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Construction at Kutz Paves Way for Rededication Weekend



Construction workers at the Kutz Home. Photo: JDS

By JORDAN SOPINSKY
Editor of The Jewish Voice

The Milton and Hattie Kutz Home, which has had itself poked and prodded by electricians, plumbers, painters, and builders for the past two years, is nearing the end of its renovation/expansion project. The result: two new wings housing 16 beds each, a 3,500 square foot lobby/visitor center, and a renovated activity mall for programs, a chapel, a beauty shop, and space for residents' therapy.

In addition, every residence room has been renovated and each bathroom enlarged for handicap access. Plus new finishes and furnishings and refurbished dining rooms have given the Home, which began as the Ladies Bichor Cholem Society (Visiting the Sick) in

1902, a whole new look.

"It even feels different," remarked Arlene Simon, commenting on the progress made on Delaware's Jewish nursing home, which went from 40 beds in 1960, to 82 in 1970, and now will contain 90. Simon is the chair of the rededication committee. A rededication program is planned for the weekend of September 20-21.

On September 20, the annual Forget-Me-Not Ball, sponsored by the Auxiliary of the Kutz Home, will be held at Arsht Hall, Wilmington Campus of the University of Delaware. The ball serves as a fund-raiser to raise money for the "extras" at the Home. The Auxiliary exists to support and supplement the services at The Kutz Home. With over 900 members, the Auxiliary's aim is simple: enhance the quality of life for the residents. Invitations are expected to be sent out soon for the Ball.

The actual rededication for the Home, which had its original groundbreaking in January, 1959 after Hattie Kutz made a substantial pledge, will begin at 2 PM on Sunday, September 21. A brief dedication program will be followed by guided tours and refreshments. Everyone in the community is

welcome to attend.

"The weekend is there for the community, for its helpful response and to show the fruits of giving," said Simon.

Along with Arlene Simon, chairperson, the rededication committee is comprised of Phylis Cobin, Miriam Edell, Fran Gelman, Faith Goldman, Cynthia Hochberg, Howard Hoffman, Ellen Koniver, Alan Schoenberg, Louise Sloan, and Ruth Weinstein. Serving as advisors: Eileen Conner, Karen Friedman, Ethel Parsons, Joan Wachstein, and Sheldon Weinstein.

The Kutz Home is indebted to all members of the community, in addition to the leaders, who took an active role in solicitation. The

campaign chairs for the capital campaign are Don and Ethel Parsons and Bernie and Ruth Siegel. The honorary chairs for the campaign are Charles Cawley, Irving Shapiro, and Diane Levin Widder. The exceeded campaign goal will allow a capital maintenance fund to be established for future projects.

The members of the building committee for The Kutz Home are Elliott Golinkoff, chair; Rick Alexander; Howard Hoffman; and Ted Zutz.

The Milton and Hattie Kutz Home is a licensed nonprofit nursing home and a constituent agency of The Jewish Federation of Delaware and the United Way of Delaware.



Top: Dining Room at the Bichor Cholem Society circa 1950.
Bottom: A newly refurbished dining room at the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home.
Photos: JDS

Jewish Agency Restructures and Makes Resolutions on Unity

By CYNTHIA MANN

JERUSALEM, July 1 (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency for Israel held its annual assembly recently. It drew hundreds of delegates from around the world, and took several critical steps. Among its actions, the agency:

- * Expressed strong support for religious pluralism, including a doubling of funding for programs of the major religious streams;

- * Adopted a sweeping structural reform plan, which includes changing the face of the World Zionist Organization;

- * Emphasized the agency's work of facilitating immigration to Israel by starting the assembly with a visit to the former Soviet Union; and

- * Focused on new "people-to-people" programs to enhance the Diaspora's connection to Israel.

All of these actions reflect the top priorities of federations.

"We are pleased that the voices of our community joined those with others throughout North America so that we could be heard," said Judy Wortman, Executive Vice-President of The Jewish Federation of Delaware. "The resolutions passed by the Jewish Agency assembly are in line with the resolution approach by the JFD Board last month and printed in the June 27 issue of The Jewish Voice."

Fireworks that might have occurred over

Orthodox-sponsored conversion legislation pending in Israel's Knesset -- which is anathema to the majority of the Diaspora delegates -- were averted by the recent establishment of a government-appointed committee charged with finding a solution acceptable to all religious streams.

A plan considered at an earlier point to bus delegates to a weekend protest in Tel Aviv against the conversion law did not materialize, in part because of an inflammatory slogan used to advertise the rally, "Stop the Haredim," referring to the Orthodox who back the legislation.

Agency sources said that before the slogan was adopted, the agency had donated money to the coalition against religious coercion that sponsored the demonstration.

The assembly was constrained by Orthodox objections to the use of the word "pluralism" in its resolutions and to replace it with references to Jewish unity and religious freedom.

Nonetheless, the assembly voted to double -- to a total of \$5 million -- the funding for programs of the major religious streams for next year. The agency also spends millions in indirect funding to programs and projects affiliated with the religious streams.

In another resolution, the assembly called upon the Israeli authorities to prevent violence against Jews and non-Jews around the

Western Wall.

This resolution came in the wake of an attack against Conservative Jews praying near the Wall last month during Shavuot. Agency Chairman Avraham Burg was one of the few Israeli officials to issue a condemnation.

Dr. Mandell Ganchrow, head of the Orthodox Union and a member of the Jewish Agency's Board of Governors, expressed chagrin at the agency's involvement in the battle over religious pluralism.

"I know we're outnumbered," he said, referring to Orthodox opposition. "The question is whether this organization is a consensus group, where everyone feels comfortable and tries to work to solve common problems, or do we simply say that the secular,

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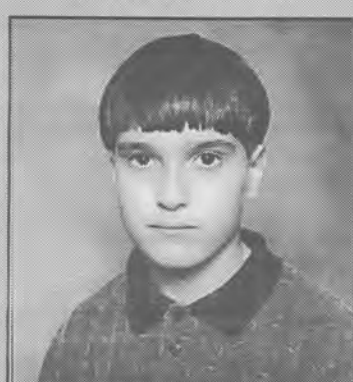
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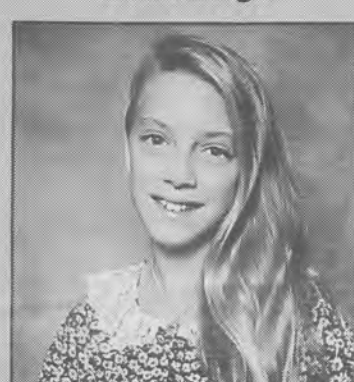
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Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz, talmudic scholar, gave the third annual lecture honoring the *yahrzeit* of Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson on July 10 at the Park Hyatt at the Bellevue in Philadelphia. A recipient of the Israel Prize, the country's highest honor, Steinsaltz is best known for his interpretation, commentaries, and translations of the Babylonian Talmud, a project began more than 25 years ago, and one in which he expects to complete in the next decade. The topic of his lecture was "Jewish Unity."

Photo: JDS

Sabotage Dismissed in Maccabiah Accident

JERUSALEM, July 14 (JTA) — Israeli security forces are dismissing sabotage as the cause of the tragic collapse of a pedestrian bridge during opening ceremonies of the "Jewish Olympics."

Police officials said the bridge had been built by a contracting company and that all necessary permits had been obtained.

"It didn't stand up to the weight," Public Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani said.

Organizers of the 15th Maccabiah Games decided to suspend the competition for 24 hours after at least three people were killed and dozens injured July 14 when the bridge leading into a sports stadium collapsed minutes before the competition's opening parade.

The games bring together some 5,500 Jewish athletes from 50 countries for the quadrennial event.

Most of the injured athletes were members of the Australian delegation.

Palestinian Police Arrested for Attempted Terrorist Attack

JERUSALEM, July 14 — Israeli security officials arrested three Palestinian police officers moments before they were to carry out a terrorist attack. The three policemen intended to open fire on Har Bracha, a Jewish settlement near Nablus. Acting on intelligence information, Israeli forces arrested the three armed men on July 14. One of the Palestinian officers turned to shoot at the security officials but was lightly wounded by Israeli fire.

The IDF found the Palestinians in possession of a number of weapons, including arms which the Palestinian police are not permitted to carry.

AJCommittee Opens Office in Berlin

NEW YORK — On July 1, 1997, the American Jewish Committee opened a Berlin office and established itself as a permanent player on the German scene. In doing so, it became the first American Jewish organization to establish a permanent presence in Germany.

"The establishment of an American Jewish presence in Germany by a national American Jewish agency is a new and important step in German-Jewish relations," said David A. Harris, AJC Executive Director. "AJC, by undertaking this enterprise, hopes and expects that American Jews and Germans can get to know each other at a different level than in past years." Mr. Harris was in Berlin on July 2 to meet with Andreas Nachama, new president of the Berlin Jewish community, and to oversee the construction of AJC's permanent office in the new Leipziger Platz which will be ready for occupancy this fall. The office was given to AJC rent-free for the next decade as a gift from noted Berlin builder Hans Roeder. The new office, to be known as the Lawrence and Lee Ramer Center for German-Jewish Relations, will be formally dedicated in February 1998.

Founded in 1906, the American Jewish Committee seeks to protect the rights of Jews throughout the world; combats anti-Semitism and bigotry, and works for the security of Israel.

NATIONAL • INTERNATIONAL



Former NBA star Kareem Abdul Jabaar (L) receives a gift of a framed wall clock from Israel's Chief Rabbi Yisrael Lau July 10. Jabaar, in Israel for a streetball tournament, said he wanted to meet the rabbi on the urging of a family friend who was a U.S. soldier during WWII and helped liberate the Nazi concentration camp of Buchenwald, where Lau was the youngest survivor. (Reuters)

Hadassah Holds 83rd National Convention

By PAULINE DUBKIN YEARWOOD

Chicago Jewish News
CHICAGO, July 14 — Echoing a theme addressed by President Clinton just a day earlier, U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna Shalala told delegates at Hadassah's 83rd national convention that women must not be discriminated against because their mothers or grandmothers had breast cancer or other diseases.

The Clinton administration will stand behind a bill now in Congress forbidding health insurance companies from limiting or barring coverage due to genetic factors, Shalala said.

She also announced the launch of a joint effort between Hadassah and the administration to reach girls ages 9-14 with positive messages about health and self-esteem.

Shalala was the keynote speaker on the first full day of the convention, which brings close to 2,000 women from across the nation to Chicago's Hyatt Regency Hotel.

Shalala gave Hadassah members credit for standing "up and saying, no, this should not happen" to Americans discriminated against in health care or jobs because genetic information reveals they may be susceptible to certain diseases.

Bills currently in the House and Senate were prompted in part by studies from Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem that found that Ashkenazi Jewish women have a genetic predisposition to breast cancer.

Shalala also touched on tobacco

legislation and promised that President Clinton will give the proposed settlement in the tobacco talks a rigorous review to determine whether it meets "the only bottom line: Will this improve the health of our children?"

The president has not yet reached an overall conclusion on the proposed settlement, she said.

On another matter affecting the nation's youth, there is no question, she said, that "We have a generation of 9- to 14-year-old girls at serious risk."

Adolescent girls, she said, are more likely than adolescent boys to be depressed, physically inactive, have a negative body image and be at risk for drugs, alcohol and sex.

The administration's Girl Power! campaign targets girls with warnings about these behaviors, as well as positive messages about leadership, opportunity and physical activity, she said.

Through the Hadassah partnership, she said, the campaign will reach out to girls in Young Judea, the youth group Hadassah sponsors, and will have Girl Power! materials available to all Hadassah members for their daughters, granddaughters and others in the community.

"Nine is not too early," Shalala said, "but waiting until 14 might be too late."

She expressed admiration for Hadassah and for the determination of the Jewish people, and voiced confidence that "one day a Hadassah member will be president of the United States," drawing applause from a friendly crowd

of delegates.

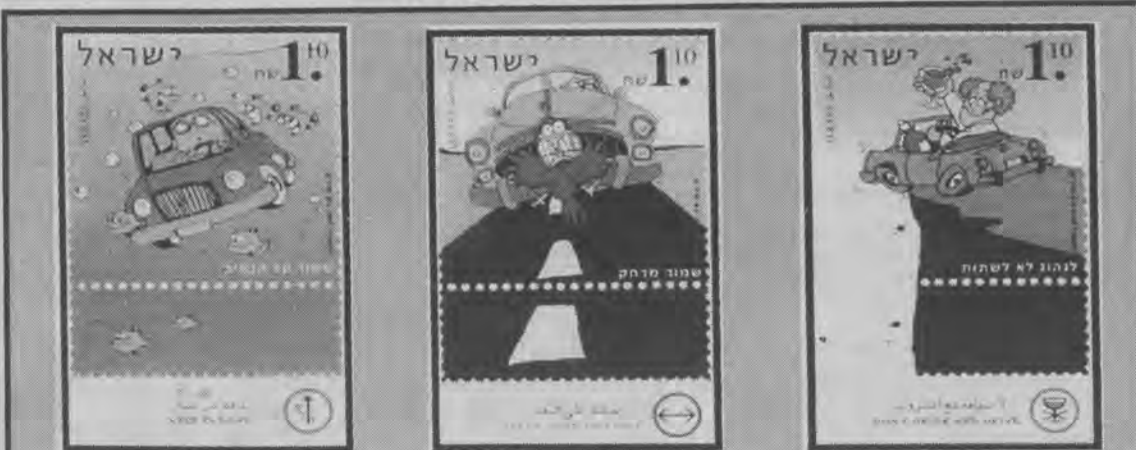
The convention, which marks the organization's 85th anniversary, opened Sunday, July 13, with a gala celebration at Chicago's Navy Pier. Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, Bronfman visiting professor of the humanities at New York University, gave the keynote address, and actor-singer Theodore Bikel narrated a play tracing the history of Zionism.

The words of Theodore Herzl, "If you will it, it is no dream," provide the convention's theme.

The program also featured workshops and meetings on a variety of topics, along with debates by well-known speakers. "A Family Affair" featured Dennis Prager, Iris Krasnow and Tova Hartman-Halberstam discussing the current Jewish family. In "Forbidden Fruit — It's Only A Date," Steven Bayme, Deborah Lipstadt, Dan Raviv and Young Judea representative Brian Jaffe mulled over inter-dating issues.

"If I Am Not for Myself, Who Will Be for Me?" featured Dr. Ruth Westheimer, Marianne Legato and Galia Golan on issues facing Jewish women today. Kathryn Tucker, Dr. Charles Sprung and Rabbi David Feldman discussed medical ethics in "Whose Life Is It Anyway?"

"Movies and TV: Portrayal and Betrayal," featured Josh Lieb, Leah Laimon and Eric Brand discussing how pop culture views Jews. Finally, Westheimer and Sylvia Barack Fishman looked at Jewish values versus Western society in "Pastrami on White Bread?"



The Israel Postal Authority released a set of three humorous stamps that will hopefully educate Israeli motorists of a not-so funny problem - that of automobile accidents. Last year, 45,400 persons were injured as a result of automobile accidents. More than 35,000 were drivers or passengers, while less than 5,000 were pedestrians. Of this total, more than 500 were killed, of whom 75 were children. The three road safety topics featured on the new stamps are, Don't drink and drive, Keep your Distance from Other Motor Vehicles and, Keep in the Lane.

EDITORIAL

Incentive for Action

The Supreme Court issued more than a dozen landmark decisions on issues ranging from assisted suicide to gun control to religious freedom during the last week in June. Although reactions varied from issue to issue, the consensus in the Jewish community was deep disappointment after learning of the High Court's dismissal of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA.) RFRA, a legitimate, bipartisan effort to protect citizens from governmental interference with their free exercise of religion, was labeled unconstitutional on June 25, 1997, in a decision by the Supreme Court. RFRA - which was passed by a nearly unanimous Congress with the overwhelming support of religious and civil liberties organizations from across the political spectrum, was shot down by the Rhenquist Court. The 1985 decision in Agnostini v. Felton was reversed on June 23. The Supreme Court decided to reverse its earlier ruling, thereby allowing public school teachers to give remedial instruction in private religious schools. Staunch defenders of the commitment to the separation of church and state

were deeply troubled. Any signs of erosion of that principle, as taxpayers, must be met with vigilant monitoring. (The decision is not determinative of the constitutional issues regarding vouchers.) Fortunately, these two decisions appear to be the product of jurisdictional fine tuning rather than antipathy toward protection of religious expression or a desire to overwhelm minorities contained within a majority. In a ruling that is in line with Jewish values and law, the High Court deemed unconstitutional any right terminally ill people have to physician-assisted suicide. Pain and suffering during a lingering illness are dark aspects of life; Jews should work at easing their suffering. The most disappointing ruling, the decision against RFRA, should be seen as a setback, not a defeat. America has proven to be a country of unprecedented religious freedom. The decision is incentive for action on the state level, to put teeth into state constitutional provisions protecting religious liberty.

VOICE BOX

"Although the crime calls for the most severe punishment - death - it is proper for him and his followers to decay until death in prison and to see how their wishes are blown away by the wind as detente between the two nations gradually builds up." -Israeli Military Court judges, on July 7, in a statement following their sentencing of Hasan Salame, who is responsible for the deaths of 48 people resulting from two terrorist attacks on the number 18 bus in Jerusalem as well as an attack on a soldier's transport station a year ago. Salame had made a plea for a death sentence. "Some Orthodox religious Jews consider it as a holy place for them and claim that the wall is part of their temple. All historic studies and archeological excavations have failed to find proof for such a claim." -The Palestinian Authority's new website (http://www.pna.org/mininfo/), which is subtitled, "Jerusalem, Our Capital." The PA website also claims that Israel bans gentiles from the Wall and desecrated churches. "Our grandparents prayed for a melting pot, but what we have now is a meltdown. There are no barking dogs and no Zyklon-B gas, but make no mistake: This is a spiritual Holocaust. For all practical purposes, the American Jewish community is committing suicide, and no one is saying anything about it." -Rabbi Ephraim Buchwald, founder and director of the National Jewish Outreach Program, in the July 14, 1997 New York, commenting on intermarriage. "It is a sad day when a company has to use a brutal murderer to sell its product." -Tommy Baer, international president of B'nai B'rith, commenting on the furor that an Italian bottling company has created by producing "Fuehrer" wine, which has a picture of Adolf Hitler on its label. B'nai B'rith is sending the winery several books on the Holocaust.

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OPINION

The New South Africa

By **CONNIE KRESHTOOL**
Chair of The Jewish Voice
Editorial Committee

The World Union for Progressive Judaism (WUPJ) selected South Africa as the site of its 28th International Convention in part to pay tribute to those who helped shape the New South Africa and especially to those in the Jewish community who supported the freedom struggle. I was a delegate to the convention; the theme was "Confronting Radical Change-The Progressive Jewish Response." There were excellent presentations and lively discussions on the New South Africa, religious fundamentalism, Jewish renewal in the former Soviet Union, Israel and Jewish tradition.

One of the most fascinating sessions took place in the Parliament building in Capetown where F.W. de Klerk addressed the delegates. Following his presentation members of Parliament representing the major parties spoke about the major challenges facing the New South Africa.

F.W. de Klerk said that leadership will make the difference in confronting radical change in the new South Africa. He said that ultimately what is needed is peaceful cohabitation among all the different peoples in this land where there are eleven different languages. He reviewed the history of the country from the arrival of the Europeans in 1688 but said that today they are all Africans.

When his party (National Party) came to power in 1948 colonialism was in force and the indigenous peoples had no political rights. He emphasized that the National Party did not manufacture discrimination but admitted they had institutionalized it. They really wanted to build nation-states in South Africa and then unite them in a confederation. They felt this would have been morally defensible but for demographic and economic reasons it did not work out.

By the mid-80's the Party finally rejected their position and worked to achieve a one person/one vote policy. It was interesting to hear him describe how negotiations proceeded. Initially they were poles apart but by

building trust between negotiating parties and avoiding win-lose situations they began to develop a workable compromise.

They wrote a value system into law and each and every decision is tested against that value system. He said that the New South Africa has laid a workable and acceptable foundation. It is a multi-party democracy which should stand the test of time.

He admitted there is great disillusionment now that the initial euphoria is over. He said that there are still problems that in many areas lead to revolution and strife. To defuse these he listed three factors. One is an economic policy that is investor friendly. Along with this policy must be a program of human resource development to help people become self-sufficient.

He commented that the African National Congress (ANC) moved from nationalization to privatization in step with what investors want to see. However the trade union federation does not support this policy. His second factor is the development of a system that accommodates the cultural diversity of the people. The third factor is the need to come to terms with the past. He said the National Party supported the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) but he believes that it was politically loaded in favor of the ANC. He is afraid that the TRC has become an instrument causing tension.

The Democratic Party representative named economic growth as a primary concern. He said that radical surgery is needed and so far those steps haven't been taken because of the strength of the trade union movement. He as well as all the others mentioned crime as a major problem needing immediate attention. While I was in Johannesburg Meyer Kahn, one of the country's leading industrialists, was put in charge of the police system.

The National Party spokesperson offered four challenges: nation-building to accommodate diversity and protect minorities, eliminating poverty by education and job creation, combatting crime and realigning the political scene to prevent the development of a one-party state.



Left: A 1991 photo of F.W. de Klerk. (RNS Photo/Reuters). Right: South African school children today.

The Inkarta representative (Jewish woman physician) spoke about the balance between rights and responsibilities and making constitutional changes that would balance central government vs local government and families and communities vs individuals. She saw as major issues the role of unions, role of civil society and a coherent opposition.

The ANC representative said the major challenge is to create stability and looks to economic growth to help achieve this. He agreed with the speakers preceding him on the other challenges. He did however speak a little about the formation of the TRC. He said that it was a compromise between general amnesty which has been the custom in other African countries and a Nuremberg-type trial. There was to be reconciliation and not retribution.

Where is the Jewish community in all of this? There is no doubt that the WUPJ Convention was a shot in the arm for the Progressive Movement there. There is a strong Orthodox community with which

there is little or no interaction. Progressive Jews say they are a minority within a minority within a minority. Relations between South Africa and Israel are now not as good as they were under the National Party but Zionism in the Jewish community is very strong.

There is indeed apprehension about the future within the Jewish community. The major concern for everyone is the crime that is committed in their neighborhoods by outsiders (Blacks). The homes I visited had walls around them, barbed wire on top and electrically operated gates on their driveways. From my contact with the local people I concluded that the elderly are very fearful about any changes, the middle-aged with investment in business and professions are hoping for the best and the young are emigrating.

Yet the politicians agreed that South Africa has the resources and the fundamental good will among the people to succeed if they focus on what will benefit all the people.

When Intellect Meets Emotion

By **BORUCH JACOBSON**
Special to The Jewish Voice

A few days ago while sitting on my living room sofa, a prayer book suddenly fell to the floor. Before I could even blink, my 17-year-old daughter ran to pick it up giving it a big loud kiss. Upon seeing this I clapped my hands to applaud her actions and ran to pick her up and kiss her for her kiss.

The Baal Shem Tov tells us that every sight and sound must teach us a lesson. Therefore, I decided to investigate the kiss of the lips and the mysterious message the lips whisper to us from deep within the soul, as described in Jewish mysticism.

Rabbi Schneur Zalman, the first Chabad Rebbe, explains in his book of Tanya (Chapters 45-46 and 49) that learning Torah is like kissing G-d. When we connect our speech with the divine words of the Torah, causing our breath to touch the breath of G-d, we are kissing G-d and He is kissing us. When a mortal brain and the concentration of a human being embrace the thoughts of wisdom of the Divine Will, the mouth and lips of man touch the lips - so to speak - of G-d in a kiss filled with passion, unity and understanding.

Jewish mysticism teaches us that a kiss is an expression of an intense love of our emo-

tions that intellect cannot describe in words or actions. Only the lips, being a gateway that connects the most inner chambers of our heart and mind, can reveal and express the uncontrollable energies of love and kindness found deep within the soul.

A father kisses his son and a husband kisses his wife when an overwhelming urge of love overflows the brain, erupting into a kiss inflamed with a strong passion and powerful emotion.

Kabbalah calls the kiss (*neshikin*) the seven emotional attributes of wisdom. In other words, when intellect meets emotion, they bridge and embrace each other by means of a kiss or many kisses. For exam-

Learning Torah is like kissing

G-d.

ple, when a father has not seen his son for a long time, they kiss each other over and over again, mixing their thoughts and feelings of yearning for one another together with the passions of their emotions. Thus our lips are the crossroads where our mind and heart are fused together as one.

When a newborn child shows his radiating face filled with innocence, beauty and life, the first thought which rushes through one's mind and heart is to kiss the child. A desperate need to express unyielding love and an outpouring of affection swell the lips with excitement and fervor. The purity of the infant awakens the essence of the soul, releasing a volcanic reaction that emerges with the soft touch of the kiss.

Interestingly, we have two lips, upper and lower, corresponding to the two distant entities of our intellect and emotions. Every person has two opposite worlds, both within close reach: One is aloof and spiritual, while the other is physical and earthbound. Bringing our lips together to form a loving kiss reminds us that the two distinct and separate worlds of our body and soul must be united to embrace one another in every thought, speech and action. Our lips have the special ability to create a bridge to combine our lofty thoughts and our lower emotions to work together in a material world of action.

When man was created, he was filled with a G-dly spirit which entered his body through a divine kiss. The Creator descended from His transcendental world, empowering mortal men and women with divine

strength, unlimited willpower and "atomic" energy.

G-d said: Be fruitful and multiply ... You have been created in my image, with the ability to bridge the opposite worlds of the physical and spiritual. Don't allow the upper and lower worlds to remain distant and apart.

Man and woman must emulate G-d's ways by allowing each other to share the gift of life. The first commandment is to live and make life by loving, giving and building a world on the foundations of kindness and charity.

Throughout our life, as each breath gives every man, woman and child the ability to grow, we must bring our lips together and kiss life back in the face by recognizing the endless resource of love embedded in our soul.

The next time you kiss a loved one, remember that your lips are a gateway to your essence.

(This article originally appeared in the *Algemeiner Journal* as one in a series touching on different parts of the human and animal anatomy, laws of nature, and the secrets behind our physical world, as discussed in esoteric texts and the Kabbalah.)

OPINION

Jewish Life On Mars? Don't Ask

By GARY ROSENBLATT

In a stunning development, it has been learned that there is life on Mars — but not the kind that had been anticipated.

The first indication, based on the current U.S. space mission, came about a few days ago when the small roving vehicle called Sojourner spotted a sign on the rocky terrain of the Red Planet that read, "Welcome To Chabad House — Bring Moshiach Now."

The sign, in English, thrilled and confused NASA scientists back in Houston, who had no idea what it meant. Only after thorough research did they learn that it revealed the presence of a dedicated and particularly hearty group of Lubavitch chasidim, known for their tireless efforts to reach Jews in the most remote regions, urging them to perform mitzvot.

"We've been here for some time now doing our work," said a cheerful Rabbi Lou Steinwalker, captain of the spaceship "Enterprise 770," in an exclusive phone interview. "It was a long trip," he noted, "but not as much traffic as in Brooklyn. And no tolls."

When asked how long he had been on Mars and how he got there, he said only, "where there's a will, there's a way." He then excused himself, explaining that it was time for prayer and he was looking for a minyan.

In a subsequent phone call, the rabbi noted that in recent days another synagogue has been formed on Mars — a Reform congregation that he would not set foot in.

Following up on that information, it was discovered that Rabbi Uri Negev, a Reform leader in

recently, they told him that if Reform Jews wanted to pray in peace, they should go to Mars.

"So we did," said Rabbi Negev, "and no one has bothered us, except the local Conservative congregation that keeps trying to borrow our membership list."

A Conservative congregation on Mars? Yes, it is true, acknowledged a leader of the Jewish Theological Seminary. "We discovered that blending Jewish law and modernity just doesn't work on earth, and we're always looking for new

the galaxy for several light years. "We've determined through a Strategic Planet Plan that our most compelling marketing strategy is rescue," he said. "The trouble is we haven't found anyone out there to save."

That's been a problem, as well, for Abraham Loxsmith of the Anti-Defamation League. "We are prepared to open a major branch on Mars, and we've already ordered the press releases and fax paper. But so far, no one has defamed us."

Loxsmith is considering whether the lack of defamation may be due to a form of active, even hostile, disinterest in Jews that qualifies as anti-Semitism.

All this sudden interest among Jews about Mars has motivated Malcolm Phoneline to form a new umbrella group, the Conference of Presidents of Major Martian Jewish Organizations. He said the group has already received several calls from anonymous rabbis inquiring as to whether there were any Pell grants available on Mars.

Meanwhile, a number of kosher-for-Passover tours have scouted out the Red Planet as a unique alternative to places like Palm Springs and Hawaii for jaded holiday vacationers. "We'd seen a sudden interest among clients to spend next Pesach in Roswell, New Mexico," said one tour operator. "But Mars will be great. There's no chance of rain — or of bumping into rela-

tives."

He noted that Rabbi Orson Vells has already been hired to conduct and broadcast the communal seders, to be called "The War Of The Words," and that space stations are under construction to transport large supplies of oxygen, horseradish and shmura matzah for the eight-day festival. "It will be out of this world," the travel expert said, "and, I assure you, very tastefully done."

Tourism might be effected adversely, though, by a late report that Palestinian authorities are claiming entitlement to 92 percent of Mars, asserting that Arab ties to the planet can be traced back to the Koran.

(Gary Rosenblatt is editor and publisher of The New York Jewish Week.)



Abraham Loxsmith
Anti-Defamation League

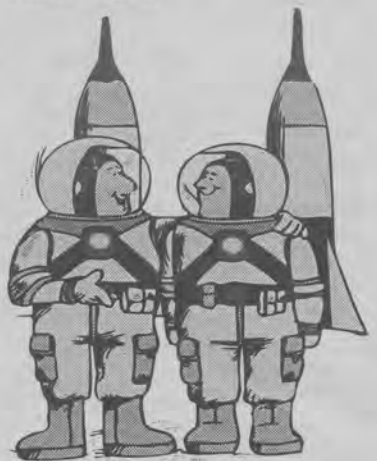
Israel, has indeed formed a congregation on the distant planet. Contacted by phone, he said that when he had met secretly with the chief rabbis of Israel in Jerusalem

venues," explained Rabbi Izmore Sources.

"Aside from the theological challenges," he said, "there's the question of whether Bingo can sustain us outside of the pull of the earth's atmosphere."

The rabbi complained bitterly of financial competition from the United Jewish Appeal-Interplanetary Division, which has been scouring Mars via satellite in search of potential donors.

Stephen Solomon, the chief executive of the charity, acknowledged that highly motivated fundraisers have been active throughout



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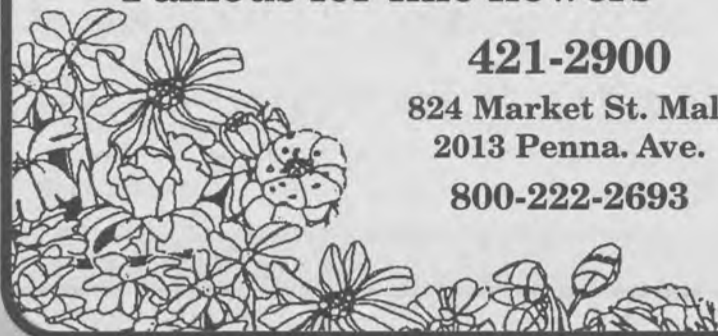
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Study Circles Seek To Improve Race Relations

By **DAN WEINTRAUB**
JCRC Director

An initiative using conversation to counter racism is still under way in Delaware. The Study Circles project of the YWCA and the NAACP is looking for broader participation and hopes to start new groups in early September. A concluding event for participants will include an appearance by poet Maya Angelou on Sunday, October 19.

Ruth Sokolowski, Executive Director of the New Castle County YWCA addressed a meeting of the Jewish Community Relations Committee (JCRC) earlier this year. The JCRC promotes positive relations with other cultural, religious and ethnic groups; advocates civil rights for all members of the community and fights all forms of prejudice and discrimination. Materials pertaining to the Study Circles project were distributed by the JCRC to members of the Board of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. In some other Jewish communities around the country there has been active participation in similar Study Circle programs.

According to the Study Circle's Sokolowski, "until we break down racial divisions, there's no way we can put human capital toward solving anything else."

Each Study Circle brings together a diverse group of 10 to 15 people to communicate in what is intended to be a meaningful way about racism. A handbook is provided to participants to encourage discussion points. This project has been described as an opportunity to build bridges to those who are

not necessarily like you and to understand problems through others' eyes. Each Study Circle meets four to six times. Participants explore how the issue affects them, offer various perspectives on the causes and look for solutions.

Those who wish to get involved can sign-up to join a Study Circle. Organizers encourage inviting

friends, family members and co-workers to join a Study Circle too. Furthermore the Study Circle is intended for places of worship, civic organizations and employers to support. For more information contact Faye Bonneau of the YWCA at (302) 368-9173. To learn more about the JCRC call (302) 427-2100.

JFD Hires New Finance Director



Magda Sarawesky

Photo: JDS

Magda Sarawesky has joined the staff of The Jewish Federation of Delaware to serve as the Finance Director. After living in Boston and New Orleans, Magda settled in Newark, Delaware in 1969 and has been a member of Temple Beth El since. She holds a degree in Accounting from the University of Delaware and has worked for various businesses as well as the State of Delaware.

Magda and her husband, Raphael, a chemical engineer at Star Enterprise, have four children and two grandchildren.

Beth Greenberg Joins Kutz Staff



Beth Greenberg, a native Wilmingtonian and the daughter of Ed and Cynthia Kauffman is the new Kutz Home Activities Assistant. Ms. Greenberg, bringing not only her lively, compassionate personality to her new position, will also be providing the Home with her experience in activities programming for the elderly. She was previously employed by The Chester Care Center in Chester, PA and at at Forwood Manor in the assisted living section on Marsh Road. She is no stranger to The Kutz Home, often visiting her grandmother, the late Sarah Menkes, during the early "80's" when Mrs. Menkes was a resident. Beth usually brought her children Robyn, Josh and Matthew. "It's exciting to share with the residents who have so much to teach about life," Beth said.

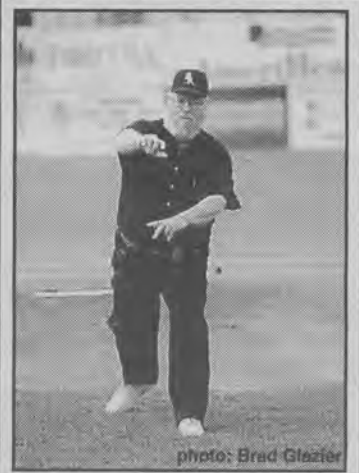


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Rabbi David Wortman threw the opening pitch at the June 30 Blue Rocks game in Wilmington. The Blue Rocks lost to the Winston-Salem Five, 5-2.

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Reform and Conservative have more votes and will beat the Orthodox over the head every time?"

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(The Jewish Voice contributed to this report.)

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Words & Music:

Stranded No Longer, The Russian Ballet Theater of Delaware

By **STEVE COHEN**

The Jewish Voice Entertainment Reporter

One of the best things to be produced by the former Soviet Union — one of the few good things — was a corp of strong, well-trained ballet dancers. Fortunately for Wilmington, a small number of them decided to make their lives in

America and they've become the Russian Ballet Theater of Delaware. They are an important addition to local cultural life.

Marsha Borin, an attorney and active member of the Jewish community, gave up her law practice to be president and executive director of the ballet company. Her troupe consists of five Russian men, two

Russian women and two American women who recently joined the group. All have become part of the Wilmington scene. Two bought homes here, the rest are renting. Several of the dancers have children who are attending Wilmington schools.

Ballet master is Lev Assaouliak, an emigre himself and a knowledgeable teacher of the old Russian style. He choreographs classic dances, while others are created by guest artists such as Robert La Fosse from the New York City Ballet and Leslie Browne from the American Ballet Theater.

During its July appearances at the Grand Opera House, the Russian Ballet of Delaware premiered two dances by Browne. She choreographed a love scene and Tony's murder from *West Side Story* and starred in it herself in the role of Tony's lover, Maria. She looked beautiful and youthful, and it's hard to realize that it's been more than 15 years since she starred opposite Michail Barishnikov in the film *The Turning Point*. She seems not to have aged.

Browne also choreographed *Rhythm*, a series of dances to songs by Gloria Estefan, Dulces Pontes and Selena. The moods were varied, the steps clever and effective. Browne didn't dance in this work. Instead, the soloists were three men and three women from the troupe. The girls were spectacular, especially the exotic brunette, Anna Ivanova. The men — Alexander Bojko, Pavel Kambalov and Viacheslav Belinsky — demonstrated strength, athletic ability and ballet versatility.

The Russian dancers were recruited for ballet training at the ages of seven and eight, based on their body types. They were taken from their families and housed and schooled by the USSR in Leningrad. In addition to their ballet training, the men also were taught soccer and two of them became professional soccer players in Russia as well as danseurs.

While they were on a tour of the United States their promoter ran out of money and about forty Russians were left stranded. Partly because they had no money for airfare to get home and partly because they were unhappy with life in the USSR, they decided to stay here. Some of them were "adopted" by a Philadelphia impresario who kept them in his own home for awhile and booked engagements for them. But suddenly he resigned and the dancers were stranded for a second time.

At that point Borin interceded. A former dancer herself, she lobbied to get seed money from MBNA and other corporations and the new company was formed. She has convinced potential donors that a full range of artistic institutions is needed to make a city great, and she's lined up an impressive schedule for her troupe. Next year they'll make their debut at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC.

The Russian Ballet Theater will

present a full-length production of Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker* at the Grand Opera House in December. The soloists of the company will be augmented by children from a local dance school. That will be followed by a February Wilmington program that includes Prokofiev's *Romeo and Juliet* and a new work to be directed by Leslie Browne. Next season will also see a production of *Don Quixote* in June, 1998.

the Klezmer Conservatory Band and Michael Alpert of Brave Old World, two of Perlman's partners in the show. They were in the PBS televised program *In the Fiddler's House* and on the subsequent CD and 1996 tour. They're looking forward to next week's concert because they say that Perlman is getting more into the klezmer mood with each performance and the resulting music keeps getting better each time.

Netsky is also involved in a special old-time all-stars klezmer concert that will take place October 19 at the American Philosophical Society in Philadelphia. It's a benefit for the 25th anniversary of the Jewish Archives of Philadelphia, which is a repository for documents about Jewish life and which Netsky credits for preserving a record of the unique klezmer music from this area. A film about three generations of local klezmer players will have its world premiere at the October 19 event.

Itzhak Perlman will be back in our area Tuesday, July 29, with a second edition of the klezmer extravaganza *In the Fiddler's House*. The Jewish music show will appear at the Mann Center for the Performing Arts in Philadelphia's Fairmount Park. It's a fitting venue because Frederic Mann, for whom the center is named, was a great friend of Perlman and helped him in the early part of his career.

I talked with Hankus Netsky of

What's On TV?



On Tuesday, July 29 at 10:00 p.m. "P.O.V.: Blacks and Jews" will air on PBS. Heading an African-American and Jewish production team, filmmakers Deborah Kaufman, Bari Scott and Alan Snitow go behind the stereotypes in an attempt to reveal four stories that tread on the fault lines of racial coalition and conflict. The opening segment examines the 1991 Crown Heights riots in Brooklyn. The second segment looks back on

the establishment of the Contract Buyers League in the 1960s, a reaction to racism against homeowners in Chicago suburb. Salim Muwakkil travels to Washington D.C. for the Million Man March and discusses the media's role in the perpetuation of stereotypes in the third segment. Finally, Steven Spielberg visits a high school in East Oakland where a breach of teenage discipline turned into a full-fledged media circus in 1994.



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OBITUARIES

FRANCES GERSON APPLEBAUM

Frances Gerson Applebaum, 79, of 3120 Naamans Road, Brandywine Hundred, died of heart failure at her summer home in Ventnor, N.J.

Mrs. Applebaum was a homemaker. She was a member of Congregation Beth Emeth and its Sisterhood, B'nai B'rith, Hadassah, Order of the Golden Chain and Deborah Heart & Lung Foundation. Her husband, Martin S., died in 1995.

Survivors include son, Allan of Wilmington; daughter, Amy Glazier of Holiday Hills; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Contributions may be made to Deborah Heart and Lung Foundation, c/o Mary Weinstein, 8602 Society Drive, Claymont 19703; or charity.

MARK J. CAPLAN (1950-1997)

Mark J. Caplan passed away on July 4. The loss to our community cannot be captured by merely referencing his JCC leadership or his service on the Boards of Federation and Congregation Beth Shalom. Mark brought to every facet of life a keen intellect, unwavering devotion to Jewish observance and teachings, love of family and community, and a gentle spirit.

He maintained his community commitment through his last breath. On June 23, Mark jawboned his doctors into releasing him from the hospital so he could attend the JCC Sports Classic - a fundraising event he had done so much to build. Twelve days later, he was gone.

May his memory be for a blessing.
- David Margules, Esq.



MARK JEFFREY CAPLAN

Mark Jeffrey Caplan, 46, of 529 Country Club Drive, Brandywine Hundred, died July 4 of lymphoma at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia.

Mr. Caplan was a DuPont Co. attorney for 20 years, working for three years in Geneva, Switzerland. He was a graduate of Dickinson College and the University of Pennsylvania School of Law. He

was a member of the board of directors of the Jewish Federation of Delaware and the Jewish Community Center, where he was board president between 1992 and 1994, and a past board member of the Congregation Beth Shalom.

Survivors include his wife of 15 years, Rona Budovitch Caplan; daughter, Elana Beth Caplan, at home; parents, Dr. Milton and Dorothy Caplan of Ellwood City,

Pa.; brother, Ronald of Pittsburgh.

Contributions may be made to the Jewish Community Center, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington 19803.

JOSEPH DIRECTOR

Joseph Director, 78, of Plymouth Meeting, Pa., and Lake Worth, Fla., died July 2 of heart and kidney failure, following several surgeries in a Miami Beach hospital.

Mr. Director, a former Wilmington resident, had been manager of Jacob Reed Sons, Philadelphia, and had worked in retail sales at James T. Mullin & Sons Inc., Wilmington, before retiring in 1987. He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Survivors include his wife of 25 years, Ann A.; sons, Dr. Robert C. of Wilmington; stepdaughters, Randi L. Jacobs of Lancaster, Lori L. Jacobs of New York City, and Nancy L. Lustig of New Garden; brother, Isadore of Lake Worth; three grandchildren and seven step-grandchildren.

Contributions may be made to the Jewish Federation of Delaware, 100 W. 10th St., Wilmington 19801; or Temple Sinai, 1401 N. Limekiln Pike, Dresher, Pa. 19025.

JACK SCHENKMAN

Jack Schenkman, 82, of Wilmington, died in Wilmington Hospital.

Mr. Schenkman had been a grocer and owned a convenience store in the city. He was a disabled Army veteran of World War II and a member of Jewish War Veterans Harry Fineman Post 525 and B'nai B'rith Lodge 470.

Survivors include his wife, Selma; brother, Seymour of Hollywood, Fla.

ALAN L. LASKY

Alan L. Lasky, 67, of 918 Aster Ave., Collingswood, Newark, died July 10 of heart failure in Christiana Hospital.

Mr. Lasky was the owner and operator of Mono-Floor Co. in Newark for 27 years, retiring in 1987. He was born and raised in Philadelphia.

Survivors include his wife, Yetta B.; son, Arthur of Marlboro, Mass.; daughter, Kathryn L. Roth of Newark; mother, Dorothy Lasky of Newark; brother, David I. of Annville, Pa.; three grandchildren.

Contributions may be made to Temple Beth El, Newark 19711.

ROSE GOODMAN KOFFLER

Rose Goodman Koffler, 96, of Foulk Manor South, Brandywine Hundred, died June 21 at home.

Mrs. Koffler had studied art with several local artists, including Edward Loper. She was a long time member of Temple Beth Emeth, Wilmington. She attended the University of Delaware. Her husband, Samuel Koffler, died in 1970.

Survivors include sisters, Eva Greenstein of Chestnut Hill, Pa., and Elizabeth Rosenberg of Rochester, Minn.

Contributions may be made to Temple Beth Emeth, Wilmington.

MITCHELL SCHWARTZ

Mitchell Schwartz, 79, of Woodbrook, Dover, died of complications from a heart attack in Christiana Hospital.

Mr. Schwartz owned Mack Overall Service in Camden, N.J., for 15 years, until it merged with Acme Uniform Service of Philadelphia in the early 1970s. He was named president of the merged company around 1980 and retired in 1986. Mr. Schwartz moved to Dover in 1989.

Survivors include his wife of 57

years, Pauline Schwartz; son, Steven of Dover; three grandchildren.

Contributions may be made to Congregation Beth Shalom, Box 223, Dover, 19903.

GEORGE EVERETT "SCOTTY" SCOTT

George Everett "Scotty" Scott of Smyrna died as a result of lung cancer and emphysema Monday, June 23, 1997, in his home. He was 70.

Mr. Scott was born in Jersey City, N.J., March 13, 1927, son of the late John and Stella Arenicki Scott.

He was employed with General Foods as a research technician, retiring in 1986 after 41 years of service.

He served his country during World War II in the U.S. Army, stationed in Germany. He then attended Seton Hall University in New Jersey for two years.

He was an active member of Congregation Beth Shalom and of the Dover Lions Club, where he served as past president; was a member of the B.P.O. Elks Lodge 1903 of Dover; and was a former Boy Scout leader.

He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Roz Scott; one son, David Casey of Rehoboth Beach; five daughters, Linda Matthews of Hamilton Square, N.J., Susan Hunsen of Alexandria, Va., Alice Casey Smith of West Belmar, N.J., Barbara Zatarain of Granada Hills, Calif., and Flo Scott of Boston, Mass.; ten grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions may be made to the Congregation Beth Shalom, P.O. Box 323, Dover, DE 19903, or to the Delaware Hospice of Kent County Delaware, 911 South Dupont Highway, Dover, DE.

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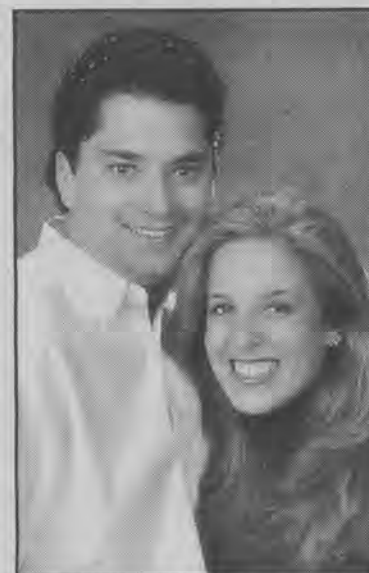
Schwartzman - Kimmel

Nancy H. and James C. Schwartzman of Radnor, PA and Marcia H. and Morton Richard Kimmel of Greenville, DE announce the engagement of their children, Kimberly Hankin Schwartzman and Wayne Douglas Kimmel.

Kimberly, a graduate of Akiba Hebrew Academy in Merion, PA, received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Miami, and a Master's Degree in Publication Management from Drexel University. She is currently working towards her second Masters' Degree in Elementary Education.

Wayne, a graduate of Tatnall School in Wilmington, DE, received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Maryland at College Park, and a Juris Doctor Degree from Widener University School of Law. He is an attorney with the law firm of Kimmel, Carter and Roman, P.A. in Wilmington, DE.

Kimberly is the granddaughter of Harriet C. Hankin of Bryn Mawr, PA, the late Dr. Samuel Hankin, and the late Dr. Bernard and



Estelle Schwartzman of St. Louis, MO.

Wayne is the grandson of the late Bert and Sylvia Kimmel of Wilmington, DE and the late David Weber of Philadelphia, PA.

A Spring 1998 wedding is planned.

Jacobs Graduation

Andrew Seth Jacobs, son of the Hon. and Mrs. Jack B. Jacobs, has graduated magna cum laude from Harvard University, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa last fall. Andrew is a 1993 graduate of Tower Hill School and the Curtis Institute of Music, and will be an analyst with Wasserstein, Perella & Co., a New York Investment Bank, beginning in August.

Simkins Appointed

Dr. Alan B. Simkins of Wilmington, DE has been appointed by the Dean of Temple University School of Dentistry to chair the Historical Dental Museum Committee. It will be this committee's task to establish a museum to house and exhibit unique and rare dental artifacts and equipment which have been donated or acquired by Temple over the past 130 years. Anyone interested in further information may contact Dr. Simkins at Matson Run Dental Associates in Wilmington.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Forget-Me-Not Ball - The annual Forget-Me-Not Ball sponsored by the Auxiliary of the Kutz Home will be held on Saturday, September 20th at Arshat Hall, Wilmington Campus of the University of Delaware.

Invitations will be issued.

Holocaust Museum Trip - The Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Center is scheduling a bus trip to the US Holocaust Memorial Museum for teachers on Monday, August 25, 1997. Departure is from the Jewish Community Center or Interstate 95 Rest Stop at 7:15 a.m. and return about 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$20.

A Holocaust scholar will present historical background during the ride to Washington. At the Museum teachers will receive an

orientation to the Museum's exhibits as well as to the special educational resources that they can call upon to develop their lesson plans.

Workshop credit is available through the Delaware Teacher Center.

For information call Dan Weintraub at the Jewish Federation of Delaware (427-2100) or Delaware Teacher Center (1-800-282-8770).

Jewish Renewal Weekend at Elat Chayyim - The Delaware Jewish Community Renewal Weekend at Elat Chayyim will be November 21 - 23 (Fri-Sun.). Join us for a weekend of davening, learning, experiencing, sharing, growing, and community. The food is gourmet vegetarian. The setting is in the Catskill Mountains. Elat Chayyim is into the sixth year of running Jewish spiritual programs. The cost for the weekend (including housing, six meals and programming) is \$125.00 per person. To make a reservation, send a check for \$25.00 to Temple Beth El by June 30th. This weekend is co-sponsored by Temple Beth El and the Jewish Federation of DE. If

you have any questions, please call Rabbi Kaplan at 366-8330.

Kutz Home Rededication - Plans are underway for the Rededication of the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home on Sunday, September 21st at 2 p.m. Everyone in the community is welcome. There will be a brief dedication program followed by guided tours of the new wings and the remodeled original building. Arlene Simon is chairman of the Committee planning the event. Other members of the Committee are: Phyllis Cobin, Miriam Edell, Faith Goldman, Howard Hoffman, Ellen Koniver, Louise Sloane, Alan Schoenberg and Ruth Weinstein. The Advisory Committee members are Eileen Conner, Karen Friedman, Joan Wachstein and Sheldon Weinstein.

Minyans - Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth (traditional), Washington Boulevard and Torah Way, Wilmington, DE, 762-2705, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Sunday-8:00 a.m.

Chabad (Orthodox), 1306 Grinnell Road, Wilmington, DE, 478-4400, Sunday, 9:00 a.m.,

208 Cheltenham Drive, Newark, DE, 455-1800, Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Congregation Beth Emeth (Reform), 300 West Lea Boulevard, Wilmington, DE 19802, 764-2393, Monday through Friday, 7:55 a.m.

Congregation Beth Shalom (Conservative), 1801 Baynard Boulevard, Wilmington, DE, 654-4462, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m., Sunday, 9:15 a.m.

Shabbat Under the Stars - Friday, August 15, located at the JCC. Bring pareve or dairy dinner at 6:00. Services begin at 7:30. If rain, services will be at Beth Shalom at 7:30 p.m. at 1801 Baynard Blvd., Wilmington.

Singles Event, Blue Rocks Game - The Young Jewish Adults of Delaware on Sunday, July 27 will be going to see the Blue Rocks play, and have a tail-gate barbecue prior to the game. We will all meet at the Frawley Stadium at 12 Noon, look for green Ford Explorer (with balloons). Cost is \$8.00 which includes ticket and barbecue. You must R.S.V.P. by July 23 to Phil Gross. For more info or to be put on the mailing list, call 652-6688.

Singles Event, Happy Hour - YJAD Delaware's Jewish singles (20's and 30's) will be meeting for a Thursday Happy Hour, drop in. Finish the busy day by relaxing, drinking, eating and schmoozing with friends and meeting new ones. We will be meeting at The Front Porch on the back covered patio at 6 p.m. on July 17 which is on Philadelphia Pike. Call Jennifer for more information or to be put on the mailing list to receive the monthly Schmooze Letter, at (302)

798-4570.

Softball and Picnic - Sunday, August 3, 1st Annual Beth Shalom Softball & Picnic at the JCC campsite. 4:00 p.m. Food available at nominal charge. Questions/RSVP, call 654-4462.

Torah Classes in Wilmington - Mondays: 8 p.m. - Talmud. Tuesday: 12:30 at 1 Rodney Square - Skaden Arps: Talmud. Wednesdays: Behind The Lines, The weekly Torah portion, 8:30 p.m. Call Rabbi Vogel at Chabad in Wilmington at 478-4400 for more information.

Torah Study in Newark - Mon.-7-8:30: Secrets of Existence; 8:30-9:30: Talmud

Tues.-7:00: Rambam's Mishnah Torah; 8:00: Intro to Jewish Mysticism. Individual classes available. Call Rabbi Sneiderman at Chabad, 455-1800.

Volleyball - Young Jewish Adults of Delaware (YJAD's) co-ed, noncompetitive volleyball league continues every Wednesday night from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at the JCC. Call Phil Gross at 652-6688 for more information.

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