

ISRAEL WORKING TO THWART HAMAS

By Dan Baron, JTA

Even before forming a governing coalition for Israel, Ehud Olmert was pressing a two-fisted campaign against Palestinian terrorism.

As representatives of the prime minister-elect's Kadima Party continued formal talks with potential coalition partners Monday, Olmert convened top officials to discuss ways of heightening the international isolation of the new Palestinian Authority government under Hamas.

Having cut ties after Hamas won January elections in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, Israel formalized the suspension. Israeli officials announced that henceforth they would shun foreign dignitaries who maintain ties with the Islamic terrorist group — a rebuff to Russia and China, countries that already have weakened U.S.-led isolation efforts by courting senior Hamas officials.

"We need to press the policy already in place and get the world to close ranks around the understanding that a terrorist government, even if it is democratically elected, is no interlocutor," Olmert confidant Ze'ev Boim told Israel Army Radio.

But Israel left the door open to potential diplomacy with P.A. President Mahmoud Abbas by not



Israeli forces fire artillery shells at projectile rocket launching grounds in Gaza, on April 7, 2006, in response to Palestinian rocket attacks on Israel. Credit: Anna Brosh/IDF

including him in the blacklist.

With international mediators warning of an economic crisis in Gaza, Olmert also authorized the siphoning off of funds from P.A. tax levies Israel is withholding in order to pay Israeli electricity and water companies to keep supplying the coastal strip.

On the ground in Gaza, matters were far from conciliatory. After months of Palestinian cross-border rocket barrages, Israel stepped up

its military response. Since last Friday at least 18 Palestinians, many of them combatants, were killed by shelling from air, sea and land as the Israeli army responded to Kassam rocket attacks.

A Palestinian girl was killed and 13 others were wounded Monday when an Israeli shell hit her house in Beit Lahiya, hospital officials and witnesses said. Hadil Ghraben, 8, died shortly after being taken to the hospital.

Her pregnant mother and 19-year-old sister were among the wounded.

The IDF expressed regret, but added that courtyards of private homes in the area were being

used as launching pads for rocket attacks on Israel.

Kassam fire continued Monday. Islamic Jihad claimed it fired three rockets into southern Israel, and the Al-Aksa Brigade said it fired two more rockets. One Kassam landed in an open field near the IDF training base at Zikim, north of Gaza. On Sunday, five Kassams were fired at Israel, but no damage was reported.

Hamas' military wing threatened Sunday to renew attacks if Israel continued shelling Gaza and targeting terrorists.

The Israeli offensive prompted Islamic Jihad, the most violent Palestinian terrorist group since Hamas turned its attention to politics, to announce over the weekend that it was suspending rocket launches for a week. But the decision was reversed within hours.

With Olmert proposing to evacuate swathes of the West Bank as a follow-up to last year's Gaza Strip withdrawal, Israel believes it cannot afford to allow any spread of Palestinian terrorist tactics.

In what security sources called

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JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO HOST INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN GENEALOGIST

Free Event Open to Entire Community

Miriam Weiner will speak on "Routes to Roots: Tracing Jewish Genealogy", Sunday, April 30, 2006 at 3 p.m. at the Bernard and Ruth Siegel Jewish Community Center auditorium, 101 Garden of Eden Road Wilmington, DE. The community is encouraged to attend.

Weiner is an internationally-known genealogist, author and syndicated columnist. In preparation for her two books, *Jewish Roots in Poland: Pages from the Past* and *Archival Inventories* and *Jewish Roots in Ukraine and Moldova*, she has traveled to and researched family records in these areas for more than a decade. Her expertise in researching families from Poland, Ukraine, Belarus, Moldova, Bessarabia, and Galicia/Austro-Hungary is especially relevant to



Miriam Weiner

many Delaware families.

She is president of The Routes to Roots Foundation, Inc., a non-profit organization which is publishing inventories of Jewish documents in Eastern European archives. She will share her experiences of the journey back to the villages and communities some of our ancestors left perhaps a century ago.

Weiner's presentation will be even more interesting for those who know the birthplace of their immigrant ancestors. Bring the name of your ancestral town, if you know it.

Audience members will receive a packet of reference materials and there will be a question and answer period. Check out the special insert in this edition of the Jewish Voice for more information, or call 302 655-6232.

HIDDEN CHILD TO SHARE HIS EXPERIENCES ON APRIL 25TH

Dr. Charles Rojer to keynote Yom HaShoah Holocaust Day of Remembrance Program



Charles Rojer, a retired physician from Princeton, New Jersey, will speak about his experiences as a "hidden child" during the Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Day of Remembrance on Tuesday, April 25, 2006, at 12:30 p.m. (Please note new time). The interfaith program will be held at the State Building Auditorium, 100 West 10th Street, Wilmington, DE.

Dr. Rojer was born in 1934 in Brussels, Belgium. He enjoyed a happy childhood with his parents and two older sisters until May 10, 1940 when the Nazis invaded and his life changed forever. He spent a few months hidden away in a sanitarium for individuals with tuberculosis.

When his parents were deported and sent to concentration camps, he spent the remaining years of World War II with a dozen other Jewish children from all over Eastern Europe in the care of two young Christian social work students. The two sisters moved their charges throughout Belgium and successfully avoided detection by the Nazis.

Dr. Rojer is the proud father of Rachel Harad and her husband, Todd and considers his granddaughters, Lauren, Emily and Gabrielle the loves of his life.

The Yom HaShoah program is presented by the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Center a program of the Jewish Federation of Delaware



Charles Rojer

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The Blessing of Community



Ruth Rosenberg
Campaign Director

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Campaign Director

Just a few short weeks ago, I lost my mother. She was sick for a long time, sustained by the compassionate care she received at Martins Run, a Jewish life care community in suburban Philadelphia. I visited her weekly and now take solace in knowing that there was no unfinished business between us. I did everything I could for her while she was alive and feel deep in my heart that she knew she was loved. This I count as one of many blessings that are clear to me in spite of the haze of mourning.

Another blessing has been the tremendous outpouring of love and support I have received from our

community. My mailbox seems to be flooded daily with cards of condolence and news of yet another donation made in my mom's memory. I was overwhelmed by the crowd in my house for shiva that pushed beyond the standard notion of standing room only. My family and I have been more than well-fed and have happily shared the bounty with other hungry souls. I have been comforted at minyanim at my own shul as well as those where I have been treated as more than a visitor.

This is what our community does – we join together in good times and bad. We celebrate simchas together and hold each other up when any one of us needs help. We dance at the bar and bat mitzvahs of each others children and

gather with pride to celebrate the magnificent agencies that provide services to so many here in Delaware. If someone falls ill, we are there to cook, clean, drive or do anything else that will make it easier for the family. We feed the hungry, clothe the naked and keep faith with those who sleep in the dust.

Our community extends far beyond religious or organizational affiliation or geographic borders on a map – indeed, it spans the globe. When a Jew in the former Soviet Union is sick or cold or hungry, we provide sustenance. When a Jew in Ethiopia longs to live in our homeland, we get him or her to Israel. When hurricanes strike the Gulf Coast, we send money and help to pick up the pieces of shat-

tered lives. Together, we celebrate successes and mourn losses and we show our interconnectedness through these acts of loving kindness.

What makes a true community is this banding together. It takes individuals to create the whole but the power of all of us together cannot be denied. Together we have tremendous impact. Together we save lives. Together we help heal broken hearts. Thanks to all of you who have called, written, prayed, donated or simply thought good thoughts for me and my family at our time of loss. My beloved mother, Blanche Barrow, would be pleased to know that I am in such good hands.

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ISRAEL WORKING

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a blow to Palestinian capabilities in the West Bank, troops killed a top fugitive who was said to have set up a base in Bethlehem in a bid to import rocket-making techniques.

Olmert says his "convergence plan" will bolster Israel's hold on major West Bank settlement blocs while evacuating more isolated and hard-to-defend enclaves.

"The idea is that most of the settlements that would have to be removed" will be "converged into the blocs of settlements that will remain under Israeli control," Olmert told Newsweek in his first interview with a foreign publication since he won last month's elections.

"The blocs of settlements which include Ma'aleh Adumim, the Etzion bloc and Ariel will be augmented by more settlements," Olmert said. "The rest of the territories will not have any Israeli presence and will allow territorial contiguity for a future Palestinian state."

Olmert said he would set Israel's border more or less along the route of the West Bank security fence, and seek U.S. endorsement for the move.

"The time has come for a change, and I am absolutely determined to accomplish it. It's been discussed and debated and argued in Israel for decades. I think that there is an opportunity now which never existed before.

This is a combination of the position of the public opinion of Israel, my commitment, and the understanding and hopefully future support of President George W. Bush," Olmert told the magazine.

But with Kadima holding only 29 seats in the Knesset, Olmert needs a broad coalition.

Negotiations continued Monday, with Kadima meeting with United Torah Judaism, Meretz and Pensioners Party delegates.

Meretz said afterward that Kadima pledged to withdraw from 68 settlements on the other side of the security barrier, but legislator Avraham Vilan added that his party would not sit in a coalition with the hawkish Yisrael Beiteinu.

UTJ, which likely would vie for

welfare, housing and transportation portfolios, expressed satisfaction with the talks, but must wait on a decision from the party's religious leaders on joining a coalition that is planning withdrawal.

One likely partner is the Pensioners Party, which focuses on the rights of senior citizens and whose leader, former spymaster Rafi Eitan, has voiced support for Kadima's diplomatic efforts.

Talks in Ramat Gan began Sunday, with representatives from Labor, Shas, Likud and Yisrael Beiteinu. The Labor Party looks likely to come aboard.

So does the Sephardi religious party Shas, which tentatively has backed territorial concessions to the Palestinians in the past.

One wild card is the Yisrael Beiteinu under Avigdor Lieberman, who backs territorial withdrawal but not unilateral withdrawal in the face of Palestinian violence. Since the elections, Lieberman has let it be known that Kadima's platform could be acceptable to Yisrael Beiteinu.

"We want permanent borders that are recognized by the international community. If this is within Olmert's platform, we will support it. If not, we won't be a partner," Lieberman told Israel's Channel 2 television Saturday.

Lieberman, whose party won support from immigrants from the former Soviet Union, also has pushed for civil marriage as a condition for joining Kadima.

PROMISES TO KEEP



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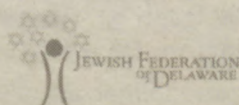
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Let the Exodus continue -

A Passover Call to Action

This week is a holy one for both Christians and Jews. It is one of those rare (and to me very special) times when Passover and Easter fall on the same dates. These two holidays celebrate our ability to effect a transformation from darkness into light and from despair to hope when we partner with G-d.

Indeed, we are infusing the Passover story with new meaning through our support of Operation Promise, a new initiative of United Jewish Communities which will enable 20,000 Ethiopian Jews to begin new lives in Israel. This \$160 million campaign will ensure the long-term success of this Exodus by funding education, vocational training, Hebrew language instruction and other initiatives to help these new olim make a successful transition. A portion of this UJC drive will be directed to the former Soviet Union to sustain poor elderly Jews who depend on us for food, medicines and other basic needs and to develop Jewish identity among its youth.

On April 27th, at 8 p.m., you will have a unique opportunity to hear eyewitness accounts of this exciting modern-day Exodus story. Meet Mica Feldmann, a man affectionately known as "Abba Micha" by members of Israel's Ethiopian community. The entire community is urged to attend this open meeting of the Jewish Federation of Delaware Board of Directors at the Bernard and Ruth Siegel Jewish Community Center in Wilmington. Since 1970, Feldmann has worked for the Jewish Agency and other organizations on immigration and absorption projects. For nearly a quarter century, he has devoted his life to bringing the Ethiopian Jews to Israel and helping them make a complete transition to life in the Jewish homeland.

For additional information, please call Ruth Rosenberg, campaign director, Jewish Federation of Delaware, at 302-427-2100, ext. 11.

In another part of Africa, United Jewish Communities has been in the forefront of the

Save Darfur Coalition, an alliance of more than 150 faith-based humanitarian and human rights organizations that have banded together to raise public awareness of the ethnic and racial violence perpetrated by the Sudanese government soldiers and members of the government-supported militia called the Janjaweed. More than 200,000 civilians have lost their lives and an additional 2,000,000 men, women and children have been driven from their homes to refugee camps in Darfur and neighboring Chad. There, thousands more will die due to severe shortages of food, water, and poor medical care.

We **can** and **must** act to end these atrocities. The Jewish Federation of Delaware is sponsoring a bus to Washington, D.C. on Sunday, April 30-the site of the Rally for Darfur. Thousands of activists from across the United States will gather to speak out against these unspeakable acts and pressure President Bush to support a strong multi-national force to protect the Darfuri people.

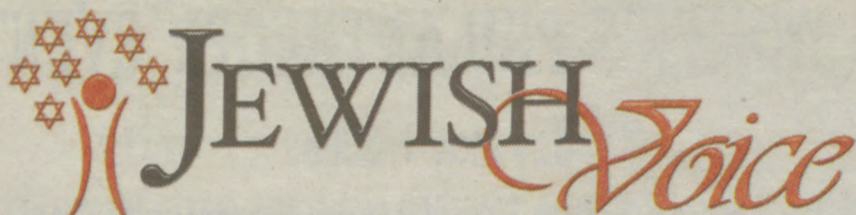
Board the bus at 8 a.m. from the Bernard and Ruth Siegel Jewish Community Center or at 8:45 a.m. from the Kristol Center for Jewish Life (Hillel) at the University of Delaware. A \$20 per person fee (or a maximum fee of \$50 per family) includes bus transportation, a boxed kosher lunch and a t-shirt. RSVP to Karen Venezky, our new Director of Endowment and Community Relations, at 302-427-2100, ext. 19.

During this season of miracles, let us work to free those still held captive by the bonds of poverty, illness, religious or ethnic oppression.

Chag Sameach!

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Blessings on Pesach

With the arrival of spring and in honor of the Passover holiday, I am pleased to extend to you my warmest blessings and to wish you and your loved ones a happy and kosher holiday.

The exodus from Egypt is fixed in the historical memory of the Jewish people as the watershed marking our liberation from the burden of slavery and the beginning of the creation of a free people that embarks on a journey towards national freedom in our promised homeland.

As we sit at the Seder table, we shall observe the commandment, "And thou shall tell unto thy son", and emphasize the obligation of each Jew to see himself in each and every generation as if he himself went out of Egypt. The ingathering of the people in its

land is indeed entwined as a string of scarlet throughout the history of the people and this is the mission we have taken upon ourselves by continuing our work to encourage aliyah and to strengthen Jewish identity and the link with Israel amongst our brethren in Jewish communities throughout the world.

I see myself committed to this mission for the Jewish people and am certain that, with your cooperation and support, we shall succeed in achieving these important challenges.

With friendship and the warmest greetings from the heart.

Zeev Bielski
Chairman

Jewish Agency for Israel

A call for continued compassion

All sincere Jewish friends deserve our gratitude for keeping the Holocaust memory alive. This makes us aware of all human rights abuses.

Every time someone hates an individual, gossips, condemns someone, gives someone an angry look, or says something negative about someone it is a micro "Holocaust".

Please be equally aggressive about modern day Holocausts which include police brutality, false accusations, unfair commitments to mental health facilities and torture in prisons and mental health facilities.

Sincerely,
Edward T. O'Donnell, Jr.
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This Week in Jewish History



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"This Week in Jewish History" is an introduction to 350 years of American Jewish life, brought to you by the Jewish Women's Archive. More information about each of the events described below can be found on JWA's website at http://www.jwa.org/this_week/week_31.html

APRIL 10, 1968

Activist Jane Jacobs was arrested on April 10, 1968, for protesting during a public hearing about the planned Lower Manhattan Expressway.

APRIL 11, 2000

On April 11, 2000, a British court resolved David Irving's libel case against Deborah

Lipstadt by affirming Lipstadt's portrayal of Irving as an anti-Semitic Holocaust denier.

APRIL 12, 2001

Advancing Women Professionals and the Jewish Community, a project dedicated to shattering the glass ceiling, was launched on April 12, 2001.

APRIL 13, 1971

Aline Milton Bernstein Saarinen was named chief of the Paris bureau of the National Broadcasting Company on April 13, 1971, becoming the first woman to head an overseas bureau in television.

APRIL 14, 1912

Mary Antin's "The Promised Land", an autobiography recounting her life in the Russian Pale of Settlement and as an immigrant in Boston, was reviewed in the New York Times on April 14, 1912.

Shabbat

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The unsung Italian-Jewish heroes

By Nechemia Meyers

The Jews who fought the Nazis during the Shoah are remembered year after year on Holocaust Memorial Day. Their brethren everywhere recall the heroism of Mordechai Anilewitz, leader of the



A 1943 photograph of Eugenio, his wife Carolina and two of their children, Elena and Renzo.

Warsaw Ghetto revolt, as well as that of the Jewish partisans in the forests of Eastern Europe. But what goes unmarked is the fact that thousands of Italian Jews were partisans, as well, and many fell in the battle against Hitlerism.

While these heroes are scarcely part of the Jewish world's collective memory, they are remembered by

the Italian authorities. This is reflected in a ceremony that recently took place in a Tuscan school named after one of them, Eugenio Calo. There, in the presence of the pupils, surviving partisans, representatives of the Italian government and relatives from Israel, Calo was posthumously awarded the Gold Medal for Military Valour, the highest honor for heroism in Italy. Calo, born in Pisa to a Jewish family that had been in Italy for generations, was an unlikely hero. He had a modest metal workshop in Arezzo and lived happily with his wife and children until the Germans took over northern

Italy and persecution of the Jews began in earnest. His workshop was seized and his family imprisoned, at a time when he had already left home to join the partisans. Though his wife was pregnant with their 4th child, she and her children were shipped to Auschwitz and immediately murdered.

This gave Calo every reason to

treat Germans like the heartless killers they were, but he retained his humanity and, as a result, lost his life as well.

Two months after his family's deportation, Eugenio and his fellow partisans captured some thirty German soldiers. Acting on his moral authority as a commander, he opposed the summary trial and execution of the prisoners. Instead, he volunteered to take them across the German lines, and hand them over to the allied forces.

Subsequently, at the request of General Clark, American commander in the area, he and a comrade volunteered to cross the lines again with plans designed to foster cooperation between allied troops and the partisans in the struggle to liberate Arezzo. But not long afterwards Calo was captured together with a group of partisans whose hideout was revealed to the Nazis by a German prisoner who had escaped. A fierce battle ensued, after which the surviving partisans were taken to the nearby village of



The Gold Medal for Military Valour posthumously awarded to Eugenio Calo.

San Polo. There Eugenio and his comrades were brutally tortured in a vain attempt to extract information from them. Then they and men seized at random from the village — 48 people in all — were executed. The civilians were made to dig three pits and were thrown into them, still alive. The partisans were placed in

the pits with their heads above ground and with explosive charges attached to their bodies. They were then blown apart. The Germans, brutal to the last, didn't allow the bodies to be buried.

The San Polo massacre is commented every year as is the liberation of Arezzo.

The Forgotten Liberators

By Dr. Alex Grobman

Many Holocaust commemorators honor American soldiers who participated in the liberation of a concentration or slave labor camp. They often overlook the American Jewish chaplains who played a critical role in helping the Jewish Displaced Persons (DPs) in the American Zones of Germany and Austria at the end of WWII. Of the 311 Reform, Conservative and Orthodox chaplains selected to serve in the military, more than 90 had contact with the DPs from

1944-1948.

The DPs presented unique and difficult problems to the American military government who wanted to help, but failed to understand the specific dilemmas liberation posed for the Jews. The military government was responsible for re-establishing communication and transport behind front lines, not administering and governing. They failed to recognize that the Jews, having been singled out for destruction, required psychological and spiritual assistance as well as material aid. Conditions in the camps were

deplorable and the Jews lacked the freedom to choose their own destiny.

From the Army's perspective, the logical solution was to repatriate the DPs as soon as possible. Of the more than 200,000 European Jews who were in Germany and Austria at the end of the war, many were reluctant to go back to their "homelands," particularly the Jews from Poland and Lithuania, a large portion of the survivors. Some of them — the exact number is unknown — went back to search for family and friends. Then they returned to Germany.

Wherever they went in Eastern Europe, they were greeted with disdain and frequently harassed — false arrest, beatings and murder. On July 4, 1946, 47 Jews were murdered and more than 50 were wounded in Kielce, Poland. Many of them found themselves homeless; their homes confiscated by former friends and neighbors. Thus the majority of Jews from Eastern Europe understandably feared repatriation. Jews from Western Europe, Hungary, Romania, and Czechoslovakia were in a better position to reclaim their possessions and begin to rebuild their lives.

It fell to the relatively few American Jewish chaplains (approximately 30) who passed through Germany during the initial occupation period April-June 1945, right after liberation, to deal with the Jewish DPs problems. The chaplains were among the first Jews from the U.S. to meet survivors, so although their primary obligation was to American soldiers, some chose to help the DPs. They were not official representatives of the American rabbinate or any other organization. They made the people's needs known to the army and

tried to influence the military's policies toward the survivors. If they failed, they took the initiative, which sometimes meant risking their own careers, by engaging in covert actions to ease some of the traumas and dilemmas confronting Jewish survivors in Germany.

Chaplains helped the survivors search for their families through illegal use of the military mail; they rescued children hidden in churches and on farms; and they inspired American Jews to ship tons of food, clothing and basic necessities. They served as escorts on trains that transported children and adults out of Eastern Europe, and on youth transports to Palestine. A number worked with Brichah, the illicit movement that smuggled Jews out of Europe and into Palestine. They also established schools, mikvehs, a summer camp, published educational material and functioned as rabbis of communities.

One of the most extraordinary men was Abraham Klausner. With the help of the survivors, Klausner, a Reform rabbi, compiled and published six volumes containing systematic and exhaustive lists of survivors in Bavaria and distributed them throughout the world. This, the first of the Shearith Haplethah volumes, was the first major attempt to communicate with Jews in the West.

With assistance from Max Braude, an Orthodox rabbi and Judah Nadich, a Conservative rabbi, Klausner was able to help the survivors establish Unzer Weg, the largest Yiddish weekly in Germany, which was viewed by many as their national newspaper.

When Klausner saw that Jews in Dachau dressed in their camp uniforms and still forced to live behind barbed wire and the Jews in other

areas of Bavaria living in a horrible state after the liberation, he wrote an official looking, but unauthorized report, that created a quite a stir in the American Jewish community. He also played a key role in shaping the Harrison Report that created the position of adviser on Jewish affairs to the commander of the U.S. forces in Europe in August 1945 in response to the plight of the Jewish DPs.

Realizing the need for the Jews to be recognized as a separate nationality, he convinced the Americans to allow the DPs to establish an organization that would represent them with in negotiations with the military. The organization became known as the Central Committee of Liberated Jews in Bavaria.

Klausner was instrumental in establishing three Jewish hospitals where DPs could be treated by Jewish physicians and Jewish "camps" to protect the survivors from frequent harassment and mistreatment they suffered at the hands of non-Jewish inmates.

Significantly, there were no differences in the extent of commitment and dedication between the Orthodox, Conservative and Reform rabbis. They stepped into the breach to help their fellow Jews until the Jewish relief agencies were operational. Even then, they continued to assist the survivors. They tried to show the survivors that they were no longer alone, and that American Jews cared. We owe the chaplains a tremendous debt of gratitude. The very least we can do is to remember their names on Yom HaShoah.

Dr. Grobman is author of *Rekindling the Flame: American Jewish Chaplains and the Survivors of European Jewry, 1944-1948*. (Wayne State University Press).

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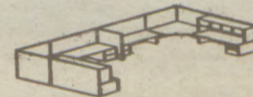
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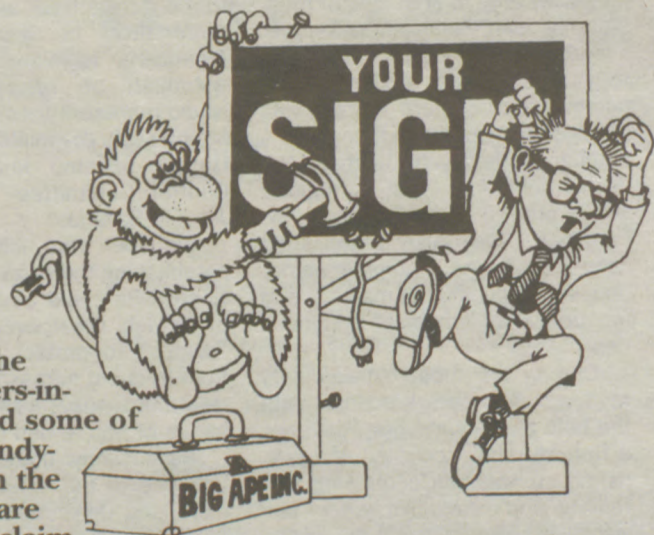
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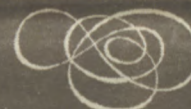


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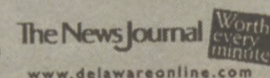
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AEA graduates win Science and Technology awards

Three Albert Einstein Academy alumni received prestigious science and technology awards at statewide competitions last month.

Rebecca Downard, AEA class of 2004, participated in several team events as part of Hanby Middle School's delegation to the 2006 Delaware Technology Student Association Conference held on the state fair grounds in Harrington. Rebecca received first place trophies in "Marine Design," which involved boat building, and "Chapter Team," an intensive leadership program. A tower built by her team also placed third in "Structural Challenge." Rebecca, an eighth grader at Hanby, is Vice President of her school's TSA club. As a seventh grader, she received statewide TSA awards in Advanced Rocket and TSA Pin

Design divisions.

Josh Isaacs, AEA class of 2003, also competed in the 2006 Delaware TSA Conference. He was paired with another student in the Systems Control Technology category. Josh and his partner came in first place in this category. Josh is a freshman at Brandywine High School, and is Vice President of the Brandywine TSA chapter. As an eighth grader, he placed first in the country in Computer Applications at the 2005 TSA National Competition in Chicago. He also received statewide TSA awards in Computer Applications, Electrical Applications, Transportation Challenge and Technology Bowl Challenge.

Anna Moss, AEA class of 2004, was honored by the Delaware Biotechnology Institute at the 11th

annual New Castle County Science Expo held at the Stanton/Wilmington campus of Delaware Tech. Students had to choose a problem, design an experiment to solve the problem, carry out the experiment, write up the results in a formal scientific manner and construct a display board. Anna's presentation was entitled "the Microbial Properties of Celery." She received a certificate, a monetary award, and a personal tour of the DBI. Anna is an eighth grade student at Talley Middle School.

"We are very proud of Rebecca, Josh and Anna," said Dr. Jack L. Sparks, AEA Head of School. "The accomplishments of our graduates never cease to impress me. Our students graduate from Einstein with an outstanding academic foundation,



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Senator Carper comes to Beth Shalom



Sen. Tom Carper

Congregation Beth Shalom will welcome Senator Tom Carper to the bimah on Friday, May 5, 8:00 p.m. as the final guest in Rabbi Michael Beals' year-long Friday Night Shabbat Builder's series. Rabbi Beals will conduct a Charlie Rose-style interview with Senator Carper on the subject of "US Foreign Policy Towards Israel: How to Build a Stronger Relationship." The conversation was planned to coincide with the 58th anniversary of the Creation of the State of Israel as well as the beginning of the Rebuilding of Congregation Beth Shalom, through an ambitious Capital Campaign. Following the discussion the synagogue will host the community to a festive dessert oneg to celebrate Israel's birthday and the Bar Mitzvah of Gabe Kaplan.

Holocaust and Nuremberg Trials topic of AKSE Men's Club Brunch

On Sunday, April 30th, Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation in Wilmington will host Morris Rosen, a Holocaust survivor who volunteers at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. Rosen, born Moniek Rozen in Czeszochowa, Poland, will speak on the topic of "The Holocaust and the Nuremberg Trials".

In 1939, Moniek was awakened by airplanes overhead as German forces invaded Poland. The Nazis killed some of the town's Jews and imposed severe restrictions on the community.

In 1942, German officials selected several thousand of the town's Jews for deportation, including Moniek's parents who were transport-



Morris Rosen "then and now"

ed to the Auschwitz killing center. Moniek was later deported to a series of concentration camps.

In 1945, as the Soviet army approached, the SS evacuated the Kittlitztreban camp. The prisoners, including Moniek, were sent on a death march to the Buchenwald concentration camp, walking more than eight hours a day in the bitter cold. Moniek survived a second death march and was eventually liberated

from the Theresienstadt ghetto by Soviet troops. He reunited with members of his family, but his parents and five of his 9 siblings perished in the Holocaust.

In 1949, after spending several years in displaced persons camps in Austria and Germany, Moniek immigrated to the United States where he now lives in Baltimore, Maryland.

When asked why he volunteers for the U.S. Holocaust Museum, he said:

"I owe it to my fellow inmates from all the concentration camps where I was kept. They did not make it, but I did, and want the world to remember them. The Museum needs me in their archives where I do translations, the most difficult of which are Polish written in Hebrew letters."

Breakfast will be at 9:30 a.m. This free community program will begin at 10:00 a.m. The cost of the breakfast is \$4.

Learn how to preserve the past

Participants in the May 4th Donor Luncheon benefiting the Milton and Hattie Kutz home will enjoy a double treat as they experience Wilmington's "Antique Treasures Road Show" and learn the art and science of conservation from Winterthur's resident expert, Gregory Landrey.

Luncheon guests are invited to bring one or two treasured items to be evaluated by Richard Opfer, a specialist in the antiques business for more than 30 years. Opfer, the

owner of Richard Opfer Auctioneering, Inc. in Baltimore, MD is widely regarded for his expertise in antique appraisals.

Brandywine Country Club will prepare and serve an elegant luncheon. After lunch, Gregory Landrey, director of Conservation at Winterthur, will discuss "Preserving the Past: The Art and Science of Conservation" and will share some of his experiences gleaned from his participation in Winterthur's efforts to help rescue and restore historic properties dev-

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Texas Hold'em to be hosted by Congregation Beth Shalom, Dover

Texas Hold'em to be hosted by Congregation Beth Shalom in Dover

Congregation Beth Shalom in Dover is dealing up a fundraiser on Sunday, April 30th at 2 p.m. when the synagogue hosts the first Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament sponsored by a religious organization in downstate Delaware.

Last year the State of Delaware Legislature passed a bill that would allow volunteer fire departments, religious groups, and fraternal and charitable organizations to have Texas Hold'em Poker Tournaments for the benefit of their groups. So far these events have been held on Fridays and

Saturdays sponsored mainly by volunteer fire companies throughout the state. These poker tournaments are watched over by the Delaware Gaming Control Board. Licenses must be obtained for each event. Companies have been set up which provide the dealers and the tables for the event. The sponsoring group, in this case Congregation Beth Shalom, will provide the players, hall, and refreshments.

Both men and women over the age of 21 are most welcome. Admission into the tournament is \$100 for a start of chips with two opportunities for a \$25 re-buy. Doors open on

Sunday at 1 PM and play begins at 2 PM. The play can last up to six hours. Prizes depend on the number of participating players.

The community is invited to enjoy a unique Sunday afternoon diversion while supporting synagogue programs. Please call or leave a message for Steve Schlesinger at 302-674-5882, Herb Konowitz at 302-697-3838 or Lucille at the Congregation 302 734-5578 so we can get you registered and reserve a place for you and your group.

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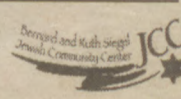
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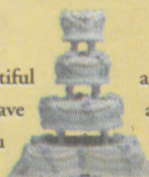
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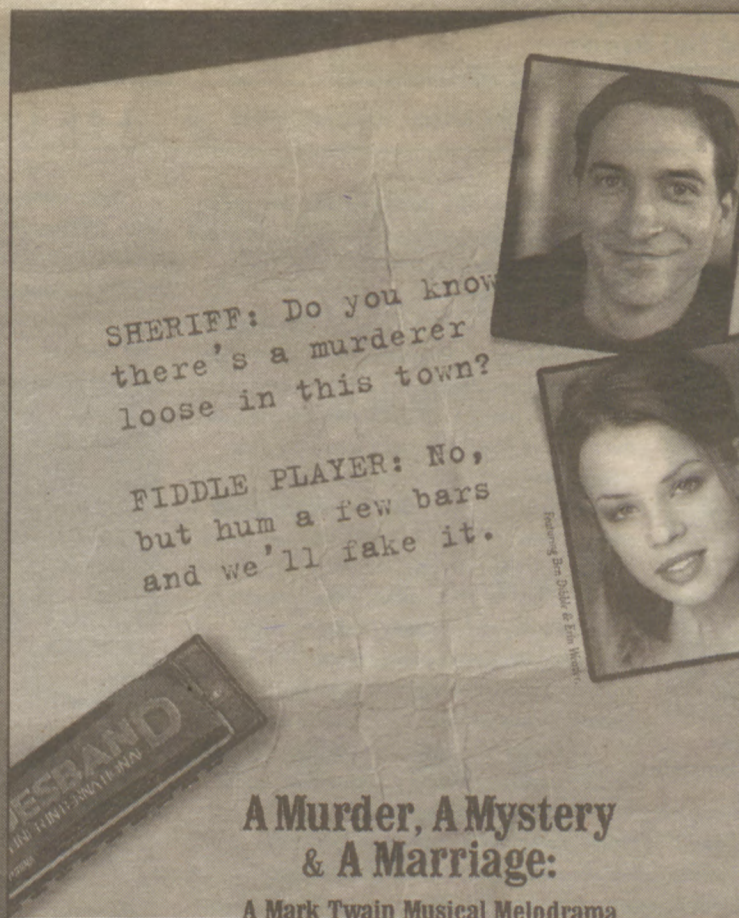
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A message from Ronald S. Lauder - # 2 in a Series



Negev residents enjoy their surroundings in Israel's next frontier.

have traveled all over the world, seen great cities and mesmerizing landscapes, but there is no sight more breathtaking than the Negev desert.

Jewish National Fund has embarked on Blueprint Negev, a long-term vision to develop the Negev into a hospitable environment that will become home to 250,000 new people over the next five years. We move forward in this international \$500 million campaign with Keren Kayemeth Lelsrael, Daroma, the Israeli government and the Or Movement. JNF plans include building reservoirs, creating infrastructure for new homes, identifying job opportunities, and attracting industry, while preserving the desert environment. JNF is creating a philanthropic bank to assist in financing loans for people moving to the Negev.

Our plan is to build 25 new communities and strengthen existing communities across

the Negev. Here's an update on our work in the northeastern region.

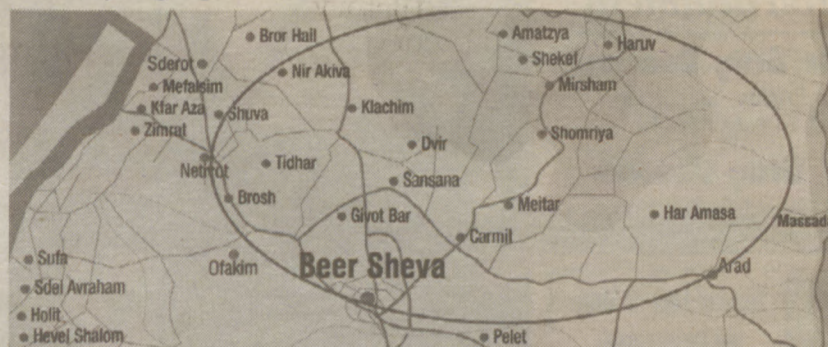
At Haruv, 22 families have founded a community with the goal of growing to 210. Their vision is one of religious and secular Jews living side by side, sharing community resources and activities. JNF is providing temporary homes, the infrastructure for permanent ones and a playground for Haruv's children.

At Kibbutz Shomriya, established in the 1930's, only 13 families remain. The Israeli government approved a plan to turn over the kibbutz to 60 families evacuated from Gaza. Another 90 families will follow. JNF has cleared the land and is preparing the infrastructure for the permanent homes. The current kibbutz members will move to nearby Kibbutz Dvir where they will welcome additional families when the infrastructure is completed.

Once a military outpost, Sansana has been refashioned with the help of JNF as a new Negev town. It currently has 220 people and looks to expand to 2,200. Living in temporary JNF-sponsored caravans, residents have already found work in the area or study at nearby Ben-Gurion University in Beer Sheva.

Giv'ot Bar, which literally means 'hills of grain,' has plans to grow to 500 families with JNF's continuing partnership. At Carmit, JNF is working with Nefesh B'Nefesh to establish an English-speaking community where Diaspora Jews can change the quality of life and image of the Negev.

There's a lot more to this story. To learn more about the communities of Blueprint Negev, visit www.jnf.org/negev.



Northern Negev planned communities map

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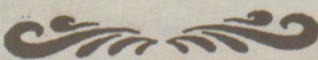
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Commonwealth honoree awes audience



Mike Nichols

By Joel F. Glazier
Special to the Jewish Voice

In his acceptance speech for the Common Wealth Award for Dramatic Arts, Director Mike Nichols told a silenced audience at Wilmington's DuPont Theatre, "I have been living on borrowed time. I was meant to go with

the Six Million." Along with other honorees, Jordan's Queen Noor, CNN Broadcaster Anderson Cooper, Astronaut John Glenn and Poet Laureate Rita Dove, Mike Nichols received \$50,000 at the Common Wealth Awards Presentation on April 1, 2006.

"My Russian born father fled Germany in 1938, when a patient informed him that the Nazis were coming for Jewish doctors. I was able to leave with my younger brother on the S.S. Bremen for New York in 1939, and my ill mother was able to leave on one of the last ships to New York in 1940," said Nichols who acknowledged he had not shared his family's story before. "When you've been lucky, you never lose sense of it, and I have been unbelievably lucky." Nichols, whose works have won all major entertainment awards—Oscar, Emmy, Grammy, Tony and Golden Globe, was not referring to luck in winning those or even the Common Wealth Award.

Family Name Change and a New Land

First celebrated as a comedian with partner Elaine May, Nichols did not rely on humor when he addressed the audience at the annual award ceremony. Born Michael Igor Peschkowsky in Berlin in 1931, the name Nichols is what his father took in America as it was his patronymic. "My mother's family was that kind of German Jew who did not really celebrate the Jewish holidays. My grandfather was a colleague of Martin Buber (an early Zionist philosopher), and together they developed the idea of Palestine."

Continuing to share his proud immigrant roots, Nichols recalled seeing Hebrew openly displayed in neon at a deli in New York City. "Is that allowed?" he asked his father. "Yes it is, as are many things including free speech," his father answered. Nichols and his 4-year-old brother were first excited in New York with Rice Krispies and Coca-Cola. He humorously pointed out "We had never seen food that popped, crackled or fizzed." Nichols never stops his praise for this land of democracy.

In light of the current national debate about immigrants, Nichols' comments were timely and poignant like some of his long list of serious adult themed films (including *The Graduate*, *"Silkwood"*, and *"Angels in America"*). "We [immigrants] brought a lot of things to this country. I think that's happening all the time. The sensibility and ear of an immigrant leads to creative endeavors to try to fit in." He told about a friend of his politically active grandfather, who "escaped from Germany, settled in New Mexico where he wrote, *Treasure of Sierra Madre*—not a book that has German Jew written all over it." Once you have that ear to creatively think "How to live here, how to fit in, you never lose it. That's given us [in America] a lot of artists from many cultures."

Pride and Seders

"I'm proud to be a citizen of this country even though I have increasingly painful disagreements with where it's going", adding "This is still the country in which we can say

whatever we want. When that's compromised we better get worried because everything else is being eroded." He shared privately that in Germany, Bar Mitzvah ceremonies weren't common in the 1930's, and he has not had one here in the U.S. "Our family really did not have Seders [in Germany] but my family here has attended some of Lorne Michaels' Seders and they are great Seders. My pals have taught me how to celebrate the holidays."

Nichols said he plans to give his \$50,000 award to a favorite charity, "Friends Indeed," that aids people with life challenging diseases. Queen Noor, awarded the Common Wealth Award for Public Service, said she would donate her prize to the King Hussein Foundation. She addressed the audience, "As one child of Abraham to all of you, Peace be with you and your families. All can extend a hand to a neighbor." Nichols also commented, "If everybody for a week just tried to love thy neighbor as thyself, things would move forward a bit. It's unbearable to see the great ideas from The Bible being changed to 'user friendly' and turned into just slogans."

The Common Wealth Trust, created under the will of the late Ralph Hayes, business executive and philanthropist, has presented the Common Wealth Awards of Distinguished Service since 1979. Over \$3.5 million in prize money has been conferred to 157 honorees. PNC Bank, Delaware has acted as trustee and administrator.

100 years of global diplomacy

By Dina Kraft, JTA

In a meeting room of gold silk curtains and tiled walls, a delegation from the American Jewish Committee takes their seats at a long, glass-topped table facing Tunisia's foreign minister and his aides.

Soon the questions begin: When will Tunisia resume official relations with Israel? What is the country's stance on Iran?

These questions are de rigueur for the AJCommittee, which is sometimes called "the State Department of the Jewish people" because of its frequent meetings with leaders of foreign countries.

AJCommittee board members and activists traveled to Tunisia last month as part of a multi-country tour marking its 100th anniversary.

The diplomatic mission included stops in five European capitals, Morocco and Israel, meeting with presidents, government ministers, NATO officials and the pope.

The group is also planning a several-day forum in Washington beginning May 1 that features political and intellectual notables from around the world.

"It's unbelievable access," said Stephanie Pulver, an AJCommittee member from New York who was among those in Tunisia. "It allows us to try to bring up issues that are important to the community and learn about the country and the problems they are having."

The AJCommittee was founded in 1906 by American Jewish elites, mainly of German Jewish background, who were alarmed by the Kishinev pogroms in czarist Russia and wanted to protect and strengthen Jewish communities around the world by promoting democracy and pluralism.

Today, it has 33 chapters in the United States and a presence in 20 countries, advocating for Israel and human rights and against anti-Semitism and terror.

The group faced a crisis during the 1940s, when its president, Joseph Proskauer, opposed Zionism.

Indeed, the AJCommittee left the American Jewish Conference, an umbrella organization, in the 1940s because it opposed Zionism, according to Brandeis University historian Jonathan Sarna.

"Many people thought the organization

would not survive," said Sarna, a member of JTA's board of directors.

But after World War II, the AJCommittee began to recognize the importance of the State of Israel, and it soon rebounded in importance.

In the postwar era, it worked successfully for the inclusion of a human rights provision in the U.N. Charter and was integral in convincing the Vatican to issue in 1965 the Nostra Aetate, which absolved Jews of the collective responsibility for Jesus' death.

Among its recent achievements are helping to persuade the U.S. government to ban the Hezbollah television station, Al-Manar, and working with the Polish government to build a memorial at the previously neglected site of the Nazi death camp Belzec, where 500,000 Jews were killed.

The AJCommittee is known for its "deep research" of issues, Sarna said, and for working behind the scenes in establishing contacts with high-level international leaders.

It came as little surprise when in 2004, the AJCommittee opened its Transatlantic Institute in Brussels, the home of the European Union.

"The ability of the committee to reinvent itself to change as American and world Jewish conditions change is quite extraordinary," Sarna said. "Not all Jewish organizations can do that."

Now, the AJCommittee's longtime executive director, David Harris, said the organization has its work cut out for itself in the future.

"The threat of nuclear weapons proliferation, radical Islam and the potential marriage of extremists and weapons of mass destruction" are among the main issues the organization will attempt to address at a time when the United States will no longer be the sole superpower, Harris said.

In Israel, the entire delegation of some 200 people gathered for the centerpiece of the mission, where they met with senior government ministers, army officials and academics.

Harris said he envisions the AJCommittee continuing two tracks of involvement, one involving Israel-Diaspora relations, the other promoting relations between Israel and other countries.

In Germany, they heard Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier pledge not to back down on demands on Hamas; they heard Stephan Kramer, secretary-general of the

Central Council of Jews in Germany, proudly describe Germany's growing Jewish population of 120,000 as the third-largest in Europe.

"This is a very hopeful place at a time when in the last five days we have not seen a lot of hope," Kara Newmark of St. Louis, said at a gala dinner at Berlin's Adlon Hotel, referring to the previous visit to Israel.

Said Harris: "If you said to the AJC folks in 1946, 'Folks, put on your calendar for 2006, a gala dinner in Germany,' people would have declared me certifiably mad and retired me to the farm. But maybe the 160th anniversary of AJC will be celebrated at dinners in Tehran, Damascus."

Indeed, the AJCommittee is paying special attention to the Arab world, said Jason Isaacson, director of the group's office of government and international affairs.

"Part of the issue is Jewish concerns and communities, but it is also about there being only a billion Muslims in the world," he said. "We obviously need to be talking to them."

In Tunisia, the visiting delegation heard from officials who touted the recent visit of Silvan Shalom, Israel's foreign minister at the time of his visit. The Tunisian-born Shalom was given a festive homecoming by Tunisian government officials in a visit that some suggested indicated warming ties between the two countries.

Still, those same government officials were reticent about when Tunisia might reassess its relationship with Israel. Tunisia broke off formal diplomatic ties after the start of the second intifada in 2000.

"We have to see how things are resolved on the ground. Our feeling is that the situation has stalled and even deteriorated," Tunisia's foreign minister, Abdelwahab Abdallah, told the AJCommittee delegation. "We have to be patient."

These discussions are normal for the AJCommittee, which often talks with foreign diplomats and officials — especially during the U.N.'s General Assembly every September. The nations that sit with them often are seeking Jewish clout in their dealings with the U.S. government.

For its part, the AJCommittee wants to drum up global support for Israel and protect vulnerable Jewish communities throughout the Diaspora.

Connecting with the local Jewish community



Members of an American Jewish Committee delegation to Tunisia explore Tunis. Credit: Dina Kraft/JTA

was an integral part of the AJCommittee visit.

In Tunis, the delegation also met with Mohamed Lejmi, the country's solicitor-general and director of judicial services, who spoke of laws that protect minority rights in Tunisia, including those of the country's small Jewish minority of some 1,800, including some 200-300 in Tunis.

In April, 2002 a suicide bomber detonated a truck filled with explosives outside of the Ghriba Synagogue in Djerba, an island off the coast of Tunisia which is home to a vibrant Jewish community of about 1,500.

The blast killed 21 people, most of them German tourists. It is suspected that the perpetrators had links to Al-Qaida.

The AJCommittee delegation traveled to Djerba as part of their visit, stopping at the Ghriba Synagogue to take part in Shabbat services there. The synagogue, built on the ruins of an earlier synagogue and believed to be among the oldest synagogues in Africa, has been guarded by Tunisian police since the attack.

(JTA Foreign Editor Peter Ephross in New York and correspondent Toby Axelrod in Berlin contributed to this report.)

MILESTONES

In Memoriam

SCHWARTZ

Funeral services for Pauline Schwartz, 90, of Dover, were held Tuesday, April 4, in the Torbert Funeral Chapel, Dover. Mrs. Schwartz died Sunday, April 2, 2006, in Bayhealth-Kent General Hospital, Dover.

She was born Nov. 23, 1915, in the Ukraine, then a part of Czarist Russia and was the daughter of

the late Samuel and Golda Narodetsky.

Her family immigrated to the United States in 1921, following the Bolshevik Revolution.

She was raised and lived in the Camden, N.J., area, before moving to Dover in 1989.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 57 years, Mitchell

Schwartz, in July 1997.

Mrs. Schwartz is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Steven and Caroline Schwartz of Dover; and three grandchildren, Benjamin of Wilmington, Joshua of Newark and Rebecca of Dover.

Interment was in Crescent Park Cemetery, Pennsauken, N.J.

Memorial contributions in Mrs. Schwartz's name may be made to

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TURKIN

Harry B. Turkin, age 84, of Wilmington, DE passed away at the Kutz Home on Friday, April 7, 2006. He is survived by his three daughters, Carol (Bruce) DeWitt, Diane and Nancy; his son, Matthew;

three grandsons; and 3 great grandchildren. Mr. Turkin was predeceased by his grandson, Asa.

A graveside service was held on Sunday, April 9th, in Wellwood Cemetery, Wellwood and Patton Aves., Pinelawn, NY.

The family suggests contributions to Lancaster JCC, 2120 Oregon Pike Lancaster, PA 17601, Attn: Andrew DeWitt.

NACHAS NOOK

AEA Graduate Attends Prestigious Journalism Conference

Rina Wagman, daughter of Sylvia and Mark Wagman of North Wilmington, was Delaware's sole female delegate to the annual Al Neuharth Free Spirit Scholarship and Conference program held last month in Washington, D.C. She joined one hundred two high school students from across the United States who are interested in pursu-

ing a career in journalism and have qualities of "free spirit." Rina, AEA class of 2000, is currently a senior at Concord High School.

Eighty-three U.S. newspapers joined the Freedom Forum in soliciting applications from high school seniors. Applicants were required to provide samples of their journalistic work and write an essay on free

spirit. Scholarship winners – one young woman and one young man from each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia – were selected through a competitive process.

The scholarship winners were brought to Washington to receive their awards and participate in a journalism conference, which culminated with attendance at the Al



Rina Wagman

Neuharth Free Spirit of the Year Award ceremony. At the event, students had the opportunity to meet the 2005 Al Neuharth Free Spirit of the Year, Astronaut Eileen Marie Collins, the first female space shuttle commander.

"Rina addressed prospective Albert Einstein Academy families at two of our Parlor Meetings this year," noted Dr. Jack L. Sparks, AEA Head of School. "She is bright, articulate and talented. We are all proud of her journalistic accomplishments, and I have no doubt that she will meet with continued success at the college of her choice."

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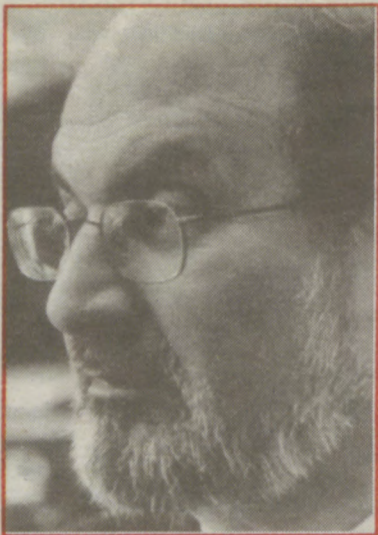
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Joyce Carol Oates is one of America's most versatile and prolific writers. She has published 37 novels and novellas, 23 volumes of short stories, 7 volumes of poetry, 4 volumes of plays, as well as nonfiction works on subjects ranging from the tortured life of Marilyn Monroe to the studies of the gothic and horror genres.

She was born in Lockport, N.Y. in 1938, and grew up on her parents' farm, attending the same one-room schoolhouse her mother

See Forum USA, PAGE 19

Two of the most celebrated and respected contemporary authors, Joyce Carol Oates and Salman Rushdie, will appear on stage at the DuPont Theatre on Friday, May 5, in *Talking Authors*, an evening of open conversation presented by Forum USA Delaware.

Talking Authors, the final program of Forum USA Delaware's second season, will explore the art of storytelling through the process of writing, the elements of fiction and the life experiences that Joyce Carol Oates and Salman Rushdie draw on to create their novels. The program will be moderated by Colin McEnroe, Connecticut radio talk show host, national columnist, humorist and frequent moderator for the Connecticut Forum.

Salman Rushdie was born in India in 1947, to wealthy, devout

Muslim parents. He grew up and was educated in Mumbai (then Bombay) and England and is best known for the "unfunny valentine," as he described the fatwa calling for his assassination issued by Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini on February 14, 1989. The fatwa was a reaction to his 1988 book *The Satanic Verses* that not only brought on the "death order," but inspired violent criticism and widespread protest from fundamentalist Muslims. Subsequently, Rushdie spent years underground, appearing in public only sporadically, until the fatwa was lifted in 1998.

Rushdie's writing career began in 1975 with the publication of his first novel *Grimus*. His other works include *Midnight's Children* (1981), *Shame* (1983), *Imaginary Homelands: Essays and Criticism*,

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Holocaust Day of Remembrance on April 25-Charles Rojer will speak about his Holocaust experiences as a hidden child at the Yom HaShoah Holocaust Day of Remembrance. The event is presented by the Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Center, a program of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, on Tuesday, April 25, 12:30 p.m. at the Carvel State Building Auditorium, 820 French Street, Wilmington. Please note the new time. For more information contact Karen Venezky 302-427-2100 or karen.venezky@shalomdelaware.org.

Temple Beth El will host the community-wide Yom Hashoah Commemoration this year on Monday April 24th at 7:30 p.m. This observance will be a moving tribute to the victims of the Holocaust as we celebrate their lives and remember them. The synagogue's choir and Klezmer Band, Thread of Blue, will be par-

ticipating along with a student choir. A one act play will also be presented which shows the personal trauma concentration camp survivors had to endure even after the war was over, especially when part of a family had managed to escape to America in the 1930's while other members were sent to the camps. The reunions were equally traumatic and guilt-ridden. The Rabbinic Association of Delaware invites all community members to attend.

Please call the Temple office at 366-8330 if you need directions.

Micha Feldmann To Speak-Get an insiders' look at Operation Promise, an historic effort by Jewish Federations of North America to help Ethiopian Jews complete their exodus and successfully assimilate into Israeli Society. Micha Feldmann will speak at an open meeting of the Jewish Federation of Delaware on

Thursday, April 27, 8 p.m. at the Bernard and Ruth Siegel Jewish Community Center in Wilmington. For more information contact Ruth Rosenberg 302-427-2100 or ruth.rosenberg@shalomdelaware.org.

Rally to End Genocide in Darfur-"We cannot stand idly by (as genocide is perpetrated in Darfur) or all our endeavors will be unworthy."- Elie Wiesel. JCPA is working with other organizations to organize The Rally to End Genocide in Darfur in Washington, D.C. at the National Mall on the afternoon on Sunday, April 30.

Buses will leave at 8 a.m. from the Bernard and Ruth Siegel Jewish Community Center and 8:45 a.m. from the Kristol Center

for Jewish Life (Hillel) at the University of Delaware. Call 302-427-2100. x 20 or register online at www.shalomdelaware.org. \$20/per person includes transportation and a boxed kosher lunch.

Celebrate Yom Ha'Atzmaut, Israel's 58th Birthday- Attend the community celebration of Israel's independence on Sunday, May 7th. There will be activities for the entire family including an Israeli dinner at 5 p.m. The fun begins at 4 p.m. and lasts until 7 p.m. at the Bernard and Ruth Siegel Jewish Community Center in Wilmington. For more information contact Ivy Harlev at 302-478-5660 or ivyharlev@siegeljcc.org.

Magee Rehabilitation Hospital Hosts a Night of Champions- Join Philadelphia 76ers' Hall-of-Fame coach Billy Cunningham and other Delaware Valley sports and entertainment celebrities during Magee Rehabilitation Hospital's Sixth Annual Night of Champions on Friday, May 5, 2006, 7 p.m., at the Sheet Metal Workers Union Hall, 1301 S. Columbus Blvd., Philadelphia, Pa. Chaddsford Winery will host a VIP wine-tasting reception at 6 p.m. Tickets start at \$125 with numerous sponsorship opportunities available. All proceeds will benefit Magee's Community Program Fund. Call 215-587-3090 for details.

FORUM USA

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had attended. Her writing career was launched at 14, with a gift of a typewriter from her grandmother. She won a scholarship to attend Syracuse University, where she majored in English and at 19 won the "college short story" contest sponsored by Mademoiselle magazine.

She published her first novel With Shuddering Fall in 1964 when she was 28. She went on to publish new books at the extraordinary rate of two or three per year, while teaching full-time first at the University of Detroit and then the University of Windsor in Ontario, Canada. Since 1978, Oates has been the Roger S. Berlind Distinguished Professor of the Humanities at Princeton

University, teaching in the creative writing program. She lives in Princeton with her husband of over 35 years.

Some of her recent works include Uncensored: Views & (Re)views (2005), Sexy (2005); The Falls, a novel (2004) and Freaky Green Eyes, a young adult novel, (2003).

Forum USA Delaware, the progeny of Connecticut Forum (www.ctforum.org), founded in Hartford in 1992 by Richard and Doris Sugarman, presents provocative, spontaneous, open conversation live on stage. The first half of the program is dedicated to the open discussion on the evening's theme and is followed, in the second half, by a Q&A portion with questions from the audience.

Forum USA Delaware Founding Sponsors are DuPont, WDEL/WSTW and The News Journal. Special Host Patron is The Quintin E. Primo Fund for Racial Justice. Forum Outreach Sponsor is New Castle County, Christopher A. Coons, County Executive.

The Forum begins at 8 p.m. in Wilmington's DuPont Theatre. For more information on Forum USA Delaware and for tickets, visit www.forumusadelaware.org. Tickets range from \$20 to \$65 and are also available through the DuPont Theatre box office at (302) 656-4401, (800) 338-0881, or online at www.duPonttheatre.com. Ultimate Packages, which include prime theatre seats and a photo with a panelist, can be purchased by calling (302) 888-2488.

SEASIDE MARCH EVENTS

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4-23-06 Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, will be observed at 1 PM at our building. Call 302-226-8977 for more information.

4-27-06 Discussion Group meets at 7:30 PM, featuring a presentation on the Weimer Republic by Dr. Ira Wexler. For more information please call 302-226-8977.

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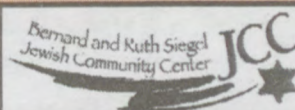
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