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AMERICAN JEWRY MARKS MILESTONE BIRTHDAY

Delaware joins in the celebration

By Lynn B. Edelman
Editor

In 1654, a brave band of 23 Jewish men, women and children fled Recife, Brazil to make new lives in New Amsterdam – the city we now know as New York City. The American Jewish experience is rooted in this historic event.

Over the course of the next 350 years, hundreds of thousands of Jewish émigrés would follow their lead-seeking the freedom to build businesses, educate their children and practice their faith without fear of persecution.

"Celebrate 350: Jewish Life In America" is a national

umbrella organization charged with organizing a full year of special programs, exhibits and activities across the country which will mark this milestone birthday.

The Delaware Jewish community is joining in the festivities on September 9, when The Jewish Historical Society of Delaware joins forces with the Historical Society of Delaware to present "Half a Chance: Stories of Jewish Delawareans." This exhibit of photographs, letters, tools, awards and other memorabilia is designed to spotlight the many ways that Delaware Jews have distinguished themselves as First State and American citizens. The exhibit, supported by the Jewish Federation of Delaware with a generous grant from the Delaware Humanities

Forum, will be on display at the Delaware History Museum, 504 Market Street in Wilmington, through December 31st.

Delaware historian Toni B. Young is one of the principal coordinators of the exhibit, designed to convey a sense of how Jews became part of the fabric of Jewish life in Delaware. According to Young, "this is not meant to be a Hall of Fame, but rather a representative sampling of how Jewish men and women distinguished themselves through their contributions to the service professions, arts and sciences, business, agriculture and the fields of law, medicine and education.

Some 100 Jewish Delawareans will be spotlighted through the artifacts that helped define their lives. Included in the collection will be a replica of the Nobel Prize conferred upon Wilmington's own Danny Nathans, an egg box belonging to Max and Sadie Sydel, an expansion joint from Zallae Brothers, an industrial manufacturing firm and some "special surprises." Visitors to the



A replica of the Nobel Prize received by Danny Nathans.

exhibit will be treated to "lots of never before seen items," promised Young who will be one of the guest speakers during a Wednesday lunchtime series of free programs focusing on various aspects of Jewish life in Delaware. The series will run from October 6-November 10. Check out the full schedule in the Sept. 24th edition of The Jewish Voice.

"Half a Chance: Stories of Jewish Delawareans" will be open to the community Monday through Friday, noon to 4 p.m. and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission is \$4.00 for adults, \$3.00 seniors/students and \$2.00 for children ages 2-18.

For more information call (302) 656-0637 or visit www.hsd.org.

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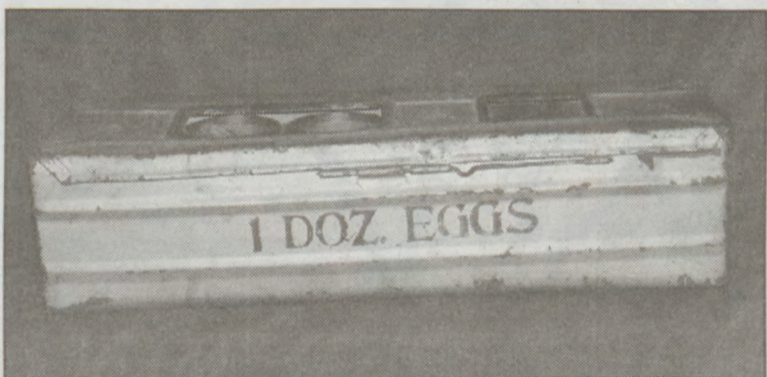
In conjunction with the exhibit at the Delaware History Museum, the Jewish Historical Society is sponsoring the dedication of a plaque on the front of the building at 211 Market Street, Wilmington, symbolizing the founding in the 19th Century of an organized Jewish community in Delaware. Once known as the Morrow Building, it was used by Jews for religious services before the establishment, by Adas Kodesch in 1898, of the State's first structure to be used exclusively as a synagogue. The dedication ceremony will take place at noon on Tuesday, September 28, in front of the building and is open to all who wish to attend.

Arrangements have been made for special bus service from lower Delaware on September 28th. A motorcoach will depart from Milford at 9:15 a.m., stop in Dover for additional passengers and arrive at 211 Market Street, Wilmington, at 11:30 a.m. Following the dedication ceremony, riders will have ample opportunity to enjoy lunch and visit the exhibit.

The return trip will depart from the Delaware History Museum at 3:00 p.m. Bus tickets will cost \$10.00 for seniors and \$15.00 for all others and will include the price of admission to the exhibit.

Since the capacity of the motorcoach is limited to 47 passengers, reservations are advised.

For further information, please contact The Jewish Historical Society at 302-655-6232 or jhsdel@yahoo.com.



The egg box which belonged to Max & Sadie Sydel.

LANDMARK LEGISLATION SIGNED INTO LAW ON AUGUST 5TH!

Photos by Mark Delmerico



House Bill 400-A, landmark legislation which moves Delaware primary elections from a Saturday to a Tuesday, was recently signed into law by Governor Ruth Ann Minner. Joining Governor Minner in the August 5th ceremony is Representative Bob Valihura who co-sponsored the legislation along with Senator Patty Blevins (not pictured) and Senator Liane Sorenson, a staunch supporter of the legislation.



Carole Bakst congratulates Tom McGonigle, lobbyist, who helped move this historic legislation forward. Carole was one of the donor's who financed McGonigle's invaluable services.

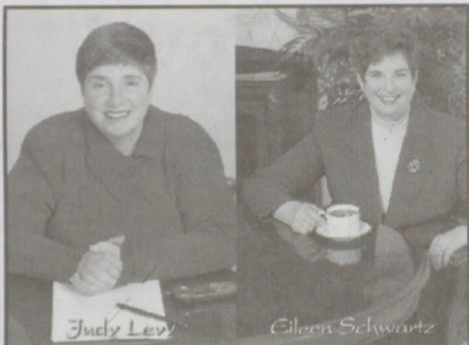
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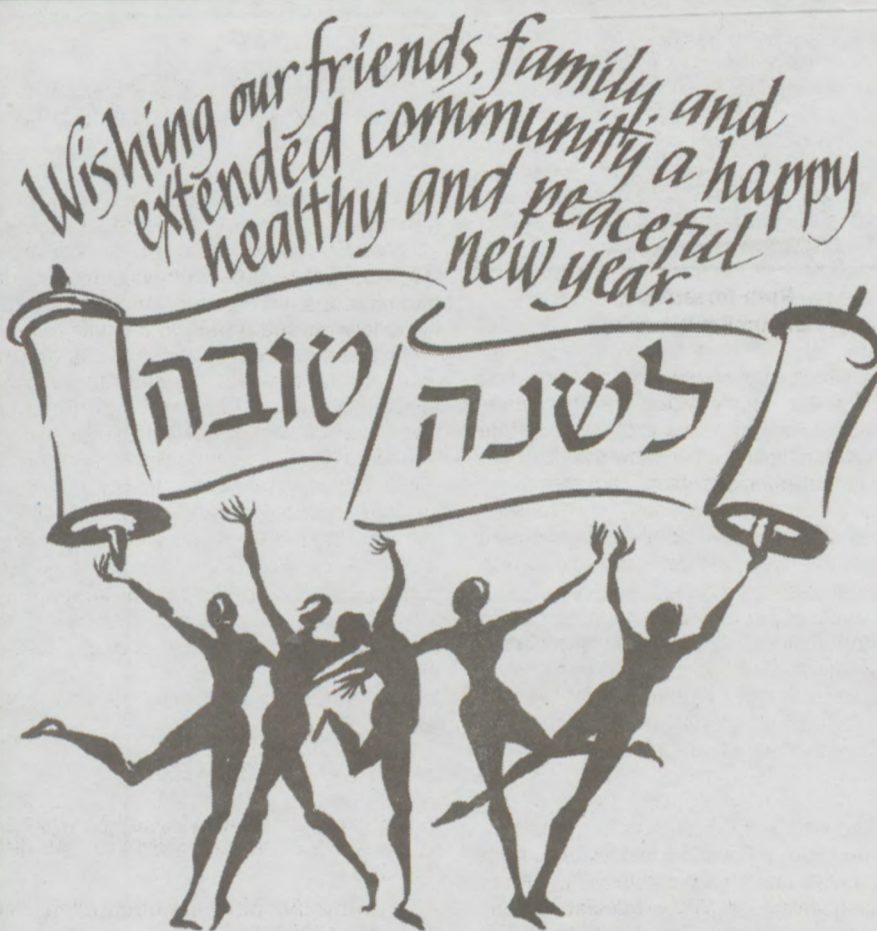


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A time to say Happy Birthday and L' Shana Tova!



Samuel H. Asher
Executive Vice President

Without regret, I look back almost two years ago to my and my family's decision to relocate to Delaware. I recall how difficult a decision it was. However, we were all comforted knowing we were moving to a vibrant Jewish community. When we arrived, we were

met with open arms.

I can't fathom the family discussions among the 23 Jewish refugees who, in 1654, decided life was so perilous in Recife, Brazil that they would move to New Amsterdam. They were not exactly welcomed with open arms. Peter Stuyvesant, governor of the colonies, did his utmost to prevent the Jewish refugees from arriving in the new land. He wrote, "... to give liberty to the Jews will be very detrimental... Giving them liberty, we cannot refuse the Lutherans and Papists!"

But they were allowed to come. They could not possibly conceive that their arrival would herald the onset of what was to become the largest – and possibly the most successful – Jewish diaspora community in history. Despite Stuyvesant's objections, the acceptance of 23 Jews at the insistence of the Dutch-West India Company, set the precedent that religious openness would be the standard for all America for generations to come.

The Jews arrived but with one major condition to their existence in New Amsterdam: they could remain as long as the "poor among them shall not become a burden to the company or to the community, but be supported by their own nation." That is a

covenant, which we, to this day, do not break. We have created a complex system of agencies and organizations – supported by the Jewish Federation and its annual campaign – geared to enhance Jewish life and to provide assistance with dignity to those in need.

The story of Jews in America is a unique and noteworthy chapter in Jewish history and American history. Historian Eli Evans notes that, in this time of world unrest, "America's gift [to the world] is religious freedom and its mirror image, religious tolerance." The Jewish experience in America – with its commitment to the values of freedom, opportunity, religious liberty, equality, and pluralism – is the story of America and American ideals as well.

The upcoming High Holidays mark the 350th anniversary of Jewish life in America and the formal commencement of a nationwide yearlong celebration – Celebrate 350. And the party is coming to Delaware as well. There will be a wide array of activities. A special exhibition celebrating the lives of more than 100 Jewish Delawareans, called *Half a Chance: Stories of Jewish Delawareans*, will commemorate the 350th anniversary of the first Jews settling in America. The exhibit, from September 9 – December 31, 2004 at the Delaware History Museum, is presented

by the Historical Society of Delaware and the Jewish Historical Society of Delaware and sponsored in part by the Delaware Humanities forum and the Jewish Federation of Delaware. On Tuesday September 28, 2004, at Noon, a plaque will be dedicated at 211 Market Street in Wilmington, commemorating the founding of an organized Jewish community in Delaware in the 19th century. In addition, there will be free programs featuring presentations by Major General Sid Shachnow, Toni Young and Yda Schreuder at the Delaware History Museum from October 6 – November 10, 2004.

Twenty-three Jews came to this land 350 years ago and became the benchmark for a new world – one which was built on the ideals of freedom, equality, democracy, religious liberty and religious pluralism. They came and laid the framework for a Jewish community represented by the ideals of communal responsibility, as embodied today in the modern Jewish Federation network. Twenty-three Jews sought the ability to live as Jews, to care for each other, and to create a Jewish legacy for their children and grandchildren.

We are part of their success and we are part of their legacy. So, 350 years later, happy birthday to us and L'Shana Tova.

Saying Shalom!



Ruth Rosenberg
Campaign Director

It is with great pleasure that I write my first article for the Jewish Voice as the Annual Campaign Director. If you are you a regular reader of this column, you know that this is a forum to enlighten, educate and inspire. I hope to continue in that tradition while offering a bit of my own personal experience as a professional, volunteer, wife, mother, daughter, neighbor, friend, etc.

For those of you who don't know me, I offer this short history. I began my association with the Jewish Federation of Delaware as an associate of Waters, Pelton, Ostroff working on the Community Capital Campaign. Under the brilliant direction of Campaign Director, Seth Bloom, the Campaign quickly soared to unprecedented heights surpassing original goals and allowing the community to build for the future with renovation and expansion for all of the Federation's beneficiary agencies. My responsibilities at WPO expanded as I consulted and managed projects beyond JFD. When the Federation's contract with WPO concluded, I was hired by JFD as the Capital Campaign Coordinator and was soon given the opportunity to develop the Community Leadership Institute. (Leadership development is a particular passion for me as demonstrated by my years of experience on the National Board of Directors of Women's American ORT with a primary portfolio of leadership and outreach.) I am now thrilled (real-

ly) to have the opportunity to manage the Annual Campaign. This is a chance to use my skills and personal commitment to *tzedakah* to make a real difference. A job that allows me to grow professionally, work with other outstanding, committed staff and volunteers, see tangible outcomes and to live and work Jewishly is truly a blessing.

Just a bit more about me (which may give you a hint of articles to come)... I grew up in

Northeast Philadelphia and have lived in Delaware for 16 years; my husband, Matt, and I have 2 children who are alums of Albert Einstein Academy. Jennifer, age 16, recently returned from 4 weeks in Israel and Kenny will become a bar mitzvah just after Rosh Hashanah. I love tennis and occasionally moonlight running singles events called Rapid Dating (of all my vocations and avocations, this last one is usually the one that spurs the

most interest).

Enough about me; I'd like to know you too. One of the best parts of this job is the opportunity to meet people who share a passion for helping others and doing mitzvot. I'd like to know why you do what you do for Jews here and abroad. Call me. Let's talk. I look forward to hearing your story. You can reach me at (302) 427-2100 ext. 17 or ruth.rosenberg@shalomdel.org.

Will Power

A personalized Will is of great value. Not only does it provide peace of mind; it prescribes who you want to handle your affairs and who will benefit from your estate. The planning and writing of a Will is both a family obligation and a personal privilege.

In the event we do not have a Will, the court or others will decide for us, often ignoring our important preferences. Deciding not to write a Will results in a lost opportunity to demonstrate our love to those whom we cherish and our devotion to various charitable causes. In other words, our acts during our lifetime become a statement of our faith. Our last act, our Will, serves as a final testimony of our journey in life. We exercise a spiritual privilege - a kind of *Kedushah* - when we plan and write a Will.

We at the Jewish Fund for the Future

have discovered that many of our friends and supporters are quite willing to consider placing the Jewish Federation of Delaware in their estate plans. They believe in our mission and want to invest part of their estate in the future health of our community. Knowing the value of having a Will and being willing to include the Jewish Federation of Delaware is commendable and appreciated, but good intentions alone will fail to bring the peace of mind a good Will can produce. Nor do good intentions lock in a bequest to an organization you care about.

Please think seriously about the benefits of a Will, not only in settling your estate according to your wishes, but in making things easier for loved ones left behind. We at the Jewish Fund for the Future have seen the difference a Will can make. We have witnessed the peace of mind it provides and

the great good a bequest does for our community. Indeed, we depend on estate gifts and endowments to help us serve future generations.

Whatever your reason for making a gift, your gift creates a living legacy. A charitable bequest demonstrates to your children, grandchildren and to the community the values you hold and emphasizes Jewish values. A bequest to the Jewish Federation of Delaware offers you the satisfaction of knowing you're helping to touch the lives of thousands of people in Delaware, Israel and around the world.

Jennifer Young, Endowment and Women's Philanthropy Director, is available to talk with you confidentially about your gift and estate plans. Please call her at 302-427-2100 ext 19 for a complimentary and confidential discussion.

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JCRC Update -

The Israel Project released new national poll

A national poll conducted by Neil Newhouse of Public Opinion Strategies (800 likely voters, margin of error +/- 3.5%) released recently by The Israel Project shows that 67% of likely voters agree that "It is critical that the next President of the United States support Israel, our democratic ally in the Middle East." The poll also showed that 72% of likely voters agree "The Palestinians have been indoctrinated by a generation of anti-Israel and anti-American propagan-

da; they are teaching their children to hate Americans and Jews and to become terrorists." Highly concerned about child incitement, 81% of likely voters agree, "There cannot be peace in the Middle East until the Palestinians stop teaching their children to become terrorists and to hate Israel and America."

When asked "Do you believe that the United States should pressure Israel to tear the fence down and compensate the Palestinians?" fully 67% of likely voters

rejected this notion. Additionally, 64% agree "Israel cannot be expected to negotiate with the Palestinians when the Palestinian leadership has said the ultimate goal is to eliminate Israel."

The Israel Project is a new national non-profit, non-partisan educational organization devoted to ensuring an accurate portrayal of Israel - a democracy where all citizens have freedom of the speech, press, religion and a right to vote.

EDITORIALS AND OPINIONS

EDITORIAL

A prayer for peace in the New year

Elul, one of the holiest months in our Jewish calendar, is upon us. It's a time when many of us turn inward, searching our souls in preparation for the solemn Days of Awe. We reflect on our relationships with family, friends and colleagues, resolve to heal rifts and right wrongs and renew our commitment to living lives infused with purpose and meaning.

During these intense days of spiritual house-cleaning we strive to draw closer to our creator and ask for G-d's strength to make the world a better place for all of its inhabitants. We pray that our country will never again be violated by the despicable acts of terrorism committed on 9-11-2001. We pray that America's leaders set aside partisan politics and embrace a vision that distinguishes us as a true light among nations. We pray that our troops in Iraq,

Afghanistan and other global hotbeds successfully complete their mission and return home safely.

As Jews, we offer an additional prayer – that 5765 be the year that our beloved Israeli brothers and sisters live lives free from the horrors of homicide bombings. May we all honor the memories of the nearly 100 men, women and children whose lives were shattered by the blasts in Be'er Sheva by rededicating our efforts working towards a peaceful solution to the Mid-East violence.

From The Jewish Voice family to yours, L'Shana Tova!

Lynn B. Edelman

Lynn B. Edelman
Editor



Zaka volunteers at Tuesday's double suicide bombs in Beer Sheva, where 15 were killed and over 90 injured.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ADL praises Delaware Jewish community

On behalf of the Eastern Pennsylvania Regional Office of the Anti-Defamation League, I am delighted to congratulate the people of the state of Delaware on the passage of HB 400-A, which moves Delaware's primary election from a Saturday to a Tuesday.

The Anti-Defamation League, founded in 1913, is the world's leading organization to fight anti-Semitism through programs and services that counteract hatred, prejudice

and bigotry. For the past two years the Anti-Defamation League has worked with the Delaware community and its legislators, the Honorable Representative Robert Valihura, the Honorable Senator Patricia Blevins, and the Honorable Governor Ruth Ann Minner, to ensure that the rights of the Jewish citizens of Delaware are not overlooked.

Sincerely,
Barry Morrison
Regional Director

JFS maintains strong Newark presence

While it is regrettable that the Jewish Community Center's Newark facility is closing, Jewish Family Service would like to remind area residents that its presence as an independent agency in Newark continues to grow. JFS now has two full time and three part time counselors at The Relationship Center at 288 East Main Street. Each counselor is licensed, having earned at minimum a Master's Degree of Social Work or Clinical Counseling. They are available by appointment to provide a full range of professional counseling services to adolescents, adults, couples, and families. JFS's counseling

services are reimbursed by most insurance companies and employee assistance programs. Sliding fee scales are offered when requested.

Since the opening of The Relationship Center in 2000, JFS has served hundreds of individuals and families throughout the Newark area. We look forward to continued service to the community. For information, please call 302-478-9411 or 302-286-1402.

Sincerely,
Dory Zatuchni
Executive Director

Reader fears Jerusalem Gay Rights Parade may spark Arab violence

I was horrified to read in The Jewish Voice (July 30, 2004) that Jerusalem has been chosen (by whom?) to host an international gay rights parade, World Pride, next year with delegations coming from all over the world.

Are these people completely crazy? Israel has problems enough without having to cope with "an international gay rights parade" in the flash point of Jerusalem with suicide bombers and religious extremists in the immediate vicinity. It is like waving a red flag to a bull.

While lauding Israeli tolerance towards Palestinian runaways who practice homosexual prostitution your article failed to address the very real problem of HIV/Aids and the inevitable contamination of the Israeli population which must follow.

Israel has enough of serious problems without having to deal with a bunch of self-centered people who insist on making their sexual orientation an overriding world issue.

Lionel Clingman
Wilmington

Join the Jewish War Vets

The Jewish War Veterans of the United States, Department of Delaware invites all area veterans to join our organization. Be a part of the JWV-the nation's oldest veteran's organization with more than 600 posts across the country. Our Post has a long and honored tradition of service to both our nation and our community. We also sponsor monthly meetings featuring breakfast and an interesting speaker, social affairs and several trips and other activities that build friendships.

Many of our members are aging and our ranks are diminishing. We need new members to help our organization continue its ability to serve. Non-veterans are also invited to participate as patrons.

For information about membership, please call me at 302-234-4192.

From my family to yours, La Shana Tovah!

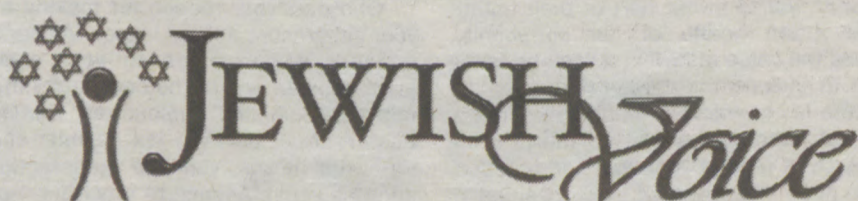
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*L'Shana Tova –
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EDITORIALS AND OPINIONS

Tzedakah...Perhaps YOUR Theme for the New Year

A Message and Greeting for the New Year from the Rabbinical Association of Delaware Rabbi Peter H. Grumbacher, Chair

The front page of a recent issue of *The Jewish Voice* mentioned the tenth anniversary of the bombing of AMIA, the community building for the Jews of Buenos Aires. Having spent three weeks in Argentina including a visit to the site as well as some time with Jews of that South American nation, I can tell you that the impact of that event still lives within their very souls. It's not only the deaths of the innocent, the realization that the Jews are very vulnerable, nor the destruction of brick and stone that has touched our sisters and brothers, but the

fact that justice has not been met. At the tenth anniversary gathering, Argentina's president spoke in person — a positive sign indeed — but until the perpetrators are brought to justice his words will only be vapor.

"Justice"...that's the key word. We all know the Hebrew word *tzedakah*. It doesn't mean "charity" as some believe for the implications of that word aren't really a part of Jewish tradition. *Tzedakah* means "justice" in that rich and poor, powerful and not, have the obligation — yes, the obligation — to help others. *Tzedek, tzedek tirdof...* "Justice, justice shall you pursue," says the Torah. It means justice with respect to how we respond to others; it means justice with respect to matters of law.

While we found out that justice is being delayed and denied regarding AMIA's bombing, we also found out that its other meaning is in full bloom. Especially because of Argentina's terrible financial crisis, many in the Jewish community as well as her other citizens are in deep trouble. The synagogues and other institutions have developed a remarkable social service structure. There are meals for the hungry; there are medical/dental/optical clinics; there is a food bank and a clothing bank...and every single day scores of people are being helped, some of whom in fact were once generous donors themselves, folks who now find themselves in need, in crisis. The stories we heard brought us to tears, but the work of volunteers — many volunteers — made us realize

how much hope there was, and how *tzedakah* was being lived each and every day.

We in Delaware's Jewish community know our share of generosity and have our share of the willing who spend a lot of time helping others. Thankfully we don't have the *tzoris* of our sisters and brothers in Argentina and elsewhere. I would hope — and I know my colleagues of the R.A.D. join me — that you think about what you are doing with your hands and your hearts, and with your financial capabilities to make *tzedakah* an ongoing theme so as to teach your children and grandchildren by deed that you understand the obligation of the Torah...*tzedek, tzedek tirdof*.

May each of you have a new year filled with joy, with health and with peace.

Learning Oslo's lessons

By Dennis Ross

Nobody spent more time with Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat during the years of the Oslo peace process than I did.

Why didn't I see that he was incapable of ending the conflict with Israel? Certainly there were those who claimed he could not be trusted and would never make peace. Why did I think differently?

Throughout the Oslo process I repeatedly asked myself if Arafat was a real partner. There always were reasons to question his credibility.

Initially, he would try to deny Palestinian responsibility for terrorist attacks in Israel, even when groups like Hamas were claiming credit for those acts.

To accept responsibility meant Arafat would have had to take action against Hamas or Islamic Jihad — and he sought, he said, to divide them rather than confront them.

That was neither acceptable to the Clinton administration nor to Israel's then-prime minister, Yitzhak Rabin. So Arafat began to make arrests in wide sweeps throughout 1994, but those arrested typically were released after outrage over the attack subsided.

Beginning in 1995, after a double suicide bombing that killed 20 Israeli soldiers hitch-hiking at a bus stop at Beit Lid, Rabin asked me to tell Arafat that if he did not act against the groups responsible for the attack, Israel would.

For a time, Arafat became more serious, and Rabin was impressed with the steps he took. That partly explains why Arafat was taken seriously as a partner: From time to time, he did act against Hamas and Islamic Jihad.

But that's only part of the explanation. Just as important, Arafat was the leader of the Palestinians and the very symbol of the

Palestinian cause, a symbolism he sought to preserve at all costs.

Moreover, it was Arafat who had signed the Oslo deal and recognized Israel, receiving assassination threats from a number of rejectionist Palestinian groups.

Indeed, both we and the Israelis warned of assassination plots against him, and even provided training for Arafat's personal security guards.

Beyond his periodic crackdowns on terror, Arafat did conclude five limited interim peace deals with Israel. He always followed the same negotiating pattern: He would hold out until the last possible moment, and then, when it was clear that further delays might cost him any gains, he would conclude the deal.

Whether it was the first Gaza-Jericho agreement or the deal at the end of eight days of summitry at Wye River Plantation, Arafat's style was always the same: satisfy himself that he could not do better, then conclude the agreement.

While his style was maddening, every time I would tell those closest to him — Mahmoud Abbas, Ahmed Qurei, Mohammed Dahlan or Saeb Erekat — that I had had enough and saw no point in continuing to deal with Arafat, they would tell me that only Arafat had the moral authority among the Palestinians to make concessions on the existential issues of Jerusalem, borders and refugees.

They realized that they couldn't make the necessary compromises on these issues — but they believed that at the moment of truth, Arafat would do so.

Those closest to Arafat, who had lived for years with his lies, equivocations and outright betrayals, still believed that he had crossed the

Rubicon with the Oslo process and would — when he had satisfied himself that he had gotten all he could — make the tough decisions and end the conflict with Israel.

But his closest colleagues were wrong. Like us and many Israelis, they were wrong in believing that Yasser Arafat could end the conflict.

None of us ultimately understood that the "cause" defined Arafat; he could not live without it and the struggle that it embodied.

Arafat could conclude limited agreements because they did not require him to surrender the cause or his claims or his grievances. He could accept limited understandings because they didn't require him to make irrevocable commitments — and Yasser Arafat has never made an irrevocable commitment to anyone, and never will.

He will never close the door on any option or foreclose the possibility of preserving a one-state solution — that is to say, not independent and adjacent Israeli and Palestinian states, but a single state over all of historic Palestine.

With Arafat, a *modus vivendi* is possible, but peace is not.

As I reflect on the past, I doubt that we could have created a moment of truth to discover this earlier. When we presented the Clinton ideas in December 2000, it was unmistakably the moment of truth.

Consider that the Clinton ideas were the best we could conceivably offer, and that we were out of time, with Clinton due to leave office just four weeks later.

Consider too that Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak was likely to lose the upcoming Israeli election if there were no agreement, and everything that was on the table for the Palestinians — 100 percent of the Gaza Strip and roughly 97 percent of the West Bank, the Arab neighborhoods of eastern Jerusalem, independent borders with Egypt and Jordan, an international security presence, a "right of return" for refugees to their state but not to Israel, and \$30 billion in compensation and assistance for refugees choosing not to return to the State of Palestine — would all be lost.

Arafat knew this — yet still he said no. He failed the test.

But if we could not have created a moment of truth earlier, is it fair to say there was no other way to test Arafat? Clearly there were other ways to do so, and as I think about the lessons that need to be drawn, several come to mind.

First, it should have been made clear to Arafat that we would not deal with him if he failed to delegitimize terrorism. In fact, he never did so.

He formally renounced terrorism as a condition for gaining Israeli recognition, but that renunciation meant little when he continued — and still continues — to glorify as martyrs those who carried out acts of violence against Israelis.

Second, we should have created conditions for our involvement in permanent-status negotiations. We should have insisted that Arafat had to prepare his public for compromise by declar-

ing that neither the Palestinians nor Israelis would get 100 percent of what they wanted on Jerusalem, borders and refugees.

In that way, he would have made clear that compromise was legitimate and necessary. His unwillingness to do this — which we would have discovered earlier had we pressed the issue — would have told us that he could not settle the conflict.

Knowing this, we could have altered our strategy and aimed not to settle the conflict but to contain it and prevent a war until Arafat passed from the scene.

In truth, this was a condition that we should have imposed on both sides. Preparing publics for compromise was a necessary part of peacemaking, and we simply did not insist on it enough.

Similarly, we did not do what was necessary with each side to create people-to-people ties. There was an annex in the 1995 interim agreement on building such relations, but it was given short shrift — and when Arafat resisted doing much on it, neither we nor the Israelis made an issue of it.

That was a mistake: People-to-people ties would have made it easier for each side to compromise and would have made it much more difficult to demonize the other.

Ultimately, responsibility must be the hallmark of any process of peacemaking. Palestinians and Israelis must be accountable for the commitments they make. One failing of the Oslo process was that neither side was held to its obligations.

Since 2001, there has been no peace process, only a war between Israelis and Palestinians. Given that legacy and the lack of belief in peacemaking, the first order of business must be stopping the war.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's decision to withdraw from the Gaza Strip has created an opening to unfreeze the situation. It certainly is creating great ferment among Palestinians as they wrestle with how they will govern themselves, at least within the Gaza Strip.

We will need to be much more active in shaping diplomacy — ours, the Egyptians' and the Europeans' — so that the Palestinians see the cost of not assuming real responsibilities, including security responsibilities, in the areas from which Israel withdraws.

Should we succeed in getting the Palestinians to establish a rule of law and good governance, something Palestinians themselves are now demanding, we may be able to construct a way station to peace.

That way station would provide the essential prerequisites for getting back to peacemaking: freedom for Israelis from the threat of daily terrorism, and freedom for the Palestinians from Israeli control.

(Dennis Ross, Ziegler Fellow at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, was President Clinton's envoy to the Middle East. His new book, *The Missing Peace*, published in August by Farrar, Straus and Giroux, is now available in bookstores.)

Federation president condemns Be'er Sheva bombing

The Jewish Federation of Delaware condemns the brutal murder of at least 15 Israelis, and the wounding of more than 90 others, by Palestinian suicide bombers who carried out their terror attacks on two commuter buses in Be'er Sheva.

"Once again, the North American Jewish community mourns those lost in tragic and senseless and barbaric attacks, and prays for those who were injured, many of them critically," said Barry Kayne, President of the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

The attacks, claimed by the Palestinian terrorist organization Hamas, occurred when suicide bombers exploded their charges on two buses shortly after their departure from the central bus station in the southern Israeli city. The buses were destroyed about 100 yards from each other near a busy intersection.

This time our Jewish Agency family took

a direct hit. We knew three of those killed very well.

Karine Malka was a 23 year old employee of the Jewish Agency's Absorption Center, killed on her way to work.

Takala Tiluant aged 33, the mother of six children, came to Israel 15 months ago from Ethiopia and was about to leave the Be'er Sheva Absorption Center to the family's new home in Rishon LeTzion.

Tatiana Kortashenko aged 49, came on Aliyah from the Ukraine in year 2000 and was employed by the Jewish Agency in our Be'er Sheva office.

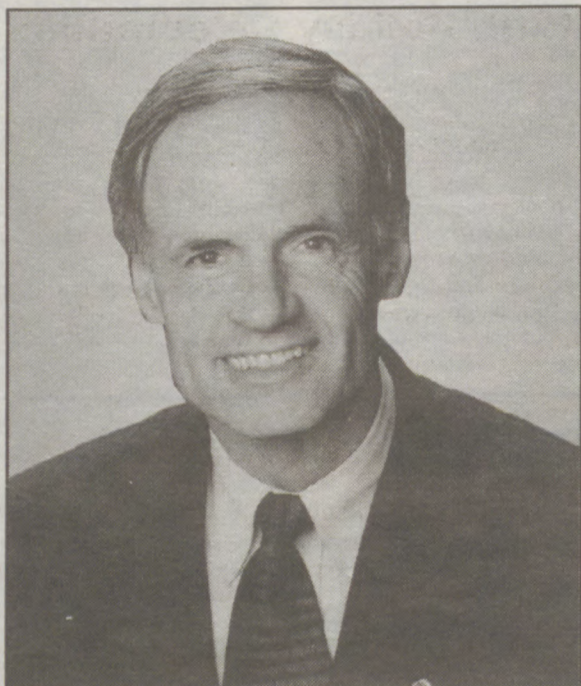
At this time, it appears that another 7 of those killed are new immigrants brought by all of us to Israel.

And even today, 24 hours later, not all those killed have been identified.

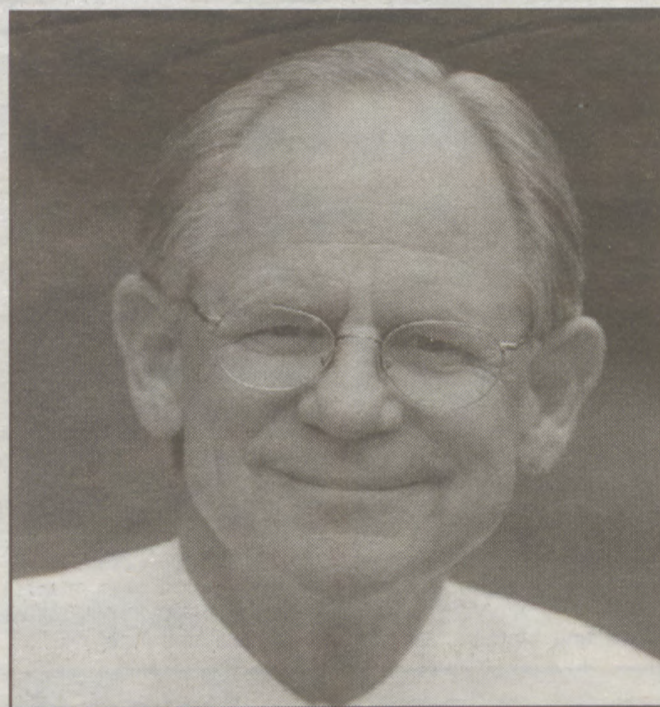
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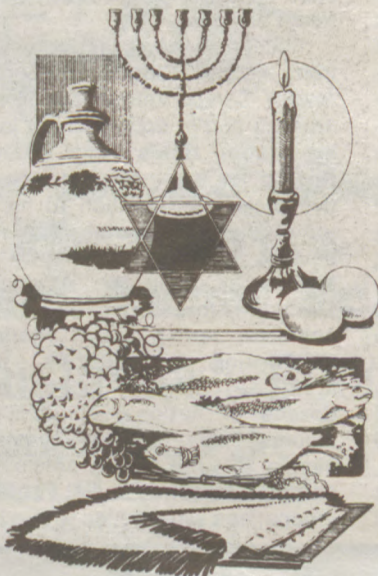
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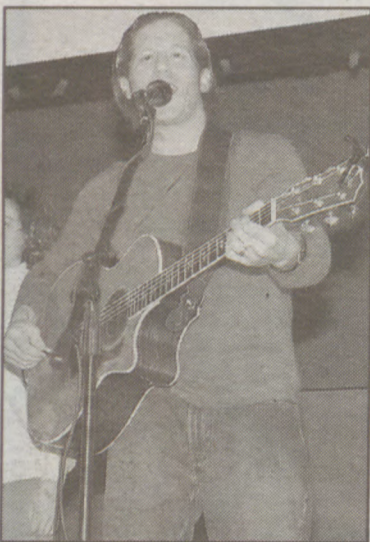
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9/11 Tribute Selihot Service featuring Rick Recht



Rick Recht

Rick Recht of St. Louis, MO will join Rabbi Michael Beals and Hazzan G. Michael Horwitz along with the Beth Shalom Adult Choir in a special Selihot service at Congregation Beth Shalom on Saturday evening Sept. 11th at 8:00 pm. The Selihot penitential prayers kick off the High Holiday season and this year a unique service will include themes of gratitude, remembering loved ones, and a special tribute on this the third anniversary of the terrible acts of terror in the United States on 9/11. Recht will introduce a message of hope with congregational singing for Jews of all ages into the traditional Selihot prayers.

Rick Recht is among the top-touring Jewish musicians as he

does over 125 concerts a year in the United States and abroad. Recht is widely recognized for his appeal to family audiences not only as an exceptional musician, singer/songwriter, and entertainer, but as a role model for involvement in Jewish life. Recht has continued to elevate the medium of Jewish music as a powerful and effective tool for developing Jewish pride and identity among the masses. "We have the opportunity to constantly change things up and do what it takes to inspire Jews and make them feel connected to each other and their Jewish heritage. Only in the Jewish world could we experience our wonderful variety of creativity, spirituality, and interaction and the Selihot service in Wilmington with

Congregation Beth Shalom will be another great way to reach out," Recht said.

Recht will have just returned from his 5th summer of touring Jewish Camps throughout North America and is excited about joining Rabbi Beals and Hazzan Horwitz for this new and innovative project. In addition to his 4 top selling CD's, Recht has earned several prestigious songwriting awards including the American Zionist Movement and the American Jewish Music Festival songwriting competitions. His liturgical creations appear on dozens of national compilation albums and he has been commissioned to write theme songs for camps, Jewish special-interest groups, and synagogues where his

original music appears in services and songbooks. Recht is known for regularly featuring local musicians on stage with his band during religious services and Selihot will be no exception.

Recht did a concert at the JCC of Wilmington back in February co-sponsored by the JCC and Congregation Beth Shalom in which over 400 people attended. "I am thrilled with the opportunity to bring Rick back to Wilmington for a different kind of program. Our Selihot service will prepare Jews to enter the High Holiday season with a renewed sense of belonging while inspiring hope for a peaceful world and future for all of us," Hazzan Horwitz stated. The Selihot service is open to all in the community and is free.

Hillel honors U of D student

Zehava Vitberg, a junior at the University of Delaware, received the Philip and Susan Rudd Cohen Student Exemplar of Excellence award from Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life. She was honored along with five other winners at Hillel's 2004 Charles Schusterman International Student Leaders Assembly in Honesdale, Pa., last week.

"Zehava represents the bright future of the Jewish people worldwide," Hillel President Avraham

Infeld said. "The leadership skills she has developed through Hillel will benefit her community for years to come."

As outreach chair, Vitberg energized Hillel at the University of Delaware, greeting new students at Shabbat services and programs and regularly bringing in freshmen to participate in Hillel activities. Impressed by her welcoming spirit, the Hillel staff entrusted her to co-chair Freshman Fest, a three-day pre-orientation program for Jewish

freshmen. The program was overwhelmingly successful with almost 60 participants, most of whom have remained active in Hillel. Vitberg became Hillel student board president soon afterward and continues working with the student board to help it thrive.

"Much of the recent change and success at Hillel at the University of Delaware would not have occurred without Zehava," Executive Director Susan Detwiler said. "There is nobody I can think

of who would deserve this honor more."

The other recipients are Corey Helfand, St. Louis Hillel at Washington University; Shani Karni, Hillel at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Fabio Messer, Hillel Rio de Janeiro; Biana Shilshtut, North Dakota State University Hillel; and Andrew Woods, Hillel at the College of Charleston.

The largest Jewish campus organization in the world, Hillel:

The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life is committed to creatively empowering and engaging Jewish students through its network of more than 500 campus Foundations, Program Centers and affiliates. Its long-standing dedication to building Jewish identity, while nurturing intellectual and spiritual growth in a pluralistic community, positions Hillel as a leader in building a stronger Jewish people and stronger Jewish future.

Community Hebrew HS heads gather at Brandeis Conference

Marlene C. Milunsky of Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School attended a conference at Brandeis University (Waltham, Mass.) of heads of supplemental community Hebrew high schools from across North America. The event was convened July 13-15 by Brandeis's Institute for Informal Jewish Education (IJE). Milunsky was one of twenty-five school heads who gathered to advance their field and form a professional network. Community Hebrew high schools provide a comprehensive Jewish studies curriculum to high school students from across a community.

For those Jewish teens not attending day schools, community Hebrew high schools offer a serious and continuous Jewish learning experience. These schools also function as youth communities, offering many informal learning and social opportunities.

At the Brandeis conference, school heads learned about new models of curriculum development, marketing their schools to enhance recruitment efforts, writing effective grant proposals and using evaluation in developing their programs. They also had opportunities to share curricula, discuss Israel education and

consider new information about teenagers and Jewish identity with experts from the IJE, Brandeis faculty and Boston area business consultants. The school heads also took advantage of the chance to meet each other, share experiences and begin plans for a professional network. The next conference will be held in July 2005. More information is available at www.brandeis.edu/ije.

Support for the Community Hebrew High Schools project at Brandeis University has been generously provided by the Legacy Heritage Fund, Ltd.

"Introduction to Judaism" classes offered

Once again the rabbis of the community are offering "Introduction to Judaism" classes for those considering choosing Judaism. These classes begin with an orientation program on Tuesday, September 21st at which time Rabbi Michael Beals, incoming spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Shalom in Wilmington, Rabbi Peter Grumbacher of Beth Emeth in Wilmington, and Rabbi David Kaplan of Temple Beth El in Newark, will explain the curriculum and requirements of this program which has been an integral part of the community for well over twenty years.

Classes include, but are not limited to, Basic Beliefs, Comparative Religion, Liturgy and History and run from after the Holydays into the spring. Graduates receive a "diploma" indicating their completion of the program. If they choose to continue towards conversion they pursue private instruction with their sponsoring rabbi. **Everyone registering for the program must have a sponsoring rabbi** so it is suggested that interested persons contact one of the rabbis before the orientation.

Rabbi Kaplan can be reached at 366-8330 and Rabbi Grumbacher at 764-2393.

Israel Bonds launches 2004 High Holy Day appeals

Responding to an urgent request for support from Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, State of Israel Bonds has mounted an ambitious campaign in North American synagogues in an effort to exceed the record \$112.8 million in bond purchases made during its 2003 High Holy Day appeals.

"At this critical moment in our history, Israel needs your support more than ever," Sharon said in a message to the Israel Bonds Organization.

"Only a strong Israel can search for a genuine and lasting peace, defend itself against the ruthless terrorists intent on destroying the Jewish state, and remain a safe and secure homeland for the Jewish people," he said.

Israel Bonds President and CEO Joshua Matza said: "Since Israel

Bonds came into existence in 1951, synagogues have been a vital and integral part of its campaign to strengthen Israel's economy.

"This year, Israel continues to ask for this dependable source of support," Matza said. "The High Holy Days, a time when Jews renew their commitment to their faith and heritage, are also a time for them to demonstrate their solidarity with Israel through their Israel Bonds investments."

State of Israel Bonds is an international organization offering securities issued by the Israeli government. Since the first bond was sold in 1951, Israel Bonds has secured \$25 billion in investment capital and Israel has made every payment of principal and interest on time and in full.

JCRC/Hadassah candidate forum Sept. 20 at the JCC

The JCRC of Delaware and Hadassah will co-sponsor a candidates' forum 7:00-9:00PM on Monday, September 20, 2004, at the JCC on Garden of Eden Road. Candidates for state-wide offices, including Governor, Lt. Governor, US Representative to Congress and State Insurance Commissioner, will present their views and answer questions in a moderated debate format.

As of press time, we have confirmations from Governor Ruth Ann Minner, Bill Lee, Lt. Governor John

Carney, Jim Ursomarso, Congressman Mike Castle, Paul Donnelly, and David Ennis.

As last year, the moderator will be Harvey Rubenstein. Each candidate will have two minutes to make an opening statement, one minute to respond to audience questions and three minutes for closing remarks. JCRC/Hadassah volunteers will be circulating throughout the audience to collect and collate your questions for Harvey to deliver to the candidates.

Following the forum, light

refreshments will be served to allow the community to talk personally with the candidates from 9:00PM to 9:30PM.

Please plan on attending to learn more about the thinking and policies of our future elected officials. Doors open at 6:30PM, but given the popularity of this event in previous years, you should plan on arriving early to get a good seat.

For more information, contact Jack Zigon, Director JCRC, 302-427-2100 X 30 or by email at jack.zigon@shalomdel.org.

Beth El Sisterhood kicks off new year

Temple Beth El Sisterhood in Newark kicks off its 2004-2005 program year with a "Getting to Know You" program on Sunday, September 19th at 9:30 a.m. Enjoy spirited conversation, music, speakers

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Marion Hamermesh
Site Director, Florence Melton
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sense of their tradition in light of what they have already learned by living. Let this learning create a context for understanding the life already lived.

The Florence Melton Adult Mini-School promotes Jewish literacy. Achieving competence in implementing Jewish practices and feeling good about one's connection to Judaism may be important goals of Jewish education but the main focus of the Melton curriculum is to promote Jewish literacy. Melton students graduate with an increased ability to navigate the sources and become more confident and better able to think about and discuss the complexities of Jewish life - its history, rituals, purposes and meaning.

The Melton School is a project of the Hebrew University of

Jerusalem. Melton educators work with University experts to develop and standardize a two-year curriculum that is in use in over 60 communities around the world. Our Melton site uses this curriculum and is connected to an international network of Melton professionals who share generously their expertise and advice about running a school, teaching adults, and the ancient and current issues concerning the Jewish people.

The curriculum is designed for adults, it is explicitly pluralistic in its focus and there are no exams and no grades. Classes are taught by professional Jewish educators and Rabbis who bring a great depth of knowledge and experience teaching adults to their positions with Melton, Delaware. It is a two year course of study compris-

ing four one-hour classes - two each year for 30 weeks a year.

The first-year courses are Purposes of Jewish Living which explores big ideas such as creation, revelation, miracles, sin and redemption and Rhythms of Jewish Living which is a study of the central ideas and beliefs behind the symbols, rituals, and life-cycle events that define the daily and cyclical experiences of being Jewish.

The second-year courses are Ethics of Jewish Living which examines Jewish texts about timely issues of right and wrong, justice and community, and life and death while Dramas of Jewish Living Throughout the Ages is an exploration of the long and dramatic history of our people.

Learn more about the Florence

Melton Adult Mini-School at a one-hour sample lesson at the Bernard and Ruth Siegel JCC on Wednesday morning September 22 at 9:15 or Thursday evening September 23 at 7:00.

Classes begin on October 13/14 and run for thirty weeks. Choose from Wednesday mornings from 9:15 to 11:30 a.m. or Thursday evenings from 7:00 - 9:15 p.m. Tuition is \$450/year, only \$15/week! Thursday evening classes will be held at the JCC but due to space limitations caused by an abundance of wonderful programming at the JCC, Wednesday morning classes will be held this year at Beth Shalom. For more information or to request a registration form, please contact Marion Hamermesh at (302) 478-5660 x. 201 or melton@jccdelaware.org.

BBYO – The place to be for Delaware youth

By Adam Asher
Special to the Jewish Voice

At the end of it all, I find that there are two things that stick out most in my mind about my BBYO experience, the friends and the Havdallah services. For the past two years, I have devoted a large portion of my time to The B'nai Brith Youth Organization, an international youth led organization for Jewish teens like me, looking to meet new people, have some fun, and maybe learn a few things.

Our region is known for our special Havdallah service. It's has all the elements of a normal Havdallah; The spices, the candles, everything is there, but there is something more that the Central Region East (CRE) added to the service to make it ours. Candles lit all around, teenagers sitting in a big circle with arms around each other, and of course music. This is what you might see at one of our services, and that is what made our Havdallah services so special. Sitting there with your best friends, everyone connected, sharing the music and the moment with every-

one in a meaningful, spiritual service.

Every song we played from traditional songs such as "Shavua Tov" to Pink Floyd's "Wish You Were Here" touched everyone on another level. That is what BBYO did for me; it touched me on another level as a teenager, as well as a Jew.

In August of 2002, I entered my new school for the first time, scared and alone, after having just moved to Wilmington. Not many people really talked to me, and I soon realized that by junior year in high school, most people had already formed cliques and weren't very open to new kids.

About a week or two after school had started, that all changed. I was at the house of a family friend for a Rosh Hashanah dinner, when someone approached me and told me about BBYO. "7:00 at the JCC youth lounge," he told me, adding, "there will be all sorts of cool kids there, trust me, it will be fun."

I didn't really know what to think, I was hesitant to go to another new place where no one knew

me. Once I thought about it, I figured that I had nothing to lose, so I went.

It was September 11, 2002. One year after the attacks in New York, and there I was, walking into a new chapter in my life. I walked into a room full of boys (BBYO is divided into AZA, the boys, and BBG, the girls) People introduced themselves immediately, and acted as if we had been friends for years. I sat down in a seat that was clearly meant for someone of smaller proportions than I, and the meeting began. After the opening rituals, we went through some pretty general stuff, upcoming events and things that needed to be shared about past events, followed by a heart to heart talk about how we've all been since the attacks.

The whole experience drew me very close to the people who, only an hour or two ago, were strangers to me. I was hooked on BBYO.

I went to every meeting I could after that. Meetings led to conventions, conventions led to even more strangers who became friends within hours. I couldn't get

enough. I met people with similar interests, I met people with different interests, but we all shared one common bond. BBYO connected us all as Jewish teenagers.

At the end of my first year, I had learned so many new things from BBYO. I learned from the speakers we had at conventions about my religion and the world around me as well as a few things about myself. I decided to make my contribution to my AZA chapter. For my senior year, I served as Mazkir (secretary in charge of communications) for the boys of Wilmington AZA.

I helped plan a major convention held here in Wilmington, as well as a large inter-city program in which people came from all over the region (Delaware, south eastern PA, and Binghamton NY) to participate in a dance, and basketball tournaments that went from Midnight - 3 a.m.

Before I knew it, the year had flown by, the seasons had changed, and it was the end of May, which meant the final convention. Held at Camp Greenlane in

Pennsylvania, my last BBYO convention entailed more than just the usual services and planned activities and speakers. At this convention, it was all about those of us who were to leave BBYO behind.

We had our final Havdallah, which left many of us in tears, the "lives" ceremony was held in which those of us who were leaving had a chance to pass down our wisdom, and finally, we had our last good-byes.

As the busses took off from Camp Greenlane, I couldn't help but think about what BBYO had done to me. It restored my confidence, it brought me new friends, it taught me about my religion and my heritage, and most importantly, it taught me a lot about myself, a proud Jewish teenager. BBYO was an incredible learning experience that has left me with memories to last a lifetime.

If you would like more information on BBYO and how to join please contact Bes Davis (BBG president) at 888-1991 or Oren Schragger (AZA president) at 654-3340.

AKSE to honor Weinglass, Cohen on Rosh Hashanah

By Mark Wagman
Special to The Jewish Voice

Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth Congregation will recognize **Eleanor Weinglass** and **Eileen Cohen** with special honors on Rosh Hashanah. The endowed honor program, now in its fourteenth consecutive year, honors "pillars" of the congregation who have worked tirelessly for the benefit of the Shul and community. At Rosh Hashanah services, there will be a testimonial and the presentation of a certificate of honor to each honoree. Eleanor will be honored on the first day of Rosh Hashanah; Eileen, on the second day.

Eleanor and Eileen have each played a key role in enhancing AKSE's reputation as a place for learning and growth. Eleanor, a professional educator, has been Vice President of Education for most of the last decade. Eleanor and her committee plan and implement an innovative adult education program year after year. Events include

trips, talks by clergy, congregants, and visiting scholars, short courses, and Shabbatons. Innovations have included a cholent lunch with storytelling and a crash course in Hebrew. Every Shabbat morning, Eleanor may be found in the Library teaching Hebrew. One outgrowth of this activity was AKSE's first adult Bat Mitzvah. Eleanor is also AKSE's representative to the joint AKSE-CBS Talmud Torah and a leader in the Women's Tefillah Group.

Eileen chairs the AKSE Library Committee. She was involved in a library beautification project and is now leading a thorough updating and automating of the library collection. She has also been active in adult education and can often be seen videotaping lectures; these tapes enhance the library video collection. One year she was co-Vice President with Eleanor; together they implemented a unique series of lectures on each of the Ten Commandments. Recently she

managed and funded a project to build an adjustable height shulchan for the Women's Tefillah group. Eileen has also been involved with

Sisterhood, the dance and choral groups, and the Chaverot teenage girls' group and considers AKSE to be her "home away from home."

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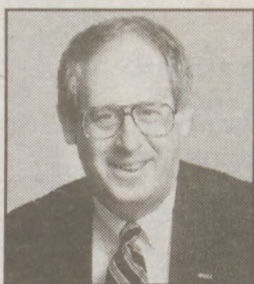
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INSIDE DELAWARE

Delaware goes to Israel

By Rina Wagman

There are no words to describe the feeling that you get when you walk off an airplane at Ben Gurion Airport. You think to yourself, "Wow! I'm standing in Israel, the place our forefathers stood so many years ago." As hard as it is to believe, it's true. Each and every place in Israel has so many stories and so much history behind it. All of the bible stories they've been drilling into your head since you were little happened right there, right on the very ground on which you are standing.

Recently, I returned from a three-week trip in Israel cosponsored by BBYO and Oranim. I will never forget the first thing the director of Oranim said to us when we arrived at our hotel in Jerusalem. He looked around the room and then in his strong, assertive voice he announced, "Welcome home!" Now you may wonder how one is home when staying in a hotel in the middle of a foreign country thousands of miles away from family and friends; but let me tell you, when you're in Israel it really does feel like you are home. Nowhere else in the world are there more Jewish people than that of any other denomination. Sadly, this is virtually the only place where you can scream, "I'm a Jew!" in the middle of the street and feel totally safe.

We spent the whole first week of our trip in Jerusalem. Our first day was spent in the Old City, touring the Jewish Quarter and visiting the Western Wall. Being my third time in Israel, I had seen it all before, but seeing the faces with tears in their eyes and hearing the excitement of some of the participants when they saw the Western Wall for the first time brought tears to my eyes. However, even the third time around, praying at the Western Wall really feels like you are praying directly to G-d. I don't think that there is any other place in the world where people feel such a connection.

On the third day of our trip we put touring on hold for a day of community service. We went to a place called the Israel National Therapeutic Riding Association. At this amazing site overlooking the Mediterranean Sea, the "Mitzvah Horses", as they are called, help to heal people with either physical or mental disabilities. The movement of the horse's body can teach some-



Delawareans Jen Rosenberg (left) and Rina Wagman (right) watching the sunrise on Masada Rina with Abby Siegel of Alabama at the Kotel.



one who was once in a wheelchair how to walk again. For some who were perhaps victims of terror, riding the horses can be an escape, the only time they can find peace of mind. We helped out by cleaning the stables, painting fences, clearing the beach of garbage, and much more. As important as it is to donate money to charity, this type of tzedakah gives you even more of a feeling that you are actually helping people.

We spent most of our second week in the Galilee. On our way there from Jerusalem, we stopped in the Druze village of Ossafia for lunch and home hospitality. Over massive amounts of food shared by every five people, a Druze man told us about his religion and beliefs. That night we stayed at a kibbutz in the Western Galilee where a Kibbutznick talked to us about life on a kibbutz. He told us that the kibbutz members must go against human nature, sharing everything they have and working for the benefit of the community rather than themselves, in order for a kibbutz to work. A few days later, we spent the day in the Sea of Galilee with water sports such as banana boat rides. This was a very enjoyable day.

On the second weekend of our trip, participants with family or friends in Israel were allowed to stay with them for a few days. During this time I stayed with my mom's cousins. One of them has a daughter who is just a year older than I, so

one night I went out with her and her friends. Going out at night for Israelis is different than it is for us Delawareans. They don't even leave their houses until somewhere between 11 and 12, while most of us would be returning home by this time. We went out to a coffee shop and then just walked around the streets talking. The coffee shop was packed, and the streets were lit and bustling with people. As hard as it is to believe, walking around the streets in Israel late at night is probably safer than it is to walk around the streets of New York City at that hour. Talking to the Israeli teenagers in a mixture of Hebrew and English and just listening to them talk to each other gave me insight into Israeli culture that I didn't get to experience at any other time during the trip. We then took a taxi home at 2:30 in the morning, something I have certainly never done in America.

On the day that the free weekend participants returned to the group, we followed the development of Tel Aviv with a walking tour. We visited Independence Hall to relive the time when Israel was declared a Jewish state. It was very moving to hear the recording of the ceremony that took place there in 1948. At the end of the ceremony, the Hatikvah was played and everyone stood in respect and sang along. We then visited Rabin Square where Yitzhak Rabin, one of Israel's Prime Ministers, was shot by a fellow Jew.

This was a very moving site as well.

The next day we participated in an archeological dig at Beit Guvrin. There we found the remains of animal bones and shattered pottery. Later that day we rode on camels and had a Bedouin feast and hospitality. We spent the night in a Bedouin tent in the Negev Desert, or a "million star hotel" as our guide called it.

The next day was Tisha B'Av. I fasted along with some of the other people in the group. We were awakened at 4 in the morning to climb Masada. This was something I had always wanted to do. Last summer when I visited Israel with my family, I woke up at 10 in the morning and said, "Let's go climb Masada!" To this my mom replied, "When I came to Israel with a youth group I climbed Masada early in the morning and saw the sunrise. When you come with a youth group you can climb Masada early in the morning and see the sunrise." So of course I came back with a youth group the very next summer to see the sunrise on Masada. It was even more beautiful than I had imagined. It was also a unique experience to be up on Masada on the day that both Temples were destroyed.

Late that night we broke the fast in Eilat and went out on the Tayelet (boardwalk) for a night of shopping. We spent the next day in Eilat with coral reef snorkeling and a dance party on a boat in the Red Sea with a view of Israel, Saudi Arabia,

Jordan, and Egypt all at the same time.

On our last touring day in Israel we visited Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Memorial. The museum was very interesting; however, the children's memorial moved me the most. You walk in and it looks like there are a million candles all around you, but, in fact, there are only 5 candles surrounded by mirrors. As you walk through you hear the names and ages of children who perished in the Holocaust.

We ended our trip at the same place we had started it, the Western Wall. It seemed like we had just been there yesterday, because you know what they say, "time flies when you're having fun." Yet, after 3 weeks of living, seeing, touching, and breathing Israel, the wall meant a lot more to us than it had on our first visit.

Our last Shabbat in Israel was spent leading and participating in morning services and later Havdalah on a lovely patio overlooking Jerusalem. We all cried and hugged our new friends goodbye even though most of us would be spending a 12-hour plane ride together later that night. It was finally time to leave Israel and head back to America, but no one wanted to leave our home.

That is another feeling that Israel gives you—you always leave it wanting to come back. You can't put it into words, but from the moment your plane takes off, you already want to go back.

When I got back to America, a lot of people asked me if I felt safe while I was in Israel or made comments like, "I was so worried about you!" or "I'm so glad you came back safely!" I told each and every one of them that not once throughout my whole trip did I feel the least bit unsafe. The media blows things way out of proportion.

If I had the chance, I would go back in a split second. I'm sure that any of the participants on my trip would do the same. So, as we say every year at our seder tables, "Next year in Jerusalem!"

Rina Wagman is an 11th grade student at Concord High School and attends Gratz Hebrew High School. She thanks the Silverman Scholarship Fund and the Jewish Federation of Delaware for helping to fund her trip.

Pincus, U.S. Nat'l Sports Director for Maccabiah Games

Bob Pincus of Wilmington, chairman of the 2005 Jewish Federation of Delaware Annual Campaign, has been appointed a National Sports Director of the United States Maccabiah Team, Jordan Weinstein, chairman of the U.S. Maccabiah Committee, announced. "We are thrilled with Bob's appointment as National Sports Director and we are looking forward to working together as we build the biggest and best US Maccabiah team, ever," says Weinstein.

Pincus will oversee the formation of several sports teams including Wrestling, Gymnastics, Bowling, Fencing, Rowing and Water Polo, that will compete at the 17th World Maccabiah Games, July 11-21, 2005, in Israel. The World Maccabiah

Games are one of the world's largest international athletic events, and are recognized by the International Olympic Committee.

Pincus graduated in 1977 from the College of William & Mary where he had been captain of the Wrestling team his Junior and Senior years. He then went on to attain his law degree from American University and his Master of Laws from Georgetown University. Following in the footsteps of his father, Erwin Pincus, who was involved with Maccabi USA for several years, Bob Pincus has now been involved with Maccabi USA for nearly 25 years. Impressively, Bob has participated in every Maccabiah since the 11th and 12th Maccabiah when he coached wrestling for Team USA. He performed the duties of Wrestling

Chairman from the 13th to the 15th Maccabiah and for the 16th Maccabiah he headed up a large group as Chairman of Open Sports. Bob and his wife, Kate, have three sons and one daughter, Matthew, Joshua, Eric and Jennifer. Pincus currently works for Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, LLP in Wilmington.

Over 6,000 athletes representing more than 50 countries will take part in the 17th edition of the Maccabiah, a quadrennial athletic competition for Jewish athletes. The United States is expecting to send a contingent of "600+ athletes and coaches, which would make it the largest U.S. Maccabiah Team in history," reported Weinstein.

"It is the goal of the US Maccabiah Organizing Committee

that the members of Team USA come to Israel as Jewish athletes and return as athletic Jews," Jordan Weinstein said.

Previously, the U.S. Maccabiah Team has included such sports greats as swimmers Mark Spitz and Lenny Krayzelburg, gymnasts Mitch Gaylord and Kerri Strug, National Basketball Association stars Ernie Grunfeld, Dolph Schayes and Danny Schayes, golfer Bruce Fleisher, tennis pros Brad Gilbert and Dick Savitt, Olympic triathlete Joanna Zeiger and World Cup soccer player Jeff Agoos.

"Our formula remains consistent," Jordan Weinstein said. "Sports is the attraction. The Land of Israel is the vehicle. Jewish continuity is our primary goal."

The U.S. Maccabiah Team is

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PERSPECTIVES

Yom Kippur TV special targets unaffiliated Jews

In an effort to expose young, unaffiliated and other Jews to the rites and traditions of Judaism, United Jewish Communities (UJC) and Temple of the Air (TOTA) will present a nationally broadcast Yom Kippur service Sept. 25 on the cable network PAX-TV.

The 30-minute broadcast, "Yom Kippur: Prayers of Atonement," will reach a potential audience of 94 million households. The program is being produced and aired to engage a young Jewish generation, as well as those who are homebound, convalescing or

marginally linked to their religious background, on the most holy of Jewish holidays.

"Few synagogues share services with those unable or hesitant to attend," said program creator Rabbi David Baron of Temple Shalom for the Arts in Los Angeles. "By using new media, we begin the journey to bring them closer to the core of Jewish heritage and community."

The program and service will feature such notable personalities as Mary Hart of "Entertainment Tonight," film critic Leonard Maltin, Larry King of CNN, and actors Theodore

Bikel and Jason Alexander.

"For some time, as each Jewish holiday approached, I would ask myself where the unaffiliated, disconnected and homebound go to find a connection to their traditions," Rabbi Baron continued. "How can they be approached and brought across the threshold into Jewish life? What can possibly spur their desire to identify and affiliate?"

"Our hope is that this special event program and others like it will rekindle viewers' desires to become more active within their Jewish community and seek out local federations, synagogues

and other organizations where they might continue to have the benefit of a deeper understanding and appreciation of their community and involvement in Jewish life," said UJC Chair Robert Goldberg. "And of course, for the elderly and others who cannot easily leave their homes, this holiday broadcast will help them feel and be a part of the larger community."

"Yom Kippur: Prayers of Atonement," the first in a series of on-going Jewish special event programming to be produced by Temple of the Air and UJC, will air on Saturday, Sept. 25 at 11 a.m.



High-tech Holocaust education

By Dina Kraft, JTA

The use of computer games to teach the Holocaust has ignited some controversy among those who believe the technology trivializes the Nazi genocide of Jews.

Through such technology, students could simulate scenes and take on characters — such as partisans fighting in the forest or Jews surviving in a ghetto.

"Some say, 'How can you put a young person of today in the same state of mind' as someone who lived through the Holocaust," said Doron Avraham, director of programs and curriculum development at Yad Vashem's International School for Holocaust Studies.

In addition, Avraham said, some have taken issue with the fact that computer games have a "connotation of entertainment" that would not be appropriate for teaching about the Holocaust.

Avraham made his comments to JTA at a conference this week that took place at Yad Vashem to study new ways to teach the Holocaust.

During the three-day International Conference on Holocaust Education, more than 200 participants from 31 countries — including a Christian pastor from Slovakia, a professor from China and a Serbian monk — delved into cutting-edge methods for educating a new generation of students about the Holocaust using technology, art and other tools.

The conference comes nearly 60 years after the end of the Holocaust. As aging survivors die, said Avraham, it is becoming increasingly important to find new ways to pass on the lessons and history of the Holocaust.

"What is special about this conference is that usually we speak of the history and past when we relate to the Holocaust, but here we speak of the future," Avraham said. "How we will teach the Holocaust in the 21st century."

Using art created during the war by victims of the Holocaust is another way to personalize the story of the period, said Yehudit Shendar, the senior art curator at Yad Vashem.

Shendar, who gave a lecture on the subject at the conference, said the photographs we usually see from camps and ghettos were often taken by the Nazis and give us a subjective view — that of the perpetrator trying to portray Jews as weak and subhuman.

In contrast, drawings, paintings and stories by the victims provide a lens into their world and what they themselves were witnessing.

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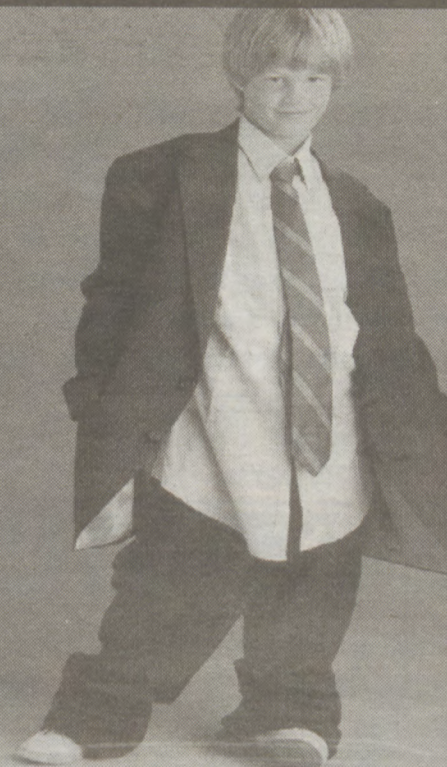
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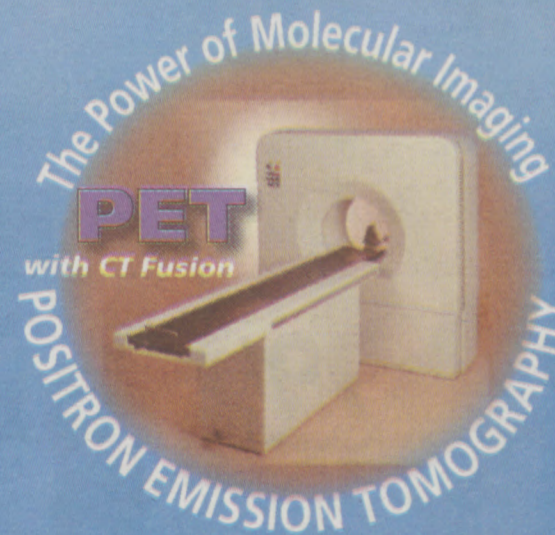
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1 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup chopped walnut
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About 1/2 cup walnut or
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Place oven rack in lower third of oven and preheat to 350 degrees. Grease or spray a 10-inch tube pan with a removable bottom (angel food cake pan).

To prepare apples: Peel, quarter, core and slice apples 1/4-inch thick. Place in a medium bowl with honey and cinnamon. Toss to coat; set aside while preparing cake.

To make cake: In a large bowl with electric mixer on low speed, mix flour, sugar, oil, eggs, orange juice, baking powder, vanilla and salt. Increase to moderately high speed and mix until well blended, about 2 minutes. Pour 1/3 the batter into prepared pan. Arrange 1/3 the apple slices over and sprinkle with chopped nuts, if using. Cover with 1/2 the remaining batter. Arrange 1/2 the remaining apple slices over and top with remaining batter, spreading the top evenly. Overlap remaining apple slices around tube of the pan, extending out like petals. Spoon 2 tablespoon juices in bowl over apples. If desired, arrange nut halves along the outer edge to encircle top of cake.

To bake: Place cake on a rimmed baking sheet and bake for 75 to 85 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into center comes out clean. If top gets too brown, cover loosely with foil. Remove cake from oven and cool 10 minutes. Go around edges of pan with a knife and remove sides of pan. Cool cake to room temperature. Cut around tube and bottom. Lift cake from pan to a serving plate. (Cake may be stored covered at room temperature up to 2 days or frozen.) **Makes 14 servings.**

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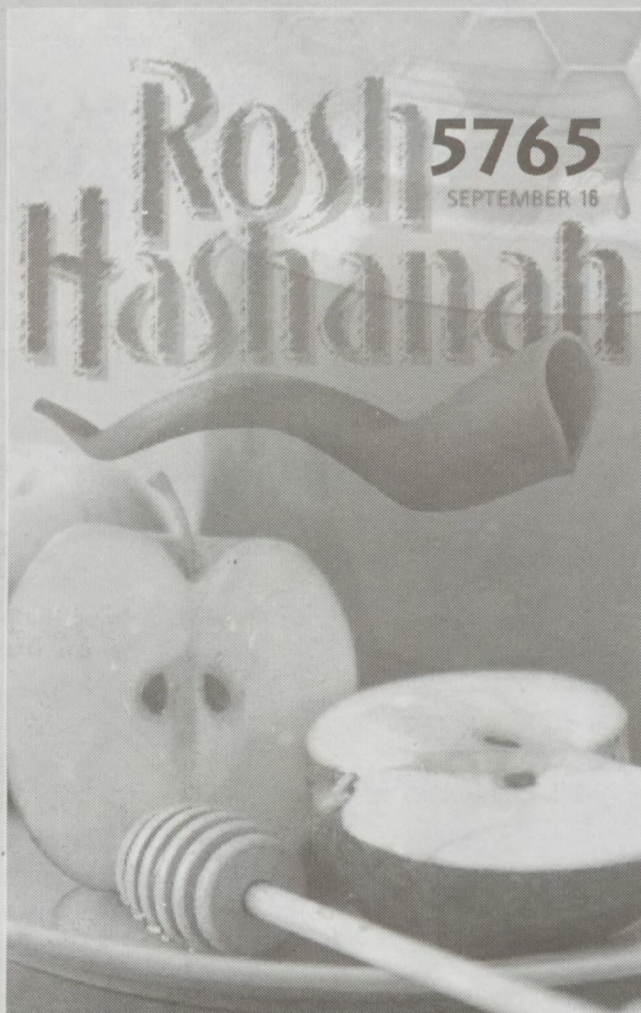
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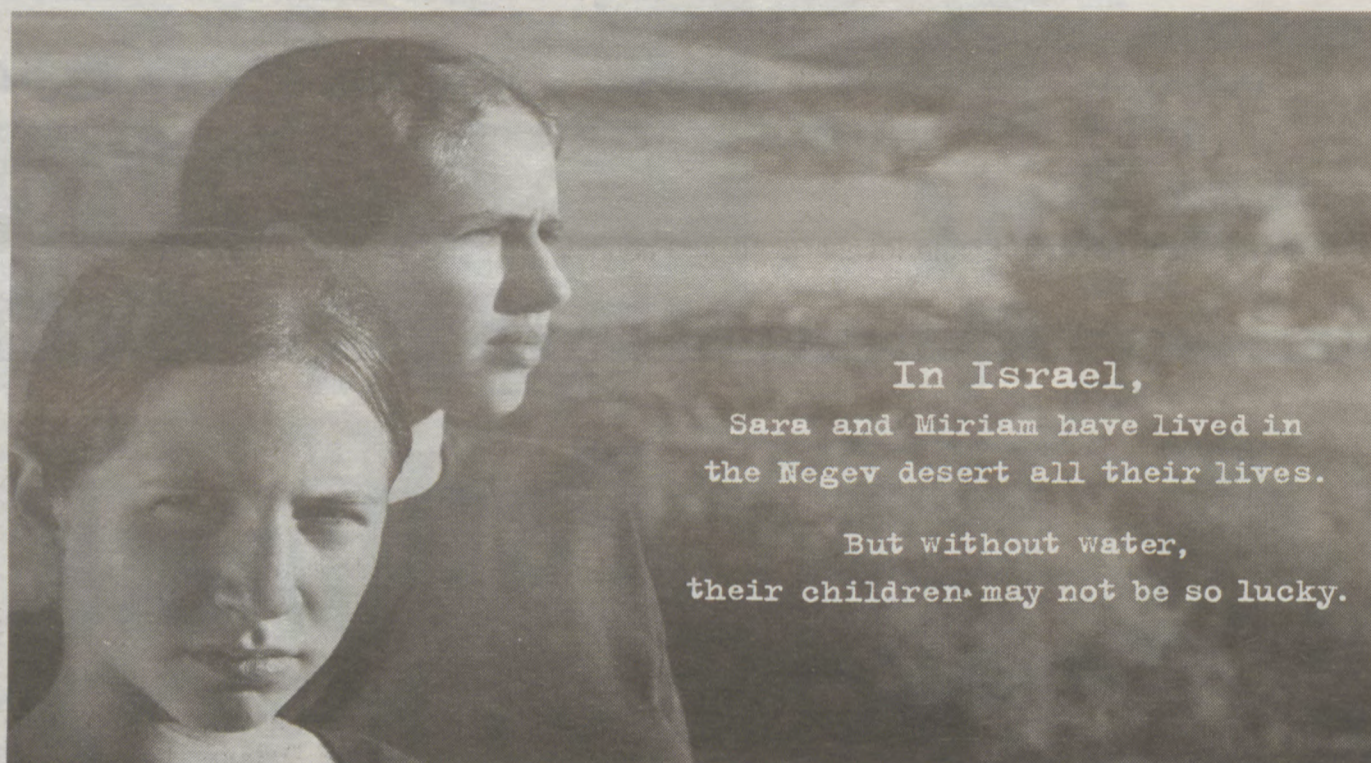
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Wish all our friends and family a Happy and Healthy New Year.
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Happy New Year to all our friends and family.
Phyllis & Buddy Aeronson

B

To all our family and friends, L' Shana Tova.
Carole, Barry, Sean & Bradley Bakst

L' Shana Tova.
Bernard & Helen Balick

Happy and Healthy New Year.
Ruth & Dave Balick

Happy New Year!
Irv, Laura, Amanda & Molly Becker

L' Shana Tova to the members and staff of the JCC and to the entire community at large.
Jody, David, Josh & Sam Bernstein

Healthy New Year's Greetings!
Dr. & Mrs. Howard Borin

L' Shana Tova.
Ruth Bucholtz



C

L' Shana Tova - Happy and Healthy New Year to All.
Eddie & Jim Chaikin

L' Shana Tova.
Eileen & Robert Cooper

Wish our family, friends and the community health and happiness in the coming year.
Evan, Nancy, David, Julia & Benjamin Crain

D

L' Shana Tovah! To All our Friends!
Jeanne & Ed Davis

E

L' Shana Tovah.
Micki & Lanny Edelsohn

Wish all members of the community a L' Shana Tova.
Lena, John, Rachel & Aviva Elzufon

Best wishes for the New Year.
Alice & Bennett Epstein

F

Wishing everyone a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.
Louis & Dorothy Finger

L' Shana Tova.
Hinda & Jack Fink

L' Shana Tova to All.
Allen, Karen, Andrew & Tracey Friedman

Happy New Year!
A Friend

G

Wish everyone a Happy New Year!
Jodi & Jim Gevurtz, Paul, Zen, Daniel & Robin Gevurtz

L' Shana Tova - May this be a year of peace for all mankind.
Mrs. Marvin S. Gilman & Family

L' Shana Tova - Happy New Year!
Joe & Phyllis Glick

L' Shana Tova.
Sheila & Perry Goldlust

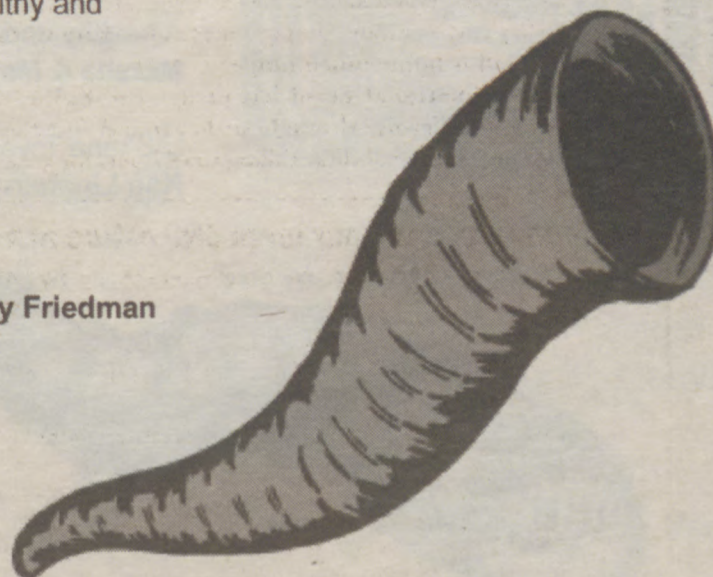
Peace, Love and Good Health. L' Shana Tova.
Steve Gonzer

May you be inscribed for a healthy, happy New Year.
Dr. & Mrs. Albert Goodman

Wishing you and your families a peaceful New Year.
Stuart, Suzanne, Niki, Jake & Sam Grant

L' Shana Tova - Our wishes for a happy, healthy and sweet New Year.
Jerry, Debbie, Hannah & Marni Grossman

To Life! To Peace!
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L' Shana Tova to family and friends.
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Health and Happiness in the New Year.
Cheryl & Ken Kamm

L' Shana Tova!
The Kattler Family

Wishing everyone health and happiness in the coming Year!
Barry & Reiko Kayne

L' Shana Tova!
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Happy and Healthy New Year!
The Komins, Morris & Ross Families

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We wish our family and friends a year of good health, joy and peace.
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Best wishes for the New Year.
Kathy & Daniel Kristol

Wishing a peaceful and healthy New Year.
Dr. Gerry & Nancy Kronfeld

L

Shana Tova to family and friends.
Joseph Labovsky

L' Shana Tova U'Metukah!
Susan & Russell Labowitz

L' Shana Tovah to our friends and family and wishes for peace.
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Wishing our family and friends a happy and healthy New Year.
The Lessner Family

Wishing everyone a very happy and healthy New Year!
Carol Levin & Children, Harry, Ruthie & Sammi

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Donna & Stuart Levin

New Year's Greetings.
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A Healthy and Happy Year to All!
Judy & Allan Levy

A healthy and peaceful year.
Marsha & Melvin Levy

L' Shana Tova - A healthy and peaceful year.
Nan Lipstein

M

Wishing our family and friends a peaceful 5765.
Martin & Shelly Mand

L' Shanah Tovah!
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Wishing the entire community a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year!
Cindi, Jeff, Daniel & Elana Metz

L' Shana Tova - 5765
Bob & Ellen Meyer

Peace in the New Year!
Sharon & Ralph Milner

O

Happy New Year!
The Oppenheimers

N

A happy and healthy New Year to All!
Leslie, Jim, Mike & Craig Newman

P

L' Shana Tova! Happy New Year! May the coming year bring peace, health and happiness to all!
Susan Parcels

L' Shana Tova to all our friends and happiness and good health.
Ellen, Stephen, David, Rachel & Arielle Pearlman

Happy New Year to all our friends.
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R

L' Shana Tova.
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Happy and Healthy New Year to our friends and family.
Adele & Stan Ross

S

We wish a healthy, happy and peaceful New Year to All.
Helen & Norman Schutzman

To all our friends at the JCC - Have a healthy and sweet New Year - L' Shana Tova.
Liz, Bryan, Austin & Brooke Schwartz

We wish a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year to our family, friends and the community.
Michael, Pam-Sue, Alex & Dara Schwartz

L' Shana Tova, Shalom.
Dr. & Mrs. Stuart Septimus

L' Shana Tova. Best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year!
Ruth & Bernard Siegel

Wishing everyone a Happy New Year!
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Best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year.
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Wish our family and friends a healthy and happy New Year.
Terry & Jack Sokoloff

S

May this year be one of peace, good health and many blessings. L' Shanah Tovah.
Jeff, Caryl Marcus- Stape, Pamela MacDonald & Mark Stape

L' Shana Tova to All.
Connie, Michael, Jason, Rachel, Adam & Max Sugarman

T

L' Shana Tova - Happy New Year.
Leah & Joel Tenenbaum

New Year's Greetings to friends and family.
Norman & Bobbie Tomases

L' Shana Tova. Happy New Year.
Gloria Treco

W

L' Shana Tova.
Joan Wachstein

Wishing everyone a year of happiness, health and peace.
George & Gladys Weiner

A good and healthy New Year to All!
Toby Weiner

Best wishes for a very happy and healthy New Year.
Jan & Michael Weiss & Family

Health, Happiness and Peace in the New Year.
Dr. & Mrs. Bertram Widder

Y

Happy New Year to the Jewish Community!
Marvin I. Yaffee

Z

Best wishes for a Healthy New Year!
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L' Shana Tova - Happy New Year.
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ROSH HASHANAH-SECOND DAY-SEPTEMBER 17-8:30 AM

EREV YOM KIPPUR-SEPTEMBER 24

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Services-11:30 PM

MEMORIAL SERVICES-SEPTEMBER 12

AKSE Section, Jewish Community Cemetery-11:30 AM

EREV ROSH HASHANAH-SEPTEMBER 15

Mincha Service-6:45 PM

Candle Lighting-6:52 PM

Ma'Ariv Service-7:00 PM

FIRST DAY ROSH HASHANAH-SEPTEMBER 16

Birchot Hashachar-8:00 AM

Shacharit-8:30 AM

Torah Service-9:30 AM

Shofar Sounding-10:45 AM

Sermon-11:10 AM

Musaf Service-11:30 AM

(Youth Services 11:30 AM-12:45 PM)

Mincha Service-6:00 PM

Tashlich-6:30 PM

Ma'Ariv Service-7:30 PM

Candle Lighting-After 7:50 PM

SECOND DAY ROSH HASHANAH-SEPTEMBER 17

Birchot Hashachar-8:00 AM

Shacharit-8:30 AM

Torah Service-9:30 AM

Shofar Sounding-10:45 AM

Sermon-11:10 AM

Musaf Service-11:30 AM

(Youth Services 11:30 AM-12:45 PM)

Mincha Service-6:00 PM

Tashlich-6:30 PM

Candle Lighting-6:49 PM

Ma'Ariv Service-7:00 PM

FAST OF GEDALIAH-SEPTEMBER 19

Fast begins at 8:00 AM and ends at 7:43 PM

EREV YOM KIPPUR-SEPTEMBER 24

Kol Nidre-Promptly at 6:45 PM

Candle Lighting-Before 6:37 PM

YOM KIPPUR-SEPTEMBER 25

Birchot Hashachar-8:00 AM

Shacharit-8:30 AM

Torah Service-10:00 AM

Sermon-11:00 AM

(Youth Services 11:30 AM-12:45 PM)

Musaf Service-12:30 PM

Rabbi's Teach-In-3:00 PM

Mincha Service-5:00 PM

Ne'ilah -6:15 PM

Shofar Sounding-7:30 PM

Ma'Ariv Service-7:35 PM

Break the Fast-7:40 PM

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Torah Service approx. 10:45 A.M.

Shofar Service approx. 11:30 A.M.

Musaf Service approx. 11:45 A.M.

Taschlich-Silver Lake-following services (approx. 2:00 PM).

2nd night Evening Service Thu. September 16 at 7:30 PM.

2nd morning Morning Service Fri. September 17 at 9:30 A.M.

Torah Service approx. 10:45 A.M.

Shofar Service approx. 11:30 A.M.

Musaf Service approx. 11:45 A.M.

YOM KIPPUR

Kol Nidre

Fri. September 24 at 6:15 PM.

Morning Service

Sat. September 25 at 9:30

A.M.

Torah Service

approx. 10:45 A.M.

Yizkor Service

approx. 12:00 PM.

Musaf Service

approx. 12:20 A.M.

BREAK

Afternoon Service

Sat. September 24 at 4:30 PM.

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Rosh Hashanah-Second Day-September 17-9:30 a.m.

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4:00 p.m.-Tashlich

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6:00 p.m.

Kol Nidre-Friday, September 24-

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Yom Kippur-Saturday, September 25

9:30 a.m.-Perkins Student Center

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First Day Rosh Hashanah-Thursday, September 16-10:00 a.m.

Shofar Blowing-12:00 Noon

Evening Service-7:30 p.m.

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GLOBAL JEWISH NEWS

Israel's homeless cope on streets

By Gil Sedan
JTA

As evening falls on Tel Aviv, the city vibrates with an energy unlike anywhere else in Israel.

The beach-front promenade is abuzz with pedestrians of all ages, both Tel Aviv locals and those who've traveled here to bask in the fresh sea breeze and the symphony of lights coming off the cars, street lamps, restaurants, cafes, pizzerias and ice cream parlors dotting this cosmopolitan hub.

But nestled among the blissful crowd, amid the eating, drinking and general merriment, is a group that often goes ignored: Israel's homeless.

Welfare authorities have registered some 1,200 homeless in Israel, but there are no hard numbers. Some estimates run as high as 10,000 Israelis living without homes.

Half of the 1,200 live in Tel Aviv, a quarter in Jerusalem and the remainder scattered throughout the country, according to welfare authorities.

Though the exact numbers are fuzzy, one thing is clear: Younger and younger people are becoming homeless.

A year ago, a family crisis forced Miri Hatuel, 18, onto the streets. After several days wandering, sleeping on the streets and the beach, she found shelter at

south Tel Aviv's Shanti House, a youth shelter just minutes from the pedestrian mall by the beach.

"Never in my life would I have dreamed that I would not be wanted at home," says Hatuel, who declined to elaborate on the nature of the crisis that forced her into the streets. "After I left home, I sometimes had suicidal thoughts, asking myself, 'Why was I brought to the world if my family didn't want me?'"

Though still a teenager, Hatuel radiates maturity and self-confidence. "Why did it happen to me?" she wonders aloud. "I don't know. It just happened, just as a girl becomes a prostitute or turns into a famous model overnight."

During her year at Shanti House, Miri has completed her high-school studies and now works as a waitress and an apprentice to a fashion designer. She will begin her compulsory military service shortly.

According to statistics from the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs, some 80 percent of Israel's homeless are immigrants from the former Soviet Union. According to the figures, most have at least 10 years of schooling under their belts.

Many of them are alcoholics, an affliction that is more prevalent than it was 10 to 15 years ago. Among the homeless are hun-

dreds of runaways and other youngsters who have left youth dormitories for summer vacation, but have nowhere to go.

One night last week, thousands of people streaming along the beach promenade ignored a young, bearded man lying on the sidewalk, asleep — or drunk or on drugs. His head rested on his outstretched arm and his hand was open, still begging. Every now and then someone stopped to drop a coin into a small cardboard box.

During the summer, the ranks of Tel Aviv homeless grow. They come from all over the country to try their luck in the big city, seeking company, booze and drugs. "Israeli homeless are different than homeless in other countries, in that by and large they are not mentally affected," says Dr. Avi Uri of the Golden Tower rehabilitation hospital in Bat Yam. "Their behavior is usually considered normal."

Uri has treated several homeless who were heavy drinkers. During their hospitalizations they gave up alcohol altogether, he said, but they returned to the bottle as soon as they were released.

However, Uri noted, few of Israel's homeless go hungry. If they want food, he says, they can go to restaurants where someone often will help them out. Some live on social security and some have bank accounts.

And some, like Nir Shaul, even own mobile phones — though budget concerns allow him only to receive calls, a service that is free of charge in Israel.

Shaul, 51, is the exact opposite of common stereotypes about the homeless: He is neatly dressed and the beard on his face is hardly a day old. Yet he is never sure where he will spend the next night.

Until six months ago, he says, he never would have dreamed that he might find himself living on the street. But last February, he discovered "within a matter of 24 seconds" just how easy it is to lose everything.

Until the death of his wife Nicole nine years ago, Shaul, a member of the charedi community in Bnei Brak, somehow made do. "We adjusted to the culture of poverty in the charedi community," he says. "We managed."

He took every possible job, from repairing tefillin to washing dishes in restaurants. When Nicole died, he was left with their six children, until local welfare services sent them to live with foster families.

When Shaul failed to make mortgage payments on his apartment, the bank took it over. He worked at a local grocery shop, where he was given a small room to live. But last February he was fired and found himself on the street.

Shaul says the charedi community turned its back on him when he began to criticize the charedi lifestyle, and he moved to the other end of the Israeli social spectrum, Dizengoff Square, the heart of secular Tel Aviv — though he retains some religious practices.

Shaul does not pity himself. If he has made mistakes, he says, chief among them may have been abiding by the charedi lifestyle, which he says "cultivates poverty" by encouraging large families and favoring Torah studies over work.

Shaul has no accounts to settle with God. "I cannot understand him, but who can?" he muses.

Israel's homeless can be seen everywhere — covered with disintegrating blankets on the steps of synagogues, asleep on benches in public gardens, living in tunnels or panhandling on city sidewalks.

The Tel Aviv city department that cares for street dweller strives to keep track of the homeless, offering them medical care, shelter and — for those fit to cope with the rigors of work — jobs.

As evening falls and he watches the summer evening crowd, Shaul notes that last night the sun set later, and that tomorrow the day will be slightly shorter. Soon it will be winter.

"I really don't want to spend another winter in the street," he says.

Puerto Rican Jews plant roots

By Larry Luxner, JTA

At San Juan's Congregation Sha'are Zedeck, religious services are conducted from a bimah, or dais, graced — on special occasions — with the flags of the United States, Puerto Rico and Israel.

Yet 90 percent of the congregation's 255 member families trace their heritage to a fourth country — Cuba.

With up to 2,300 Jewish inhabitants, Puerto Rico is both the largest Jewish community in the Caribbean and the richest. It also is the only Caribbean island on which the Reform, Conservative and Orthodox movements are represented.

Still, because Jews weren't permitted to settle here for more than 400 years following its discovery in 1493, the crowded, prosperous U.S. commonwealth has virtually no Jewish history of which to speak.

But that's changing.

Israel Zaidspiner left Havana in 1960, a year after Fidel Castro came to power in Cuba. He lived in New York for a stint and eventually settled in San Juan, where he and his brother-in-law opened a chain of

thriving retail stores.

"I intended to stay in Puerto Rico for three years, and here I am 40 years later," said Zaidspiner, 69, who still has cousins in Cuba.

Today, the retiree volunteers as the administrator at Sha'are Zedeck, also known as the Jewish Community Center of Puerto Rico.

More than 100 children are enrolled in the congregation's Hebrew school, and 40-50 people usually attend Friday night and Saturday morning services.

Members, who largely are affluent — annual synagogue dues are \$1,200 — are unusually active in Jewish and Zionist causes, and the congregation sponsors a one-hour radio show about Israel on Thursday nights.

Jews began arriving on the island almost as soon as Puerto Rico became a U.S. territory in 1952. Within a year, a handful of American Jews had established Sha'are Zedeck — the island's first synagogue — in the former residence of a wealthy German family. In 1954, the Conservative shul hired its first rabbi.

The fledgling community got a boost five years later when Castro's revolution forced almost

all of Cuba's 15,000 Jews into exile. Most of them fled to Miami, though a handful ended up in Puerto Rico.

More recently, the community has welcomed new arrivals from Argentina, Colombia and Venezuela.

Both Mendelbaum and Sha'are Zedeck's current rabbi, Gabriel Frydman, originally are from Argentina.

"There's no anti-Semitism in Puerto Rico, but there are local journalists who once in a while write articles very unfavorable to Israel," Mendelbaum told JTA. "They say, for example, that what the Jews are doing against the Palestinians is the same as what the Nazis did to Jews in World War II."

Virtually no Jews are active in Puerto Rican politics, yet the clear majority support making Puerto Rico the 51st U.S. state. A small number of Jews here favor retaining Puerto Rico's present Commonwealth status, while only a handful of Jews support independence for the island.

A few years ago, Puerto Rico's pro-statehood former governor, Pedro Rossello, attended a Yom Hashoah service at Sha'are Zedeck.

In addition to the Jews — almost all of whom live in the San Juan metro area — about 4,000 Palestinians live in Puerto Rico. But Jewish officials say they don't think Jewish institutions aren't particularly threatened.

"After 9/11 we've taken some minimal security measures, such as an armed guard. No one can enter without identifying himself,"

Mendelbaum said. "But if you ask me, it's unnecessary."

It's only a 10-minute drive from Sha'are Zedeck to Temple Beth Shalom, which was founded in 1967 as the Reform alternative to Sha'are Zedeck.

Harry Ezratty, a veteran Beth Shalom member who now lives in Baltimore, said the Reform congregation is not nearly as wealthy as Sha'are Zedeck, and differs in one other major aspect: About 15 percent of its 67 member families are converts to Judaism.

Until recently, its spiritual leader was Rabbi Mordechai Rotem, the first Israeli ever ordained as a Reform rabbi.

"We have a lot of Puerto Ricans who have converted, not only as individuals but as entire families," Ezratty said, adding that "for many years, we have been involved with non-Jewish charitable organizations on the island."

The smallest and youngest of the island's three congregations is Chabad de Puerto Rico. Led by New York-born Rabbi Mendel Zarchi, Chabad occupies a large yellow house in the heart of San Juan's Isla Verde hotel strip.

In the winter months, when Puerto Rico's tourist season is at its peak, Chabad holds twice-daily services. Depending on the month, anywhere from 15 to 80 people attend Shabbat services.

Major holidays are celebrated at the nearby Ritz-Carlton Hotel. Last year over 250 people attended Chanukah services.

"People participate not out of a sense of obligation but a sense of willingness, which is really what the theme of Chabad is," Zarchi said.

A bearded, 30-year-old Orthodox rabbi is perhaps not what most people would expect to see on the streets of Isla Verde, which is packed with bikini-clad Puerto Rican girls, beach bums and tattooed sailor types.

Even many longtime Jewish residents of Puerto Rico seem unaware of Chabad's existence. Mendelbaum admits he's never set foot in the Chabad shul.

"Geographically, Puerto Rico is a challenging environment in which to set up a center of Jewish life," Zarchi explained. "We consider ourselves Jewish marketers. Today it's not just about content but also how you package it. Judaism is a very rich product that has endured centuries of challenge. It just needs to be presented in the right setting."

Chabad now is spending \$1.5 million to build a proper shul, complete with a kosher kitchen.

"It's very expensive to keep kosher here, so we try to organize bulk deliveries of meat which we store in four big freezers here at the shul," Zarchi said, adding that nearby five-star hotels frequently call him to cater Bar Mitzvahs and Jewish weddings.

A year ago, the Ritz-Carlton hosted a special Sefer Torah completion ceremony, the first in the island's history.

Zarchi said Puerto Ricans have a "tremendous curiosity" about Judaism and what distinguishes it from Catholicism.

"We've been very much accepted here," he said. "When it comes to religion and devotion to God, the local population is very respectful, especially when they perceive a person as being God-fearing."



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Creating a personal Mitzvah practice

By Rachel Cowan

Rabbi Menachem Nachum of Chernobyl, also known as the Me'or Eynaim, taught: "Commandment, after all is called mitzvah because it joins together (mitzvah/tzavtah) the part of God that dwells within the person with the infinite God beyond," taught the Hasidic master, who lived in the Ukraine from 1730-1797. "The truth is that the real fulfilling of any commandment lies in the greeting of the Shechinah (an aspect of God), in becoming attached to God or joined together."

Thus the rabbis said, "The reward of a mitzvah is a mitzvah," meaning that fulfilling the commandment is rewarded by the nearness to God that one who performs it feels, the joy of spirit that lies within the deed.

This, indeed, is a "greeting of the Shechinah, and without it the commandment is empty and lifeless, the body shell of a mitzvah without any soul In all service of God, whether in speech or deed, both body and soul are needed to give it life."

How many non-Orthodox Jews

today feel that mitzvot bring them close to God? How many consciously perform mitzvot? How many non-Orthodox Jews have a deep and comfortable understanding of God and God's presence in their lives?

Not feeling God's presence creates a problem for the spiritual lives of Jews, for Judaism and for the vitality of Jewish life. It creates an obstacle to maintaining a liberal Jewish perspective, energy and conscience in public life.

How might we re-imagine mitzvot in a way that draws a wider and deeper pool of Jews toward exploring and creating a practice of mitzvot observance?

First, we redefine the purpose: Mitzvot are the Jewish way of paying attention — to the truth of the moment, to the truth of our lives, to our highest sense of purpose.

Second, mitzvot are the Jewish form of spiritual discipline. Observance creates an opportunity, not an obligation, to expand our awareness of and integrate the personal and social dimensions of our lives.

We teach and practice mitzvot in communities that consciously cultivate the divine middot, or

attributes, of compassion, generosity, humility, and truthfulness. This is done through meditation, reflection, study of Hasidic and other texts and social action. Our teachers can also share their search, not just their knowledge.

Today we are all "Jews by choice." And we should model ways to seriously choose mitzvot for our lives. Few of us inherit automatic rules for being Jewish and doing Jewish things. So we can choose to commit to living in partnership, or covenant, with God.

We can choose to take on the mitzvot that make us constantly conscious of that covenant, and to do them in a way that is consistent with our deepest humanitarian and ethical values. We can see that mitzvot link us with our people and our tradition, with each other and with God, as we come to understand God.

Personally, I have chosen to make kashrut, Shabbat, and prayer my central personal mitzvot. I link them to the ethical mitzvot of pursuing justice, seeking peace and loving my neighbor as myself.

Keeping kosher is a daily practice that involves paying attention to what and how I eat. By using

certain plates, by not eating or mixing certain foods and by saying blessings before and after I eat, I am reminded again and again of the gift of life, of the fact that I am not master of my fate, that ego is a delusion as well as a force for good and bad.

By linking this private act to an awareness of God's presence in the world, I am also reminded of my responsibility to seek appropriate social and environmental conditions under which such food can be grown, harvested and distributed. I become aware of the boundary between sufficiency and excess.

By making Shabbat a time for study, reflection, prayer and community, I am reminded that my life is joined through history to creation and the Creator. I challenge the acquired habits of overwork, over-commitment and over-consumption. I experience every week what it would be like to live in peace. Working for peace in the world flows from that open-hearted experience of peace in the soul.

For me, daily prayer begins with silent meditation in the morning and includes blessings throughout the day, an afternoon Minchah of

three silent minutes in my office and a reflective recitation of the Shema when I go to sleep, pausing to think of those whom I need to forgive, including, and especially, myself.

Holidays offer their own opportunities for prayer and reflection. On Yom Kippur I sit in shul as a day-long retreat for cheshbon ha'nefesh — a personal spiritual accounting.

While each of us can develop a mitzvah practice consistent with our own understanding of halachah, it requires community — honest and supportive companions on the journey — to discover the inner depths of self and soul.

Although a mitzvah practice alone is not enough to give sacred meaning to life, it is a sacred discipline that helps us serve God with soul and body. Thus, we create a living practice, a practice for life.

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GLOBAL JEWISH NEWS

Chinese city reaches out to Jews

By Ben G. Frank, JTA

While much of the world is focusing on China as an awakening economic giant, this enterprising city of over four million in northeastern China is increasing efforts to reach out to world Jewry.

Stand at the entrance of the Heilongjiang Provincial Academy of Social Sciences — under whose aegis the Harbin Jews Research Center falls — and observe visitors to the two-year-old, 400-photo "Jews in Harbin" exhibit.

They're tourists from Chicago and New York, ambassadors and officials from Israel, missions from American Jewish organizations, scholars from Australia and the United States and children from Harbin schools.

The Xinhua News Agency recently announced that the academy and its Jewish research center are restoring two synagogues and a Jewish school at a cost of \$3.5 million, with funding coming from the governor's office.

"We want to bring that historical friendship into current friendship," Qu Wei, president of the academy and the Harbin Jews Research Center, said in a July interview with JTA. "We want to show the cooperation between the Israeli people and the Chinese people."

A week earlier, Wei and the center's deputy director, Li Shu Xiao, greeted Israeli Trade Minister Ehud Olmert, whose grandfather is buried in the Harbin Jewish Cemetery, which the center calls the largest in the Far East.

Olmert's father, Mordechai, escaped with his parents from war-



Li Shu Xiao, academy professor and deputy director of the Harbin Jews Research Center, stands in front of a 'Jews in Harbin' exhibit in the academy, July 4, 2004. Credit: Ben G. Frank/JTA

torn Russia after World War I. Mordechai Olmert was a founder of the Betar Revisionist youth movement in Harbin, and he and his wife — whom he met in Harbin, — were among the first to emigrate from here to Israel in the early 1930s.

In the 1920s and '30s, thousands of Jews fleeing communist Russia and Nazi Germany found refuge in this northeastern Chinese city near the Russian border.

From the late 19th century, Harbin had been something of a Russian city on Chinese territory. A spur of the Trans-Siberian railroad known as the Chinese Eastern

Railway, built and operated by Russia, ran through town.

Jews who wanted to flee the oppressive life in the Pale of Settlement found relief and a home in this Russian enclave. The czar even encouraged Jewish immigration to the area in order to populate it.

By the end of World War I, the 10,000 Jews here made Harbin the largest Jewish center in the Far East. After the 1917 Russian Revolution, thousands of Jews and White Russians — fugitives from war, Bolshevism and famine — arrived in the city.

By the 1930s, at least 20,000

Jews lived in Harbin, where cultural life was heavily Russian and Jewish.

Why the outreach to the Jewish community today?

Barry Jacobs, a China watcher and director of strategic studies for the American Jewish Committee, says the Chinese "have great respect for the success of the Jewish Diaspora, both intellectually and economically."

In a telephone interview from his office in Washington, Jacobs added that "the Chinese people see the Jewish people as a useful colleague and supporter economically and politically. They also see Israel as a dynamic and successful state that offers China a valuable example of high-technology and development."

One finds further insight in the Harbin Jews Research Center itself. One of the center's goals is "to study the successful experiences of Jewish people in economy, science and technology, culture and education," according to the mission statement in the center's brochure.

Bates Gill, a China expert at the Center for Strategic and International Studies says, "China is undertaking a very pro-active, omni-directional policy, in which they are actively reaching out internationally in friendship."

When Jews lived in Harbin, they were welcomed and anti-Semitism was limited to White Russian hooligans and gangs often encouraged by the Japanese occupiers.

The Jewish exodus began with the Japanese invasion of Manchuria in 1931, followed by World War II, the

Soviet occupation of 1945-'47, China's Communist revolution and the Cultural Revolution in the 1960s.

By 1951, nearly all the Jews of Harbin had emigrated, mostly to Israel but also to Australia, the United States and other countries.

Walking through the former Jewish district, Li points out formerly Jewish-owned movie houses, banks and cinemas, the famous Moderne Hotel, the former Jewish hospital and orphanage and other Jewish communal institutions.

Li has spent his adult life researching the material, and has made several trips to Israel to visit the Diaspora Museum in Tel Aviv and meet with former Harbiners.

The Jews and their institutions here are long gone. Only one Jew now lives here permanently — an Israeli named Dan Ben Canaan who settled in Harbin as a foreign language teacher and English radio broadcaster — while some Jewish students are studying temporarily in schools here.

The former Old Synagogue, built in 1909, now is a hotel. Next door stands the former Jewish school, now a Korean school.

Nearby is the so-called "New Synagogue" — completed in 1921 — which is now an empty, government-owned building.

Though Judaism is not officially recognized by the Chinese government, work is scheduled this fall to reconstruct the New Synagogue, the first of the two shuls to be restored as a museum and the site of the "Jews in Harbin" exhibit.

WASHINGTON WATCH

GOP presents detailed platform

By Ron Kampeas, JTA

Republicans say this year's detailed, tough party platform presents Jewish voters with a sharp contrast to the relatively scrawny Democratic document — but they may find that delving into details could prove devilish.

At 101 pages, the GOP's 2004 platform is of a more traditional length and makes the Democrats 37 pages seem svelte in comparison.

"While this year's Democratic Platform devoted just 233 words to the Middle East and totally ignored the growing global crisis of anti-Semitism, the Republican platform is not only more specific but more comprehensive in its support for Israel's security and the safety of the Jewish community," Matthew Brooks, executive director of the Republican Jewish Coalition, said in a statement. The Republican platform's main Israel section is 521 words.

The parties' platforms coincide on a number of Israel-related areas, including a rejection of any Palestinian refugee "right of return" to Israel and a recognition that Israel cannot return to its pre-1967 borders.

However, the luxury of space allows the Republicans to tout some of the Bush administration's lesser-known accomplishments — including having Israel's member-

ship at the U.N.'s Western European and Others Group extended indefinitely — and commends President Bush's efforts to get European allies to confront a surge in anti-Semitism.

"We are very concerned about the escalation of anti-Semitic violence worldwide, including in Europe. This violence has included physical assaults, use of weapons, arson of synagogues, and desecration of Jewish cemeteries and statues," the platform says.

Going into detail will help reinforce Bush's reputation as a friend to Israel, but it carries risks for the president on domestic issues where Republican views are less in line with those of many American Jews.

For instance, the Democratic platform mentions abortion only once, saying that "abortion should be safe, legal and rare."

By contrast, the Republican platform mentions the topic 12 times, using words like "brutal," "violent" and "inhumane." It describes expanded stem cell research as "the destruction of human embryos," and supports a federal amendment banning gay marriage.

The amount of detail in the platform is reflective of the general Republican strategy to contrast Democratic style with Republican substance, said Ginny Wolfe, a top

staffer on the platform-drafting committee.

"The difference between the Republican platform and Democratic platform is that ours is both broad and substantive," Wolfe said last week, before the platform was released. "It reflects the principles and policies, it will very much reflect our party and presidential candidate."

Stung in the past by Republican accusations that the party is divided and weak, Democrats wanted to avoid the raucousness often associated with platform drafting. They therefore sought to avoid issues that divide the party base, focusing instead on unifying issues such as job creation, health care and promotion of alternative forms of energy.

Wolfe complained that the Democratic platform tries to be all things to all people.

"Lay them side by side, you'll see a huge difference," she said.

That's what Republicans did repeatedly this week at their convention. Sen. Bill Frist (R-Tenn.), the Senate majority leader and chairman of the platform committee, urged Jews to read the platform in his address to a community event Sunday evening.

Holding the platform, Frist said that for the Republican Party, Israel "is the national homeland of the Jewish people and it must remain a Jewish state."



Sen. Norm Coleman (R-Minn.) and Judith West, a member of the RJC's vice-chairman's council, at the Republican Jewish Coalition event in New York on Aug. 30, 2004. Credit: Ronald L. Glassman.

William Daroff, deputy executive director of the Republican Jewish Coalition, described it a day later as "the most stridently Zionist set of statements of support for Israel."

Democrats said their platform was shorter but got to the point faster. Ira Forman, executive director of the National Jewish Democratic Committee, contrasted the two platforms' positions on Palestinian refugees:

* Democrats: "The creation of a Palestinian State should resolve the issue of Palestinian refugees by

allowing them to settle there, rather than in Israel."

* Republicans: "Republicans agree with President Bush's assessment that an agreed, just, fair, and realistic framework for a solution to the Palestinian refugee issues, as part of its final status agreement, will need to be found through the establishment of a Palestinian state and the settling of Palestinian refugees there, rather than in Israel."

"Theirs is so mealy-mouthed," Forman said.

Democrats also contrasted the two platforms' treatment of Saudi Arabia: Democrats called for an end to Bush's "kid-glove" treatment of the monarchy for allowing fund raising for terrorists; Republicans praise the Saudis for "working hard" to shut down terrorist financing.

Ultimately, Democrats said, the Republican platform would do the party more harm than good because of the gap with the Jewish community on domestic issues.

"On the issue of a strong U.S.-Israel relationship there is a bipartisan consensus reflected in both parties' platforms," said Anne Lewis, a top Democratic strategist. "On every other issue of concern to the American Jewish community, the Democratic party platform is far closer to the values of American Jews."



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God's Name – But our responsibility

by Rabbi Jerome M. Epstein

As we approach the 2004 presidential election, I note with some concern that both parties continue to invoke God's name on a regular basis. Clearly, religious organizations do that all the time. It is part and parcel of our mission and our belief system. But even here, we don't call upon God to carry out actions we should undertake ourselves. What, then, are the two parties trying to accomplish?

It is well-known to those who have studied the Bible that one book — the Book of Esther — contains no mention of God. Jewish tradition does not interpret this to mean that the heroine, Esther, or the hero, Mordechai, were people of little faith. Quite the contrary. The story is used to suggest that people must accept some responsibility for solving their own problems. Thus, even as the Jews in ancient Persia faced annihilation, they not only prayed but undertook a program of self-help, or positive action, to ensure their own

survival.

We should use the same approach to evaluate and interpret the positions of the parties contesting the upcoming presidential election. Do they set out the challenges that face us as a nation? What plan of action do the candidates intend to follow if elected?

It is not the voter's job simply to reward a candidate's religiosity. Rather, it is our responsibility to choose among specific policy initiatives that may (or may not) derive from a public servant's personal religious orientation. For a candidate to speak of God's love, for example, while skirting issues such as stem cell research, poverty, homelessness, and health care, would be disingenuous and unfair to the voter.

When all is said and done, referring — or not referring — to God is beside the point, though, as a nation, we have long wrestled with the notion of including explicit references to God in public documents. Interestingly, other countries have faced the

same problem. In drawing up the Declaration of Independence of the State of Israel, the drafters, as a compromise, made mention in the final paragraph of the "Rock" of Israel. According to Israel's founding father and first prime minister, David Ben Gurion, such wording enabled each person to understand the phrase in his or her own way.

God — and religion in general — have been, and remain, a rich source of moral values and ethical guidance. Nevertheless, these concepts also provide fertile grounds for divisiveness. The First Amendment to our own Constitution clearly recognizes the need for a clear separation between Church and State. Supreme Court Justice Abe Fortas, writing in 1968, noted that the Amendment "mandates governmental neutrality between religion and religion, and between religion and non-religion."

This neutrality has brought our nation great benefits. In ensuring that those who choose to observe a religious lifestyle are

afforded the freedom to do so, the Amendment has encouraged high levels of synagogue and church affiliation and attendance. Further, by guaranteeing freedom of speech — ensuring that all people, including candidates, are free to speak about religion — we are blessed with a relative lack of friction between ethnic and religious groups. One has only to look at the rivalries that exist in Sudan to appreciate how fortunate we are.

The prophet Isaiah declared emphatically that God desires substance over form, action over rhetoric. This Fall, I hope voters will bring all of their sensibilities — including religious sentiments, if they choose — to bear in examining the substance of the candidates' positions and will choose the party whose vision reflects their own values and their own interpretation of what constitutes God's will.

The author is the executive vice-president of The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, the association of Conservative congregations in North America.

Secular Israelis celebrate High Holidays

By Nechemia Meyers

While many other Israelis are praying in conventional synagogues on Rosh Hashana, members Jezre'el Valley Kibbutz Beit Hashita will be marking the end of the old year and the beginning of the new one in their own special way. They will gather together on a hillside facing historic Mount Gilboa and watch as "last year's sun" sinks below the horizon and the new year begins. They will also recite some traditional Rosh Hashana prayers together with contemporary Israeli prose and poetry. On Yom Kippur they will delve into the spiritual heritage of the Jewish people and seek to draw up a spiritual balance sheet that encompasses their deeds, collective and individual, over the previous 12 months.

Beit Hashita is the home of the Kibbutz Institute for Festivals and Holidays, the most important center for the production and distribution of material on Jewish holidays and life-cycle events, created to meet the needs

of those who want to be Jewish but cannot find their place in the synagogue.

The Institute was founded by the late Arie Ben-Gurion, nephew of Israel's first Prime Minister, and originally operated almost entirely within the framework of the kibbutz movement. For decades, kibbutzim were primarily responsible for the development of the country's secular Jewish culture, composing their own Passover Hagaddot, as well as giving renewed expression to agricultural festivals like Succot and Shavuot that had lost their original content and become no more than prayer services. So, for example, the celebration of Passover on kibbutzim begins not with a prayer about the ingathering of grain but with the actual harvesting of grain accompanied by songs and dances. Material also exists in regard to newer holidays like Independence Day, Yom Yerushalim and Holocaust Memorial Day.

While the Kibbutz Institute still serves the needs of the collective settlements, it now

primarily reaches out to others, with special emphasis on the army. The IDF Education Unit sends a constant stream of soldiers for one-day seminars at Beit Hashita, and people are sent by the Institute to talk to army units about the celebration of holidays.

One of the people most involved in this aspect of the Institute's work is Mordy Stein, a former New Yorker who, unlike his colleagues, is strictly observant. Thus, recently, he not only taught a group of commandos about the celebration of Jewish holidays, but also brought them for a Sabbath at his religious kibbutz. "That allowed them to meet with religious Jews who are open-minded, won't make a fuss if a girl shows up wearing slacks and are part and parcel of the modern world," says Mordy.

The Ministry of Education also makes use of the Institute's resources. It regularly asks the Beit Hashita educators to prepare courses for teachers' seminars, and classroom lessons as well.

Binyamin Yogev, Director of the Institute is particularly involved in a program to teach new immigrants about their Jewish heritage (using material in Russian, when required), and helping them organize celebrations of the Sabbath and various holidays with songs and appropriate readings. Also organized by the Institute is one year program on Judaism for 17-year-olds from Russia and Ethiopia in the year before they are called up for military service.

"What we do," says Yogev, "is limited only by the funds we have available. There is an enormous demand among secular Israelis who—while alienated from the synagogue—nevertheless seek greater Jewish content in their lives. This is true during the High Holidays and throughout the rest of the year."

Those interested in obtaining more information about the Kibbutz Institute for Festivals and Holidays can access its web site in Hebrew and English(<http://www.chagim.org.il>

Two days of Rosh Hashanah

By Teddy Weinberger

Rosh Hashanah is the only Jewish holiday that occurs on the first day of a Hebrew month. Because of this, Rosh Hashanah is also the only holiday that was assigned an extra day in Israel. This second day mitigated the uncertainty that was built into the traditional Jewish way for declaring new

moons (instituting a second day for the observance of holidays ensured that whether the new moon was declared on the 29th or 30th day of the "old month," the people would not violate the sanctity of the holy day). In the case of Judaism's other major holidays, it could be assumed that all Jews living in Israel would learn of the

Jerusalem Sanhedrin's proclamation for the new moon (through messengers and a system of hilltop bonfires) well in advance of the holiday. But this could not be assumed for Rosh Hashanah.

Already back in Talmudic times (some 1700 years ago) the rabbis had available to them a system for calculating new moons, and the question arose as to whether or not to celebrate Rosh Hashanah in Israel for only one day. It was decided, however, to keep to the tradition of our ancestors, and in an innovative theological move, the two days of Rosh Hashanah were declared to be one long day.

This year for traditional Jews in Israel, the one long day of Rosh Hashanah will feel especially long, since the holiday occurs on Thursday and Friday September 16-17, followed immediately by the Sabbath and its own specific laws for sanctification. By Saturday September 18, religious Jewish immigrants throughout Israel will all be thinking the same thing: thank God I don't have to go through this whole thing two more times.

Yes, the basic conservatism displayed in the decision to keep Rosh Hashanah at two days in Israel also mandated that the "second holy day for the Exile" be kept outside of Israel—despite the fact that excellent calendars are available to predict not just this year's new moons but the new moons for the rest of this millenium. And so, the second and ninth day of the Succot

holiday (the latter known as Simhat Torah) are holy outside of Israel, whereas in Israel on the second day of Succot many weekday activities are permitted, and the holiday ends after eight days. It's no wonder that many religious Jews who make aliyah will mention the absence of the "second day" as a clear and distinct bonus of aliyah.

While I don't particularly relish the prospect of two days of Rosh Hashanah followed immediately by a Shabbat, I like the idea that Jews all over the world are starting the year in a similar way. Perhaps in fact this was a side-reason for keeping the tradition of two days in Israel. For make no mistake, the "second holy day for the Exile" is designed so that Diaspora Jews feel estranged from Jews living in Israel. Yet Rosh Hashanah observance allows us all, in Israel and in the Diaspora, to ritually begin a New Year together.

This coming year will be a decisive one for Israel as we attempt to disengage ourselves from the Palestinians both through evacuating (possibly by force) the settlers in Gaza, and through the building of the separation wall. Our two-day Rosh Hashanah here reminds Israelis that the way we act has powerful reverberations throughout the world. We know this on an intuitive level, and Rosh Hashanah ritualizes the experience. May God give the leaders of the Jewish people—both in Israel and in the Diaspora—much wisdom in facing the challenges of the year ahead.

Shana Tova.

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A SWEET NEW YEAR

Not your grandmother's honey cake

By Linda Morel, JTA

Food writer Jayne Cohen takes her family on vacation every August with a mission. As a segue between the carefree days of summer and the fall holidays to follow, they spend their vacations searching market after market for honey.

"We always bring a fragrant honey back from every trip," says Cohen, who, along with Lorie Weinrott, is co-author of *The Ultimate Bar/Bat Mitzvah Celebration Book* (Clarkson Potter, 2004). She joyfully describes creamed lavender honey from Provence, wild blueberry honey from Maine, chestnut honey from Italy, and honey scented with hibiscus and frangipane from Bermuda.

"Every year, we open a lovely new honey, and that has become our Rosh Hashanah tradition."

Last year her family vacationed in Sicily, where they found the most marvelous honey carrying the aroma of pistachio flowers.

"I prepared an elaborate Rosh Hashanah dinner for family and friends," Cohen says. "But nobody could stop dipping apples and challah in that pistachio honey." It was so popular that three of her friends later visited Sicily and returned with jars of honey of their own.

While in Sicily, Cohen's daughter, Alex, purchased a three-pack of honeys: chestnut, wild flower, and thyme. Attending college in California, Alex couldn't come home for Rosh Hashanah. Instead she bought a challah and went to a farmer's market for tart apples. Inviting friends to her dorm room, they dipped the challah and apples into the three Sicilian honeys.

"Alex liked the idea of beginning the school and Jewish year wishing for sweetness," says Cohen. "It was nice to see her repeating our family tradition."

Honey has long been important to the Jewish people. Since Biblical times, honey has been a symbol of abundance. Addressing Moses from the burning bush, God announced his plan to bring the children of Israel out of Egypt to a land flowing with "milk and honey."

Back then, "milk and honey" were dietary

staples, so in essence God was saying that Canaan would be a promising place to settle. In fact, the land was teeming with goats and swarming bees abounded. Canaan's fertile soil supported grapevines and date trees, which produced a syrup also known as honey. Date syrup is similar in viscosity and texture to honey, and is equally sweet.

Cohen highly recommends baking with a quality honey, preferably one that carries a flavor you find pleasing. Look for honeys such as orange blossom or lime blossom at farmer's markets. At specialty stores, you can sometimes find Greek thyme honey or lavender honey.

If you can't locate fragranced honey, mix flavors you like into commercial honey. Almond extract or a small amount of strawberry jam work well.

For more tempting Rosh Hashanah baking ideas, visit Cohen's website, www.ultimatebarbatmitzvah.com, which features Apple Challah Bread Pudding, along with other seasonal pastries.

DEFINITIVE MOIST AND MAJESTIC HONEY CAKE

By Marcy Goldman

"Like most honey cakes, this can be made days ahead."

3 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
4 teaspoons baking powder
3/4 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
4 teaspoons ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
1/2 teaspoon ground allspice
1 cup vegetable oil
1 cup honey
11/2 cups granulated sugar
1/2 cup brown sugar
4 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup warm coffee or strong tea or Coca-Cola

1/2 cup fresh orange juice
1/4 cup rye or whiskey (or substitute orange juice or coffee)
1/2 cup slivered almonds

This cake is best baked in a nine-inch angel food cake pan, but you can also make it in one nine- or 10-inch tube or Bundt cake pan, a nine-by-13-inch sheet cake, or two five-inch loaf pans.

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Lightly grease pan(s). For tube and angel food pans, line the bottom with lightly greased parchment paper, cut to fit. Have ready doubled up baking sheets with a piece of parchment on top.

In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, cloves, and allspice.

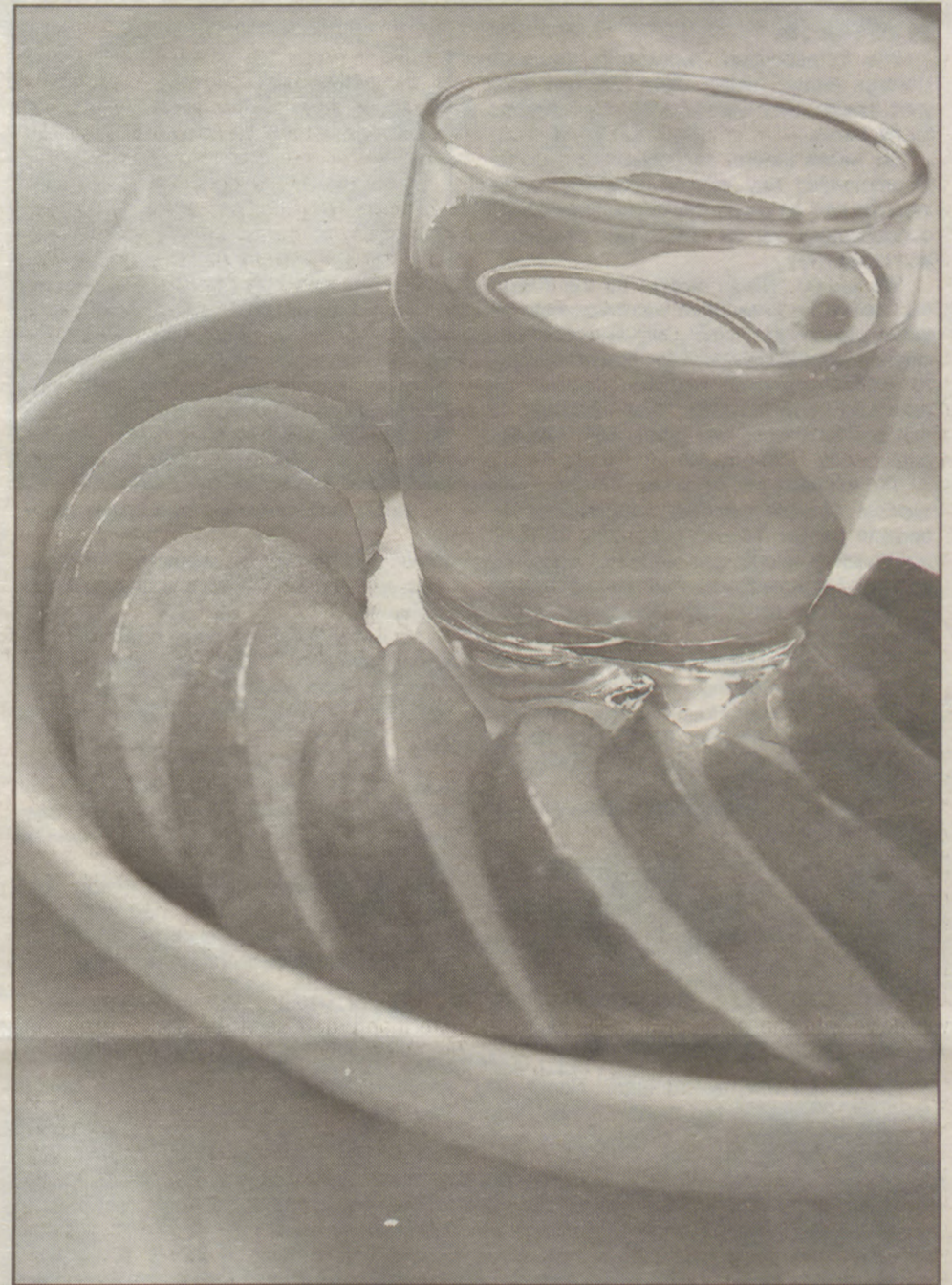
Make a well in the center. Add oil, honey, white sugar, brown sugar, eggs, vanilla, coffee, tea, or cola, orange juice and rye or whiskey.

Using a strong wire whisk or in an electric mixer on slow speed, stir together well to make a thick, well-blended batter, making sure that no ingredients are stuck to the bottom.

Spoon batter into prepared pan(s). Sprinkle top of cake(s) evenly with almonds. Place cake pan(s) on two baking sheets stacked together. (This will ensure that cakes bake properly.)

Bake until cake springs back when you gently touch the cake center. For angel and tube cake pans, 60-80 minutes; loaf pans, about 45-55 minutes. For sheet-style cakes, baking time is 40-45 minutes.

Let cake stand 20 minutes before remov-



ing from pan.

CHOCOLATE VELVET HONEY CAKE

By Marcy Goldman

2 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 cup cocoa
1 tablespoon baking powder
3/4 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1-2 teaspoons cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon cloves
1 cup vegetable oil
1 cup honey
1 cup white sugar
1/2 cup brown sugar
3 eggs
2 teaspoons pure vanilla
1 cup Coca-Cola
1/2 cup coarsely chopped semi-sweet chocolate

1/3 cup slivered almonds
Garnish: confectioner's sugar, cocoa, drizzled melted semi-sweet chocolate, or Microwave Ganache Glaze (recipe below).

Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Generously spray a nine- or 10-inch tube pan or angel food cake pan with cooking spray. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper and set aside.

In a large bowl, whisk together flour, cocoa, baking powder, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, and cloves.

In a food processor, add in the oil, honey, white sugar, brown sugar. Blend well about 30 seconds. Add in the eggs, vanilla, and

Coca-Cola. Blend well for another minute.

Fold in the dry ingredients and blend for about two minutes, until smooth, stopping the machine once or twice to ensure that ingredients are all blended and not stuck at the bottom.

Fold in chocolate chips. Spoon or pour batter into prepared pan. Sprinkle with almonds. Place cake on baking sheet and bake until done, about 60-75 minutes, until cake springs back when gently pressed with fingertips.

Cool 10 minutes before unmolding from pan.

Dust cake with confectioner's sugar, or cocoa. Or, drizzle on melted, semi-sweet chocolate. For the ultimate in decadence, while the cake is baking, prepare the Microwave Ganache Glaze as a topping.

MICROWAVE GANACHE GLAZE

1/2 cup water or heavy cream
1 cup coarsely chopped, semi-sweet chocolate (the best quality you can find)
1 Tablespoon honey

Place water or cream in a microwavable bowl and heat on high until bubbly.

Remove from microwave and whisk in the chocolate and honey, blending until smooth and glossy.

Refrigerate about 2-3 hours until it has thickened but is still spreadable. If it is quite stiff, warm it slightly until you can drizzle it on the cake. You can also add one-two tablespoons of unsalted butter or margarine to make it more pliable.



THOUGHTS FOR ELUL

Illness intensifies meaning of High Holidays

By Zvi Volk, JTA

The introspection involved in the High Holidays always makes them poignant. Last year, though, they were almost unbearably so for my family.

Six weeks before, on Tisha B'Av, a doctor recommended that instead of going to the Western Wall as we usually do, we should rush our daughter, Hagit, for a blood test, ultrasound and chest X-ray.

We had no time to prepare for the diagnosis. Before we knew what was happening we faced a sobering decree: Our 20-year-old had cancer. Specifically, Stage IIA bulky mediastinal nodular sclerosing Hodgkin's disease. We were told from the outset that treatment for this type of cancer has a very high success rate.

The following weeks passed almost imperceptibly. Suddenly, without realizing it, July became September and it was time for Rosh Hashanah. A month and a half of upheaval, worry and sleeplessness had passed by in an instant. All we could think about was Hagit's treatment.

The combination of chemotherapy and religious renewal during the Ten Days of Repentance between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur was overwhelming. It changed what we had taken for granted in our daily lives. It upped the ante.

An e-mail I sent out just before Rosh Hashanah set the scene:

"Hagit has completed her fourth week of chemotherapy. Eight weeks to go. Her spirits are generally good," the e-mail said. "But there are changes in the last month. First, of course, her hair is falling out by the handful. There is still enough to cover with a bandana so that she doesn't look 'sick.' Not yet. When she has energy, Hagit reminds us of the happy 20-year-old that she is."

Our nerves were raw. We hadn't slept more than a few nights in two months. What sleep we had was more like a stupor than a rest. Hagit's reality made the High Holidays more than just a time for self-appraisal.

Despite reassurances to the contrary and our own better judgment, self-pity consumed



Hagit Volk and her proud father, Zvi

us. We couldn't help ourselves.

More from an e-mail I sent out in late September:

"As I say Selichot," prayers of atonement recited from prior to Rosh Hashanah until Yom Kippur, "I pause when we come to, 'As a father has mercy on his children, so have mercy on us.'"

"As I continue with my morning prayers, Psalm 30 takes on added significance: 'In the evening one lies down weeping, but with dawn a cry of joy. I said in my serenity, I will never falter.'"

There were days when I had trouble going on. I faltered. I was consumed with worry. Fortunately, I still had enough pragmatism left to realize that if I fell apart that would just make things worse.

The e-mail continued:

"Last Friday afternoon we were in the emergency room because Hagit had a slight fever. As the nurse stuck the needle in her hand to take blood — a process that she has undergone countless times in the last month — she began crying. Not screaming, but a sad, painful lament.

"Part of me died that moment, but came to life again when she looked up at me and said,

'Abba, I'm not crying because it hurts. I'm crying because it takes my mind off what they're doing.'"

As the psalm says, if I go to sleep weeping, I try to wake up with joy.

Four weeks into the treatment, our previous life no longer existed.

Unlike previous years, this time around Rosh Hashanah truly frightened me. The constant themes of who will live and who will die — and how: by fire, famine, disease — these were almost more than I could bear.

It is said that on Rosh Hashanah every living soul passes before a heavenly tribunal. Then, on Yom Kippur, the Book of Life is sealed for the next year. Watching a child undergoing chemotherapy under such circumstances is difficult in the extreme.

By the time Yom Kippur began on that Sunday night in early October, we were emotionally drained. We went through the motions. As with so many other things when a family member or close friend has cancer, there is no choice. We ate our meal before the fast, got dressed and headed to synagogue.

Weighed down by thoughts of personal mortality, my wife and I began the 25-hour fast. Hagit, of course, was not allowed to fast. She was in the middle of her treatment, so we had to be vigilant about not exposing her to germs.

After Kol Nidre, one of our neighbors came to give her a shot to raise her blood count in preparation for that week's treatment. Hagit's appearances in the synagogue were limited.

I never really understood the meaning of taking something day by day until I had to deal with Hagit's heart-wrenching, prolonged chemotherapy.

What I experienced was a combination of anger, angst, confusion, depression and guilt. Kind of like chemo for the soul. Even if we recognized that at her age she had better than a 95 percent chance of complete recovery, that wasn't always enough. In the spirit of the High Holidays, I bared my soul to my e-mail list.

"This year more than ever, the stories of the 10 martyrs" in the Yom Kippur liturgy, "spoke to me. The great detail of the suffering of some of our greatest rabbis throughout history. Not surprisingly, my thoughts turned to Hagit.

"I thought about what she is suffering. I was trying to put myself in her place. Actually, I found that I still don't understand why she was chosen to suffer this way. Why couldn't it be me instead? Or, to be honest, why couldn't it be someone else?"

It is now a year since this nightmare began. As I say my morning prayers, it is still the words of Psalm 30 that catch my attention. This time around, though, I focus on different verses: "You have changed my lament into dancing. You undid my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness."

On Tisha B'Av this year, nothing remarkable happened. Hagit went to work. She has been accepted to begin studying at the Hebrew University in the fall. Most significant is that her regularly scheduled scans have been clear since January. We are grateful almost to the point of tears.

We obviously haven't reached the five year mark that is so important in terms of beating cancer. But neither are we in the same place as we were at Rosh Hashanah a year ago. That I can make a statement like that — only a year later — is a testament to the rejuvenation of the human spirit in the context of the miracles of modern medicine. Last year's despair has been replaced by guarded optimism.

As we approach Rosh Hashanah this year, our emotions are totally different from last year. The concept of teshuvah, which literally means return, is central, of course. "Who will live and who will die" still speaks to us. But in the depths of our consciousness we are no longer focusing on cancer. Our thoughts this year will focus on Hagit's return to the status quo as a stronger, more insightful person.

Zvi Volk is a writer and editor who lives in Jerusalem.

Fighting terror with kindness

By Shmuel Greenbaum

Kindness has been my personal response to terror. My wife, Shoshana, was murdered by a suicide bomber. She was one of over 100 victims that were killed or injured on August 9, 2001 at the Sbarro restaurant in Jerusalem.

Sometimes I wonder whether telling my story can really help others. Since, the way I am coping with tragedy is so different than the norm, would anyone else understand it?

Many of the rabbis that came to visit me told me a story about a carpet. "Sometimes you only see the knots on the back," they said; "Only later do you see the beautiful design on the front." I thanked them for coming and explained that I see the beautiful design now. I see the "big picture."

I have always been interested in the "big picture" — in how to make the world better. Since I was a kid, I always liked to tackle these big problems by assembling a group of experts to solve them. As a teenager I designed a system to tap hydroelectric power from the wastewater of apartment buildings. I contacted a local engineering school and assembled a team of academicians to prepare the plan for the US Department of Energy.

After my wife's violent murder, I began a project to teach people how to be kinder. The project has just started to take off. At the moment, we have more than 15,000 subscribers on six continents to our "Daily Dose of Kindness" e-mail. Everyone who signs up for this e-mail list is also automatically signed up as an advisor. As I said before, I like having many advisors. Right now, I have

over 15,000 "Kindness advisors."

Last week, one of my Kindness advisors sent me an e-mail link to an article in the New York Times about how medical researches have found that acts of kindness stimulate the brain in the same place that physical pleasures do. So now medical researchers have shown that doing kindness causes enjoyment. From this you can see one way that I cope with tragedy — I receive tremendous pleasure by promoting kindness.

My favorite author on kindness is Zelig Pliskin. In his book Kindness, he presents eighty-five techniques to find new opportunities to do kindness by improving yourself and improving the world around you. In one chapter he explains how you can feel the thrill of an international sports victory every day if you visualize 100,000 people applauding for you and cheering you on when you do an act of kindness. Studies have shown that our hormonal system has actual biochemical responses even though the victory is totally a figment of our imagination.

Shortly after my wife's death, I prayed with great intensity to G-d to help me to make the world better. From the feedback I am getting from my kindness projects, it is clear that my prayers are being answered and that I am helping to make the world a little kinder — one person at a time. This feeling of Divine assistance combined with the biochemical responses to my imagined victory has given me tremendous emotional strength.

Join Us! Visit our website at <http://www.TraditionOfKindness.org>

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Sunday, October 17, 2004, 1:00PM

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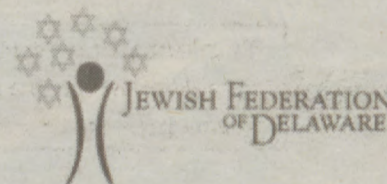
This documentary unravels the myths, and exposes the obstacles to achieving peace in the Middle East. Following the film, a discussion will be led by a representative from HonestReporting, the film's producers. In addition, Jack Zigon, Director of JCRC will present current information on the issues surrounding Israel's Security Fence after spending the previous week in Israel. A representative from the Israeli Consulate will also be part of our panel.

Don't miss this **IMPORTANT** program!

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Further details to be announced...

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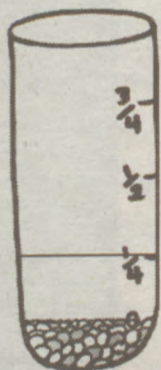
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Measuring Mayim

(mayim מַיִם = water)



Sukkot is the Jewish holiday that celebrates rain! That's why the rules about building a sukkah tell us that its leafy roof shouldn't be so thick that it keeps the rain from coming through. You can make a rain gauge to find out how much rain falls during Sukkot, or any time.

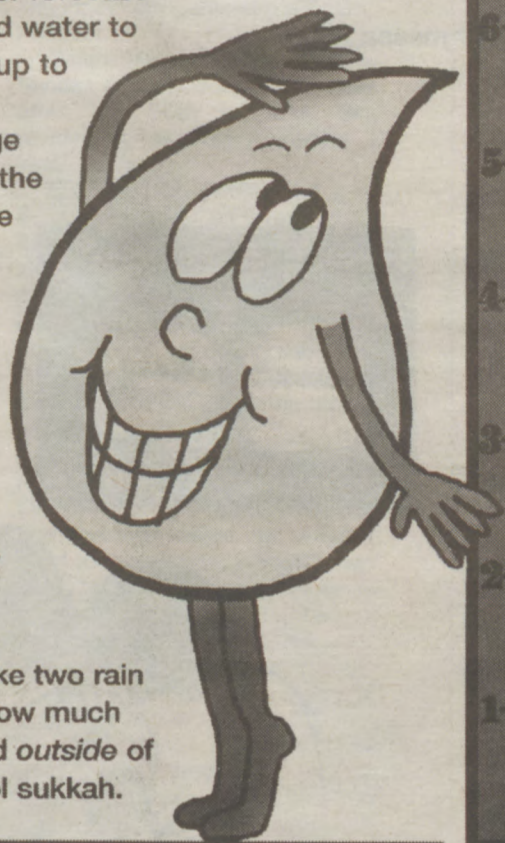
You will need:

- 2 liter plastic soda bottle • scissors
- waterproof marker (fine point) • small stones or aquarium gravel • water • measuring cup

What to Do:

1. Ask an adult to help you cut off the top 1/2 inch of the bottle.
2. Fill the curved part of the bottom of the bottle with small stones or aquarium gravel. This will weight your rain gauge to keep it from falling over.
3. Pour enough water into the bottle to cover the stones. Use the marker to draw a line at the top surface of the water. This will be your baseline, so mark it with a "0."
4. Next, pour one quart (4 measuring cups) of water into the bottle. Draw a line at the top surface of the water, and mark it "1/4 inch." When your rain gauge is filled to this line, it means that 1/4 inch of rain has fallen. Pour in another quart of water, and mark "1/2 inch" on your rain gauge. Do the same for 3/4 inch and 1 inch.
6. When the weather forecast predicts rain, add water to your rain gauge up to the baseline.
7. Put the rain gauge outside to catch the rainwater. Be sure the rain gauge is filled to the baseline before you begin collecting.
8. When the rain stops, check to see how much rain fell into your rain gauge!

For extra fun, make two rain gauges. Compare how much water fell *inside*, and *outside* of your home or school sukkah.



To plant trees or to donate to water projects in Israel, or for more JNF education programs visit www.jnf.org or call 1-800-542-8733.

Mayim Magic

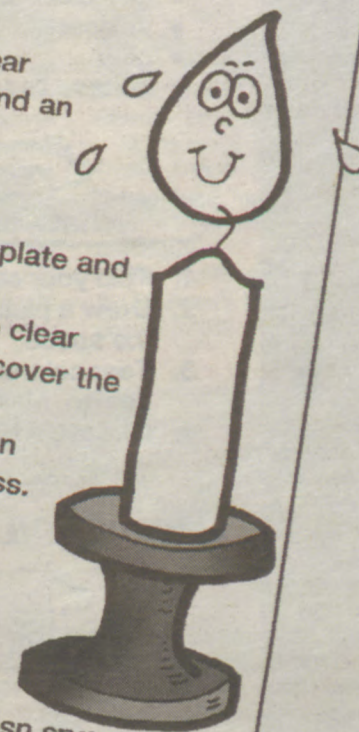
You can manufacture mayim! Here's how:

You will need:

- birthday candle • plate • tall, clear drinking glass • match or lighter and an adult to help you with it

What to Do:

1. Stand the birthday candle on the plate and ask an adult to light it.
2. Cover the burning candle with the clear glass (it must be large enough to cover the whole candle).
3. Wait for the candle to burn out, then look closely at the inside of the glass. You'll see tiny drops of liquid inside the glass!



The Secret: Mayim מַיִם (water) is a chemical. It's made of two gases, hydrogen and oxygen. The hydrogen in the candle joined with the oxygen in the air to form water. The candle flame went out when all of the oxygen in the air inside the glass was used up.

More Mayim Magic

The magic trick above doesn't work for making water people can use, but you can find out what does work by unscrambling the **SCRAMBLED** words below.

It doesn't **NARI** much in the Negev, but on a few days each year there are huge rainshowers. Jewish National Fund studied the problem of how to **THCAC** this precious rain, and came up with solutions that are models for other dry lands, all around the world.

Most of the rain that falls in the Negev either **SURN** off or evaporates. Changing the desert slopes, planting trees in **COLKLIHS** (a small hill for each tree) or **KIDES** (channels built of earth and rocks) allows the water to be **BASBORED**. Sometimes a **LAWL** is built to terrace the land, or a **MIALN** (trees planted with a wall around to hold the soil and water) can be used. This helps the desert to bloom!

Another way to provide more water for people in the Negev is to clean the water and use it again. Water **METATRENT** plants are being built to recycle water for people and agriculture. Jewish National Fund does Mayim Magic!

For games, crafts, recipes, stories and e-greetings visit

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fun stuff

CARD DESIGN A

What you need

- any color construction paper (cardboard)
- scissors
- glue
- colored tissue paper



What you do

1. Fold your cardboard in half to form a card any size you want.
2. Draw a picture of any Rosh Hashana symbol (see bottom of page) on the cover to fill most of the space.
3. Tear colored tissue paper into small pieces, scrunch them up and stick in your Rosh Hashana design. Make sure the pieces are stuck closely together.
4. Choose a greeting to write either on the cover or on the inside and add your own special message.

CARD DESIGN B

What you need

- construction paper (cardboard)
- colored paper
- scissors
- glue



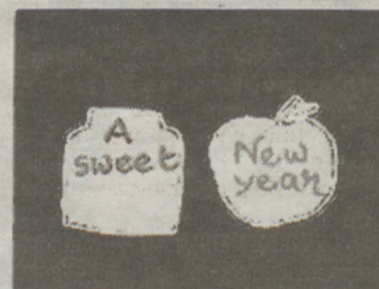
What you do

1. Fold the construction paper in half to form a card any size you want.
2. Take three different pieces of colored paper. Draw a holiday design on the top sheet and then cut out all three papers together.
3. Stick your three shapes on the front of your card and write your message inside.

CARD DESIGN C:

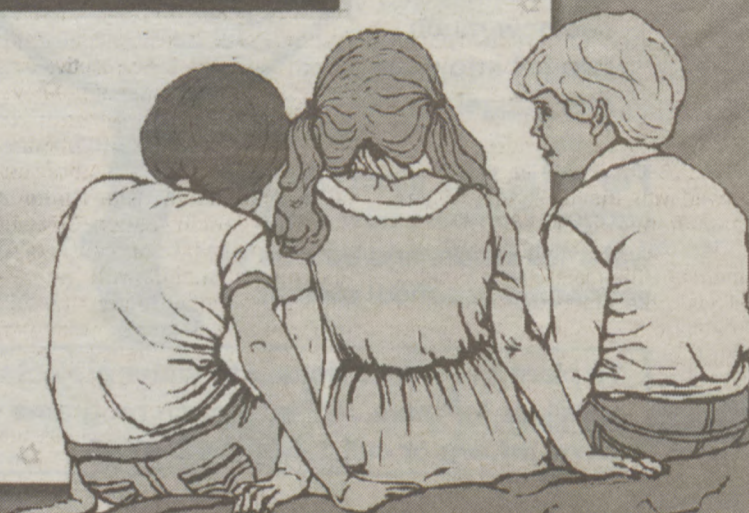
What you need

- colored cellophane
- glue
- construction paper
- scissors



What you do

1. Fold the construction paper in half to form a card.
2. On the front, draw a Holiday design (see ideas suggested for Design A).
3. Cut out the Shape.
4. Cut a piece of colored celophane into a square, big enough to cover the cut out design, and stick it on the back with glue or tape.
5. Write your message inside and you'll see it through your special design.



MAY THEIR MEMORY BE A BLESSING

FELDMAN

Alice Feldman, 90, of Wilmington, died August 6th. She and her late husband, Max owned Lewis Cleaners on North Market Street in Wilmington. Mrs. Feldman volunteered for a decade at the A.I. DuPont Children's Hospital. She was a member of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation and B'nai B'rith Women.

She is survived by her beloved children: daughter, Lane Feldman-Fuski and her husband, Phil; son, Larry and his wife, Nancy and daughter, Ester Balick and her husband, Leslie; her brother, Manuel Weintraub; five grandsons and two great grandsons.

Graveside services were held on August 4th in the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road.

Please make contributions in her memory to a charity of choice.

GABLE

Richard Gable of Philadelphia died July 26th. He was the husband of Evelyn Gable, nee Shmuckler; father of Bonnie Silberman and her husband, Bryan and Michele Foster and her husband, David. Mr. Gable also is survived by his grandchildren, Gregg, Brian, Jason and Adam.

He was interred in Montefiore Cemetery in Philadelphia.

The family would appreciate donations in his memory to the Multiple Sclerosis Society, 1 Reed Street, Philadelphia, PA 19147.

HANDLOFF

Alvin I. Handloff, 91, of West Palm Beach, FL died peacefully on July 30th. He lived most of his life in Newark and Wilmington where he graduated from the University of Delaware. He went on to study at the George Washington University Law School.

An officer in the Navy during World War II, Mr. Handloff was a respected businessman in Newark for many years.

He is survived by Bebe Rich Handloff, his wife of 65 years; his son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Elaine Handloff of Hockessin; his granddaughter, Cynthia Handloff of Seattle, Washington; and his grandson, Brian Handloff and his wife, Rebecca of Bear, DE.

Private burial services were held on August 6th in Beth Emeth Cemetery.

Donations in his memory would be appreciated to the Charles W. Gerstenberg Hospice Center, 5300 East Avenue, West Palm Beach, FL 33407.

KOGON

Dr. Irving C. Kogon, age 80 of Green Acres, died August 5, 2004, after a long illness.

From 1954 until his retirement in 1981, Dr. Kogon worked as a senior research associate for E.I. duPont de Nemours & Co. at their Experimental Station and Chambers Works facilities.

A U.S. Army veteran, Dr. Kogon served with the U.S. Army Signal Corps from 1943-1946.

He was a member of the American Chemical Society and a Fellow in the American Institute of Chemists. He received 18 patents and authored or co-authored over 100 articles during his career.

Dr. Kogon received his BA and MA degrees from Brooklyn College and his PhD degree from New York Polytechnic University.

Born in Brooklyn, NY, he was the

son of the late Charles and Sophie Cohen.

He was married for 55 years on September 11 to Rita L. Handelman Kogon.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by 2 sons, Gary B., husband of Linda Kogon of Lititz, PA and Jay S., husband of Susan Kogon of Wilmington; 6 grandchildren, Amy, Sherie, Chava, Aaron, Seth, Sam; and a brother, Allan, husband of Theda Kogon of Fort Lee, NJ.

The funeral service was held on August 6, 2004, at Schoenberg Memorial Chapel, with interment in the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Rd.

The family would appreciate contributions in Dr. Kogon's memory to a Jewish organization of your choice.

LIPNER

Caroline Lipner, 84 of Delray Beach, FL died suddenly on July 30th in New York City.

Mrs. Lipner was a graduate of Brooklyn College in New York and worked for many years as an officer manager and an accountant in the City's famed Garment District.

A past president of B'nai B'rith, she also served as chairman of its Anti-Defamation League.

She was pre-deceased by her husband, Julius Lipner and is survived by her daughter, Rissa Pritzkur and son-in-law, Lewis; daughter, Stacy Lawrence and her husband, Brian; and grandchildren, Alicia and Matthew Pritzkur and Eric and Jordan Lawrence.

Funeral services were held on August 1st at Beth Emeth Memorial Park.

Memorial contributions would be appreciated to Anti Defamation League of B'nai Brith, in honor of Caroline Lipner, Department DJ, 823 United Nations Plaza, New York, New York 10017.

MARKOWITZ

Solomon Markowitz, 86 of Felton, DE died August 3rd in Wilmington. Funeral services were held on August 8th at Sharon Hills Memorial Park Cemetery in Dover.

POTTER

Helen Melzak Potter died on Sunday, August 22, 2004, 2 weeks after her 96th birthday. She resided at the Kutz Home for 1 year.

She was born in NYC on August 8, 1908 and attended Julia Richmond School. Upon graduating, she obtained employment at the Blyer and Brown Publishing Company, becoming office manager. In 1933, she married Mac Potter. They lived in NY raising their family until 1951, when they moved to DE.

In Wilmington, she became secretary to the executive director of the Wilmington Housing Authority. She was later called out of retirement to become the executive secretary to the appointee of the newly created position of Secretary of Housing for the State of Delaware.

After retirement, she participated in Hadassah, The National Council of Jewish Women, ORT, and the International Women's Club. She taught needlework at the Wilmington Senior Center, the Kutz Home, and at Boscovs, while continuing to pursue her interests in photography, graphology, silver-smithing, calligraphy and parapsychology. She and her late husband, Mac traveled throughout the United States and Europe. At age 85, Mrs. Potter spent 2 months in Israel,

teaching English to young school children. In her later years, she attended the Academy of Life Long Learning and Widener University, continuing to hone her computer skills well into her 90's.

She was predeceased by her husband, Mac of 61 years in 1994, and is survived by her children, Carol P. Balick, her husband, Sid; Stephen B. Potter, his wife, Jean; grandchildren; Adam Balick, Dana Balick, Elizabeth Balick, Noah Potter, Arielle Potter Levy; a step-granddaughter, Christine Ruggio, "Grandson" Michael McGrory and 8 great grandchildren.

A memorial tribute is being planned.

Contributions in her honor may be made to the Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Wilmington, DE 19809.

RAFAL

Doctor Harold S. Rafal, a Wilmington surgeon for over 4 decades, died at his home on

August 31, 2004 at the age of 85.

Dr. Rafal was born and raised in Brooklyn, NY. He graduated from Columbia University in NY, thereafter attending the Medical College of VA. He served an internship at Beth Israel Hospital in Manhattan. In 1945, Dr. Rafal accepted a surgical residency at the Memorial Hospital here in Wilmington. He practiced medicine in Wilmington for the following 40 years, serving on the staffs of the memorial, Wilmington and Wilmington General Hospitals. During his career, Dr. Rafal was appointed Chief of Surgery and head of the New Castle County Medical Society. Dr. Rafal served on numerous medical committees, including the group that planned the development of the present day Christiana Hospital. As Chief of Surgery, he mentored many surgical residents and was instrumental in establishing the affiliation with Thomas

Jefferson medical School for Delaware residents. After retiring, he consulted for a number of years. Dr. Rafal enjoyed traveling, classical music, playing the mandolin, reading, gardening, writing for medical journals, and time with his family.

Dr. Rafal is survived by his wife, Margaret, of Wilmington, 6 children and 8 grandchildren. His children include, Merrick Rafal of Wilmington, Dr. Robert Rafal, now living in Wales, Jonathan Rafal of Wilmington, Dr. Seth Rafal of Boston, Kathleen Jennings, Esq., of Wilmington and Margaret Krauss of Newark, DE.

A memorial service was held on Friday, September 3, 2004 at the Schoenberg Memorial Chapel. He was interred at Lombardy Cemetery.

The family suggests remembering Dr. Rafal's life by supporting the charity of your choice.



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Service in the Jewish Tradition

NACHAS NOOK

Local resident receives Women's American ORT Fellowship

Chadds Ford resident Stacy Horowitz has been selected as a Nathan Gould Fellow for demonstrating commitment to Women's American ORT (WAO) and notable leadership qualities.

The fellowship is named for the organization's late Executive Director who led WAO for nearly 40 years. It is funded through the generosity and vision of Women's American ORT

supporters who are committed to continuing the legacy of developing new leadership.

"My involvement in the Delaware Jewish Community began in the fall of 1997, just a few days after my family and I moved into town from Washington, DC. After going to a Women's American ORT new members' brunch, I was immediately hooked," said Ms. Horowitz who is currently President of the

Brandywine Chapter. She has also served as Community Relations Chair and Vice President, Membership.

Her other involvement in the Jewish community has included Early Childhood Co-chair at the JCC of Northern Delaware Preschool; JCC Board membership; and Vice President, Membership, Congregation Beth Shalom.

Women's American ORT is a national

Jewish organization that strengthens the worldwide Jewish community by empowering people to achieve economic self-sufficiency through technological and vocational education. This is accomplished by providing financial support and leadership within the global ORT network of schools and programs. For more information on Women's American ORT, see www.waort.org.

Levin and Acosta to wed

Charlotte Levin of Wilmington announces the engagement of her daughter, Karen Beth Levin to Luis Miguel Acosta, son of Ann Acosta of Jacksonville, Florida. Karen is the daughter of the late Dr. Jules Levin and Luis is the son of the late Paul Acosta.

Karen graduated from Duke University with a Bachelors of Arts degree in Political Science, a Juris Doctor degree from Washington University, and a Master of Laws in Taxation degree from Georgetown University Law Center. She works as a benefits attorney for Mercer Human Resource Consulting in Philadelphia, PA.

Luis received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from the University of Florida, a Juris Doctor degree from the George Washington University Law School, and a Master of Science in Library Science from the Catholic University of America's School of Library and Information Science. He is a



Karen Beth Levin and Luis Miguel Acosta

Legal Reference Librarian at the Law Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.

The couple, who will live in Washington, D.C., is planning an October wedding.

"NEW IN TOWN"



A Daughter of Israel is born:

Sheila and Phil Weinberg are proud to announce the birth of their fourth grandchild, Ava Madeline Bachman. Ava is the daughter of Carrie and Marc Bachman of Manhattan, NY, and is the sister of big brother, Alec Matthew. She weighed in at 6 lb, 6 oz.

Ava was given the Hebrew name, Ariela Leora in memory of her maternal great-grandfather Leo Feldman.

Welcoming her is her great-grandmother, Fay Feldman of the B'nai B'rith House, and grandmother, Sheila Bachman of Great Neck, NY. Also, welcoming Ava is Uncle and

Aunt, Joel and Alyssa Simon and cousins Ethan and Emily of Lewes, Del.; Uncle and Aunt, Ira and Jackie Bachman and cousins Reid and Brittany of Merrick, Long Island, NY; and Uncle and Aunt, Michael and Debbie Bachman and cousins Tobey and Gabe of Westfield, NJ.

A New Son of Israel is born:

Ruth and Sheldon Weinstein announce the arrival of their newest grandchild, Avi Matan. Avi and his big sister, Talia, live in San Leandro, California with their proud parents, Debra Paulson, nee Weinstein, a homemaker and David, an attorney with an office in San Francisco. Avi's brit milah was August 25th.

A New son of Israel is born:

Beth (nee Panitz) and Michael Edwards of Rockville, Maryland announce the birth of their son, Samuel Joseph Edwards on June 24th. Samuel is welcomed by his grandparents, Bernie and Sylvia Panitz of Wilmington, Bob and Sue Nagler, and the late Stephen Edwards of Old Bridge, New Jersey. Beaming great grandmother is Mrs. Dorothy Rubrum of East Brunswick, New Jersey.

Newcomers

Are you "newish and Jewish?"

*You are invited to attend
the Newcomers Bagel Brunch*

*Sunday, September 12, 12-2 pm
at the*

*Jewish Community Center
101 Garden of Eden Road
Wilmington, Delaware*



Learn about the Delaware Jewish community

Meet members of area organizations

Schmooze with other Newcomers

For more information and to

RSVP for the Bagel Brunch (by Sept. 7), contact Jennifer at the Jewish Federation of Delaware (302) 427-2100 x 19 or visit www.shalomdelaware.org

All dietary laws will be observed.

The Jewish Federation of Delaware welcomes those who would like to connect with the Jewish community and encourages the participation of interfaith families, couples and significant others in all of its activities.

The Newcomers program is part of the Women's Philanthropy initiative at the Jewish Federation of Delaware in collaboration with over 30 area Jewish organizations. Whether your interests lie in Jewish education, outreach, or advocacy, we want to welcome you and enhance your awareness of our community. Women's Philanthropy offers a unique opportunity to support Jewish life... and it is a great way to meet new people.



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Esther Sherman McDonald Fund for Israel Assists Children

Esther Sherman McDonald, z"l, was devoted to Israel. A champion of Israel and the causes that benefited the state of Israel, she worked tirelessly on behalf of the Jewish state through Pioneer Women, Israel Bonds and by educating her fellow Beth Emeth congregants and others on the importance of Israel.

Mrs. McDonald translated her lifetime commitment to the State of Israel into permanent gifts that will continue in perpetuity. During her lifetime she established a fund for Israel programming at Beth Emeth. In her estate plan she arranged for perpetual annual distributions to be made to the Jewish Federation of Delaware to direct toward social and educational services for immigrant and needy children in Israel.

This summer, the Esther Sherman McDonald Fund for Israel awarded funding to two programs: \$2,000 to support the summer camp for Ethiopian children at Midreshet Beit Shemesh; and \$6,000 to Arad, our Partnership 2000 sister region, to offer an extended day curriculum for kindergartens for five-year olds, in lower schools including hot lunch and afternoon extracurricular activity, beginning when the formal sessions end at 1:00 pm and continuing until 4 pm.

The 2004 Summer Program at the Narkis Center (*Moadonit HaNarkis*) ran successfully for the third year in a row. This year, attendance was at a peak, with over 70 children attending daily. The summer program operated for eighteen days during the month of July. Seventy-four children ranging in

age from 1st through 8th grades participated. Almost all of the children were from Ethiopian immigrant families from the Narkis neighborhood. They were joined by a handful of Israeli children from disadvantaged families in the neighborhood.

This year's summer program emphasized the connection to Israeli society. As such, the program included personal and road safety activities with the local police and fire departments, a walking tour in Jerusalem, outdoor nature hikes, Army Day, and a trip to the Electric Company. The summer fun experience was completed with three pool days, a movie outing, and an end-of-camp party.

"All the participants greatly enjoyed the mix of informal educational activities, outings, arts and crafts, remedial assistance and summer play" reported Atara Stein, program director. "For these children, the summer program offered them the enjoyable summer vacation experience that most other Israeli children have - complete with trips, swimming and educational/social activities. The warmth and love of the MBS volunteers was especially touching, as the summer experience solidified relationships between the counselors and the children. Once again, the summer program was the highlight of their summer vacation!"

The kindergarten program in Arad begins this month. More information will appear in the next issue of the newsletter and future issues of the Jewish Voice.



An Ethiopian camper enjoys a program supported by the Esther Sherman McDonald Fund of the Jewish Fund for the Future

Named Endowment Funds At-A-Glance

- Provides annual income for organizations you wish to support
- May be created now or through your estate plan
- Offers tax benefits for you or your estate
- May be created with a variety of assets

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Consider the Jewish Fund for the Future

Listed below are a number of options for supporting the endowment:

- Outright gift of cash, stock, real estate or other assets
- Bequest/will
- Life insurance
- IRA or pension plans
- Charitable remainder trusts
- Charitable lead trusts

How to Make a Stock Gift to the Federation

Many donors to the Jewish Federation's Annual Campaign and the Jewish Fund for the Future make their gifts with stock. A gift of appreciated stock generally offers a two-fold tax saving. First, you avoid paying any capital gains tax on the increase in value of the stock. Second, you receive an income tax charitable deduction for the full fair market value of the stock at the time of the gift. Please contact the financial department at (302) 427-2100 to request a Stock Transfer Form before you transfer stock. This new form will assure that the stock transaction is properly credited to your Annual Campaign, Endowment or other accounts.

Over 80 Donors Attend the First L'Chaim Circle Event

Annual Campaign donors that have consistently contributed to the campaign for 25 years or more were recognized at the Jewish Federation of Delaware's first L'Chaim Circle event. Over 80 donors attended the event held at the Jewish Community Center. All L'Chaim Circle event photos by Michael Samuels.



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*As my parents planted for
 me before I was born, so
 do I plant for those who
 will come after me*
 Talmud Taanit 23a

What is the Jewish Fund for the Future

The Jewish Fund for the Future is our Jewish community's future. In 1985, several progressive families in Delaware organized the Jewish Community of Delaware Endowment Fund to provide for the future needs of the Jewish community here and abroad. Today, this Jewish Fund for the Future provides the necessary financial capital to help the community plan for the future.

Endowment funds supplement the Annual Campaign, provide seed money for creating new initiatives, and ensure the survival and long-term stability of existing programs upon which so many in our community depend.

Over 65 individuals and families have established funds with the Jewish Fund for the Future. We hold endowments for each of our six beneficiary agencies and several area synagogues. The endowment began with \$300,000 in the 1980s, and in the last 10 years the fund has grown from **\$3.6 million to over \$14 million**. In the last two years the Jewish Fund for the Future distributed **nearly \$1 million in grants** benefiting a diverse array of cultural, educational, social and humanitarian causes including our local synagogues and agencies.

Endowment funds may be established during a donor's lifetime or by bequest.



Bernard Siegel and Leslie Newman, pictured above at the L'Chaim Circle event, have endowment funds with the Jewish Fund for the Future.

Your commitment to secure the future of the Jewish people is a sacred covenant. By giving, you are teaching important values of leadership and responsibility to your family, friends, and community.

Synagogue & Agency Endowment Funds at the Jewish Fund for the Future

Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth
 Bluestone Education Fund
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 Professional Staff Development Fund
 Laura Fogel-Schagrin Scholarship Fund
 Friends of the Senior Center Fund
 Sol Tourmarkine Family Education Fund
 Barbara Weiner Fund
 Aerenson/Weiner Fund for Education
 Endowment Professional Fund
 Richard A. Silverman Fund
 Martin I. Lubaroff Scholarship Fund
 Second Century Fund

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 Martin Sloan Fund
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 General Fund
 Jewish Volunteer Network Fund
 Barrett Family Fund
 Engelmann Family Fund
 Blumberg Family Fund
 Jan and Michael Weiss Fund

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 Kutz Home Capital Fund

Kutz Home Auxiliary Fund

Jewish Fund for the Future Investment Information

The Jewish Fund for the Future Investment committee and investment advisors consistently monitor the Fund's investments and the performance of the Fund. Prime, Buchholz & Associates, Inc. our independent investment consulting firm, serves a variety of institutional investment programs, including Endowments, Foundations, Health Care Systems and Insurance Organizations, Pension Funds, and high net worth individuals.

For the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2003, the Jewish Fund for the Future's return was up 3.9%. A leading Delaware area foundation had returns around 1% for the same period. The Jewish Fund for the Future's portfolio inception to date annualized (1987 Q3 -2004 Q2) is 10.17%.

Jewish Fund for the Future Endowment Funds

A planned gift to the Jewish Fund for the Future/Jewish Federation of Delaware is a permanent resource ensuring the future and strength of the Jewish community. The following endowments have impacted the community through grants for educational, cultural, health & welfare programs in Delaware, Israel and around the world.

Alexander Family Fund
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 Kutz Assistance Fund
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 Lord's Fund
 Mand Family Philanthropic Fund
 Margules Family Philanthropic Fund
 Harold E. and Margaret H. May Philanthropic Fund
 Esther Sherman McDonald Endowment Fund for Israel
 Newman Family Fund

Nomis Philanthropic Fund
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 N. Norman and Helen T. Schutzman Charitable Remainder Unitrust
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 Simon/Spiller Fund
 Gilbert J. Spiegel Memorial Fund
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 Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Endowment
 Richard & Serena Winer Philanthropic Fund
 Harvey L. Young Charitable Gift Annuity
 Toni Young Lion of Judah Endowment

Gifts through wills

Several donors notified us of their plans to include the Jewish Fund for the Future in their wills
 Anonymous Insurance Policies* (4)
 Ginger Weiss*

*expectancy

If an error or omission has been made in our listing, please inform Gina Kozicki, Endowment Administrative Assistant, so we may correct our records.



CELEBRATE
 10 YEARS OF
 LOJE

A Lion of Judah Endowment (LOJE) is a Perpetual Annual Campaign Endowment (PACE) Fund designated for the Annual Campaign of the Jewish Federation of Delaware with a minimum gift of \$100,000 (additional recognition in the national Star of David honor society is provided to donors for LOJE/PACE funds with a minimum of \$200,000). To arrive at the estimated amount needed to endow your entire Annual Campaign gift, simply multiply your current gift by 20. This gift enables you to perpetuate your commitment to the Annual Campaign in a way that best achieves your own personal financial and estate planning goals. As a LOJE donor, you will receive the prestigious Or L'Atid flame for your Lion of Judah pin, and your name will be listed on the national LOJE honor roll, bringing perpetual honor to you and your family.

Ways to fund your LOJE/PACE gift include:

- Gift of life insurance
 - Outright contribution of appreciated securities or other long-term capital gain property
 - Charitable remainder trusts
 - Charitable lead trust
 - Gift of IRA or pension plan
 - Bequest
- Establishing a LOJE allows a woman the opportunity to go the extra step to endow her gift.*

Jewish Federation of Delaware Upcoming Events

**October 10 ~ L'Chaim Circle Reception at
the Delaware History Museum**

**November 7 ~ Women's Philanthropy
event, Jewish Holiday Style with author Rita
Milos Brownstein**

**December 12-16 ~ Super Sunday & Super
Week**

**For more information contact the
Jewish Federation of Delaware
(302) 427-2100**

A planned gift to the Jewish Fund for the Future/
Jewish Federation of Delaware is a permanent
resource ensuring the future and strength of the
Jewish community. For information on giving
opportunities, including commemorative gifts in
honor of a bat mitzvah, memorial funds, bequests,
and planned giving, as well as support for special
programs, equipment, or buildings, contact
Jennifer S. Young, Endowment Director, at 302-
427-2100 x 19.

Types of Endowment Funds:

Unrestricted Funds: Gifts of
any amount to the Endowment
Fund of the Jewish Federation
of Delaware, Inc.

Philanthropic Funds: Donor
advised funds that allow you to
better manage your charitable
giving. Minimum \$5,000 to es-
tablish a donor advised fund.

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geted toward specific agencies,
programs, field of interest, or
need.

**Perpetual Annual Campaign
Endowments/Lion of Judah
Endowments:** Gifts that sustain
your contribution to the Annual
Campaign in perpetuity (PACE/
LOJE) suggested minimum 20
times donor's annual gift.

Life Income Gifts: Gifts that
provide you, your spouse or
loved one with income during
your lifetime and sustain the
Jewish community when you are
gone.



L'Chaim Circle Reception June 2004



Family Tzedakah

This year, Nicole Grant and her family established the Nicole J. Grant Endowment Fund in honor of Nicole's Bat Mitzvah. Over 100 people contributed to her Fund. Below is the letter Nicole sent to her Bat Mitzvah guests.

Dear Friends and Family:

Ever since I was little, my parents have taught me the importance of tzedakah. They taught me that tzedakah means more than just charity, but that it means justice. I learned that there could not be justice in the world without each of us taking responsibility for others. Now that I am becoming a Bat Mitzvah, I am taking on responsibility and the mitzvah (commandment) of tzedakah.

In preparation for my Bat Mitzvah, I started an endowment fund with some of the money that I have saved over the past year. My parents added to it. For my Bat Mitzvah, I would appreciate that instead of bringing a gift, you make a donation to my endowment fund. Each year, on the anniversary of my Bat Mitzvah, I will give the proceeds of my endowment fund to a charity organization. In doing this, my Bat Mitzvah will not end that weekend. Rather, it will last throughout my entire life. Each year when I give the money to an organization, it will remind me of my Bat Mitzvah. In starting this endowment fund, I will continue the tradition of giving tzedakah.



My parents ask that you make your check out to Jewish Federation of Delaware and put in the memo The Nicole J. Grant Endowment Fund. Thank you and I hope to see you soon at my Bat Mitzvah.

Shalom,
Niki

COMING EVENTS

SAMPLE MELTON LESSONS

Wednesday, September 22 9:15-10:15 a.m. at the Siegel JCC Thursday, September 23 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Siegel JCC Classes begin October 13/14. Contact Marion Hamermesh at (302) 478-5660 x. 201 or melton@jccdelaware.org.

SEPTEMBER ISRAELI DANCING

Dance to the music on Monday, September 13 from 7:30 - 9:30 at the Wilmington JCC. Beginners are encouraged to come the first hour for teaching and easier dances taught by Sharon Kleban and Howard Wachtel. \$3 for JCC members, students and AEA families; \$5 others. Also at the Arden Gild Hall on Wednesday, September 22, same time. For more information call Elaine Schmerling at (302) 475-3708.

DARLINGTON SLATES ARTS DEMOS & OPEN HOUSE

The non-profit Darlington Arts Center, 977 Shavertown Rd, Concord Twp., presents faculty demonstrations of instruction in music, dance, art and drama at a Fall Open House, Saturday, September 11, from Noon to 3 PM. The entire family may register for fall semester of classes, private instruction, workshops and "Elementary Arts After School Club." Refreshments and appearance of surprise character from Darlington's Children Theatre presentation of "Alice in Wonderland." For a catalogue or information, call (610) 358-3632.

AMERICAN MUSICAL THEATRE PRESENTS

"FIDDLER ON THE ROOF"

The New Candlelight Theatre, 2208 Millers Rd., Ardentown, DE, will present Fiddler on the Roof with the original choreography of Jerome Robbins. The popular musical, based on the short story "Tevye and His Daughters by

Sholom Aleichem, runs September 10 thru November 14 with performances on Thursday (selected), Friday and Saturday evenings, and Sunday matinees. The production will star married couple Sheldon and Harriet Zeff as Tevye and his wife Golde. Tickets are \$40.00 per person for dinner and show, \$25.00 for children 12 and under (excluding Saturday performances). For tickets and further information please call the box office, 302-475-2313 Monday thru Saturday, 10 a.m. through 4 p.m.

HIGH HOLIDAY PRAYERBOOKS FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED

The Jewish Heritage for the Blind is offering free large print Hebrew/English Machzors for the High Holidays for those individuals who are visually impaired. A note is required from an eye care specialist confirming that the individual has a vision problem. For further information, please call 1-800-995-1888 or email: jhb.ny@verizon.net.

COMMUNITY NEWCOMERS BAGEL BRUNCH

Are you "newish and Jewish?" The Women's Philanthropy committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware plans to welcome newcomers to the Delaware Jewish community at a community-wide brunch on September 12 at the Wilmington JCC. Women in our community are invited to become involved with the Federation through the Women's Philanthropy initiative. Whether your interests lie in educational programs, fundraising or outreach, Women's Philanthropy can enhance your awareness and understanding of your Jewish community and Jewish heritage...and offers you the chance to meet new people with similar interests. The Women's Philanthropy initiative is your connection to the wealth of

active organizations in our Jewish community. If you know of a newcomer to the community, or are interested in joining the committee, please call Jennifer Young at the Jewish Federation of Delaware 302-427-2100.

JEWISH CHORALE SEEKS SINGERS

Nashirah - The Jewish Chorale of Greater Philadelphia will hold auditions on Sunday, September 19, starting at 5 PM; Monday, September 27, starting at 6 PM; and Sunday, October 3, starting at 5 PM at the Gershman Y at Broad and Pine Streets, Philadelphia. Nashirah, formed in 2002, is the only auditioned, avocational community-based chorale in the Greater Philadelphia area that performs Jewish and Jewish-themed repertoire. The group's repertoire includes Yiddish music, Israeli music, and rare Jewish music dating from 17th century Italy to the modern day. Nashirah recently performed at the North American Jewish Choral Festival, opening for the Zamir Chorale of New York. Nashirah, in residence at the Gershman Y, currently performs as an 18-voice ensemble and hopes to achieve a 40-to-60 voice choral presence.

Interested choral musicians should have a minimum of three years of choral singing experience and a good musical ear. Music reading ability is highly desirable, though not required. An accompanist will be provided at the audition. For audition details and more information, call Linda Lempert at 215-884-4522 or e-mail SingNashirah@verizon.net.

ISRAELI ORGANIZATION SEEKS INTERN

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Any question will be answered by Assaf Shilo at mail@israel-sun.com

JACOB K. JAVITS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM INVITES APPLICANTS

United States Senator Joseph R. Biden, Jr. announced that the Department of Education is seeking applicants for the Jacob K. Javits Fellowship Program. The Fellowship is designed for students beginning graduate study in selected fields of the arts, humanities and social sciences leading to a doctoral degree or master's degree in those fields in which a master's degree is the highest degree awarded. Selection is based on demonstrated academic achievement, financial need and exceptional promise. 71 Fellowships will be funded with an average award of \$41,511. The deadline for applications is October 8th. For additional information about scholarship opportunities, please visit the Department of Education website at: www.ed.gov/ed/pubs.html.

CALLING ALL YOUNG STUDENT MUSICIANS

The Delaware Symphony will sponsor its annual Student Soloist Competition on Saturday, October 2nd from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Baby Grand in Wilmington. Deadline for entries is Friday, September 17th. The winner will receive a \$500 scholarship and will perform with the DSO at its annual Family Concert

on Saturday, December 11th, 3:00 p.m. The competition is open to music students who are 18 years of age or younger and who either live in Delaware, within a 50 mile radius of Wilmington, or who study with a Delaware teacher. Competitors should prepare and perform one, two or all movements from a standard concerto which can be performed with an orchestra. Total performance time should not exceed 20 minutes. Entry forms and additional information are available at www.desymphony.org or by phone at 302-656-7442, ext. 3156.

ALAN ROSENBERG OPENS IN NEW PLAY ABOUT N.Y. GARMENT DISTRICT

Alan Rosenberg, star of *LA Law*, *The Guardian*, and *Cybill*, is starring in *PARTNERS*, a world premiere comedy opening September 15th at Wilmington's Delaware Theatre Company. The play written by Allan Katz, the award-winning writer producer of *MASH*, *Rhoda*, *Roseanne*, and *Sanford and Son*, tells the story to two men, best friends in the garment district, whose relationship is changed forever when one goes through a midlife crisis, takes off for two years, and returns as a woman.

PARTNERS also stars Vyto Ruginis (*The Fast and the Furious*, *Ally McBeal*), and is directed by Zane Buzby (*Newhart*, *Golden Girls*.) Broadway producer, Bill Haber (*Proof*, *Dirty Blonde*, *Frankie and Johnny at the Claire de Lune*, *The Iceman Cometh*) has already optioned *Partners* with an eye towards Broadway. Also appearing in the production are Jennifer Flynn, Bill Saluga, Eve Sigall, and Rich Duva. Tickets may be purchased through the Delaware Theatre Company box office at (302)594-1100. It's a guaranteed great night at the theatre.

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