VANGUARD EVENT CELEBRATES DE CATSKILL CONNECTIONS

Editor

On Saturday, January 21st at 7:00 p.m., Congregation Beth Emeth will be transformed into a Catskills Cabaret, festooned with photos, programs and other memorabilia from the hotels where many Delawareans met, mar ried, honeymooned and spent fun-filled family vacations.

Deane and Howard Kattler have fond memories of their 1955 honeymoon at the Concord Hotel in Kiamesha Lake, New York. The Labor Day Weekend getaway was a wedding

present from the Hotel's owners who were guests at the Kattler's wedding. Deane's father was a long-time customer of the Winarick family who ran this one-time borscht-belt oasis, which attracted guests from across the nation. The couple fell in love with the resort where they took cha cha lessons

from Buddy Hackett's wife, Cherene DuBois and were entertained by top-ranked Jewish comedians.

They decided to return the following summer and winter break as employees. Deane worked as a counselor in the Day Camp and her husband toiled as a busboy. The couple earned enough money to buy their first car. Deane recalls caring for the children of singer Mel Torme and such business scions as the Streits family of Streits Matzah fame.

In tribute to the adage "the more things change, the more they stay the same," Deane and Howard recall revisiting the resort in celebration of their 30th wedding anniversary and seeing "the same maitre de who had served us during our honeymoon!"

Barbara Yalisove fondly remembers the fun she enjoyed as a 9 year old during a family

vacation to the Black Apple Inn in Loch Sheldrake, New York, the forerunner of the Brown's Hotel. Barbara describes it as a "typical family resort" replete with a front porch furnished with comfortable rocking chairs and numerous opportunities for children to earn prizes for successful competition in leap frog, swimming and other races.

She married her late husband, Sam in 1952 and returned to the Catskills region as a participant in the annual



Howard and Deane Kattler, 1956

convention sponsored by SED, the Jewish dental fraternity to which he belonged. Barbara recalls that each year, a different chapter chaired the convention and selected the program, handled the registration and came up with a theme for the entertainment. In 1954, the Delaware chapter performed the Can-Can, renting elaborate costumes from a store in Media, PA and taking dance lessons from Anne Marie Dance Studios in Wilmington.

The Catskills, a virtual treasure trove of Jewish comedians, claims a Delaware native son-Emil Cohen. Barbara remembers his jokes, performed in English interspersed with Yiddish, as "hysterical". Cohen appeared on variety shows during the early days of television and produced two records, "A Selection of Jewish Stories and Songs" and "T-Synagogues and T-centes." He returned to Wilmington often to visit his late brother, Phil, a past president of Jewish Family Services of Delaware and an active member of Congregation Beth Shalom. He frequently entertained locally at Israel Bond dinners and events sponsored by Congregation Beth Shalom and the Jewish Community Center.

Joel Casnoff, the comedian who will perform during next Saturday's Catskills Cabaret stands on the footsteps of Cohen and other Borscht Belt entertainers. This second annual Vanguard Event is open to members of the Delaware Jewish Community who make a minimum \$1000 household gift to the 2006 Federation Annual Campaign.

For further information, please call Ruth Rosenberg at 302-427-2100, ext. 17 or register on-line at www.shalomdelaware.org.



SED Dental Fraternity wives do the "Can Can" for graduate convention in Catskills, 1954. L-R, rear standing: Naomi Klein, Jean Hirshout, Eileen Snyder, Barbara Yalisove, Rosalie Kurfirst; Foreground: Bernice Tomases, Ann Yalisove, Connie Kreshtool, Hilda Shames, Bea Shames.

ISRAELI POLITICS GO

By Dan Baron, JTA

Israel is resigning itself to politics without Ariel Sharon.

Shock gripped the Jewish state last week when Sharon was hospitalized with a massive stroke, turning to fears for the worst when he underwent repeated surgery under deep sedation.

Doctors began bringing the prime minister out of his induced coma Monday. Sharon reportedly was able to breathe on his own and showed slight movement in his right arm and leg in response to stimuli.

"This was a clear reaction to pain, not a reflex," said Dr. Felix Umansky, head of the team that has operated on Sharon three times to stem bleeding in his brain since his Jan. 4 stroke.

Doctors said it would be several days before it was clear whether Sharon had suffered any cognitive damage or paralysis on the left side of

Still, a prognosis took shape whereby Sharon could survive, but in a form of forced retirement. Sharon's chief surgeon, Dr. Jose Cohen, said Sharon had a "very high" chance of surviving.

"He is a very strong man, and he is getting the best care," the Jerusalem Post quoted Cohen as saying. "He will not continue to be prime minister, but maybe he will be able to understand and to speak."

As the prime minister lay in a postoperative coma Sunday, his temporary replacement, acting Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, chaired the weekly Cabinet meeting.

'We hope that the prime minister will recover, gain strength, and with God's help, will return to run the government of Israel and lead the State of Israel," Olmert said.

While noting that doctors' reports from Jerusalem's Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center at Ein Kerem had given a "glimmer of hope" as to that his new centrist party, Kadima, Sharon's chances of recuperating, Olmert said matters of state were as robust as ever.

"We will continue to fulfill Arik's will: and to run things as he wished," he said, using Sharon's nickname. "Israeli

democracy is strong, and all of the systems are working in a stable, serious and responsible manner. This is just as it should be, and how it shall continue."

With general elections looming on March 28, Olmert has his hands full. But he received an early show of support with a weekend phone call from U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza

There was also an internal reprieve from the Likud, which decided against resigning from the government, reversing a decision made before Sharon suffered his stroke last week.

"Now is not the time for such moves," Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom, one of four Cabinet members from the Likud, told Army Radio.

A Channel 10 television survey issued after Sharon took ill predicted would take 40 of the Knesset's 120 seats in the election if it is led by Olmert.

But analysts suggested the showing reflected short-term public sympathy. Ha'aretz's political correspondent,

Aluf Benn, recalled the aftermath of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's assassination in 1995, when opinion polls showed his successor, Shimon Peres, as a clear favorite for re-election. In the end, Benjamin Netanyahu defeated Peres by the slimmest of margins.

"Instead of presenting himself as pressing ahead with Rabin's path, Peres made the mistake of insisting that he was an autonomous candidate," Benn said, suggesting Olmert was wise to portray himself as a reluctant stand-in for Sharon.

Yet the Channel 10 survey found that Peres, should he lead Kadima, would perform better than Olmert, taking 42 Knesset seats.

Though Peres quit Labor last year to back Sharon, he has yet to formally join Kadima. But he voiced support for Olmert.

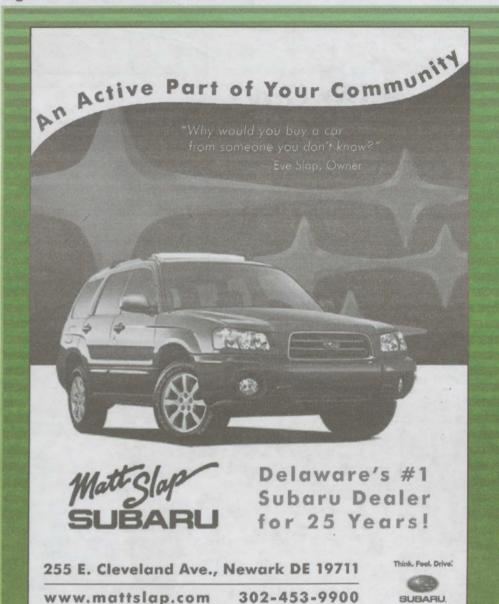
"He supported the policies of Mr. Sharon and even occasionally was ahead of him," Peres told Britain's Sky television. "The policies for peace, the continuation of the policies of Sharon, will have my full support."

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Ariel Sharon - The Go to Guy



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By Rudyard Kipling

If you can keep your head when all

Are losing theirs and blaming it on you, If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you

But make allowance for their doubting

If you can wait and not be tired by wait-

Or being lied about, don't deal in lies, Or being hated, don't give way to hat-

And yet don't look too good, nor talk too

If you can dream-and not make dreams your master, If you can think-and not make thoughts

If you can meet with Triumph and

By Lauren Schultz

And treat those two impostors just the

If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken

Twisted by knaves to make a trap for

Or watch the things you gave your life to. broken.

And stoop and build 'em up with worn-

If you can make one heap of all your

winnings And risk it all on one turn of pitch-and-

And lose, and start again at your begin-

And never breath a word about your loss;

If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew

To serve your turn long after they are

And so hold on when there is nothing in

Except the Will which says to them: "Hold on!"

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,

Or walk with kings-nor lose the common touch,

If neither foes nor loving friends can

If all men count with you, but none too

much. If you can fill the unforgiving minute With sixty seconds' worth of distance

Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,

And-which is more-you'll be a Man, my

This poem captures the spirit of

Ariel Sharon, a man referred to by friend and foe alike as a "bulldozer"-a go-to guy who can always be counted upon in times of crisis.

As I write this column, our beloved bulldozer has been felled by a serious medical crisis and Jews around the world turn to one another for solace and support. Here in Delaware, Rabbi Sanford Dresin, the head of the Rabbinic Association of Delaware has requested that we say Tehillim (Psalms) for Sharon. Jack Sparks, the head of school at Albert Einstein Academy has emailed the community with the appropriate prayers.

Globally, the Jewish Agency for Israel has launched a special website where people can share their prayers and feelings via email directly to the Prime Minister and his family. One of

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Lauren Schultz

n accomplished

Thanks for a successful year

and value. In Aishet Chayil, the husband lists all the ways in which his wife literally holds their home togeth-"An accomplished woman, who can find far beyond pearls is her value." er. He explains how it could not Those were the words that I heard stand on its own, if she were not recited while sitting around the there. A concept I know my father would wholeheartedly agree with in Shabbat table at my friend Deena's home. When her father sang them to respect to my mother. Growing up in her mother, I could sense such zeal in my house, it was obvious that my mom steered the ship, and clear to his voice, but did not understand the Hebrew words. I later learned that me that our home would fall apart they were the opening words of both physically and spiritually if she

> During our discussion of Aishet Chayil, this beautiful blessing which

exalts a woman's importance to her home, her family and her community, I could not help but think of Federation and the role women play in our organization. But Aishet Chayil is a prayer said by one man to one woman. It's a private sentiment between a husband and his wife, yet it parallels the societal relationship between the Federation community and the valuable women within it. Like a woman holds her home together, the women of Federation help hold our community together. So far, the women of the Jewish Federation of

Delaware have contributed fifty percent of dollars raised for the 2006 Annual Campaign. While monetary giving is the foundation of our success, spreading the word and expanding our reach to new supporters are vital to our mission. In Aishet Chayil, a husband admires his wife for "She opens her mouth with wisdom, and a lesson of kindness is on her tongue." By encouraging your sisters, daughters and friends to join you in supporting Federation, you fulfill this duty of "accomplished woman" or a

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Idan Kligerman

The only country where being a patriot means buying a blue & white flag made by a Thai worker from fabric made in Gaza.

Aishet Chayil, a prayer traditionally

recited on Erev Shabbat by a hus-

band to his wife, praising her strength

The the only country that can send satellites into space but won't allow a parliament member to finish a sentence during a discussion in the Knesset.

The only country where you can tell what is in the news by listening to the songs played on the radio.

The only country where you take a girl out on a first date, ask where she served in the Army and discover that she was a better fighter Notes from Idan

were not there.

The only country where 60 seconds can change the happiest day on earth to the saddest day.

The only country where an 8 year old child can break through security to visit an ailing prime minister in his hospital room and pray for him to get better.

The only place on earth where you hate the politicians, the taxes, the weather, the service and the way people drive and still can't imagine living anywhere else because it is your true

Shalom everybody! I would like to share my thoughts from the last ten

days, since our beloved prime minister of Israel, Ariel Sharon suffered a severe stroke and lies in critical condition in a Jerusalem hospital. Of course all Jews are saddened by his medical crisis and are praying for his return to health. However, as a fellow Israeli, I take the news of Sharon's precarious health very much to heart.

It does not matter what your political position is, Israelis revere this man as a true sabra. He was 20 years old in 1948 when Israel was established. He stood side by side to build this Jewish state and he fought in every war for her existence. Sharon was one of the great generals

in the Army during the Six Day War. His actions and decisions often created controversy-chief among them was his most recent disengagement plan from the West Bank and Gaza.

It is a pretty amazing transformation for a man who helped found many of these settlements to order the soldiers to evacuate settlers. I'm sure that this was not an easy thing

I am also certain that it was very difficult to leave LIKUD, the political party that he helped to found, to start KADIMA, a brand new party. Shimon Peres who was identified with the

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Jennifer Young

Thanks to the generosity of the community this past year, the Jewish Fund for the Future has increased its reach in Delaware and beyond. This past year was a tremendous success with five new funds established in just the last few weeks!

Cas and Liz Anolick created their Fund because of the couple's firm belief that Jewish charitable giving helps define "who we are as a Jewish people". Cas's family has lived in Lithuania, South Africa, England and almost "every other corner of the world." He is very pleased therefore that his Fund will help Jews both locally and globally "now and beyond my

Lelaine and Stuart Nemser also Jewish community both locally and globally. The couple feels connected to the State of Israel, a relationship that deepened during their year-long residency while Stuart worked for the The Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot. Lelaine makes frequent visits to the Jewish State as part of her work as the Delaware chair of Partnership 2000 and to reconnect with the couple's numerous friends.

Dr. Ralph Tomases jokingly commented that he created his Fund "because my wife, Bernice told me to." Both Ralph and Bernice share a long-

standing family tradition of Jewish community involvement and tzedakah. Ralph explains that his father was an immigrant who came to Delaware before World War I. "Before my father died, he was interviewed by a researcher from the University of Delaware. The interviewer asked Ralph's dad what he believed was the community that had been his home for 56 years. "My dad responded, the creation of the Jewish Federation of Delaware." Ralph began his own involvement in Federation activities immediately after he got out of the Army and began his dental practice. "I became involved with the Young Adults Division of Federation right away," he said. The Tomases are pleased that their Fund will enable Federation to support a broad variety of Jewish interests beyond their lifetimes.

Sybil Zeftel created her Fund in tribute to her late husband, Dr. Leo Zeftel, who was president of the Jewish Federation of Delaware at the time that the Jewish Fund for the Future was created. "I created a Fund to continue his life-long commitment to Jewish philanthropy," she said.

Dr. Howard Zucker and his wife, Judith created their fund because "this community has been very good to us the Delaware Jewish community." He emphasized that giving to JFF is a way to ensure that the good works performed by local agencies and organizations will be perpetuated...

A total of over \$163,000 was donated to establish new endowment funds. Endowment funds are invested for long term growth and only a portion of the funds are spent each year as grants or scholarships. For the oneyear ending Nov. 30, 2005, the fund's managed assets had a return of 9.4%.

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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. In the last decade the fund has grown from \$3.6 million to over \$15 million. Today, we provide the necessary financial capital to help the Endowment funds supplement the Annual Campaign and ensure the survival and long-term stability of existing programs upon which so many in our community depend.

In the last two years the Jewish Fund for the Future distributed over \$1 million in grants benefiting a diverse array of cultural, educational, social and humanitarian causes including our local synagogues and agencies, other local social service and charitable organizations, national Jewish causes and concerns, art institutions,

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EDITORIALS AND OPINIONS

Transitions

This has been a tumultuous time for Jews in Israel and throughout the Diaspora. We are riveted to CNN and other news outlets, hungry for updates on the medical condition of Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon. We are incredulous that a man, whose accomplishments as a builder, defender and leader of the Jewish State made him appear larger than life, may never fully recover from the effects of a massive stroke. Indeed, barring a medical miracle, it appears unlikely that Sharon will return to power.

It was my privilege to participate in a telephone news conference earlier this week chaired by Delaware's own Toni Young. Toni, who was recently named Vice chair, United Jewish Communities, Israel and Overseas Pillar, hosted two respected Israeli journalists who entertained questions and shared their insights about politics in a post-Sharon era.

Both Leslie Susser of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency and Hersh Goodman, founding editor of the Jerusalem Report, believe that Kadima, the centrist political party that Sharon helped found, has a very good chance of survival in the March 28th elections. Indeed, A Channel 10 television survey issued after Sharon took ill predicted that Kadima would take 40 of the Knesset's 120

seats in the coming election if it is led by Acting Prime Minister Ehud Olmert. Olmert, the former mayor of Jerusalem, is a founding member of

While the world awaits the long-term prognosis on Ariel Sharon, Olmert, his interim successor, has received support from U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and his own Knesset. In deference to Sharon's medical crisis, Likud, decided against resigning from the government, reversing a decision made before Sharon suffered his stroke last week. "Now is not the time for such moves," explained Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom, one of four Cabinet members from the Likud.

Let us pray that Ariel Sharon survives and recuperates and that the thriving democratic nation he helped to create continues to move forward - the Hebrew definition of the word Kadima in the weeks, months and years to come.

Shabbat Shalom.

Tym B. Edelman Lynn B. Edelman

Taste of Torah



Dr. Jack L. Sparks

BLESSINGS Dr. Jack L. Sparks, Albert **Einstein Academy**

This week's Torah portion closes the Book of Genesis. Parshat Vayechi, (Genesis 47:28-50:26) Children often refer to "the stories" in Genesis, however these are surely more than just stories, they are

an important piece of Jewish history with powerful implications for families which are very relevant today

During Jacob's final years, his family is united harmoniously in Egypt. But prior to that, Jacob lived an uneasy life. He was born simultaneously with his adversary Esau, he suffered because of Lavan, Dinah and Joseph, and the only happy years he enjoyed were the final 17 years he lived out his life in the land of Egypt. The text does not list his age using the same format as Sarah and Abraham and the Midrash suggests that it denotes the unhappiness, followed by peace in his later years. While Jacob was alive, his actions enabled his family to succeed, however once he died their lives soured; from security to insecurity, from being landowners to being slaves; even their reproducing was undermined. The Midrash also teaches us that G-d shortened Jacob's life so that he would not witness the suffering of his offspring - for surely he had suffered enough. And finally, it's thought that Jacob's final years caused him to forget all his troubles, so that only good-thoughts would sustain his last years.

"And Jacob blessed his children." Those are powerful words. Do we bless our children? Must we wait for our deathbed for this to happen? In Jacob's view, his blessing of them was his last will and testament. Jacob individualized each of his blessings, according to Rashi. Rabbi Joseph D. Soloveitchik, zt"l, explained Rashi's words, "that each son received a blessing, but that Jacob blessed each of them with his essence, his very being, with a part of him." Not the blessings' recipients, the sons, but his blessing was himself. In fact, Jacob offered them a common blessing, one that he had received from Isaac, who in turn had received it from Abraham.

Today we continue that custom, as Jacob did, by asking the appropriate blessing on our children each Friday night. To our sons we say: "May G-d make you like Ephraim and Mensashe, who carried forth the life of our people", Jacob's grandsons. It is a custom we don't reserve for deathbed blessings, but for each week around our Shabbat table. The custom has developed over the generations so that we enjoy the blessing of our parents weekly, not once in a lifetime, if that. To our daughters, we offer: "May G-d inspire you to live in the tradition of Sarah and Rebecca, Rachel and Leah, who carried forward the life of our people." And finally together we bless all our children with the three-fold priestly benediction: 'May G-d bless you and keep you. May G-d look kindly on you and be gracious to you. May G-d bestow His favor on you and give you peace.

Rabbi Yochanan, in the Talmud explains: "Our father Jacob did not die". He lives on through later generations. I would offer that when we bless our children every Friday night, we are continuing the legacy of Jacob and keeping alive his memory, deeds and intentions.

In a society where time skirts away from us with each passing year, finding the opportunity to bless our children, at any age, it is a memory they will carry with them throughout their lifetime. If you have never participated in this lovely custom, consider it at your next Shabbat meal. If Shabbat meals are not a regular custom in your family, begin a new custom and on that occasion invoke G-d's blessing on your children, and/or grandchildren. It will be a seed you plant today that will carry them forth in the future. There will come a time, one day, when they will crave that blessing, but they will have the memory of it to sustain

We learned much from Jacob, as our children say, 'from the stories" and what we bring today, among many things, is the sanctity of family, the respect inter-generationally and the hope that our children carry forth our future, our tradition, our people and our heritage.

May your Erev Shabbat be filled with loved ones around you, so you might bless them, and that blessing follow through subsequent genera-

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Reflections on Ariel Sharon

We are all saddened over Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's medical crisis. Our thoughts and prayers go out to him, his family, and the people of Israel.

As President and CEO of UJC and as the executive at the United Jewish Federation of Pittsburgh I have had several opportunities to meet with the prime minister.

Those who knew Prime Minister Sharon during his long career will clearly have memories of him, which will help piece together his accomplishments and the depth of his commitment. One of the vivid images in my mind is his deep passion for the needs of the Falas Mura, who are living under trying circumstances in Ethiopia, as they wait to be reunited with their brothers and sisters in Israel. He has discussed the issue at every UJC meeting with him since I've come here.

Prime Minister Sharon vowed that the Falas Mura will be brought to Israel at an increased rate. Their connection with the Jewish people has been underscored by the rabbinate. But for the prime minister, this was much more of a personal issue. He had been to Ethiopia over 40 years ago as an officer in the IDF. He walked through the villages where Ethiopian Jews were living. At that stage, he concluded that they must be brought home, he told us. The fact that he eventually found himself as a leader capable of fulfilling this objective speaks for itself.

The Friday, December 23, 2005 edition of the New York Times featured a page-one story under the headline: "Another School Barrier for African Girls: No Toilet." What followed was an account of adolescent girls in Ethiopia who were forced to drop out of school because the buildings had no

latrine, no water, no hope for privacy other than the shadow of a bush. The schools were unwelcoming places for them, just when they needed to pursue their education the most. "In this region, poverty, tradition and ignorance deprive an estimated 24 million girls of an elementary school education," the story reported.

It is disheartening to think that any members of our people, however far removed, who want to come to Israel, are forced to wait under such cir-

Prime Minister Sharon helped keep the issue of the Falas Mura alive for the global Jewish community. Even while he cannot follow through on that commitment, others in Israel can. They can help fulfill his dream and the government's commitment. We can fulfill that vision by providing some of the funding that will make their movement from Ethiopia and their improved absorption into Israel possible. Now is the time to act. Not that would prevent this mitzvah from ever being

We pray for Ariel Sharon. We pray for the Jewish people worldwide. There is much that we wish for that can only be fulfilled by Hashem. But one thing that we have learned through our Jewish traditions is that many of the obligations we have as a people help determine our fate. Operation Promise, and the fulfillment of a dream for Ethiopian Jewry, is just one of them. Acting now would be a fitting way to honor Prime Minister Sharon.

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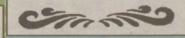


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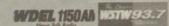
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INSIDE DELAWARE

Delaware Gratz holds Grand open house

Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School invites the community to a grand open house Sunday, January 22, 1-3 p.m., in celebration of their move into newly renovated space in the Bernard and Ruth Siegel Jewish Community Center in Wilmington, Delaware.

Four instructors in the school's highly successful service learning programs will be honored: Rosanne Griff Cabelli, Vivian Mamberg, Dianne Seidel and Ella Zukoff. Vivian Mamberg coordinates the Mary Campbell Center program. Rosanne Griff Cabelli, Dianne Seidel and Ella Zukoff co-teach the "Cook for a Friend" program. These two programs are among the most popular classes which Gratz offers. Capital campaign donors who contributed in the name of Delaware Gratz will also be recog-

Guests at the open house will have the opportunity to tour the new Gratz wing, and to

sample a bit of the Gratz experience. The "Cook for a Friend" team will serve their own home-made cookies and brownies, the "Book of Jonah" class will present a class skit, and Hebrew microcalligraphy artwork created by students in the "Jewish Environment" class will be displayed. A brief student-made film featuring Gratz teachers and students will be available for viewing in one of the classrooms. In addition, Idan Kligerman, Israeli shaliach (emissary) and Ari Goldberg, director of Jewish Community High School of Gratz College of Philadelphia will address the guests.

Just prior to the open house, scholarin-residence, Rabbi Moriah Hazani will teach an adult education session about body image from 11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The class is entitled, "Body: (In the Image of G-d) Imagination



Diane Seidel



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Vvian Mamberg

and Realism in the Rabbis' World." Pre-registration is requested.

The course, and the open house are open to the community free of charge. To register for

the class, or for additional information about the open house, please contact the Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School office at (302)478-8100 or gratz@delawaregratz.org.

ARIEL SHARON

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the chief Rabbis of Israel has filled the crevices of the Western Wall with prayers printed on pieces of paper from well-wishers around the world who transmitted their hopes for Sharon's complete recovery via the world wide web.

U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice has cancelled her scheduled trip abroad while our government contemplates what they will do if, and when, Sharon is unable to continue in his capacity as Prime Minister. For many years, the American government's foreign policy has been in lock-step with Sharon and his government (or visa-versa). Who will be able to advance the "roadmap to peace" if Sharon is no longer a major player in Mid-East politics?

Personally, I have been very upset since the Prime Minister was taken to Jerusalem last week from his farm in southern Israel. I can't shake this feeling of despondency about the failing health of Israel's prime minister. Why am I so upset? Let me try to explain.

I have watched Prime Ministers of Israel from my "Federation chair" for a number of years. My first encounter was 1977 when, as a student intern,

the Baltimore Jewish Federation sent me to the General Assembly in Dallas. Texas. The main speaker for the General Assembly was Golda Meir.

Golda was electrifying. Before she arrived, the hall rocked with Hebrew songs including such stirring anthems as Shalom Aleichem and Jerusalem of Gold. It was such an emotional event. Everyone of us revered her as the mother of the Jewish world and all were nurtured by every word. We knew she loved us and we loved her. It was ten years after the Six-Day War, when the Jewish State rocked the world with a tremendous military victory - we were no longer the "Jewish victims". It was four years after the Yom Kippur War, when Israel lost 2,656 soldiers; 7,250 soldiers were wounded and many tanks and planes were lost.

Here the lives of Golda and Ariel Sharon intersect.

In 1971, the Israeli army constructed the Bar Lev line as a defensive position in the Sinai Peninsula. This was the line that would hold back any attack from Egypt, as the Israeli army defended the new border to the South. In the North the Golan Heights were to be defended against the Syrian army. The Israeli army was soon to be challenged in the fall of 1973. Just prior to the Yom Kippur War, General David Elazar begged Golda Meir to allow a pre-emptive strike. Golda made the controversial decision not to allow a pre-emptive strike - a decision that haunted her for the rest of her life.

This is when many of us first heard of an Israeli general named Sharon. The surprise attack staged by the Syrian and Egyptian armies worked. One hundred and eighty Israeli tanks had to hold off one thousand four hundred Syrian Tanks in the North. The battle raged on the Hermonit where Israeli boys and citizen soldiers with inferior tanks staged a gallant defense of their country and most of them paid with their lives. The boys in the North were able to take out enough Russian and hold out long enough for reinforcements to arrive and pushed the Syrian tanks out of Israel.

In the South, the Bar Lev line failed and the Egyptian army and tanks flooded into the Sinai. The Egyptian army hunkered down in the desert and had SAM missiles at their disposal, which rendered the IAF virtually ineffective.

After 9 days of brutal fighting in the Sinai, a rouge officer named Ariel Sharon decided to trap the Egyptian

army by crossing the Suez Canal in the other direction. He went against orders (for which he was later dismissed as the chief of staff) and turned the tables on the Egyptians. Two days after Sharon's force punched through to the Suez Canal, a full division of the Israeli army had crossed over into Egypt, and trapped the Egyptian third army in the Sinai. Little more than a week later, there was a

Sharon saw a solution to a puzzle that no one else could solve. For this decisive action he is revered by many as the hero who saved Israel in the Yom Kippur War.

I first laid eyes on Ariel Sharon in 2004 when he addressed the General Assembly in Jerusalem. I then had the privilege of hearing him speak to a smaller group at the campaign directors and chairs institute later that summer. Through the years, I have heard numerous Prime Ministers speak. However in Sharon's presence, I was awed. You could feel his strength, his self-confidence, his invin-

It is no wonder that I have been very sad this week. This man gave us most bleak. Not once, but many times.

After four years of Intifada, a terror campaign waged by the Palestinians against Israel, that claimed more than 1,000 Israeli lives, (which in American terms would be almost 50,000 people) Sharon invented a new solution to a seemingly intractable situation. His unilateralist approach was dramatically different from the left wing or right wing politics of the past...

He proposed creating defensible borders for Israel by withdrawing (disengaging) from Gaza and certain areas of the West bank. He created the concept of the security fence and founded the Kadima party to move these concepts forward. He made all of this happen by the sheer force of his personality and vision.

In so doing, the Israel economy was rejuvenated, tourists have been returning to Israel in record numbers and the people of Israel were filled with hope. My sadness was my gut reaction that a true leader, a true warrior and a true visionary was being taken from the Israeli political scene.

So let us pray that this "go to guy" is restored to health and can continue to guide this great nation forward in hope when the situation seemed the the months and years to come.

ACCOMPLISHED

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"woman of valor," Aishet Chayil.

I hope the words of Aishet Chayil resonate with you as we reach out and ask for your support in the New Year. I urge you to reflect on the inspiring words of Aishet Chayil "She spreads out her palm to the poor, and extends her hands to the destitute." As women, it is our responsibility to do the deeds for which we are praised. If you are interested in becoming more involved with Women's Philanthropy, please call me (302) 427-2100 or email lauren@shalomdel.org. We should

be proud for what we have accomplished thus far, but as you know, "a woman's work is never done." Live Generously...lt does a world of

Aishet Chayil, English Translation An accomplished woman, who can

find far beyond pearls is her value. Her husband's heart relies on her

and he shall lack no fortune. She repays his good, but not his harm, all the days of her life.

She seek out wool and linen, and her hands work willingly. She is like a merchant's ship, from after she brings her sustenance.

She arises while it is yet nighttime, and gives food to her household and a ration to her maidens.

She envisions a field and buys it, from the fruit of her handiwork she plants a vineyard.

With strength she girds her loins, and invigorates her arms.

She discerns that her enterprise is good so her lamp is not snuffed out by night.

Her hands she stretches out to the distaff, and her palms support the spindle.

She spreads out her palm to the

poor, and extends her hands to the destitute.

She fears not snow for her household, for her entire household is clothed with scarlet wool.

Luxurious bedspreads she made herself, linen and purple wool are her clothing.

Distinctive in the councils is her husband, when he sits with the elders of the land.

She makes a cloak to sell, and delivers a belt to the peddler.

Strength and majesty are her raiment, she joyfully awaits the last day. She opens her mouth with wisdom,

and a lesson of kindness is on her

She anticipates the ways of her household, and partakes not of the bread of laziness.

Her children arise and praise her, her husband, and he lauds her.

Many daughters have amassed achievement, but you surpassed them all.

False is grace and vain is beauty, a God-fearing woman - she should be

Give her the fruits of her hand and let her be praised in the gates by her very own deeds.

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AVODA party left it to join KADIMA. Israeli political commentators have called this situation the political "big bang"

While some of Israel's citizens are confused by the changes in the political climate and others are upset by Sharon's authorization of the pullout, when Israelis learned the news about their prime minister falling ill, ALL Israelis put aside their differences to pray in unison for his recov-

Ariel Sharon is a very big and important figure in Israel and around the world. No other public official from such a small nation has attracted such major media coverage.

It is very difficult for me to be so far from home as Israel faces such a critical chapter in its history. In just two short months, Israelis will go to the polls. While the medical prognosis for the prime minister who has led us so bravely for the past 3 years and has greatly improved our way of life is still uncertain, our government remains very stable under the leadership of acting prime minister Ehud Olmert. Olmert, who is Sharon's deputy and also serves as finance minister, is a very capable leader. He was very popular as the two-time mayor of Jerusalem.

I would like to thank the Rabbis in the Delaware Jewish community who led their congregants in prayer for our beloved Israeli leader. I receive up to the minute updates on the prime minister's condition and am happy to share my news with you. Please do

not hesitate to call me at 302-427-2100, ext. 30 or email me at idan@shalomdel.org.

This week trivia question is: Who was the first prime minister of Israel? Remember, there are prizes for the first person who responds correctly.

Please Save the Date: Feb.12th for a great Tu B'Shevat family seder at the JCC. There will be delicious snacks, fun games, arts and crafts.

Until Next Time, Shalom!

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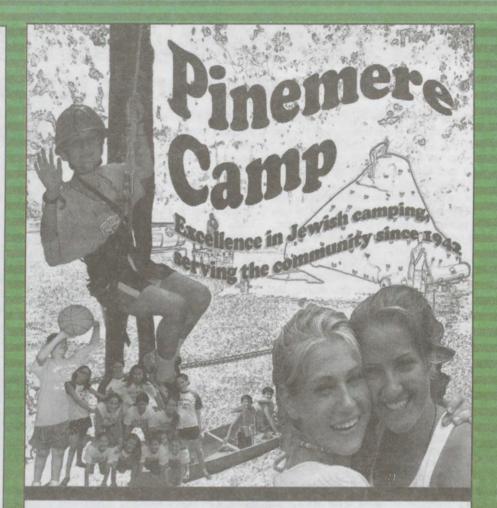
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AKSE's 120th anniversary celebration

Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation completed its year-long 120th anniversary celebration with a dinner dance on November 6, 2005. 120 people attended the elegant black-tie event, which was accompanied by the publication and distribution of a special commemorative book.

Founded on July 15, 1885, the congregation is the oldest in Delaware. Rabbi Leonard Gewirtz (of blessed memory), whose name graces the sanctuary, served for over 50 of the 120 years. Rabbi Sanford Dresin is now the spiritual leader of the congregation.

Other 120th anniversary events included a Silent Auction on November 13, 2004, a Sisterhood Shabbat on April 2, 2005, a

Presbyterian Minister will speak on the "Religious Roots of Justice in

Bill Levering will speak on "The

Religious Roots of Justice in

America." The event is intended to

highlight the historic connections

between the pro-choice movement and many faith traditions. Rev.

Levering is Pastor at Summit

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and the President of the

Pennsylvania chapter of the

Religious Coalition for Reproductive

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Women's Tefillah Group program on May 7, 2005, a Chug Ivri program on May 8, 2005,a Minyonaires 60th reunion on May 22, 2005, Cafe Tamar on May 30, 2005, a Founding Day shabbat service and dinner on July 15, 2005, and a Scholar-in-Residence program on September 9 and 10, 2005.

The 120th anniversary committee was chaired by Harvey Rubenstein and Iris Vinokur. Its members were Harriet Ainbinder, Eileen Cohen, Elliott Echt (AKSE president), Vivian Goldberg, Alan Goldberg, Louis Goorland (of blessed memory), Marilyn Harwick, Arlene Simon, Iris Tocker, Mark Wagman, Eleanor Weinglass, and Martin Zukoff. Gladys Gewirtz was the honorary chairperson of the celebration.

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Mrs Gladys Gewertz and family after lighting the ceremonial candle celebrating the 120th anniversary of Adas Kodesch. Yasher Koach! May the congregation continue for another 120 years!



AKSE President Elliott Echt address Dinner Dance guests



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every turn, it is vitally important that progressive clergy and people of The Delaware Coalition for Choice is sponsoring a public event to comfaith add their voices to the struggle memorate the 33rd anniversary of to maintain a woman's right to the Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade choose," said Coalition for Choice decision to be held on Monday, Chair Connie Kreshtool, who repre-January 23rd at 7pm at Temple Beth sents the Sisterhood Emeth in Wilmington. The Rev. Dr. Congregation Beth Emeth in the

Roe remembered

Coalition for Choice. The event is free and open to the public. Parking is available and refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP to 302-655-7296, x27.

The Coalition for Choice is a statewide advocacy organization that works to assure protection of reproductive rights, facilitate access to services for all, and educate the public. Member organizations are the Agenda for Delaware Women; the

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Wilmington Section; the National Organization for Women, Delaware Chapter; Planned Parenthood of Delaware; Sisterhood Congregation Castle County.

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January will be an exciting month for the Wilmington BBYO group. We are getting ready for the 2006 Tournies Convention which will be held this year in Allentown, PA. on Feb. 9, 10, &11th. Tournies is a convention where the

chapters compete against one another in a variety of categories. Categories include everything from sports teams to individual competitions in the area of arts and culture. Some of these competitions include volleyball, water polo,

basketball, singing, art, dance and ping pong. Wilmington BBYO is hoping to bring home a win this year. All members are invited to join us for this fun weekend. Tournies forms are due January 21 and are available from advisors and chapter presidents. Go Wilmington!

> On a different note, the BBG group held a successful fundraiser last month. Members wrapped gifts for holiday shoppers at Borders. Thanks go to Ilana Mintz for organizing this event and to Ali Saran, Samantha Diamond, Julie France, Laura Davis, Samantha Tocker, Rachel Bank, Jillian Levitan, and Alyson Sherman for their participation, as well as the parents who supervised.

> BBYO members were also seen at Hanukkah Hoopla this year, where we sold Cutco products as part of a fundraiser and assisted the JCC by volunteering at the children's carnival. A special thank you goes to Sarah Andress for her generosity and coordination of the fundraiser.

> Calling all 8th graders! Starting NOW, 8th graders are welcome to join BBYO. They will be able to participate in local events and attend meetings. If you know of an interested 8th grader, or are one yourself, please contact us. Be on the lookout, we will also be reaching out to contact 8th graders in the community.

For more information about either AZA or BBG, our BBYO group, please contact Samantha Diamond at sportgrisam16@aol.com or Alex Resch at a.resch@gmail.com. It's never too late to

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Congregation Beth Emeth's centennial anniversary celebration continues with a Shabbat presentation by Rabbi Gustav Buchdahl, Treasurer the Central Conference of American Rabbis,

on February 3, 2006 at 8 p.m. Rabbi Buchdahl, who served as spiritual leader of Baltimore's Temple Emanuel from 1963 until his retirement in 2000, will discuss "Shabbat of Memory: 100 Years." The entire community is invited to attend.

Prior to his appointment as CCAR treasurer, he served for seven years as a member of the Conference's Ethics Committee. Rabbi Buchdahl teaches Judaic Studies at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County and sits on the Institutional Revue Board of Şinai Hospital.

Ordained from Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, Rabbi Buchdahl holds a Doctor of Ministry degree from the New York branch of his alma mater, as well as a Master of Arts degree from

Johns Hopkins University. His doctoral thesis and subsequent therapeutic work explores the impact of divorce on Jewish

Other centennial anniversary events at Congregation Beth Emeth include a program entitled "Six Degrees of Inspiration." This series of presentations is sponsored by the Adult Education Committee of Beth Emeth and features presentations by each of the Congregation's clergy. Each program is scheduled for a Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. The first, "Oh For God's Sake: 100 Blessings Every Day" will be presented by Rabbi Sarah Messinger on February 1, 2006. Rabbi Grumbacher will offer "What Bothered The Rabbis 100 Years Ago" on February 8th, and Cantorial Intern Mark Stanton will conclude the series on February 15, 2006 with "100 Moments In Music."

Those who wish to attend the Wednesday series should RSVP to Congregation Beth Emeth, Attention Adult Education, 300 W. Lea Blvd., Wilmington, 19801 or by phone at (302) 764-2393. There is no need to RSVP for Rabbi Buchdahl's presentation.

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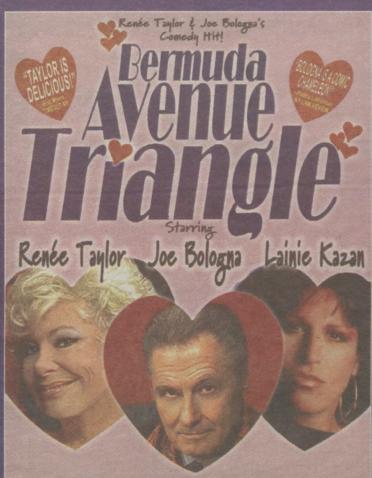
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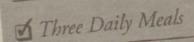
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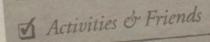
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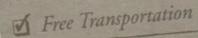
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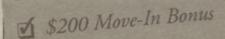
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CAMIN

Bernadine "Bobby" Kahn Camin, age 78, passed away Friday, January 6, 2006, after an extended illness.

She grew up in the suburbs of Cleveland, OH where she met and married David L. Camin, who predeceased her in 1994. Since 1961 she has lived in the Wilmington, DE and southern Chester County, PA area. After her children were grown Bobby became involved in the breeding and showing of Airedale Terriers. She bred and owned many champions. She was a member of the Greater Philadelphia Airedale Club and served the club in many capacities.

She is survived by her daughters, Suzanne Cutler and her husband, Marc, of Beachwood, OH and Judith Cronin and her husband, Richard, of Wilmington, DE; and by her son, William Camin of Fresno, CA. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Seth Cutler and his wife, Jennifer Phelps, Ethan Cutler and his wife, Audrey, Aaron Cutler, Steven Cronin, Robert Cronin, Tony Camin, Sara Vergith and her husband, Glen, and Natalie Camin;

and 5 great grandchildren.

A funeral service was held on January 9, 2006, at Schoenberg Memorial Chapel.

The family would appreciate memorial contributions to the Alzheimer's Association of Delaware, 2306 Kirkwood Hwy., Wilmington, DE 19805.

FALLER
Erika Faller, age 85, formerly of Wilmington, DE, died January 10, 2006.

She was born in Wiesbaden, Germany and raised her family in Wilmington, prior to retiring in West Palm Beach, FL.

Erika spent her retirement years teaching others the joy of dancing.

Erika was predeceased by her husband, Rudolph Faller. She is survived by her riend and companion, Sidney Friend; her children, Morton and Ruth Faller, of Potomac, MD, Susan and Larry Shrier, of Palm Beach Gardens, FL, and Steve Faller and Mary Carroll, of Wilmington; grandchildren, Dr. Bryan Faller, Scott Faller, Allison Shrier, Rudy Shrier, Jon Faller and

The funeral service was held on January 12, 2006, at SCHOEN-BERG MEMORIAL CHAPEL with interment in Beth Emeth Memorial Park on Faulkland Rd.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Hospice of Palm Beach County, 5300 East Ave., West Palm Beach, FL 33407.

GREENSTEIN

Doris Sund Greenstein, of Bowie, MD, died January 9, 2006. She was the wife of Richard A. Greenstein; mother of Daniel Greenstein and Susan Greenstein Rimland; and grandmother of Matthew, Nicole and Jacob Rimland.

The funeral service was held January 11, 2006, at SCHOEN-BERG MEMORIAL CHAPEL, Wilmington, with interment in Beth Emeth Memorial Park on Faulkland Rd

STEINBACH

Cecille Steinbach, age 86, of Wilmington, died January 10, 2006. She was born and raised in Chester, PA and was the oldest child of Dr. George and Jennie Ozer. She attended Temple Business School and worked as a

bookkeeper before serving as a receptionist for her late husband, Dr. Benjamin Steinbach.

She is survived by her daughter, Dr. Greta Steinbach-Wallis and her husband, Dr. Larry Wallis; her brothers, Benson, Theodore and Herbert Ozer; and her grandson, Jeffrey Wallis.

Funeral services were held on Friday, January 13, 2006 at Congregation Beth Emeth in Wilmington with interment in the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road. Shiva will be observed on Saturday and Sunday evenings at the Steinbach-Wallis residence in Greenville.

The family would appreciate memorial contributions to either Congregation Beth Emeth, 300 West Lea Blvd., Wilmington, DE 19802 or to The Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Wilmington, DE 19809.

TANZER

Bertha Tanzer, age 86 of Wilmington, DE passed away peacefully at Martin's Run Lifecare Center, Media PA, on Thursday, December 29, 2005.

A lifelong resident and native Wilmingtonian, Mrs. Tanzer was born on May 11, 1919 to William and Esther Finesmith. In 1939, Mrs. Tanzer married Isadore Tanzer, former president of Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth Congregation and owner of Tanzer's Market. Her marriage spanned 51 years, ending upon his death in 1990, and she succeeded him on the Congregation's Board of Directors. Mrs. Tanzer was a gifted singer, and a founder of the Choral Group at the Synagogue, and participated in many concerts. Along with Sarah Goldstein, she organized a series of classical music concerts at the synagogue for the general public featuring outstanding participants from the Young Concert Artists competition in New York. She was a leading participant in the Women's Tefilah Group, which organized womens' services at the synagogue.

Mrs. Tanzer is survived by her children and childrens' spouses. Sharon and Paul Leventhal of Washington, DC, Judith Sholl of Denver, CO, Daniel and Hinda Tanzer of Wilmington, DE and Cantor Deborah Tanzer-Cohen and Donald Cohen of Blue Bell, PA; as well as her grandchildren, Ted and Alisa Leventhal, Joshua and Arianna Leventhal, Alexandra and Jeremy Kepner, Shoshana and Nachson Zohari, Katie and Michael Glazier, Matthew Tanzer, Gila Stein and Jeff Reichman, Talia Stein and Avi Stein; as well as 6 great grandchildren.

The family wishes to thank everyone at Martins Run for the care they provided Mrs. Tanzer in the years she resided there. They were skillful and compassionate caregivers, and the obvious tenderness they showed Mrs. Tanzer will long be remembered.

A memorial service was held on Friday, December 30, at Congregation Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth in Wilmington.

The family requests memorial donations to Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth Endowment Fund, Washington Blvd. and Torah Way, Wilmington, DE 19802; or The Employee Appreciation Fund of Martins Run, 11 Martins Run, Media, PA 19063.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Voice chats with Renée Taylor and Lainie Kazan

By Joel F. Glazier

Two older widows move to Las Vegas and their activities take on comedic, lustful changes. "At first baby boomer adults might be shocked but they'll find the older women's experiences hysterical. Young adults will be happy for them." These words of advice come from someone who should know. Renée Taylor, who co-wrote and co-stars in the comedy about two such widows in "Bermuda Avenue Triangle" promises a show full of laughs. "Bermuda Avenue Triangle" begins its Wilmington run Friday, January 20 at the duPont Theatre.

"The older audience the DuPont Theatre.
members will wet their
pants from laughter," says dling charme

Taylor, who is most remembered for playing Fran Drescher's mother on the TV show, "The Nanny." Taylor recently renewed marriage vows with her husband of 40 years, Joe Bologna, who also co wrote and stars in the show. The secret to such a long marriage? "Have a lot of fun, be crazy and there should be a lot of sex," Taylor recommends without hesitancy. "Some good matzo ball soup also helps," she adds.

In the comedy Taylor, is joined on stage with Lainie Kazan as they play two elderly widows, Fannie Saperstein (Taylor) and Tess LaRuffa (Kazan). They are set up in an upscale Las Vegas retirement condo. Their inhibitions soon go missing, not into the Bermuda Triangle, but into lust with a swin-



Lainie Kazan, Joe Bologna and Renee Taylor star in Bermuda Avenue Triangle at the DuPont Theatre.

dling charmer, Johnny Paolucci (Joe

"I've known Taylor for 40 years, longer than Renée has known Joe, and I am hysterical in rehearsals with her," says Lainie Kazan. Recently known for her role as the mother in the film "My Big Fat Greek Wedding," Kazan admits she "Enjoys playing different ethnic women...including an early understudy role as Fanny Brice (for Barbara Streisand) in "Funny Girl", the Greek mother and now as an Italian widow." Glad to be playing along with Taylor and Bologna, she says the story is "Happy. We are enjoying life as widows and there is much joy in the show. Over 60 doesn't mean you have to die."

Kazan, who just recently came into the play which was first performed in 1996, shares she is

"Having such a great time with Renee and Joe, the play is wonderful. People of all ages will be happy to see the widows happy and experiencing life."

Taylor remembers last being in Wilmington 3 years ago for "If You Ever Leave Me, I'm Going With You" with husband Joe. "It snowed and we stayed in our Hotel duPont rooms jumping on the beds most of the time." She also fondly remembers visiting Winterthur and hopes to cook a meal at Celebrity Kitchens with Joe and letting Lainie sit and eat. "I make a good hot borscht and flanken, another secret to a long marriage," says Taylor in her distinct non-whispered voice.

("Bermuda Avenue Triangle" runs at the duPont Theatre January 20 to 29. Ticket information at 302-656-4401 or www.duponttheatre.com)

JFS announces available board positions

Jewish Family Services' Board of Directors is pleased to announce that board positions will open for its 2006-2007 year. All will be for a three-year term membership.

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Learn more about key men's health issues and what you can be doing to maintain your health and vigor. This brunch is sponsored by Wilmington Hadassah Associates and is open to all men. Cost is \$12 and reservations are required (dairy brunch, dietary laws observed). RSVP by March 1st to Ken Kamm, (302) 764-9700 or email CherylKamm@comcast.net

Dine Around the World in One Night. The Beth Emeth Outreach Committee is proud to present SHABBAT AROUND THE WORLD on Friday, January 27. Celebrate Shabbat and enjoy delicious cuisine from Asia, Africa, Latin America and more! This special dinner program starts at 6PM in the Social Hall and is part of Beth Emeth's Year Long 100th Anniversary Celebration. This event is OPEN TO ALL (Parents, Kids, Grandparents, extended family, friends, and community guests). The cost is just \$5 for adults, kids 12 and under are \$2. Reservations are required; deadline is 1/23/06. Please RSVP to the Temple Office 764-2393. (You can pay in advance or at the door) See www.bethemethoutreach.com for

The Jewish War Veterans of Delaware need new members, young or old and patrons. It is extremely important that this Jewish Organization continue. Please call Len Markovitz at 302-234-4785 or Milt Slovin302-

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Arab and Jewish Musicians to perform at Longwood Gardens. TZILUT: CONCERTS FOR PEACE, the Philadelphia-based international touring ensemble that features Arab and Jewish musicians in concert together, will perform at Longwood Gardens on Sunday Feb. 19 at 3:30 PM. Directed by Hazzan Jack Kessler, this high-energy Middle Eastern orchestra, combining Arabic and Jewish music, makes a strong statement for peace thru working together. For more information on ATZILUT: CONCERTS FOR PEACE and the three cds the group has produced, go to www.CONCERTS FOR PEACE.COM. For additional information about Longwood Gardens, visit www.longwoodgardens.org.

Area Teens Invited To Jewish Leadership Retreat. Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School, the Bernard and Ruth Siegel JCC Teen Department, Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, Beth Emeth & Beth Shalom synagogues invite all area teens to learn more about Jewish life on campus by participating in a President's Day Weekend Retreat, February 18-20th.

Retreat participants will spend Saturday night at the Kristol Center for Jewish Life (Hillel) on the University of Delaware campus. Following Sunday brunch, they will travel to Hillels at college campuses in Baltimore, MD and Washington, D.C. This "College Tour" is an opportunity to visit college campuses, share meals and conversations with Hillel students, have fun and learn a great deal. Participants will arrive back in Delaware at approximately 4 p.m. on Monday.

Delaware Gratz students will earn credit for their participation in this weekend program. All community teenagers are encouraged to attend.

For additional information, please call Marlene Milunsky, Delaware Gratz principal, at 302-478-8100. RSVP by January 18th by phone or email, gratz@delawaregratz.org.

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NOTE NEW TIME!! Jewish Healing Service – Free & open to the community. 2nd Tuesday of every month, 12:00 p.m.–1:30 p.m. in the Kimmel-Spiller Healing Center. Led by Rabbi Michael Beals

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Seeking Jewish Athletes. Applications for the Maccabi Australia International Games Now Available. Maccabi USA/Sports for Israel, located in Philadelphia, is sponsoring U.S. participation in the MAIGs in July 2006.

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For more information about the Maccabi Australia International Games call Ami Monson at 215-561-6900 x116 or email amonson@maccabiusa.com, or visit the Maccabi USA/Sports for Israel website at www.maccabiusa.com.

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