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NEWARK JCC TO CLOSE

After a more than two year, comprehensive effort to create a Jewish Community Center environment for residents of the greater Newark area, the Jewish Community Center of Delaware and its principal funding partner, the Jewish Federation of Delaware has made the difficult

decision to discontinue programming and close the facility on South College Avenue.

According to JCC Executive Director Jeff Metz, the JCC has developed a plan to phase out programs and services in a manner that will help current Newark JCC

members make as smooth a transition as possible. All recreational programs, camp and activities will continue through August 31st. All preschool programs will remain in operation until September 29th. Before and after care for first through fourth graders will continue to operate at Brookside Elementary School for the fall.

"I think that the Federation and the JCC launched an important initiative, to provide a focal point for unaffiliated Jews in a region defined by a 1995 Population Study as underserved and growing," said JCC President Bob Cooper. Cooper believes that the geographic dispersion in this vast area which includes such diverse communities as Newark, Landenberg, Bear and neighboring Elkton, Maryland may have complicated efforts to find a central location to serve this population. "You simply cannot attract

people if they have to travel too far," he explained.

Cooper is grateful to the leadership and congregants of Temple Beth El for its "excellent response" to the project and has high praise for the vision and commitment of the boards and professional staffs of both the JCC and the JFD. "While I am saddened that this initiative did not attract participation by a larger segment of the community, I am confident that everyone involved did everything possible to make it work," Cooper commented.

Jewish Federation of Delaware President Barry S. Kayne, like Cooper, is disappointed that the "enormous investment of time, energy and financial resources committed to this project" did not yield the results that were anticipated. Yet, Kayne takes great pride in Federation's role in performing the mitzvah of welcoming the stranger.

"It is extremely gratifying to be part of a community that is concerned with the health and well-being of every Jew whether he or she lives in Delaware, in Israel or around the world," he said, expressing his hope that unaffiliated Jews in the Greater Newark area will find ways to become connected.

Metz invites parents to explore the Early Childhood Center at the Wilmington JCC if this program and location would meet their needs. He suggested that some programs in the Greater Newark area that may have availability for child care services include the University of Delaware, the Newark Day Nursery and the Boys and Girls Clubs.

For additional information, please call Metz at 302-478-5660, ext. 211 or Newark JCC Site Director Chris Smith at 302-368-9173.

GOVERNOR MINNER TO SIGN HB 400

The Delaware Jewish Community is invited to witness the signing of HB 400, August 5, 2:00 PM at Governor Minner's Wilmington office, 820 N. French Street, 12th Fl., Wilmington, DE.

Governor Minner and the bill's co-sponsors, Rep. Valihura and Senator Blevins will be on hand to witness signing the bill which moves the Delaware state primary

from Shabbat to the second Tuesday in September starting in 2006. All members of the Jewish Community who helped make this possible, or those who would just like to be there for this historic occasion, are invited to attend.

Contact Jack Zigon, Director JCRC at 302-427-2100 X30 or jack.zigon@shalomdel.org if you're interested in attending.

A TRIP TO REMEMBER

By Bob Pincus
Special to the Jewish Voice

Sam Asher and I recently returned from a UJC Campaign Chairs and Directors mission to St. Petersburg and Israel. It was a fantastic trip with committed leaders from across the U.S. who gathered together to see how our overseas partners, the Jewish Agency and the Joint Distribution Committee, are using our Federation dollars to provide a better life for Jews in the Former Soviet Union and Israel.

There were too many experiences to relate in one article, but I

wanted to share some of the highlights with Jewish Voice readers.

• In St. Petersburg, the mass aliyah is over. The objective now is to provide Jewish experience and culture to those who know almost nothing about our tradition and heritage. We have a narrow window of opportunity to make this happen. We spent an afternoon at a summer camp on the Baltic Sea with 550 Russian children who have at least one Jewish parent. Our Federation dollars send these children to camp where they are possibly getting the only Jewish experience of their lives. We drank bug juice, did

arts and crafts and sang Hatikvah with 550 Jewish youngsters who are going to revitalize Russia's Jewish community.

• In Israel, I spent an afternoon with Oscar Roitenberg, a 45-year old Argentinean who recently made aliyah with his wife and three young children. Oscar's grandfather started the Jewish Day School in Mendoza, but following the economic crisis in Argentina, Oscar lost his business and feared for the safety of his wife and children. Our Federation dollars helped train Oscar for a new job and a new life in Israel and has helped him to become a productive citizen working to strengthen the State of Israel.

• We celebrated the 13th anniversary of Operation Solomon, which brought over 10,000 Ethiopian Jews to Israel over a 25-hour period. We met some of the air force pilots who flew those planes into the darkness of the Sudan under dangerous conditions and a number of Ethiopians who were rescued, including a few sabras who were born on those flights. What other country ever brought black people out of poverty in Africa and into freedom? One young lady



Pincus, right, in Russia with a homebound elderly woman.

who was only eight years old when she came to Israel told us that until that day, she had never seen a white Jew.

• We spent a memorable Saturday night on Ben Yehuda Street in Jerusalem with thousands of Israelis and visitors. The vitality of the Israeli people is amazing. Even after four years of sustained terrorist activity, the Israelis will not change their way of life.

• We celebrated with over 3,500 Jewish college students from over fifty countries who

were participating in Birthright Israel. Over 70,000 young people have been to Israel on this program over the past five years.

It was exhilarating to see the myriad ways that contributions to the Federation Annual Campaign touch the lives of Jews, in Delaware, in Israel and around the world. In my travels, I witnessed countless success stories, yet there are still many unfulfilled needs.

I am committed to making our 2005 campaign the most successful ever. I hope I can count on your help!



JFD Annual Campaign Chairman Bob Pincus with Ethiopian youth in Israel.

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EDITORIAL

The Season of Shalom

In just six short weeks we will be entering the Days of Awe, the period in our Jewish calendar devoted to reflection and renewal. This traditional time of new beginnings offers numerous opportunities to say *shalom* in many different contexts.

Here in the Delaware Jewish community we say *shalom* or hello to Rabbi Michael Beals, the incoming spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Shalom in Wilmington. Rabbi Beals, his wife, Elissa and daughters, Ariella and Shira will meet members of their new congregational family on August 26th when Beth Shalom hosts Shabbat Under the Stars. This special outdoor service (weather permitting) is the ideal time to bid *shalom* to perhaps the youngest member of the Beth Shalom community—Elliott Jack Horwitz, son of Hazzan G. Michael and Heidi Horwitz. Elliott bellowed his way into the world on July 1st. Mazel Tov to the Beals and Horwitz families and to departing Rabbi Dan Satlow, who begins a new challenge at a Connecticut congregation.

In early July, we said a send off *shalom* to Federation Annual Campaign Director Todd Polikoff, who will become a first-time father and the new campaign director of the Las Vegas, Nevada Federation before the first leaf of autumn has fallen. In this edition, we say *shalom* and *yasher koach* to Ruth Rosenberg who has been appointed Todd's

successor by Federation President Barry S. Kayne. Ruth will undoubtedly build upon her considerable success as staff coordinator of the Federation Annual Campaign to bring the JFD Annual Campaign to record heights!

This edition of The Jewish Voice, also contains our annual Shalom Delaware guide. Cover artist Riva Brown, a native Wilmington, used a quote from *Parsha Devarim* to welcome the newcomer to our Delaware Jewish community. We are excited that she chose this edition to mark the beginning of her ambitious new undertaking—the creation of an illustrated Bible. During the project's genesis, Jewish Voice readers will have the opportunity to preview several of the illustrated parshot on upcoming covers.

We trust that you will enjoy reading about all of the organizations and agencies that make our Delaware Jewish community such a welcoming place to live and work. Say *shalom* to all of our new residents, agency professionals and volunteer leadership. In the months to come, may we all work together to help this community grow from strength to strength!

See you in September!

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Mazel Tov



Jewish Federation of Delaware President

Barry S. Kayne and Executive Vice President Samuel H. Asher are pleased to announce the appointment of Ruth Rosenberg as Campaign Director.

Ruth currently serves as staff coordinator for the Federation Community Capital Campaign and the Community Leadership Institute. Yasher Koach, Ruth. May you go from strength to strength in this new position.

PARSHA PLACE

Week of July 31

Va-et'Chanan

Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11

WHOM SHOULD YOU HONOR?

Rabbi Lawrence W. Raphael

Honoring our parents is first among our duties toward other human beings, just as it is one of the first laws of holiness in Leviticus 19:3. However, in that passage the order of parents is reversed—with “mother” coming before “father”—and a different verb is used to describe the commanded action—“revere” or “respect” rather than “honor.”

Talmud, Kiddushin 31b-32a attempts to explain what constitutes respect for one's parents and what constitutes honor. The discussion takes as its point of departure the fact that the verb used in both Exodus and Deuteronomy as part of the Ten Commandments is “honor,” whereas in Leviticus it is “respect.” The talmudic discussion notes that respect is observed by not standing in the parent's usual place, not sitting where the parent normally sits, not contradicting the parent's words, and not interfering in a parent's dispute with others. Rashi comments upon this text by noting that a child should not side against his or her parent. We can understand this to imply that the word “respect” means to be aware of and sensitive to one's parents' psyches and emotional well-being.

An example from our tradition of what Rabbi Wolf means by “doing changes everything” can be found in the following story from Talmud, Kiddushin 31a. It once happened that there was a young man who fed his father fattened chickens, but when his father asked from where they came, the son replied, “Old man, old man, shut up and eat, even as dogs shut up when they eat.” Thus, even though the young man provided plenty of fine food for his father, he did not inherit a portion in paradise. There was another young man whose work was grinding wheat. When the king sent word that millers must be brought to work for him, the young man said to his father, “Father, you go to the mill to grind in my stead, and I will go do the king's work. Should there be humiliation in it, I would rather be humiliated and not you; should there be flogging, let me receive the blows and not you.” Thus, although he made his father grind in the mill, the son inherited the Garden of Eden.

Our argument recognizes that no one, not even God, can command the emotions of another. We feel what we feel. But appropriate and proper behavior—that is another matter. We honor our parents because it is they who gave us life. If they are lovable, we also love them. But whether or not they are lovable, we must honor them.

This is not just a matter for young children but a concern for children of every age. The relationship between parents and adult children is a complicated subject. Since honor and respect for parents are not particularly natural responses on the part of children, that may be the very reason why they had to be commanded. On the other hand, the rational use of parental prerogatives is not always guaranteed. In fact, Talmud, Mo-ed Katan 17a says that those who strike their adult children are placed under a ban.

The reality that we are not perfect and may have ambivalent feelings about our parents is part of our human condition. While it is possible to think that our love for them may wane, we cannot allow honor to follow that same path. “Do I not, for example, accept the notion of unconditional love with regard to my children? And what is ‘unconditional love’ if not a love that proceeds from ascription rather than deserts? If I can try and provide unconditional love for my children, then why not unconditional honor for my parents?” (Leonard Fein quoted in Broken Tablets by Rachel Mikva, Jewish Lights Publishing, Woodstock, VT, 1999, p. 66)

Rabbi Lawrence W. Raphael is the director of the UAHF Department of Adult Jewish Growth.

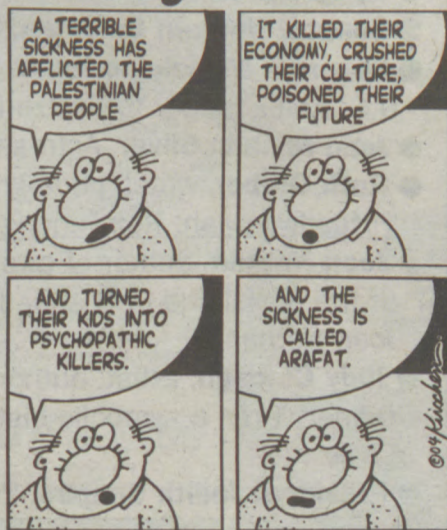
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The move to a Tuesday primary takes effect in 2005, so this year's primary election will still take place on a Saturday (September 11th). Absentee voting is available for those who wish to avoid the conflict with observance of Shabbat.

There are two methods of voting by absentee ballot:

IN-PERSON – Go to the Department of Elections in your county (see below) once absentee ballots are available and vote in person. Take proof of identity with you. For the primary election, absentee ballots should be available in early August; call to confirm they are available and to ask about office hours (8:30 am to 4 pm on business days plus some extended hours).

BY MAIL – This is a multi-step process

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Your absentee ballot will be sent to you as soon as it is available.

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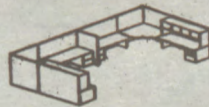
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MATTER OF OPINION

Israeli Extremism in the Face of Disengagement

By Kenneth Jacobson

The next year and a-half could be among the most critical and difficult periods in Israel's history. Prime Minister Sharon's decision to disengage from the Gaza Strip is, according to opinion polls, supported by a significant majority of Israelis, but intensely opposed by a not insignificant minority. Mr. Sharon is taking on two sacred cows at the same time, dismantling settlements and withdrawing from territory in the face of terror without receiving anything from the other side. It is not surprising nor illegitimate that strongly held views in opposition to the plan have been and will continue to be expressed.

What is not acceptable and which holds threats to democratic society itself is the use of words to threaten those on the other side of the debate, to justify the breaking of law and the resort to violence and to

question the very legitimacy and patriotism of ones opponents.

While it was the words of the Yesha Rabbinical Council, seeming to suggest that it is halachically forbidden to participate in the dismantling of settlements (since clarified by the council to minimize the sense of the comments), which call to mind the potential dangers of extreme words, statements or edicts, let's be clear: the responsibility for avoiding provocative language rests on all.

Thus, for example, it is one thing to argue that Israel's interests in terms of the country's demographic future, its relationship with the U.S., and its desire not to sit over a large Palestinian population will be served by the disengagement. It is quite another to speak of the Gaza settlers as if they were illegitimate when Israeli governments have approved their being there, or that they are the

ones responsible for the terror or for the deaths of Israeli forces, when in fact terror exists primarily as a vehicle to weaken Israel by those who reject its existence and protecting Israelis is the job of the military no matter whether one agrees in the first place as to the wisdom of decisions that brought them to the spot. Those who believe that Israel will be better off for implementing the Gaza withdrawal would do well to be sensitive to the very real pain that will be incurred by thousands of people who will be obligated to give up a life they made, in many cases, for idealistic reasons and now are being required to give up based not on their own wishes but that of a democratic government.

This is necessary because it is the decent thing to do. More than that, everything must be done to avoid creating an environment, difficult enough by the very decisions being

made, in which the settlers are demonized. Such a development would only exacerbate reactions.

At the same time, the settler community and, in particular, the rabbinical leadership associated with it, must avoid calls for disobeying the law. They have benefited from legal decisions in a lawful society and the majority among them know how the law has protected them and how the precedents of lawbreaking can work in many destructive ways. Claiming rabbinic sanction for opposing the will of the government undermines respect for religion and rationalizes anti-religious attitudes in society.

Most of all, we should have learned the impact of extreme words. Some of us expressed great concern about the language of extremism directed at Yitzhak Rabin after the Oslo accords. Criticism of his decision to make

concessions to Arafat were legitimate in a democratic society but statements that he was a sinner, a Nazi, a traitor were dangerous. As some of us cried out before the tragedy, words can kill.

Similarly, we rightfully talk about the impact of the teaching of hatred by the Palestinians which lies at the root of the evil of Palestinian terror against innocent Israelis. We, those on the right, those on left, and those in the middle know that what one says and how one says it does matter.

The next eighteen months will undoubtedly be a bumpy ride. Political maneuvering, international pressures, efforts by terrorists all can complicate an already difficult process. Nevertheless, in my view, all of this is manageable if the language of hate is constrained.

Kenneth Jacobson is Associate National Director of the Anti-Defamation League.

It Couldn't Have Happened in Cairo

By Nechemia Meyers

Gay pride is officially recognized by the Israeli Army, and Galei Zahal, the broadcasting station of the Israel Defense Forces, recently featured a full program on the subject. Numerous serving soldiers and reservists, many of them officers, spoke of their experiences in the armed forces. One speaker was Prof. Uzi Even, a former high ranking officer and the first openly homosexual member of the Knesset. "The IDF," he declared, "is now one of the most enlightened armies in the world when it comes to the treatment of homosexuals and lesbians. Several of them," he added, "are now serving as colonels or generals."

Such a broadcast would not have been possible in many countries, and certainly not in those bordering the Jewish State. Egypt, a relatively

advanced nation in other spheres, is a case in point. A couple of years ago it was the scene of a mass trial of homosexuals rounded up on the Queen Boat floating nightclub, 23 of whom were imprisoned for debauchery and defaming Islam.

Chief Egypt Government spokesman Nabil Osman sees no need to apologize for this action. "What we did," he said, "was not a breach of human rights but reflected the norms of our society, the family values of our society. No one should judge us by their values."

That sounds like a reasonable request, but it doesn't deal with the real problem faced by the Egyptian authorities. They can't prevent their citizens from learning about other norms in other countries. CNN and BBC, after all, highlight gay pride parades in Paris and Berlin, Tel Aviv

and Jerusalem.

Being close by, examples of what is going on in Israel create particular problems, the existence of institutions like free speech and a free press. But freedom in regard to sexual behavior is perhaps even more subversive.

In the runup to the Cairo trial, Israel was actually accused of complicity in the promotion of homosexuality in Egypt. The Egyptian press accused the defendants of having links with Israel and in some cases of frequently visiting this country.

Palestinian homosexuals not only visit Israel, hundreds have actually sought refuge here. Sodomy carries a three- to 10 year term in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip and, quite apart from that, a homosexual is in danger of being killed by his own family for violating their honor.

They enter illegally, and are often hidden by their Israeli counterparts in a kind of underground railroad operation.

Palestinians runaways learn Hebrew quickly, playing down their Arabic accents. They avoid hospitals and put aside cash for private health care. Those who turn to prostitution learn to spot plainclothes police from a distance. They know that if they are caught and deported, their life expectancy will be very short, both because of their sexual orientation and because it will be assumed that they collaborated with the Israelis.

While Israeli openmindedness in regard to homosexuals and lesbians is not appreciated in the Arab countries, it has been welcomed elsewhere. Jerusalem has therefore been chosen to host an international gay rights parade, WorldPride, next year.

Delegations will be coming from all over world, but it is unlikely that groups from Arab countries will be among the marchers.

Musical Subversion

Dana International, the Israeli transsexual who won the European Song Contest several years ago, is extremely popular in Egypt, official disapproval notwithstanding. Dana sings in several languages, including Arabic, and her music combines eastern and western rhythms.

When the Egyptian authorities discovered that Dana International had become a favorite of Egyptian music fans, they denounced her cassettes as abominations and forbade their distribution. Articles in the Egyptian press later claimed that Dana's successful penetration of the country was part of a "Zionist scheme to corrupt Egypt's youth."

75th Anniversary of Hebron Massacre

By Richard D. Wilkins

Who would understand the present must know the past. August 24 marks the 75th anniversary of the horrendous 1929 assault on Hebron's Jewish community. Some 69 Jews - men, women and children - were horribly murdered, many of their bodies further mutilated. Scores more were badly wounded. This in a community numbering only some 700 souls. Homes, synagogues, schools, even medical facilities, were trashed. Survivors were soon evacuated by British Mandatory authorities, marking the effective end of a centuries-old Jewish presence in the city. Though there was a brief, quite limited, attempt in the 30's to reestablish the community, that, too, came to an abrupt end at the start of the Arab Revolt (1936-39). During Jordanian rule (1948-67), even the abandoned five mass graves of the victims of this attack were not spared. The gravesite

was dug up to make way for a vegetable garden.

Jewish roots in Hebron are exceptionally deep. Circa 1800 B.C.E., Abraham bought the Cave of Machpelah as a burial site (Gen. Chapter 23). Three Patriarchal/Matriarchal couples are buried there: Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, and Jacob and Leah. About 1000 B.C.E., King David reigned for seven years in Hebron, before conquering Jerusalem and moving the capital there. Around 40 B.C.E., King Herod built a magnificent structure over the Cave. Except for relatively brief periods of Christian (Byzantine and Crusader) and Jordanian rule, times when they were forcibly expelled, Jews have lived, however uneasily, in Hebron. From 1266-1967, Muslim authorities forbade Jews to enter the burial compound, allowing them ascent only to the seventh step into the building.

Nonetheless, Jews in the early decades of the 20th Century had been a positive presence in the city, bringing modernity and economic expansion, as well as other benefits. Arabs were treated free of charge at the Hadassah medical building. The Jewish community was on good terms with their Arab neighbors and, amidst swirling rumors in mid-August of impending trouble, they had been assured of protection by local Arab notables. These, however, were no idle threats nor were the attacks, when they came, spontaneous. For years, the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, Haj Amin al-Husseini, had been inciting violence against the Jews. Now he instigated riots around the country, warning of supposed Jewish designs on the Al Aqsa mosque, and denying any Jewish rights at the Kotel. Such agitation was also part of a well-thought-out strategy to drive the Jews out of the moun-

tains, where Jerusalem, Hebron and Safed are located, to the sea, where they would be easier prey.

Hebron turned out to be an unique horror. Small groups of Arabs converged on the city, claiming that the Jews were murdering thousands of Arabs in Jerusalem. That was the spark that set off rampaging Arab mobs, armed with axes, knives and iron bars, screaming "Kill the Jews". Nominally in charge, the British stood by, declining to intervene to stop the carnage. Even afterward, only five Arabs were tried for this outrage; the mobs' leader served one month in jail. Further adding insult to injury, Arab Executive post-massacre propaganda baldly asserted that there had been no mutilations nor atrocities in Hebron.

What lessons were then learned and how do they resonate today? First and foremost, the need for Jewish self-defense. Development of the Haganah as a military force was

spurred by this tragedy. Second, with very rare notable exceptions, sad realization as to how widespread was the murderous hatred. Only 19 individuals out of 18,000 Arab residents are known to have tried to shield the Jews. Third, shock at the willingness of so many to believe the Mufti's preposterous lies. Echoing his relative, Arafat has dubbed the current war the 'Al Aqsa Intifada', on equally spurious grounds, and to equally credulous reception. There is now a rebuilt small Jewish community: 850 in Hebron (living in formerly abandoned Jewish properties) and 6500 in newly-built, adjoining Kiryat Arba. From its start in 1968, however, some 50 Jews, residents or soldiers, have been murdered there.

Other than the Jews' enhanced ability to defend themselves, and the reality that hatred can now be spewed far faster and farther than ever, has anything really changed?

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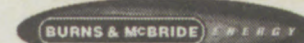
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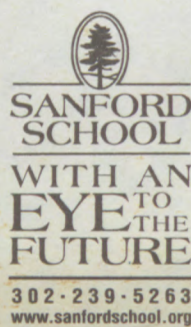


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The exhibit, on display September 9th through December 31st at the Delaware History Museum in Wilmington, will show how Jewish émigrés who settled in

Delaware embraced the freedom, opportunity and idealism of America to distinguish themselves in the fields of medicine, business, public service and the arts. When given *Half a Chance*, they have contributed to the richness of life in the larger society while maintaining their distinct cultural and religious heritage.

More than 100 men and women will be showcased during the exhibit's run. The Museum is located at 504 Market Street in Wilmington and is open Monday through Friday, noon to 4 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors and students and \$2 for children ages 2 through 18. For additional information, please call 302-656-0637 or visit the Museum website at www.hsd.org.

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Betty Moudy, Musical Director is well known in Wilmington for her abilities, and has work at Delaware Children's Theater, Candlelight Theater, Brandywiners etc. The entire production is under the direction of Paula Shulak.

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Congregation Beth Shalom welcomes Rabbi Michael S. Beals

This past October, Congregation Beth Shalom received word that its spiritual leader, Rabbi Daniel Satlow would not be renewing his contract for the upcoming year. A rabbinical search team, led by Martin Mand and Marvin Cytron was formed immediately to find a replacement. Their success will be celebrated on August 16th when the synagogue welcomes Rabbi Michael S. Beals and his family to its congregational family and to the greater Delaware community.

Rabbi Beals recently ended his seven-year rabbinic leadership with B'nai Tikvah Congregation - an egalitarian conservative synagogue in Los Angeles, California.

He is a 1997 graduate of the Jewish Theological Seminary. He is also an alumnus of the University of Judaism in Los Angeles (MA - Hebrew Letters), The American University in Washington DC (MA - International Relations), and University of California at Berkeley (BA - Political Science). He also received

the Raoul Wallenberg Fellowship at Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

Prior to entering the Rabbinate, Rabbi Beals worked in a variety of roles - ranging from serving as a management analyst developing multi-cultural training programs to working with young and old in programs of music therapy, Shabbat programming, and providing pastoral counseling and support to the sick and elderly and to the families that support them.

Rabbi Beals is accompanied by his wife, Elissa, a trained house-call veterinarian and his children, Ariella (3 years) and Shira (2 months).

An installation ceremony is being planned for weekend of October 15. The entire community is invited to participate in Shabbat Under the Stars on August 26, 2004 and meet Rabbi Beals. This informal service is a time to say good-bye to the summer and hello to a new year of festivities, mitzvot, and life-cycle events.



"Introduction to Judaism" classes to be offered



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

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Teachers for this year are: Arlene Davis, Brandi Gordon, Michael Horwitz, Ann Jaffe, Eta Knepler, Joel Kessler, Dina Lipschultz, Karen Moss, Lauren Rose, Max Rosenberg and Gail Weinberg.

There also will be two primary programs for

children in kindergarten or first grade. One program, Garin, will meet on Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. at Adas Kodesch. This class meets 13 Sundays during the year. Another popular program is the primary program which will be held at Beth Shalom from 4:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. on Tuesdays throughout the year.

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WASHINGTON WATCH

Reaching out to the Jews

By Matthew E. Berger
and Ron Kampeas, JTA

Even before the convention officially got off the ground, top Democratic lawmakers appealed to Jewish voters for support, saying their party represented the best interest of Israel and was the natural home for Jews on domestic issues.

Bringing together more than 2,500 local and national activists, delegates and influential politicians, the Sunday-evening reception was hosted by the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, the National Jewish Democratic Council, the United Jewish Communities and Boston Jewish groups.

Those in attendance heard from Sen. Hillary Clinton (D-N.Y.), Sen. Joseph Lieberman (D-Conn.), Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.), the House minority leader, and New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson, the convention chairman.

"Never has there been a candidate for president that has been more closely aligned, who is more committed to Israel's security, than John Kerry," Richardson said.

Speakers at the reception also emphasized the Democrat's commitment to abortion rights, healthcare and care for the elderly. Clinton and Lieberman said Kerry would be more successful than President Bush in containing terrorism.

Biden speaks out, too

In his address to the ADL on Monday, Senator Joseph R. Biden, Jr. of Delaware said it was the obligation of the next president, whether Kerry or Bush, to reunite the country and the world around a common cause.

"I'm saddened by the way we are viewed, not just by our enemies, but by our friends," said Biden, the ranking Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. "It's time to restore America's soul."

Biden said Bush has squandered opportunities as president, questioning his actions in the immediate aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001

attacks in New York and Washington. He said the United States could have garnered strong international support to fight terrorism.

"They believe allies and treaties are literally more of a burden than a benefit," he said.

Another Jewish first

Sen. Joseph Lieberman (D-Conn.) is not the only Jew to enter the record books for his role on a national campaign.

"We checked the records; I am the first Jewish baby brother of someone on a national ticket," Cameron Kerry proudly declared Monday, before Lieberman was honored at a lunch by the National Jewish Democratic Council.

Terror front and center

Relatives of victims of terrorism shared their stories Sunday in front of more than 1,000 supporters.

In an effort to keep the Israeli-Palestinian conflict on the minds of Democratic delegates, participants hoisted signs bearing the faces of victims of terrorism — both in Israel and in the 1994 bombing of a Jewish center in Buenos Aires.

"Only coming together to speak as one voice of the free world will we be able to eradicate terror," said Ron Kehrmann, father of Tal, who was killed in a 2003 suicide bomb attack in Haifa at the age of 17.

The event, sponsored by the Israel Project, coincided with pro-Israel advertisements broadcast on local television and cable news networks.

Proponents want viewers to draw parallels between terrorist attacks in Israel and in the United States.

Dianne Colter Miller, whose sister, Ruth Colter, died in the Hebrew University suicide bombing attack in 2002, said she believed victims of terrorism have a common bond.

"When I see these photographs, I see my own sister echoed in a thousand faces," she said.

Speakers placed stones on the podium, a Jewish tradition for remembering the dead.

Carter on peace

The achievements of 25 years of Middle East peacemaking are in peril, former President Jimmy Carter said as he earned long-standing ovations opening night at the convention.

He admonished President Bush for his "mistakes and miscalculations" in foreign policy. "The Middle East peace process has come to a screeching halt for the first time since Israel became a nation," Carter said. "Violence has gripped the Holy Land, with the region increasingly swept by anti-American passions."

Kerry had suggested Carter as a possible Middle East peace envoy, but backed down after Jewish protests against appointing an envoy perceived as having an anti-Israel bias.

Cheers, then mourning

The convention floor saw an eerie switch Monday night from cheers of joy to chants of mourning. At 11 p.m., within minutes after delegates cleared the floor hoarse from cheering President Clinton's rousing speech endorsing John Kerry for president, about 30 Jews gathered in the Florida section to chant the prayers commemorating the tragedies that have befallen Jews on Tisha B'Av, including the destruction of the two temples in Jerusalem.

Some delegates literally took to the floor, hewing to the tradition of sitting on the ground for the prayers. Others grabbed Kerry-Edwards caps for head coverings. Rabbi William Hamilton of Brookline's Kehilath Israel led the prayers.

An Arab and Jew make peace

Newman Abuissa, a Palestinian activist, and Alan Koslow, a pro-Israel activist involved in the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, once had strong differences.

Koslow backed former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean in the Iowa caucuses, and Abuissa was strictly in the Kerry camp. The two, who are among Iowa's 65 delegates to the convention, overcame that problem,



Jewish delegates, activists and others listen to a speaker Sunday, July 25, 2004, in Boston on the eve of the Democratic National Convention at an event sponsored by United Jewish Communities, The American Israel Public Affairs Committee, Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Greater Boston, Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Boston, and the National Jewish Democratic Council. Credit: Robert A. Cumins

and now they are even rooming together in Boston. They spend their evenings discussing other differences. Abuissa, an organizer for the Arab American Institute in Cedar Rapids who visits the Middle East once a year, and Koslow, a Des Moines doctor who visits Israel regularly, say they enjoy comparing notes.

And Coleman makes 10

Perhaps there was concern about forming a minyan, because it's not just the nine Democratic Jewish senators here. Sen. Norm Coleman (R-Minn.), one of two Republican Jews in the Senate, is in the city as well. He's part of the rapid response team the Bush/Cheney campaign has assembled in Boston. A member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Coleman is tasked primarily with refuting the foreign policy positions of Kerry and other Democrats.

"It's certainly a narrow experience that I have here," he said. "I'm certainly not hanging out with the Minnesota Democratic delegates."

While Republicans have been trying to highlight individual com-

ments Kerry has made about Middle East issues, Coleman suggested the campaign would focus in the future on whether Bush or Kerry represent strength and consistency in foreign affairs. That message is also central to their attack on Kerry's stance on the Iraq war.

"It creates a degree of uncertainty," Coleman said of Kerry's changed positions on the war. "You don't know if the resolve is really there."

Coleman said he believes the Republican message to the Jewish community will go beyond Israel. He believes Jewish voters will appreciate Bush's education initiative, No Child Left Behind, as well as the economic opportunities he says Bush has provided during tough times.

He also thinks more Jews are re-examining their position on faith-based initiatives.

"There's an understanding that if a Jewish agency is doing good things in the community, it should be just as likely to get a government grant as one without a Star of David on the door," he said.



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MILESTONES

In Memoriam

MATUSOFF

Seymour B. Matusoff, 82, died July 23rd. He served as a US Army Combat Engineer in Europe during World War II and retired from the USAR as a Colonel. Professionally, Mr. Matusoff taught math at Wilmington High School for 40 years and served as an adjunct professor at Delaware Technical and Community College. He was the owner of Claymont Liquors.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 60 years, Cynthia; his daughters, Vicki Foreman Reses and Nancy Childerston; sisters, Nina Roffman and Estelle Packer;

grandchildren, Matthew Childerston, Abbe and Gregg Foreman.

Graveside services were held on July 26th at the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road.

Contributions in his memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

SPODEK

Morris Spodek, 84, died July 18th in the Kutz Home. Born in Poland on April 6, 1920, he left home at the age of 18 to escape the Nazis. His parents and siblings perished during the war.

Mr. Spodek fled Poland for Russia, where he met and married

his wife Nina and had their only child, Ann. In 1950, the family emigrated to the United States. They settled in Brooklyn, NY where they jointly operated a restaurant.

They moved to the B'nai B'rith House in Claymont in 2001.

Nina, his wife of 60 years, preceded him in death last summer. He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Ann and Steve Osman of Wilmington; grandsons, Joel and his wife, Mary and Marc and his wife, Vicki; and three great grandchildren, Katie, Emily and Jardon.

Funeral services were held on

July 20th at Schoenberg Memorial Chapel. Interment was in Beth El Cemetery, Paramus, NJ.

Mr. Spodek's family requests that contributions in his memory be made to either The Chabad, 1811 Silverside Road, Wilmington, DE 19810 or to Delaware Hospice, Suite 100, Clayton Bldg., 3515 Silverside Road, Wilmington, DE 19810.

WEINER

Eugene Weiner, 79, of The Devon, died July 26th. He had been involved in building about a dozen communities in the Wilmington and New Castle areas as well as the first high rise condo-

minium in Margate, New Jersey.

He was predeceased by his daughter, Barbara and is survived by his wife, Tobey; his sons, Jeffrey and Wayne; his grandson, Max and his granddaughters, Alison and Samantha.

Graveside services were held on July 28th in the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road. The family requests that memorial contributions be made to either the Jewish Community Center, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington, DE 19803 or to Delaware Hospice, Suite 100, Clayton Building, 3515 Silverside Road, Wilmington, DE 19810.

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The Department of Elections for New Castle County is partnering with the Delaware State Chamber of Commerce in an effort to secure the services of loaned employees to work as Election Officers. Individuals are needed to work on the Tuesday, November 2nd General Election and possibly on Saturday, September 11, Primary Election Day. Companies may select which employees will participate. Those individuals selected as Election Officers will be trained and com-

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NACHAS NOOK

NCCJ Honors Delaware Leaders at Annual Awards Gala

Muriel E. Gilman was one of three individuals recognized by the National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ) for exemplary service to Delaware communities and their commitment to creating positive change. Gilman shared the spotlight at the May 18th NCCJ Annual Awards Dinner with Leonard W. Quill and Fred C. Sears, II.

This year's Dinner Chair, DuPont Senior Vice President and General Counsel, Stacey Mobley, commented that "It is a real pleasure for me and for NCCJ to be honoring three leaders who have

dedicated their lives to creating a better Delaware."

Public service is a way of life for Muriel Gilman. Her formal training was in public administration, and both her paid and voluntary efforts have focused on the two principles most important to her: enlightening the community and addressing problems affecting the equitable delivery of services to the people of the community; and working to assure that there is a fair quality of life for all people,

regardless of race, creed or color. She accomplishes her goals with a passionate and pragmatic spirit, utilizing strong business skills and a sense of social consciousness.

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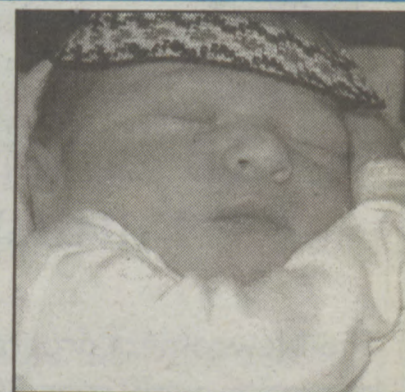
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COMING ATTRACTIONS

JEWISH WAR VETERANS HOST AUGUST SPEAKER

The Jewish War Veterans, Delaware Division will host Dr. Marvin Dorph, a Wilmington area specialist in Internal Medicine, during their Sunday, August 15th 10:30 a.m. meeting at the Bnai Brith Building in Claymont. Dr. Dorph will speak on Advanced Directives, DNR. Members, spouses, patrons and prospective new members are welcome.

COMMUNITY NEWCOMERS BAGEL BRUNCH

Are you "newish and Jewish?" The Women's Philanthropy committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware plans to welcome newcomers to the Delaware Jewish community at a community-wide *Bagels and...* brunch on September 12 at the Wilmington JCC. Women in our community are invited to become involved with the Federation through the Women's Philanthropy initiative. Whether your interests lie in educational programs, fund-raising or outreach, Women's Philanthropy can enhance your awareness and understanding of your Jewish community and Jewish heritage...and offers you the chance to meet new people with similar interests. The Women's Philanthropy initiative is your connection to the wealth of active organizations in our Jewish community. If you know of a newcomer to the community, or are interested in joining the committee, please call Jennifer Young at the Jewish Federation of Delaware 302-427-2100.

JACOB K. JAVITS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM INVITES APPLICANTS

United States Senator Joseph R. Biden, Jr. announced that the Department of Education is seeking applicants for the Jacob K. Javits Fellowship Program. The Fellowship is designed for students beginning graduate study in selected

fields of the arts, humanities and social sciences leading to a doctoral degree or master's degree in those fields in which a master's degree is the highest degree awarded. Selection is based on demonstrated academic achievement, financial need and exceptional promise. 71 Fellowships will be funded with an average award of \$41,511. The deadline for applications is October 8th. For additional information about scholarship opportunities, please visit the Department of Education website at: www.ed.gov/ed/pubs.html.

AUTHOR SEEKING TALLIT STORIES TO INCLUDE IN NEW BOOK

Jewish educator Dr. Debra Smith, inspired by the stories she hears about what each tallit means to the wearer, is writing a book about these beautiful Jewish prayer shawls, and she's looking for interesting and unusual stories to include in it. Titled *Every Tallit Tells a Tale*, the book will feature submissions from throughout the United States, from Canada, and even from Israel. The deadline for submissions is August 15, 2004. Smith is seeking a wide range of pieces, including stories by young people, especially teenagers; stories about multigenerational tallitot, which have been handed down from generation to generation; writeups about specially designed tallitot; contributions detailing how a tallit changed a person's life; stories about Holocaust-era tallitot; and submissions from older people who have traveled life's journey with the same tallit or various tallitot that reflected each stage of their life.

To submit a story about a tallit for consideration in Smith's forthcoming book, send a 750-1,000-word piece (e-mailed as a word document attachment or pasted into the body of an e-mail) to tallitstories@yahoo.com. A few lines of autobiographical information, plus a contact street address and telephone number, should be included as well.

For further information, call Debra Smith at (908) 850-8037.

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For complimentary copies of our publications or for further questions, please contact the Jewish Heritage for the Blind at (800) 995-1888, fax (877) 230-2205 or email JHB.NY@Verizon.net.

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Please join us for summer outdoor Israeli dancing, on Wednesday, August 11 at the Wilmington JCC, from 6:30 - 8:30, to coincide with the Wednesday JCC Chicken dinner! (This is instead of Monday, August 9). Enjoy dancing outside at the pavilion, or join us for dinner before the dancing session. For dinner reservations and information, call the JCC at 478-5660. For dancing just bring your dancing feet! In case of rain, dancing will be indoors.

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PROVOCATIVE FREE CLASS IN NEWARK

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The JCC Newark is located off I-95 on Route 896 going north, on the corner of West Park Place and South College Avenue.

POKER ANYONE?

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An Introduction to Jewish Delaware

By Toni Young

Although there were Jews in Delaware from the seventeenth century days of Dutch settlement, Judaism did not flourish in early Delaware, and by 1840, it appears to have been nonexistent. Not until 1879, when the Moses Montefiore Mutual Aid Society was organized, did Delaware have a permanent Jewish institution. Therefore, Delaware became the last of the original thirteen states to have an organized, Jewish community and worship services for the High Holidays. In 1879, Wilmington had a Jewish population of less than 100 people, and most of the new immigrants engaged in retail businesses. A small number of Jewish retailers lived in Dover, Smyrna and Milford.

Between 1880 and 1920, the Jewish population of Wilmington grew tremendously as East European immigrants found their way here. By the early 1920s, Wilmington's Jews numbered more than 4,000 people.

The influx of struggling immigrants, primarily merchants and peddlers, spurred the formation of many service organizations. Between 1899 and 1902, three of today's primary institutions were founded to offer assistance to the new arrivals.

The Hebrew Charity Association, today's Jewish Family Service was founded in 1899; The Young Men's Hebrew Association, today's JCC, in 1901; and the Bichor Cholem Society, today's Kutz Home, in 1902.

The immigrants also established several synagogues to meet their differing religious expectations. Three of the early synagogues survived: Adas Kodesch, founded in 1885; Chesed Shel Emeth, founded in 1901, merged with Adas Kodesch in 1957; and Beth Emeth, founded in 1906.

Although Wilmington had the largest concentration of Jews in the state, Jews continued to live in Kent and Sussex counties. By the early twentieth century, Dover, Lewes, Smyrna, Felton, Laurel, Georgetown, Millsboro, and Seaford had some Jewish retailers, peddlers, cannery, distillers or hotelkeepers. The first Jewish farmers arrived in Viola in 1897 and 1900. With support from the Jewish Agriculture Society, 25 Jewish families settled on Delaware farms between 1912 and 1929. Jewish immigrants also entered farm-related businesses - livestock, poultry, and farm supplies.

No Jewish organization existed downstate until 1916, when the short-lived

Jewish Farmers Association was established. Religious services were held informally, in individual homes, until 1939 when the Jewish Congregation of Lower Delaware, today's Congregation Beth Shalom, was incorporated.

As the Wilmington Jewish community grew, it became increasingly fragmented. A fourth synagogue Wilmington synagogue, Congregation Beth Shalom, was formed in 1922. By 1929, there were more than twenty Jewish organizations, often working at cross purposes. Attempts to unite the community were unsuccessful until 1935 when the Jewish Federation was established as a representative body of Wilmington's Jewry. In the following decades, the Federation's role was expanded statewide.

A few Jews attended the University of Delaware before the turn of the century, but Jews do not appear to have settled in Newark until early in the twentieth century. The Newark Jewish Community, today's Temple Beth El, was formed in 1954.

Throughout the twentieth century, the majority of Jews continued to live in Wilmington. Between 1929 and 1945 the Wilmington Jewish community increased 60 percent, to 6,156 people. Only an estimated 80 Jewish families lived in Lower

Delaware in 1945. By 1974, the Jewish population of Delaware was 9000 with 96 percent in Northern Delaware. However by 1995, a dramatic shift had taken place. A new population study estimated the state's Jewish population at 13,500 people with 51% in Wilmington, 32% in the Newark-Hockessin area, and 16% in Southern Delaware.

In this brief introduction, it is not possible to name all the people who have distinguished themselves in the 123 years of active Jewish life in Delaware. Suffice it to say that Jews have held high positions and made significant contributions in numerous fields, including law, business, government, medicine, finance, teaching, farming, and journalism.

The Jewish Historical Society of Delaware continues to collect and preserve information on Delaware Jews. The archives of the JHSD are available to all who wish to know more about the rich Jewish heritage in Delaware.

(This introduction is based on information from Becoming American, Remaining Jewish: the Story of Wilmington, Delaware's First Jewish Community by Toni Young, unpublished work by Charles Salkin, and the 1995 Jewish Population Study of Delaware by Ukeles Associates, Inc.)

Welcome to the Delaware Jewish Community!



Barry Kayne

On behalf of the Board of the Directors, the staff and the constituent

agencies of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, I welcome you to the First State and its vibrant and vital Jewish community. We are a diverse and open-hearted population of more than 13,500 individuals of varied ages and backgrounds. The Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD) is ready to help newcomers connect to its comprehensive network of programs and services that help build Jewish identity.

JFD is charged with mobilizing the Jewish community to address issues, meet local and global Jewish news and formulate an agenda for the future. Individuals are invited to come together and forge a community coalition committed to **tikkun olam**-repair of the world. The Federation is fueled by volunteer energy. Newcomers are encouraged to work with us to enhance the quality of Jewish life here in Delaware, in Israel and elsewhere in the global Jewish community.

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To carry out this mission and vision, the Jewish Federation raises funds for the needs of Jews locally and globally through the Federation Annual Campaign, plans for our community's present and future needs and works with legislators and the media to advance issues of concern to our Jewish agenda. Federation does all this and more in coordination with other Jewish agencies, organizations and synagogues.

Locally, there are six agencies that receive Federation funds. Two of them focus on Jewish education, one of our community's highest priorities. Albert Einstein Academy is the only Jewish day school in the Brandywine Valley, serving some 100 students from pre-kindergarten through sixth grade. Delaware Gratz serves students committed to continuing their Jewish studies beyond their bar and bat mitzvahs. Jewish college

students at the University of Delaware can connect with their heritage and one another through The Kristol Center for Jewish Life. Our elderly receive comprehensive, compassionate care at the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home-a modern, kosher, skilled nursing facility. Individuals and families in need of counseling and support are helped by the highly trained professionals at Jewish Family Service. The Bernard and Ruth Siegel Jewish Community Center provides a broad range of recreational, social, camping and child care programs to the community on the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Campus in North Wilmington.

The Jewish Federation of Delaware stands ready to help you fully participate in the Delaware Jewish community. Please feel free to call (302) 427-2100 or visit JFD on the web at www.shalomdelaware.org.

Meet the cover artist



Riva Brown

The quotation on the cover comes from the Parsha, "Devarim". It invites the newcomer to experience the warmth and beauty of the Delaware Jewish community-the expressed purpose of the Shalom Delaware guide. While Riva's original intent was to illustrate this quote with a landscape from the Land of Israel, she found the "ideal setting" in this vista from the Goodstay Center on the University of Delaware, Wilmington campus. "This scene has a distinctly local feel. And yet, it is not too much of a stretch to imagine this view being presented to the Jewish people as they entered the Biblical land of milk and honey," the artist explained.

The Jewish Voice is excited to present this beautiful piece of cover art-

designed as the inaugural illustration in a series of unique, original art, which portrays the spirit of each week's Parsha-or Torah portion. Riva's goal is to create an illustrated Bible, suitable for gifts to mark such Jewish lifecycle events as Bar or Bat Mitzvahs, baby namings, weddings or anniversaries.

Calligrapher, illustrator and watercolorist Riva Brown is a native of Wilmington, Delaware. She received her education in the Wilmington Public School system, graduating from P.S. duPont High School in 1971. Following that, she earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Art at the University of Delaware in 1975, with a minor in Art History.

She and her husband, Bill are the co-

owners of Living Letters Studio, Inc. located at 1328 Washington Street in downtown Wilmington. Founded in 1988, the studio specializes in custom calligraphy, fine art, and custom matting and framing.

Riva was awarded an Individual Artist Fellowship in Folk Art in 1994 by the State of Delaware for her work creating ritual documents, and is considered a "State Treasure". She has been called upon to present cultural programming in the Delaware public school system in her capacity as "Folk Artist" and creator of ritual documents. In the Fall of 1996 she was juried into the Council of Delaware Artists. She was a founding member and past-President of the

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The Jewish Community Center (JCC), is a non-profit membership organization which provides the Delaware Valley with diverse and extensive services. The Center provides its members and the entire community with a central place in which, individuals, families, groups or organizations can best express their interests and have their social, educational, cultural, fitness and recreational needs met.

The Center offers educational programs, (including a nationally accredited preschool and child care program), holiday celebrations, cultural and arts programming. In addition, members can enjoy a state-of-the-art Fitness Center as well as an indoor swimming pool, gymnasium and racquetball facilities. Outdoors, a thirty-acre Family Campus adjacent to the JCC building, offers a wide array of services.

The Jewish Community Center is partly funded by the Jewish Federation of Delaware, the United Way of Delaware and is affiliated with JCCA (Jewish Community Centers Association of America).

The Children's Center
Susan Gentry, Director
Sonja Hildebrand, Coordinator

It takes a community to raise a child. Children thrive when they are treated with respect and given opportunities to grow emotionally, socially and intellectually through curriculum filled with age-appropriate experiences.

Ours is a child-centered, experiential approach, which respects the importance of children's play and the uniqueness of each child. We strive to create an environment rich in stimulation, yet gentle and accepting of each child as he or she develops at their own pace.

We seek to impart a strong sense of belonging by providing opportunities for children to share their Jewish heritage.

Program Components

-New Early Childhood Center Coming Soon! (Currently under construction)

-Accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children

-Jack S. Jacobs, M.D. Infant Care

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-Lunch Bunch Enrichment

-Parent's Connection

-Toddler Programs

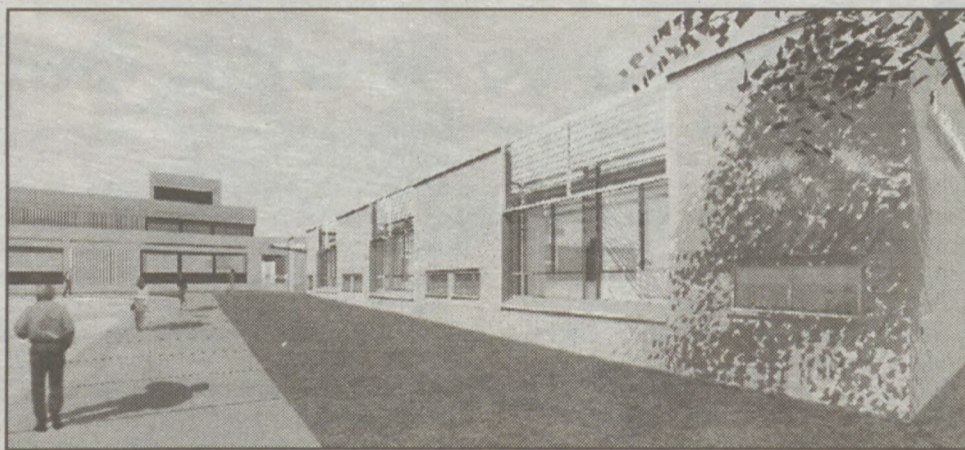
Youth and Family Services

Donna Schwartz, Director

Mary Pierce, Coordinator

Julie Schwartz, Coordinator

Providing today's parents with before and after school childcare options is but one part of our program goal. We offer children creative, safe and enriching group experiences that allow them to feel



good about themselves and the group. When school is out, a full day option is available.

Program Components

-KidsPlace After School Care Program

-School's Out Days

-KidsTime (Satellite After School Care)

-Club and Enrichment Programs

-Birthday Parties

-Family Activities

-Pre and Post Camp Programs

-Vacation Camp Programs

-Family and Holiday Programs

Day Camp Services

Donna Schwartz, Camp Director

Joe Consiglio, Camp Program Director

Camp JCC offers exciting summer opportunities for all ages from toddler to teen. Campers learn swimming, arts-n-crafts, sports, Judaics, nature, Israeli culture, drama, rock climbing, archery, music and more.

Program Components

-Eight-Week Day Camp

-Specialty Camps (Computers and Fine Arts)

-Teen Travel Camp

-Maccabi Sports Camps

-Science and Space Camps

Teen Services

Donna Schwartz, Director

Mary Pierce, Coordinator

Julie Schwartz, Coordinator

The Community Teen Program focuses on offering unique, outstanding youth programs for junior and senior high school students. Programs are developed, organized and implemented by youth leaders. Programming touches all aspects of Jewish life, with strong emphasis on social, educational, spiritual, recreational, leadership and community service events.

Program Components

-Teen Leadership Council

-Shabbatons

-Community Service

-Synagogue and Youth Groups

-College Resources/SAT Readiness

-Maccabi Club

-Teen Travel Camp

Young Jewish Adults of Delaware (YJAD)

YJAD provides opportunities to meet and socialize with other Jewish singles and young professionals in a social environment focusing on a connection with our community. YJAD generates, organizes and implements programs and services for its members providing leadership opportunities within the group and the community as well.

Program Components

-Social Mixers

-Chavurah Discussion Groups

-Recreational Volleyball

-Recreational Softball

-Jewish Education

-Restaurant Samplers

-Synagogue Drop-Ins

Adult Services

Provides opportunities for active participation in various Jewish educational, cultural, social and recreational activities for self-enrichment.

Program Components

-Classes, Programs, Lectures and Forums

-Entertainment/Performances

-Discussion Groups

-Cultural Caravan Trips

-Art Exhibitions

-Annual Jewish Book Fair

-Jewish Heritage Video Collection

Senior Center

Orly Wallach, Director

Iris Tocker, Assistant

A wide range of social services are offered to meet the emotional needs of older adults: to promote social relationships, reduce isolation and stimulate creative growth among this age group, to provide a Jewish community focal point where people come together for activities which support their independence and encourage community involvement.

Program Components

-Daily Activities

-Nutritional Kosher Lunch Program

-Transportation Service

-Health and Wellness Programs and

Classes

-Candlelight Dinners/Birthday Celebrations

-Day Trips

-Overnight Trips

-Max and Jeannette Podlosky Lunch and Learn Series

-Volunteer Opportunities

-Holiday Celebrations and Trips

-Ongoing Classes (Bridge, Exercise, Painting, Swimming and Current Events)

Special Events

Provides opportunities for active community, family and individual participation in various arts, cultural, recreational activities and holiday celebrations. Emphasis is placed on Jewish values and culture and provides opportunities to work cooperatively with synagogues and other Jewish organizations.

Program Components

-Jewish Holiday Celebrations

-Jewish Book Month

-Community Picnic and Annual Meeting
-Adult Socials

Recreational Services

Randy Rosenthal, Director

Michael Strouse, Fitness Center Coordinator

Debbie Steinberg, Fitness Center Assistant Coordinator

Heather Sprague, Aquatics Coordinator

Brian Burke, Sports & Recreation Coordinator

Healthy mind, healthy body is a value first described by Maimonides, an acclaimed Jewish philosopher. The value of preserving health and wellness is rooted in Jewish tradition and law.

In addition, this environment attracts the single largest population to the Center and thus provides quality opportunities for socialization.

The Family Campus provides a wholesome, safe environment for families and individuals to meet and enjoy the leisure hours in a quality outdoor environment.

Fitness, Sports and Wellness

-Brand New State-of-the-Art Fitness Center Coming Soon! (Currently under construction)

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-Health and Fitness Lectures

-CPR Training and First Aid

-Massage Therapy Services

-Yoga and Tai-Chi Classes

Lifetime/Sports Classes

-Indoor Rock Climbing

-Gymnastics and Dance Classes

-Children's Sports Leagues

-Adult Pick-Up Sports

-Afterschool Sports Classes

-Tennis Lessons and Clinics

-Racquetball Tournaments

-Basketball and Volleyball Lessons

-Aerobics and Karate Classes

-Special Events (Snowball Run, Sports Classic)

Family Campus

-In-Line Hockey Rink

-50 Foot Long Water Slide

-Swim Club

-Improved Lockerroom Facilities

-Summer Swim Team and Aquatic

Classes

-Arts and Nature Exploration

-Family Entertainment and Dinners

-Sports and Tournaments

-Rental of Facilities



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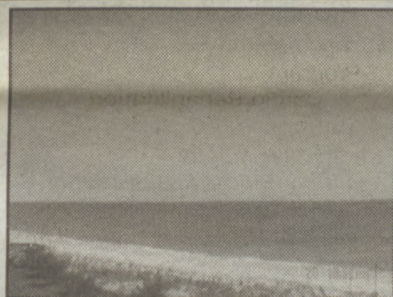
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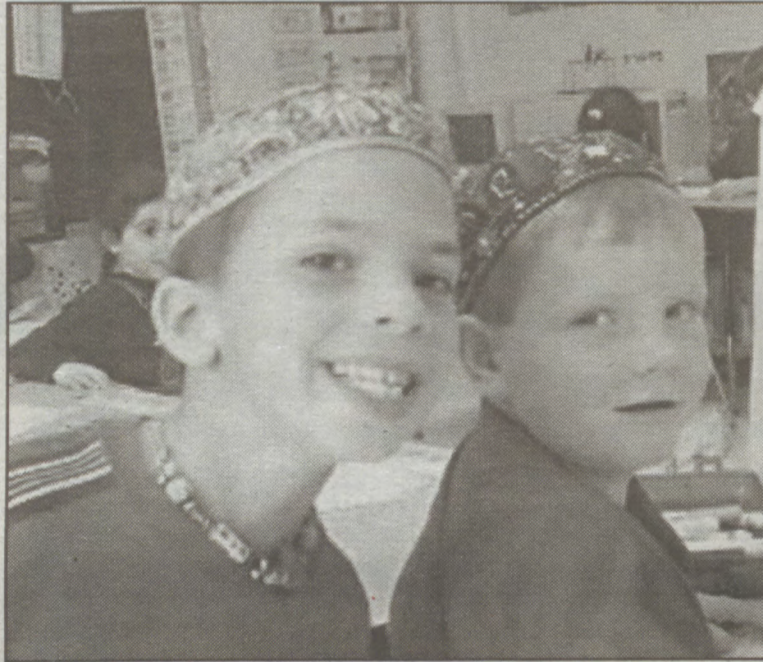
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At the Albert Einstein Academy, the Jewish day school serving the Brandywine Valley, children are engaged in the learning process with an interdisciplinary approach to teaching that brings our classrooms alive. Housed in a renovated and expanded wing on the Jewish Community Family Campus, the school served more than 100 children in transitional Pre-K through sixth grades during the 2003-2004

academic year. With a curriculum that integrates a superb general and Jewish education along with the Hebrew language instruction, the Albert Einstein Academy meets the needs of families who want their children to develop a strong and secure Jewish identity as they pursue a high quality elementary education.

As the Albert Einstein Academy marks its 35th anniversary, it remains faithful to its mission of providing a challenging education program in a warm Jewish environment that will encourage each child to reach his or her fullest potential. The school maintains low student/teacher ratio



staffed by a dedicated team of faculty and administrators. At the same time, the school is committed to moving forward with programs designed to prepare students with the skills they will need to respond to a changing world. Towards that end, the school's expanded facilities include new classroom space, a new library and technology lab—all of which will enhance enrichment classes in the sciences and creative arts.

Albert Einstein Academy is a non-denominational institution that welcomes students from various religious backgrounds. For further information, please contact Principal Michael Drassloff at (302) 478-5026.

Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School

Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School at the Jewish Community Center

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Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School, a division of Gratz College of Philadelphia, accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, offers voluntary, supplemental Jewish studies for 7th through 12th grade students in its Jewish Community High School program. Open to the entire community, formal and informal education is offered to all students. Gratz students gain knowledge of Jewish sources and familiarity with Israel, Hebrew language skills, Bible, literature, contemporary teen issues, Jewish history and laws, Jewish life, ethics, heritage and contributions to the world, leadership training and community service opportunities.

Shabbaton Retreat Weekends in the Poconos are highlights of Gratz programming. Social interaction with other Jewish teens from throughout the region in a learning environment where discussion, debate, and sharing of views and knowledge are invigorating and satisfying is an integral part of the school's mission.



Gratz offers an award-winning service learning program at the Mary Campbell Center, as well as community service volunteer programs such as Read Aloud Delaware, student teaching opportunities at local synagogues, Tikun Olam projects such as the Cook for a Friend Program and intergenerational experiences with the Kutz Home.

A Delaware Gratz education gives teenagers the foundation to develop an enhanced sense of pride and identity as Jews; it helps them to understand the basic values and practices of Judaism in its diverse forms, and encourages feelings of belonging, loyalty, and responsibility to the Jewish community and to Israel.

The Delaware Gratz faculty is

an interesting and very special group of people who are committed to passing on the torch of Judaism to the next generation through their unusually devoted and caring approach to teaching. The faculty repeatedly speaks of feeling honored to have the opportunity to teach subjects they love to students who want to learn. This distinctive faculty is drawn from a

variety of disciplines, having the common link that they love Judaism, teaching and youth, and feel privileged to be a part of Delaware Gratz.

High school and college credits, as well as both the JCHS and the I. M. Wise teaching certificates are granted to those students who qualify. Gratz students who meet certain criteria may apply to the Jewish Fund for the Future, the Jewish Federation of Delaware's Endowment Fund, for the Greenbaum Jewish Studies College Scholarship. For more information about eligibility please contact Gina Kozicki, at 427-2100, ext. 20.

Classes meet on Sundays from 8 am - 1:15 pm at three sites, on Mondays at the Mary Campbell Center from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., on Tuesdays at the Kutz Home from 6:00-8:00 pm and on Thursdays at the Wilmington JCC from 6:45 pm - 9:15 PM. Part-time programs are available.

Contact Marlene Milunsky for further information (gratz@delawaregratz.org)

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ronment integrates a rigorous college preparatory program with an intensive Jewish studies curriculum. Akiba seeks to cultivate an inquiring attitude, which is focused on the texts and concepts basic to Jewish and Western traditions and exposure to other world cultures. In addition, Akiba fosters a respect for individual expression, participation in a pluralistic society, an appreciation of Jewish values and the centrality

of Israel to the Jewish way of life.

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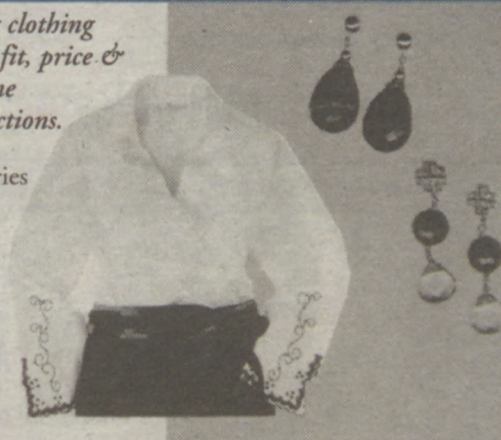


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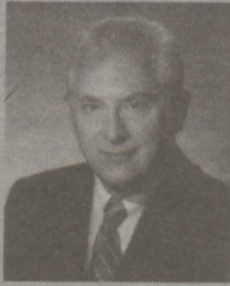
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by Barry S. Kayne & Samuel H. Asher

The Jewish Federation of Delaware plays a unique roll in building a vibrant Jewish community here in Delaware, in Israel and around the world.

In the 2004 annual report, you will see a focus on our new building efforts here in Delaware. Our work is made possible, in large part, by the Annual Campaign, along with the Community Capital Campaign, special campaigns and the Jewish Fund for the Future.

We are particularly proud of the 2004 Annual Campaign under the chairmanship of Bob Pincus, which is predicted to close at \$1,830,000. This represents an increase of \$70,000 over last year, for the highest campaign total in the history of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. This is due to the hard work and generous support of many contributors and volunteers.

Our hard work is helping to continue the growth and future development of the Federation's six beneficiary agencies - Albert Einstein Academy, Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School, Hillel at the University of Delaware, the Jewish Community Center, the Jewish Family Service and the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home - through the efforts of both the Annual Campaign and the Community Capital Campaign.

At the time of this 69th annual meeting of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, we are watching the steel being constructed for the new early childhood education wing, health and fitness wing, and Jewish Family Service offices at the Garden of Eden campus. The Jewish Federation of Delaware takes great pride in providing a great home for the agencies on the Garden of Eden campus and helping to improve all of our facilities.

With the guidance of Connie Sugarman, the Women's Philanthropy Initiative has taken hold. The Newcomers, Giving and Programming committees have been hard at work throughout the year. We are proud to report that our Lion of Judah Division has added ten new Lions to its ranks this year, as it did last year.

2004 - 2005 Allocations

TOTAL ALLOCATIONS: \$1,903,846

Local Allocations	
Jewish Community Center	124,063
JCC Charge for GOE Property Mgr	20,000
JCC Charge for GOE formula	24,125
JCC Newark - Includes Preschool	78,734
JCC Rent to Beth El	4,500
JCC Kallah & Melton	3,000
JCC Newark - Interest on Advances	12,000
Jewish Family Service	68,684
JFS Charge for GOE formula	3,000
JFS Communal Services-Newark	29,392
Albert Einstein Academy	61,112
AEA Head of School	30,000
AEA Newark	2,900
AEA Charge for GOE formula	10,000
Gratz Hebrew High School	47,377
Gratz Charge for GOE formula	1,506
Milton & Hattie Kutz Home	1,000
Hillel	61,060
Jewish Federation Of Delaware	499,038
JCRC	49,110
Jewish Voice	10,505
JFD Marketing	10,614
Jewish Historical Society	2,500
Israel Teen Scholarships	2,000
Community Teen Director	38,465
Southern Delaware Community	2,000
Yom Ha'Atzmaut	1,000
CAJE	1,000
BBYO	3,000
Adult Institute	1,000
CLI	6,000
Capital Maintenance	56,061
Total Local Allocations	1,264,746

The Community Leadership Institute, under the chairmanship of Suzanne Grant, Amy Leviton, Jack Markell and Robin Saran, has motivated and educated twenty proven leaders in our community to be more creative both spiritually and institutionally. The program has been underway since December and has included lecturers from the National Center for Learning and Leadership, local experts, and was highlighted with a trip to New York City this spring. The program will conclude later this fall.

"...the highest campaign total in the history of the Jewish Federation of Delaware."

Under the chairmanship of Dr. Michael Ginzberg, the Marketing Task Force has completed a report that will help our community and our Federation move forward in the coming years. Recommendations range from ways to publicize the

JFD to ways to hold better and more effective events. You will see a new logo in use as a part of this annual report, thanks to the Marketing Task Force.

Our thanks to Toni Young and Lelaine Nemser for planning a mission to Israel, which celebrated Arad's 40th anniversary and took place in November of 2003. Efforts to plan and implement missions to Israel will continue in the coming year.

The JCRC has been extremely successful in advocating for Israel and policies consistent with Jewish values. Under the leadership of Mark Wagman, the committee has met with the Editorial Committee of the News Journal and rallied Jewish community representatives to Dover in support of legislation that would change the date of primary elections from Saturday to the second Tuesday in September. It has promoted inter-religious understanding through such initiatives as the inter-faith Holocaust Remembrance Day program. This year's Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebration was well received.

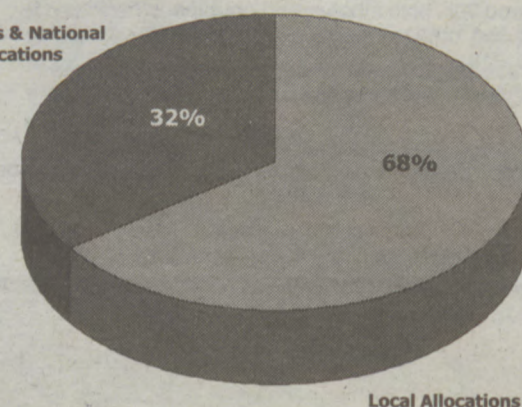
The Jewish Fund for the Future, chaired by Toni Young, continues to help build our community infrastructure. In conjunction with this year's Annual Meeting, we are having our first L'Chaim Circle event, recognizing donors who have contributed to the Annual Campaign for twenty five years or more. Under Toni's leadership, the endowment has grown to over \$14,000,000.

As we celebrate the 69th annual meeting of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, we ask you to join us as we renew our historic commitment to social justice, human rights advocacy, education and tzedakah. Together we will mobilize our community to address issues, meet needs and build an agenda for the future.

Overseas Allocations	
United Jewish Communities	600,000
Partnership 2000 - Programs	4,500
Total Overseas Allocations	604,500
National Allocations	
UJC - Natl Funding Council	790
UJC - JBC/CBC	17,976
JCPA Penna. Dues	200
JCPA National Dues	1,300
Jewish Communal Services Assoc.	1,000
Schools of Jewish Communal Services	817
Birthingright Israel	12,517
Total National Allocations	34,600

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2003 - 04 Highlights

The 2004 Annual Campaign is projected to close 4% ahead of the previous year.

Super Week extends Super Sunday and attracts board members from every agency.



Ten new Lions of Judah came on board for the 2004 campaign.

Women's Philanthropy Initiative has been a huge success.

The Annual Campaign

The 2003 Annual Campaign closed at \$1,760,000 - the highest campaign tally in the history of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. The 2004 Annual Campaign is estimated to close at \$1,830,000, once again the highest campaign total in our community's history.

This year our campaigners were once again armed with a matching gift proposal that would surely increase the funding to our efforts in the community. A group of anonymous donors created a pool of matching funds to match each \$500 incremental increase. The Annual Campaign also benefited from a challenge grant provided by the Charles and Lynn Schusterman Foundation and birthright Israel. The Schusterman Foundation will donate \$1.00 for every \$2.00 that the Jewish Federation raises for birthright Israel. During the campaign, donors had an opportunity to hear from top lay leaders, internationally renowned educators and Israelis from all walks of life.

The Major Gifts donors met at their annual cocktail reception at the home of Connie and Michael Sugarman who also chaired the kickoff event. Steven Selig, Chair of the National Annual Campaign for UJC, was our special guest at the event. He spoke about the impact that our major gifts donors are

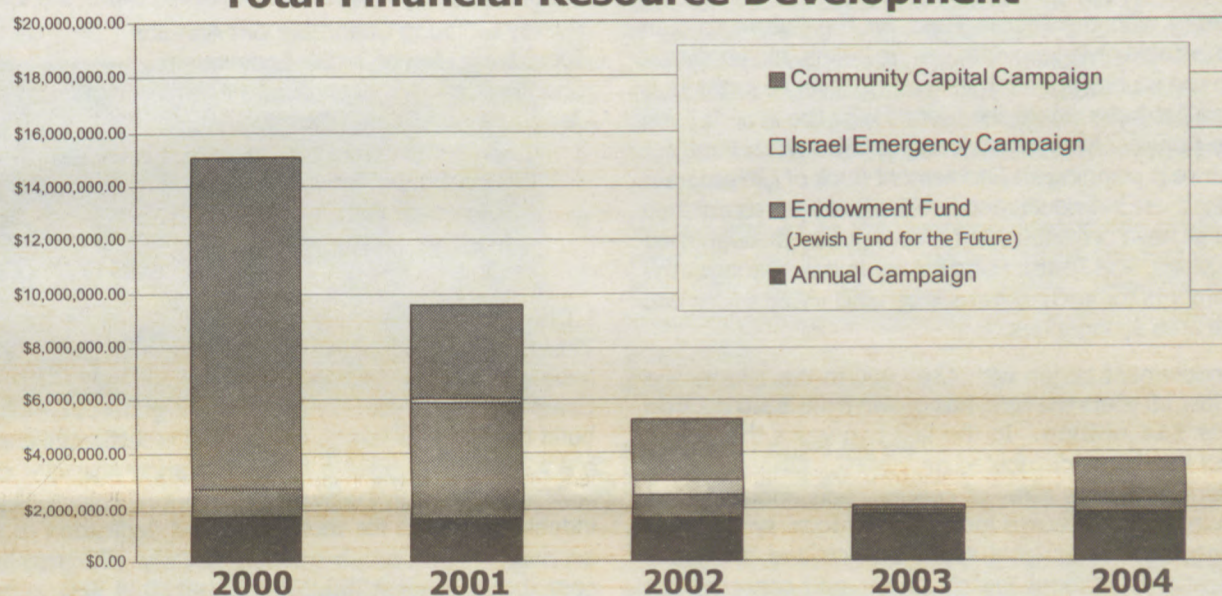
making and can continue to make on the landscape of the global Jewish community.

The general campaign also had success in 2004. The greatest of these successes was the conversion of Super Sunday into Super Week. A record number of volunteers turned out for phoning sessions held on the Monday through Wednesday after Super Sunday. Held in December at the JCC in Wilmington, Super Week saw a 12% increase in the previous year with record turnout from the general community and agency/synagogue leadership. A \$1,000 grant, from the President's Fund, was awarded to the Albert Einstein Academy for the highest per capita board/staff participation in Super Week. The success of Super Week was due in great part to the chairs: Felisha Alderson and Dorothy Bobman.

The Chai event, chaired by Annette and Bob Aerenson and Wendy and Buddy Berger, was held at Winterthur in March 2004. Our guest speaker, Susan Jackson, electrified the attendees with her quick wit and refreshing perspective on community involvement and leadership.

Overall the 2004 campaign has been a wonderful success with scores of new donors, more involvement and a 7.5% increase as compared with last year's campaign.

Total Financial Resource Development



2000 - 2004 Average Income = \$7,164,914

2000 - 2004 Average Fundraising and Administrative Cost (inc. CCC fundraising expense) = \$634,474

On average, \$.91 of every donated dollar goes directly to provide services in Delaware, in Israel & around the world.

Women's Philanthropy Department

The Jewish Federation of Delaware's Women's Philanthropy initiative kick-off event, held on September 14 at the DoubleTree Hotel, attracted seventy-five women to hear inspiring talks from Arna Poupko Fisher and Gail Norry. Women's Philanthropy mirrors the overall mission of Federation by motivating women to devote their time and financial resources to the needs of Jewish people everywhere.

The Women's Philanthropy Department includes our Lion of Judah donor level and Newcomers, Programs, and Giving subcommittees.

Under the leadership of our Women's Philanthropy co-chairs, Carol Rothschild and Connie Sugarman, and everyone who serves on the Women's Philanthropy subcommittees, during the 2004 annual campaign, ten new Lions of Judah joined this Major Gifts giving level: Rhoda Dombchik, Michelle Engelmann, Susan Kreshtool, Michelle Margules, Robin Saran, Wendy Shlossman, Eve Slap, Jennifer Simon, Michelle Simon, and Ellen Wagner.



We also started a program to expand our Lion of Judah program by offering the opportunity to become a multi-year Lion. The multi-year Lion program allows a woman to look at her pledge and plan to become a Lion in 2-3 years. Caryl Marcus-Stape is our first multi-year Lion (and first new Lion of the 2005 Annual Campaign).

Caryl Marcus-Stape, Women's Philanthropy Programs co-chair hosted the Women's philanthropy reception at her home prior to the Hadassah Lieberman lecture at a West Chester University.

In May, we recognized our newest Lions and honored our Lion of Judah Endowment (LOJE) donors at our 2004 Lion of Judah Luncheon. The home of Iris and Allan Tocker was the perfect setting for the 25 Lions in attendance.



As my parents planted for me before I was born, so do I plant for those who will come after me.

-Talmud Taanit 23a

Jewish Fund for the Future

The Jewish Fund for the Future is your partner in *tzedakah*. In 1985, several progressive families in Delaware organized the Jewish Community of Delaware Endowment Fund to provide for the future needs of the Jewish community here and abroad. Today, we provide the necessary financial capital to help the community plan for the future. Endowment funds supplement the Annual Campaign, provide seed money for creating new initiatives, and ensure the survival and long-term stability of existing programs upon which so many in our community depend.

Partnering with the Jewish Fund for the Future to plan your charitable giving provides unique insight into important Jewish community priorities and needs. Over 65 individuals and families have established funds with the Jewish Fund for the Future. As we look forward, the Jewish Fund for the Future is planning an *Endowment Book of Life* program to honor those individuals and families that have established a fund or have provided for the community through their estate plans. The Jewish Fund for the Future manages the endowments for each of our six beneficiary agencies and several area synagogues.

The endowment began with \$300,000 in the 1980s, and in the last 10 years the fund has grown from **\$3.6 million to over \$14 million**. In the last two years the Jewish Fund for the Future distributed **nearly \$1 million** in grants benefiting a diverse array of cultural, educational, social and humanitarian causes including our local synagogues and agencies, other local social service and charitable organizations, national Jewish causes and concerns, art institutions, universities, schools and hospitals. In addition, the Jewish Fund for the Future awards scholarships for study in Israel, supports leadership training, and Jewish education.



From generation to generation...
for generations to come

DELAWARE'S COMMUNITY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

The Community Capital Campaign for Delaware's Jewish Community has been a collaborative effort spanning more than four years. From the lead donors to the dedicated professional staff, this campaign has raised the consciousness of our community and provided a unique avenue of participation with astounding results. Through the tireless efforts of countless volunteers, nearly \$20 million has been raised to date. This glorious outpouring of generosity will help us build the Jewish community of the future with expanded and improved facilities to meet the needs of our diverse Jewish constituency.

Due to this remarkable achievement, we are witnessing the fruits of our collaborative labors. Construction is complete at the Milton & Hattie Kutz Home; residents are enjoying meals prepared in their new kitchen and continue to receive outstanding support services now brought up to date with new laundry facilities, an expanded loading dock and a much needed service elevator. Students at Hillel at the University of Delaware are thrilled with their new kosher kitchen as preparations for Shabbat and holidays meals are made with ease. The Milton & Mary Wolf Newark Jewish Community Campus is flourishing with its preschool, indoor pool, fitness center and extensive adult programming.



New endowment funds established, during the period July 1, 2003 to June 10, 2004:

Nicole J. Grant Endowment Fund
Jerusalem Study Fund
Dr. Charles and Ruth Levy Unrestricted Fund
Margules Family Fund
Harvey L. Young Charitable Gift Annuity
Toni Young Lion of Judah Endowment
Chabad Lubavitch of Delaware Endowment Fund
Jewish Family Service Endowments:
Barrett Family Fund
Engelmann Family Fund
Blumberg Family Fund
Jan and Michael Weiss Fund

L'Chaim Circle

This new donor circle recognizes men and women who have consistently contributed to the Federation Annual Campaign for 25 years or more. Their generosity helped build the State of Israel, rescue and resettle millions of immigrants, and build a family of caring agencies that enrich our lives in Delaware. Our entire community is indebted to them for their continued dedication to the survival of the Jewish people. Nearly 200 members contributed over \$300,000 to the 2004 JFD annual campaign.



We can now see the future at the Garden of Eden Road Campus as well. Foundations have been laid for new building additions to house the JCC's outstanding preschool, expand the fitness center and provide desperately needed space for Jewish Family Service. Next year will bring a facelift to the 30+-year-old building making the campus transformation complete.

All this is thanks to the extraordinary generosity of time and money by seemingly limitless supporters. Together, we have made a difference in our community that will last for generations to come.

Kadima... Forward We Go!

The Jewish Fund for the Future distributed total grants of \$531,341 for the period of July 2003 to May 2004. Of that total \$29,256 in scholarships were awarded.

Jewish Fund for the Future Unrestricted Endowments provided \$17,000 towards the JFD allocations to our beneficiary agencies.

Toni Young joined Miriam Edell and Barbara Schoenberg as our third Lion of Judah Endowment donor.

Community Capital Campaign hit \$19.9M with additional fund raising taking place and new grant proposals written.

Construction is well underway on the Garden of Eden Road Campus.

Kutz Home and Hillel renovations completed

A recent survey of participants yielded the following comments:

"I have truly enjoyed each session thus far and look forward to future sessions."

"Rabbi Kula is an amazing speaker- thought provoking, controversial- excellent. Time went too fast!"

"Brad Hirschfield is very energetic and inspiring."

"Made me think differently about being Jewish."

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE



Serving Delaware's Jewish Community

In December 2003, the Jewish Federation of Delaware launched the Community Leadership Institute. This twelve-month program is designed to develop a cadre of motivated, educated leaders capable of decision-making, development and management of a 21st century Jewish community. Existing and emerging leaders have been engaged in a process that will aid in focusing the community on identifying and prioritizing its long-term goals in an atmosphere of respect.

As a result of this initiative, participants are better grounded in Jewish traditions, values and vocabulary. These leaders have become more creative both spiritually and institutionally, and are better prepared to use the personal, communal and institutional resources at their disposal to upgrade and enhance both their personal lives and the lives of the entire Delaware Jewish community.



Twenty proven leaders nominated by the agencies, organizations and synagogues of our community have been educated and stimulated by some of the greater Jewish community's best known and highly regarded scholars including Rabbi Brad Hirschfield, Rabbi Irwin Kula and local leaders Toni Young and consultant Michael Sigman. They have learned history and tradition while being challenged to consider a wide variety of possibilities for our collective future. The group also spent an inspiring day in New York City visiting the Jewish Heritage Museum, Ground Zero and taking in Tovah Feldshuh's stirring performance in "Golda's Balcony." The lessons in leadership were countless and powerful.

We are grateful to the generous donors who made this program possible: The Jewish Fund for the Future, the Kutz Foundation, the Gilbert J. Spiegel Memorial Fund, Jewish Federation of Delaware and the past presidents of the Federation.

Partnership 2000



The November 2003 NJ/DE Partnership 2000 mission to Arad/Tamar had 16 participants: Sam Asher, Ellen Bernhardt, Barry & Reiko Kayne, Sheila & Burt Krinsky, Alan Levenson, Lelaine and Stuart Nemser, Lauren Schultz, Allan Tocker, Bill Wagner, Toni & Stuart Young, and Jack Zigon. Mission participants were able to see first hand the benefits our campaign dollars provide and how much our support is appreciated in Israel.

Six delegates from our Partnership 2000 region of Arad/Tamar visited the Delaware community March 17-March 18, 2004. The delegation included Dr. Moti Brill, Mayor

of Arad, and Dov Litvinoff, Mayor of the Tamar Regional Council along with young leadership from the region. During their visit, meetings were held with Delaware Governor Ruth Ann Minner, Wilmington Mayor James M. Baker, and with Israel Emergency Campaign Donors.

Partnership 2000 links Jewish communities in the Diaspora and Israel in a shared effort to promote regional development in Israel, unity and Jewish identity. Partnership 2000 is a program of the Jewish Agency for Israel, United Jewish Communities, Keren Hayesod, Diaspora communities, and municipalities in Israel.

Jewish Community Relations Committee

Jack Zigon joined us in October as Director of JCRC and Community Planning and hit the ground running. With the help of a team of letter writers, JCRC has been able to increase the number of pro-Israel letters published in the News Journal. Other favorable publicity for the Jewish Community included a front page article on "The Passion", several op-eds supporting Israel, articles in other local papers, as well as numerous radio and TV interviews.



The Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education committee has reconnected with Delaware's school districts to expand holocaust education over the coming year. Our community Yom Hashoah ceremony was highlighted by a moving presentation from Holocaust Survivor, Manya Perel. The ceremony was well attended and received favorable publicity in both the News Journal and on WHYY TV.

An Israel Hasbara adult education course was completed in the fall and one is planned for Gratz students in the Spring of 2005. Lastly, the bill to change the date of the Delaware primary from Saturday to the second Tuesday in September is working its way through the state legislature as we go to press. As a result of efforts of both community activists as well as our lobbyist, it looks like the bill has a good chance of passage this year.



JCRC has been very successful at representing the community to local media and in Dover.

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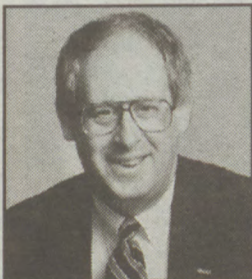
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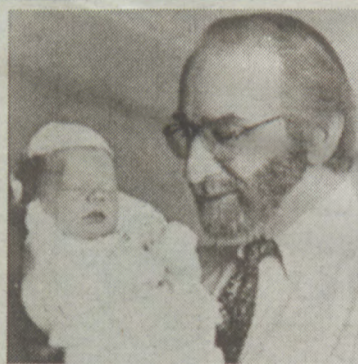
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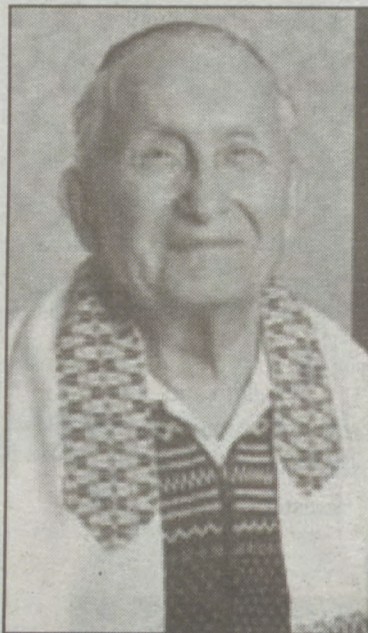
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The Milton and Hattie Kutz Home, Inc. is a non-profit agency which receives funds from the Jewish Federation of Delaware, the United Way of Delaware and contributions from the community. In the early 1900s, a home caring for the Jewish elderly was the dream of a group of Jewish women, the



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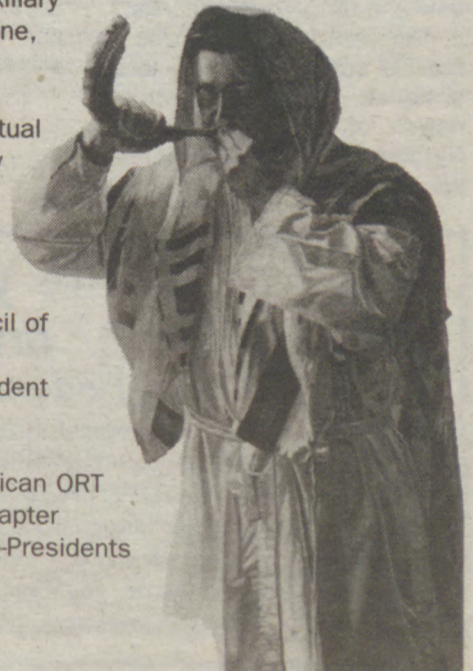
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The Melton School is a unique opportunity for Jewish adults from all backgrounds to acquire Jewish literacy in an open, trans-denominational, intellectually stimulating learning environment. Connections between Jewish learning and Jewish living are revealed as students explore Jewish history, religion, ritual, language, ethics, philosophy, literature, theology and contemporary Jewish life in an informal setting which offers direct contact

with primary sources, critical and reflective analysis, and interaction with skilled faculty and with similarly motivated students.

The orientation of the curriculum has both theoretical and practical applications. Its overall rubric for study is "learning for Jewish living," with the student's presumed life concerns serving as a point of reference for the subject matter. The lessons, presenting information in a descriptive rather than prescriptive manner are designed specifically to meet the educational needs of adults. There are no prerequi-

sites, no grades and no exams.

The Melton School meets once a week for thirty weeks for two years. The curriculum consists of four courses, each of which meets for one hour per week. In the first year, Purposes of Jewish Living deals with the big ideas such as creation, revelation, miracles, sin and redemption and Rhythms of Jewish Living explores theological and philosophical roots of familiar symbols, rituals and life-cycle events. In the second year, Ethics of Jewish Living examines timely issues of right and wrong and Dramas of Jewish Living is a journey

through 5000 years of the long and dramatic history of our people. The first year is a pre-requisite for the second. Graduates receive certificates of completion from The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

In 2004, morning classes begin on October 13 and meet on Wednesdays from 9:15 - 11:30 a.m. Evening classes begin on October 14 and meet on Thursdays from 7:15 - 9:30 p.m. Contact Marion Hamermesh, the Director of the Melton School in Delaware at the JCC, (302) 478-5660, ext. 201 or by e-mail at melton@jccdelaware.org.

Greetings from our editorial committee chairperson

Whether you are new to our community or have been here for years, we extend to each of you a warm "Welcome to Delaware." We hope you enjoy reading this issue of *The Jewish Voice*, including the annual *Shalom Delaware*, and that you will find it a helpful resource now and throughout the year.

The Jewish Voice strives to provide our readers with local, national, and international news of interest to the Delaware Jewish community. We appreciate your active par-

ticipation by reading and reacting to the articles; submitting news, reviews, and accounts of personal experiences; providing financial support; and patronizing our advertisers. We hope you consider yourself a vital part of this production, so that we may continue to be a successful community newspaper. Best wishes for a happy and healthy 5761!

Marion Hamermesh
Editorial Committee
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Meet the cover artist

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Shalom Delaware Recipes

Shabbat Cooking – from soup to sweets!

MEL MARKON'S

SWEET-AND-SOUR CABBAGE SOUP

- 12 cups water
- 1-1/2 lbs short ribs
- 1 head cabbage (3 lbs) cut into 1 inch pieces
- 1 onion chopped
- 1 cup ketchup
- 1 cup drained seeded chopped canned tomatoes
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup lemon juice
- 2T sweet paprika
- 1 - 2 T salt

*This recipe was found in Mel Markon's was an old Southside Chicago restaurant / deli long since closed. But this soup will make you remember tastes from your childhood.

Boil meat in water using a stainless steel or enameled kettle. Skim froth as it rises then simmer for 1 hour. Transfer meat with slotted spoon to a cutting board and trim away bones and fat. Skim fat off broth. Cube meat into small pieces then add back to the broth. Add remaining ingredients and simmer for 30 minutes

WHOLE WHEAT PROCESSOR CHALLAH

From: Mealleaniyumm! - All That's Missing is the Fat! by Norene Gilletz

A healthier, quicker version of traditional Challah for today's cook.

Yield: 1 large loaf (16 slices) Freezes well

- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 3/4 cup warm water (about 110 degrees F)
- 1 pkg. active dry yeast
- 2 cups all-purpose flour (approximately)
- 1 cup whole wheat flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons canola oil
- 3 tablespoons honey
- 1 egg plus 2 egg whites (or 2 eggs)
- 1 additional egg white mixed with 1 teaspoon water (to glaze Challah)
- 2 to 3 tablespoons sesame or poppy seeds

Dissolve sugar in warm water. Sprinkle yeast over water and let stand for 8 to 10 minutes, until foamy. Stir to dissolve. Combine flours and salt in processor bowl. Add yeast mixture and process for 10 to 12 seconds. Add oil, honey, 1 egg plus 2 egg whites (or 2 eggs). Process until dough gathers and forms a mass around the blades. Process 45 seconds longer, until dough is smooth and elastic, but still somewhat sticky. (In case the processor slows down and begins to stall, add a little extra flour through feed tube to let the processor return to normal speed.)

Turn dough out onto a lightly floured surface. Knead 1 to 2 minutes by hand, until smooth and elastic. Place in a large, greased bowl. Cover bowl and let rise in a warm place until dough is double in bulk, about 1 1/2 to 2 hours. Punch down. If you have time, let dough rise once again, about 3/4 to 1 hour, or shape it at this point.

Divide dough into 4 equal portions. Shape 3 portions of dough into long ropes, flouting your hands for easier handling. Place them on a greased baking sheet and form them into a large braid, tucking ends under. Divide the 4th portion of dough into 3 smaller ropes and form a small braid. Place it on top of the larger braid. Pinch dough in several places to join the two braids together.

Cover with a towel and let rise until doubled, about 2 hours. Brush with egg white and sprinkle with sesame seeds. Preheat

oven to 400 degrees F. Bake loaf in the lower third of your oven for 30 to 35 minutes, until golden brown. Loaf should sound hollow when tapped with your fingers.

126 calories per slice, 3 g fat (0.4 g saturated), 13 mg cholesterol, 4 g protein, 21 g carbohydrate, 171 mg sodium, 75 mg potassium, 1 mg iron, 2 g fibre, 9 mg calcium.

Whole Wheat Holiday Round Raisin Challah (Feigel): Follow instructions for Whole Wheat Challah, adding 3/4 cup of Sultana raisins at the end of Step 1. After dough has doubled, place it on a lightly floured board. Flour your hands and form dough into a long thin rope, tapering one end. Place it on a sprayed, foil-lined baking sheet. Starting with the thick end, coil dough up like a snail. Tuck the tapered end under. Cover and let rise until doubled. Brush with beaten egg white and sprinkle with sesame seeds. Bake in a preheated 400 degree F oven for 30 to 35 minutes, until golden brown. Loaf should sound hollow when tapped with your fingers.

GARLIC-ROSEMARY POTATO LATKES

From: The Gefilte Variations by Jayne Cohen

These exceptionally fragrant potato pancakes require no topping or sauce as adornment. They are perfect as is, ready to accompany any roasted or grilled chicken or meat.

Yield: about 4 servings about 1 1/2 lbs. Yukon Gold, or 3 large russet (baking) potatoes, peeled

- 2 tablespoons chopped garlic
- 1 tablespoon fresh rosemary leaves
- 1 large egg, beaten
- 1 tablespoon matzoh meal or unbleached all-purpose flour
- 3/4 teaspoon salt, or to taste
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper, or to taste
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- Olive oil for frying

Coarsely shred the potatoes, using grating disk in a food processor. (Don't wash out the food processor—you'll be using it again right away.) Transfer the potatoes to a colander or strainer and use your hands or a wooden spoon to press out as much moisture as possible.

Remove grating disk from processor and replace with steel blade. Return about 1/3 of the shredded potatoes to the food processor. Add the garlic and rosemary and process, using pulse motion, until roughly pureed. Transfer the mixture to a large bowl. Add the remaining shredded potatoes, the egg, matzoh meal, salt, pepper, and baking powder to the bowl. Mix until thoroughly combined. Refrigerate for about 15 minutes to mingle the flavors.

In a heavy, 10- to 12-inch skillet (cast-iron is ideal), heat about 1/4-inch oil over high heat until hot but not smoking. Drop 1/4 cup of the potato latke batter into the pan, and flatten with a spatula. Repeat with more batter, cooking no more than 4 or 5 latkes at a time; crowding the pan will give you soggy latkes.

Regulate the heat carefully, reducing it to medium as the latkes fry until golden and crisp on the bottom, about 4 minutes. To prevent oil from splattering, use two spatulas (or a spatula and a large spoon) to turn the latkes carefully. Fry until crisp and golden on the other side.

It's best to flip the latkes only once, so that they don't absorb too much oil. So, before turning, lift the latkes slightly with the spatula to make sure the underside is crisp

and brown.

As the latkes are done, transfer them to paper towels or untreated brown paper bags to drain.

Continue making latkes in the same manner until all the batter is used. If necessary, add more oil to the pan, but always allow the oil to get hot before frying a new batch.

Serve straightaway. Or keep the latkes warm in a 200 oven (place in a single layer on an oven-proof platter lined with paper towels) and serve when they are all ready to be brought to the table.

HONEY GINGER CHICKEN

From the Empire Kosher Kitchen Cookbook

Serves 6 to 8

My children adore this tantalizing baked chicken. Marinated in a soy and honey bath, it cooks to a caramelized sweetness that's irresistible. To produce this delicious taste and deep color, make sure to give the chicken the full roasting time; it won't be overcooked, I promise you. Serve this bird with rice and a platter of steamed green vegetables such as snow peas, broccoli, and spinach.

One 6-inch piece fresh ginger, peeled and coarsely chopped (about 1/2 cup)

- 12 garlic cloves, minced
- 16 medium scallions, white and green parts, coarsely chopped
- 3/4 cup low-sodium soy sauce
- 3/4 cup honey
- 1/4 teaspoon five-spice powder
- Freshly ground black pepper

Two 3-pound chickens, trimmed of all visible fat and cut into eighths, or

6 pounds chicken parts of your choice

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.
2. Place the ginger, garlic, scallions, and half the soy sauce in a food processor and process 2 minutes. Add the remaining soy sauce, the honey, and five-spice powder. Season to taste with the pepper and process to blend.

3. In a large bowl, combine the chicken with the marinade and toss. Line a large 1 1/2- to 2-inch deep baking dish with foil and add the chicken skin side down in a single layer. Spoon over the marinade and bake for 45 minutes. Turn the pieces over, baste with the sauce from the pan, and bake another 45 minutes. Serve the chicken hot or cold.

BRAISED BRISKET WITH THIRTY-SIX CLOVES OF GARLIC

From: The Gefilte Variations by Jayne Cohen

"You could smell the brisket all over the house, it had so much garlic in it. A roast like that, with a fresh warm twist, is a delicacy from heaven."—Sholem Aleichem, "Tit for Tat."

Why thirty-six cloves? Beginning with aleph, which equals one, each letter of the Hebrew alphabet stands for a number, and so every word has a numerical value. All multiples of eighteen, the numerical value of the Hebrew word chai, life, are considered especially auspicious, which is why donations to charity, and wedding and bar mitzvah gifts are often given in multiples of eighteen.

Yield: 8 generous servings

36 fat garlic cloves, or an equivalent amount of smaller cloves, plus 1 teaspoon minced garlic

- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- a first-cut beef brisket (about 5 lbs.), trimmed of excess fat, wiped with a damp paper towel, and patted dry

2 tablespoons red wine vinegar

3 cups beef or chicken broth, preferably homemade, or good quality low-sodium canned

3-4 fresh thyme sprigs or 2 teaspoons dried thyme

2 fresh rosemary sprigs, plus 1 teaspoon chopped rosemary

salt and freshly ground black pepper

1 teaspoon grated lemon zest

Preheat the oven to 325.

Drop the garlic cloves into boiling water for 30 seconds. Drain immediately. Peel as soon as garlic is cool enough to handle. Set aside on paper towels to dry.

Heat the olive oil over medium-high heat in a heavy-bottomed roasting pan or casserole large enough to accommodate the meat in one layer. Use two burners, if necessary. Add the brisket, and brown well on both sides, about 10 minutes. Transfer the brisket to a platter and set aside.

Pour off all but about 1 tablespoon of fat remaining in the pan, and add the garlic cloves. Cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until the garlic edges are tinged with gold. Add the vinegar and deglaze pan, scraping up all the browned bits from the bottom with a wooden spoon. Add the stock, thyme and rosemary sprigs, and reduce the heat to a simmer. Salt and pepper the brisket to taste on all sides, and add it to the pan, fat side up. Spoon the garlic cloves over the meat.

Place the brisket in the oven, cover, (if you have no lid, use heavy-duty foil), and cook, basting every half-hour, until meat is fork tender, 2 1/2 - 3 hours or longer. (As the meat cooks, periodically check that the liquids are bubbling gently. If they are boiling rapidly, turn the oven down to 300.)

Transfer the brisket to a cutting board and tent it loosely with foil.

Prepare the gravy. Strain the braising mixture, reserving the garlic and discarding the thyme and rosemary sprigs. Skim and discard as much fat as possible from the liquid. Puree about one-half of the cooked garlic and 1 cup of the defatted braising liquid in a food processor or a blender. Transfer the pureed mixture, the remaining braising liquid, and the rest of the cooked garlic to a skillet. Add the reserved chopped rosemary and minced garlic and the lemon zest. Boil down the gravy over high heat, uncovered, to desired consistency. Taste and adjust seasoning. (If you want a smooth gravy, puree all of the cooked garlic cloves.)

Cut the brisket into thin slices across the grain at a slight diagonal. Arrange the sliced brisket on a serving platter. Spoon some of the hot gravy all over the meat and pass the rest in a separate sauceboat.

JEWISH APPLE CAKE

- 1 c Vegetable oil
- 2 c Sugar
- 4 Eggs
- 3 c Flour
- 1/4 c Apple or orange juice
- 2 1/2 ts Vanilla
- 3 ts Baking powder
- 5 tb Sugar
- 2 tb Cinnamon
- 1 c Apples

Mix first seven ingredients well. Chop apples coarsely. Mix sugar and cinnamon, then add apples and coat them well. Layer batter and apples in a greased tube pan. Sprinkle remaining cinnamon sugar on top. Bake for 1 1/2 hours at 350° F.

Just Fruit Recipes is located at www.just-fruitrecipes.com



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