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SHAVUOT



"On the sixth day of the month of Sivan, the Ten Commandments were given to Israel."

- Babylonian Talmud

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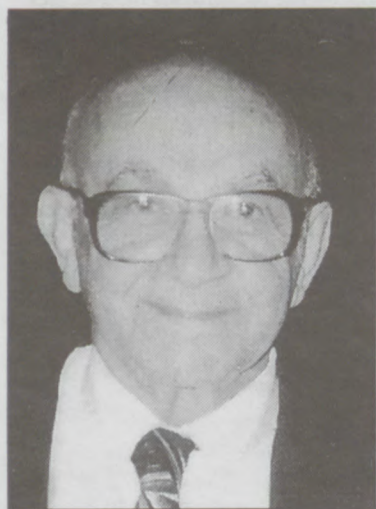
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AKSE Gabai Celebrates Milestone

By LYNN EDELMAN
Editor, Jewish Voice

Isadore "Izzy" Silverman awakens at 4:00 a.m., bathes, eats a light breakfast and drives one mile to Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth - his



Isadore "Izzy" Silverman

spiritual home for more than 68 years. The congregants depend on him to be in the sanctuary no later than 7:00 a.m. After all, you can't start services without your *gabai*.

At nearly 90, Silverman is the oldest member of AKSE. He became a *bar mitzvah* at the synagogue and watched with pride as each of his four daughters studied for their bat mitzvahs, were confirmed and, ultimately, stood under the AKSE *chuppah* with their husbands.

Four rabbis have benefited from Silverman's leadership. During his

congregational career, he has served as treasurer, vice president and as chairman of nearly every committee the synagogue has to offer.

Ask some 600 former boy scouts about Silverman and they'll talk about his commitment to shaping young lives. A scoutmaster for 18 years, Silverman also served as district commissioner and as chairman of the Religious Committee on Scouting for the City of Wilmington. For his efforts he has received numerous awards, including the Silver Beaver Award - the highest honor given to a scouting volunteer.

A modest man, Silverman stores these awards in an upstairs bedroom of the family home that he purchased with the earnings from the wholesale fruit and produce market he ran on 4th Street in downtown Wilmington for many years.

Silverman's eyes fill up when he recalls the love and laughter that he shared for nearly 60 years with his late wife, Sylvia. The couple had much in common. Both were orphaned in their native Poland and came to Wilmington at the age of 11 to live with relatives.

His eldest daughter, Barbara Keil remembers fondly her parents' devotion to each other and to the family they created. "There was never a harsh word spoken in our house," she recalls, adding that "they set a marvelous example for my sisters and I."

Age has not slowed Silverman down. He walks nearly a mile each

day. He also keeps his inquisitive mind active through classes at the Institute for Life-Long Learning.

Silverman spends many Shabbat evenings with Keil and her family who live in Wilmington. Daughter Vivian Halberstadt, another Wilmingtonian, has a regular Sunday date with her father. Out of town siblings Sheila Freeman of Miami,

Florida and Lea Jaffee of Bloomington, Indiana call their father daily to check-in and host him for week-long visits throughout the year.

All four daughters, accompanied by Silverman's seven grandchildren and six great grandchildren, will be in town on May 29th as AKSE calls Silverman to the Torah during

9:00 a.m. Shabbat services for a special celebration of his 90th birthday. They will host a lavish kiddush reception for a man who lived a life of tireless commitment to his family and his faith.

The community is invited to share this *simcha* with Silverman's family and friends.

THE RABBI WRITES

By Rabbi SANFORD L. DRESIN

On Sunday, May 23, 1999, Delaware's historic Congregation Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth "The First Synagogue in the 'First State,'" will celebrate a *Siyum Hatorah* - the completion and dedication of its "Chai" Torah, its eighteenth Torah scroll. The date was chosen because it follows the festival of Shavuot or Pentecost which commemorates the receiving of the Torah by Moses on Sinai over 3,300 years ago. The Torah was prepared and is being written in both Jerusalem and New York City by an expert Sofer or scribe, Rabbi David Gottesman. The process began a little over one year ago when Rabbi Gottesman was selected because of his skill, knowledge and personal piety. AKSE has seventeen Torah scrolls of which five were recently restored and pronounced Kosher for use i.e. without a single flaw. Among AKSE's scrolls the youngest is approxi-

mately eighty years old and the oldest nearly 300 years old. The scrolls originated in various parts of Western and Eastern Europe as well as Israel and North Africa.

The Torah now being scribed is smaller and significantly lighter than the congregation existing scrolls, the parchment being derived from the highest quality calf skin, known in the Hebrew as *Sh'lil*. The Torah's smaller size and lighter weight will allow it to be more easily carried by *B'nai* and *B'not Mitzvah*, women participating in AKSE's women Tefilla (Prayer) Group and the many seniors who are active in the congregation's life. Participation in and sponsorship of the Torah has ranged from major benefactors who have dedicated an entire Book of the Pentateuch to children in the Talmud Torah who were able to purchase a single letter.

The past year has been a learning experience for both the congregation and myself. Our children, teens and adults have studied the Halachot (laws) pertaining to the writing of a Torah. We have learned much, about the proper sources and types of parchment and its preparation, the making of the special ink, the quills (reeds and turkey feathers) the differences between Ashkenazi (European) and Sefardi (Oriental) calligraphy of the letters. We have learned which letters have the mystical crown's affixed to them and which do not. We have learned which letters are viewed as having a base upon which they rest and which do not. The Hebrew letters Shim, Kuf, and Resh which have no base, spell out the word *Sheker* - falsehood. The Hebrew letters Aleph, Mem and Tav have a base, these letters spell out the word *Emet* - truth. Above all else the endeavor has reminded us that the Torah contains the immutable word of G-d.

The Rambam - Maimonides, in his "Thirteen Principles of Faith" which are familiar to many in the form of the "Ani Ma'amin" - "I Believe," teaches in the eighth and ninth principles.

• I believe with perfect faith that the entire Torah now in our hands is the same one that was given to Moses, our teacher, peace be upon him.

• I believe with perfect faith that the Torah will not be altered nor will there be another Torah from the Creator, Blessed be his Name.

The above principles are essential components of Jewish tradition and are fundamental to the way one should approach the study of Torah. For the person who accepts Torah as the immutable word of G-d, their commitment to its teachings and study of its laws is significantly different from one who delves into a "sacred" volume out of intellectu-

al curiosity or because of its historical significance and views it as having been composed by mortals and amended by others over the centuries. As pointed out, a single error in a Torah Scroll, just one missing letter renders that Torah unfit for use until properly repaired. In the realm of belief the Talmud Sanhedrim 99a teaches that to deny the Divine source of a single letter is the equivalent to denying the contents of the entire Torah. Therefore in this age of instant photocopies we continue to labor by hand and with love in the writing of every Torah Scroll. However, this does not mean that modern computer technology has not been harnessed to this sacred task. Computer software has been developed and is regularly used to scan Torah Scrolls for errors. The software has been remarkably successful, but we should not anticipate a Torah to be ever written by computer or any non human means. To write a Torah requires "Kavanah," a Hebrew word that defies a one word translation. Kavanah has been translated as intentionality, concentration, focus, devotion, direction, reverence and more. Even artificial intelligence, were it available, would not qualify. The scribe must be a creature, created in G-d's image, meaning endowed by G-d with wisdom, intellect and free will, only mankind qualifies.

The Midrash puts us in touch with a great mystery when it teaches that the Torah is able to describe the process of creation, for it in fact preceded creation. When G-d created the world He created it according to a plan - the Torah was that plan. It was the blueprint of creation (Shabbos 88 b).

It is the study of our Torah, when joined with prayer and righteous acts that sustains the world:

Through 3,000 years of triumph and tragedy and miraculous survival, the Torah has sustained our people, providing us with our sacred mission of *Tikkun Ha'olam*, repairing and perfecting creation under the sovereignty of the Almighty. The letters of the Torah may reside on the parchment but their essence is eternal, for neither sword of crusader, flame of inquisitor or Nazi poison gas could eradicate its flame.

AKSE is offering the community what may be for many a once in a lifetime opportunity to fulfill the great Mitzvah of writing a Sefer Torah. Please take advantage of this opportunity and become part of the celebration. Join with your family, friends, neighbors and Delaware's leading political figures on Sunday, May 23rd, the day after Shavuot and reaffirm your commitment to Torah, your fellow Jews and Jewish continuity.



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EDITORIAL

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

AEA Salutes Kralovec

We would like to take this opportunity to recognize the efforts of Robert Kralovec.

Bob has done a tremendous amount of work and has spent many long hours, giving of his own time to refurbish, update and beautify the Albert Einstein Academy facility.

A Board member of AEA for many years, Bob would always cheerfully do whatever was asked of him. Just to name a few of his many accomplishments, he has installed sinks, hung bulletin boards, constructed cubbies, and put up the divider wall in the portable classroom (trailer) to make two separate classrooms. Bob built a ramp for handicap accessibility so that anyone could have access to the trailer. He thoroughly researched the trailer classroom project in order to coordinate the timely delivery of activity and foundation preparations. Additionally, he coordinated the acquisition and installation of the trailer classroom which led to the expansion of the building, and consequently, the growth of the school. He has also moved file cabinets from one

room to another.

When AEA was renovated several years ago, Bob seeded the project by arranging for the painting of the lockers, and for making provisions for the carpeting to be replaced. The results of Bob's efforts not only enhanced and beautified the school, but the school's enrollments increased as well, leading to the school's growth. Bob would always look for the most economical means of improving the physical plant without ever skimping on top quality workmanship. Whether it was plumbing or heating, Bob was the first person to be asked to do the job, which he did willingly. If he wasn't able to complete the job on his own, he would take the time to find someone who would.

It is indeed refreshing to have someone who is so willing to give of their time, energy and expertise to enhance an institution of Jewish learning. A hearty Yasher Koach to Bob Kralovec!

Sincerely,
Craig & Sharon Sternberg

The Importance Of Learning Hebrew

As I was reading certain commentary on last week's Torah portion, I was again struck by the importance to American Jews of a knowledge of Hebrew. The commentary, by Nachmanides, was on the meaning of *yovel*, jubilee. He claims that the word is related to *hoveel*, and with this claim, spins a beautiful interpretation of *yovel*. To someone understanding Hebrew, it is a pleasure to read. For others, the reaction is likely to be "Who cares?" For a family in which both parents and children understand Hebrew, it would be a wonderful topic for a Shabbat discussion.

If someone understands Hebrew, he/she is likely to gravitate toward places where Hebrew is read, studied, or spoken. For oth-

ers, such places (synagogues, for example) are likely to be uncomfortable - hence they stay away, exacerbating the problem of Jewish renaissance.

For a community to be indifferent to the language of our heritage is not a neutral position. It is an anti-intellectual, anti-Jewish renaissance position.

Further, we now convey the message that only children study Hebrew and Judaism. But, as Rambam says in his Mishneh Torah, "If a person wants to study Torah and he has a son whom he should teach Torah his (study) takes priority over (that of) his son."

Sincerely,
Dov Seidel

A Time For Transitions

"To everything, there is a season and a time for every person under heaven"

This passage from the Book of Ecclesiastes sets the tone for this very special time in our Jewish calendar. Next Friday begins Shavuot - a time when we celebrate G-d's gift of the Torah, the guiding light of our Jewish faith.

In preparation for this precious gift, many Jews spend Shavuot eve engrossed in the study of Talmud and Torah. During study breaks, they feast on dairy delectables like cheesecake and blintzes - a tribute to G-d's gift of Israel, "A land that is flowing with milk and honey."

Shavuot is a time to celebrate the accomplishments of those young people who have accepted the responsibility of learning to live Jewish lives. Area synagogues and Gratz

College Hebrew High School have scheduled their graduation and confirmation ceremonies on or close to this joyous holiday.

As a community, it is heartening to see these young people mark the first of what we hope are many milestone moments in their lives as Jews.

May they be inspired by the example set by their elders - eight adult women who will affirm their faith on May 29th as members of the B'Not Mitzvah class of Congregation Beth Shalom in Dover - and one exceptional man who has enriched Jewish life at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth (see Isadore Silverman's story in this edition) for more than six of his nine decades on earth.

Yasher Koach to all who are celebrating these special passages in their lives. May you all go from strength to strength!

Israel's 51st Anniversary

May 14th commemorates the last Independence Day before the Millennium year. This anniversary finds Israel better prepared than ever to meet the challenges of our time. It is difficult to recall today that less than two decades ago our economic and political future was held hostage to oil politics, and Israel was viewed as a strategic burden-a country in urgent need of help to survive. We do, of course, still welcome support and friendship, and the bond between Diaspora Jewry and Israel is as vital as ever. But as a state we have come a long way. We are now in the forefront of the world's givers. In recent weeks we sent the first field hospital and plane loads of vital supplies to help the Kosovo refugees. And, in previous months and years, our rescue missions helped save many thousands in Rwanda, Ethiopia, Mexico and Armenia.

All this is but one indication of Israel's transformation. In the economic sphere, our country is poised to become one of the few which can compete with the world's giants. We possess today's most important source of wealth: scientific and technological knowl-

edge and expertise. And through liberalization, deregulation and massive privatization we are freeing our economy and enabling enterprise to flourish.

Our political position, too, is firmer. Our concept of security and the principle of reciprocity have become integral components of the peace process - which makes me believe more than ever that we can achieve real, lasting peace with our neighbors.

I am also certain that our neighbors, who have also suffered from long years of war and violence, will conclude that an enduring peace can be achieved only through negotiations, compromise, confidence building, education for peace, and mutual respect.

On this Independence Day I send you greetings from Jerusalem, Israel's eternal, undivided capital. Let this be a day on which we welcome the future with confidence, faith, fortitude and hope.

Sincerely,
Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu

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The Parsha Place

Week of May 15th Bemidbar Book of Numbers 1-4, 20

Bemidbar, "Into the wilderness." Each experience along the way, each encounter on our path, helps to mold us as individuals. Likewise, the travels of our ancestors through the desert wilderness helped to fashion their character. Through the inheritance of our religious tradition, their journey made its impact on our own. As we immerse ourselves in the fullest dimensions of the journey, we feel its imprint on our character, our souls, our very essence. Although it may often feel different, we do not travel alone, unguided, without direction. Just as Torah provided our people with a spiritual map for our ancient wilderness journey, it remains the sacred compass for our sojourn in life today.

Karen Winkler Weiss, RJE, is director of education at Congregation Beth Israel in West Hartford, Connecticut

FEDERATION FOCUS



Barry Morrison

Anti-Semitism The Focus Of JCRC Meeting

Barry Morrison, director of the Eastern Pennsylvania/Delaware Regional Office of the Anti-Defamation League will discuss "Anti-Semitism in the Mainstream" on Thursday, May 27, 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Jewish Community Center, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington. The meeting, which is open to the community, is sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware.

Morrison, based in Philadelphia since 1981, has directed local ADL fact-finding investigations exposing patterns of discrimination and big-

otry. He has overseen the introduction and passage of major legislative initiatives. He also has organized numerous conferences to address the threats posed by extremist groups.

Prior to Morrison's address, the JCRC will discuss the pending bill on Prayer in Public Schools recently introduced by State Representative Al O. Plant, Sr. (D-Wilmington Central) in the wake of the Littleton, Colorado high school shootings and other local, national and international concerns.

Please RSVP to Sue Shaffer, JCRC director, at 427-2100, ext. 17.

Delaware To Send Team To JCC Maccabi Youth Games!

The Jewish Community Center of Delaware (with the support of the Mark Caplan Memorial Youth Maccabi Fund) will be sending a team to the JCC Youth Maccabi Games in Cherry Hill, New Jersey from August 15 to August 20, 1999. Youth 13-16 years old will participate in both team and individual sports. They will compete against teams from cities throughout the United States and Canada and teams from countries around the world.

This year the JCC will be sending a boys In-Line hockey team, a girls basketball team, swimmers and other individual sports. In addition, to add to the experience, two Israelis from Delaware's Project 2000 city will compete for the

Delaware delegation. Participants will have the opportunity to interact, learn from and make friends with their Israeli teammates.

The goal of the Maccabi Youth Games experience and program is to contribute to the enrichment of Jewish identity and the development of democratic values and leadership. For Jewish youth, physical recreation serves as a significant point of entry into the community. Importantly, the games contribute to the development of a healthy individual.

To learn more about the JCC's Maccabi Youth Games, contact Scott Bowers, Sports and Recreation Coordinator at the JCC, (302) 478-5660.

Federation Welcomes Rhonda L. Falk

The Jewish Federation of Delaware welcomes Rhonda L. Falk as campaign director. This Massachusetts native comes to JFD via Boynton Beach, Florida where she served as director of that community's Federation office. Under her leadership, this satellite site of the Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County raised more than \$2,000,000. During her six years in Florida, Falk also spearheaded a \$13 million capital campaign and planned numerous successful fundraising programs and events.

Falk's varied background in Jewish communal service includes service as interim director of the Office of Institutional Advancement and as director of Development for Moss Rehabilitation Hospital in Philadelphia. Her five year tenure with this Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia constituent agency honed her skills in special event coordination, major gifts, foundation and annual giving campaigns.

Her first job fresh out of Brandeis University where she received her M.A. in Jewish Communal Service from the school's prestigious Hornstein Program, involved hands on plan-



Rhonda L. Falk

ning and implementation of social, educational and cultural activities for a multi faceted Senior Adult program run by the Jewish Community Center of Houston, Texas.

Falk credits the Hornstein Program, designed for individuals who want to work within the Jewish community, with giving her the skills she needed for success as

a Jewish communal worker. Her interest in this field was developed through her participation in B'nai B'rith Girls, through her involvement in Hillel activities on the

Simmons College campus where she received her B.A. in Human Services and through her three visits to Israel. "Each of these Israel experiences were life enhancing," said Falk, adding that "They helped me to develop a tremendous sense of pride in being Jewish."

Falk has a Delaware connection. Her aunt, Ella Zukoff serves as director of Membership and Adult Services at the JCC. She looks forward to working in a community that she describes as "having a strong level of commitment to tzedakah."

During the next few months, Falk plans to reach out to each of Federation's beneficiary agencies. She looks forward to learning about their needs, goals and visions and hopes to help agency leadership transmit the excitement of their programming to current and prospective donors.

Although Falk has only been on board for two weeks, she is already meeting with Federation professional staff and lay leadership to formulate plans for Campaign 2000. Her goal is "a campaign that is realistic, doable and that will be a source of collective pride for Delaware's Jewish community."

Jewish Fund For The Future Announces 1999-2000 Grant Recipients

The Jewish Fund for the Future (JFF), the Jewish Federation of Delaware's Endowment Fund, is pleased to announce grant recipients for the 1999-2000 year. The total amount of the grants awarded is \$53,500. These grants are awarded from the unrestricted funds of the JFF. All of the JFD's beneficiary agencies had the opportunity to submit grant requests. JFF gives special consideration to grants requesting funds to seed new programs and which foster Jewish community building, leadership and involvement, and Jewish education.

- Newark Jewish Community Network Committee, JCC and JFS - \$35,000 for Newark area Jewish outreach to be shared between and among the agencies. The money will be used by the agencies and the committee to rent space and for capital costs for JFS and JCC programs and for the cost of equipment for a full-day Jewish preschool.

- Hillel at the University of Delaware - \$5,000 to fund a staff member on a half-time basis to engage in campus outreach to Jewish students who are not connected to Hillel or other Jewish activities.

- Jewish Family Service - \$5,000 for The Kimmel-Spiller Jewish Healing Center.

- Jewish Historical Society - \$5,000 for an exhibit "From Al's to Zutz: Celebrating a Century of Delaware's Jewish Business Tradition."

- JCC and Young Jewish Adults of Delaware - \$3,500 to support Jewish Singles Programming.

The unrestricted funds which make these grants possible are the result of the contributions of indi-

vidual donors who have recognized our community's need to have funds available to respond to changing conditions and challenges which confront our community. The unrestricted funds give the JFD the resources and the flexibility to respond to the changing needs and goals of our Jewish community, now and in the future.

Currently, our unrestricted funds are limited and we are only able to

fund a small portion of the creative, exciting and innovative projects which are submitted to us. To discuss how you can help provide for the changing needs of the Jewish Community, today and in perpetuity, or to discuss funding a particular agency or initiative, please call the Jewish Federation of Delaware's Endowment Director, Rachel A. Gross, Esq., at (302) 427-2100.

JFD 65th Annual Meeting

The 65th Annual Meeting of the Jewish Federation of Delaware will be held on Wednesday, June 16, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. at the Milton & Hattie Kutz Home. The entire community is invited to the meeting. Refreshments will be served. Dietary laws will be observed.

The following individuals have been nominated as officers of the Jewish Federation of Delaware June 1999 - June 2000:

PresidentBarbara H. Schoenberg
 Vice Presidents:.....John A. Eluzfon, Esq.
 Scott Feinman
 Dr. Barry Kayne

Secretary:Jonathan P. Neipris, Esq.
 Assistant Secretary:Suzanne Grant
 Treasurer:.....Alfred J. Green
 Assistant Treasurer:.....Michael Samuels

The Nominating Committee has nominated the following individuals for election to the Jewish Federation of Delaware Board of Directors:

Three year terms ending 2002: New members: Continuing:
 Dr. Vivian Klaff Eileen Conner
 Dr. Frances Klein Susan Coonin
 Adina Mattes Ellen Levin
 Robin Saran Leslie Reidel
 Jeffrey Wasserman, Esq.

One year term ending 2000: Robert Jacobs, Esq.
 Sylvan Taub

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Leslie Newman, consisted of Benjamin Berger, Steven Bernhardt, Deborah Cohen, Irwin Engelson, Ellen Levin, Caryl Marcus Stape, Joan Spiegelman, Barbara Yalisove.

Pursuant to the bylaws of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, other nominations shall be made only by written petition and the written consent of the individual nominated therein to serve on the board of directors as an officer shall be sent to the secretary of the Federation at least five days before the annual meeting. Only board members may be elected to serve as officers.

LOCAL

Wilmington Hadassah Chapter Turns 70

The community is invited to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah on Monday, May 17, 7:30 p.m. at Congregation Beth Emeth, Wilmington. The Brandywine Jazz Ensemble will perform as Eva Weissman is installed as president for 1999-2000. The chapter will pay tribute to all of its past presidents. Refreshments will be served.

The local chapter of this prestigious Zionist organization was founded on April 12, 1929 with 66 charter members. Zipporah Topkis Wolson, a long-time Jewish

community leader, was the first chapter president. Prior to her appointment, Mrs. Wolson led a club at the old YMHA called the Jolly 17. One of her clubmates was Rose Reitzes, a Hadassah member since 1939, other early members of note include Jessie Bunin, Goldie Gluckman, Alice

Raphaelson, Amelia Finger, Ann Finger, Julia Flanzer, Marion Strauss, Dora Eisenstat and Eva Milbouer, a niece of Henrietta Szold, who founded National Hadassah in 1912. At its zenith,

the chapter boasted membership of over 1000!

Early Hadassah meetings were held at the old Adas Kodesch Synagogue. The chapter raised money through bake sales, card parties, rummage sales and was the first women's organization in Wilmington to sponsor a Donor Luncheon. In 1929, the group amassed \$797. Today, the chapter raises more than \$46,000 in support of Hadassah programs in Israel and the Diaspora.

In Israel, Hadassah projects include two state-of-the-art medical centers; a four-year technical col-

lege; Youth Aliyah Villages and day centers for disadvantaged youth and countless gardens and playgrounds co-sponsored with the Jewish National Fund.

In the United States, Hadassah has become a leader in health education for women and men with programs about osteoporosis, breast and prostate cancer. Jewish education is another major focus with Hebrew language classes, adult Bat Mitzvah training. Young Judea Camps, Israel programs and pre-school programs designed to strengthen Jewish identity.

Locally, the Wilmington chapter

sponsors all of the above programs plus political forums, voter registration drives and a book discussion group.

Join the chapter on May 17th as it salutes the leadership of current President Sharon Sternberg and welcomes the incoming slate of officers. If you can attend, please bring photos or other memorabilia from 1929-1950 for the Hadassah collection at the Jewish Historical Society.

For additional information, please call Suzy Grumbacher, at 764-8050.



Students, faculty and staff of Albert Einstein Academy celebrated Israel's 51st birthday with a special thanksgiving prayer service, Israeli singing, dancing, art and educational programs. AEA is the Jewish Day School in Delaware, serving grades pre-kindergarten through 6th grade. For further information about the school, call 478-5026.

Celebration Of Israel's 51st Year Of Independence at Cafe Tamar

A celebration of Israel's 51st year of independence will take place at Cafe Tamar on Monday, May 31 (Memorial Day) at 7:30 p.m. in the Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Social Hall.

The title of this year's program is "With Timbrel and With Dance" featuring the AKSE Choral and Dance Groups with soloists: Cantor Daniel Leeman, Cindy Goldstein, Sam Romirowsky, Janet Levin and young singers: Jessica Moss, and David Zussman. The Choral Group will be accompanied by Sara Berman and the Tamar Musicians. Coordinator for this year's program is Florence Seidel with Advisor, Faith Brown.

Three dance groups will present an exciting program of new dances from Israel. Harokdim, a teenage dance group, directed by Harriet

Ainbinder, AKIDS, a very young group of dancers, led by Linda Vodovis, and the adult AKSE Dancers will all be part of the evening's entertainment. Narrator for the program will be Joel Tenenbaum.

The festivities will begin with delicious food prepared by Mr. B Caterers on sale at 6 p.m. The program will start promptly at 7:30.

Tickets are on sale at the Synagogue office, 762-2705 or from the performers. Adults \$9.00, children under 13, \$4.00. Admission price is for the show only. Food can be purchased separately.

Don't miss this outstanding event in the Wilmington community! Cafe Tamar is always a sell-out! Celebrate Israel's birthday on May 31.

Singles Mingle At Beth Emeth

"Make new friends but keep the old, one is silver and the other's gold." These are the words to a very old, familiar song. They do remind us, however, that true

friendship is a most wonderful blessing. On the other hand, the absence of others can often produce a gnawing loneliness.

If you are forty or older and are a widow, widower or divorced, then you have probably asked yourself where you could meet new friends; where you can find people to go out to dinner with, enjoy a picnic, a movie, swap stories, go

bowling, etc.

Why not join us at an informal

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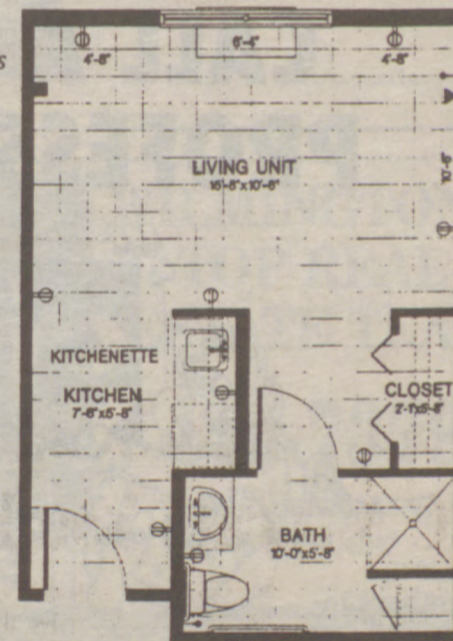
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Cultural Affairs Critic

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tion, the scenery was amazing, the costuming was intricate, the props were cleverly made and the staging was varied and exciting. But it was the music that was the real star.

INTO THE WOODS is a morality play based on everyone's favorite fairy tales. The first act is an interweaving of Red Riding Hood, Cinderella, Rapunzel, Jack and the Beanstalk etc. which runs

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Splendor On The Riverfront

By **PAULA S. SHULAK**
Cultural Arts Critic

The First USA Riverfront Center has become the mecca for lavish exhibitions in our area and the current **SPLENDORS OF MEJI** is no exception. Housing 450 art objects from the Khalili collection of Japanese art, this exhibit can be summed up as breathtakingly beautiful while at the same time it is a little exhausting. After almost 2

1/2 hours of gazing at vases (magnificent as they are,) I was bleary-eyed. There are almost too many similar pieces to take in at one time. The nice thing about Riverfront's first exhibit, **NICHOLAS AND ALEXANDRA**, is that it was varied, capturing history, drama and art all at once. An attempt is made in the MEJI to do this and the introductory film, audioguide and wall plaques try to give the

viewer a sense of Japanese history during the late 19th Century. The exhibit is also arranged very dramatically to show the way in which these treasures were introduced in America at three Expositions — 1876, 1893 & 1904. In addition, the manner of presentation from using striking red paint in one room to mounting huge, colorful wall murals in several others to building a real Japanese water garden proves that Broughton International knows how to theatrically present art. But the exhibit is still a little overpowering in its effect, which is a shame because most of the objects are incredible in their craftsmanship and uncanny in their detail.

What I liked most was following the development of Japanese art from the early 1870's style of intricately decorated pieces to the much simpler pieces displayed at St. Louis in 1904. The growing influence of Western art on Japan was clear. While the Emperor Meiji

opened Japan up to westernization mainly for the sake of trade, it had a tremendous effect on Japan's entire lifestyle. Magnificent cabinets, plates, boxes, vases, incense burners, statuary, screens — all abound in this exhibit. They are made of metal, ivory, bamboo, porcelain and wood and are uniquely decorated by using enamels, cloisonné, soft metals, filigree work, high relief figures, inlay and semi precious stones. It is incredi-

ble to realize how the artistic imagination can create so many amazingly different objects from basic-

ly the same materials. However, this exhibit is proof that it is possible. The Emperor's motto was to "benefit the new by appreciating the old" and that is just what this exhibit does. Be prepared to be overwhelmed but do go and see **SPLENDORS OF MEJI**: Treasures of Imperial Japan.

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NEWARK NEWS

JCC Views Newark Expansion

By **RICHARD STAT**
JCC president

The Jewish Community Center (JCC) has made expansion beyond its existing Wilmington service base

a high priority. Limited programs in Newark and Dover have been underway for some time, but the JCC plans significant growth in those areas.

In January, 1999 the JCC set program priorities based on the results of extensive strategic-planning efforts. Its highest priority is serving individuals and families in expanding Jewish population centers like the greater Newark area.

The Jewish population of Delaware has undergone dramatic

changes during this century. We have moved away from the tightly-centered, predominately Jewish neighborhoods of downtown Wilmington populated largely by Jewish immigrants and their children.

The 1995 Delaware Jewish Population Study by Ukeles Associates, Inc. estimated that of 5,700 Jewish households in New Castle

County, 2,200 reside outside of Wilmington. The greatest concentration of these households is in Newark. Unlike some communities which experience a shift of population from an older declining area to a newer growth area, Newark's Jewish population has grown by 55% over ten years while Wilm-

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The focus of the camp will be a balance of Judaics, Arts & Crafts and outdoor activities. The theme for the program is "Beginnings." In the beginning every experience is important. A child learns through each experience every day, and this summer they can enjoy many new experiences in a caring, nurturing environment.

For more information on fees and dates, please call JCC K'ton ton Director Susan Gentry at 478-5660, ext. 242.

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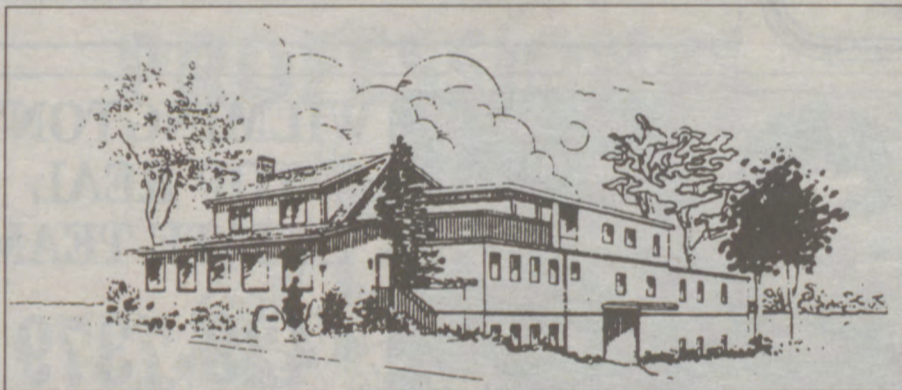
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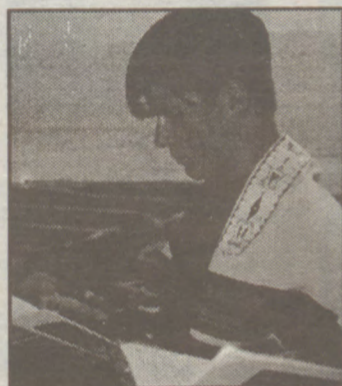
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NEWARK NEWS

Newark Newcomer Receives Warm Welcome

By GINA DYEN-SHAPIRO

It is very important to feel a sense of community – especially so when one has moved 3,000 miles away from family and other support systems.

My husband, Allan and I moved with our daughter, Danielle to

Newark from California in August of 1997. Allan and I first met when we were graduate students in the San Francisco Bay area. Our paths crossed during a brunch and volleyball game organized for area Jewish collegiates. One year later, we married and Danielle was born

three years later.

We moved to Newark when Allan accepted a faculty position at the University of Delaware. I had worked as an elementary school teacher in California and continued to teach when we moved here. Our need to forge a community connection led us to join Temple Beth El. We became active in the synagogue and enrolled Danielle in the JCC preschool program there when she turned two.

She enjoys her experiences there very much. It is exciting to watch her learn about our rich Jewish culture and traditions. Allan and I have always been active in Jewish youth groups so we are thrilled to share these experiences with Danielle and her new baby brother, Andrew – our only native Delawarean. It is a joy to see Danielle show off her “baby” to her many friends during Tot Shabbats.

We especially enjoy synagogue-sponsored activities like the annual Community Picnic at Lums Pond. This year's event is scheduled for May 23rd. We recommend this event highly to individuals and families who are either new to the area or are beginning their Jewish involvement.

The entire family can have fun with many games and activities in this truly beautiful setting. Each family brings their own lunch and Temple Beth El, and its co-sponsor, the Jewish Community Center, provides drinks and desserts. Everyone is friendly and the organizers go out of their way to make people feel welcome.

This year's event begins around 11 a.m. at Pavilion #2. For more information, please call the synagogue at 366-8330.

My family is still adjusting to living so far away from our roots. We are, however, very pleased to have met such wonderful people here in the Delaware Jewish Community. We hope to live here for many years to come and to continue to build long-lasting friendships.

think about creating your own Chavurah. We would emphasize that commitment in terms of attendance and active participation

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Fostering A Sense Of Community

By GENE DANNEMAN

I am a member of a mostly Newark-based Chavurah that has been meeting for the last 18 years. Members who started in Newark and moved away continue to attend our meetings. We are a group of many personalities that has lasted despite many heated as well as many loving discussions. We vary by age group, by synagogue affiliation, by background, and by degree of religious, Jewish, and Israel affiliation. We have supported one another through member's pregnancies and helping their children grow and the pregnancies of their children and watching their grandchildren grow and we have supported members through serious illnesses and life crises.

We usually study together once a

month, rotating through members homes. We also rotate the discussion leader. The topics are usually of Jewish significance. Sometimes we go through a book together chapter by chapter and sometimes we celebrate a holiday together. We have taken trips to see Jewish theater, Jewish museum exhibits, Jewish concerts, and Jewish historical sites. Like most Jewish groups we love to eat together and find many opportunities to get together for a potluck dinner. We have learned to handle who can't eat dairy and who can't eat onions, and who must have chocolate at every occasion. We just celebrated Israel's birthday together with dinner and a songfest.

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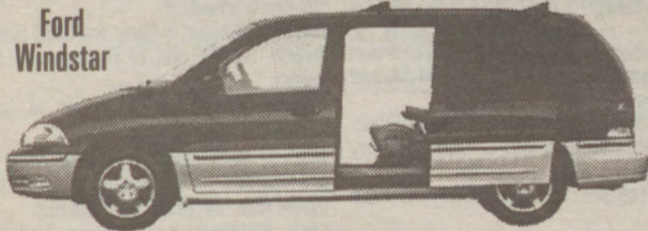
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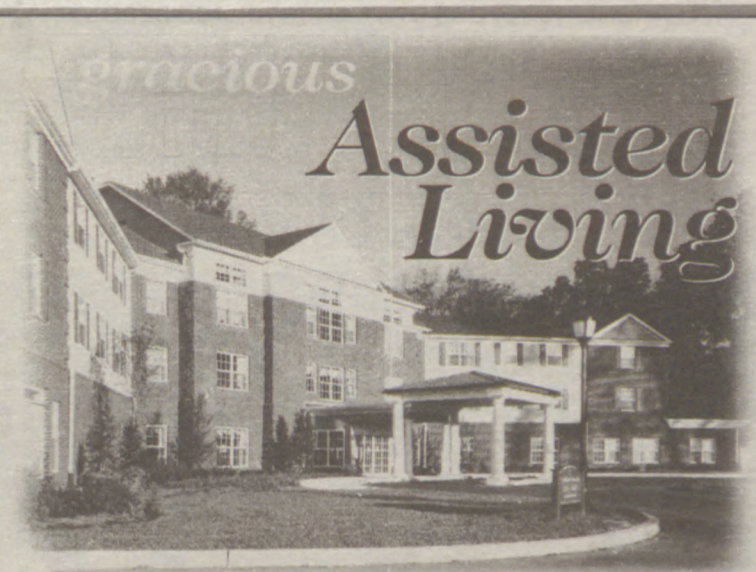
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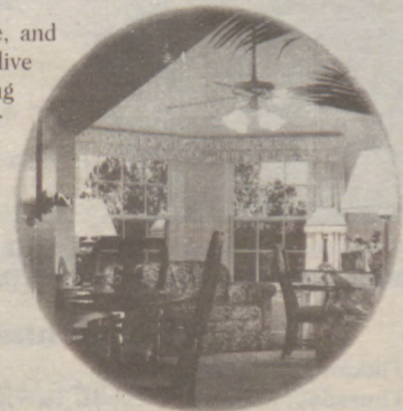
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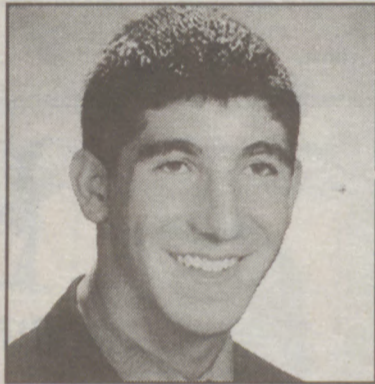


Abram Barth

Abram Barth* a junior at Brandywine High School, is the founder and President of the Debate Club and Mock Trial Team. president of Spanish Club, treasurer of Spanish Honor Society, treasurer of French Club and treasurer of the Junior Class, he participates in Jazz Band, Tennis, Soccer, Key Club, Math League, Science Olympiad, Amnesty International and National Honor Society.

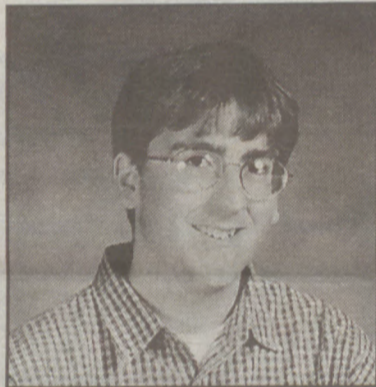
Jake Cabelli, is the son of Rosanne Griff-Cabelli and Michael Cabelli. Jake is presently a senior at Mt. Pleasant High School, and is an honors student who has been active with varsity soccer, varsity tennis and lacrosse. Jake is a member of the Blue and Gold Club, and in stage crew at Mt. Pleasant. Jake is president of the Minyonaires at Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth, and participated in Volunteers for Israel during the summer of 1998. Jake plans to attend George Washing-

ton University next year, and has an interest in biology.



Jacob Cabelli

Nathan Cohen*, a junior at Brandywine High School, participates in the Marching Band, Jazz Band, Symphonic Band, Pit Band, Debate Club, Tennis and Spanish Clubs. He has been awarded mem-



Nathan Cohen

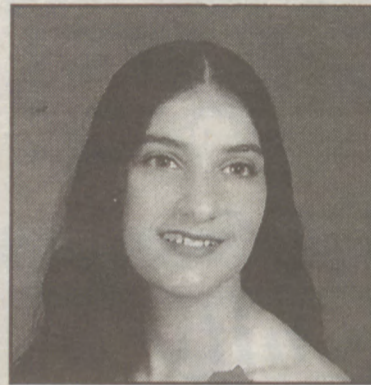
bership in National Honor Society, as well as Spanish Honor Society. Nathan was vice president of Minyonaires. He plans on majoring in engineering as well as minoring in music. Quote: "Never be satisfied with regret."



Hannah Grossman

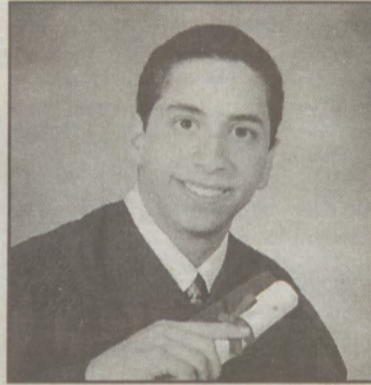
Hannah Grossman*, a junior at Tower Hill, has acted in many, many plays in the Tower Hill Community and in Community Professional Theater. Hannah will be Editor in Chief of The Dial, Tower Hill's school newspaper next year, has represented Tower Hill in their Academic Bowl since she was a freshman, and participates on both their Cheerleading and Swim Teams, as well as the Tower Hill Community Service Club.

Marna Lew, a Concord High School senior, plans to major in International Relations, and will possibly move into International



Marna Lew

Diplomacy. She plans on attending the University of Delaware Honors Program.



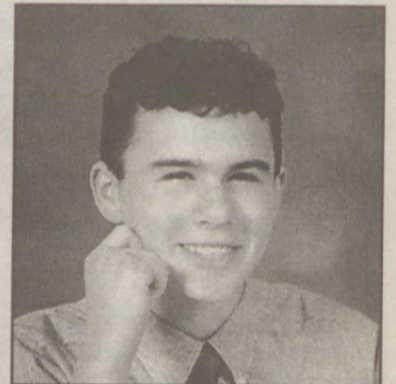
Joel Lipshultz

Joel Lipshultz, a senior at Brandywine High School, participates in the Marching Band and National Honor Society. He plans on attending the University of Delaware and becoming a Computer Engineer.



Maya Rich

Maya Rich, is Environmental co-chair for NFTY-MAR, a member of BESTY, and a Cadet Aide. She is also involved in Drama, as Costume Director of Concord High School's Drama Club, is in Spanish Honors Society, and wrote for a literary magazine called the Raider Reader.



Josh Romirowsky

Josh Romirowsky*, a senior at Brandywine High School, plans on graduating college with a double major in political science and business. Along with a law degree, he plans on becoming the United States Ambassador to Israel. *Indicates Greenbaum Scholars.

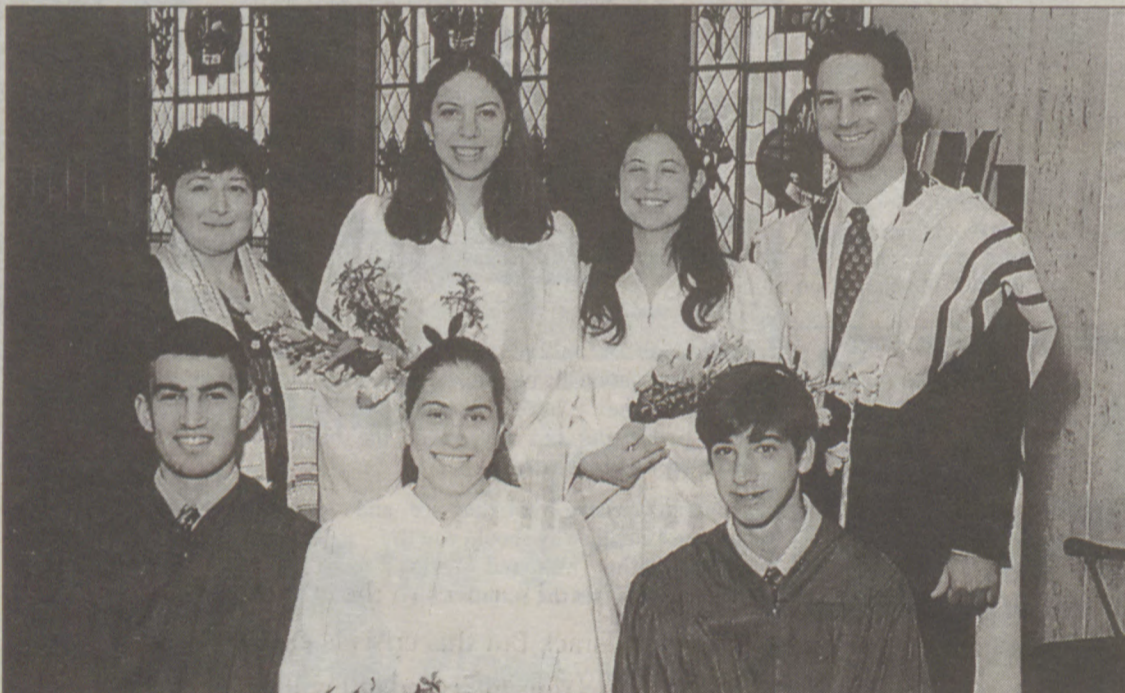
Greenbaum Scholars have satisfactorily completed 80 credit hours at Delaware Gratz Jewish Community High School. In recognition of this achievement, these students have been awarded \$2,500 scholarships from the Joseph and Marion Greenbaum Scholarship Fund of the Jewish Fund for the Future, the Jewish Federation of Delaware's Endowment Fund. The funds will be paid directly to the college or university which the student attends. Scholarships are also available for undergraduate students who wish to study at an accredited college or university in Israel and for Judaic studies courses at a college or university in the United States. For more information on becoming a Greenbaum Scholar or regarding scholarship availability, please call Rachel A. Gross, Endowment Director at 302-427-2100.



Emily Pressman

Emily Pressman, a National Merit Finalist and Brandywine High School senior, attended the Governor's School for Excellence, has been Brandywine High School's correspondent to the Wilmington News Journal, and a research assistant for the Chicago Tribune.

Beth Shalom Confirmation Class of 1999



First row: Andrew Kaufmann, Erica Imber, Robert Udel; Back row: Cantor Judith Naimark, Andrea Millman, Rosalyn Plotzker, Rabbi Daniel Sawlow

Shavuot and Confirmation Service Schedule

Tikkun Leil Shavuot

Thursday, May 20th - 7:30 to 9:00 PM

An Evening of Ideology and Ice Cream

Schedule of Events: Prayer Service, 15 minutes; Study Session - 1 hour: Rabbi Satlow will lead a discussion of "Choosing our lives carefully;" Dairy dessert and schmoozing (includes make your own sundaes)

Friday morning, May 21st - 9:30 A.M.

Friday evening May 21st - 8:00 PM

Our confirmands will deliver remarks and will be recognized by the congregation.

Saturday, May 22nd - 9:30 AM

Our confirmands will lead parts of the service.

Beth Emeth Confirmands

Lizabeth Brookhart, daughter of Robin and Don Shane

Robyn Brown, daughter of Lynn and Alan Brown

Airad Chambers, son of Ahuva and Michael Chambers

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Gregory Eng, son of Robin Karol-Eng and Jerald Eng

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Elana Grumbacher, daughter of Peter and

Suzanne Grumbacher

Steven Haack, son of Robin and David Haack

Jeremy Hebbel, son of Deborah and Sean Hebbel

Gregory Jacobs-Roseman, son of Laurie Jacobs and Barry Roseman

Tamara Lew, daughter of Lynne and Jeffrey Lew

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Daniel Rich, son of Nitzza and Jeff Rich

Craig Steinberg, son of Debra and Jerry Steinberg

Jaime Strauss, daughter of Eileen and Harvey Strauss

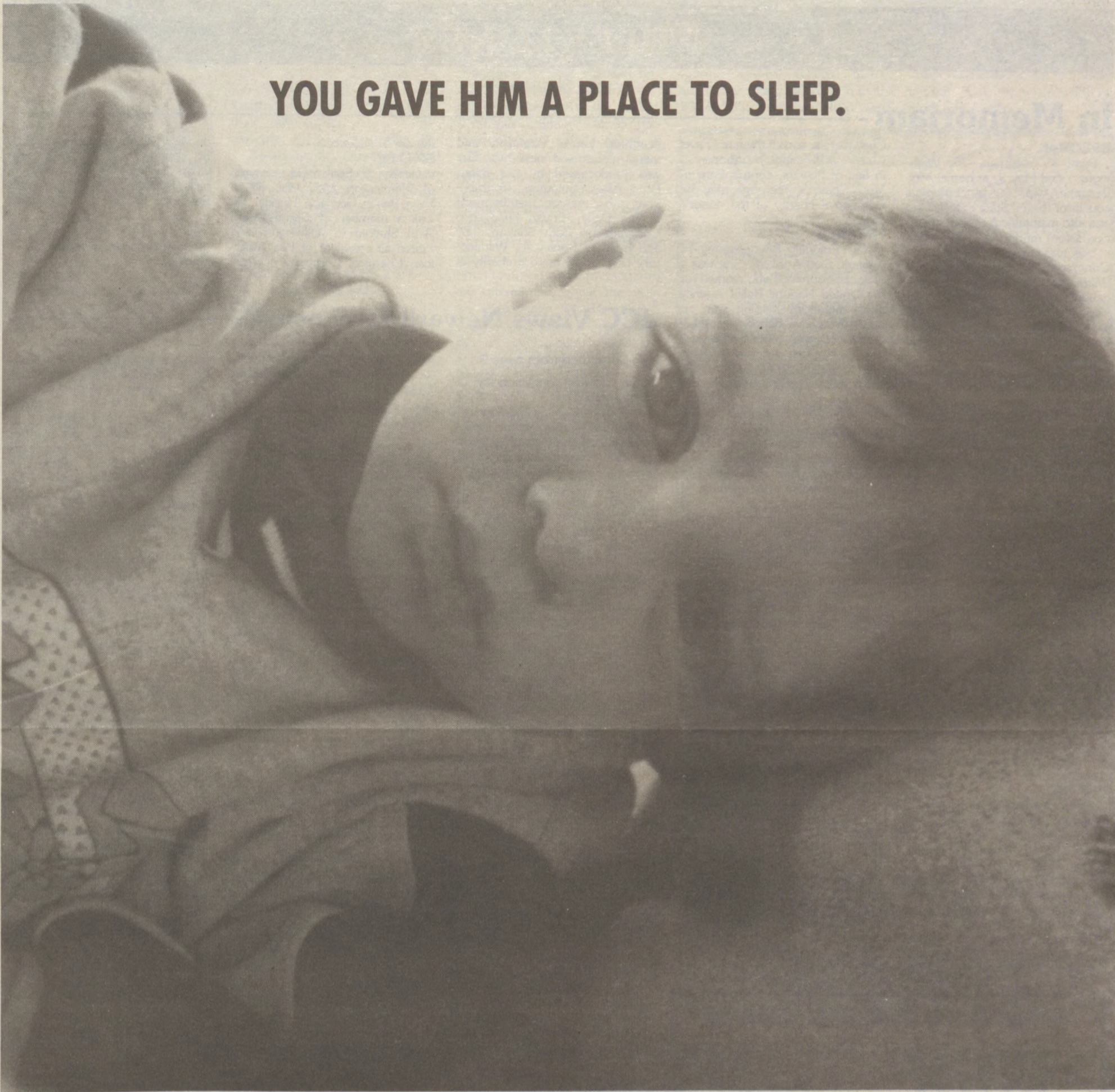
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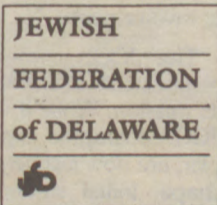


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In Memoriam

BREGMAN

Pearl K. Bregman, 75, Wilmington, died May 9, at home. Mrs. Bregman was a psychological counselor for the State of Delaware and also maintained a private practice before retiring in 1989.

She was an active member of Congregation Beth Emeth in Wilmington, serving on the congregation's board of directors, as a vice president of its Sisterhood and as a Sunday and Hebrew school teacher. Her Jewish communal involvement also included service on the board of directors of the Kutz Home for the Jewish Aged; tenure as a former program director of the Jewish Community Center and membership in the National Council of Jewish Women, Hadassah and the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Mrs. Bregman used her professional skills as a counselor to help clients of Displaced Homemakers and Planned Parenthood in New Castle and Sussex counties. She is survived by her husband, Dr. Oscar Bregman; sons, Dr. Daniel Bregman of Nashville, TN and Dr. Jonathan Bregman of Durham NC; daughter, Marcia Spivack of Windsor Hills; a sister, Sylvia Greenspan of Charlotte, NC and seven grandchildren.

The family requests that contributions in her memory be made to either the Pearl K. Bregman Memorial Fund of Congregation Beth Emeth or to the Wellness Community of Delaware.

CHAVIN

Florence Chavin, 93, a native of Winnipeg in the Canadian province of Manitoba, was buried on May 11th in Wilmington. Mrs. Chavin lived in Wilmington for 61 years and was an active participant in community affairs. She was the widow of Sidney Chavin, M.D. and is survived by her son, Leslie S. Chavin, psychiatrist and her grandsons, Kenneth Chavin, M.D. and Jeffrey Chavin, M.D. Jeffrey

Chavin is the son of the late I Favel Chavin, a Wilmington orthopedist. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Mrs. Chavin's memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

FRAGNER

Kay Fragner, 80, formerly of Newark, died April 28. She was a Holocaust survivor who worked for the United Nations Relief Agency after liberation, helping war orphans from five nations at a children's center. Mrs. Fragner brought the first group of 60 children to the United States under the auspices of the US Committee for the Care of European Children. She is a native of Sieradz, Poland and is pre-deceased by her parents, Perec and Rosalie Wilner. During her 26 years in Newark, she was an active member of Temple Beth El. She was also a life member of Hadassah.

She is survived by her daughter, Anita Cornell and her grandson, Ryan Cornell, both of Spokane, Washington; cousins Ruth Block, Carol Rohr, Fern and Leon Jaffee and their children.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hadassah in care of Leni Markell, 222 Hullihen Drive, Newark, Delaware 19711.

ORGIEFSKY

Faga Albert Orgiefsky, 70, Wilmington, died April 17. A life-long Wilmingtonian, Mrs. Orgiefsky was an active member of Congregation Beth Shalom where she was involved in Sisterhood activities. Her community involvement also included membership in Hadassah.

Mrs. Orgiefsky was a graduate of P.S. DuPont High School and Goldey-Beacom College. She and her husband, Abraham (Reds) recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. Joining her husband in mourning are children, Michelle and Joseph Orgiefsky of Williamstown and Meredith and Ronald Orgiefsky of Evanston, Indiana; a brother, Morton Albert of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida; a grand-

daughter, Laurel Orgiefsky and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her sister, Pearl Albert Solomon. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Daily Minyan Fund, c/o Congregation Beth Shalom, 18th and Baynard Boulevard, Wilmington, DE 19802 or to a charity of

the donor's choice.

SPILLER

George S. Spiller, 83, formerly of Wilmington, died May 3rd in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. He was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom in Wilmington and retired as president of Pan American Chemical Company of Tole-

do, Ohio. He was predeceased by his daughter, Susan Moien. Survivors include his wife, Mildred; sons, Stephen R. Spiller of Pacific Palisades, CA and J. Bruce Spiller of Bel Air, Maryland; brother, Sol Spiller of Escondido, CA; six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

JCC Views Newark Expansion

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ington's Jewish population has remained stable.

To further distinguish Delaware's population patterns from typical trends elsewhere, Newark's Jewish population center is geographically separate from Wilmington's, is younger and has been less Jewishly involved. Traffic patterns and driving times make frequent visits to the JCC campus in Talleyville out of reach for many Newark residents. Recently produced, computer-generated geographically-coded maps of JCC membership confirm that present programs and facilities do not adequately serve the Newark Jewish population.

The geographic trends described here are impacted by other, more fundamental, social trends. Professor Arnold Eisen of Stanford University has written in his 1997 essay, *The Changing Jewish Community*:

"...For better and for worse — our [Jewish] community is now voluntarist... Jews can choose to leave the community at any time, to belong to it only marginally, to enter for a specific purpose and a limited amount of time and then leave once more, to assign the tradition whatever role in their lives they choose. Jewish identity which could, until now, be taken for granted... must now be selected and even constructed — not just once in each person's life, but on many occasions. Jews make these choices, moreover, in a society which is probably the most individualistic the world has ever seen, and in which mobility — physical movement from place to place — is probably the highest it has ever been. How, in such circumstances, does one build community, let alone Jewish community: that of a small minority...?"

How, indeed?

In his 1998 work entitled *Religious Stability and Ethnic Decline — Emerging Patterns of Jewish Identity in the United States*, Professor Steven Cohen of Hebrew University advises that we should:

"...Promote Jewish proximity... Overcome geographic dispersal... Promote institutional partnership... Promote the norm of community involvement..."

The JCC's community-building responsibilities are at the heart of its mission. While the details of the JCC geographic expansion action plan are now just beginning to take shape, initial strategies to better serve the Newark area include the possibility of a "JCC Without Walls" program with a Newark-

based staff member dedicated to providing Jewish programming. Creation of a full-day Jewish preschool serving Newark is another important program possibility.

From these beginnings, the establishment of a multi-purpose, Newark facility as the home of a broader array of traditional JCC services to seniors, adults, teens and children could eventually grow.

These JCC programs, ideally accompanied by existing and proposed complementary services of Temple Beth El, Hillel, and Jewish Family Service of Delaware, will offer Newark-area Jews even more than the essential services. It is our

hope that we can help Newark-area Jews enjoy dynamic Jewish experiences that will empower them to connect to a rich Jewish lifestyle.

Professor Barry Chazan of

Hebrew University, in his response to Professor Cohen's work wrote:

"...Anyone concerned for Jews is going to have to decide to reach out to Jews wherever and whoever they are....The twentieth century is over. It's a new Jewish world. Wake up. Make the changes. Be bold. Have courage.

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Jewish Agency

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the Kosovars' personal crises. But the experience hammered home the importance of Jewish involvement in Albanian relief and the rescue of Serbian Jews. "In both cases, we are fulfilling our role as a light unto nations," he said. "This is what we Jews do, and that felt very good and natural."

Kenneth Hain, the incoming

president of the Orthodox movement's Rabbinical Council of America and a member of UJC's Rabbinic Cabinet, said the visit to the camp "triggered all the memories of the Holocaust, and the instinctive Jewish response to people in need." Meeting the Jews from Serbia later, he added, "reminded me of what is all too often forgotten — that bombings hurt innocent people."

Harrington Theatre Art

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fairly true to form. But it is in the second act (which relates what occurs after the "happily ever after") that the real meat of the show lies. Social comment (a royal minister who says he doesn't make policy, he just implements) and insight ("Some people just run and hide and don't know how to make a decision instead of solving their problems together...") abound. When one character asks, "How do we live in such an awful world?" just three days after the Columbine H.S. tragedy, it hits home. The dialogue is sharp and to the point and the music and lyrics resound with meaning. The actors portraying the fairy tale characters worked as an ensemble but in particular the performances given by Eric Goldstein as Cinderella's Prince, Karen Alvarez as the Baker's Wife, Melissa Kaban as Red Riding Hood and Kristen Pazdera as the Witch were outstanding.

Gillian Steinberg is well known to the Newark community for her work as a Hebrew School teacher at Temple Beth El, for her contributions to its musical program as a member of the klezmer band and accompanist for the choir, and for her excellence as a piano teacher.

However, they may not know that music is just an avocation for this Ph.D. candidate in English Literature. She will graduate next year and expects to leave our area at that time. During her time here, she has contributed a great deal. She began her Musical Director career at Chapel Hill when she was an undergraduate and this is her ninth show at HTAC. The students rehearse for 6-7 weeks often 6 days every week and are fully responsible for every aspect of the productions. They are to be congratulated for their hard work. From groups like this come the future leaders of community theater in our country.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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MAY

Saturday May 15

Join the Seaside Jewish Community for Hebrew lessons at the home of Cheryl Fruchtman, 10 a.m. Open to all interested in Hebrew conversation, Hebrew studies or Jewish studies. For further information, please call Cheryl at (302) 227-1056 or (302) 227-7273.

Sunday May 23

The community is invited to an all-day celebration of AKSE's Sefer Torah Project. From 9:00 a.m. to Noon, meet with the scribe and make your own Judaic artwork. Hear Rabbi Dresin speak on "Looking at the World Through Torah Colored Glasses" during the Men's Club Breakfast from 9:30-11:30 a.m. (reservations required). Stay for lunch from Noon to 1p.m. and participate in an afternoon parade, dedication and other festivities. Call (302) 762-2705 for additional information.

Wednesday May 25

Jewish Family Service presents "Humor and Your Health", a workshop and discussion beginning at

10:00 a.m. at the Ingleside Retirement Apartments. Call Martha Frost at 478-9411 for additional information.

Sunday May 29

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SPECIAL ISRAEL PROGRAM FOR YOUNG ADULTS

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