

NEXT TUESDAY, BEAR WITNESS TO A HISTORIC EVENT!

National "350 Celebration" **Chair to Visit** Wilmington

The Jewish Historical Society of Delaware invites the entire community to participate in the dedication of the first plaque of Jewish significance in all of New Castle County. Robert S. Rifkind, chairman of the Governing Board of Celebrate

will speak during the Tuesday, September 28th noon ceremony in the front of 211 Market Street in Wilmington. Formerly known as the Morrow Building, this site was used by Delaware's Jews for religious services before the establishment of Adas Kodesch in 1898. Rifkind, a past national president of the American Jewish Committee, will discuss the many programs and activities

anniversary of the first permanent settlement of Jews in North America.

Howard Kristol, chairman of the plaque dedication program, anticipates strong attendance at this important event, which also will feature brief presentations by Delaware State Treasurer Jack Markell, C. Russell McCabe, Outreach Services Administrator for the Delaware Public

350: Jewish Life in America, planned to mark the 350th Stanley G. Budner, president of ferred by Reverend David E. the Jewish Historical Society of Delaware and Dr. Barry S. Kayne, president, Jewish Federation of Delaware.

Musical entertainment will be provided by the Chords of Calloway, a choral group from Wilmington's Cab Calloway School of the Arts. Rabbi Peter Grumbacher, spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Emeth in Wilmington will offer an invocation. A benediction will be con-

Mueller, pastor of Concordia Lutheran Church.

Although confident that the sun will shine upon the plaque dedication ceremony, Kristol has made contingency plans. In the event of rain, the festivities will move to the second floor of the Delaware History Museum, 504 Market Street in Wilmington.

The program is free and open to the general public.

"HALF A CHANCE" - Portraits of Jewish Delawareans Opens at Delaware History Museum



Diane Levin Widder and Alan Levin take pleasure in the caricature of the original "Happy Harry"-Harry Levin. Mr. Levin opened his first store in 1962. The chain has grown to include 74 stores in Delaware, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.



Dave and Marilyn Levinson take pride in the memorabilia from the office of Dr. Louis Levinson. Levinson was the only veterinarian in the area when he came to Middletown in 1918.



Mrs. Gladys Gewirtz poses at the exhibit devoted to those who have helped nurture the spiritual growth of served as rabbi and rabbi emeritus of Congregation Adas Kodesch from 1948 until his death in 2003.

A local exhibition staged in celebration of the 350th anniversary of the first permanent Jewish Settlement in North America, drew several hundred people to its opening at The Delaware History Museum, 504 Market Street Mall, in downtown Wilmington.

Half a Chance: Stories of Jewish Delawareans examines the personal stories of over 100 representative Jewish Delawareans. It is jointly produced by the Jewish Historical Society of Delaware and the Historical Society of Delaware and is funded by the Delaware Humanities Forum and The Jewish Federation of

The exhibit is open Monday through Friday, noon to 4 p.m. and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. until December 31. (Photos by Eric Crossan)



Delaware's Jews. Her late husband, Leonard Gewirtz Fannie Nathans, sister of Daniel Nathans, and Ben Nathans, son of Delaware's own Nobel Prize winner admire the exhibition with extended family members. Mr. Nathans, received the award in 1978 for his pioneering work with DNA molecules.

In conjunction with "Half a Chance: Stories of Jewish Delawareans" Exhibit at the Delaware History Museum, 504 Market St., Wilmington, The Jewish Historical Society of Delaware and the Historical Society of Delaware will present a Wednesday series of free educational programs. The public is encouraged to attend on the following dates:

Oct. 6 - An American Success Story-Major General Sid Shachnow, author of Hope and Honor, a book about his life detailing how he survived Hitler's Holocaust to become Commander of U.S. Special Forces. 12:15 p.m.

Oct. 13 - Behind-The-Scenes with Toni Young. Toni Young, guest curator for the "Half a Chance: Stories of Jewish Delawareans" exhibit, gives a behind the scenes look at its cre-

Oct. 20 — Jews in the Middle East - Where We Stand Today.

A talk by Ralph Begleiter, University of Delaware Rosenberg Professor of Communication and former international CNN cor- immigrant parents. 12:15 p.m. respondent, 12:15 n.m.

Oct. 27 — Jewish Genealogy - a talk by Mark Halpern, of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Philadelphia. 12:15 p.m. Delaware History Museum, 504 Market St, Wilmington.

Nov. 3 — Our American Dream - Learn about immigration through one young girl's experience as a Russian immigrant at Ellis Island, as well as the stories of four Jewish Delawareans

who went through the immigration process or grew up with

Nov. 10 — A True Global Community: Sephardic Jews in Colonial American Trade. A talk by Yda Schreuder. 7:00 p.m.

Dec. 16 - Tallitot and Weaving Sacred Textiles. A presentation by Bettes Silver-Schack, who teaches weaving at the Newark Museum Arts Workshop, Newark, NJ, will discuss the tallitot and weaving sacred textiles. 12:15 p.m.

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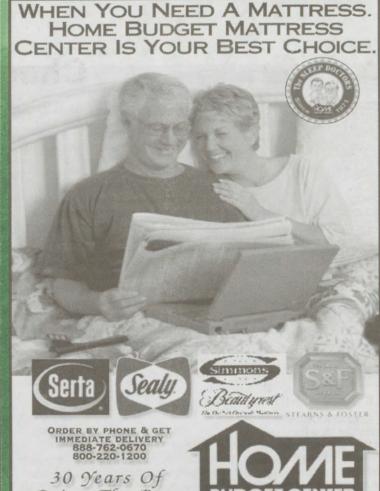












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Choosing to do good



Samuel H. Asher

By Samuel H. Asher Executive Vice President

Parsha Nitzavimn Vayelech, read around the High Holidays, is a very important part of the Tanach. Its message is that, as Jews, we have free will. We can elect to do good or do evil. Simply put, we can choose life or death. The full verse of Deuteronomy 30:19 reads: "See, I set before you this day life and death, the blessing and the curse: therefore choose

life - that you may live, you and your off-

It is my great pleasure to be surrounded by friends and colleagues in our Delaware Jewish community who choose to do good and choose life for others all of the time.

As we enter into 5765, we are doing good work. We are choosing life for our community and for Jews around the world. Although the news media would have us believe that all is doom and gloom – Judaism is alive and vibrant in nearly every corner of the world! As I have mentioned before, when Bob Pincus the general campaign co-chair and I were in Israel this summer, there were thousands of Birthright Israel participants and hundreds of busses in all parts of Israel. What a wonderful sight.

The Israeli citizens were out on the streets and the defensive barrier has had the effect of reducing the suicide bombings dramatically. It has become apparent, however, that the barrier will need to be extended to the south so that Arad and Beersheba and communities in this region will be protected.

The economic reports from Israel continue to be encouraging. Israel is now recognized by 170 countries, an increase of 100 from two decades ago. Israel's trade is growing along with the growth of the economies in China, Russia and India. The forecast is for more growth in trade with the European Union. 5765 looks to be a turn-around year for Israel's economy.

As we continue to do good work in our

community, we only have to look around us to take pride. Come take a hard hat tour of the Garden of Eden campus and watch our new early child hood wing, JFS offices and Health and Fitness Center come up out of the ground. Yasher Koach to Richard Stat and the Building Committee for continuing to do good work in 5765.

Kudos to the Albert Einstein Academy, and Seth Bloom as they move the school forward. Interviews are being conducted this week in a school assessment to assist in the search for a successor to Rabbi Ellen Bernhardt who has taken on a new challenge in Northern New Jersey.

The Task Force of the Jewish Federation of Delaware and the Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School is moving forward under the guidance of the Jewish Education Services of North America. This task force will assess the current strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and challenges of the Delaware Gratz HS, in order to develop a realistic plan and implementation process to ensure future growth and excellence in post Bar/Bat Mitzvah Jewish education for our teens.

The Political forum co-sponsored by JCRC and Hadassah was successful. The Delaware Jewish community now has a clearer understanding on where the candidates stand on the issues that impact them. Congratulations to JCRC Chairman Mark Wagman and Jack Zigon, JCRC staff coordinator. Next month, our Federation President Barry Kayne and his wife, Reiko will travel to

Israel with Rick Jensen of WDEL Radio. Rick will broadcast live from 9 a.m. to Noon on October 11th through October 15th as part of the United Jewish Communities America's Voices in Israel program. Director JCRC and Planning, Jack Zigon also will accompany Rick on his 10 day trip of touring, high-level briefings and live, on-air interviews, telling the stories you don't hear in the news every day. Rick will also be interviewing 5-10 Delawarean Olim, exploring what life is really like in Israel, and allowing them to tell why they made the permanent move from Delaware to our Jewish homeland. Listen each day on 1150AM or at www.wdel.com via the internet to experience 15 hours of broadcasting from Israel like its never been done in Delaware!

To borrow a phrase from General Electric "We bring good things to life". Our Jewish community at home and abroad will have a good year in 5765. We choose life! We do good works so that our community will grow and prosper. We know that what we do today will have positive impact on our children and grandchildren.

As it is written in the Talmud Ta'anit 23A, "I did not find the world desolate when I entered it. And as my parents planted for me so do I plant for my children.

In 5765 may all of us be inscribed in the Book of Life for a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year and continue to do the good work of our Jewish Federation and its beneficiary agencies.

A legacy for future generations



Jennifer Young Endowment and Women's Philanthropy Director, JFD

By Jennifer S. Young

Next month, we will welcome our L'Chaim Circle donors to a special reception at the Delaware History Museum. L'Chaim Circle recognizes men and women who have contributed to the Federation/United Jewish Appeal Campaign for 25 years or more. Their generation represents the strongest link in the *tzedakah* chain: many of them remember the Holocaust; rejoiced at the birth and growth of the State of Israel; and have seen the growth of our Jewish agencies here in Delaware. Their contributions have created and supported a family of caring agencies that enrich our lives and offer comfort, refuge, and hope to those who need us.

Federation is the heart and soul of North American Jewry's philanthropic and humanitarian activities. It embodies a 3,500-year-old tradition of caring that goes back to the giving of the Torah and sustains us in the bold pursuit of Jewish community, Jewish values and Jewish people hood. Federation is the people who care enough to want to perfect an imperfect world. Federation is the passion of commitment, where tzedakah and a sense of social justice can make a difference in some-

one's life

The JFD Annual Campaign is the primary means of meeting the ongoing annual needs of the Jewish community worldwide. The Jewish Fund for the Future is our community's permanent endowment fund. Donors can ensure that the remarkable achievements accomplished through their continued annual support is perpetuated for generations to come, through a planned gift to the endowment. A gift to the Jewish Fund for the Future is an investment that helps build a strong and vibrant Jewish community in Delaware, Israel and throughout the world. Donors can choose from various planned giving vehicles to achieve their family or individual philanthropic goals.

If you would like more information about making a planned gift to our Jewish community, please call me at 302-427-2100 x 19.

L'Chaim Circle Reception

Sunday, October 10, 2004 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Delaware History Museum, 504 Market Street , Wilmington, DE 19801

Kindly RSVP by September 29 to Gina Kozicki at the Jewish Federation of Delaware 302-427-2100 x 20

L'Chaim Circle recognizes men and women who have consistently contributed to the Federation annual campaign for 25 years or more.

Save the Date

Sunday, October 17, 2004, 1:00PM Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth

Showing of the eye-opening documentary

RELENTLESS:

The Struggle for Peace in the Middle East

Coupled with a presentation on

Saving Lives: Israel's Security Fence

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

Don't miss this IMPORTANT program!

"It is a must-see for anyone who cares about a better future for both the Palestinians and Israelis"

Further details to be announced...

This program is being sponsored by the AKSE Library and Adult Education Committees and Jewish Federation of Delaware.



WDEL to Broadcast Live from Israel Oct 11-15

Rick Jensen, popular morning talk show host of WDEL will be broadcasting live from Jerusalem in his 9AM-noon time slot. The broadcast is sponsored by JCRC Committee of The Jewish Federation of Delaware in conjunction with the Americas Voices in Israel program of the United Jewish Communities.

Traveling with Rick will be Barry Kayne, President of Federation and his wife Reiko, and Director of JCRC, Jack Zigon. "The idea came from our last trip to Israel in November," volunteered Zigon. "Toni Young saw a Dallas talk show host broadcasting live from the floor of the UJC GA convention and said, 'We need to make this happen with a Wilmington radio station'". With seed, money from two local donors, Toni and Jack approached WDEL with the idea last spring and were met with enthusiasm for the broadcast from WDEL's management team. WDEL's president Pete Booker offered, "We see this as a wonderful opportunity to provide our Wilmington listeners with

something exciting and different in the run-up to the fall elections. We're looking forward to the opportunity to broadcast from Israel."

The group will leave from Newark on October 7 and begin with travels throughout the country to set the context for Rick. Rick will broadcast live from Israel on WDEL (1150 AM and over the internet at www.wdel.com) at 9AM to noon, Wilmington time. There will be opportunities for live call-in questions as Rick interviews top Israeli government officials, former Delawareans who now live in Israel, mothers of terror victims, anti-terror experts and even Palestinians. In total there will be 15 hours of the news you don't usually hear coming into our homes, cars and offices in Wilmington.

Details of their interview itinerary will be developed over the coming weeks as the schedules of some of the government officials change daily as events shift in Israel. Look for more information

EDITORIALS AND OPINIONS

Wednesday's horrible homicide bombing at a bus station in the French Hill section of Jerusalem makes next week's milestone anniversary all the more poignant. On September 29th, just days after the final Shofar of Yom Kippur is sounded, we commemorate the 4th anniversary of the start of the senseless and seemingly endless tirade of terrorism that has claimed the lives of thousands of mispocha.

On September 29th, our Israeli brothers and sisters will stand in silent tribute to their friends and loved ones who have been tragically wrenched from their lives-then will repair to their sukkahs to get ready for Zeman Simkhateinu, the Season of our Rejoicing. This is the way we Jews live our lives, moving from darkness to light, from solemnity to joyous celebrations.

What better way to honor the memories of those who lived their lives as Jews than to continue to celebrate our Jewish holidays and traditions? What better way to thwart the terrorists' mission to annihilate Israel than to help her remain safe, secure and strong throughout 5765 and for countless generations to come?

We, the Jews of the Diaspora must make support of the Jewish State a priority in our lives. Israel needs us to:

-Advocate for her in the press and in the legislature

Purchase Israeli-made products

-Teach our children and grandchildren that Israel is their birthright

-Support the efforts of organizations like the Jewish Federation of Delaware, State of Israel Bonds, Jewish National Fund and others that work on Israel's behalf.

Perhaps the most important way we can immortalize our murdered brethren is to travel to Israel and stand beside their survivors. The Jewish Federation is planning two missions during 2005. Call Sam Asher today at 302-427-2100, ext. 14 to discuss which one is right for you.

May we all be inscribed in the Book of Life for a peaceful 5765.

> hum D. Edelman Lynn B. Edelman, Editor

High Holiday Greetings from President Bush

I send greetings to all those celebrating Rosh Hashanah.

On this holy occasion, Jews throughout the world celebrate the beginning of a New Year. In synagogues and homes, Jewish families reflect on the year that has passed, and look forward to the year to come. Jewish tradition teaches that on during these days of awe, God holds open the Book of Life to all who approach Him in prayer. As you gather to pray, may God grant your prayers for a peaceful New Year.

As you share in the traditional festivities of this special time of year, you renew your commitment to acts of compassion, and to the cause of freedom around the world. Together, all of us are helping to build a world filled with the blessings of family, health, and peace.

Laura joins me in sending our best wishes for a blessed holiday and a sweet New

President George W. Bush

High Holiday Greetings from John Kerry

As 5765 dawns, I send my warmest personal greetings to Jews everywhere who are gathered in prayer and celebration. These High Holidays are is a time of deep contemplation and renewal. For thousands of years, the resonant sound of the shofar has been a call for the Jewish people to reflect on the past and respond to the challenges of the New Year.

As it is written in the High Holiday prayer book, "Let us proclaim the sacred power of this day, for it is one of awe and anxiety.'

At this time of great challenge and change, one thing will always remain constant: our commitment to a safe and secure Jewish state of Israel. Particularly in uncer-

tain times like these we must reaffirm and indeed strengthen our special relationship with Israel, our most steadfast friend and ally in the region. Israel's cause must be America's cause.

May you and your families here, in Israel and in Jewish communities throughout the world be inscribed in the book of life for peace and prosperity.

Teresa joins me in sending our best wishes for a sweet and healthy New Year.

> L'Shanah Tovah Tikatevu Vtechatemu. Senator John Kerry **Democratic Party Nominee** for U.S. President

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reader wants more "balanced" political coverage

After the enormous write up of the Democratic National Convention in The Jewish Voice, I was assured that the Republican National Convention would receive similar play. Yet the September 3rd issue, which appeared just as the Republican convention was ending, makes no mention of the Convention itself.

It is standard procedure in the media to hold up a print date when big news (author's emphasis) is in the making.

Worse still, however, is the slanted item entitled "GOP Presents Detailed Platform". After first recognizing that Republicans present President Bush as a "friend to Israel", the write up criticizes Bush for opposing gay marriage and protecting the unborn. It finishes with the claim that "the American Jewish community" and the "Democratic platform" are "closer together in values".

As a Reform Jew, I do not pretend to be an expert on Orthodox or Conservative Judaism but my understanding is that Judaism professes a preference for abortion when the mother's life is at stake. I do not know of anything in our tradition that condones homosexual marriage. My Rabbi won't even marry a gentile and a Jew.

What we ought to be concentrating on is

the heroic position of a president who has rid Israel of a funder of serial bombers and a launcher of SCUD missiles. What we ought to be recognizing is an administration that provides a viable, long-range plan to bring democracy and growth of free enterprise to all the peoples of the Middle East.

A non-Jewish friend of mine with two sons deployed in the Middle East told me she does not understand how the liberal Jewish community does not support what this administration is doing in the Middle East. Fact of the matter is that there are probably more of us that do but we do not always have the courage to speak out.

A little more balanced content on the Jewish Telegraphic Agency (the source of the story referred to by Ms. Wishkoff) and in our local The Jewish Voice would be appreciat-

Sincerely, Joan K. Wishkoff Editor's Note: The Jewish Voice went to press before President Bush formally accepted his party's nomination as candidate for re-election during the Republican National Convention. We regret that we were unable to include remarks from his acceptance speech in our coverage.

Israel can handle gay rights parade

Providing security and safety for participants in the international World Pride Gay Rights Parade, as well as for their Israeli hosts, is the responsibility of the Israeli government and law enforcement agencies. It is theirs to decide whether they have the ability to handle the event in Jerusalem. Indeed there are, as Lionel Clingman noted in his letter, suicide bombers and religious extremists in the immediate vicinity. Still, Israelis have proved capable of managing these kinds of threats, and if they decide to take on the task of hosting this event, more power to them. Israel certainly needs the tourist dollars these visitors will spend in

I must object though, in the strongest possible way, to Mr. Clingman's unwarranted and quite frankly ridiculous prediction of the "contamination of the Israeli population which must follow." Does he imagine that Israelis will hurry out to have wild and crazy sex with their visitors who are homosexual? Or does he imagine that the homosexual community is a virtual cesspool of disease? Mr. Clingman might be surprised to learn that one of the fastest growing populations of people with HIV/AIDS in the United States is the population of heterosexual senior citizens who live in the retirement communities in south Florida.

Not too long ago Israel came under criticism because Israeli hospitals were accused of discarding blood generously donated by its newest immigrants from Ethiopia. The

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Unusual guests in our Sukkah

By Carl Alpert

Haifa - We are fortunate that our home on the upper slopes of Mt. Carmel includes a large terrace, overlooking not only Haifa, but also the hills of the Galilee up to the northern border with Lebanon. It is an ideal place on which to erect our sukkah. But what makes our sukkah truly unique are the guests that we entertain there. No, not the usual family, neighbors and friends, but those individuals whom we select out of the news and from the pages of history. If Elijah could pay so many visits to Passover Seders on one night, our special guests can spend an hour or two with us. There is so much we can talk about.

And so, in accordance with our annual custom, we extend the traditional "Ushpizin" invitation, "Enter, exalted holy guests" to a selected list of personalities with whom we have much to discuss

First will be Naomi Shemer, Israel's song composer laureate, who passed away this past year. We had had correspondence with her, but had never met her in person. Did she realize the full extent of the influence her songs have had on this generation? We have heard cases of Jews from Russia who were so influenced by her

"Jerusalem of Gold" that they came on aliyah. How did ideas for words and music come to her? Was it sudden inspiration or did she ponder ideas for a long time? What an interesting account she could give us, warranting a full evening under the palm fronds of our sukkah.

Another evening we are inviting Richard Gottheil who, more than a hundred years ago, was president of the Federation of American Zionists in the time of Theodor Herzl. He sought to mobilize the Jews of America in support of the radical idea to re-establish the Jewish State. What were his experiences? Was there opposition? Support? He carried on an extensive correspondence with Herzl and the files were inherited by his sister-in-law, Eva Leon. When we made aliyah in 1952 she presented us with the file of Herzl letters. What fascinating reading! We had many of them translated by Ludwig Lewisohn into English from Herzl's German, and contributed the entire collection to the Zionist Archives in Jerusalem.

Our next guest may be difficult to locate. We don't know his name. He has never been to Israel, and that's the point. He is the fearful American Jew who has never visited here. We should like to show him the country as we have seen it during these many years, with its virtues

and its flaws. Will one evening suffice to tell him the story and stimulate his sense of pride and personal identification with Israel? We should like to try.

We shall get into politics on the next night when our guest will be Binyamin "Bibi" Netanyahu. Will he have satisfactory answers to all the questions we are lining up for him? How could a man who has obvious ambitions to succeed Sharon as Prime Minister have been foolish enough to accept interim appointment as Minister of Finance? In the latter post, where he is expected to cut budgets and save government money, he is bound to incur the wrath of government employees and all the lower economic classes who comprise such a large percentage of the electorate. Yet, if his economic program does succeed, his election may be assured. His views on the Arab problem do not always command support. We shall afford him ample opportunity to expound his political philosophy.

For our next guest we go to the Bible. It will be recalled that the prophet Elisha had been befriended by a Shunnamite woman. Later he learned that her only son had died and all attempts at revival had failed. As the Scripture tells us, Elisha "lay upon the child and put his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his

eyes and his hands upon his hands, and he stretched himself upon him; and the flesh of the child waxed warm.... and the child sneezed seven times and the child opened his eyes." This is the first recorded instance of mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, which has become such a common life-saving procedure in our day. Perhaps Elisha can give us more medical advice.

We shall close with a quiet dinner at which the guest will be my brother, Sumner, who passed away earlier this year. He was more than nine years younger than I, and I often felt a paternal relationship to him. He lived in California, and we saw him only when we visited there or when he made frequent visits to Israel. We kept in close touch through e-mail. On this last visit with us we can reminisce about our boyhood experiences in Boston. How I envied him his talents which found expression in a successful career as an engineer. I often used to say that when the Technion invited me to Haifa, they really thought they were getting Sumner.

Enough. There is food for thought here that will last us for many weeks. More possible guests? Come around next year.

Carl Alpert is a nationally syndicated columnist based in Israel.

Duke University and the Jews

by Steven Roy Goodman

This is a public appeal to the new Duke president about the proposed October 2004 Palestine Solidarity Conference. Twenty years ago I was a Duke student trying to improve the quality of Jewish life on campus through both Hillel and the student government. I am now an independent educational consultant who advises high school students about their college and university choices.

I regularly advise students about Duke and its competitor institutions. Students and families seek my counsel to help figure out which universities will support their personal, academic, and intellectual interests.

One of the main questions I field from Jewish parents every year is whether Duke is a hospitable place for Jews. I confidently report that, over time, Duke has developed a welcoming atmosphere for Jews and other minorities. Parents are not always so sure, however, when Duke is compared to schools like, Emory, Penn, Michigan, Cornell and others.

This is where the controversy over the

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Israelis allegedly were afraid of the threat of HIV/AIDS contamination of their blood sup-

ply at that time, and apparently not willing to

take the time to test the donors before

accepting their blood. Whatever the facts of

that case were, Israel certainly does not

characterization of people who are homosex-

ual as a "bunch of self-centered people who insist on making their sexual orientation an

overriding world issue." Like Mr. Clingman, I am old enough to feel a tad uncomfortable

discussing what used to be considered "private matters" in public places. Still, like Mr.

Clingman, I live in a state where people who

Finally, I must object to Mr. Clingman's

need that sort of publicity.

Israel can handle gay rights parade

proposed Palestine Solidarity Conference comes in. Duke is planning to host a radioactive conference – the same one that was turned down by Rutgers University last year after a conference supporter physically attacked Soviet Jewish refusenik Natan Sharansky.

Let me be clear. Tough public policy debate and serious, non-violent discussions are important to our society. As a board member for the Washington chapter of the American Jewish Committee, I recently

co-hosted a Muslim-Jewish dinner for ethnic leaders in Washington.

Academic freedom is a necessary and cherished part of what makes Duke the great university it is. If this proposed gathering was a scholarly conference at Duke about the Arab-Israeli conflict, keynoted by several Arab foreign ministers, I would wholeheartedly support it.

The Palestine Solidarity Conference is neither a serious scholarly program nor a genuine intergroup dialogue. Nor is it a professor or two taking an unpopular political position during a class discussion. This is a non-academic, highly politicized national con-

are homosexual still do not have the same

legal protection that I have against discrimi-

nation in housing, employment, public works

contracting, public accommodations, and

insurance and grants. This fact alone, in my

opinion, makes gay rights issues become

human rights issues, and indeed issues of

overriding world concern. As a person who

is Jewish, that especially makes them my

concern. I hope that, as a person who is

Jewish, Mr. Clingman will think his position

through again and perhaps come to different

ference supported by groups on the FBI terrorist watch list.

When I was a Duke student in the 1980s, then-President Terry Sanford proposed bringing the Nixon Presidential Library to campus. The university community, including Duke alumni around the world, overruled Terry Sanford. Yes, the community reasoned, it would be interesting to have a Presidential library on campus. However, the cost to Duke in terms of having the name of the university permanently tied to Richard Nixon, along with the minimal value of the proposed library to the intellectual life on campus, was ultimately deemed too high a cost to the

Duke community.

Duke is at a similar crossroads today. It would be a shame to reverse the decades of inroads Duke has made with the Jewish community for the privilege of hosting a one-sided "solidarity" conference. Although Duke President Brodhead has only been on the job for a few weeks, he can demonstrate real leadership by preventing the university from destroying many years of Duke's progress with the Jewish community. It is not too late. But time is running out.

Steven Roy Goodman, Duke '85, is a Washington-based educational consultant active in both Hillel and the AJC.

The War of 1948 continues

By David Bedein

There is a myth that Israel is at war with invisible Islamic "terror" that is hard for the Jewish state to identify and pinpoint.

Quite the contrary: Israel remains in a formal state of war with entities that it can easily identify.

In May 1948, The Arab League galvanized led six nations- Egypt, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia and Iraq, to declare war against the creation of Israel in 1948. The Arab League remains at war with Israel to this day - even though Egypt and Jordan eventually signed peace treaties with Israel, and even though Syria and Lebanon eventually signed armistice agreements with Israel, while the expression of the signed armistice agreements with Israel,

while Iraq was neutralized by the US.

That leaves Saudia Arabia in an active state of war with Israel.

In January 1964, the Arab League established the PLO to create an indigenous uprising of Palestinian Arabs to make war on Israel.

In June 1974, the Arab League and the PLO adapted a phased plan to continue that war, to take one piece of Palestine at a time

until all of Palestine is "liberated".

In March 2002, the Arab League reaffirmed its war with Israel, based on the Saudi plan which clearly states that the war aim remains the return of all Arab refugees to replace Israel.

In April 2002, Israel acquired documents from PLO headquarters in Ramallah which proved that the PLO continues to act as a proxy for the Arab League and Saudi Arabia in the war against Israel. Those documents also showed how Islamic terror groups had been formally absorbed into the PLO.

In other words, Israel has three enemies that it can readily identify: The PLO, the Arab League and Saudi Arabia.

Only when Israel makes a strategic decision to defeat these three enemies will the 1948 war be resolved.

There is no war on terror. Only the continuation of the 1948 war, which has yet to be resolved.

David Bedein serves as bureau chief, Israel Resource News Agency and as a fellow with the Center for Near East Policy Research. For additional information, contact him at www.IsraelBehindTheNews.com

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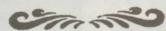


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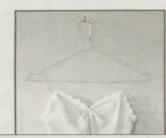
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INSIDE DELAWARE

JCRC/Hadassah 2004 Candidates Forum

This past Monday over 100 people came choose. We must eduto the JCC Auditorium to hear short presentations and short debate from 8 statewide candidates in Delaware's general election. Candidate forums like this have been held in Delaware since 1954 and the Jewish Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation has joined Hadassah in its sponsorship.

JCRC chair, Mark Wagman welcomed the audience by remarking that this year, 2004, Delaware held its last primary election on Shabbat. "It is very satisfying to me and to most of you that the passage of a bill ending the Saturday primary succeeded. It took two years of effort, but even the News-Journal paper noted that this '9/11' primary would

Insurance Commissioner candidate Matt Denn (center)

and Lt. Gov. John Carney (right) talk during the Forum with

cate ourselves and the candidates and officials about important issues to us in the community. This education process between campaigns is essential and is part of the work of the

Education was the topic often cited by Governor Ruth Ann Minner and her opponent Bill Lee. Several submitted questions

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Mark Wagman

with the state's education system, which seemed to be high on the minds of audience members. The one thing the 2 gubernatorial candidate agreed on was concern and disfavor of the possible implementation of a 3tiered diploma for public high school graduates. Both candidates also cited concern with federal regulations and compliance with such in a question regarding the Indian River School District's policy of having Christian Prayers at its high school's commencement ceremony.

Congressman Mike Castle and challenger Paul Donnelly fielded several questions about the Iraq War and both

candidates were less than positive about President Bush's policies and the continuing problems in Iraq. An audience question

about the U.S./Israel relationship was answered quickly with positive answers. "Won-derful relationship. Can't be improved," was Donnelly's quick reply. "I'm supportive of Israel, [the relationship] can be improved," answered Castle.

Lt. Governor John Carney and his opponent Jim Ursomarso answered questions on a variety of statewide topics. The candidates for Insurance Commissioner. Matt Denn and David Ennis

both cited their experience at different levels of government and theirs is the only state wide contest with no incumbent.

Hadassah's Work

The evening of questions and comment was moderated by Harvey Ruben-stein and

David Ennis, candidate for insurance commissioner confers with Rhoda Dombchik, of Wilmington Haddassh. each candidate was given time for opening and closing remarks. Answers to submitted audience questions had to be held to one minute in length. Rhoda Dombchik, of the Wilmington Hadassah Chapter, shared with

the audience that the 700 members of the

local organization have ongoing education, fund raising and social activities, including forums like the candidate's night, which is held after the state primary election biannually. Voter Registration information was provided by Hadassah and for Delaware citizens who are not registered to vote, the deadline for the November 2 election is Thursday, October 14. Dept. of Elections info at 577-3464 (N.C. County); 739-4498 (Kent); 856-5367 (Sussex).



Gov. Ruth Ann Minner and Harvey Rubenstein (right) discuss the agenda for the Forum with Congressional candidate Paul Donnelly.

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Congregation Beth Shalom to install Rabbi Michael S.



one of those in attendance.

be the last one to be held on Saturday."

Wagman continued, " A take home mes-

sage is that we can make a difference if we

Rabbi Michael S. Beals

By Marvin Cytron Special to the Jewish Voice

A major event in the life of Beth Shalom will take place on Sunday afternoon, October 17, 2004, at 3:00 p.m. as Rabbi Michael S. Beals will be installed as the spiritual leader of the Conservative synagogue located at 1801 Baynard Blvd.

Rabbi Beals is a 1997 graduate of the Jewish Theological Seminary, and is an alumnus of the University of Judaism (MA-Hebrew Letters) in Los Angeles, American University (M.A.-International Relations) D.C., and the University of California,

Berkeley M.A- Political Science). Prior to joining the Beth Shalom family, Rabbi Beals served for seven years as Rabbi of Congregation B'nai Tikvah in Los Angeles. During his tenure at B'nai Tikvah, he instituted diverse educational and enrichment programs ranging from tot Shabbat for children, hazak for seniors, to interfaith programs in his community.

In his initial communication to the Wilmington community, Rabbi Beals

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"We warmly welcome Rabbi Beals and his family to Delaware and Beth Shalom. Although Rabbi Beals has been here only a short time, he has received enthusiastic response from our Beth Shalom

family as well as many members of our community. We look forward to his experience, energy and wisdom as we work together to implement and enhance the myriad programs and plans for our congregation," said Alan Lipschultz, synagogue president.

Rabbi Beals has selected "Friendships and Relationships" as the theme of his installation and service to our community. The community is cordially invited to the installation ceremony at Beth Shalom. A reception will follow to welcome Rabbi Beals and his family to Wilmington.

Delaware brings home 14 medals

By Susan Parcels Special to the Jewish Voice

From August 15 through August 20, more than 1,500 Jewish teens from across the country and around the world -Canada, Venezuela, Great Britain, Australia and Israel — joined together in an array of sports, community service and social activities held at select colleges and universities in the Greater Boston area. Delaware delegation was 25 strong including 3 Israelis from our Partnership 2000 sister city Arad-Tamar. The teens competed in Basketball, Volleyball, Tennis, Swimming, and Track and Field.

The boys' 16 and under basketball team, coached by Lee Goldstein played hard and never

gave up. With a record of 4-2, the boys only lost to the teams who won the gold and silver medals. The team consisted of Kyle Altshuler, Zachary Drexler, Jason Engelmann, Bret Friedberg, Jared Goldstein, Stave Litinoff, Joel isen, Ben Slap-Marshall, and Ethan Timmins-Schiffman

The girls' 16 and under volleyball team, coached by Jeff Metz won 3 matches and lost 3. It was an extremely exciting game when the girls' played for the Bronze medal but lost in the fifth set. The girls were Whitney Aerenson, Rachel Bahar, Samantha Diamond, Shir Perelmuter and Andrea Wexler.

The tennis players, Robert Drowos, Scott Weinberg, and Continued on page 14



PERSPECTIVES

Delaware youth return from World Leadership Conference



Aviva Elzufon

By Aviva Elzufon Special to the Jewish Voice

As many of you may recall in an earlier issue of the Jewish Voice, I wrote about my experiences at the Regional HOBY confer-

ence in Rehoboth, representing Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School. At the final banquet of the conference, I was fortunate enough to be selected as the female Delaware delegate to the Hugh O'Brian Youth World Leadership Conference 2004 [WLC]. I was also granted a full scholarship to the conference. I have just returned from this wonderful experience and would like to tell you about it.

From July 23rd through 31st of this summer, I attended the WLC at George Washington University. Coming into this lifechanging event, I was excited but scared, ready but unprepared, and most importantly open to new ideas. What I had not realized at that moment was that I had just stepped into the largest World Leadership Conference in its 36-year history that included 470 high school sophomores from 20 different countries including Argentina, India, Taiwan, Russia, Israel, The Gambia, Jamaica, and Iraq.

Throughout the WLC, I listened to ten panels varying in topics from the International Students presenting their cultures at the "World Community Seminar" to the "Economics of Hunger", a panel of experts discussing the reasons for world-

wide hunger and malnutrition, and what we, as future leaders, can do to stop the cycle. Eleven keynote speakers included the Surgeon General of the United States and Mr. Hugh O'Brian himself. We also visited many monuments and museums on the Mall and held conversations about Operation Iraqi Freedom, cultural differences and the HIV/AIDS pandemic. Still teenagers, we found time to discuss what we were going to wear to the final banquet! Throughout all this intelligent conversation, I learned something unique and unexpected about every single state and country represented. I also learned a lot about people in general; most importantly, that we are all the same. I recall a moment where my friends Annie from Florida, Hanaá from Iraq, and I were all walking together and talking. Hanaá just stopped and looked at both of us and said, "Can you imagine, a Christian, Muslim, and Jew all walking together as one." For my wonderful friend Hanaá, it was a new experience for her that all of us, each with a different system of beliefs, could be walking, talking, laughing, and sharing experiences with each other. In this moment, I learned that everyone in the world is born with a heart that is open to ideas that

accepts people for who they are, and even though there are very few people choose not to embrace that part of the human spirit, it is always there. I learned that in life's experiences you will find many people who have it and who will embrace you for who you really are.

I want to thank Delaware HOBY for choosing me to represent Delaware at this life-changing experience, International and the Delaware Federation of Women's Clubs for granting me the scholarship, Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School for sending me to my regional HOBY, my family and friends here for always being there for me, Mr. Hugh O'Brian for starting this wonderful organization, Mr. Albert Schweitzer for inspiring Mr. O'Brian, all my wonderful friends who I met at the WLC, my group F4 (Los Ardientes!), but most importantly anyone, anywhere who has given a piece of them to help someone else, you all are OUTSTANDING.

Aviva Elzufon is the daughter of Lena and John Elzufon. She is a rising junior in the International Baccalaureate Programme at Mount Pleasant High School and a student at Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School.

Metamorphosis of the Soul

By Alison Weiss Special to the Jewish Voice

How do you write about a metamorphosis of the soul? How do you translate into verbal terms feelings for a homeland that is not the physical land where your house is built? These are my personal struggles as I returned to my family in Wilmington, DE after completing the July Melton Israel Seminar, "Struggling with the Angels: Encounters with Jewish History", lead by Zohar Raviv and assisted by Judy Kupchun. At our farewell dinner, Judy told the group that for many on this trip, the experiences we shared would prove to be a personal milestone on par with childbirth. She's not far from the truth.

As I approached my 40th birthday several years ago, I found myself searching for more meaning in my life. I had the basics; nice home, good husband, adorable children (when they weren't fighting), but I was looking for a better understanding of who I was. I became a Bat Mitzvah on my 40th birthday

and through my studies, I gained a better appreciation for the religion I was born into than if I had completed my studies at 13. After finishing two years of the Florence Melton Mini School I gained a better understanding of the roots of my religion and how our history and lifecycles evolved. But it was the Melton Israel experience that connected me to Israel; the land and its people, and gave me a clear understanding of the personal responsibilities I need to accept to stay a knowledgeable Jew in the Diaspora.

One of the lessons I learned is that Jews in Israel are Jewish because they are living in the land of Israel. Whether the person I spoke to was the wife of a Jerusalem Yeshiva Headmaster or a secular dress shop owner in Tel Aviv, they are Jewish and were connected to Israel because of the land they shared with a history over 3,000 years old. The majority of Jews in Israel do not belong to a synagogue. Yet in America, we tend to measure our Jewish identity by the movement we **Continued on page 13**



A Melton Summer Reunion: Morey Schwartz, International curriculum director for the Florence Melton Adult Mini-School, in town to conduct in-service teacher training with this year's Delaware Melton faculty, visits with summer 2004 Israel Seminar participants Alison Weiss, Fred Mannis, and Larry and Marion Hamermesh.

Gratz Poconos Shabbaton

By Brian and Eric Rosen Special to the Jewish Voice

On a spring Friday afternoon, eleven students and five adults departed to the Poconos to participate in what would be Gratz Hebrew High School's second Shabbaton. Through the two Shabbatonim offered at Gratz this year, students have the ability to earn up to three credits (upon attending both) towards their Gratz diploma. Over the weekend, at their home away from home up in Northern Pennsylvania, students took part in vivid discussions ranging from Anti-Semitism to the Roles of Jewish Women.

The discussions were led by studentrabbi Brian Eng, Rabbi Eliezer Sneiderman, Dr. Robin Karol-Eng, Marlene Milunsky, Principal, and Dr. Barry Wexler, all of whom had the ability to entice all students who took part in the conversations.

During the period from Friday night through Saturday night, the group was strictly shomer Shabbat, which, for those who are not used to it, can prove to be a whole new experience in itself. As part of this "experience", students walked approximately three miles to and from the Jewish

Saturday night mezzuzot-making at Poconos Shabbaton, March 04. Pictured left to right: Daniel Russakow, Marlene Milunsky, Rabbi Ellezer Sneiderman, Barry Wexler, Sherri Evans-Stanton, Brian Rosen.

Fellowship of Hemlock Farms, where students participated actively in the Saturday morning services by opening the ark and being called for alliot.

A special honor was given to Beth

Emeth's Sarah Stanton, a junior at Cab Calloway School of the Arts, as she was asked to assist the Cantor in chanting during Saturday morning services.

We were fortunate to hear a fascinating

story told by one of the congregants of the Jewish Fellowship about a torah that was found in a mass burial site in Kamenetz Podolsk, and the creative methods that were used to "illegally" transport the scroll to the States, where it was eventually restored and brought to Hemlock Farms, where it now resides.

After services, the remaining Sabbath time was spent in discussion groups back at "EngLand", our heartwarming home owned by the Eng family. Discussions led by Gratz staff included Comparative Jewish Values, the Roles of Women in Religion and the Streams of Judaism in Israel.

Many of the discussions over the Shabbaton had a strong interactive approach, for instance, Marlene Milunsky led a conversation which incorporated lemons. A story of a town that was torn apart due to differing synagogue's views was symbolically represented by squeezing sour lemon juice from the lemons, then as suggestions were made by the students regarding ways to improve the adverse situation, students were allowed to add a little sugar to their cup of lemon juice, and they ended up with sweet lemonade.

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LIFESTYLES

Wilmington stages world premiere of "Partners"



Allen Katz

Review by Joel Glazier

Son of a Chicago garment industry worker, Allen Katz began writing comedy for the humorous boxes containing the "Screaming Yellow Zonkers" popcorn snacks. That work led to a writing job for the television comedy show, Laugh-In. After several Emmy nominations and writing gigs with All in the Family, M*A*S*H, Rhoda,

Mary Tyler Moore, Roseanne and other hit shows, Allen Katz's newest work, Partners, opened at The Delaware Theatre Company last week.

"I would have preferred that the show not have to open during the 10 Days of Awe between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur but we have been so warmly welcomed by the community here in Wilmington," shared Katz.

For several weeks, he has been with the cast and crew in Wilmington fine-tuning the world premiere of his work that he hopes will end up in New York.

Katz and some of the cast, including star Alan Rosenberg (familiar from roles in television shows Chicago Hope, L.A. Law, and The Guardian) and director Zane Buzby (worked with films This is Spinal Tap, Oh God, and Up in Smoke) have received offers of synagogue attendance, Rosh Hashanah meals and even "Break the Fast" feasts. Being Off-Broadway by 100 miles or so in Delaware does have its advantages.

Katz is quick to point out that the show, Partners, involves relationships between working partners that are not unique to any one religious group in any geographic area. "I saw Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau guest hosting a Tonight Show and they laughed at each other, joked around and yet admitted it was a relationship that grew from their roles in "The Odd Couple"...a

relationship different than that of their wives'." The idea for Partners grew from the idea of long term working relationships and the changes that occur with such friendships.

Star partners – Alan Rosenberg and Vyto Ruginis

In "Partners" Alan Rosenberg and Vyto Ruginis portray two long time partners in the "knock-off" fashion industry. Both actors are veterans of popular television shows and both are readily recognizable on the Delaware Theatre Stage as such. Rosenberg was cast first as Norm, a rather cranky and sloppy partner in the business. His gratuitous use of the "F-word" may offend some audience members but his character should not. Viewing the dress rehearsal, (before Rosh Hashanah), I was entertained as Rosenberg rambled, struggled, argued and of course cursed the bad luck and challenges of his knock-off fashion company. His back room tailor, seamstress, secretary, rival and long time associate Vyto, (Jack) do not escape his outbursts and complaining.

Jack, on the other hand, is polite, finely dressed and often corrects Norm's less than perfect use of English. All the while he maintains a professional manner, offering original dress designs but yet an internal struggle leads to him taking an extended trip away from the office to Europe. His

return transforms the 2nd act of the play into an entirely different comical drama, just as he, Jack, returns as a transformed person.

Rosenberg suggested his long time actor friend Ruginis for the role and Katz was convinced after a reading. Writer Katz shared, "It was hard to find an actor willing to do this role of Jack," which becomes two entirely different characters by play's end. Ruginis ends up portraying 2 characters and the five other cast members are quite supportive of both.

"I hope the audience laughs but away from the comedy of the performance, the story is about partnerships. The audience might identify with man/wife, man/woman, or friend/friend partnerships in the story." Katz admits that his wife, a psychologist, was supportive of the way the relationship topics and struggles are examined in the play. "What happens in this play about business partners is about feeling betrayed but not really a betrayal and accepting people for who they are and who they are going to be. It takes place within a long term partnership and some may find it funny, happy or even tearful," said Katz.

(Partners is currently showing at the Delaware Theatre Company through October 10

Information at 594-1100 or www.delaware theatre.com)

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affiliate ourselves when we join a synagogue.

The same is how we see Israel. When I announced to my family that I wanted to take the graduate seminar in Israel, I was met with incredulous responses. My parents and in-laws thought I was being irresponsible leaving the country and traveling to the Middle East while my children were still young. For them, Israel is a place on the map that they would like to visit one day, when they feel their personal security is not at stake. For them, the news reports only proved their case. I tried citing the news of their own cities and from the headlines tried to show them that TV and reality sometimes occupy different dimensions. I told them I loved them, but I felt that the seminar would be very responsible in picking the places we would visit and that our personal security would be as carefully considered as any reputable seminar in the world. I was ready to

When you look at me I'm a typical suburban Mom. I teach preschool, I'm a Girl Scout leader, I play tennis on a USTA team. We're members of a synagogue and my children attend a Jewish Day school. All of my parents, grandparents and great grandparents were born in the USA so I'm not a child of Holocaust survivors. The only Yiddish I know is from Woody Allen movies. I give you this background to make you realize I'm not so different from you. But if you want to better understand why you are a Jew and explore what Judaism means to you, then the Israel seminar will be the path you will want to take.

How do you connect with an ancient land when you live in a world of soccer practices and mini vans? The first challenge Zohar, our teacher, gave us was how do we define ourselves and how do we define our Judaism? Can we break down the walls of our own beliefs so we can be educated on the Jewish story?

The first week we spent the majority of our time in Jerusalem. This city is the heart of the Jewish people. You know the history, but imagine having a lesson under a 700 year-old olive tree overlooking the old city. On one side is the "Wall" separating Israel from the Palestinian territory. It stands as a modern reminder of ancient tensions. This land

has never known lasting peace and as Zohar recalls the battles to save the first and second Temple, the Romans, Byzantines, the Ottomans, the British and finally statehood, one wonders whom else this tree has shaded.

It happens again as we tour the tunnels beneath the Western Wall. I walk down the ancient street and place my hand by the gate to the Holy of Holies. I am here in a place that is over 2,000 years old. My ancestors have walked down this road and now I am joining their footsteps. There are tears in my eyes, as well as those in my class. We are just one link in a historical saga that is continually being told. One can feel the whispers of the past as we look at these magnificent walls. The street is narrow and dark and the walls glisten with moisture. Above us is the Arab quarter and another layer of the history of Jerusalem. It is my hope that one day my granddaughter will take this same journey and I will be able to witness another generation safeguarding our religion for the future.

Our first Friday comes and we walk to the old city to light candles at the Tomb of David. It doesn't matter that David isn't buried there, it only matters that we are together lighting candles as a group as the sun is setting over the Old City. Safeguard and Remember are the two candle's names. The flames bring a warm glow of peace and also a sense of community. We are together as a group, arms holding each other as a way to never forget the physical feeling that this Shabbat is giving us. I realize that my candle's flame is the same light the Jewish people have been burning for so many generations. I feel a strong need to make sure my children remember to light candles well after I am gone. I do not want this flame to die out. We walk down towards the Kotel. There is a golden glow over the city walls. It is truly a magical city. We are joining a flood of humanity. From every direction, people are streaming towards the Wall. There are no cars and the city's sounds have subsided. Pedestrians rule the area. The groups are as different as the colors of a rainbow. I see men in fur hats (remember this is July) and children running in groups. I see ladies in various styles of modest clothing, all looking their best. I hear chanting and songs as people gather to welcome the Shabbat queen. It doesn't matter

what kind of Kippa you have, what's amazing is that everyone is united for the night to share a single experience, to be at the Wall when Shabbat begins.

During my seminar I got to hear about Masada on Masada. I got to learn about Jewish Mysticism in Tsfat. I got to listen to the poems of Rachel on the shores of the Kinneret where she is buried. I never learned so much in so short a time. During our ten days we never missed an opportunity to learn a personal story about the land we stood on. Since Melton attracts such a wonderful group of people, we were also learning from each other. Members of our group shared experiences such as archeological dives in Caesarea; and witnessing Eichmann's trial.

Don't take this seminar if you're looking for a vacation in Israel. Melton puts more into a day then most people do in a week. The pace was intense and the group was incredible and no one would want to change a thing.

I would like to issue a challenge to those members in our communities who have taken leadership positions in Jewish organizations and charities. As members of different Boards of Directors, you will be faced with challenges of allocating resources and setting agendas. Do you have a clear understanding of what Jewish priorities are? Did you know that when a new community is built, the first priority after securing shelter is to build a school and appoint a teacher?

Lessons like this are common occurrences in the Melton curriculum and I challenge our Jewish leadership to enroll in Melton so we do not become Jewishly illiterate. As more Jews assimilate into the American culture, how do we keep our identity and our history? In Israel, most of the Jews I interviewed (yes, that's part of the curriculum) named the destruction of the second temple as the worst thing that happened to the Jewish people. In America, I will be hard pressed to find Jews who even know when Tisha B'AV is let alone who know what the holiday commemorates.

The Jews outside Israel face a unique challenge. How do we educate our children in our religion in a manner that will keep the traditions and its history alive? Is it only the responsibility of our more observance members to stay informed? When our children choose not to follow our religion, is it because we have not shared with them the splendor of the holidays and the meaning of our history? We have a chance to change the trend. Melton is just one of the ways Jews around the world can lean and become Jewishly literate. The responsibility is ours. When I visited the Dead Sea, I learned that due to evaporation, the sea has shrunk by 45% in the past 100 years. If we do not better educate our children and ourselves about our Jewish religion, what will happen in 100 years? Will we be like the Dead Sea? Will the Diaspora evaporate away?

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MILESTONES

In Memoriam

BERLIN

Edith "Sissy" Berlin, 84, of Wilmington, died September 10th. She worked for 31 years as a secretary at Congregation Beth Shalom. After her retirement, she volunteered to help organize records for Wilmington City Courts.

Predeceased in 1998 by her husband, Albert, she is survived by her sons, David and his wife, Robin, and Mark and his wife, Lynne; grandchildren, Bari, Bryan, Michael, Daniel and Jeffrey; and two great grandchildren, Molly and Justin.

Funeral services were held on September 12th at Congregation Beth Shalom with interment in the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road.

Contributions in her memory may be directed to Compassionate Care Hospice, 5610 Kirkwood Highway, Wilmington, DE 19808. PELTZ

Lilly Peltz, 98, passed away on September 8th in Brooklyn, NY. She arrived in this country in 1937 from Bilke, Czechoslovakia and spent most of her adult life in New York City.

She was predeceased by her husband, Emanuel Peltz and her son, Paul Peltz. She will be remembered as a devoted Jewish mother and bubbie to her children, Solomon Peltz of Wilmington, DE and Suzanne Cohen of Delray Beach, FL and Nanuet, NY; her grandchildren, Michelle (Nachman) Clewner of Boca Raton, FL, Gary Nachman of New York City, Aimee (Peltz) Durkin of Washington Crossing, PA and Jacob Peltz of Wilmington; and her six great grandchildren, Jordan and Jarad Clewner, Mallory and Mia Durkin and Spencer and Maya Nachman. Mrs. Peltz also is survived by her sister, Beatrice Zivic of Chicago, IL.

Funeral services were held in Brooklyn, NY with interment in Mt. Moriah Cemetery in Fairview, NJ.

Lillie Rappaport died peacefully on September 17th at her home in West Orange, NJ. Predeceased by her husband of 28 years, Harry, she is survived by her son, Dr. Jay and Bryna Rappaport of Wilmington; her daughter, Barbara Meranus of West Orange, NJ; grandchildren, Dr. David and Jennifer Rappaport, Alyson Rappaport, Stacy Meranus, and Dana Meranus; her grand granddaughter, Hannah Rappaport.

Contributions in Mrs. Rappaport's memory may be made to Hadassah, c/o Dina Lipschultz, 116 Weldin Park Drive, Wilmington, DE 19803

SCHWARTZ

Samuel Schwartz, 93, of Ft. Lauderdale, FL, died September 14th. He and his late wife, Beatrice, were former residents of Wilmington.

He was a devoted family man who loved sharing simchas with his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, siblings, nieces, nephews and cousins. All were welcome guests in the summer home that he helped to build and at the senior living community in Florida where he and his beloved "Bea" enjoyed their retirement from a successful career marked by the ownership of several businesses.

He enjoyed helping his friends and neighbors fix almost anything that was broken and was always ready to drive those in need of ride to the supermarket, doctors' appointments or other errands.

Mr. Schwartz will be missed by his son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Lois; daughter, Susan Cleveland; son-in-law, Herbert Keller; eight grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. He was predeceased by another daughter, Norma Keller.

Graveside services were held on September 19th in the Machzikey Hadas Cemetery in Minquadale. Contributions in his memory would be appreciated to Gilda's Club, 119 Rose Drive, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33324. **SHAPSON**

Faye Shapson, nee Sachs, 74, died September 4th at her home in Warminster, PA. She was a former resident of Wilmington.

A Wilmington native, she graduated from

P.S. duPont High School and went on to school in Philadelphia to become an x-ray technician. Her warm personality endeared her to family and friends.

She is survived by her husband of 53 years, Gerald; and her two daughters and sons-in-law, Sharon and Preston Imber and Wendy and Gary Weisband; four grandsons, Evan and Jordan Solomon and Brett and Ari Weisband; sisters, Evelyn Winokur of Wilmington and Ann Burstein of Plantation, FL: cousin, Lillian Kemper; sister-in-law, Jean Sachs, and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brother, Bernard Sachs and her sister, Ethel Rosen,

Funeral services were held on September 5th in Philadelphia.

TUCKER

Sophie Tucker, 79, of Wilmington, died September 15th. She was the wife of the late Oscar and will be mourned by her son, Marc and his wife, Hope; daughter, Lyle and her husband, Fred; brother, Rubin Mogul; and her beloved grandchildren, Devon, Austin and Jamie.

A memorial service was held on September 23rd at the Kutz Home. Interment was private. Contributions in her memory would be appreciated to The Milton and Hattie Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Wilmington, DE

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Students also had the opportunity, after Shabbat, to bring out their creative side. Dr. Karol-Eng graciously supplied adults and students alike with modeling clay, and with this clay they made mezuzahs.

For high school teens on the run, we often don't find the time for introspection, time to look into one's self and come up with an identity. At a Shabbaton we go to a special location, and separated for a weekend from our hectic lifestyles, everyone who participates has time to withdraw from that hectic life and slow down for for 7th and 8th grades will take

awhile during this time which is set apart. It also gives us time to come to terms with our own Jewish identity, which in the secular society we live in, can prove to be quite the challenge. Attending a Gratz Shabbaton is certainly a fulfilling, enjoyable and worthwhile experience.

Brian Rosen, a graduate of the Charter School of Wilmington and Delaware Gratz, is currently an honors student at the U of D. Eric Rosen is a sophomore at Concord High School and is a 10th grader at Gratz. They are the sons of Sharon Sperber Rosen and Jordon Rosen:

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place on October 15 and 16 at Chabad House in Newark, DE. Don't miss this incredible opportunity to meet new friends, mingle with some UD students and learn in an exciting environment. The theme for this weekend is Between Heaven and Earth. The session will be run by our Educational Coordinator Rabbi Eliezer Sneiderman and will include exciting new ways to study and learn. For more information contact us at 302-478-8100 or gratz@delawaregratz.org. This is open to all 7th and 8th grade students - even if they are not currently taking Gratz classes. Limited spaces are available, so call soon.



If you're looking to adopt or know someone who is, join us for Expanding Your Jewish Family Through Foster Care Adoption" on Sunday, October 3 at 2PM at Congregation Beth Emeth in Wilmington. Learn more about this rewarding experience and the many diverse and wonderful children who need loving families. Our guest speaker is Merijane Pierce, Foster Care Adoption Specialist. This special free event is sponsored by the synagogue's Outreach Committee. Free childcare is available

RSVP is appreciated - (302) 764-2393. All families are welcome including singles, Gay/Lesbian Families, and those of average

Delaware brings home 14 medals

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Shaham Akrish, coached by Caryl Marcus-Stape, played with heart against top seeded players in the country.

Rebecca Drowos swam for the Delaware Delegation and brought home 3 medals (1 Gold, 1 Silver, and 1 Bronze). She was coached by Shirley Fischer-Drowos. Way to go, Rebecca!

Delaware dominated the Track and Field Events taking home 11 medals. The medals were won by Whitney Aerenson, Rachel Bahar, Shaham Akrish, and Stave Litinoff.

If you know someone between the ages of 13-16 who would like to get involved in the games next summer, please contact Donna Schwartz at the Bernard and Ruth Siegel JCC (302)478-5660 x228. We will be forming teams soon!

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MYTHS AND FACTS

MYTH #152

"The Jews have no claim to the land they call Israel."

FACT:

A common misperception is that all the Jews were forced into the Diaspora by the Romans after the destruction of the Second Temple in Jerusalem in the year 70 C.E. and then, 1,800 years later, suddenly returned to Palestine demanding their country back. In reality, the Jewish people have maintained ties to their historic homeland for more than 3,700 years.

The Jewish people base their claim to the Land of Israel on at least four premises:

1. The Jewish people settled and developed the land

2. The international community granted political sovereignty in Palestine to the Jewish people

3. The territory was captured in defensive wars and 4. God promised the land to the patriarch Abraham.

Even after the destruction of the Second Temple in Jerusalem and the beginning of the exile, Jewish life in the Land of Israel continued and often flourished. Large communities were reestablished in Jerusalem and Tiberias by the ninth century. In the 11th century, Jewish communities grew in Rafah, Gaza, Ashkelon, Jaffa and Caesarea.

The Crusaders massacred many Jews during the 12th century, but the community rebounded in the next two centuries as large numbers of rabbis and Jewish pilgrims immigrated to Jerusalem and the Galilee. Prominent rabbis established communities in Safed, Jerusalem and elsewhere during the next 300 years. By the early 19th century — years before the birth of the modern Zionist movement — more than 10,000 Jews lived throughout what is today Israel (Dan Bahat, ed. Twenty Centuries of Jewish Life in the Holy Land, Jerusalem: The Israel Economist, 1976, pp. 61-63.). The 78 years of nation-building, beginning in 1870, culminated in the reestablishment of the Jewish State.

Israel's international "birth certificate" was validated by the promise of the Bible; uninterrupted Jewish settlement from the time of Joshua onward; the Balfour Declaration of 1917; the League of Nations Mandate, which incorporated the Balfour Declaration; the United Nations partition resolution of 1947; Israel's admission to the UN in 1949; the recognition of Israel by most other states; and, most of all, the society created by Israel's people in decades of thriving, dynamic national existence.

Source: Myths & Facts Online - A Guide to the Arab-Israeli Conflict by Mitchell G. Bard, http://www.JewishVirtualLibrary.org.

COMING EVENTS

AKSE SIMCHAT TORAH SERVICE WELCOMES ALL WOMEN

Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation will hold its 23rd annual Simchat Torah Women's Service on Friday morning, October 8th. The reading will begin in the Centennial Room at approximately 10 a.m., after the sixth hakafah in the main sanctuary is completed. All women and girls are invited to attend and participate. Everyone who so chooses will be honored with an aliyah. For further information, please contact Eleanor Weinglass, 478-3378 or Sharon Berry, 475-0650.

SUPPORT GROUP FORMING FOR FAMILIES COPING WITH A.D.D.

If you are interested in participating in a support group for Jewish Families coping with Attention Deficit Disorder and related learning and emotional disabilities please contact Rhonda Shulman-Lattin at 479-9789.

JEWISH WAR VETERANS SLATE OCTOBER MEETING

On Sunday, October 17th at 10:30 a.m., the Jewish War Veterans will be host County Executive Candidates Chris Coons and Chris Castagno during their monthly meeting at the Bnai Brith Building in Claymont. There will be a question and answer period following their talk. Veterans, spouses, Patrons, new members and prospective members are welcome.

AKSE MEN'S CLUB BREAKFAST SPOTLIGHTS ISRAEL PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

The Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Men's Club will host six congregants who visited Israel this summer during its Sunday, October 10th monthly breakfast program. Nathan Cohen, Mark and Susan Pevar, Jason Rosenberg, Sharon Rosenblatt and Rina Wagman will share their experiences during the 10:00 a.m. presentation, which is preceded by a 9:30 a.m. breakfast. The presentation is free and breakfast is just \$4 per person. This event is open to the entire community. For additional information, please call the synagogue at 762-2705.

NEW HANUKKAH STAMP FOR 2004

The first new design Hanukkah stamp in 9 years will go on sale nation wide on October 15th. The stamp depicts what is believed to be a "Jerusalem scene" dreidel painted by a Russian Folk artist. If your local post office does not have the 2004 Hanukkah stamp available after the 15th of October please contact Ronald Scheiman at Hanukkah@optonline.net or visit his website at www.hanukkahstampquest.com.

ARTIST IRV LEVITT TO EXHIBIT IN ONE MAN SHOW

Irv Levitt, a well-known Dover artist and long time member of the Dover Art League has been selected by the Rehoboth Art League for a One Man Show at their satellite gallery located in the Possum Point Players theater in Georgetown. Entitled "Faces of Hope", the exhibit consists of 21 paintings reflecting, according to Levitt, "the ambiguities of living in a world of exploding populations, major ecological problems, and political and social uncertainties." The exhibit is available for viewing now through mid-September at Possum Hall, 441 Old Laurel Road, Georgetown. For further information, please call 302-856-3568.

SPEND SUCCOT IN LANCASTER

Mark your calendar for some funfilled days during Chol Hamoed Sukkot. Travel to Lancaster, PA for a visit to Dutch Wonderland Amusement Park located on Route 30. The park, featuring more than 30 rides will be open on Sunday, October 3rd from 11am to 7 pm. Glatt kosher food will be available in two sukkahs. One sukkah will be open 24 hours throughout Chol Hamoed. Admission is \$18.50 in advance and \$20.50 at the gate and covers all the rides and shows. The park is especially suitable for children 10 and under. To purchase tickets or for more information please call (717) 392-5111 or www.ourkehilla.com

While in the Lancaster area visit the Amish Experience, featuring a movie on the Amish, a house tour and a farmland bus tour. The attraction will be open throughout the week. Their phone number is (717) 768-3600 or them www.AmishExperience.com. Or find your way out of The Amazing Maize Maze, open Monday and Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Strasburg Railroad is another popular attraction. Take a forty-five minute ride through Amish Country on a steam engine train four times daily during the week. Please call (717) 687-7522 for times and ticket prices. HERSHEYPARK will stage a special Succot celebration on Monday, October 4, from 11am to 7 pm. Thrill to 9 roller coasters, eat glatt kosher food in giant sukkahs and be entertained by two free performances from

The Best Western Hershey, (717) 533-5655 and The Lancaster Host Resort, (717) 299-5500, located across the street from Dutch Wonderland's Sukkah, over special rates. There are minyanim throughout Chol Hamoed at Congregation Degel Israel in Lancaster. Shachris is at 7:00 am and 8:30am and Mincha/Maariv is 6:15pm. On Sunday, Mincha will be held at Dutch Wonderland at 6:30 pm by Central Pa's Kosher Mart and on Monday at HERSHEYPARK at 3:15 and 5:15 pm in the amphitheatre.

YAD VASHEM SPONSORING SPRING IN-GATHERING OF SURVIVORS

Yad Vashem, Israel's National Holocaust Memorial Museum, announces a momentous international gathering of Holocaust Survivors and their families marking 60 years since the end of World War II, to take place 4 – 9 May 2005 at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem. Thousands of survivors, their children, and grandchildren will join with Israeli soldiers and citizens in a tribute to the survivors. The conference will feature an opening ceremony in the presence of Israel's heads of state; guided tours of the new state-ofthe-art Holocaust History Museum (officially opening March 2005); multigenerational workshops and discussion groups; and a massive, unforgettable ceremony in honor of the sur-

The "Generation to Generation: Sharing the Legacy" conference will take place under the patronage of the President of the State of Israel, Mr. Moshe Katsav. Says Katzav: "It is my wish, for the sake of the Jewish people and all humanity, that Yad Vashem continues to serve as a site for the commemoration of the Holocaust, a place where remembrance of the Holocaust and its lessons is transmitted from generation to generation, until eternity. Avner Shalev, Chairman of the Yad Vashem Directorate, urges all survivors to come to Israel to share their legacy: "From the testimony of Holocaust survivors, we draw a meaning that strengthens basic values. The survivors, who illuminated this message, bequeath this torch to us so that

we can continue to bear it and pass it on to the generations that come."

For flight and hotel reservations, as well as information about pre- and post-conference touring in Israel, please contact the North American organizer, Israel Tour Connection (ITC) at gathering@israeltour.com or 1-800-247-7235

VOLUNTEERS FOR ISRAEL ALUMNI TO MEET

Fay Malissa, owner of Fayway Travel Inc. will discuss her travel experiences in the Jewish State during the next meeting of the Philadelphia Chapter, Volunteers for Israel Alumni. The group will convene on Wednesday, October 13th, 7:00 p.m. at the Klein Branch of the Jewish Community Centers of Greater Philadelphia, Room 114. Admission is free and the public is invited.

JEWISH CHORALE SEEKS SINGERS

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

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

GRATZ COLLEGE OFFERS ONLINE MASTERS OF ARTS DEGREE IN JEWISH STUDIES

Students from throughout the country and the world – and for the first time anywhere – will now be able to pursue a graduate degree in Jewish Studies entirely online. In announcing the new online degree, Jerry Kutnick, Ph.D., Gratz College Dean for Academic Affairs, stated, "some of this fall's courses will be taught by Gratz professors; others will be taught by leading professors in America and Israel".

Kutnick explained, "In addition to the online MA Degree in Jewish Studies, students may also earn a Certificate in Jewish Education, Jewish Early Childhood Education as well as Jewish Studies online. Credits earned toward these all online Certificates, with the student's faculty advisor's approval, may be applied toward the

new online Masters Degree.
Fall 2004 online courses include the following: Bible — The Exodus Theme in Biblical Narrative, Charles D. Isbell, Ph.D., Baton Rouge, Louisiana, (Director of Jewish Studies at Louisiana State University); Rabbinics — Pirke Avot: Jewish Ethics and Theology, Ruth Sandberg, Ph.D., Gratz professor and Rhythms of Jewish Life: The Calendar of Life Cycle Events, Howard A. Addison, Ph.D., (Assistant Professor in Intellectua Heritage, Temple University, Philadelphia);

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Friday, December 10, 2004
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Sunday, December 12, 2004
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Saturday, January 29, 2005Vanquard Event at Mike's Famous Harley Davidson

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History - Ashkenazi Roots: East European History, Michael Steinlauf, Ph.D., Gratz professor and Dilemmas in Jewish History from Abraham to Shabbetai Zevi, Katherine Beller, Ph.D., Bet Shemesh, Israel; Jewish Thought - Introduction to Classical Judaism, Joseph Davis, Ph.D., Gratz professor; Contemporary Jewish Studies - Perspectives on American Judaism, Carol Harris-Shapiro, Ph.D., Gratz professor; Education Philosophy of Jewish Education, Ari Ackerman, Ph.D., Jerusalem and Teaching Moral Issues in Jewish Studies, Tzvi Kanarek, Ph.D., Jerusalem and From Learning Disability to Capability: Teaching Pupils with Diverse Learning Styles in the Jewish Classroom, Aviva Rubinoff, Jerusalem (Clinic Director, Ptach Learning Center); Jewish Early Childhood Education - Building a Jewish Life: Curriculum and Concepts in Jewish Early Childhood Education and Mitzvot, Moral Development and Classroom Management in Jewish Early Childhood Education, Both courses taught by Lyndall Miller, M.A. Ed., M.A. J.Ed., M.S. Ed.., (Gratz College Jewish Early Childhood Education Program Coordinator and Instructor).

Founded in 1895, Gratz College, is the oldest non-denominationally affiliated college of Jewish Studies in the Western Hemisphere. Gratz College launched its first online course in 2000.

For additional information about Gratz College's online programs or individual courses, please contact Nancy Waldman, Distance Learning Coordinator at nwaldman@gratz.edu or 800-475-4635 ext. 115.

ISRAELI ORGANIZATION SEEKS INTERN

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applicants can email - Vered Layish-Veredl@jazo.org.il; Coordinator of the Internship program- Jewish Agency Tel: (972)-2-620-4348, Fax: (972)-2-260-4415. Any question will be answered by Assaf Shilo at mail@israelsun.com

JACOB K. JAVITS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM INVITES APPLICANTS

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

CALLING YOUNG ADULT WRITERS!

One writer whose work contains Jewish themes will be awarded \$25,000 and will spend three months in residence at Stanford University. The residency allows time for writing, participating in and/or leading workshops on campus and within the Bay Area community; and the option of designing and teaching a course at Stanford. The winner will be honored at the 7th annual Koret Jewish Book Awards ceremony on April 11, 2005.

Applicants must be 40 years or younger and have published no more than one book at the time of application. This award is for fiction, non-fiction, or poetry. Scholarly work will not be considered. Non-U.S. residents are invited to apply provided they meet eligibility requirements.

The application deadline is November 15, 2004. Details regarding the application process are available at www.koretfoundation.org.

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