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HILLEL RECEIVES ITS OWN TORAH

by Melissa J. Brachfeld
Special to the Jewish Voice

The Hillel Student Center at the University of Delaware invites the entire Jewish community to the dedication of a Torah it has recently received from the Sandra Brand Torah Project. The dedication ceremony will be on Sunday May 16, 2004 at the Hillel Student Center in Newark.

Susan Detwiler, Executive Director of Hillel Student Center at the University of Delaware, said she can still remember picking up the Torah in New York City during Spring Break.

"I met Lee Manoff, past president of Hillel Student Life, Zehava Vitberg, current president of Hillel Student Life and Yetta Chaiken, a member of Hillel's Board of Governors," she said. "We went to the offices of the Israel-America Foundation and while we were there, we sat and talked with Sandra Brand, who donated the Torah, and Elaine Levitt, president of the Israel America Foundation."

Vitberg, a sophomore at the University of Delaware, said picking up the Torah in New York City was an experience she will never forget.

"The whole experience was truly amazing and I think what Sandra Brand is doing is a great thing," she said. "She told us a bit about her story and it was very touching to see how the Holocaust affected her. Her story was very inspirational and made me proud to be Jewish."

Brand is a Holocaust survivor who spent two years passing as a Christian woman in Nazi Poland. When the Holocaust was over, Brand began rebuilding her life.

"When she got out, she got the idea that the one thing all Jews have in common is Torah," Detwiler said. "She has made it her life's work to find Torahs from Eastern Europe, make sure they were kosher and



Joyful in the gift of Hillel's very own torah are: (From left) Lee Manoff, Zehava Vitberg and Sandra Brand.

donate them to America's public universities where Jewish students study. So that became the Sandra Brand Torah Project."

She said Brand recovers the Torahs as she finds them and has the money. Delaware Hillel will be accepting donations at the dedication ceremony to aid Brand in her work.

Detwiler anticipates that Brand will say a few words at the dedication ceremony. Peter Grumbacher, Rabbi of Congregation Beth Emeth and President of the Rabbinic Association of Delaware will officiate.

"We hope the whole community will come out to join us when we dedicate the Torah on May 16," said Detwiler, adding that "Stephanie Jolson, past president of Hillel Student Life, is organizing the dedication. Students, faculty and members of the community will be involved and light refreshments will be served."

If you have any questions please contact Stephanie Jolson at sjolson@udel.edu or Susan Detwiler at sdhillel@udel.edu. For more information about the Sandra Brand Torah Project, see <http://www.sandrabrand.com>.

NO BEEF FOR COMMONWEALTH AWARD WINNERS

By Joel F. Glazier
Special to the Jewish Voice

When Stanley Prusiner received the Nobel Prize in Medicine in 1997, he joined an impressive list of Jewish Nobel laureates. However, his research into the newly discovered area of prions, a renegade protein he found studying transmissible agents causing CJD in humans and scrapie of sheep, was at first criticized and scorned by many in the bio medical research field. When this new discovery, however, proved helpful in explaining the spread of Mad Cow Disease in Britain and eventually the US, Prusiner was recognized in a different light.

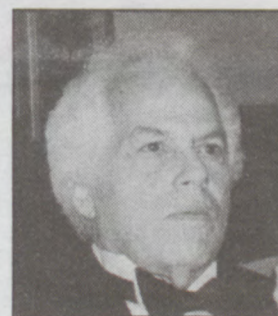
His latest recognition brought him to Wilmington last week, along with 4 other achievers, to receive a \$50,000 Commonwealth Award of Distinguished Service. For 25 years PNC Bank, Trustee for the awards, has presented the prizes. The Awards are funded by a trust set up by the late business executive and philanthropist Ralph Hayes, and reward and encourage the best in human performance.

Extraordinary to find something new

"It is healthy for scientists to be skeptical. The burden of a discoverer is to prove if the finding is right," explained the Iowa born neurobiologist whose grandfather immigrated from Moscow and joined a community of Russian Jews in Sioux City. After caring for a patient dying of CJD (Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease) during his neurology residency, Prusiner became intrigued into how a person's muscle control, brain and memory could gradually fail while the body did not. In 1982, his study of transmissible agents led him to the discovery of a protein without nucleic acid, a protein he called the prion.

"The vast majority of infections from prions come from spontaneous formations and mutations, and cannot be identified early in cows. Better diagnostics are needed, especially

than what was used 7 years ago when Mad Cow made such news in Great Britain." Prusiner's findings have caused serious debate about the safety of beef consumed in western countries.



Dr. Stanley Prusiner

Some have claimed that kosher meat has a much smaller chance of containing this infectious gene. "Cows with the Mad Cow gene are not known as it first incubates. The slaughter method using a bolt driven into a cow's head could spread agents of an infected brain into the rest of the carcass." Kosher slaughter involves a precise slitting of the throat and not stunning in the head.

"I want the small added expense to test all cows, like is done in 57 other countries of the world. I haven't eaten beef in 7 or 8 years. I am tired of chicken and fish. I miss a good steak," the good doctor said, before joining the black-tie, invitation only dinner in the Hotel duPont's Gold Ballroom. The menu offered a choice of chicken or fish.

Award winner for public service, actor Christopher Reeve, who praised the level of research for paralysis victims in Israel after a visit there in July 2003, shared Prusiner's call for more funds for National Institute for Health research. They both favor stem cell research. He also shared a newly found spiritual side since his paralyzing accident in 1995. "I have had much time to think since my speed has slowed down to 3 MPH in a wheel chair," laughed Reeve. "It's tempting to do nothing. An inner voice asks whether we are giving or taking." He urges people to be more involved

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The theatre owner and co-sponsor, the Buccini/Pollin Group, renovated the theatre last year. Theatre N seats 221 people and features a 35-mm projector, a perforated movie screen, and state-of-the-art Dolby surround sound system. Theatre N is the only movie theatre in New Castle County showing independent films.

EDITORIAL

Celebrating Jewish Motherhood

"God could not be everywhere, so he created mothers" – by Leopold Kompert

Popular adages like these, emblazoned on t-shirts, mugs and other gift items in eager anticipation of Mother's Day might well have been inspired by the teachings of Jewish sages. Mothers have a very special role in Jewish tradition. While G-d made the world, mothers were given the awesome and unique power to create life within it!

Eve's Hebrew name is a derivative of Chai – the Hebrew word for life. The Talmud quotes Rabbi Joseph as saying, "I stand for the approach of G-d's presence," whenever he heard his mothers footsteps. Indeed as mothers, we are Judaism's past, present and future.

Through the ages, women have harnessed the power of their role as mothers to accomplish great things. Devorah the Prophetess, one of our tradition's most celebrated female figures, defined herself and her achievements by her fulfillment of this maternal mandate. In

Judges, Devorah states, "Security ceased, ceased in Israel, until I, Devorah, a mother in Israel, arose.

Modern day Israel was guided and shaped by the leadership of another formidable female, Golda Meir. Like Devorah, Israel's first and only female prime minister was empowered by her role as matriarch to lead her people through extremely challenging times.

Mother's Day, occurring this year on Sunday, May 9th, may very well be a clearly contrived marketing opportunity to purchase cards, flowers and gifts. However, it also is an opportunity to lovingly reflect upon the women who have so greatly influenced and enriched our lives.

And what could be bad about that?

Shabbat Shalom,

Lynn B. Edelman
Lynn B. Edelman

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Send a truly meaningful Mother's Day Gift this year

Each spring, Jewish Women International, www.jewishwomen.org, a century-old women's organization, sends Mother's Day bouquets to more than 150 battered women's shelters across the country as part of the organization's commitment to make a difference in the life of battered women through both small gestures of support and the many substantive projects on domestic abuse for which JWI is so well known.

Join us in helping women of all ages and ethnicities by participating in the Mother's Day Flower Project this year and give a truly meaningful Mother's Day gift to the special women in your life.

Your donation of \$20 or more helps us deliver flowers to the women's shelters and also supports JWI's Women's Economic Security Fund, which underwrites a variety of programs that expand resources, educa-

tion and training for at-risk women and girls. <http://www.jewishwomen.org/programs/wesf.htm>

As a thank you, for each \$20.00 contribution, JWI will send a tribute card to your designated honoree on Mother's Day letting her know that a charitable contribution has been made in her honor. Honor your mother, sister, aunt, friend, colleague...any woman who's special to you.

Donate securely online at www.jewishwomen.org or call 1.800.343.2823.

Please donate by May 3, 2004 so we can mail Mother's Day cards to your honorees on time.

Thank you in advance for your gift.

Sincerely,
Millie Sernovitz, President JWI

Hedda Matza-Haughton
Chair, Mother's Day Flower Project

Photo Of The Week



Michelle Engelmamm of West Chester and Marci Aerenon of Wilmington display signs before joining others on 3 buses sponsored by Hadassah, National Council of Jewish Women and Congregation Beth Emeth. Buses brought several hundred marchers from the area to join an estimated 1,000,000 individuals across the country in Washington for Sunday's March for Women's Lives. Marchers called for reproductive freedom and expressed other domestic policy concerns. (Photo by Joel Glazier)

PARSHA PLACE

Week of April 30

Acharei Mot/Kedoshim

Leviticus 16:1 - 20:27

ABOVE THE LAW
by Pinchas Landis

Let us take a look at Mr. Schwartzgoldstein for just one moment. At first glance, it appears that Mr. Schwartzgoldstein is a fully Torah observant Jew. He eats only kosher food; yet most of the time eats to a point of gluttony. He never does any of the prohibited activities on Shabbat; yet most of his Shabbat dialogue revolves around the latest Braves stats. He prays three times a day; yet rarely gives much thought to the words that he is saying. Mr. Schwartzgoldstein is a fully observant Jew, right? Not according to this week's Torah portion.

At the beginning of this week's second Torah portion, the Torah tells us "kedoshim tehiyu be holy." How does a Jew fulfill this unusual commandment? We can look to the Ramban, one of the leading Torah scholars of the Middle Ages, for answers.

The Ramban first defines the words kedoshim tehiyu as "be separate." He goes on to explain that without this commandment it would be completely possible to be a fully observant Jew and still indulge in many desires. The Ramban labels such a person as a detestable person within the bounds of the Torah. Yet, this mitzvah teaches us that we are to separate ourselves from such behaviors and be holy.

The Ramban goes on to explain that we learn from this mitzvah that we should go above the letter of the law in our Torah observance. For example, it is perfectly fine to go to a kosher all-you-can-eat establishment, but it would be quite gluttonous to indulge oneself in a dozen portions of everything from the all-you-can-eat bar. So, even though Mr. Schwartzgoldstein might be observing most of the Torah, his neglecting of the mitzvah of kedoshim tehiyu leaves him short in his Torah observance.

With this mitzvah, the Torah teaches us that there is the letter of the law and the spirit of the law, and we are obligated to fulfill both. We cannot properly have one without the other. May this period of Sefirat HaOmer, when we count the days from when the Jews left the abyss of Egypt on Passover until that magnificent day when they received the holy Torah on Shavuot, be a time of strengthening ourselves in both the letter and the spirit of the law.

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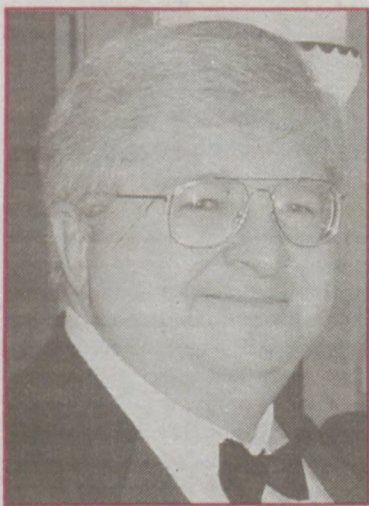
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FEDERATION FOCUS

Nazi War crimes prosecutor to speak at Federation annual meeting



John Loftus

Attorney John Loftus, a prosecutor with the Justice Department's Nazi War Crimes Unit during the Carter and Reagan administrations, will be the special guest speaker at the Jewish Federation of Delaware's Annual Meeting, June 17, 2004, 7:30 p.m. at the Delaware JCC, 101 Garden of Eden Road in Wilmington.

Loftus, who resigned from the Justice Department after determining that the Nazis he was assigned to prosecute were working for NATO intelligence, exposed the scandal during a broadcast of the popular television newsmagazine "60 Minutes". In 1982, he received CIA clearance to publish his first

book, *The Belarus Secret*.

This initial tome set the stage for two other controversial books, *The Unholy Trinity*, a history of how the Vatican helped Nazi smuggling networks to penetrate western intelligence and *The Secret War Against the Jews*, which, through exposure of still classified archives of the Holocaust, documents how American Jews have been systematically wiretapped since 1944 and how Israel was "set up" for the Iran-Contra Affair by former president George Bush.

He is currently working on a new book, *Prophets of Terror: Jonathan Pollard and Peace in the*

Middle East, which will indict negligent politicians for ignoring intelligence warnings that a wave of Arab terrorism was set to touch down on American soil.

Loftus has an encyclopedic knowledge of the top secret history of terrorism including current Islamic attempts to obtain atomic, biologic, and chemical weapons. Surprisingly, Loftus says that the worst attacks are almost over, and that terror weapons such as Anthrax really do not work well in the real world. He believes that we may be witnessing the death throes of the fundamentalist terror states, and the birth of a renaissance of modernity in the Middle East.

Born in Boston, Loftus now lives in St. Petersburg where he volunteers as the first Irish Catholic President of the Florida Holocaust Museum, the fifth largest in the world. Their goal is to end racism in our children's lifetime. For his efforts on behalf of the Museum, Loftus was honored with the 2002 Yitzhak Rabin Memorial Award presented by the Jewish Federation of Pinellas County, Florida.

Attendance at the Federation Annual Meeting is free and open to the entire community. For additional information, please call Sheila Krinsky at 302-427-2100, ext. 15.

The Power of Philanthropy

Todd Polikoff
Campaign Director

According to Jewish tradition, the highest form of Tzedakah is giving to a central campaign – a community fund of kupah. The kupah ensures that both the donor and the recipient remain anonymous. It demonstrates concern for the entire Jewish community and the dignity of all its members. It is a gift without boundaries. Today, that community fund is the Jewish Federation of Delaware Annual Campaign.

The JFD Annual Campaign embodies the values and tradition of the Jewish community of Delaware more than anything else we as a federation do. It says that we care about people, not about their politics or religious practices. It says that we will – as a community – address a broad spectrum of critical issues—from domestic abuse to hunger, from disaster relief to anti-Semitism—issues that affect the way we live our lives.

The impact of the continuing philanthropic success of the federation annual campaign is priceless. We truly have the power to nurture and save millions of Jewish men, women and children. We have the opportunity to preserve ancient Jewish traditions and perpetuate them for future generations.

Our Jewish federation and its beneficiary agencies invest in the future of our people by introducing children, teenagers and young adults to Jewish life and Jewish values, here at home and around the world. In the former Soviet Union, it has empowered Jewish grandparents to come out from behind closed doors to teach Hebrew and share their stories of struggle and rebirth. Our federation network is book fairs, Passover Seders and Purim parties and much, much more.

Every day, the Jewish Federation of

Delaware delivers on its responsibility to care for Jews in need. Every campaign gift has a real dollar value in our community. It delivers comfort, care and loving kindness.

As a member of the Jewish community, you have a wonderful opportunity to infuse your life with these values of tzedakah and tikkun olam that are essential components of who we are as a people. You don't have to be a Torah scholar to live a meaningful Jewish life. You just have to care about your fellow Jews.

The Jewish Federation of Delaware will show you the many ways you can connect with Jews across the street and around the world through your participation in the Federation Annual Campaign. Please call me at 302-427-2100, ext. 16 or email me at todd.polikoff@shalomdel.org to learn the many ways you can become involved.

L'Chaim Circle recognizes annual campaign donors

Jennifer Young
Endowment and Women's
Philanthropy Director, JFD

This new donor circle recognizes men and women who have consistently contributed to the Federation annual campaign for 25 years or more.

L'Chaim Circle is a program of the Jewish Fund for the Future, the endowment arm of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. The unique program honors people who are a vital part of the Jewish tradition of tzedakah. For thousands of years, Jews have answered their obligation to establish justice by being righteous, compassionate, and by helping our local and global Jewish family.

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INSIDE DELAWARE

Reflections from a young leader



Aviva Elzufon

By Aviva Elzufon
Special to the Jewish Voice

I was fortunate to be selected by Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School to attend the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Conference [HOBY] in Rehoboth, Delaware. The HOBY Conference was set up by Hugh O'Brian to nurture teenagers into becoming tomorrow's leaders. One representative from each high school in the state is chosen to go to the conference.

Throughout the weekend, we went to five panels where we heard panelists discuss current issues. Panelists included politicians, educators, and representa-

tives of a variety of professions and volunteer organizations. Topics included the environment, volunteerism, careers, college, leadership, and goal setting. At each panel discussion students, in teams, were able to question panelists about their views. These discussions were very informative and I learned, not only about many opportunities, but also about myself.

We also volunteered at Cape Henlopen State Park by planting dune grass on the beach. It was nice to be able to give back to the community. Despite all the work we did over the weekend, we also had time to enjoy ourselves. There was a talent show at the end of the

weekend, as well as an afternoon on the boardwalk.

At the end of the weekend, there was a luncheon. The whole weekend was summarized in speeches, and participation certificates were distributed. During the luncheon two students were awarded scholarships to attend the World Leadership Conference in Washington DC. First the male candidate was announced, and then I was announced as the female candidate just moments after thinking to myself that I was the last person that they would choose to go to the conference.

I feel grateful that I was given the opportunity to go the HOBY Conference by Delaware Gratz

Hebrew High School. I also am very grateful to be given the opportunity to go the World Leadership Conference this summer. After this amazing weekend, I gained a newfound confidence in myself, and that I have more drive and spirit than I accredit myself.

Aviva Elzufon is a 16 year old sophomore in the International Baccalaureate Programme at Mount Pleasant High School where she participates in many school clubs and activities. Last summer, she was a foreign exchange student in Costa Rica. Aviva, the daughter of Lena and John Elzufon, volunteers at the Mary Campbell Center with Delaware Gratz.

Movie Fundraiser Benefits Dover and Seaside Jewish Communities

Congregation Beth Shalom in Dover and the Seaside Jewish Community will benefit from a May 16th, 7:30 p.m. special screening of the critically acclaimed film "Unlikely Heroes." This film, from the Wiesenthal Center's Moriah Films Division, examines what it took to resist and stand up to the Nazis by shedding light on previously unknown sagas of courage and heroism during the most desperate days of the Holocaust. "Unlikely Heroes" highlights the personal stories of extraordinary people whose heroic deeds were virtually unknown and

who exemplify the highest level of courage and human dignity.

Guests will enjoy a cash bar reception prior to the screening at the Schwartz Center in Dover. Tickets are \$50 a person and the Dover and Seaside congregations will get to keep \$10 of every ticket sold. The rest of the money helps support the Schwartz center.

If you are interested in getting tickets please contact Lynne Chichi at (302) 644-2209 or Beth Shalom at (302) 734-5578.

Calling All Chess Enthusiasts!

The Jewish Community Center of Delaware will be the host site for the third annual Northern Delaware Elementary School Chess Championships. Hundreds of students are expected to participate in this event, which is open to all elementary school students from Northern Delaware, slated for Sunday, May 16 from 12 noon until approximately 5:30 p.m.

There will be awards for the top four players with the best overall score as well as the top three players at each grade level. There will also be awards for the

top three elementary school teams and school participation awards.

The cost of registration is \$7 per person before May 10th and \$10 per person after May 10th. All participants are expected to play all five rounds of competition.

The JCC of Delaware is located at 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington, just off Rte. 202. For additional information, please contact Randy Rosenthal via email at rosenthal@jccdelaware.org or by phone at (302) 478-5660, ext. 231.

Survivor shares his story for 1st time



Photo and caption by Joel Glazier

AKSE Men's Club Yom HaShoah Speaker Morris Freschman (left), seated with Men's Club President Joel Panitz, shared his personal story of survival during The Holocaust at the AKSE Men's Club Breakfast on Yom HaShoah Day. Freschman told of his experiences publicly for the first time. He survived Concentration Camps and slave labor work after the Nazis invaded his town in Poland. Locally, the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee arranges for Survivors to have their testimonies taped and Morris Freschman's story will be added to thousands of such testimonies. Please contact the Preston Committee at the Jewish Federation of Delaware Office, 302-427-2100 for more information about such testimonies or other resources for Holocaust Education.

Jewish War Veterans need community help

The Jewish War Veterans of Delaware is in the process of compiling a complete list of Jewish War Veterans and Vietnam veterans who were killed or died during World War II or during the Vietnam era.

Department Commander Arthur Samuelsohn traveled to The Hall of Records in Dover recently to review the listings of Jewish veterans who are listed in the Book of Delaware History of Veterans of World War II - 1941-1945. He was unable to find information on the following Delaware veterans:

Nathan Burstan, Rupert Burstan, Charles Spiegel, Nathan Aerenson

Data on Zane Glazer, who served in Vietnam, would also be appreciated.

If you have any information on the above servicemen, please contact Samuelsohn at 302-762-5519 or 302-762-6756. If you prefer, you can mail him the information at 3209 Heather Court, Wilmington, DE 19809.

AKSE hosts Jewish educator at brunch

The Adas Kodesch Men's Club presents Batsheva Hirschman, Jewish educator on Sunday, May 23, 10:00 a.m. at the synagogue on Washington Street and Torah Way in Wilmington. Hirschman, chairperson of Jewish Studies for the middle school at Rodeph Shalom Day School in Manhattan, will speak on "Megilat Ruth: What's Love Got to Do With It". Her talk is particularly relevant as Shavuot is celebrated this year on May 25th.

The speaker will be preceded by breakfast at 9:30 a.m. which costs \$4.00. For additional information, please call the synagogue, (302) 762-2705.

JCC Newark News

KIDS NIGHT OUT - Leave your parents at home alone on Saturday, May 8th and enjoy a night of pizza, games, swimming and more with the JCC Newark staff. The evening begins at 5:30 and ends at 9:30 p.m. - ample time for a leisurely dinner. The cost is \$12 for members and \$17 for non-members. Call JCC Newark at 302-368-9173 to reserve a slot by May 5.

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GLOBAL JEWISH NEWS

Israel remembers its fallen

By Dina Kraft, JTA

The eve of Israel's memorial day for fallen soldiers, Yom Hazikaron, is also Omri Atzmon's birthday.

Born 51 years ago, Atzmon has a smooth, smiling face, a flop of dark hair covering his forehead, in photographs taken when he was 21.

Today, those photos are all that remains of Atzmon, wearing a face that never changes.

A member of an elite special forces team in the Israeli army, Atzmon was killed on the ninth day of the 1973 Yom Kippur War. He was deep in the Sinai Desert when Egyptian artillery fire hit his armored vehicle, killing Atzmon and his eight fellow crew members.

Atzmon lies buried alongside his comrades in the military section of the Kiryat Shaul cemetery.

On Monday, Yom Hazikaron, his younger brother Yavin — now older than Atzmon ever was — tends to the roses and lilies neatly arranged in copper and clay vases on the grave.

Members of Atzmon's family are among the countless Israelis who stand packed between the rows of graves, which stretch out as vast fields of square stones, broken only by cypress and palm trees.

In the small Jewish state, it seems that almost everyone has the grave of a friend or loved one to visit on Yom Hazikaron.

Here, in the cemetery at Moshav Magshimim, friendships have been forged.

Aging army buddies with graying hair and spreading paunches mingle with the parents and siblings of their fallen friends. The relatives themselves long have become acquainted. Year after year they stand alongside each other by the row of graves.

Waiting under a baking sun for the official Yom Hazikaron ceremony

to begin, they exchange family news: who has died, who was born, who had an operation, who is starting college.

The cemetery is divided into chronological sections — the soldiers killed in the 1956 war and the 1967 Six Day War are in their own areas; the Yom Kippur War fallen are in another.

A younger set of parents and friends fill the section reserved for soldiers killed in Lebanon and in Israel's battles since. That section is particularly crowded.

At 11 a.m., there is a piercing wail as the nationwide memorial siren sounds. The hush that falls over the crowd at Kiryat Shaul, one of Israel's 43 military cemeteries, echoes that felt all over the country. A sea of heads bows in grief and remembrance.

On the streets and highways of Israel, drivers stop their cars in the middle of the road and stand at attention while the siren wails. Everyone — shoppers, stockbrokers and schoolchildren — pause for the siren.

There are so many to remember. From Nov. 29, 1947, through April 4 of this year, 20,196 soldiers died defending Israel. The Israeli government put the figure of total dead through Sunday, the eve of Israel's memorial day, at 21,782, including fallen soldiers and victims of terrorism.

The latest name added to the list was Cpl. Yaniv Mashiah of Jaffa, 20, a member of Israel's Border Police, who was killed in a Palestinian ambush outside Hebron on Sunday night.

In recent years, Yom Hazikaron has changed to incorporate not only soldiers but victims of terrorism.

"We hoped that we would not



An Israeli family prays over the grave of their relative, as soldiers join them at the Mt. Herzl military cemetery in Jerusalem on the eve of Israel's memorial day for its fallen soldiers, Sunday, April 25, 2004. Israel collectively mourns all those Israeli soldiers killed in wars since the creation of the Jewish state in 1948. Credit: Brian Hendler/JTA

add more names to the list of fallen," President Moshe Katsav said Sunday in his speech at the state ceremony marking the beginning of Yom Hazikaron, at the Western Wall plaza in Jerusalem.

"To our regret, it was another year of pain and of blood in the streets, another year of sorrow and grief, a year in which the awareness grew within us that we are fighting to defend the lives of citizens of Israel and for the security of the state," he said.

For the entire night and day of Yom Hazikaron, the only songs played on the radio are sad, Hebrew

songs, many of them about the young men and women killed in the country's wars. Lyrics recall lives struck down in their prime and the ache of goodbye.

On the moshav in central Israel where Omri Atzmon lived, he still is known as the boy with "golden hands" — who grew up working the land and was able to fix anything broken. A ceremony was held Sunday night at the moshav in memory of Atzmon and another two young men from the moshav killed in action in the Yom Kippur War.

At the moshav ceremony, the letters of the word "yizkor," Hebrew for

"remember," are set aflame, burning in the night sky.

Four boys have been named in memory of Omri.

Rifka Atzmon, Omri's mother, says that every day has been Yom Hazikaron for her since her son died, but that on the day itself she feels the family is not alone in its grief.

"We feel that the nation of Israel is with us, embraces us and this moves us — that everyone is with us and we are not alone," she says. "We want there to be an end to the deaths ... we want peace, we want quiet so others will not have to die. But there seems to be no end."

Tense time for Spain's Jews

By Jerome Socolovsky

Nicholson family members love getting out of Madrid on weekends, and often they round up other young families for the weekly kosher barbeque at Masada, a Jewish retreat in the mountains outside Spain's capital.

Masada, it turns out, was on a list of bombing targets police found in the hideout of the Islamic militants suspected of blowing up four commuter trains in Madrid on March 11, killing 191 people.

So will the Nicholsons go back to Masada?

"Absolutely I would. You cannot let that sort of thing stop you from continuing with your life," Paul Nicholson said, several days after his wife Dalia gave birth to a baby boy, their second child.

After the train bombings, Spain's 35,000 Jews — like most other Spaniards — were outraged that Islamic terrorists had struck in the country. Videotapes and statements on behalf of Al-Qaida said the attacks were meant to punish

Spain for supporting the United States in the Iraq war.

Most Jews already accepted the importance of stringent security measures for a small community in a country with a large and rapidly growing North African population, and a long history of anti-Semitism.

But at least this time, it seemed after the March 11 bombings, the Jewish community had been left out of the terrorist vendetta. Many Jews thus were taken aback when, a few weeks after the train attacks, the newspaper El Mundo published the terrorists' plans for further attacks — including a map showing Masada's precise location.

"Masada is pretty well off the beaten track," said Nicholson, a New Zealand-born business consultant. "For them to have been able to track it down, get information about it — you really wonder a bit about the security in Spain for Jews."

In addition to Masada, the suspected terrorists also had planned to blow up a suburban shopping

mall and bullet trains.

None of these attacks took place thanks to a cell phone, found March 11 attached to an unexploded bomb as a makeshift detonator. Police used the phone to track the suspected leader of the train bombings — a Tunisian named Sarhane Ben Abdelmajid Fakheth — to an apartment in Leganes, a southern suburb of Madrid.

When police tried to storm the building, Fakheth and a group of followers triggered an explosion, killing themselves and a policeman and ripping off the front of the apartment building.

Police believe several suspects remain at large, and the Jewish community is taking no chances.

Jacobo Israel Garzon, president of Madrid's Jewish community, said synagogues in the city are beefing up their own security, and Spanish law enforcement authorities have been asked for additional help.

Some people are staying away from Jewish activities, he said, but

"those of us who are not afraid are more numerous."

In Barcelona, where another 8,000 Jews live, Yitzhak Levy's home is next door to that city's Masada.

"When I went last weekend there were only four families, when usually there are 20 or 30," said Levy, a spokesman for the community.

He says there has been no specific threat against Jewish institutions in Barcelona. Still, there is reason for caution: Investigators believe the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks in New York and Washington were planned about an hour away, in the beach resort of Salou. In addition, many of the Al-Qaida suspects detained in connection with the Sept. 11 attacks lived in Catalonia, the northeastern Spanish region of which Barcelona is capital.

Levy says it's clear the Madrid train bombings, which came just three days before Spain's national elections, influenced the outcome. Yet he accepts the common analysis that many Spaniards voted for

the Socialist government not because of its stance against the Iraq war but because they felt deceived by the conservative government of then-Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar.

Aznar's government first blamed the attack on the outlawed Basque separatist group ETA, despite increasing evidence of involvement by Islamic extremists. Aznar has said the government released new information pointing to Islamic radicals as soon as it became available, but many Spaniards felt the government was trying to hide something, afraid its support for the Iraq war might backfire electorally.

"For many people, it was the last straw," Levy said. But, he concedes, "I've heard Jews say the winner of the Spanish elections was Osama Bin Laden."

On Sunday, a day after being sworn in, the new Socialist prime minister, Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero, announced that he

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Clinical psychologist helps the fearful

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By Dr. Linda Sapadin
John Wiley & Sons, 2004

1. When conversing with others, do you lose your focus on the conversation because you're concerned about how others are perceiving you?

2. Are you aware of bodily sensation when you're in social situations, such as your heart racing or your stomach churning?

3. Do other people often describe you as "too intense"?

4. Do you easily get alarmed over a possible problem?

5. Do you have difficulty saying "no" to people if they ask you for something?

6. Do you tend to give other people's needs priority over your own?

7. Do you tend to be sarcastic or ridicule people rather than speak directly with them about what's bothering you?

8. Do you sometimes think that beneath your anger, you store a lot of fear?

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Tense time

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would make good on a campaign promise to withdraw Spain's 1,400 troops from Iraq.

He previously had said he might reconsider if the United Nations were given control of Iraq as planned by June 30.

After his inauguration, however, Zapatero said it seemed clear the transition wouldn't happen, and he promised to bring Spanish soldiers home "as soon as possible." Opinion polls showed that around 70 percent of Spaniards agreed with the decision.

Many also are wondering if the previous government's focus on the Basque terrorist threat blinded it to the possibility of an attack by Islamic extremists, especially given Spain's pro-U.S. stances and its crackdown on the local Sept. 11 cell.

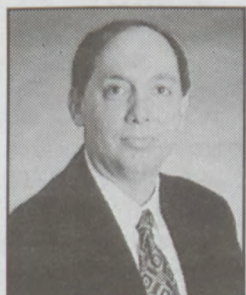
An investigative report in El Mundo

claimed Spanish authorities had received warnings from the intelligence services of several countries, including the United States, Britain, France, Germany and Israel.

"On at least 10 occasions, Israeli intelligence agents had let their Spanish colleagues know" that "Islamic militants were preparing a major attack in Madrid," journalist Fernando Mugica wrote.

Madrid's Garzon said the rapidity with which Zapatero announced the pullout "gives the impression that we are submitting to the threats" of the terrorists.

"Most of my Spanish friends disagree with me," Nicholson said. "But one Spanish government made the decision to go in there, and for another Spanish government to come in and change that, all you're doing is answering the terrorists' request. Whether that was right or wrong doesn't really matter anymore."



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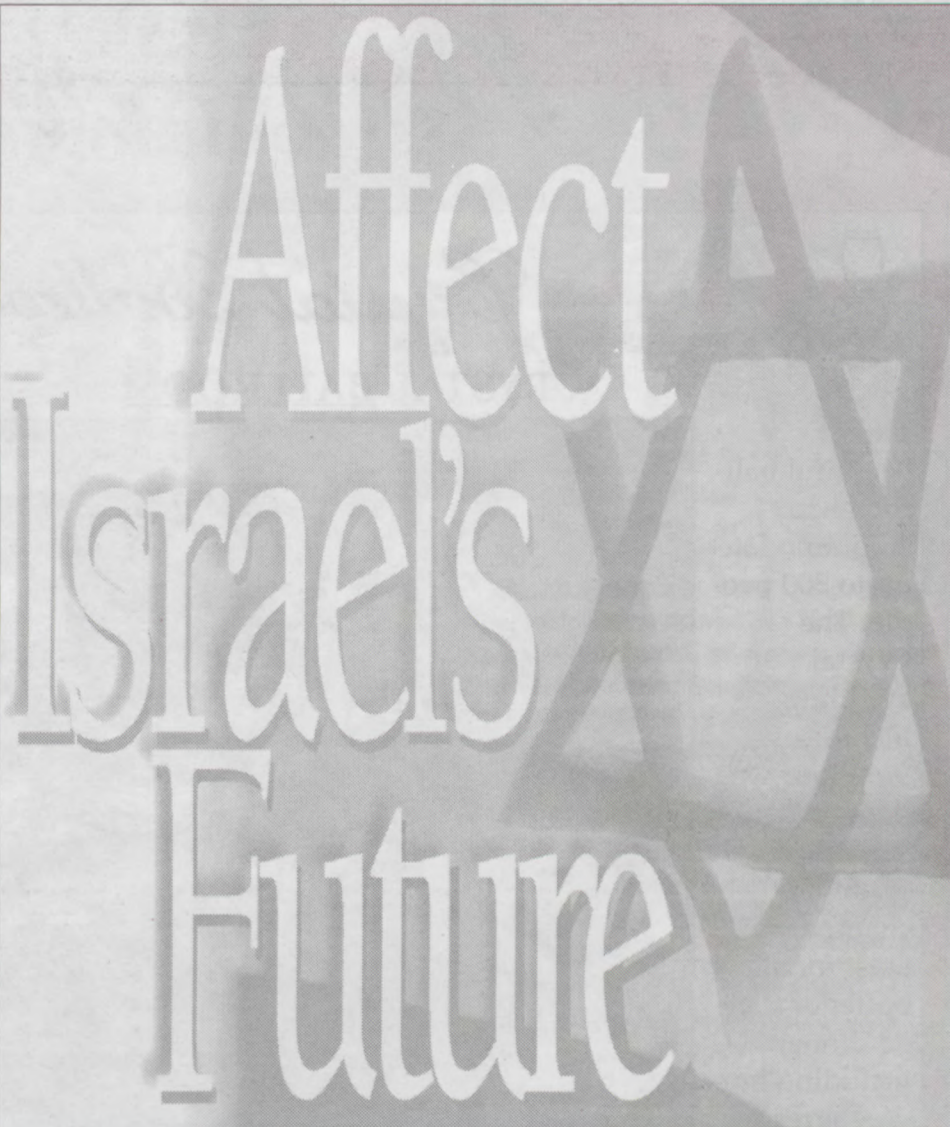
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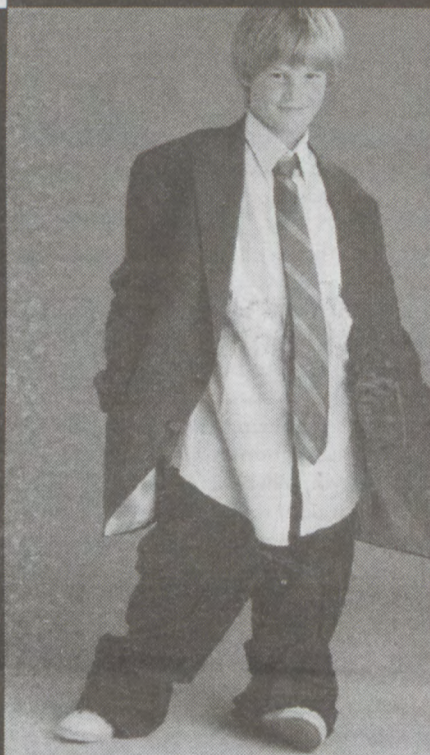
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MATTER OF OPINION

Auschwitz argument used against withdrawal

By Nechemia Meyers

Opponents of the proposed withdrawal from the Gaza Strip and part of the West Bank are desperate and so they have called up their ideological heavy artillery, the argument that what begins in Gaza may end in a new Auschwitz.

This approach is reflected in a press release put out a few days ago by the Jewish Community of Hebron, a release that was topped by two photographs. On the left is the famous shot of a little Jewish boy with his hands in the air and a yellow star on his coat. It is captioned: "Europe 1944." On the right is another little Jewish boy with his hands in the air.

Its caption: "Gush Katif 2004?"

After outlining the terrible dimensions of the Holocaust, David

Wilder, who wrote the release, warns against trusting the promises of the United States and Europe "that did nothing, absolutely nothing, to stop the carnage in Europe....How can we rely on them now when our very existence is at stake?" he asks.

Wilder concludes by stating that if Sharon's plans are not thwarted, "one day, in the not too distant future, Holocaust Memorial Day may mark the beginning of the end of the Jewish State."

A similar tone was evident in the remarks of several members of Gush Katif settlements who were debating the disengagement plan with Deputy Prime Minister Ehud Olmert on T.V. One of them, for example, said that pictures of Jews being evicted from the Gaza Strip would bring back memories of the

death marches in Europe 60 years ago.

It is nothing new for over-the-Green-Line settlers to draw upon Holocaust memories to support their cause; they have done the same with Holocaust terminology. In the months before Prime Minister Rabin's murder, they often compared him with members of the Judenrat, the Jewish community councils in Nazi-controlled ghettos. Moreover, they said his willingness to remove settlements would result in large areas of the Land of Israel being made Judenrein (Hitler's phrase to describe an area that was free from Jews).

Settler leader Eliakim Haetzni castigates those of his fellow countrymen who believe that "the Holocaust should only be dealt with by Yad Vashem and argue that any-

one who tries to draw conclusions about the contemporary situation on the basis of what happened then is suffering from 'an Auschwitz complex.'"

Haetzni, for his part, sees plenty of parallels between what happened then and what is happening now, both as regards waves of anti-Semitism and as regards the unwillingness of Jews to read the handwriting on the wall. "And with all due regard to the differences between then and now, how can one ignore the parallel between warnings that were ignored then and warnings that are being ignored now?"

He agrees that what may happen here is not exactly what happened there. "The settlers won't be sent to concentration camps and those who will drag them away from their

homes will be brokenhearted....But this prospect cannot but remind us of the black days of the Jewish past."

Opponents of the disengagement return again and again to the Holocaust because they lack other, more convincing arguments that might persuade Israelis—hoping for a defacto truce with the Arabs—to oppose Sharon's plan. But sometimes even they realize that they have gone too far. This happened a few days ago in regard to a full-page advertisement that was supposed to appear in "Ma'ariv", a mass circulation daily.

As originally conceived, the ad was to have a blue stripe at each side of the page and a memorial candle in the lower left-hand corner. Between the stripes, which were presumably meant to remind readers

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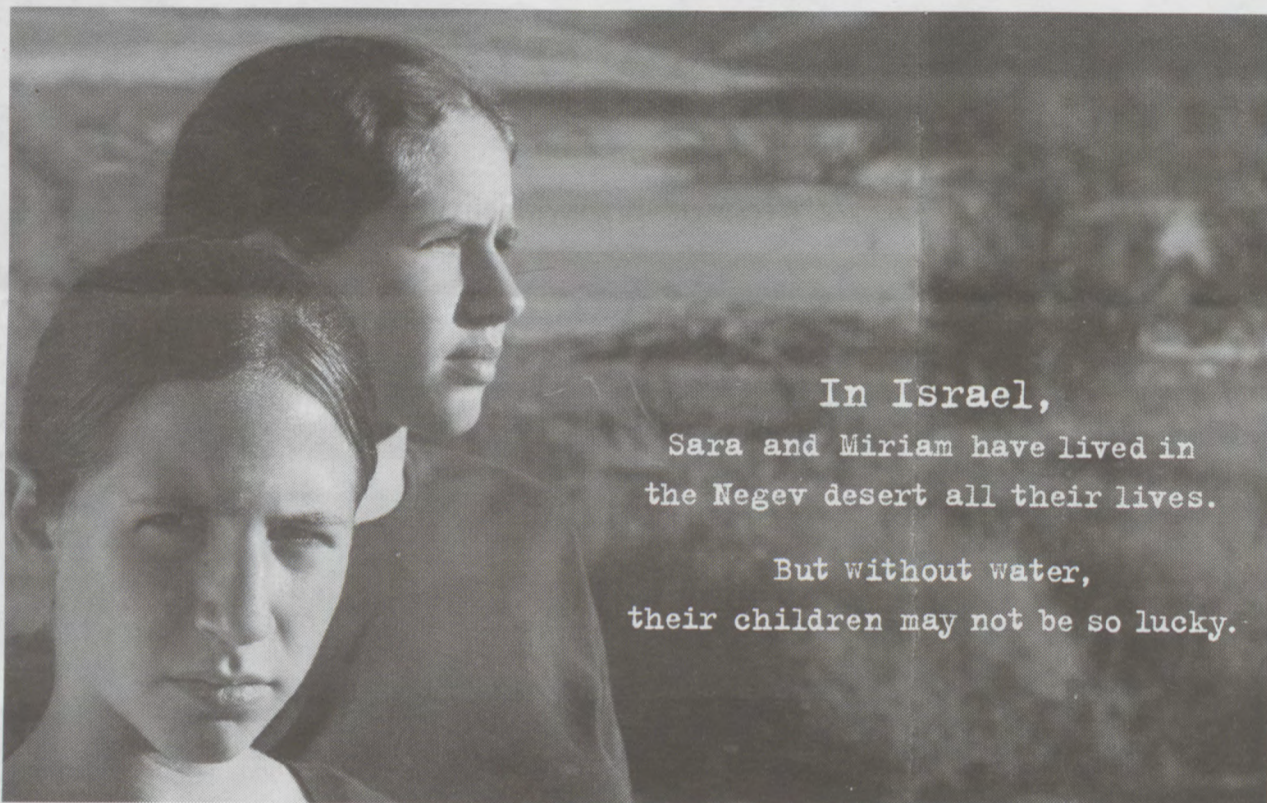
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in public service. "Public demands can convince the government to increase funding for more medical research as the public demanded for more AIDS research and even the families of the 9/11 victims demanded of the government to release classified documents in the investigation of the actions prior to that tragedy." "Don't be paralyzed by fear or by problems," said Reeve, who award winner, Meryl Streep, called a present day Superman.

Streep received an award for Dramatic Arts. She told the audience that her real achievement is "Having pretended to be extraordinary people my whole professional life such as Ethel Rosenberg, Mrs. Kramer and Holocaust Survivor Sophie." She learned Polish and German for her Oscar winning performance as Sophie. "My mother took me on a trip to the UN and it opened a door for me and as a young girl to want to be a translator...to help people understand each other."

Streep had collaborated with award winner for Literature, Isabel Allende. The prolific writer, whose cousin, Chilean President Salvador Allende was murdered in a coup against the government, expressed her love for America and the embracing of such a large Latino culture. Awarded for Mass Communications was news correspondent Andrea Mitchell. Now chief foreign affairs correspondent for NBC news, she has covered every presidential election since 1976. As a young Jewish woman from New York educated at University of Pennsylvania, she told of following the sound of classical music down a hallway. "I found myself in the studio of a campus radio station. That's where I stayed, occasionally being called on to read a news broadcast. I guess the world was saved from another mediocre violin player." Early in her career Mitchell was a broadcast journalist for KYW in Philadelphia.

Prusiner's remarks at the awards presentation in the chemical giant's newly renamed, duPont Theatre may have summed up each recipient's sentiments. Almost sounding like a rabbi, the humble scientist remarked, "Science is not democratic. A voice of one in a million can prevail with facts and proof behind it. Scientists must begin new each day...the science of the past must be open to new interpretations."



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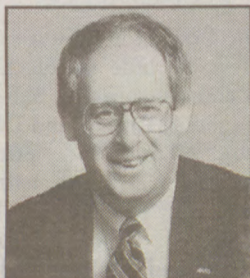
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In Memoriam

LESHCHINSKY

Malka Goldstein Leshchinsky, 85, of Newark, died April 19th.

She was born in Rejowiec, Poland to the late Dov and Miriam Goldszajn, and was a farmer in Israel. She was a Holocaust survivor.

Mrs. Leshchinsky is predeceased by her husband of 56 years, Itshak Leshchinsky and is survived by her two sons, Dov Leshchinsky and his wife, Ora, of Newark and Benjamin Leshchinsky of Haifa, Israel; and her two grandsons.

Graveside services were held on April 22nd at Beth Emeth Cemetery, Wilmington.

RUBIN

Fay Rubin, 86, of Tamarac, FL passed away on April 15th. She

was the beloved mother of Hal and Eileen Rubin, Sharon and David Gorsen and Fran Berwick and her fiancée, Don Wyszchen. Also mourning her passing are her grandchildren, Rim Rubin, Debra Rose, Michael Gorsen, Stephen Brody and Alyse Sachs and her great-grandchildren, Brianna, Jared, Brett and Jill Sachs. Funeral services were held on April 18th in Florida.

SEIGEL

Goldie Seigel, 84, died April 22nd. A native New Yorker who recently resided at the Kutz Home, Mrs. Seigel was a die-hard Yankees fan and a world traveler who worked in financial services during her business career.

Predeceased by her husband, Jack, she is survived by her sister

and brother-in-law, Sarah (Marcus) and Oscar Pindus; and her nieces, Ellenjane Jurtz and Nancy (Pindus) Hertzfeld and their families.

Graveside services were held on April 25 in Beth David Cemetery in Elmont, New York. The family would appreciate that contributions in her memory be made to either the Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Wilmington, DE 19809 or to the Family Assistance Fund Auxiliary, duPont Hospital for Children, 1600 Rockland Road, Wilmington, DE 19803.

WILDER

Ernest "Ernie" Wilder, 90, of Wilmington and, formerly, Newark, died April 24th at home.

He was a native of Philadelphia and a graduate of

Temple University. After graduation, he taught instrumental music at various schools in the tri-state area. He moved to the Newark area in 1945 and served as band director of Newark High School from 1945 through 1954. For the next 20 years until his retirement, he worked with elementary school students in the old Newark Special School District. He was revered for his dedication to students and for beginning the tradition of showcasing an all district elementary school band in the annual Newark Memorial Day Parade. Even after retirement, he continued to teach students music as a tutor.

He and his wife of 60 years, Sylvia, were founding members

of Temple Beth El in Newark.

Survivors include his brother, William and sister-in-law, Selma; three daughters, Patricia and Dale Shuirmann, Denise and Jeffrey Schwartz and Carol and Jeffrey Anderson. Also surviving are his grandchildren, Bryon, Ryan, Stacey, Paul and Melissa; and a great-grandson, Austin.

Funeral services were held on April 28th at Schoenberg Memorial Chapel in Wilmington with interment in Mt. Lebanon Cemetery in Collingdale, PA.

The family would appreciate contributions in his memory to Temple Beth El, 301 Possum Park Road, Newark, DE 19711 or to the Yellowjacket Marching Band, Newark High School, Newark, DE 19711.

NACHAS NOOK

Gratz teacher wins Educator of the year award

David Brown has been selected as one of three Outstanding Environmental Educators of the Year by the Delaware Nature Society. His application reflected the work that he does both in the Brandywine School District at Springer Middle School as well as with students in Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School who take his course Judaism and the Environment.

David and his students are just as likely to be found under the starry skies of a winter's night doing an ecology project in the snow, or diving for nuggets of wisdom from the Torah in the bottom of the JCC pool as they are to be found in their classroom desks and chairs. David meets the criteria of the mission of the Delaware Nature Society, which is: to foster understanding, appreciation, and enjoyment of the natural world through education; preserve ecological significant areas; and advocate stewardship of natural resources.

The Outstanding Environmental Educator of the Year Award for the state of Delaware was presented at a ceremony held at the annual meeting of the Delaware Nature Society on April 14, 2004. Best wishes were conveyed by Representative Michael Castle.

David, son of Faith and Lou Brown, is married to Riva, and they have three children.



David Brown

Muriel Gilman receives Governor's Volunteer Award

Muriel E. Gilman (Brandywine Hundred) was recognized by Governor Ruth Ann Minner on April 26 with the 2004 Governor's Outstanding Volunteer Award in the category of Community Service. Gilman was nominated for the award by the Delaware Community Foundation based on her dedicated service to this organization and for the decades she has volunteered on behalf of other community organizations and causes.

Gilman's 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.

Muriel currently is an active volunteer with more than a dozen educational, social service, health and governmental agencies, including the five organizations that endorsed her nomination for the Governor's Outstanding Volunteer Award: United Way of Delaware, Children & Families First, American Lung Association, NCCJ and Girls Inc. She has been honored for her community service and advocacy efforts by United Way of Delaware, Boy Scouts, Girls Inc. and Children & Families First. Together with her late husband, Marvin S. Gilman, she received the ACLU Award for leadership in the cause of civil liberties (1993) and the Josiah Marvel Cup Award for community service (1995).



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of the railway tracks that took doomed Jews to Auschwitz, there was to be a caption reading: "Jews will no longer be expelled."

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conclusion that this ad went too far and demanded that "Ma'ariv" drop it. But it was too late, and the only thing that could be dropped was the caption. So a full page of next day's newspaper featured two blue stripes and a memorial candle, leaving read-

ers to guess what they might mean.

The argument over withdrawal from the Territories will continue, though one hopes that Auschwitz is left out of it.

Nechemia Meyers is an internationally syndicated columnist based in Israel.

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AIPAC HOSTS FIRST REGIONAL COMMUNITY PROGRAM

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May 10, 2004, AIPAC will present an evening of activism on behalf of Israel featuring dinner with Senator Mitch McConnell (R-KY) and AIPAC Executive Director Howard A. Kohr. Representative Robert Menendez (D-NJ) has also been invited to attend. They will talk about Israel and its relationship with the United States.

AIPAC has been advocating for Israel for more than 50 years. Today, AIPAC is working to promote strate-

gic cooperation between the United States and Israel in developing sound U.S. anti-terrorist policies and in stopping rogue nations from acquiring weapons of mass destruction.

The May 10th program is a community gathering, not a fundraiser. The cost for the program and dinner will be \$50 per person. For security reasons, reservations are required by Monday, May 3, 2004. Reservations for the event can be made by contacting Alan Isaacs at (609) 278-1514.

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NCI wants the advocacy community to be informed of the study's purpose and goal. Please help us reach as many people as possible who may have an interest in participating in this study.

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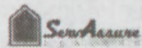
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