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# FEDERATION IN ACTION: PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR JEWISH COMMU

By Lynn Edelman Editor of the Jewish Voice

Ask most members of our Jewish community what the Jewish Federation of Delaware is all about and they will reply "raising money for Jews in Delaware and Israel".

"They are only partially right," said Judy Wortman, JFD executive vice president. She explained that "Many community members don't realize that Federation is charged with the important responsibility of planning for the needs of Delaware's Jews now and in the

Wortman, who came to Delaware in 1993 from her position at the Jewish Federation of Southern New Jersey where she served as Assistant Director and Director of Planning, was charged with implementing a long range planning process begun in 1990 by then Federation President Bill Topkis.

Federation Past Presidents Richard Levin, Leslie Newman and Toni Young served on the steering committee to develop a mission statement and visionparameters for defining the business of Federation and the direction that the organization should take to best serve its constituents.

Committee members met with representatives of Federation constituent to get their input. Young recalls the process as exciting. "Our community action. Toni Young chaired a Priorities



Judy Wortman

was enthusiastically involved in the process of helping JFD address issues, meet local and global needs and develop an agenda for the future," she said.

Their joint efforts led to the

development of a simple, yet eloquent Mission Statement- "Mobilize the Jewish Community to address issues, meet needs and build an agenda for the future" and a clear-cut Vision Statement-"Bring Jewish people together into a community coalition, grounded in Jewish teachings and heritage, to strengthen the State of Israel, the global Jewish family and local organizations in order to further the survival of the Jewish people.

Next, came the grunt workstrategies to translate these ideals into

Committee which utilized a model developed by Dr. Jacob (Jack) Ukeles. Ukeles, who consults with businesses, government and non-profit organizations on strategic planning issues, helped the Committee gain community input through meetings with agency and synagogue leadership and public forums in Dover, Newark and Wilmington.

Committee findings were unveiled to the JFD Board of Directors during a daylong retreat led by Ukeles. Judy Wortman recalls the day as "an auspicious beginning to her career at Federation." During the retreat, it became clear to Wortman that while JFD had a "general sense of what our service priorities are, we had very little understanding of the Jewish population we serve beyond a limited survey of Federation donors." Ukeles was hired to conduct a comprehensive Jewish Population Study which was published in 1996.

"JFD gleaned invaluable information from this study which has helped us to effectively plan for the future," said Wortman. She believes that perhaps the most significant finding was the swell in the greater Newark Jewish population. "Between 1985 and 1995, this region experienced a 55% increase in Jewish residents," she said.

"Thanks to this research, we gained agencies and community organizations developing a set of goals, objectives and a clearer understanding of population numbers, characteristics demographic issues and were better

prepared to serve our community," Wortman remarked.

As an example, she cited the survey findings of an intermarriage rate of 45% in Newark as opposed to a 25% rate in Wilmington. Based on these statistics, Federation determined that outreach efforts to intermarried families in the Newark region were a priority.

"In addition, we found that there were 699 children under the age of four in the Newark area and only 537 preschool age children in Wilmington," Wortman said, adding that Federation interpreted this data as a critical need for increased Jewish pre-school programming. This September, the Delaware JCC opened a full-day Jewish pre-school program utilizing rented space on Willa Road in Newark. This augments the half-day pre-school program offered at Newark's Temple

Based on Population Study Data, Federation decided to hire Danny Chejfec, as a professional outreach worker. Chejfec, now the executive director of the Central Kentucky Jewish Federation, was charged with getting to know Newark area Jews and helping Newark Community and Federation leadership to assess the need for these and other programs and services.

These outreach efforts led to the creation of a Delaware Jewish Community Center satellite office and a Relationship Center operated by Jewish

Family Service. Both agencies share space on Newark's Main Street near the University of Delaware campus.

During the course of the Jewish Population Study, Ukeles met with the leadership of each JFD constituent



Toni Young

agency to determine how they were developing programs to keep pace with the need for new and expanded services and what facilities would be needed to operate these programs effectively.

This planning process led to Federation's decision to launch a Community Capital Campaign to significantly expand facilities in Newark and North Wilmington.

With an eye towards the future, Federation lay and professional leadership are planning to serve Jewish individuals and families for generations to come.

# PRAISES ESTRAINT, BUT CONFI MERGE OVER CEASE

By Matthew E. Berger

(JTA) — As Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon makes the rounds here and U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell heads to the Middle East, Israel and the Bush administration are divided as to when Israel and the Palestinians should start on the next leg of the road back to peace talks.

Meeting with Sharon at the White House Tuesday, President Bush said the parties should discuss all opportunities to 'advance the process" toward the cooling-off period advocated by a commission under former Sen. George Mitchell.

But Sharon said he believes that the cooling-off period should begin after 10 days without violence.

"When we'll see the 10 days is completely quiet and nothing really

happened, and that Chairman Arafat did not manipulate us and did not maneuver us, and it's really quiet, then we will start the meaningful cooling-off period," he told reporters after the meeting.

A senior White House official said the Bush administration disagrees, saying that movement to the cooling off period must be based on the reality on the ground, and when there is 100 percent effort by both parties. The White House, which has become more active in recent weeks, is trying to utilize what they see as a opportunity to bring the parties forward.

'The fundamental question my ninistration makes is, 'Are we making progress? Is peace closer today than it was yesterday?" Bush said. "We believe the answer is yes."

Earlier, Sharon was adamant in his call for an end to violence.

"One must understand that if last

week we had five dead, it's like the United States, Mr. President, having 250 killed, or maybe even 300 people killed by terror," Sharon said.

Bush praised Sharon's patience and leadership and said he understood the

pressure Sharon is facing. In New York on Monday, Sharon had sounded a harsher tone, saying there had not been even one day of a real cease-fire, and describing Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat not as the leader of a state-in-the-making but as the "head of a terrorist gang."

After Sharon's meeting at the White ouse. Powell left for the Middle East. where he is expected to try to salvage the cease-fire agreement reached earlier this month with the aid of CIA Director George Tenet.

A State Department official said Powell's mission will not be to create a



timetable or declare that the cooling-off gaining credit with the international period has begun.

Powell will tell both sides that they can increase efforts against violence. He also will urge Israel to discuss confidencebuilding measures during the cool period.

Powell is expected to heap praise on Sharon for his restraint, but not to publicly chastise Arafat.

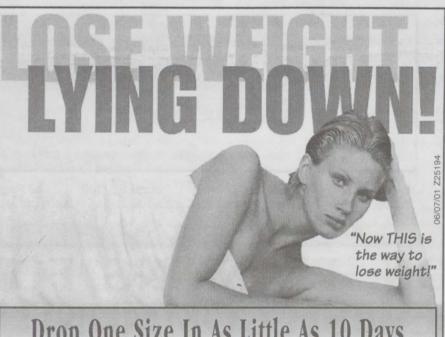
Sharon will meet with Powell in Jerusalem. Israel is worried that Arafat is

community for agreeing to the cease-fire, while Palestinian violence continues.

"The point of the trip is to continue to encourage them to take the steps essary to reduce the violence Department spokesman Richard Boucher said Tuesday. "And we think a hundred percent effort is needed, and we'll keep working on full implementation of the Mitchell Committee report in all its aspects."

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Kalkstein Invites Challenger To Debate

It greatly gratified me to see that there were responses to my letter of May 25 in the Jewish Voice. In my letter, I criticized the newspaper for presenting only the liberal side of issues important to Jews. It was good to see that at least one other reader agreed with me, which should indicate to the Voice that there are other readers out there who would appreciate a more even-handed presentation

I especially appreciated the enlightening history lesson from Gilbert Sloan, and I read his letter intently. Although there are a number of inaccuracies and important omissions, I found myself agreeing with some of what he said. However, Mr. Sloan never addressed the central point of my original letter: why does the Jewish Voice present only one side of the issue? It doesn't seem to upset liberals when only their side is presented in print, which has always been a matter of curiosity to me. You would think that progressive thinkers, as liberals consider themselves, would want to encourage political debate. But unfortunately, readers like Mr. Sloan don't seem to desire this at all, and this is a major omission in his letter. The Jewish Voice, in an "Editor's Note" following my letter, tells us that they respect, "the diverse voices of its readership." Isn't Mr. Sloan at all distressed that they haven't done this at all?

Liberals must understand the frustration of conservatives when they are bombarded by a biased media, including the New York Times, CNN, Dan Rather, Peter Jennings, and last (and possibly least) our own News Journal. During a recent election, I counted the number of Democratic and Republican endorsements offered by the Times: an astounding 19 Democrats and 2 Republicans. If the nation's population followed these endorsements, we would have a one party system in America!

So, I would like to think that the Voice can rise above the fray and grant us the benefit of both sides of the issue. Then maybe readers like Mr. Sloan will understand that, for example, Republicans don't pander to religious fanatics, as he states in his letter. I am certainly no religious fanatic, Mr. Sloan!

It would be my pleasure to sit down with Mr. Sloan over a cup of coffee and debate the issues that he presents. Space does not permit this here, but let me address two points that he brings up. When it comes to namecalling sensitivity, liberals are surely at the forefront. However, Mr. Sloan has no problem telling us that the Republican party has abandoned principles to pander for the votes of "religious fanatics" (did he ever consider that, rightly or wrongly, many of us consider abortion to be murder?). This offends me,

because I know some of the "religious fanatics" that Mr. Sloan speaks of. If you remove the African American, Jewish, and non-Cuban Hispanic vote from the last election, Mr. Bush won by a substantial margin. Whether we like it or not, Mr. Sloan, this is mainstream America voting conservative in this last election. I am disturbed when liberals label such people "religious fanatics"; the stereotyping is unbefitting liberals who are so wrapped up in political correctness. You may not agree with their stand on the issues, Mr. Sloan, but these are everyday, generous, intelligent, and kindly people for the most part. Please respect their positions as conservatives respect yours.

Finally, I can't let Mr. Sloan's statement on global warming go unchallenged. As a professor of climatology at the University of Delaware, I have served as a lead author on the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, the leading outlet on climate change policy. As is often the case, Mr. Sloan has presented this issue as good (liberal) vs. selfish and evil (conservative). Mr. Sloan, there is far from unanimity in the scientific community regarding the degree and even existence of a human-induced global warming. This glaring misconception is part of the media's biased coverage of this issue. I am certainly worried about the prospects of a

human - induced climate change, but the major disagreement here involves the premature development of large-scale policies when the science is still uncertain. Mr. Bush favors more basic research into the problem before implementing policy, something that I agree with fully. In addition, his resistance to the Kyoto treaty relates to the unilateral reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by western nations, while developing nations get a pass. The part of the world where greenhouse gases are increasing most rapidly is (you guessed it!) the developing world. Without their cooperation, our efforts will be much less effective. We need a more inclu-

I look forward to continued and increased debate in the Jewish Voice relating to the political diversity in our community. The publication of these letters is a start; now the Voice needs to solicit "Matter of Opinion" and "Jewish Perspectives" pieces from both liberal and conservative Jews. Possibly Mr. Sloan and I can help by organizing a discussion group so all sides can be heard in an unrestricted environment. Mr. Sloan, the ball

is in your court!

Sincerely, Laurence S. Kalkstein Newark, DE



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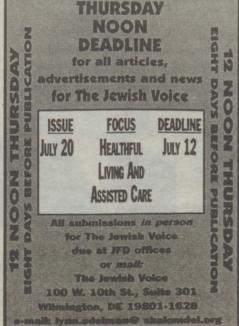
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## Writer Responds To Kalkstein

In a recent letter to the editor Mr. L.S. Kalkstein failed to take specific issue with any of the country's needs as defined in my article of April 13, 2001. He simply referred to it as a "very liberal piece". However, regardless of ones beliefs the factual statements are indisputable.

Does Mr. Kalkstein prefer to advance the conservative agenda and philosophy of President Bush whose favored philosopher is Jesus Christ? Or that of his Attorney General Ashcroft who proudly proclaimed, prior to his nomination, "There is no king but Jesus" This smacks of holy war that hopefully will never come to fruition. No wonder about 80% of American Jews usually vote for the

Democratic presidential ticket, and in the last presidential election 79% did exactly that. Such an overwhelming majority must be respected. Ultimately the President had to be selected by the conservative Supreme Court. Clearly this partisan outcome took priority over legal principals.

If Mr. Kalkstein or Mr. W. Resnick feel that the conservative point of view is not sufficiently represented in "The Jewish Voice" I suggest they write to the paper and support their conservative philosophy. Let us have competition of ideas and stop pointing fingers

Sincerely, E. E. Jaffe

#### **EDITORIAL**

# **Maintaining Mid-East Optimism**

On the one hand, in Washington, Israeli Prime Minister Sharon is talking with President Bush about ways to resume the long stalemated Mid-East peace talks.

On the other hand, in Hebron, seven Israelis were injured by Palestinian gunfire, threatening the already shaky cease-fire between the two nations.

On the one hand, Israeli Defense Minister Benjamin Ben-Eliezer comments that PLO Leader Yasser Arafat is not likely to retake his seat at the negotiating table

On the other hand, the Defense Minister maintains that there remains cause for opti-

Nu? Tevve fans will recognize these conflict ing statements as commentary on the Fiddler on the Roof-like balancing act that has been part and parcel of Jewish life.

Our history of oppression has taught us valuable negotiating skills. Through adversity, we have learned tenacity. We who have been homeless will exercise restraint to protect the sanctity of our homeland.

Our experiences with tyrants have deepened our understanding of basic human nature. We know too well that words can invite cooperation or incite destruction. We also know that verbal promises, however eloquent, are empty unless backed up by

Ariel Sharon, revered by some and reviled by others for his hawkish leanings, has revealed to the world a dovish

"I will not drag this nation into war," said the Prime Minister recently. We applaud his leadership!

Make your voice heard through a Letter to the Editor JEWISH VOICE, 100 W. 10TH ST., SUITE 301, WILMINGTON, DE 19801 OR E-MAIL TO: lynn.edelman@shalomdel.org PLEASE INCLUDE NAME AND DAYTIME PHONE NUMBER. WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO EDIT ALL SUBMISSIONS

# FEDERATION FOCUS

# **UJC Launches Israel Now!**

United Jewish Communities (UJC) has unveiled a far-reaching, comprehensive program of education, advocacy and financial support-called Israel NOW-to give North American Jewry the tools and opportunities to express its unwavering unity with Israel. The program was announced in Jerusalem during a UJC Solidarity Shabbaton attended by UJC and North American Jewish federation leaders prior to the start of The Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) 2001 Assembly.

"Israel NOW will be a continental effort by UJC and the Jewish federation system to give voice and expression to the deeply felt unity of North Americans - by Jews and non-Jews - for Israel," said Stephen D. Solender, UJC President and CEO.

During the Shabbaton, North American Jewish leaders symbolically launched the initiative in meetings with high-level government officials, including Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, and Israeli citizens affected directly and indirectly by the current conflict.

"Our very presence in Jerusalem, the eternal capital of Israel, is emblematic of the neverending solidarity of North American Jews with our brothers and sisters throughout this country," said Robert M. Schrayer, chairman of the UJA Federation Campaign of UJC. "It is appropriate that we are here in Israel right now, carrying our message of solidarity and unity directly, as we launch the Israel NOW program."

"This is what we are required to do in our lives right now," emphasized Karen Shapira, Chair of the UJC Israel and Overseas Pillar. "The Federation system will always be in the business of building and supporting Jewish communities the world over, but this is a different time and a special need. There will be a particular focus on supporting Israel at this time. We are

prepared to take as many approaches as required to stand with and support Israel through this crisis."

Israel NOW's comprehensive slate of educational and advocacy programs will build commitment and action on the part of the North American population and spread the solidarity message across the continent, to Israel, and around the world. Another major component of Israel NOW will be a fundraising campaign by UJC, in partnership with Jewish federations, to ease the financial burden faced by the Israeli government as it shifts spending to meet critical internal and external security needs.

North American financial support will be directed toward supporting victims of terror and traumatized children and seniors, ensuring the continuation of benefits to new immigrants, supporting needs in geographically vulnerable communities, and ensuring the establishment and continuation of other social spending programs.

These programs will begin in force during "Solidarity September," when a continental media campaign will bring top Israeli leaders, Middle East experts, scholars, journalists and opinion makers to broadcast studios, editorial board rooms and town hall meetings coast-to-coast to educate people about the current conflict and to support Jewish federations and local leaders as they generate a clear message of unity in their communities. Also 'Solidarity September," Journey to Solidarity I, the first major peopleto-people mission to Israel under the solidarity banner, will take place. The trip will be the flagship mission of an ongoing series, including regularly scheduled missions, carrying the potent message of unity to Israelis and the world.

A major public education effort will occur during the High Holy Days, when UJC and Jewish federations will distribute in synagogues across the continent at least one million leaflets promoting solidarity activities and programs, facts about the situation in Israel, and a solidarity petition. Rabbis will be encouraged to embrace the solidarity message in holiday sermons. "Solidarity September" continues on the 21st of the month, the beginning of a special Solidarity Shabbat and an interdenominational effort to promote unity with Israel in synagogues and churches coast-to-coast. On Sunday, September 23rd, the month of solidarity events will climax in New York City with a major Solidarity Rally, sponsored by UJC and North American Jewish federations. The rally will attract supporters of Israel from across the continent, and prominent Israeli officials will be present.

"The Jewish Federation of

Delaware hopes for a large delegation of community members to attend this important event," said JFD Executive Vice President Judy Wortman. Call her at 427-2100 to find out how to become involved.

In October, UJC and Jewish federations will launch extensive grassroots advocacy efforts on college campuses, synagogues, day schools, youth groups and Jewish community centers. The momentum of the initiative continues into November, at the UJC General Assembly (GA), November 9-14 in Washington, DC. There, more than 5,000 Jewish leaders from North America and around the world will join Prime Minister Sharon to affirm their support of Israel, and take part in specially designed solidarity educational and advocacy programming.

Immediately following the GA, Journey to Solidarity II - Capital to Capital, the second major solidarity mission of the fall, will depart with GA participants directly from Washington, bound for Jerusalemin a dramatic show of support.

Speaking at the opening session of the JAFI 2001 Assembly, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon endorsed and underscored the importance of the Israel NOW program:

"Now is the time for Jewish people to unite together with Israel and for Israel," Sharon said. "Now is the time for global Jewish solidarity. Now is the time for a major campaign in which every Jew will actively share and partner with Israel. It is the time to show the world - our friends and our enemies, ourselves and our childrenthat we are one. I am sure that if we are united, we can all realize all our hopes and dreams for the land of Israel."

#### Tamar Regional Choir Comes To Delaware

By, Sue Shaffer, JCRC Director

Mark your calendars for an entertaining July evening outdoors at the Delaware JCC. Enjoy a catered cook-out, sponsored by the JCC Senior Adult Department, with family and friends. Treat yourself to an exclusive area performance of the Tamar Regional Choir; these Israeli children and teenagers come from Delaware's Partnership 2000 community of Arad/Tamar. Delight in hearing the spirited voices of choir members and seize the opportunity to chat with these young Israelis after the performance

The evening's fun begins at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 11th. The cost for the evening's

cook-out is just \$6 per person, but you MUST reserve a place in advance by calling Sue Shaffer, Federation's JCRC Director, at 427-2100, ext. 17.

This Tamar Regional Choir performance, both for the community, and again special for the Delaware JCC Day Camp, is the first in a series of events, called the Israel Solidarity Initiative, planned under the auspices of the United Jewish Communities. Locally, these events are being coordinated by the JCRC and the Rabbinic Assn. of Delaware. The next event, following this July choral concert, will be our participation in a Solidarity with Israel Rally planned to be held in New York on Sunday, September 23; Watch The Jewish Voice for details.

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#### Wet Cement



By Rachel A. Gross

The Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea are made of the same water. It flows down, clear

and cool, from the heights of Hermon and the roots of the cedars of Lebanon. The Sea of Galilee has an outlet. It gets to give. It gathers in its riches that it may pour them out again to fertilize the Jordan plain. But the Dead Sea with the same water makes horror. For the Dead Sea has no outlet. It gets to keep.

— Harry Emerson Fosdick
Everyone leaves imprints. Some
people leave their hand and foot
prints in the cement outside of
Gruman's Chinese Theatre. Most
of us leave our "mark" by the

imprint of our lives on others. A person is remembered for the weight of his or her character, for marks of accomplishment, for shapes of kindness, for length of compassion, for width of personal warmth, for generosity and for values. When we leave positive impressions behind, we enhance the lives of our friends and loved ones. We give them a path to follow.

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## AGENCY CHAILIGHTS

# JFS Mitzvah Magic Marks Century Of Service

By Sima Robbins Special to the Jewish Voice

Some 200 people gathered at the Delaware Center for the Contemporary Arts in late April to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Jewish Family Service of Delaware. Chaired by JFS board members Barbara Blumberg and Lisa Weiner, the event honored the agency's 36 past presidents, 10 of whom were there, in person, to share in the festivities!

The agency's commitment to doing mitzvot was illustrated by the eloquent silver Mitzvah Baskets, created by JFS volunteers, which decorated the tables. Guests enjoyed magic by David Zeidman, artistic face painting by Peanut Butter, music by Lindsey Lee's three-piece ensemble, and a buffet prepared and served by Dan Love's

Andrea Feinman and Brett Morris chaired the silent auction which featured items donated by more than 70 businesses and individuals. Auction chairs were assisted by Patti Berk, Susie Isaacs, Carla Jaffey, Rhona Klein, Ilean Grayson and Laney Gordon.

The event marked the debut of the agency's commemorative booklet and historical video which highlight JFS' milestones and its current programs. Historian and author Toni Young was instrumental in providing the agency with historical information for the commemorative booklet, which was made possible with support from

The video included the voices of many community leaders who spoke of JFS' contributions to the

community of Delaware. They include: John Elzufon, president, Jewish Federation of Delaware; Rabbi Peter Grumbacher, spiritual leader, Congregation Beth Emeth, Wilmington; Paul Calistro, execudirector, West End Neighborhood House: State Senator Margaret Rose Henry, executive director, Girls Inc.; and Brother Ronald Gioannone, executive director, Ministry of Caring.

Two actors from Philadelphia's Theatre Ariel presented a reading that dramatized the agency's history and commemorated the ongoing commitment of the agency's presidents and volunteers.

Glenn Engelmann, JFS Board president, honored agency past presidents with an original watercolor by Riva Brown that presents their names inscribed on a tallit.

Those who take up the path of service and compassion lift up this

Those past presidents in attendance received certificates that included a replica of Brown's artistic creation.

United States Senator Tom Carper and State Senators Lianne Sorenson and Margaret Rose Henry paid tribute to the agency. United States Senator Joseph Biden and U.S. Representative Michael Castle wrote letters of

Agency Executive Director Dory Zatuchni praised Founding Sponsor Astra Zeneca and Gold Sponsor Morris, James, Hitchen and Williams for their support of the event. She also praised the efforts of JFS Office Manager Lynne Brown and the contributions of agency staff and volunteers.

To view the video or to receive a commemorative booklet, call JFS

"It is time to show the world that we are one.

-Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon

#### Melton School Sets Schedule

**Holocaust Museum Trip Now Boarding** 

Teacher Center, is offering a trip to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. The trip is scheduled for Thursday, August 16. A \$28 per person fee includes

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The Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee, working with the Delaware

The Florence Melton Adult Mini-School promotes the growth of Jewish literacy through the sequential, systematic study of Jewish sources in a pluralistic environment. The JCC is opening a site of this internationally renowned school in the Fall.

It is open to all adults in the community interested in furthering their Jewish educa-

The Mini-School will meet every Wednesday morning from 9:15-11:30 beginning September 5. If there is sufficient interest in the community, an evening section will be added this year.

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#### Jewish War Veterans Support Paper Clip Project

By Dave Goldberg Special to the Jewish Voice

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# University Of Delaware Students Explore Their "Birthright"

By Rabbi
Eliezer Sneiderman,
Special to the Jewish Voice
I have just returned from an awe-inspiring ten day Birthright

trip to Israel, part of an 880 student Chabad on Campus contingent. Our group left right after the Dolphinarium bombing in Tel Aviv, a little nervous and with a few less students than had originally signed up. While there was added security, and slight modifications to the itinerary, I can tell you that Israel is not under seige.

The country is still as beautiful, the people still as friendly, and dairy still the best in the world.

We were not the only tour on the plane. There were also three evangelical church groups. I asked if they were afraid to travel to Israel. They said, "Why? Israel is a land blessed by G-d" It is important to travel to Israel, to send one's kids, and show the Jews in

Israel and the world that Jews also have faith."

I would like to thank the Jewish Federation of Delaware for their contribution to "Birthright Israel" that made our trip possible. It was beautiful beyond words.

Rabbi Eliezer Sneiderman is spiritual leader of the Chabad Center for Jewish Life on the University of Delaware campus.



Rabbi Eliezer Sneiderman led a delegation of University of Delaware students to Israel recently under the auspices of Birthright Israel. Group members Alex Forte, Melissa Goodman, Alison Zuckerbrow, Shira Greenberg, Bret Glass, Lindsey Haddad, Louis Ezrick, Andy Goldberg, Jennifer Marzouk had a fantastic time exploring their Jewish heritage. Goldberg and Marzouk are Delaware natives.

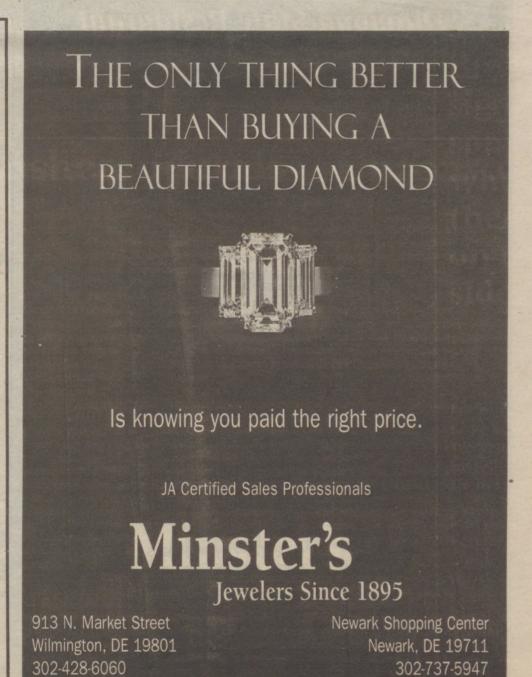


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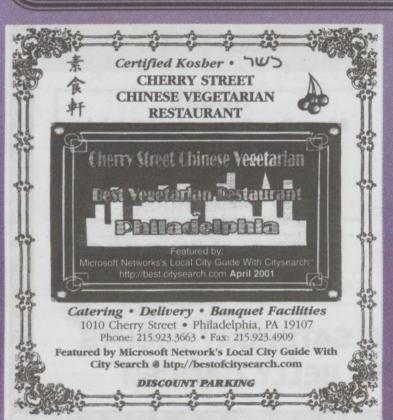
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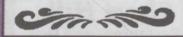


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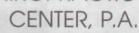
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# ISRAEL FOCUS

# Maccabiah Bound Athletes Eager To Compete

By Sharon Samber, JTA

Running faster or being stronger won't be the only things on the minds of U.S. athletes at the Maccabiah Games in Israel next

Maccabiah organizers in Israel had considered postponing the games until next summer following a number of cancellations from athletes worried about security because of the ongoing violence in the Middle East.

In the end, the Games will take place - and while the threat of terrorism still looms, nearly twothirds of the U.S team will compete in the "Jewish Olympics" despite concerns about their safety.

Cautious but upbeat, U.S. athletes are looking forward to an event they hope will attract only sports records, not political head-

Now the games are even getting some star play: U.S. Olympic gold medalist Lenny Krayzelburg said he will swim in the Maccabiah Games despite the violence.

Krayzelburg, who won three gold medals in the 2000 Sydney Olympics, said he never considered dropping out.

"I want to come close to my heritage," said Krayzelburg, who was born in the Soviet Union and will be visiting Israel for the first time. "It's important to show support for Israel.

Some 2,000 athletes are expected to compete in this year's Maccabiah, down from the 5,000 who originally registered for the competition.

Latest indications are that about 360 U.S. athletes will compete slightly more than half of the 600

Americans originally scheduled to take part in the 10-day event.

The pre-camp cultural program for U.S. athletes — which includes educational seminars and tours to the Dead Sea, Caesarea the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial and other sites will take place as planned, officials say.

The major change concerns the athletes' free time, said Alan Sherman, national vice president of Maccabi USA/Sports for Israel. Rather than trying to supervise athletes in public places, entertainment will be brought to the games compound, and athletes from other countries will be invited to watch with the U.S. team.

The opening ceremonies of the games, which are held in Israel every four years, will take place at Jerusalem's Teddy Stadium on July

Some participants, like Scott Rosen of Pittsburgh, Pa., waited until the last minute to decide whether to compete. Security issues were a concern for Rosen, but he said he was willing to trust the organizers.

The problem really was whether there would be enough members of the softball team to compete. In the end there were not, and Rosen had to bow out.

"You can compete anywhere, but the Maccabiah is more than just a sports competition," said Rosen, who has never been to Israel.

Maccabi USA had planned to push to postpone the games, but reconsidered after consulting with Jewish organizations and Israeli officials, said Bob Spivak, the group's president. It would have been the first time the games were postponed since World War II.

Spivak said officials discussed security and how the reduced number of athletes would affect the quality of the competition. The U.S. team was then notified of the decision to go ahead.

"The major response was 'Yes,

let's go,' "Spivak said.
But Maccabi USA organizers have encountered a fair amount of criticism from the U.S. delegation the second largest after Israel's for not keeping participants well informed.

Some coaches have pulled out of the competition because of security concerns. In addition, many coaches and athletes were frustrated by the alleged lack of communication with organizers.

Nevertheless, those planning to compete are eager to get on a plane already and let the games

Ed Rossier and Jacob Israelow, recent graduates of Williams College in Williamstown, Mass., who are competing in track and field, are excited to go.

Rossier said that as long as he can interact with other athletes, he doesn't mind the restrictions on his

While concerned about possible terrorist attacks, Israelow believes it is important that the competition go on and that Jews worldwide show solidarity with Israel.

"These games will take on their own historic significance," he said.

The last Maccabiah Games, in 1997, were marred when a footbridge collapsed, killing four Australians and injuring 70 other

The first Maccabiah Games, featuring 13 countries and 300 athletes, were held in 1932.

# Remarks Return Focus To Settlements

By Naomi Segal, JTA

Israel's defense minister has put the settlement issue on a front burner just as Prime Minister Ariel Sharon is trying to focus world attention on the issue of continued Palestinian violence.

Earlier this week, Defense Minister Benjamin Ben-Eliezer said he was ordering the army to evacuate 15 outposts settlers established in recent months near existing settlements in the West Bank.

A Defense Ministry spokesman declined to name the outposts, but said most of them were additional footholds established by settlers in response to attacks by Palestinian gunmen on settlers traveling West Bank roads.

The announcement provoked an outpouring of criticism — including some from officials in Sharon's office, who in effect told Ben-Eliezer to leave settlement policy to the pre-

Settler leaders and conservative politicians likewise lashed out at Ben- Eliezer, saying he had made the announcement to improve his chances of becoming the next Labor Party leader in September primaries.

Likud ministers Uzi Landau and Reuven Rivlin said this week that no

outpost would be taken down without prior discussion in the Cabinet.

On Wednesday, Ben-Eliezer denied the charge of political opportunism, saying he had made the announcement after discussions with military officials.

"All of my thoughts are to prevent people from getting hurt. The matter came up at the request of the army and was coordinated with it to bring about a voluntary evacuation in consultation with settlement leaders," Ben-Eliezer said.

One settler leader sounded a conciliatory note Wednesday, saying he hoped the matter could be resolved with the defense minister in

a positive atmosphere.

"If there is a dialogue and not an offensive by one Cabinet minister or another, it is possible that there is room for some kind of understanding," said Uri Ariel, of the Yesha Council, which represents settlers in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

In another development Wednesday, Israeli settlers launched a sit-down strike across from the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem to protest the government's ongoing policy of restraint.

Protesters called on the prime minister to let the army respond more vigorously to Palestinian vio-

# Uproar continues over Yad Vashem Murals

By Ruth E. Gruber, JTA

The shadowy "rescue" by Yad Vashem of Holocaust-era wall paintings from Ukraine - viewed as outright theft by officials in Eastern Europe — has renewed debate over who "owns" the Holocaust.

The Jerusalem-based Holocaust museum has come under fire for removing a set of wall paintings by a renowned Polish-Jewish artist killed in the Holocaust.

In its defense, Yad Vashem said it had the "moral right" to the paintings by Bruno Schulz, a writer and artist shot down by an SS officer in the Ukrainian village of Drohobych in 1942 because he

The action — which some have compared to Israel's rescue of Israeli hostages in Entebbe in 1976 or its bombing of the Iraqi nuclear reactor in 1981 —has raised the question of who owns the Holocaust, who owns Holocaust commemoration and who has rights to the Jewish heritage in post-Communist Eastern Europe.

"Israel has a long tradition of 'evacuating' Jewish cultural treasures that were deemed in danger after the Holocaust," said Bernhard Purin, director of the Franconian Jewish Museum in Fuerth, Germany.

But, critics says, such decisions cannot be made unilaterally in today's Europe, where Jews are trying to strengthen a local identity and promote the recognition that Jewish heritage is part of Europe's cultural patrimony.

"There may be arguments for transmitting cultural monuments from the Diaspora to Israel," Purin said. "But I would wish that Israeli institutions would start to discuss this issue with institutions and organizations in the affected countries and also that institutions, like Yad Vashem would observe international standards of museum ethics and monument preserva-

London-based Anne Webber, commenting on behalf of the European Council of Jewish Communities, the Commission for Looted Art in Europe and the Conference of European Rabbis, also took issue with Yad Vashem's

"The murals by Bruno Schulz are an important part of the heritage of the Jews of the Ukraine." she said. "While appreciating the value that Israel puts upon this legacy, the living European Jewish communities must be able to commemorate their history and cherish the memories of their Holocaust

victims through the artifacts that have survived.

"Artifacts such as the Schulz murals are a unique memorial of what happened in a particular time and place, and they are a monument to the history and culture of the Jews of this part of Europe, she said.

The paintings in question, illustrations of Grimm fairy tales, were the last known works painted by Schulz, whose works are highly regarded in Poland and elsewhere in Europe. He had been ordered to paint them in the bedroom of the child of the local Nazi comman-

They were discovered in February by a German filmmaker who had gone to Drohobych to make a film about Schulz.

The discovery caused a stir in Poland and Ukraine, and discussions began about making a Schulz museum on the site, with funding from a German foundation.

'The planned museum would have provided an ideal opportunity to strengthen awareness in the Ukraine and beyond of what befell the Jewish people, and would have helped build relations between Jews and the local communities, Webber said.

In May, however, Yad Vashem officials went to Drohobych and physically removed five large fragments of the murals, spiriting them out of the country and to Jerusalem.

The circumstances surrounding the removal and export of the paintings are murky. What seems clear, however, is

that local officials in Drohobych wittingly or unwittingly - helped Yad Vashem circumvent stringent state laws protecting cultural her-

Yad Vashem said it took the paintings with the "full cooperation" of local authorities, including the mayor, "to the extent that the municipality even assisted in the provision of materials required for packing the sketches.

In a statement, Yad Vashem said local authorities gave assurances that the municipality was responsible for such issues in town.

"It was and is still clear to Yad Vashem that the Drohobych municipality was aware of the laws of its own country," it said.

Like other countries, however, Ukraine bars the removal of pre-1945 cultural objects, art works or antiquities without a special per-

National culture authorities in Ukraine said they learned of the paintings' removal only from the media. No one has explained how Yad Vashem got the paintings across the border.

The affair touched off a bitter controversy.

Whether or not local officials were involved, the impression given was that Yad Vashem had taken unilateral action that violated Ukrainian law and trampled local sensibilities.

"It looked like theft and was certainly deception," said one New York-based expert on Jewish her-

Meylach Sheykhet, Orthodox Jew involved in the preservation of Jewish monuments in Ukraine, said that while "Yad Vashem and Israel always try to represent themselves as the exclusive side to inherit the heritage left after the Holocaust in European countries," times have changed.

To my understanding, culture is a fundamentally important base to bridge the world, and if at some point the Jewish cultural heritage will be displayed in a Ukrainian museum it will definitely show the positive developments and it will definitely bridge the world," he

"In other words, Ukraine also has to have rights to have some of the Jewish heritage to display the Jewish presence in Ukraine, Sheykhet said.

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# A MATTER OF OPINION

# Science Provides Meeting Ground for Jews And Arabs

By Nechemia Meyers

Unlike the great majority of his fellow Israeli Jews, science educator Sherman Rosenfeld works very closely with Israeli Arabs. Some weeks ago, for example, he paid a working visit to the Arab village of Kfar Kara in order to advise 9th grade teachers of students working on science projects. And the very next day, Dr. Rosenfeld travelled with colleagues from the Department of Science Teaching at the Weizmann Institute to another Arab village, Tamra, where they presented their recently developed science and technology curriculum to some 120 Arab educators from all over Israel. The teachers will use an Arabic version based on the Hebrew original.

science contest Sherman helped to organize on behalf of the Ministry of Education and Culture. Within its framework, 2000 students between the ages of 13 and 15 were invited to develop innovative solutions to the problems of the handicapped. One of the winners was a youngster from Um-El-Faham, a large Arab village. He designed and built a model of a wheelchair with a water-activated umbrella. When water falls on the wheelchair, a clear sheet of plastic automatically spreads over it. Afterwards, when the umbrella dries, the plastic retracts and the umbrella closes.

'Yet," Dr. Rosenfeld recalls, "at the very moment he was receiving his well-deserved prize, I remem-

bered what had happened on the outskirts of his village just a month earlier. An Israeli bringing his family back from a carefree weekend on the shores of Lake Kinneret was flagged down by another motorist and asked: 'Where is Um-El-Fahm?' When the driver replied in Hebrew, the questioner shot and killed him, and then fled into the

Theoretically, Sherman could discuss incidents of that sort with Arab teachers, but he tries to avoid politics when he meets with them. Politics aside, Sherman finds that he has a lot in common with Arab science educators, "who, like their Jewish' counterparts, love what they do . Teachers from both communities work towards common goals: understanding natural phenomena, effectively applying this understanding to the solution of everyday problems, and persuading young people to do the same. Achieving these goals," he concludes, "is good for everyone in Israel, Arabs and Jews alike.

Dr. Rosenfeld, a veteran immigrant from Los Angeles with a Ph.D. in Biology and Science Education from the University of California, would like to see people from the two communities working closely together not only in his field, but in a broad variety of others as well, and this is not the case at present.

Greater interaction would make it easier for the many Arabs and Jews who believe in peaceful co-existence to do something about it," he declares.

#### Like American Jews

Sherman points out that Israeli-Arab students have done very well in the various national science contests. "I'm beginning to think," he goes on, "that their powerful determination to succeed may be similar to the determination one found in the United States between the 30's and 60's among American Jews (and more recently among American Asians). One way for minorities to prove themselves is through such competitions.'

#### The Moment (

By Naomi Ragen

When I was a little girl growing up in New York City, I remember hearing a program about Auschwitz. My mother wouldn't let me watch. But unknown to her, the television was perfectly audible in my bedroom. I learned about how the St. Louis had wandered the seas with Hitler's prey, Jews looking for refuge, and how every country in the world had seen fit to close its doors. And how Hitler had learned from this that he could do as he wished with the Jews of Europe. I learned about the camps: the Zyklon B gas, the way the doors were locked.

And so, as I lay in my bed in the dark and listened to everything that was said, a horrible realization and a wonderful revelation took place in

The horror was the terrible vulnerability of the Jews, and the unthinkable things that had been done to them because of it. The wonder was that I was a Jew and I was still alive and well with my whole future ahead of me; that whatever had happened to my people in the past, I could now help to ensure it never happened again.

In the morning, I asked my mother what she and other American Jews, safe in their com-

fortable homes, had done to help the isolated Jews of Europe. "There was a protest," she said "In Madison Square

I was ashamed. I would never let that happen again, I thought. When I grew up, I would make sure that my life and the lives of my people were inextricable. I would care. I would fight. I would risk. I would be strong. I would give all my love to my G-d, my people, my nation.

And so, in my early twenties I moved to Israel. I was always a little surprised that more of my American Jewish friends didn't join me. After all, the history of the Jewish people was being written in the Jewish State, not in New York, or Maryland. I was always a little ashamed when American Jews felt that their checks entitled them to pretend that they were citizens of Israel, entitled to decide her political moves, to give her advice, and scold her. I accepted the summer camps for American Jewish children who were sent for two months to undo years of a barren American upbringing which gave them so little in terms of information and inspiration and connection with the richness of their Jewish heritage. We had fought so many wars to give American Jews a summer

camp. But I was happy that those two months actually did help stem the tide of assimilation, and that the children who came did find pride in being part of the Jewish people.

And now, when the moment of truth has come and the entire world is once again smelling Jewish blood, and another six million Jews have become increasingly isolated and attacked and unfairly maligned, now when the solidarity of American Jewry actually means the world to her brothers and sisters in Israel, American Reform Jews have decided that Israel isn't even worth summer camp.

Let's be honest. I know what some of you are thinking: Is this woman off her rocker? Me, go into a war zone? Me, risk my children's lives when Israel has become Beirut. Get real, lady!

I see the same pictures you do on CNN - the death and mayhem. But the truth is, I walk the streets of Jerusalem. I send my son to school on the buses. I travel to Tel Aviv, and Haifa and Netanya. Millions of Israelis do it everyday and are fine. If I were to travel on the subways of New York late at night, or walk into certain neighborhoods Baltimore, or Los Angeles or Miami I might not be fine. I might also risk being dead.

And so, I would like to reassure you. Israel, whatever our enemies tell you with the help of CNN, is not a war zone. We take precautions, just as you do in America. We don't mingle in large crowds. Some of us feel more comfortable in taxis then buses. We don't travel every road in the country fearlessly, but there are many, many roads in which you need have no fears at all. That is the truth. The big bombs get big news. But that doesn't mean that on a day to day basis every one of us fears for our lives. The truth is, youth groups are coming and going every single day, the participants cautiously guarded and directed, leaving with wonderful memories. The irony is that this is the best time in the world to come. The prices are great. Nothing is crowded. The tourist industry is at its most wel-

Millions of us in Israel turn to the Jews of North America, South America, England, South Africa, Australia and Europe and say: My brothers and sisters. The hour is at hand to see if we are truly a nation, an indivisible family. To show how deep your commitment goes. Because if Israel is the insurance policy for world Jewry; if her losses and sacrifices have been made to ensure every Jew a homeland, a

place where when a Jew has to go there, the country has to take them in, then the time has come for you to do your part. We are not asking you to put on a uniform and take a gun. Nor would we ask you to send your child into battle. We are asking you a very simple, reasonable thing. Come to Israel and see what a beautiful country we Jews have built. Only you can fill the flights to Israel. Only you can fill her hotels. Come and show the world there is such a thing as the Jewish people and that they are not cowards. They have strength, and faith and courage. Show the affluent, influential Arabs nations and their European allies that the Jews have come home to stay and that, under attack, we do not cower. Our numbers swell.

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# AROUND OUR JEWISH WORLD

# A Dispirited Tourist In Jordan

By Ellen S. Meyer

To say I felt uncomfortable as a Jew traveling in Jordan is an understatement.

My husband, Bob and I had signed up for our Jordan trip in early September - weeks before the most recent outbreak of violence — at a time when there still remained a glimmer of peace between the Israelis and the Palestinians. The trip was sponsored by Brown University and what attracted us most to the excursion was the fact that our tour of Petra would be led by Dr. Martha Sharp Joukowsky, a Brown archaeologist who was in charge of

Petra. As Dr. Joukowsky was near-the London and Jordanian sources would be the only time such a trip was available.

Throughout the most recent cycle of violence, emails from both Brown and the tour director advised us that the tour was still a "go" — and if it was going, we were going.

We were in London - spending a weekend of theatre-going prior to heading to Jordan — when we heard about the Tel Aviv nightclub bombing. Reading that same report in The Jordan Times the following Monday was like being in

excavating the Great Temple of the middle of a Kafka novel. Surely were not reporting the same event

That was the first experience of my disconnect: reading news about Israel from a Palestinian perspective. How a Palestinian's bombing of innocent teenagers was Israel's doing was beyond my power of comprehension! Yet that was the position taken by The Jordan Times. Accompanying the story (which I hesitate to call a "news' story because it lacked all objectivity) was an article about the terrorist bomber's father and how proud he was of his martyred son. As I read that article, news of the Timothy McVeigh execution blared from provoking their gunshots. The CNN, and I couldn't help compar- depiction was a highly sympathetic ing McVeigh's parents reaction to his lunacy to that Palestinian father's bragging. How did the Israelis ever imagine that peace could be made with a people so full of hate that they would applaud the death of innocent teenagers!

A few days later we were touring an Amman museum featuring Palestinian artists. Turning into a room off the one with the art exhibit, we came upon a shrine to the youngsters shot to death by Israeli soldiers. Presented as acts of heroism were the incidents of rock throwing at armed guards, thus

one of youngsters brutally cut down by the Israelis — as if they were blameless bystanders. No wonder these people see Israelis as the devil incarnate!

Throughout Jordanian museums, places in Israel were listed as being in Palestine. Yet Jordan purports to recognize Israel and has signed a peace treaty with the Israelis. The Jordanians know that these museums are places Israelis do not see.

I also felt uncomfortable when we were greeted in our Amman (continued on page 19)

## JEWISH LIFESTYLES

# Jewish Postcards On Display

By Joel F. Glazier

Summer travel traditionally has brought beautiful, silly, boring or even touching postcard greetings from the corners of the earth to loved ones back home. Even today, with the popularity of e-mail, a picture postcard captures one's attention as it sits in a pile of unsolicited advertisements and bills in your daily, mail. Chicago's Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies current exhibit, Past Perfect: The Jewish Experience in Early 20th Century Postcards, displays an array of distinctly Jewish Postcards—but hardly a scenic view of Israel or elsewhere is seen.

The 1893 Chicago World's Fair introduced the practice of sending picture postcards, for which Charles W. Goldsmith was credited. For Ashkenazic immigrants to America, cards were a way of keeping in touch with the ever scattering members of family. Jewish artists were quick to put their drawing pens to paper and cards touching on topics Hallmark would never dream of were created. The exhibit groups hundreds of such postcards by subject. There are dozens of cards for Religious Holidays; Jewish Life Cycle events; Religious Scholars and Personalities: Zionist Cards and Art cards. The range of cards with their wit, exuberance and levity may be a testimony to the struggle to assimilate in a new country The exhibit points out that these cards designed for Jews and by Jews, represented the first time Jewish people owned images of themselves. Offensive stereotypes were no longer the rule and even political messages could be implic-

The sins of The Czar

Today one can find commercially made Rosh Hashanah Cards even during December in the "New Year's greetings" sections of stores. Hanukkah cards compete with other December holiday spaces in stores. However, quaint Jewish Holiday cards were made for virtually every Jewish Holiday during the postcard craze years of 1898-1918. Imagine a Shavuot card showing an all night study session. Haman hanging from a gallows pictured on a Purim card is displayed near a colorful card of a baby Moses in the bull rushes for Pesach greetings. A Yom Kippur card shows a kaparot scene with the traditional chicken's neck being held tightly by a rabbi. However, imposed on the chicken is a head shot photograph of Czar Nicholas, who then is the subject of the expiation of sins ritual slaughter.

Humor is present on many immigration cards. "At home he was a prayer leader, in America he is an Italian tenor," reads one card showing a mustachioed cantor in his High Holiday attire. "Back home he was a shoemaker; in NY he solves halahik questions," reads another with a drawing of a

People centered Cards

An impressive number of cards concentrate on Jewish people. There are postcards simply denoting county of origin of the pictured subjects. A different kind of "Jewish Geography" can be played by discovering the whereabouts of some of the subjects-Jerusalem,



bearded elder pondering stacks of books. For those who ventured to pre-1948 Israel, a colored map card of "Palestine" shows the Biblical desert areas of Sin, Heshbon, Kadesh and Paran. Not a mention of Egypt nor of so called, "Occupied territories."

Bukhara, Solonika, Samara, Tangier, Baghdad, Persia, Yemen, Tunisia, Morocco. Sephardic origins are thus noted. However, it was personal artistic drawings of Jewish daily life and Shabbat postcards that seemed to bring out the more touching sides of the Jewish

Postcard artists. Cards were created showing weekly polishing of silver for Shabbat, as well as a couple holding up a chicken with the caption, "Is it Kosher?" An older man is pictured with his "Glass of Tea" and a loving drawing shows a Bubbe fixing a noodle filled Kugel, while a Shabbat challah cools on the oven.

And before modern card com-panies even thought, of marking almost any occasion with a sappy card, Jewish postcard makers already had a corner for cards noting a Divorce (writing a "get" is shown); burial and Yahrzeit drawn cards; nice bar-mitzvah and wedding cards and even a Brit Milah card. Not to worry, men—it shows relatives reciting a pre-brit "Shema" prayer around the bed of the new mother.

Most of the cards have captions in Hebrew or Yiddish and the exhibit provides translations. The Spertus Museum is the largest Jewish museum between the east and west coasts and is located on Michigan Avenue in Chicago. The Past Perfect Postcard exhibit continues through August. If your summer travels or convention plans take you to the area it is worth a visit. Send someone a

# Truck Driver Rolls Into Delaware For Services

By Joel F. Glazier

Timothy Gregory now lives in what he calls an area mixed with Mayberry RFD sensibilities and not far from local Ku Klux Klan activities. Patrick Springs, Virginia is his home base, near the North Carolina border, but he often is away from home driving his contracted 18-wheeler for Federal Express. The personable Gregory proudly admits, "The miles are short knowing I'm coming to Delaware." When in the area, he loves attending week day services in Wilmington.

Tim Gregory, originally from Detroit, was not always a minyan attendee. He admits his spiritual side was lacking something and after many hours of reading during off the road time, he found an understanding Conservative rabbi in Roanoke, Virginia. Gregory and his wife began conversion lessons 7 years ago and now Gregory, "Mosheh Enoch," laughs that his wife actually finished the official conversion ceremony 15 minutes before him. "I can blame her for dragging me into her new worldbut I have not found anything to complain about for the past 5 years," Gregory admits.

Last summer, after dropping off a haul in nearby Marcus Hook, Tim around downtown drove Wilmington, asking for a Jewish synagogue. He was directed to Temple Beth Emeth, and "the friendly office people told me that the nearby AKSE had afternoon minyans. So I drove the rig over and found the building, books and people were right for me." Tim often visits estate sales and garage sales and with him he brought along a parchment scroll he had purchased.



**Timothy Gregory** 

"At Adas Kodesch, a Hebrew of books. It resembles a Judaic School teacher had me to Rabbi Vogel's home so he could see this scroll. I learned it was a Scroll of Esther, and now we're getting it repaired." Gregory added, "I wanted to find people who get excited about their religion and all I have met in Delaware are just that." "I felt very comfortable walking into Beth Emeth, Rabbi Vogel's and AKSE-it's allowed me to enjoy being Jewish."

The cab of Gregory's truck, in which he often spends the night, is equipped with a VCR and shelves

are his nighttime reading, taped PBS Jewish specials are by his VCR and Kabbalah books-on-tape are his driving listening choices. His CB handle is "the rabbi" and his employer has allowed him to affix a mezuzah to the right of his cab door. "I request the run to Philly airport for Fed. Ex, as it allows me a chance to attend daily services at AKSE. That was where I attended my very first Traditional Service."

Shuls and Truck Stops Gregory routinely hauls from

Atlanta, Memphis, Indianapolis and Philadelphia. He has visited synagogues in all cities, but has found some to be intimidating. "Last Rosh Hashanah, I was in Indianapolis and the police officer on duty there suggested I sit in the back row as I was a stranger." In Atlanta, "I always hear the word "convert" used, but in Delaware what I hear is, 'you gonna come back?' 'Anything you need?" Gregory loves browsing and borrowing books from the AKSE Library and is always glad to return them sometimes weeks later when he passes through. "I do need more time to ponder some of the history and beliefs—as I often become the source for everything Jewish at truck stops.

With his kippah on, Gregory says, he has never had any negative incidents among his colleagues. "When I get up to leave from a truck stop meal and others then see my kippah, I am often given an apology for any bad language I may had heard." "It's funny that I wear a kippah for my own reasons, but others see it as some kind of sign for them," Gregory pondered. Every year the librarian at his local Patrick County Public Library has Gregory assemble a display of Jewish items and information. Some of the items are ritual objects he has found at estate sales, and he has to provide the explanations. "I hope I learn Hebrew well enough to participate more in Services-but there's so much to learn," he smiles as he revs up the diesel engine.

As summer traffic barrels past you on I-95 there may be an 18wheeler with a mezuzah attached to the outside. Inside may be "the rabbi-good buddy," listening to a discourse on the nature of the letters in Kabbalah mystical writings. Maybe the "Welcome to Delaware-Home of Tax Free Shopping" sign could add, "You shall not wrong a stranger...." Exodus 22:20.

#### The National Museum Of American Jewish Turns 25! History

The 25th birthday of the National Museum of American Jewish History will be celebrated on Wednesday, July 4th from noon to 4 p.m. Come join the party and stay for the Sunoco Welcome America Festival-Philadelphia's official Independence Day celebra-

The theme of the Museumis program, from noon to 4 p.m., is "Let Religious Freedom Ring."

Events will include klezmer music by the Bob Butryn Klezmer Band, show tunes performed by Robert Kravitz, a singer/storyteller, a stilt walker and ongoing craft workshops and festivities.

The museum is located at 55 North 5th Street, Independence Mall East, Philadelphia. For further information, call 215-923-5978 or visit the museum website at "http: //www.nmajh.org

#### **MILESTONES**

#### In Memoriam

#### CHANIN

Samuel Chanin, 77, of Wilmington, died May 24, 2001. He was a retired structural engineer for the New York City Transit Authority and graduated from Cooper Union. Mr. Chanin is survived by his sister, Sarah Kaye and brother-in-law, Murray; his niece, Barbara Roisman and other loving family members.

Contributions in his memory may be made to the Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Wilmington, DE 19809 ELLICK

Florence Ellick, (nee Nelson) died May 27. A native of Russia, she was the widow of the late Morris J. Ellick of Wilmington and the mother of the late Eugene Ellick. She is survived by her daughter-in-law, Lynne Pressman Ellick; her brother, Benjamin Nelson and her grandchildren, Benson Ellick and Joy Dara Ellick. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Wilmington, DE 19809.

#### HONIGMAN

Rae Mitchell Honigman, 89, of the Captain's Deck, died June 19. She is survived by her daughter, Norma Mitchell Bond; son, Ronald Mitchell; brothers, Joseph and Irvin Chernekoff; sister, Minnie Weiss; grandchildren, Robert and Jeffrey Mitchell, Patti Kramer-Yates and Andrea Kramer; great grandchildren, Michael, Michelle, Melissa and Ryan Mitchell and Allison and Alexander Yates.

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In lieu of flowers, the family requests that Mrs. Honigman be memorialized through a gift to Deborah Heart and Lung Foundation, c/o Mary Weinstein, 8602 Society Drive, Claymont, DE 19703

#### LIEBMAN

Anna Liebman, 94, died June 14. The widow of Philip, she is survived by her daughters, Marilyn Harwick and her husband, Gilbert, Maxine La Place; brothers Sam and Sidney Segal; 10 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

To honor Mrs. Liebman's memory, the family requests contributions to the Sol Segal Torah Repair Fund or the Jules Segal Scholarship Fund c/o Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, Washington Blvd. And Torah Drive, Wilmington, DE 19802.

Hermiah Nadell Lippman, 82, of B'nai B'rith House died May 27. A past president of the Ladies Auxiliary of Harry Fineman Post #525 of the Jewish War Veterans, she also served her community as a member of the Deborah Heart and Lung Foundation. Wilmingtonians know her from her work at Wilmington Dry Goods, Braunstein's Lucille's and the Delaware Department of Revenue.

She is the widow of Leonard Lippman and is survived by her children, Barbara Lippman Durudogan, Anita Lann and Stephen Lippman; brother, Lee Nadell and her grandchildren, Lawrence, Gabrielle and Jacqueline.

The family requests that contributions in her memory be made to the American Cancer Society, 92 Reads Way, New Castle, DE 19720. PRESSMAN

Vera F. Pressman, (nee Bailer), died June 10. She was the mother

of Alan Pressman and Lynne P. Ellick; mother-in-law of Carol Pressman, Geri Kessler and the late Eugene Ellick; grandmother of Joy Dara Ellick, Alison Beth Pressman, Adam B. Ellick and Erica Jill Pressman; the sister of the late Sol J. and Gilbert Bailer; daughter of the late Benjamin and Mollie Cohen Bailer. The family requests that contributions in Mrs. Pressman's memory be made to either The Foundation for a Smoke Free

for a Smoke Free America, PO Box 492028, Los Angeles, CA 90049-8028 or to a favorite charity.

#### ROSMAN

Elliott Jay Rosman, 55, of Newark, died June 9. He is survived by his wife, Joan; son, Ian; daughter, Elizabeth; twin brother, Harvey; and his sister, Bobbie Pepper. Contributions in his memory may be made to either Temple Beth El, 301 Possum Park Road, Newark, DE or to the American Heart Association, 1096 Old Churchmans Road, Newark, DE 19713.

#### SALZMAN

Dr. Steven K. Salzman, 49, of Wilmington, died June 14. A spinal cord researcher at the A.I. duPont Institute, he received his PhD in Neuro Science from the University of Connecticut. He is survived by his daughters, Katherine and Elana Salzman, beloved companion,, Patricia Macko and many devoted friends. Contributions in his memory may be directed to the Paralyzed Veterans of America, 801 18th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006, Attention: Sila Bartel. "http://www.pva.org"

# NACHAS NOOK

#### Mazel Tov To The Delaware Gratz Class Of 2001

The Delaware Jewish Community salutes (from left) Elana Grumbacher, Jason Rosenberg, Brian Bernstein, Judah Milunsky, Erica Imber, Emily Cohen, Andrew Kaufmann and Michael Weinberg (not pictured)-newly minted graduates of Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School. Grads Emily Cohen,

Jason Rosenberg and Michael Weinberg are Greenbaum Scholars-young men and women who have satisfactorily completed 80 credit hours at Delaware Gratz. Each will receive a \$2500 scholarship from the Joseph and Marion Greenbaum Scholarship Fund of the Jewish Fund for the Future,

The Jewish Federation of Delaware's Endowment Fund. In addition, all three students received a JCHS Teaching Certificate. Special congratulations to Jason Rosenberg who further distinguished himself by earning a JCHS Diploma for completing a minimum of 92 JCHS credits.

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#### Congratulations!

Beacon Hill resident Adam J. Ruben received his B.A. degree in Molecular Biology from Princeton University on June 5th. He also received Certificates of Accomplishment in Engineering Biology, Creative Writing and Theatre and was the recipient of the Gregory T. Pope Prize for Science Writing. He was one of three Princeton seniors chosen to speak to the graduates and their families on Class Day. Adam, the son of Regina and Jeffrey Ruben, recently gave a talk at the Seventh International Conference on DNA Based Computers in Tampa, Florida. This fall, he will enter the Ph.D. program in Molecular Biology at Johns Hopkins University on a full fellowship.

He is a 1997 graduate of Concord High School and Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School.

CORRECTION: In the last edition of the Jewish Voice Dr. Gennifer Goldman's name was misspelled. We apologize for the error.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

#### **JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE** HAS FULL CALENDAR OF **SUMMER PROGRAMS**

This summer, JFS offers support groups and workshops to help families and individuals cope with a broad range of issues and challenges and to enhance the quality of their lives. JFS maintains a Wilmington site at 101 Garden of Eden Road and a Newark satellite, the JFS Relationship Center, 288 East Main Street. For additional

information about these and other agency programs, call 478-9411.

#### WILL THIS FEELING **EVER END?**

A support group for divorced women explores how to leave behind feelings of loss and grief, respond healthfully to anger and depression, regain control and build new relationships. Facilitated by MariAnn Wolskee, MSW, the group meets for six Thursday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at JFS, Wilmington. \$60 for entire

#### **GETTING WHOLE AGAIN**

A support group for men and women coping with divorce. Participants learn how to build a healthy, satisfying life. This group will be offered in Wilmington for four Thursday evenings, 7:00 to 8:30, July 12-August 2 and in Newark, at The Relationship Center, 288 East Main Street, Tuesday evenings, July 10 through July 31st , 7:00 p.m.-8:30. The group is facilitated by Marilyn Denn, PhD., Psychology. The cost is \$40 for the entire series

#### **HEALING HEARTS**

This co-parenting group for separated or divorced parents is certified by Family Court. Two threehour sessions are offered in Wilmington on July 11th and July 18th, 6:00-9:00 p.m. and in Newark, July 12th and July 19th, 9:00 a.m. to Noon. MariAnn Wolskee will facilitate in Wilmington. In Newark, she will be joined by Karen Townsend, ACSW. There is a \$100 fee for this course. Scholarship assistance is available.

#### **HEALING HEARTS FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS**

A group for young people whose parents are separated or divorced. The group will be offered in Wilmington on Wednesday, July 11, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Jennifer Dagia, MSW will facilitate. The cost is free if the parent attends the Co-Parenting group-otherwise, a sliding fee scale is available.

#### RAISING CHILDREN IN AN **INTERFAITH MARRIAGE**

This group is designed for mothers who are interested in reducing stress that is often involved in interfaith marriages, especially around the holidays. Four one-hour sessions will be offered on Tuesday mornings, July 10-July 31st, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. This group is offered at the JFS Relationship Center in

Newark. The cost is \$40 for the entire series

#### **OVERCOMING CHRONIC** WORRY

Explore healthy ways to cope with chronic worry to reconnect with a satisfying productive life. One session, Thursday, July 12, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the JFS Relationship Center. Facilitator is Peggy Lubin, LPC. Cost is \$20. Registration closes on July 9th

#### **SURVIVING PERSONAL TRANSITIONS**

Learn how to make the most of personal and professional transitions. One session only-Thursday, July 19, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the JFS Relationship Center in Newark. Facilitator is Peggy Lubin, LPC. Cost is \$20. Registration closes on July 16th.

#### A Dispirited Tourist In Jordan (continued from page 16) -

hotel room with a bottle of water from the "Holy Land" blessed by the pope. The attitude was that if we were American, we must be Christian.

I certainly expected no Jewish presence in Israel — outside of the Israeli Embassy — and found none. Yet I was not prepared for the co-opting of Jewish history and the implication that Judaism was a fossil religion, replaced by the worthier Christian and Islam

For example, we visited the dramatic Mount Nebo where Moses

presumably viewed the promised land he was never to enter. A Christian church sits atop Mount Nebo. Inscribed in the entranceway are the words: "Moses brought the law, but Jesus brought the truth." To me this plaque said that what Moses believed was no longer a true religion.

Throughout our two-week stay I would vent my frustration to Bob. How I longed to tell Palestinians and Bedouins and even Arab Christians that they were being fed a pack of lies! Bob kept cautioning me to keep my mouth shut. I don't

think he relished being attacked by a howling mob of angry Jordanians.

Traveling north of Amman and later to Aqaba, were right along the Israeli border. How I longed to cross over and escape this wretched country — yet never was so near, so far, for we could see the Israeli army patrolling the border to prevent just what I longed to do.

Someday I would like to visit Egypt, but I don't think I could handle such a trip so soon.

For now, let my mantra be: Next year in Jerusalem!



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This year, we also witnessed the growth of the Seaside Jewish community. Community reporter Joel Glazier attended Seaside's very first Bar-Mitzvah service-an event so special that it merited front page coverage.

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