on Wednesday afternoons. The two year curriculum, which will begin on September 20th, is Jewish adult education at its best. Register now and become part of the every growing Melton family of students. Call or email Melton Director Lynda Bell at 302-478-5660 lyndabell@siegeljcc.org for details.

A Night at the Races Benefits the JCC – Come out to the Bernard and Ruth Siegel Jewish Community Center on Saturday, September 30, 2006, 7:30 p.m. as Harry's Savoy Grill Presents A Night at the Races. Get ready for an evening of action, which will include an open bar, scrumptious food and wagering on 12 thoroughbred races. The event, a fundraiser for JCC programs and services, will feature fabulous prizes. For information on sponsorship packages and tickets, please contact Wendi Weingartner, (302) 478-5660, ext. 203 or via email at wendiweingartner@siegeljcc.org.

Delaware Community Hebrew School at AKSE is now accepting registrations for the 2006-2007 school year – The school is open to the entire Jewish community, whether or not the family is synagogue affiliated.

The curriculum includes:

- history, customs, and prayer, Hebrew language instruction and a love of Israel;
- experiential education focusing on holidays and mitzvot;
- opportunities for social interaction with other Jewish children;
- instruction tailored to each child's needs;
- experienced and professional Jewish educators;

Registrations are now being accepted for students, ages 5-13. Please contact Gail Weinberg, Educational Director, at 762-2705 or gailberk@comcast.net.

Delaware Gratz offers New Mini Course for College Bound Jewish Teens – Delaware Gratz Hebrew High

School will give the Jewish perspective on leaving home and preparing for college in a new mini course taught by Susan Detwiler, executive director Director and Mike Blum, program director of the Kristol Center for Jewish Life (Hillel) at the University of Delaware and by Rabbi Steven Nathan, new director of Delaware Gratz Hebrew High.

The course will focus on how Judaism can help you and your family prepare for this huge transition and will include discussions on how to look for Jewish life on campus, how to find a school that fits individual needs and personality, and how to cope with the challenges of college life.

Sessions will be held on six Tuesday nights over the year from 7:00 – 8:30 (including pizza dinner). There will be a special session for parents to discuss how they can make the transition too!

Class dates: September 26, October 17, November 14, December 12, February 20, March 20.

Parents' session: April 17. (Course only fee: \$100.00; 1 Gratz credit received)

***Plus a special bonus worth 3 additional Gratz credits ... a limited number of students will be able to participate in a Washington D.C.-Virginia area Jewish College Campus Tour sponsored by the Jewish Community Youth Initiative of Greater Philadelphia. This trip will take place on October 26-30. There is an extra fee of \$400 to participate in the College Tour. **Limited spaces available.** For more information about taking the course and/or participating in the college tour contact Rabbi Steven Nathan, Director of Delaware Gratz at principal@delawaregratz.org or 478-8100. (Trip only fee: \$400. Limited financial assistance available)

LAST MINUTE REGISTRATIONS REMAIN OPEN VIA THE DELAWARE GRATZ WEBSITE: WWW.DELAWAREGRATZ.ORG.

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ings grew more impressive with each bend in the track as steep mountains crowded the path and filled windows on both sides of the train. A rapidly flowing tree-lined stream danced under the tracks from one side of the train to the other. Our speed slowed but offered time to snap some pictures. We climbed, twisted, and slowed a bit more but in the distance, the capital began to appear. Soon after, the Malha station brought the train to its final destination but for us, the adventure continued. Malha Mall is a three story structure with guards at each entrance to inspect bags of those who wish to enter. My own personal

inclination led me directly to a first floor yogurt shop for an iced Vanil, a combination of vanilla yogurt and crushed ice with the consistency of a milk shake. What better preparation could there be for extended window shopping? *A mechayah!*

This vacation was not a carefree experience that Israel frequently provides for tourists due to the military crisis suffered in the north of the country. People tended to listen more closely to hourly news broadcasts for names of someone they knew. On the other hand, it was gratifying to be there and support friends and relatives during their hour of trouble. Hopefully, the peoples of the

entire region will enjoy a period of peace to allow them to resume normal activities.

In case you wish to plan for a future ride on the Malha, Air-port, Haifa, or Beersheva Lines, lots more information about this very comfortable and reasonably priced alternative to intercity travel in Israel is available in English at <http://www.israrail.org.il/english/index.html>, including maps, schedules, and costs. The approximately 90 minute trip from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem will decrease to 45 minutes when service between Modi'in and Jerusalem opens in a year or two. In the meantime, see you on the train. Derech hatzlacha!

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The recent crisis in Israel has left the country's at-risk populations even more vulnerable. NCJW has allocated emergency funds, through our Israel Granting Program, to help ease the trauma of war for hundreds of Israel's women, children, and families. All emergency allocations are coordinated with our *Israel Program Grants* and directly benefit those who are living in the line of fire. The needs are greater than ever. So is our desire to help.

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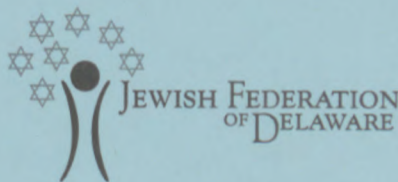
Senator Joseph R. Biden, Jr., is the ranking Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. He has played a pivotal role in shaping U.S. foreign policy for over three decades. The Jewish Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware is delighted to host the Senator during this special community event.

Will the fragile ceasefire hold in this tumultuous Mid-East region where Hezbollah, Hamas and other terrorist factions, backed by Iran and Syria, exert an enormous influence on Israel's future? What can American Jews do to support Israel during this time of crisis?

Find out the answers to these and other questions on September 5th, 8:00 a.m. at the Bernard and Ruth Siegel Jewish Community Center.

Light refreshments will be served.

Please call Karen Venezky, JCRC director, at (302) 427-2100, ext. 19 or email her at karen.venezky@shalomdel.org.





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