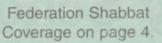
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JEWISH PERSPECTIVE

Day School Enrollment On Rise

By Julie Wiener, JTA

After years of anecdotal reports about new schools and across-theboard enrollment increases, Jewish day schools have finally stood up to be counted.

The results from the most comprehensive census ever conducted of American day schools generally confirm the community's estimates of the past decade - 185,000 students in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade attend 670 institutions, an increase of approximately 25,000 students from a decade

The day school census, commissioned by the New York-based Avi Chai Foundation, is intended to assess the world of day schools and provide a benchmark so that future changes can be tracked.

"It's important that studies like this be conducted regularly," said Marvin Schick, an educational consultant and president of the Rabbi

Jacob Joseph Schools in Staten Island, N.Y., who authored the

"If American Jewry is investing more in day schools than anything else, then you have to know what the story is.

Day schools, which offer secular and Judaic studies under one roof, have become an almost magical concept in Jewish communal life in recent years.

Federations, philanthropists and even national organizations that in the past rarely discussed day schools - including the Jewish Council on Public Affairs and the American Jewish Committee - are now cheerleading their success at stemming the tide of assimilation.

The love affair with day schools has even begun to chisel away at the longtime American Jewish support of public schools and opposition to school vouchers, as people search for ways to finance day school educations.

Among the findings of the new

·Enrollment in Conservative, Reform and nondenominational schools has grown by 25 percent in the past decade, with the sharpest increase - almost 50 percent - at the high school level.

Although liberal high schools are rapidly growing - with several schools in the planning stages and an association recently created to address these schools' needs - they currently enroll only 2,200 students nationwide.

•Eighty percent of all day school enrollment is in Orthodox schools, a number that is expected to remain steady - despite growth in liberal day schools - because of the high birth rate in Orthodox fami-

•Orthodox schools range in outlook from "Yeshiva-world" and Chasidic to modern Orthodox,

with the more fervently Orthodox schools accounting for the largest enrollment.

•Enrollment is greatest in the lower grades and diminishes over time. Nonetheless, the curve is flattening, as more day school students choose to remain at least through eighth grade.

·Nearly two-thirds of all day school enrollment is in New York and New Jersey. The other states with sizable numbers of children attending Jewish day schools are California, Florida, Illinois and Maryland.

•Nearly 40 percent of all day schools enroll fewer than 100 students. However, the overwhelming majority of day school students -93 percent - attend larger institu-

 Occupancy rates range from 80 to 96 percent in day schools, indicating that - if enrollment continues to increase - there will be a

need for new or expanded facili-

Leora Isaacs, director of research and evaluation at the Jewish Education Service of North America, which issued a report last summer urging greater funding for day schools, said she was "really happy that the findings were not so surprising. They're very consistent with the less precise and less systematic data we'd had before.

She praised the census for reaching previously undercounted schools, mainly fervently Orthodox institutions, and said the census would be useful for communities that are evaluating allocation and education needs.

However, the next census will be more important, she said, because "then we will be able to track growth and change.

Jewish Women Have Global Impact

By Karen Vanezky Special to the Jewish Voice

Researchers from eleven countries gathered recently at the Hadassah Research Institute on Jewish Women at Brandeis University for a conference entitled "Educating Ourselves, Educating Our Communities." Participants explored the emerging role of Jewish women educators around the world and their impact on educational opportunities for Jewish women.

Featured speakers included: Victoria Motchalova, director of the Moscow Center for University

Teaching of Jewish Civilization, Russia; Suzanne Rutland, head, department of Semitic Studies, University of Sydney, Australia; Franca Coen, secretary general of the European Association of Jewish Community Center, Italy; Raquel Katzkowicz de Eigenberg, principal, Instituto Ariel Hebreo Urugayo, Uruguay; Marina Fremer, country director of Moldova and Southern Ukraine; director of Library Programs, Former Soviet Union; Regine Suissa, La Sorbonne, France; Lina Filiba, vice president of the Jewish Com-munity of Turkey; Dunja Spracj, former secretary general of the Jewish

Community, Zagreb, Croatia; Nicola Galliner, director of the Cultural and Educational Department, Jewish Community of Berlin, and founder of the Berlin

Jewish Film Festival in Germany; Tamra Wright, London School of Jewish Studies, England and Malke Bina, founder and educational director, MaTaN: The Sadie

Rennert Women's Institute for

Torah Studies, Israel. Each presenter told of a rebirth of Jewish life in her country that

was exciting and full of promise.

The most far-reaching was the

news of the re-emerging Jewish community in the former Soviet Union. Victoria Motchalova, director of the Moscow Center for University Teaching of Jewish Civilization is also the Associate Professor of the History of East European Jewry at the Jewish University in Moscow. She talked about the unprecedented development and growth of Jewish Studies after decades of deprivation and how Jewish education and studies have become the way to create a Jewish community that was basically starting from scratch.

The Hadassah Research Institute on Jewish Women at Brandeis University is a unique interdisciplinary research organization that studies Jewish women's historical and contemporary experiences. The Institute holds conferences and publishes books, articles and working papers to increase knowledge about Jewish women around the world. In partnership with universities and organizations, HRIJW aims to develop international networks of Jewish women scholars and community leaders.

For additional information about upcoming programs, call (212) 303-8155 or visit Hadassah's website at http://www. Hadassah.org.

CELEBRATING TU B'SHVAT

Trees, Earth and Torah: A Tu B'Shvat Anthology

Edited by Ari Elon, Naomi Mara Hyman, and Arthur Waskow 494 pages, 6' x 9', ISBN 0-8276-0671-0, cloth, \$29.95

The Jewish Publication Society has released TREES, EARTH, AND TORAH: A TU B'SHVAT ANTHOLOGY, edited by Ari Elon, Naomi Mara Hyman, Arthur Waskow. Called "The definitive Tu B'Shvat anthology" by PUBLISH-ERS WEEKLY, TREES, EARTH, AND TORAH is the most comprehensive volume ever published on Tu B'Shvat, the Jewish New Year of frees.

For more than two thousand years, Tu B'Shvat has been known as the New Year of the Trees. Observed in January or February at the full moon of mid-winter, Tu B'Shvat was started by ancient earthy tax collectors and orchard keepers as a time for tithing and taxes of fruit yielded by the beginning of the year of the tree. Sixteenth century mystics created a holiday based on these traditions, and, in turn, Israeli tree planters and American Jews transformed

the holiday concerned with the dangers that today beset not only forests, but also many of the natural habitats around our fragile plan-

Only a generation ago very few Americans had even heard of Tu B'Shvat, let alone celebrated it. Today it is the fastest-growing Jewish celebration, marrying the rebirth of Jewish spirituality and mysticism with the increasing awareness popularity of ecological and environmental concerns.

In Trees, Earth, and Torah, the three editors - an Israeli professor, in American rabbi, and a feminist writer - have collected not only the rituals and practices of observing Tu B'Shvat, but also an impressive array of items from the teachings and symbols, to the prayers and plants, that infuse the holiday with meaning.

Here, a myriad of different Jewish outlook on trees - from biblical, rabbinical, medieval, and modern sources - come together, including:

A model Tu B'Shvat seder:

Recipes for fruit dishes; Poems by Marge Piercy, Zelda, and Marcia Falk; Passages about trees from the Hebrew Scriptures, Hassidic rebbes, Martin Buber, and contemporary feminists.

RECIPES FOR THE TU'B'SHVAT TABLE

By Gilda Angel

Sephardim in Turkey and many other places make special efforts to involve their children in the Tu B'Shvat celebration. Long tables of fruits and sweets are arranged in each home. Children eat their fill and are given bags of fruit and sweets to take with them when they leave.

The following recipes are drawn from a number of Sephardic communities. They are all prepared with fruits, nuts or wheat.

Bon Appetit!

KIBBE IB GHERAZ (Syrian Meatballs and Cherries)

2 lbs. lean ground beef chuck

1 Tbsp. each of prune butter and apricot butter

3 Tbsp. water

3 Tbsp. wheat germ

1/2 tsp. ground all spice

1 tsp. pepper

1/2 tsp. ground cumin

1 tsp. salt

2 Tbsp. pine nuts (pignolas) 3 large onions, chopped

1 Cup vegetable oil

2 cans (16 oz. each) dark sweet bing cherries

1/2 Cup of sweet wine

3 Tbsp. sugar

3 Then lemon juice

1 tsp. ground cinnamon

Combine meat with prune and apricot butter mixture, water, wheat germ, allspice, pepper, cumin, salt and pine nuts. Form into 1 inch balls. In large skillet, sauté chopped onions in oil over medium heat. Push onions aside and sauté meatballs until browned on all sides. Drain cherries, reserving liquid. Pit cherries and set aside. Add liquid to meatballs in skillet. Add wine, sugar, lemon

juice, and cinnamon. Cover and cook one hour over low heat. Add cherries and cook, uncovered, an additional 10 minutes. Serve over rice. Makes 8 servings.

MOOSTRAHANA/PREHITO (Turkish Wheat Pudding)

Cup finely ground bulghur (available in Greek groceries and health food stores)

4 Cups water

1/2 Cup sugar

1/2 tsp. salt

2 Tbsp. honey

1 tsp. ground cinnamon

1 Cup walnuts, finely chopped,

Cook bulghur in water over moderate heat 30 minutes, stirring frequently. Add sugar and salt. Cook additional 10 minutes. Remove from heat and add honey, cinnamon and 1/2 cup of walnuts.

Dust 9x9-inch pan with additional cinnamon. Pour in wheat mixture. Top with remaining 1/2 cup walnuts and a sprinkling of cinnamon. Cover and chill several hours. Cut into squares to serve. Makes eight servings.

EDITORIAL

Jewish Education:

It's Not Just Kids Stuff

How have the Jewish people – a group that is a mere blip in the world's population – produced so many Nobel Prize winners in the fields of science, medicine, literature and the arts? What is the secret to our success?

Throughout our history, from generation to generation, Jews have emphasized the importance of education. In most Jewish homes, books (many dog-eared from frequent use) are treasured possessions. Family outings to museums, plays, concerts and other cultural attractions begin at an early age and frequently forge a life-long love affair with the arts.

Growing numbers of Jewish families have made a commitment to give their children a day-school education. (See Jewish Perspective article on page 2). Rabbi Ellen Bernhardt, Head of School at Albert Einstein Academy in North Wilmington, has seen a dramatic increase in enrollment over the past seven years. "We have grown from 75 students in 1993 when I started, to 119 young people today," she said, adding that the student population comes from all denominations and from unaffiliated families who want to give their kids a solid Jewish and secular education. Rabbi Bernhardt is encouraged by the fact that more and more AEA students are opting to continue their Jewish education beyond graduation from Einstein. "A number of our graduates are feeding into Akiba Hebrew Academy in Merion, PA, which offers programming from middle school through high school,

The growth of programming at Delaware

Gratz is proof that there is Jewish life beyond a child's bar or bat mitzvah. Here, teenagers and adults can continue their education in Jewish history and laws, ethics, literature and *tikkun olam* – enhancing their Jewish identity and earning high school and college credits. Some students avail themselves of the opportunity to earn teaching certificates from JCHS and I.M. Wise – preparing them to teach at area synagogues and other community educational programs.

It takes much more than "book knowledge" to ground a child in Judaism. Jewish camps foster life-long friendships which are strengthened by shared celebrations of Shabbat and other Jewish rituals. In an atmosphere of fun, Jewish children take pride in their identity. This sense of pride is deepened by participation in Hillel activities on college campuses. For students – many of whom are away from home for the very first time – participation in Hillel-sponsored Shabbat dinners, bagel-brunches, and High Holiday services – gives them a sense of community.

And speaking of community, we all have a communal obligation to ensure that these excellent educational resources survive and thrive in the years to come. As Jews, we are committed to L'Dor V'Dor – the ancient Jewish concept of one generation providing for the next. In this spirit, adults should further their own Jewish education. Take a class at an area school or synagogue, read a book by a Jewish author – let's show our children that Judaism is more than just "kids

Life-Long Jewish Learning Opportunities

Delaware Gratz – "Family Ulpan" – a course designed to widen Hebrew vocabulary and improve grammar, begins February 3rd. This fifteen week course is designed for adults who have already take a basic Hebrew course. The cost is \$208. To register and to find out about other continuing education courses offered throughout the year, call Marlene Milunsky, principal, at 478-8100.

Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth is currently offering "Fabulous Fridays," a series of 8 p.m.Shabbat services featuring speakers on topical Jewish themes. On February 18th, Federation President Barbara Schoenberg will discuss "Israel and the Diaspora." The program also includes singing and refreshments. This service is in addition to AKSE's regular 6:00 p.m. services. Adas Kodesch will host "Shabbat Across America" on March 31st at 6:00 p.m. Stay after services for a traditional Shabbat dinner. For additional information, call Gail Weinberg at 762-3618.

The synagogue's Adult Education Committee and Men's Club feature a series of monthly breakfast programs focusing on the history of Jewish life in Delaware. The next session will be offered on Sunday, February 13, 10:00 a.m. and will feature Charles Salkin, Delaware Director of Parks and Recreation. Salkin will discuss "Jews and Agriculture." The Adult Education Committee also invites the community to participate in its "Commandment of the Month Club" program which combines a presentation by a speaker and use of the book, The Ten Commandments: The Significance of God's Laws in Every Day Life, by Dr. Laura Schlessinger. On Sunday,

January 30th, Rabbi Sanford Dresin will address Commandment #5, "Honor Your Father and Your Mother." For additional information about all AKSE programs, call the synagogue, at 762-3618.

Beth Shalom Learning Institute 2000 will be offered on February 2, 9 and 16. The community can choose one of the following three courses to be offered from 7:30-8:20 p.m.:

•Parenting Jewish Children, offered by Myrna Ryder, the Director of Delaware Life Education Services.

•Wilmington's First Jewish Community 1879-1924, presented by Toni Young, author of Becoming American, Remaining Jewish: The Story of Wilmington's First Jewish Community.

•Jewish Elders and Their Families, a series of sessions on healthy aging, family issues and end-of-life concerns presented by representatives of Jewish Family Service and Rabbi Daniel Satlow. In addition, individuals may elect to stay for the second session, 8:40-9:30 p.m. This late evening session will feature Rabbi Satlow dialoging with clergy from other faith. Registration fee is \$12 per person in advance, \$18 at the door (if space permits). For additional information, call Diane Wolfe at 478-4705.

Temple Beth El in Newark offers "Exploring Spirituality," every Tuesday evening from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. and "Talmud Study in English," on Tuesdays at 8:15-9:15 p.m. On Thursday evenings, from 5:00-6:00 p.m., the synagogue presents "Tasting Torah." The community is invited to all adult education programs. For additional information, please call 366-8330.



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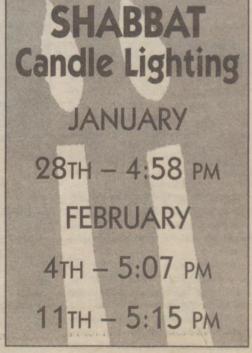
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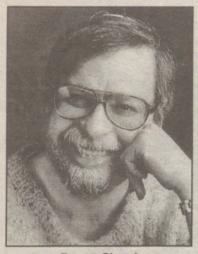
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Community members who participate on the March 14th Jewish Federation Mission to Washington, D.C. will find the experience to be worthwhile and rewarding. Mission Chair Jack Markell, Delaware's State Treasurer, notes, "Our mission to the nation's capital represents a great opportunity for us to hear directly from our congressional delegation and from experts on the Middle East and domestic terrorism. We'll come back to Delaware smarter about the issues. I hope you'll join me.

Diana Aviv, Senior Associate Vice President for Public Policy, Washington Action Office of United Jewish Communities and Shoshana Bryen, Director of Special Projects for the Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs (JINSA) will be among the speakers offering briefings on domestic and foreign policy issues. A luncheon on Capitol Hill will follow along with anticipated meetings with Senators Joe Biden and Bill Roth and Representative Mike

A highlight of the afternoon will be a FBI Domestic Anti-Terrorism Task Force Briefing. Located in the FBI Washington Field Office, the Counterterrorism Threat Assessment and Warning Unit is comprised of experts in chemical, bio-



Jack Markell

logical, nuclear and other terrorist threats. They will cover all aspects of national terrorism including anti-Jewish groups and the threats and actions carried out in Los Angeles.

All reservations must be received by February 18th. There is a \$60 couvert to cover the cost of meals and transportation. For further information, please call 427-2100, Ext. 16. Mission participants will have an opportunity to make a voluntary gift to the 2000 Annual Campaign.

For Israel Experiences

The Jewish Federation of Delaware has grant money available for high school students who wish to travel to Israel. These grants will give young people ages 15 to 17 an opportunity to participate in programs in Israel that are sponsored by national or international Jewish youth organizations and are approved by the Federation.

The deadline for applying is March 1, 2000. Applications will be reviewed and approved on a first come first served basis.

Applicants must still be in high school when they return from Israel and must commit themselves to attending briefings before and after their Israel experience. Preference will be given to applicants who have not participated in prior Israel programs.

Candidates must provide two letters of recommendation from teachers, rabbis, youth advisors, coaches, employers or supervisors. They must agree to perform community service when they return. Service options include volunteer work in local agencies, synagogues or organizations; involvement in the Federation Campaign; recruitment of peers for subsequent Israel experiences; leadership roles in Jewish youth groups, public speaking to the community about Israel and/or writing newspaper articles for publication.

Only those applicants whose

parents contribute to the 2000 Federation Campaign will be con-

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Young's Book Wins Rave Reviews

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By Toni Young: University of Delaware Press,

By Rabbi David Geffen, Ph.D.

How fortunate the citizens of Delaware are that Toni Young is the resident historian of the Jews of the First State. In the words of "Dayyenu," it would have been sufficient if Toni Young only dealt with the Delaware Jewish community. However, in the 1970s she assured the completion of the renovation of the Grand Opera House through her volume on the history of the Grand Opera House, which is outstanding in its own right.

That would have been sufficient, but she chose to become a leader of the Delaware Jewish community. Rising to the presidency of the Jewish Federation, she helped the Jewish community of the First State break new ground even before the 21st century. Now she has taken another step with her newly published volume on the history of Wilmington Jewry from

Toni Young is a fine writer and she is a very exacting researcher. For Ms. Young, a fact is only a fact if it can be documented in a variety of reliable sources.

The early history of Wilmington Jewry has always been a mystery because it was assumed that source material was scarce. The late Harry Bluestone challenged that theory with his four historical reviews. The late Emil Topkis proved through his meticulous research that hundreds of items about Delaware's Jewish community existed in the local Wilmington newspapers and in the City Directories. The late Bill Frank facilitated the transfer of Emile Topkis' life's work to the Jewish Historical Society of Delaware.

Toni Young has mined the Topkis material to its maximum, but most important of all she moved on from there. In her research, she has discovered hundreds of additional Jews who lived in Delaware from 1879 until 1924. by closely studying the United

until 1920. In an appendix to her volume, she has listed the names of these individuals and the census data about them. From a genealogical point of view, Ms. Young's data will help many people discover a period of their ancestors' lives which they never knew existed.

The book is also important because it will help students of American Jewish history see how a small Jewish community, during this period, developed itself in the fields of community service, religion, Jewish education, social service and commerce.

One of the key ironies of Delaware Jewish History is how the Jews of Wilmington could be associated with the assassination of President McKinley in 1901, and then only two years later in the spring of 1903 a major public rally led by U.S. Senator Gray could be held at the Grand Opera House decrying the killing of the Jews in the Kishniev pogroms.

Such changes occurred because the Jews of Wilmington worked tirelessly to make themselves citizens whom all would respect.

That respect was most dramatically demonstrated in 1918 when the American Jewish War Relief Drive in Wilmington featured an interfaith approach to fundraising. The leaders of Wilmington such as P.S. DuPont, John Raskob and others worked together with David Snellenburg in planning a dinner at the Hotel DuPont. That dinner became famous in American Jewish fundraising annals when P.S. DuPont topped off the campaign with his classic genealogical comment that he was "one-eighth'

Jewish. Toni Young has provided a most precise analysis of that entire fundraising endeavor so we can appreciate what was needed to make this drive succeed and be an example for all American cities.

One reading of this book is not sufficient because there is so much in it. You have to study all the fascinating facts which make up the history of Delaware Jewry in order to appreciate where the community is at presently.

I would encourage Toni Young to prepare a new bibliography of Delaware Judaica. The only one ever attempted in 1976 is comus hope that she will now analyze the famous novel about Delaware Jewry, "the Grapes of Canaan," and clarify its role in Delaware Jewish History of which she is now the leading authority.

Editor's Note: Rabbi Geffen, formerly of Wilmington, helped organize the archives of the Jewish Historical Society of Delaware. Books are available through the Jewish Historical Society, 504 Market St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Cost is \$29. per copy plus \$3 shipping and han-

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Directed by Paula Shulak, a

Editorial Committee, the play is performed Friday and Saturday evenings and is preceded by a buffet dinner. Dinner and show reservations cost between \$27 and \$31 and can be made by calling 475-2313, Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Internet

Leading fervently Orthodox rabbis have issued a religious ruling banning their followers from using the Internet out of concern it could lead to "sin" and "destruction" and lead the young astray

The ruling, which appeared in haredi newspapers, was printed on fliers and posted in fervently Orthodox neighborhoods last week. It was signed by rabbinical leaders of several haredi groups, including the Belz, Sadigura and Vizhnitz, as well as members of the Shas Council of Sages.

Shas spiritual leader Rabbi Ovadia Yosef and rabbis of the Chabad movement did not sign the ruling, nor did the Gerrer rebbe. However, reports quoted sources in the Gerrer group as saying their rebbe saw no need to sign onto the ruling because the group's own council issued a similar one several weeks ago.

Previous bans have been issued against watching television or using computers in the home, but the groups have been divided on such bans, especially in light of the computer's widespread use in business and education.

In this case, though, the groups drew similar conclusions regarding the Internet's access to materials and aspects of secular culture banned by the communities.

A special rabbinical council, whose ruling served as the basis for the ban, termed the Internet a "danger thousands times more serious" than television, which could bring "destruction and ruin.

The ruling said the Internet

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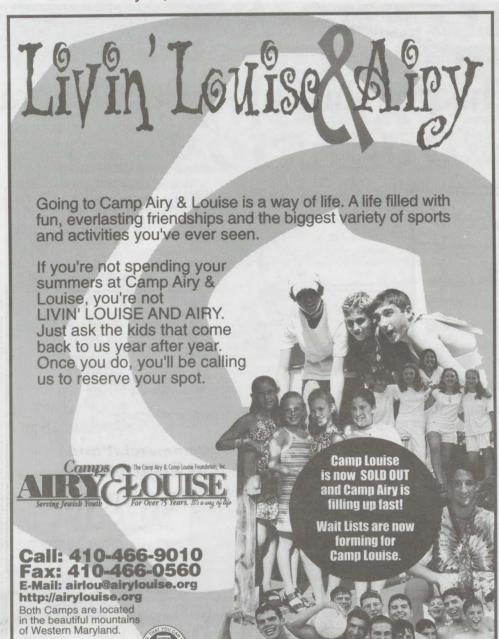
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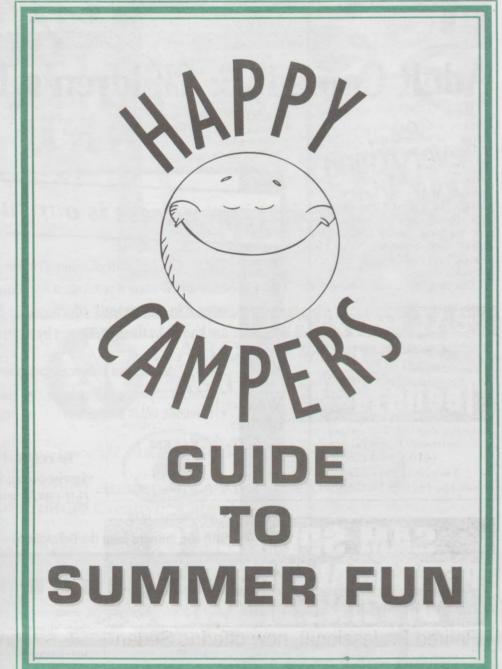
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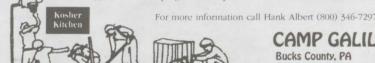
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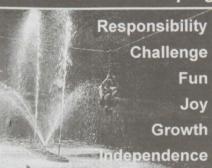
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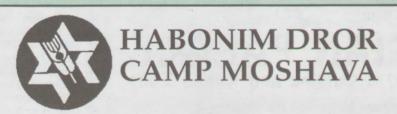
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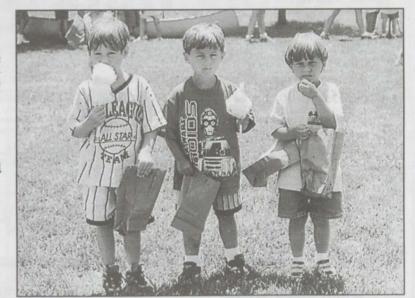
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Generation To Generation Chai Dinner

On Behalf of The 2000 Jewish Federation of Delaware Annual Campaign

Barbara Schoenberg, President of the Jewish Federation of Delaware welcomed the members of Delaware's Jewish community to the 7th annual Generation to Generation Chai Dinner. She thanked each for their continued commitment to our Jewish community and Jewish individuals throughout the world. She reported that the Jewish Federation just completed the most successful Annual Campaign in its history with \$1,610,000 raised.

Multiple generations of several families were in attendance at the Dinner which was held at the Delaware Art Museum. Event co-chairs were Doris and Stan Budner; Lisa and Dr. Henry Weiner; and Connie Kreshtool, Susan and Dr. Dan Kreshtool. The honor of saying the "HaMotzi" was shared by Susan Kreshtool and Lisa Weiner and Cantor Judy Naimark led the participants in the Birkat HaMazon. Stan Budner spoke eloquently about the importance of helping others and later introduced Caryn Bark, a comedienne, whose performance encompassed everything from Jewish upbringing to contemporary Jewish life. Laughter echoed throughout the room and warm camaraderie was evident at each of the eighteen dinner tables. More than thirty participants of the November Mission to Israel were in attendance, reminiscing about their earlier travels.

The Chai Dinner welcomed and honored households contributing a minimum of \$2,018 or individuals contributing \$1,018 to the 2000 Jewish Federation of Delaware/UJA Annual Campaign. Teenage and college age children and grandchildren were visible throughout the event and all participants commented on the strong future of our Jewish community when tzedakah is embraced from generation to generation. To make a pledge to the 2000 Annual Campaign, please contact Rhonda Falk, Campaign Director, 427-2100, Ext. 16.

67% of the funds raised on behalf of the Annual Campaign are allocated for local needs; 33% are distributed for international needs.



Generation to Generation Chai Dinner Co-Chairs. Seated: Connie Kreshtool, Susan Kreshtool, Doris Budner, Lisa Weiner; Standing: Dan Kreshtool, Stan Budner, Henry Weiner



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ENDOWMENTS

If You WILL It, It Is Not A Dream (or, why everyone should have an up-to-date Will)



Part II of a two-part article But I Already Have a Will

In the last edition of the Jewish Voice we addressed the importance of each person having an up-to-date Will. Some of us already have a Will but, when is the last time we reviewed our Will? In this article we will review the importance of reviewing and updating our Wills and how we can use our Wills to benefit the Jewish community and those programs and institutions which are important to us; to immortalize a loved one or; to perpetuate a family name

What if I already have a Will?

It is important to reread and update your Will periodically. As events occur and circumstances change you may want to review your Will so that you can alter it as necessary. Here are a number of events that may require a modification of your Will:

Marriages; Births; Deaths; Divorces; Changes of needs (either your own or those of any beneficiary); Changes in the value of your assets; A child reaching adulthood; Acquisition of new assets; Giving away or selling assets mentioned in your Will; Change of residence; Change in the tax law or sale of real estate; Change in circumstance of the person named as Executor:

You decide to make additional bequests

How Does My Will Help the Jewish Community?

As you think about these important decisions we hope you'll consider a bequest to the Jewish Federation of Delaware or to one of its beneficiary agencies in your Will. Each year Federation and its agencies make a significant difference in the lives of people in Delaware, in Israel and in over 60 countries throughout the world.

From helping to care for the children and the elderly in our community to aiding newly arrived immigrants in Israel, from rescuing those threatened by wars and political upheaval to reconnecting people to their Jewish identity, no other organization is as effective for caring for those in need.

However, times change and we are confronted with new challenges and more complex problems. More than ever, you are the key to a secure future. You determine how much help there will be - or whether there will be any at all - for Jews in Delaware, Israel and around the world.

By remembering the Jewish Federation of Delaware or any of its beneficiary agencies - the Jewish Community Center, the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home, Jewish Family Service, Albert Einstein Academy, Gratz Hebrew High School, the Jewish Historical Society, the University of Delaware Hillel - as well as our local synagogues, you provide an important legacy for yourself and for the Jewish community.

Many people who care about the future of our community have found that a charitable bequest is an effective way to ensure that the important work we do continues for generations to come. Your gift, whatever the size, means your name will forever be linked to those accomplishments. You have the satisfaction of knowing that your bequest will be used to enhance the programs and services provided by Federation and its constituent agencies

With careful thought and planning, you can meet your personal and philanthropic objectives. If you have remembered or intend to include Federation or any of its beneficiary agencies in your Will we would like to thank you. We would also be pleased

to provide you with further information on leaving a bequest to the Jewish community or on any of our other planned giving

How to Leave a Bequest

Your gift, made through a bequest in your Will, will continue to strengthen the Jewish community after you are gone without impacting your present financial situation or lifestyle. You can make a gift in several dif-

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any amount allows the Federation or agency to determine where your gift is needed most.

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3. A gift used to establish an annual campaign endowment will keep the principal of your donation intact and direct the income to the Federation annual campaign in your name, in perpetuity.

These are just a few of the options available to you. For more information or to receive other materials to help you plan your Will, please call Rachel Gross, Esq., Endowment Director, at Jewish Federation of Delaware, 302-427-2100 x 19.

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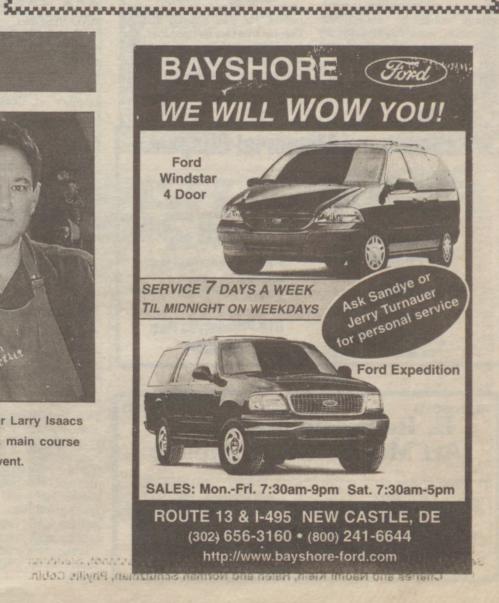
Inside Delaware



Thirty volunteers from Jewish Family Service carved turkeys and served Christmas Eve dinners to residents of Emanuel Dining Hall in Wilmington. This project, begun 17 years ago by JFS volunteer Ruth Balick, is described by JFS Executive Director Dory Zatuchni as "a mitzvah of caring at Christmas time". Helping out at this year's event are (from left) Carla Markell and husband, Jack Markell, Delaware's State Treasurer, Lou Goorland and New County Council Representative Bob Weiner. Also helping out are (front row, from left) Michael and Mollie Markell and Suzanne Goorland.



JFS Treasurer Larry Isaacs slices up the main course during the event.



A MATTER OF OPINION

French Anti-Semitism And The Dreyfus Affair

By E. E. JAFFE

Anti-Semitism in most major European countries, including France, has manifested itself over and over again in the past 100 years. For decades, France tried to deny the truth about the Vichy regime and the behavior of many French citizens during the Nazi occupation. There is a reexamination study in progress to identify those who accompanied the convoys of Jews to Drancy, the largest deportation center of Jews from France to the death camps in eastern Europe. The study also revealed that the former president François Mitterrand collaborated with the Nazis in World War II.

This is a continuation of French official behavior since the famous Alfred Dreyfus case that occurred about 100 ago. Dreyfus was wrongly convicted in 1894 for spying for Germany. This affair became the subject of great interest around the world. In France, there was no figure more loathed then Dreyfus and none who elicited greater sympathy. A virulent anti-Semitism reigned in the French military and the government insisted that the Dreyfus Affair reflected

a Jewish conspiracy. It all began when an outline of a secret military document sent by a French officer, Major Ferdinand Welsin-Esterhazy to the military attaché in the German embassy in Paris in September 1894, fell into the hands of the French Intelligence Service. The major was peddling valuable information to the Germans to support his profligate life style. Photographs of the documents were distributed to key army officers to see whether the handwriting could be recognized. Similarities were found with the handwriting of a 35-year-old captain, the Jew Dreyfus. When a leading graphologist expressed doubt that the handwriting was Dreyfus', four other experts were

is a Jew. One saw no connection, but the rest found similarities with different degrees of certitude. On this flimsy evidence Dreyfus was charged with high treason and promptly arrested. To strengthen the case against Dreyfus, documents were forged by military officers. In December, 1894, based on false evidence, a court martial unanimously found Dreyfus guilty and sentenced him to life imprisonment. Six weeks later he was transferred to Devil's Island, French Guinea off the coast of South America, to spend the rest of his

His family never doubted Dreyfus' innocence and was exploring ways to reopen the case. Because of the family's comfortable financial situation and wellplaced social contacts, they were able to promote their cause in several newspapers. One article revealed that evidence unknown to the defense had been presented to the judges. As a consequence, Mrs. Dreyfus formally requested a retrial. Two years later a retrial was launched amid much fury and con-

Unbeknownst to Dreyfus' family the real culprit had been identified by one of a handful of heroes to emerge from the Dreyfus Affair, a Lt. Colonel George Picquart who had been named head of the counterintelligence section. One day in March, 1896, an aide deposited on the Lt. Colonel's desk a document from the German military attaché to a French officer whose name was clearly identified as Major Esterhazy. The major was placed under surveillance on Picquart's orders. He also ordered that the Dreyfus trial files be produced. The handwriting of the original note was identical to that of Esterhazy's. Picquart informed the chief of staff about Esterhazy's relations with the German embassy, without men-

called in. All were told the suspect tioning the Dreyfus connection. The revelation inevitably led the new minister of war to connect it to the Dreyfus Affair. Foreseeing a political fire storm, the High Command ordered Picquart out of the country on a temporary assignment. Afraid of a double cross, the Lt. Colonel described the entire story in a memorandum to his Paris attorney. The lawyer did not wait for an incident and released the document to the vice-president of the Senate, a highly respected figure in France. Soon the press was full of the story and a variety of interpretations. The army continued to stonewall and the government tried to avoid a confrontation. At a dinner given by the vicepresident to which Picquart's lawyer and the eminent writer Emil Zola were invited, the whole story was told. This discussion would soon bear fruit.

Major Esterhazy was subjected to a court martial, but military judges needed just three minutes to declare him not guilty. Emil Zola was outraged and overnight wrote his famous assay J'Accuse in which he accused the denouncers of Dreyfus of malicious libel. The article appeared in the newspaper L'Aurore, edited by the future prime minister of France George Clemenceau. When it was published on January 12, 1898, the normal circulation of the newspaper jumped from 30,000 to 300,000. Zola spelled out for the

first time the military plot and named names without regard of potential risk. He implicated half a dozen officers, including three generals. Zola received about 30,000 telegrams and letters, including one from Mark Twain who published an article in the New York Herald which among other things stated that "It takes 5 centuries to produce a Joan of Arc and a Zola". A major French official Jesuit publication took a different approach, stating that "the Jews allege a judicial error, the real error was that of the Constituent Assembly which granted them French nationality" Ultimately, both Zola and Clemenceau went on trail. Zola addressed the court by stating, "by the name I have made and my contribution to the growth of French literature, I swear that Dreyfus is innocent". The two men were nevertheless found guilty and sentenced to 1 year and 4 months, respectively, sentences their lawyers immediately appealed.
In June, 1899, Dreyfus was

brought back to France and put into a military prison. Changes in government and revelations of more improprieties in the case, finally led to a retrial. At the new trial, the general who engineered the original plot stated that "I made an honest mistake, I would do all that is humanly possible to make good a horrible mistake". "It is your duty," exclaimed the emaciated Dreyfus. Notwithstanding this admission, by a vote of five to two, Dreyfus was again found guilty. The sentence was reduced from life to 10 years, of which five had already been served. Again, a firestorm erupted in the press. The storm subsided when reports began circulating that a pardon will be granted. For the government it was a convenient way to avoid a confrontation with the army. The Dreyfus supporters demanded not a pardon of a convicted traitor but vindication of an innocent man. Although Dreyfus objected to a pardon, in the final analysis he was persuaded to accept it. Even Zola supported a pardon arguing that France badly needs a period of calm before Dreyfus is fully exonerated. In September, 1899, he was released from prison. About seven years later in July 1906, the court annulled the original verdict and declared Dreyfus innocent. He was re-integrated into the army with the rank of major, 11 years after he had been defrocked. One year later, he retired from the army. In 1914 when World War I broke out

he returned to active duty as a Lt. Colonel, and became a full colonel at the end of the war. He died in 1935 at the age of 75.

Esterhazy ended his days in exile in London. He once stated that the whole affair would have never happened had he had a better marriage and had he not been in need of cash.

As many details of the Dreyfus Affair became public a relatively unknown journalist by the name of Theodor Herzl recognized that Dreyfus had been framed. He wrote that the rampant anti-Semitism exposed by this case was a disease with only one cure. He stated that the Dreyfus Affair "made me a Zionist". In doing so, he created the Zionist movement. While Dreyfus was on Devil's Island, Herzl organized the First Zionist Congress in Basel and predicted that in 50 years a Jewish state would rise. The prediction came true. Unfortunately, a century later the Dreyfus Affair still sounds like a contemporary story.

MILESTONES

In Memoriam

BAYLINSON

Malcolm S. Baylinson, 77, Wilmington, died January 14. He retired from Metropolitan Life Insurance Company in 1983 after 32 years of service. He was a member of Congregation Beth Emeth and Harry Fineman Post of the Jewish War Veterans. Mr. Baylinson is survived by his wife, Marian; sons, Michael R. of Columbia Falls, MT and Daniel T. of Rensselaer, NY; daughters, Sandra E. Detlefsen of Carbondale, CO, Deborah S. Davis of Casselbury, FL and Judith E. Baylinson of Philadelphia; a brother, Richard N. of Washington, D.C. and four grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions in his memory be made to either Congregation Beth Emeth or the Kutz Home for the Aged.

Leroy A. Brill, age 85, Wilm-aton, died January 6, A former partner in the law firm of Bayard, Brill and Handelman, Mr. Brill had served as a Hearing Commissioner with the Public Service Commission. He was a member of Congregation Beth Emeth in Wilmington. Mr. Brill is survived by his wife, Binky; nephews, Stephen and Richard Herrmann; two grand nieces; two grand nephews and a great grand niece. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions in his memory be made to the Kutz Home for the Aged, 704 River Road, Wilmington, DE

Leona Wolfson Elkins, a lifelong teacher of Hebrew, died January 9 at the age of 90. She died in Rockville, MD, where she moved in 1990. Married for more than half a century to the late George M. Elkins, a Wilmingtonian, she taught Hebrew for more than 24 years before her retirement. A native of Cleveland, Ohio, Mrs. Elkins attended Hebrew Teacher's College of Jewish Studies and served as supervisor of the elementary Hebrew department at Cleveland's Heights Temple. She was a life-member of Na'amat and American Medical Center for Cancer Research and was an honorary member of the Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Emeth and the Women's Auxiliary of Deborah Hospital.

She is survived by her children, Roland Elkins of Albuquerque, New Mexico and Franchon Elkins Goldstein of Burke, VA; five grandchildren, one great grandchild and her brother, David Wolfson of Cleveland, Ohio.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that contributions in her memory be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

KEIL

Lydia S. Keil, Wilmington, died Wednesday, January 5. She was a life member of the Kutz Home Aux. and was an active member of Congregation Beth Shalom and its Sisterhood. Mrs. Keil was formerly a member of Hadassah and

The widow of Dr. Joseph M. Keil, she is survived by her daughters, Alicia B. Keil, F. Sheilah Keil and Harriet E. Remsen and her granddaughter, Allison L. Remsen. Please make contributions in her memory to either the Kutz Home. Wilmington or Delaware Valley Hospice, Kennett Square, PA.

Dorothy Lasky, 88, of Newark, died January 8. She was a founder and an early Sisterhood president of Temple Menorah in Northeast Philadelphia. She is the widow of Herman Lasky and was predeceased by a son, Alan. Survivors include her son, David I.; sisters, Beatrice Brooks and Ruth Frankel; five grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Contributions in her memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Eleanor Slovin, 85, of Wilm-ington, died January 8. She was a life member of B'nai B'rith, Deborah and Hope Center. She was the widow of Abraham Slovin and is survived by her grandchildren, Helena J. Brodsky of Wilmington, Rebecca Salomon of England and Stuart Waldman of Los Angeles and two great grandsons. Contributions in her memory may be made to either B'nai B'rith, Kutz Home for the Aged, Jewish Family Service or a charity of the donor's choice.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

JANUARY

Sunday

Spend Tu B'Shvat at Congregation Beth Shalom in Wilmington. Celebration begins at 10:30 a.m. and includes musical entertainment by "Silly Joe" and magic by Chris as well as "do it yourself" crafts and vendors. Admission is \$7 per person or a maximum of \$21 per family. For additional information, please call the synagogue office at 654-4462. Monday

JFS Support Group for parents with special needs children. This is an opportunity for parents to come together to discuss any issues they may have with raising a child with disabilities and receive support from others in similar situations. The group will be led by Barb Steiner, MSW and Rabbi Myriam Klotz, and will also meet on January 31st from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in North Wilmington. For further information, please call 478-9411.

Thursday

Albert Einstein Academy will hold an Open House for prospective students. The school is located at 101 Garden of Eden Road in North Wilmington. Please call Rabbi Ellen Bernhardt at 478-5026 for additional information.

Super Bowl Party sponsored by Young Jewish Singles of Delaware. \$6 includes food and rooting for your favorite team in front of a big-screen television. Event will be held in a private home. Please call Phil at 652-6688 for directions.

FEBRUARY

Sunday

Gratz Hebrew High School students will volunteer during the afternoon on Super Sunday, the day-long phone-a-thon sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Delaware. For additional information about meeting times, please call Gratz at 478-8100.

Singles Mingles, a social group for divorced or widowed men and women over the age of 40, are invited to a winter planning meeting. The group is sponsored by Congregation Beth Emeth and is open to the entire community. Bring activity ideas to the synagogue at 3:00 p.m.

ONGOING

WORKSHOPS: Jewish Family Service of Delaware serving all denominations has ongoing workshops for individuals interested in women's issues, healing services, support groups for caregivers of children with special needs, family court mandated divorce workshop, cancer support groups, widow's support group, and a men's support group. To learn about these programs, call JFS at 478-9411.

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VOLLEYBALL ANYONE? Young Jewish Singles of Delaware sponsors a weekly volleyball game and dinner outing for adults in their 20s and 30s. Non competitive play every Wednesday at 6 p.m., dinner at 8 p.m. Call Phil at 652-6688 for more information.

ISRAEL AND JEWISH STUDIES

The WUJS Institute offers scholarships of \$200 during the year 2000 to all young adults in the Delaware/NJ Partnership 2000 Region. The scholarship brings the cost of the seven-month Institute to \$2000 and includes Hebrew Ulpans, Jewish-Israel Studies, camping trips, seminars and a wide range of social and cultural activities over seven months. Also included in the cost are accommodations, one cooked meal a day and employment assistance. For additional information, call the Jewish Federation of Delaware at 427-2100.

MONTEFIORE MUTUAL BEN-EFIT SOCIETY announces new rules relating to restoration of membership benefits which lapsed due to divorce. Under these rules divorced spouses of Montefiore members can become members for a reduced fee. Written requests for this type of membership must be sent to Montefiore Mutual Benefit Society, P.O. Box 7186, Wilming-ton, Delaware 19803-0186 before the latest of either March 1, 2000, or the end of the third month following date of

THE KIMMEL-SPILLER Jewish Healing Center of Jewish Family Service offers Jewish healing services on the second Monday of every month from 7-8 p.m. Led by Rabbi Myriam Klotz, the service will include prayer, songs, meditation and reflection. For additional information, please call Rabbi Klotz at 302-478-9411.

Grant Applications

The Anna E. Finger - Ruth F. Gordon Memorial Trust will accept requests for cash grants of up to \$1,000 for the promotion of the study of Judaism and Jewish culture. The Trust was established in 1968 by Louis J. Finger and Abraham J. Gordon in memory of Mr. Finger's mother and sister and Mr. Gordon's wife. The Trust will provide funding for programs or for the participation of individuals in programs relating to the study of Judaism or Jewish culture including, but not limited to, Hebrew language, Bible, Jewish literature, religious customs and ceremonies, theology and Holocaust studies.

The current Trustees of the Trust are Richard A. Levine, Robert Jacobs and Steven D. Goldberg. The Trustees will con-

Sunday, February 6

sider financial need as a substantial, but not controlling, factor in evaluating grant requests. Likewise, the Trustees will afford a preference to programs or individuals affiliated with Congregation Beth Shalom. Recipients of individual grants or scholarships will be expected to share their experience as part of an event open to the community.

The Trustees anticipate making grants totalling \$2,000 for calendar year 1999 on or before March 31, 2000. Grant applications should be directed in writing prior to February 29, 2000 to Richard A. Levine, Secretary, Board of Advisers, Anna E. Finger and Ruth Gordon Memorial Trust, c/o Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP, P.O. Box 391. Wilmington, DE 19899-0391

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Picture Perfect Family Day At Jewish History Museum

Crafts, storytelling and a movie are among the activities being held on Sunday, January 30, 1-5 p.m. at the National Museum of American Jewish History, 55 North 5th Street, Independence Mall East in Philadelphia.

The program is being held to showcase the museum's new temporary exhibit, "Picture This! Children's Book Illustrations," which opens January 23rd.

The cost for the day is \$3 per person and includes refreshments. For additional information, call (215) 923-3811.

YOU & I CAN CHANGE THE WORLD Friday, February 4 Tuesday, March 14 Saturday, February 5 Federation Mission to Federation Shabbat with Washington, D.C. Danny Siegel, author, lecturer and poet April 11 and 12 Concert featuring Arad String Youth Orchestra

Super Sunday Phonathon Please call 427-2100 to Tuesday, February 22 learn more about these pro-Wednesday, February 23 grams and ways in which Thursday, February 24 your commitment Super Tues., Wed., Thurs. tzedakah can benefit our Jewish community.





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