

Shavuot

Forty-nine days after the Exodus, God offered the Israelites a new constitution, founded on the Ten Commandments, which the people embraced. Adolescents traditionally re-enact their people's commitment to the Covenant as they read their Torah at their Bar or Bat Mitzvah. According to the mystical tradition, the eve before Shavuot, the Torah is studied all night in a ritual called the Tikkun. In Jerusalem today, at 4 o'clock in the morning, bands of bleary-eyed men study all night, then walk across town and convene at the Western Wall, for a dawn service attended by thousands of worshippers.

One traditional reading on Shavuot is the Book of Ruth, which tells the story of the non-Jewish great-grandmother of King David. A man by the name of Elimelech has come to Moab with his wife, Naomi, and their two sons at a time of famine in the Land of Israel. The sons marry local women, Ruth and Orpa. Ten years later, with her husband and two sons all having died, Naomi plans to return to the Land of Israel. She urges her daughters-in-law to stay in their native land, as she has little to offer them. Orpa takes up her suggestion. Ruth, however, will hear of no such thing. She tells Naomi, "Whither thou shalt go, I shall go, where thou lodgest, I shall lodge; thy people shall be my people and thy God my God; where thou diest, will I die and there will I be buried." She follows Naomi to the Land of Israel, where the two women earn their living in the field of Naomi's rich relative.

Shavuot thus recalls those who converted to Judaism and who, like Ruth, willingly chose to identify with the People of the Book.

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The harvest figures prominently in the Book of Ruth, and so Shavuot, like many other Jewish holidays, recalls our history together with the agricultural cycles. The season that begins with the spring blossoms of Passover and the harvest of wheat in the Omer continues with the barley harvest and the gathering of the first fruits, called bikurim, and ends at the end of the summer with the fall harvest on Succot. The kibbutzim in Israel sought to revive the agricultural aspect of Shavuot by displaying home-grown cotton, dates, oranges and avocados. In the synagogue, the season is noted by decorating the sanctuary with branches.

*I do not hold a mirage in my hand
- my shirt's in my hand. The
plain filled with my wheat. All of
it. Soaked by dew flat at my feet.
Its beauty turns each image pale.
The returning heron and the apple
garden. Sun plucks at my
shoulders like my daughter's
fingers. And this day recalling
soon the smell of the harvest; this
morning (I say to myself) even in
the burned forest the bird has
come back to sing.*

Abba Kovner
Poet and Holocaust Survivor



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DELAWARE'S CONNECTION TO THE HOLYLAND

Debbie Kedem, the daughter of Ruth and Bernie Siegel, grew up in Wilmington, attending Harlan Elementary School, P.S. DuPont High School and Congregation Beth Shalom's Hebrew school. In the following excerpts from her letters, she describes her decision to make aliyah and her life in Israel.

I became interested in Israel after many years of hearing stories from my mother's best friend, who had lived on a kibbutz fifty years ago. When I completed my freshman year of college, I decided to go to Israel for my first trip to see what life was like on a kibbutz. In June of 1967 just a few days after the Six Day War, I arrived in Israel on a program entitled "Summer in Kibbutz." We were volunteers whose purpose was to work and experience life on a kibbutz for a period of two months. The program was organized, of course, before the war, but in fact our timing was even more than both sides could have wished for. We came at a time when most of the "able body" men were in the army. The kibbutz was very shorthanded, and so we were both needed and appreciated. The country was in a state of euphoria which was exciting and catching. I loved my experience on the kibbutz and was adopted by a wonderful family, Baruch and Yona Rudyan, who treated me like their own child and were instrumental in my feeling both a part of the kibbutz and a part of the country.



David Kedem, Debbie Kedem, Nadav Kedem, son; Michael Kedem, daughter.

I knew then that this connection to a country and a people was a gift, a precious one at that, and I knew then that I wanted to be a part of this wonderful country. From then on, I was never the same. That summer I wrote to my parents, "I know now where I want to live." The feeling of belonging and being comfortable as a Jewish person was a wonderful feeling to me. I didn't need to wonder anymore, to explain who I was (as I had to when I was in college). I felt that I "belonged" to something greater than I had ever experienced, and I knew I wanted to be a part of it all. People cared about each other, they were willing to die

for their country. What was greater than that?

After finishing college in the United States in 1970, I returned to Israel and participated in a program called Sherut La'Am as a volunteer in Ma'alot, a development town in the north. In 1970 I made aliyah. I don't remember difficulties in adjustment. I learned Hebrew fluently within a few months, which was amazing since I have no facility for languages, but I was determined. I went around traveling as a hitchhiker with a notepad and memorized forty new words everyday. Life was very different than anything I was used to for sure, but it didn't seem to matter at all. I did-

n't mind. I was young and had a dream. In 1972 I married David. My mother's best friend, who had known David since he was a baby, fixed us up. David was born in Brooklyn, New York. His parents came to Israel by boat when he was one year old, and to this day his parents live on Kibbutz Hatzor.

David and I lived on the kibbutz for the next three years and then went to the States to finish our studies. Five years later, after finishing our studies, we returned to Israel with our two wonderful sons, Ariel and Nadav. Since then we have a third child, Michal. We lived in Nahariya, Ra'anana, and for the last twelve years we have lived in Kochav Yair.



Ariel Kedem, 23 yr. old

Our eldest son has just finished four years of army service as an officer in the tanks where among other places, he served in Lebanon. Our second son is presently serving in an elite and very secretive unit where he will also be an officer. Our daughter is completing junior high school. This is most definitely my country.

I have been in the field of education for close to thirty years as a learning disabilities specialist. I have worked with juvenile delinquents, retarded and autistic children and am presently working in the kindergartens with learning disabled children doing testing and consultation. I am studying parental counseling, specializing in couple therapy. David received an engineering degree, but he

presently works in marketing.

My connection with the United States and my family and friends has remained as a very strong bond throughout my years in Israel. None of my friends in the States made aliyah, but many of my present friends are from the States and like me made aliyah many years ago. We have friends from all over; their origin doesn't really play any particular role. We as a family have benefited from strong support throughout the years from our family and friends who have visited Israel frequently.

I feel very strongly about my connection and belonging to Israel. I don't believe that I could ever imagine living anywhere else but where I live right now.

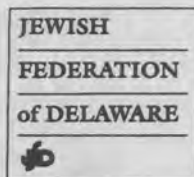
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RABBI GEWIRTZ CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

By SARAH F. GOLDSTEIN

It began 50 years ago – a beautiful relationship with the Wilmington community; in particular, with the Jewish community; specifically, with Adas Kodesch Congregation.

In November of 1947, Rabbi Leonard Benjamin Gewirtz became rabbi of Adas Kodesch having been called from Congregation Or Chodosh in Chicago which he had served for two years.

These fifty years have been marked indelibly by Rabbi Gewirtz' untiring efforts to better the entire community, to raise the level of Jewish scholarship and spirituality at Adas Kodesch and of the larger Jewish community, to further the work of community social services and mental health awareness and to continually beautify and improve the religious services of the congregation.

Rabbi Gewirtz came to Wilmington when Adas Kodesch was housed in a beautiful oriental-style building at Sixth and French Streets which had been erected in 1907 as the first Jewish house of worship in Delaware. There had been Jewish services in a converted church building and in private homes and empty stores before, but – from the ground up – Adas Kodesch was the first.

In 1947, AK began a long line of firsts with the ministry of Rabbi Gewirtz. He was the founder and speaker, in 1950, of the WDEL weekly radio program "The Rabbi Speaks"; from 1954 to 1956 he was president of the Delaware Citizens Conference on Social Work; he was Hillel Director at University of Delaware, 1953-1962; he founded the Va-Ad HaKashruth in 1948 and was the Rav Hamachshir of the Kashruth Committee in Wilmington; from 1952 to 1955, he was a member of the National Kashruth Commission of the Rabbinical Council of America. Rabbi Gewirtz initiated Delaware's first Bat Mitzvah program and conducted the Minyonaires of Adas Kodesch for forty years. He organized the Rabbinical Association of Delaware and served as president 1967-69, 1975-77, 1980-82.

In 1956, Adas Kodesch and Congregation Chesed Shel Emeth merged to become Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, and on June 5, 1963, the beautiful new home of the congregation was dedicated at Washington Boulevard and Torah Way. Rabbi Gewirtz had great input with designer and architect, Percival Goodman and George Whiteside, and with artist Charles Parks who created the beautiful Torah holders. In 1994, Rabbi Gewirtz, now Rabbi Emeritus, was honored with the dedication of the refurbished sanctuary, named the Rabbi Leonard B. Gewirtz Sanctuary, at which time Delaware's U.S. Senator Joseph Biden paid tribute to "his rabbi" – Rabbi Gewirtz.

Another fifty years will be reached by Rabbi Gewirtz in November of 1998 when he and the former Gladys Sarah Kerstein celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mrs. Gewirtz has enjoyed a notable career as teacher and curriculum advisor in New York Hebrew schools, at AKSE Talmud Torah and at Delaware's Gratz Hebrew High School.

Rabbi and Mrs. Gewirtz are the parents of



Rabbi Leonard B. Gewirtz

sons Isaac Meir and Joseph Jacob, and are ecstatically proud of their five grandchildren who reside in Israel.

Rabbi Gewirtz was born January 25, 1918 in Brooklyn, N.Y. the son of Henry and Leah (Greenberg) Gewirtz. He received a B.S. in Social Science, *cum laude*, City College of N.Y. in 1941. He was president of his senior class at Hebrew Theological College, Beth Midrash L'Torah, Chicago, 1944, and received Rabbinic Ordination (Smicha) there in 1945. He did graduate work in sociology and religion at the University of Chicago School of Religion 1945-47. In 1954 he completed study and residence for Ph.D. at Dropsic University. His thesis was on the life of Rav Kook.

Among his many awards are: from Rabbinical Council of America for dedicated service to Torah Orthodoxy, 1977; Award from Philadelphia Board of Rabbis for 40 years of continuous work in the Rabbinate, 1945-1985; The Heritage Award for Israel Bonds, 1992; Reunification Award, 1992; B'nai B'rith Certificate of Honor; The Seventh Annual AKSE Concert, 1988, Honoring Rabbi Gewirtz.

Among the writings of Rabbi Gewirtz: His Books: "The Authentic Jew and His Judaism," 1961; "Authentic Jewish Living," 1977; "Jewish Spirituality: Hope and Redemption," 1987; his many articles in various religious journals, thirty-two special subjects in "The Jewish Voice".

Rabbi Gewirtz is listed in: Who's Who in World Jewry, 1965; Contemporary Authors, 1966; who's Who in Religion, 1977; Who's Who in Religion, 1985; Who's Who in World Jewry, 1985.

On Friday evening, May 22, 1998 at 7:30 p.m., the AKSE Congregation will honor Rabbi Gewirtz with a special service and Oneg for his 50 years as Rabbi and Rabbi Emeritus of Delaware's first Jewish Congregation. The community is invited to attend.

Reflections

Harriet Ainbinder: current President of AKSE

Rabbi Gewirtz is a pastoral Rabbi. He has been a part of the life cycle events of most of the families at AKSE. He remains interested in how family members are, what they are doing, etc. He has become a part of the lives of these families.

He is passionate about his beliefs. He can tell you these better than I can but, from my point of view, they are:

- that Jewish tradition is relevant to contemporary life and enriches it
- that Israel is critical to the Jewish people. He works for, and worries about it
- that the concerns of the society are everyone's concern. He has always been an advocate for mental health causes and concerned for the poor.

He is a scholar and teacher:

- He has taught every age group in this community.
- He started our Minionaires group — prayer, breakfast and discussion group for teenage boys.
- He revived the Talmud Torah at AKSE.
- He started the Bat Mitzvah program.
- He taught women Talmud long before this was "done."

•He has always enjoyed reading both Judaica and secular works, often bringing both to his sermons and classes.

He is a supporter of Jewish women participating in the life of the synagogue.

He has always been supportive of women in important lay positions. We were the first Talmud Torah to have a woman principal.

He enabled the women of our synagogue to begin to participate religiously via the Women's Tefillah Group which began with a Simchat Torah service and is now an active synagogue group.

Harvey Rubinstein: Former President of AKSE

"For six years I sat on the bimah next to Rabbi, and I found it to be very enlightening. During the service he would discuss religious attitudes, philosophy, social consciousness, and I was impressed with how readily he could communicate his ideas.

"As president we enjoyed a fine relationship, he was always easy to talk to, great scholarship, has really serious social consciousness, he is an innovative program planner, dedicated, committed to congregation, single-minded in achieving the goals for congregation. I remember that while I was president we managed to pay off the mortgage. We planned a very special dinner to celebrate, and the Rabbi's assistance was invaluable."

Perry Goldlust: former President of AKSE

My family and I have been truly blessed with the opportunity of having Rabbi Gewirtz as our Rabbi. He officiated at our daughter's bat mitzvah, our son's bar mitzvah, and co-officiated at our daughter's wedding. When I was

elected president of AKSE, he gave me a great deal of support and encouragement. He has truly been a shining light for our family, our congregation, and our community.

Howard Simon: former President of AKSE

We have known each other in many different ways over 40 years. My exposure started as a pre-bar mitzvah. I think the world of him. He has led four generations of my family starting with my grandmother through pleasant and not so pleasant situations. He is an outstanding individual. He has a fire about him. As an orator, he could lift you out of your seat and yet he is also the gentlest, finest, individual you will ever meet. He could feel the pulse of our community. He has an ability to deal with all people. He always seemed to understand the congregation as well as the congregants. Rabbi Gewirtz is an anomaly in that he is an Orthodox rabbi that is quite liberal. He blends his own religious belief with an ability to recognize where others are in their beliefs.

When he decided to become a rabbi he accepted the challenge to preserve our faith. It is most important to him. In Wilmington, Delaware, he did whatever he could to make sure to keep the flame going. We should all be very grateful to him.

In dealing with the broader community, he was the one who found a way to open the JCC on Saturday afternoons. Here was a rabbi who tried to deal with it as orthodox but needing to meet the community needs and adapt.

One very apt example, is that he would not ride on Sabbath, even if it meant that he could not go to services. But when the parking lot was being designed for AKSE he made the decision that it would not be roped off. He made this decision based on knowing his congregation's needs. If a congregant wanted to come to services and is coming from across the city, they should be able to park in the lot without using community space, and without feeling uncomfortable. It is better that they should want to come to services. He did not impose his will on everyone else.

Rabbi Gewirtz has great wisdom and caring. It is impossible to capture him by words or by examples, anyone who devotes a lifetime to teaching and doing it so very well, is someone we owe gratitude to."

Edward Kauffman:

I'd like to say on a scale of 1-10, the rabbi has been a 12. In many ways, our synagogue is the house that Gewirtz built. And he always found time to listen when people have something on their minds.

He has also educated our four girls and officiated at their weddings.

Helen Gordon:

What impressed me about Rabbi Gewirtz is how good a listener this man is, as well as a great speaker. He listens to people and addresses their problems. His insights and personality lend themselves to a wonderful working relationship.

Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School Graduates

Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School Board of Directors and Faculty announce that 16 students have completed five years of Judaic studies and have successfully fulfilled graduation requirements as follows:

With a Jewish Community High School Diploma and a Teacher's Certificate: Allison Goldberg, Jonathan Makar and Matthew Tanzer.

With a Community Teacher's Certificate: Holly Echt, Jessica

Imber and Lev Yampolsky. With a Jewish Community High School Certificate of Achievement: Samara Barth, Paula Doroshow, Alison Gross, Yael Gurwitz, Judith Leitch, Rachael Samuels, Sharon Sandell, Joshua Schoenberg and Michael Stiebel.

With an I.M. Wise Teaching Certificate: Deborah Sands.

These students were honored at Delaware Gratz's Graduation Ceremony on Thursday evening, May 21, 1998.



Samara Barth

Samara has been President of the Key Club, Vice President of the Spanish Club, and Secretary of her Senior Class. She has also been active in Amnesty International, AFS, YELL and has done volunteer work at the Claymont Community

Center and Mary Campbell Center. In her spare time, she has worked as an usher at the DuPont Playhouse. Her future plans include a major in Hotel-Restaurant-Institution Management at Johnson and Wales or the University of Massachusetts.

Samara has also received the Brandywine High School Key Club Award. Parents: Nedda and Howard Barth

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Paula Doroshow

EDITORIAL

A Dip of Honey

There is a saying that whatever one feeds the body, it also feeds the mind. So the question takes the shape ... what are we feeding our children? And are they getting the message of needed continued education? We hope they realize the message of a sense of pride in their heritage, a sense of rootedness, a link to the land of Israel, and that they are very much a part of an ongoing learning process. Learning is not just for children. Historically studying and learning are crucial elements to Jewish life.

As our teenagers mark their passage through confirmation we focus a watchful, thoughtful eye on the role of new beginnings and opportunity. Most of our children may see this step as a way to finally be freed of continuing their formal Jewish education. How do we as parents plant seeds so that continuity is understood as ongoing education?

Confirmation is a milestone. Our children deserve wonderful kudos for continuing past bar/bat mitzvah. The learning process is never ending, it is joyful and spiritually enriched. Confirmation does not mean the end of Jewish learning, there are experiences in Israel for Jewish studies and travel. More and more we are witnessing a strong surge of young adults studying as an avocation in JCC's and synagogues and schools for adult learning. Here in Wilmington, we have the Delaware Gratz High School. More common than not now we are seeing study groups that are rediscovering our heritage. Even Yiddish is seeing a revival.

In the old country, a child learned how to write their first letter, by having their finger dipped into honey, so that the sweetness of learning is fully imbibed. As our children face this milestone may that sweetness always nourish them.

LETTER TO EDITOR

To the editor:
We've noticed with delight the increased inclusion of articles and news of importance to women of this community. In particular, we want to congratulate you on the recent issue which focused on women. It was outstanding. We were happy to see that you chose to dedicate one of this year's 26 issues to showcasing the contributions and interests of women. We look forward to contin-

ued attention to all the good things that happen throughout the community in all its various manifestations including women's work and viewpoints.

Dorothy Flippen
Eliza Gouverneur
Marion Hamermesh
Lenni Markell
Yvette Rudnitzky
Phyllis Seidel

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Einstein's Successful Gala



Head of School, Rabbi Ellen Bernhardt is pictured along with the Honoree, David Wakefield.



Also enjoying the wonderful success are (left to right) Tribute Committee co-chairs, Lanny and Micki Edelson with David Wakefield.



Enjoying the evening are (left to right) Tribute Committee co-chairs, Stuart and Toni Young along with Honoree, David Wakefield.

SYNAGOGUE LIFE

Beth Emeth Confirmands and Parents

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Congratulations To Roxana Arsht

By MARILYN COOPER

The Jewish Community of Delaware is fortunate to have in its midst two women who have contributed much to furthering the notion of "community" in this state. The Honorable Roxana Cannon Arsht is one of two 1998 award recipients from the Delaware Region, National Council of Christians and Jews, Inc. Roxana has joined with Toni Young in sharing this very distinguished honor. Roxana has served the State of Delaware for over forty years through lifelong work to ensure effective participation in the processes of decision making which is one of the very purposes of the NCCJ.

To quote from the speech that Roxana did not give on the evening of the award ceremony:

"If I am worthy of this award, my acceptance mandates that I make some appropriate comments. After reading most of the literature, by-laws and the names of previous honorees and thinking about where I fit in, I have two thoughts to share with you.

The first has to do with today's multicultural world. This organization is concerned with pluralism-religious pluralism, multiethnic pluralism, multiracial pluralism. I would hope that for the Delaware Region of the NCCJ will ever more forcefully make clear to our com-

munity the facts about its larger and more inclusive goals, rather than the more limited area connoted by the organization's venerable name.

My second thought has to do with my special concerns as they relate to promoting more dialogue and education in some areas which are highly charged. While it is true that sometimes negotiations behind the scenes may help to achieve more than confrontation does, it is also true that sometimes it takes a shout to get attention, after which other avenues open."

In a public career that has spanned four decades, Roxana has seen much that is unjust and unfair - and has been a champion of doing the right things; even when "speaking out on controversial issues sometimes comes at too high a price." But, as Roxana wrote, "in the long run, [it is] more rewarding than silence."

Our thanks to Roxana Cannon Arsht for providing the speech that she didn't give at the occasion of the award ceremony, which is, in its own way, as inspiring as the life that Roxana has lived on behalf of the spirit of democracy and freedom in the United States.

Our community has been enriched by the courage and spirit of Roxana - this 1998 award is a testament to her lifelong efforts to improve the quality of life for us all.



In the first photo, Fourth graders at Albert Einstein Academy gather at Freedom Plaza in Wilmington in front of the Holocaust Memorial created by the late sculptor Elmer Weinberg. The students under the direction of Michal Cherrin performed two musical selections at the Yom HaShoah - Holocaust Day of Remembrance, interfaith service at the City County Council Chambers on April 23, 1998. Pastor David Mueller of Concordia Lutheran Church gave the primary address. Governor Thomas Carper, County Executive Thomas Gordon and Mayor James Sills contributed their remarks at the program. Rev. Laura Lee C. Wilson, the Executive Director of the Wesley Foundation Campus Ministry at the University of Delaware, and Rev. Donald Dunnigan, the Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church Senior Pastor, led the assembled in prayer. Barbara Schoenberg, Vice-President of the Jewish Federation of Delaware hosted the event. The Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware organized this event which was co-sponsored by a variety of faith groups including the Rabbinical Association of Delaware and the National Conference of Christians and Jews. In the second photo, Rabbi Laurence Malinger, Associate Rabbi at Congregation Beth Emeth and Cantor Daniel Leeman of Adas Kodesch Shei Emeth lead memorial prayer on Freedom Plaza.



Jews In America's Military

By MURRAY KAYE and MARILYN COOPER

Interwoven into the fabric of United States military history are thousands of names of service men and women of the Jewish faith. These people have served our nation from the outset of our history, beginning with the American Revolution and through the centuries with its subsequent wars.

The dictionary defines heroism as: "heroic conduct, especially as exhibited in fulfilling a high purpose or attaining a noble end ... the qualities of a hero."

For one to be a hero, in the military sense, he or she need not have been wounded or killed in action. What separates two individuals serving in the same physical position, side by side, when one is wounded or killed and the other survives: are they not both heroes?

Over 550,000 Jews served in the armed forces of the United States in World War II. Also, about 11,000 were killed and over 40,000 were wounded. There were two recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor, 157 Distinguished Service Crosses, Distinguished Service Medals and Navy Crosses. In addition, 1600 earned the Silver Star Medal for a total of about 52,759 medals. Also, about 50,242 other decorations, citations and awards were given to Jewish heroes for a total of over 103,000 decorations.⁽¹⁾

The story of those of the Jewish faith who served this nation begins with the American Revolutionary War. There is no doubt that among the soldiers of General Washington's army there was a representative group of Jews. For instance it is known that the grandfather of Uriah Phillips Levy, US Navy (1792-1862), enlisted as an infantry private in the Philadelphia militia at the age of 42.⁽²⁾ This same publication describes Uriah Levy, who would end his career as a Navy Commodore in command of the U.S. Mediterranean fleet:

"When Congress responded to President James Madison's appeal for a declaration of war against England in 1812 Uriah Levy, although only 20, had already amassed a lifetime of experience as a sailor.

"Despite his tender age, the Navy offered Levy the prestigious rank of midshipman. Shockingly, Levy turned the offer down preferring, instead, to accept the lower rank of sailing master. Of this decision, Levy said, 'A sailing master is indispensable... and in battle he is much exposed. I seek this position in the belief that it will enable me to render greater service to my country.'⁽³⁾

It is interesting to note that the United States Navy accorded a great tribute to Commodore Uriah Levy when in March 1943 it launched the new Destroyer Escort, DE 162 and named it after

him. This ship, the USS Uriah Levy, saw extensive and heavy action in the Pacific.

The Congressional Medal of Honor, (CMH) America's highest decoration for heroism in battle was first awarded to a Jewish serviceman in the Civil War. He was Benjamin Levy, who as a private in Co. B, 40th New York Infantry while serving as a drummer boy, saved two Regimental banners which had been abandoned. He managed to carry them through the battle at Charles City Crossroads, Va. to safety and prevented their capture by the enemy. During that war five other servicemen earned the CMH as well.

In the Indian Wars, a sergeant in the United States Cavalry, together with other soldiers held their position while under strong Indian attacks, at Little Big Horn, Montana. Their duty was to return with water for their unit. The CMH recipient was George Geiger.

In World War I, William Sawelson, a sergeant in the 312th Infantry Regiment, 78th Infantry Division, earned his CMH posthumously by saving a wounded comrade lying in a shell hole who called out for help. Sergeant Sawelson, left his safe position to aid the wounded man, even when he was under heavy enemy fire. He further tried to assist this man by returning to his own shell hole for water, and while trying to reach him a second

time, the sergeant was cut down by heavy machine gun fire.

In World War II, two CMH medals were awarded to Jewish servicemen. One was Isadore S. Jachman, a Staff Sergeant in the 513th Parachute Regiment, and Second Lieutenant Raymond Zussman, 756th Tank Battalion. Both in their different zones of action, displayed outstanding heroism in saving their companions who were wounded in one case, and heroically directing fire to the enemy positions under most hazardous conditions, in the second.

In Vietnam, Captain Jack H. Jacobs, serving in the US Army Military Assistance Command was awarded the one CMH given to a Jewish Serviceman in that war for: "conspicuous gallantry ... at the risk of life above and beyond the call of duty" ... Although wounded with his unit under extremely heavy fire ... he assumed full control, fought the enemy and managed to evacuate several wounded soldiers.

In this century one name stands out in the military history of Israel, and that is of Colonel David (Mickey) Marcus. A 1924 graduate of the US Military Academy at West Point, he was one of the more famous Jewish graduates of that institution.

Having served under both General MacArthur and General Eisenhower in World War II, he was a genuine American hero. In

1947 he went to Palestine to help organize the Jewish regular army, setting up a training and recruiting program. It was during this period that he was mistaken for an intruding Arab when he tried to re-enter the Israeli lines and was shot and killed by one of his own troops. Colonel Marcus is buried at West Point and will always be remembered for his heroic service in helping Israel to survive those terrible days that gave birth to the State of Israel.⁽⁴⁾

Add to these Jewish heroes the names of countless men and women who served in all of America's wars and whose names are etched not only on the Vietnam Wall, but on numerous monuments across the nation. When duty called through the ages, Jewish fighters answered the call and served their nation and their people. ...

We turn now to a relatively new Delawarean who served in the combat areas of the war in Vietnam. We speak here of Rabbi Sanford L. Dresin, who retired from the U.S. Army Chaplain Corps as a Colonel.

A chaplain serves in an arena somewhere midway between morality and humanity and the brutal and painful realities of war. The battlefield is where courage and personal sacrifice thrive alongside cruelty and inhumanity.

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BOOK REVIEW

The Red Tent By Anita Diamant

By YVETTE RUDNITZKY

Her name in the Bible is Dinah. Her story in Genesis is short, dramatic and tragic. She was the only daughter born to Leah and Jacob. The only daughter among the 12 sons. Traditional accounts of her focus on her rape by a local prince and the revenge taken by her brothers on her behalf. Nothing more is known about her directly. She was written out of history if, in fact, she was ever written in at all.

Her alleged rape is the pretext for a story about all the men connected to her; brothers, father and the men of Schechem who are killed in her name and for her honor. In the fictional telling called the Red Tent, author Anita Diamant has given us Dinah's story, a wonderful, immensely readable midrash that charms us back into ancient times and the dailyness of women's lives.

Through the eyes and ears of Dinah we see and hear the talk and

actions of women to each other, and to their mates and children. We come to know Leah her mother, beloved Rachel her aunt, Zilpah and Bilhah handmaidens to Leah and Rachel. Dinah's other aunts. all four women are truly our ancestral foremothers. We also meet Rebecca, her paternal grandmother as a majestic and fearsome elder. Many other memorable women inhabit this world. Dinah herself is a loved daughter, drawn to midwifery and following in the

footsteps of her aunt Rachel.

The Red Tent is predominately about women. While men appear in it and are seen doing and acting in ways previously recorded in the Bible, this is not their story. The active voice is female. As Midrash it gives voice to the voiceless. Women's thoughts, wants, and needs are intimately revealed. It is to the red tent that they go monthly when menstruating and when ready to give birth. It is in that red tent that they socialize, teach, tease each other, and share a profound sisterhood based on a shared biolo-

gy and prescribed social role within the patriarchy. It is the women's tent, a place that men do not enter.

The story is told in three sections all narrated by Dinah. In the first she tells of life with her mother and aunts and their earlier lives which she was told as a child. In the second we learn of the events leading up to and including the incident in Dinah's life which is told of in the Bible. And in the final part of the book, we are in the realm of pure imagination as we follow Dinah throughout the remainder of her long and productive life.



Israeli Consul General Dan Ashbel will be in Delaware on June 17 and 18 for a series of meetings including the Annual Meeting of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. Consul Ashbel is the senior Israeli diplomat with the Israeli Consulate General for the Mid-Atlantic Region of the United States including Delaware. The Jewish Federation of Delaware Annual Meeting will take place Wednesday, June 17 at the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home at 8:00 p.m. Dinner at 7:00 p.m. is available for pre-registrants at a cost of \$12 per person. For more information about the Consul General's visit, call the Jewish Community Relations Committee at (302) 427-2100.

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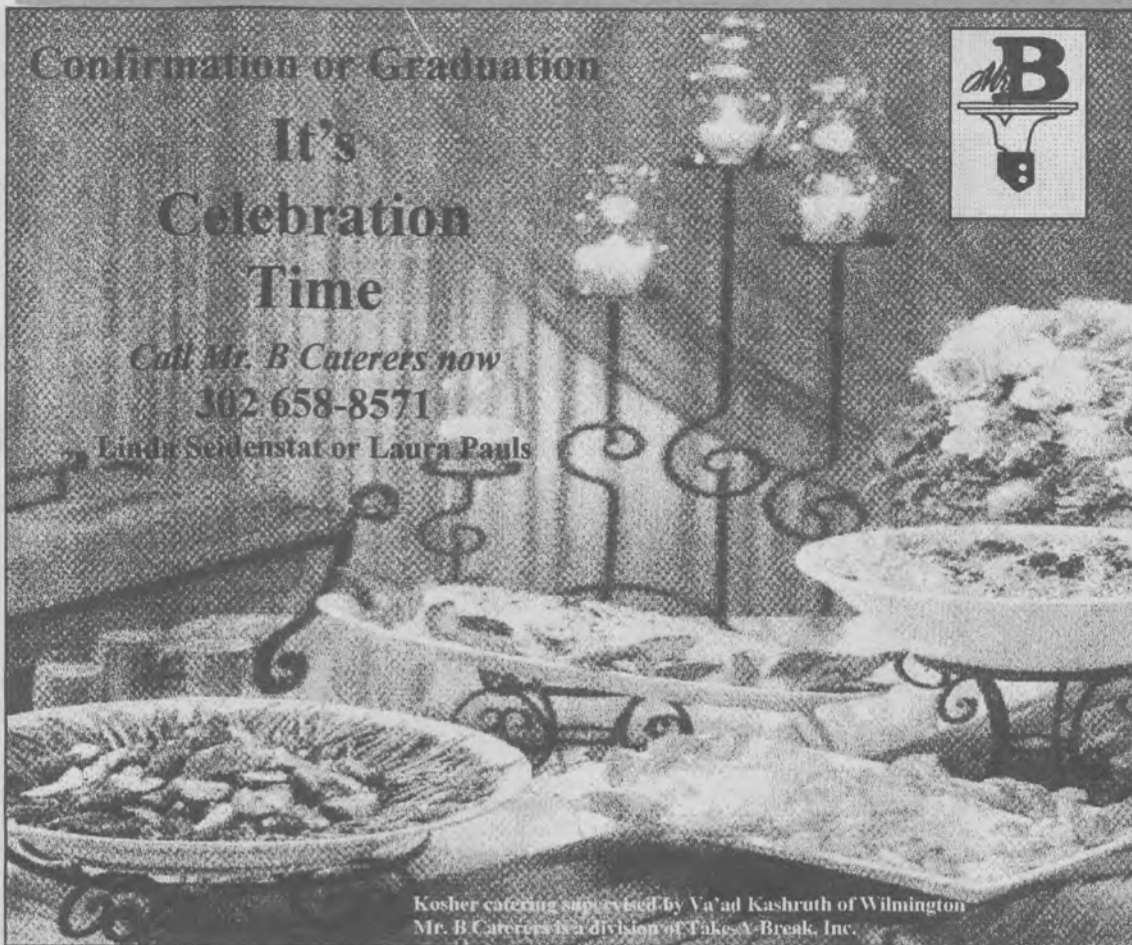
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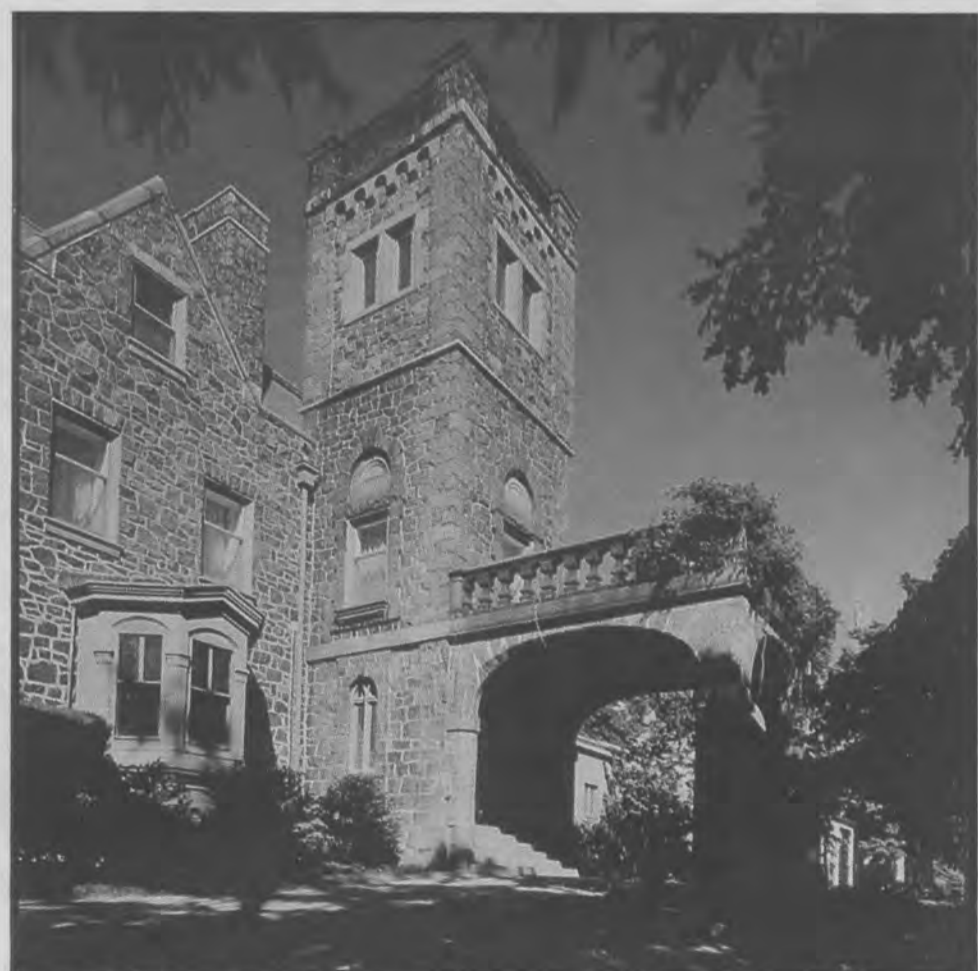
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Before his experience as a congregational rabbi, where devotion to the best tenets of religion are offered and practiced, he served for a period of twenty-six years as a Jewish Chaplain in the United States Army. Included in that service was a devastating period in which he tended to the religious and sometimes secular needs of the service people of the Jewish and other faiths, in the cauldron of the Vietnam war. There he observed and was exposed to many cases of heroism as well as bestiality, and realized first hand what we humans are capable of when dealing with one another.

Jewish people have served in all of America's wars. In Vietnam there were about 5,000 Jews among the half million troops in the country during Rabbi Dresin's tour of duty. Providing comfort and counsel to the Jewish troops stationed in Vietnam was made possible through the signature means of transport for the military: the helicopter. The Jewish troops were scattered over four geographical areas: the North, along the border between North and South Vietnam, South to the Mekong Delta, the area around Saigon, which was where Chaplain Dresin was based, and the northern part of the country to the central highlands.

Oftentimes during his tour from 1969 to 1971, he would officiate at religious services at several locations in one day. A helicopter would take the Chaplain to fire support bases and base camps. As an example, he celebrated Purim with the troops as often as six times in a single day. Tension and stress were always present. The travels that Chaplain Dresin undertook in the jungles were not without its own dangers. He recalled a particular Purim holiday when he had traveled by helicopter to six different sites and with dusk coming, he decided not to visit a seventh camp.

The Chaplain and crew returned to their home base. He was awakened the next morning by the sound of an explosion and fire. The helicopter that he had flown on the day before had crashed and exploded upon takeoff. That might have been his seventh trip.

Of all the wars that have involved American troops, Vietnam was perhaps the most horrendous. Fighting, in large unit operations, as was characteristic of World War II, was replaced in Vietnam by guerrilla warfare. This warfare, fought in the jungles of Southeast Asia, with its unorthodox methods, was psychologically, emotionally and physically draining.

There are many Delaware veterans of recent wars who have stories to tell of their harrowing, and unique experiences. We hope they will come forward and bring those stories to our attention. We look forward to writing about them in some future issues.

For now let us remember all of them this Memorial Day and hope for the end of all wars.

⁽¹⁾ Source: Jewish War Veterans, National Headquarters, Washington, D.C.

⁽²⁾ Source: "An American, A Sailor and a Jew" - pg. 8, National Museum of American Jewish Military History, Washington, D.C.

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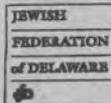
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Partnership 2000

By TOBY GREENE

The beautiful region of Tamar on the Dead Sea is home to just 1200 people. A couple of Kibbutzim and agricultural villages and an assortment of other small settlements make up the tiny population. The neighboring town of Arad on the other hand has rapidly expanded its population to 25,000, with new neighborhoods springing up to deal with the growing immigrant community there.

But these two very different regions are both linked to the New Jersey and Delaware cluster through Partnership 2000. Understanding the diverse issues of these areas was central to the agenda of the New Jersey and Delaware delegates who toured there this week.

Beginning at Kibbutz Ein Gedi, representatives of some of the twelve New Jersey and Delaware Jewish Federations learned about the fragile, tourist based economy of the region. They met with Yoav Givati, the mayor of the Tamar region who came to the Kibbutz when it was just four years old in 1960. He and other leading kibbutz members told the delegates how the tourism slump and general economic recession in Israel has put the future growth and viability of the kibbutz in question. They explained how the partnership with American communities can help them improve their prospects.

The delegation then traveled to Arad where they were introduced to some of the challenges facing the growing town. They visited a high school where they learned about how Arad was dealing with a drug abuse problem among their youth. Dan Asher, manager of Al Sam, the Anti-drug establishment in the south explained some of the ways they were trying to deal with the problem. He told the delegates

that although the government gave them money to treat people with drug problems, first they must allow themselves to be helped, and there is no money for outreach.

He told the group about a gang of 21 Russian youths who had accepted the help of Al Sam having first been given the chance to make a video about drugs using equipment funded by Partnership 2000.

The group also visited Avishur Community school where they were told about a plan to replace their outdated computer lab. The principle of the school, Dalia Spector explained that the lab is central to their aim, "to provide an educational environment rich in scientific and technological aids." The computer lab has the potential to serve the entire local community, not just the 360 pupils at the school.

The American delegates finally met members of the Ethiopian and Russian immigrant communities in Arad and found out that some of the problems they are facing in their fledgling communities. In the bomb shelter which currently serves as a community center for the Ethiopian Olim they met Banny Adonani, one of the first eight Ethiopians to come to Israel via the Sudan over thirty years ago. He explained the problems being faced in particular by teenagers in the community. Finally the delegation was welcomed into the homes of Russian and Ethiopian families before meeting with leaders of the local community to discuss the future of their partnership.

There is clearly an important business aspect to the delegates' visit to the area. There are some tough financial decisions to be made about how best to allocate the funds available to the many worthy projects in the region. But speaking to the delegates it is clear



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that at least as important is the creation of personal contact and a sense of closeness between the Israeli and Diaspora communities.

As Bernie Cohen, representative of the Atlantic City and Cape May Counties Jewish Federation says, "Personal contact is the key, the more exchanges we have, the more understanding there is. It's

not just about the American community giving, but about sharing and working together."

Toni Young, leader of the Delaware Federation which has just joined the partnership was in clear agreement. She says that through the partnership, people in America, "are getting a better understanding about what life in

Israel is really about, the reality and the issues." As she says, "There is a problem with the younger generation being interested. This is a Partnership because the American community needs it as much as the Israeli community.

For more information on Partnership 2000 call Toni Young at 427-2106.

Delaware Gratz Hebrew High Graduates

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Paula has been busy working on her High School Year book and has given her special attention to the Delaware Cerebral Palsy participants at Camp Manito.

As a volunteer for a program called Global Routes, Paula helped on a Navajo Reservation in Arizona. She has also been active in People 2000. She has chosen to pursue a career in Special Education at the Elementary School level. Based on her compassion for those less fortunate, her future plans should enable her to continue to help others. Parents: Aida Wasserstein and Doroshov



Yael Gurwitz



Judith Leitch

Yael has been secretary of the Key Club, a member of Amnesty International, the National Honor Society and S.A.V.E. Club. As part of her community service activities, she worked as a volunteer at Elwyn Services for Jewish residents. In addition to taking honors courses from ninth through eleventh grades and having received the NHS

Award, she works part-time at Romano's Macaroni Grill. She plans to attend the University of Delaware where she will study toward becoming a chiropractor. Parents: Anita and Zeev Gurwitz



Rachael Samuels

Rachael, a member of Future Business Leaders of America, entered and won the comedy competition for the Drama Club. This out-going, honor role student also participated in two showcased talent shows in which she did a comedy routine for "The Nanny." She volunteers in the A.K.S.E. Gift Shop, Office and, of course, their annual Talent Show. On her list of choices to make for her future are Widener vs. Penn State, Journalism vs. Law, actress or prosecutor or journalist. What

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64th Annual Meeting of JFD

The 64th Annual Meeting of the Jewish Federation of Delaware will be held on Wednesday, June 17, 1998 at 8:00 p.m. at the Milton & Hattie Kutz Home. The entire community is invited to the meeting.

The following individuals have been nominated as officers of the Jewish Federation of Delaware June 1998 - June 1999:

- President Barbara H. Schoenberg
- Vice Presidents John A. Elzufon, Esq.
Dr. Barry Kayne
Donald Parsons, Esq.
- Secretary Jonathan Neipris, Esq.
- Assistant Secretary Suzanne Grant
- Treasurer Scott Feinman
- Assistant Treasurer Alfred J. Green

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

Three year terms ending 2001: Miriam Edel, Irwin Engelson, Scott Feinman, Suzanne Grant, Alfred J. Green, David Herscott, Ellen Koniver, Beth Moskow-Schnoll, Lelaine Nemser, Deborah Persh, Michael Samuels, Caryl Marcus Stape

Two year terms ending 2000: Mark Wagman

One year term ending 1999: Susan J. Coonin, Ellen Levin, Jeffrey Wasserman

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Toni Young, consisted of Dr. Colin Anolick, Irwin Engelson, Carol Rothschild, Pam-Sue Schwartz, Bernard Siegel, and Howard Simon.

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.



Alison Gross

Alison is involved in her School Play, plays the flute in the School Band, and is the Editor of the Senior Page for the Yearbook. For the past three summers she has worked at the JCC as a camp counselor. She plans to major in Child Psychology in college so she can ultimately work with children. With her summer work experience and frequent babysitting, it is clear that her goal to work with children is perfect for her. Parents: Lolly and Kevin Gross

Judith Leitch

Judith has been the editorials editor on the School Newspaper and academic editor on the School Yearbook. She has been President of the Philosophy Club and a member of the Literary Magazine called "Plexus." For two consecutive years she attended summer college, first, at the University of Delaware and second, at Barnard. This talented young lady founded the first Chaverot group at AKSE for teen women. She plans a career as a Clinical Psychologist. Parents: Lisa Elliott and Thomas Leitch

Gratz Graduates

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ever it is to be, we know she will do it well. Parents: Mary and Sam Samuels



Sharon Sandell

Sharon, Senior Editor of her Yearbook, Editor of her school newspaper, member of Varsity Tennis, part of the Marching Band, member of the District Joint Student Council, participant in the Science Olympiad and Crossroads Writer still found time to volunteer at the DuPont Hospital for Children and join BBYO. During the summer she worked as a camp counselor at JCC. Her honors and award include: Commendation from National Merit, Xerox Award, Delaware Girls State, Principal's Leadership Award, Voice of Democracy Winner, National Honor Society, Distinguished Honor Roll, All-District and All-State Band and National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine, Lions Club Teenager of the Year, Secretary of Education Scholar, Suburban Cable Scholarship and News Journal Academic All-Star. She plans to major in Bio-Engineering at the University of Pennsylvania. Parents: Nancy and Lionel Sandell

Deborah Sands

Deborah worked part-time as a Teacher Assistant for the Beth Emeth Hebrew School and as an Usher at the



Deborah Sands

Wilmington Playhouse. In school, she was Co-Editor-in-Chief of the "Grapevine" newspaper, worked on the Yearbook and was in the National Honor Society. She received an award from Dartmouth Book and was nominated for the National Council of English Teachers Writing Award for Delaware. Her plan is to attend Rutgers University and major in English. Then she hopes to attend Hebrew Union College and eventually become a rabbi. Parents: Michele and Howard Sands



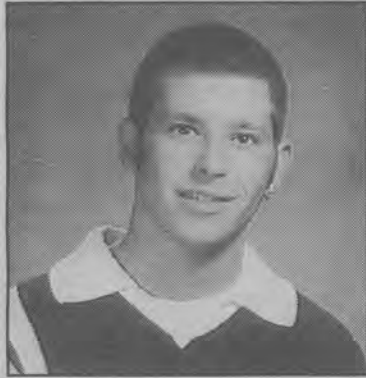
Joshua Schoenberg

Joshua has been actively involved in the local Chapter of BBYO as its President, Past President, and Treasurer and

also on the Regional Board. He has been in several Clubs: Spanish, Chefs, Key, Students in Government, and Debate. He has also been Finance Manager for the Yearbook, and volunteered in the School Store. As part of his synagogue and community activities, Josh was V.P. of

Minyonaires at AKSE and was a member of the JCC Board of Directors. He worked part-time in his family's funeral business and as an intern at BT Alex

Brown & Son. Still undecided on his college choice, Josh is looking at the possibilities of a future in law and/or politics. Parents: Barbara and Alan Schoenberg



Michael Stiebel

Michael has been playing on the Lacrosse team in High School. He has been an active member of BBYO and has been President of the local AZA Chapter. Part-time employment at the Jewish Community Center kept him busy helping its members. He has received the Bronze and Silver Shield of David Awards from AZA. Luckier than the other Gratz graduates, Michael still has another year of high school before he has to decide on college choices, majors or professions. Enjoy your senior year and the extra time you have before making future plans! Parents: Judy and David Stiebel

Jewish Fund for the Future Scholarships for Gratz Graduates



At the 1998 graduation ceremonies of the Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School held yesterday, six students were awarded scholarships from the Greenbaum Jewish Studies College Scholarship Fund of the Jewish Fund for the Future. Representing the Jewish Fund for the Future, chairman Dr. Steven Dombchik presented certificates to Holly Echt, Allison Goldberg, Jessica Imber, Jonathan Makar, Lev Yampolsky and Matthew Tanzer each of whom has completed at least 80 hours

of study. Each student will receive \$625 per year for four years of college study. All six students also received a teaching certificate from Gratz and Allison Goldberg, Jonathan Makar and Matthew Tanzer also received a Jewish Community High School diploma for having completed at least 92 hours of study.

The Greenbaum Jewish Studies College Scholarship Fund program is a new

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venture set up by the Jewish Fund for the Future (which is the endowment fund of the Jewish community of Delaware) to promote continuing serious Jewish studies by teens after achieving their bar or bat-mitzvah. To achieve the award the student must graduate from a full time Jewish high school (such as Akiba Hebrew Academy in Merion, Pa.) or graduate from a supplementary program, such as Gratz, with at least 80 hours of credits. As explained by Dr. Dombchik, "the program is designed to encourage high school students to study Judaism, our culture and our people with seriousness, so that they can be role models for additional students and can serve as teachers in the future." In addition to the funds available to students eligible under the Greenbaum Jewish Studies College Scholarship Fund, monies continue to be available from the Greenbaum Scholarship Fund for college students studying in Israel for credit and for students who are majoring in Jewish studies at universities in the United States.

For additional information concerning Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School, call 478-5026 Tuesday or Thursday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. or Sunday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. For information on how you can participate in creating your own fund at the Jewish Fund for the Future or in obtaining benefits from one of our existing funds, please contact Marc Shandler, the director of the Jewish Fund for the Future, at 427-2100 ext. 19.



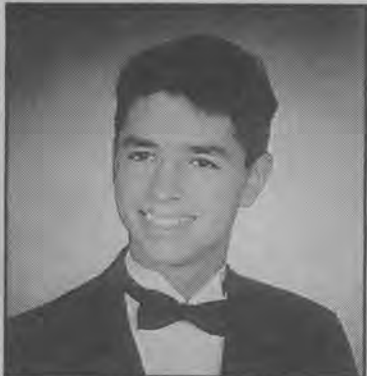
Allison Goldberg

Allison has taken part in her School Play, Marching Band, and has been Yearbook Editor. She has been very active in BBYO as a Regional Board Officer and was presented with the BBYO Light Eternal Award and the Star of Deborah. Her long term goal is to go to college, to study medicine and, one day, to become a doctor. Parents: Vivian and Alan Goldberg



Jessica Imber

Jessica has been very busy with several extra-curricular school activities. She has participated in Cheerleading, the Concert Choir, has been section leader in Band, President of AFS, Yearbook co-editor, Senior Page editor, worked on the Newspaper and the Playbill. Her community activities include being a member of the Beth Shalom Choir and a Torah reader. Because of her love of music, she plans to major in Music Education so she can either teach, compose or do vocal performances. Her awards and honors include: Delaware Junior and Senior All-State Choruses, nominee for the Governor's School for Excellence in Music, Middle School Chorus and Band, and M.S. Read-a-thon "500 Club." Parents: Paul and Cindy Imber



Jonathan Makar

Jonathan has played Lacrosse at C.H.S., has been the Yearbook editor, and a member of the National Honor Society. His artistic abilities have garnered him the Gold Medal for the Scholastics Art Competition, a Prize from the Hockessin Art Festival, selection as Young Brandywine Artist five times and he has also received an Award for Excellence at the Medical Center of Delaware where he worked as a volunteer. He has been a Teacher's Aide, President of Minyonaires and Leader of Junior Congregation at A.K.S.E. Still undecided on the college he wishes to attend, he is considering a future as either a Professional Movie Critic or a New York Psychiatrist. Parents: Mollie and Ron Makar



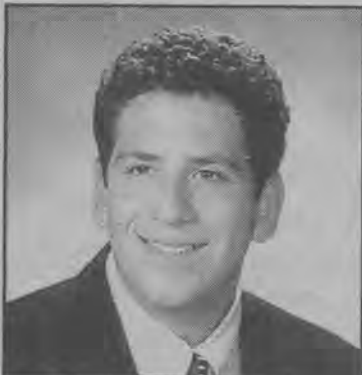
Holly Echt

Holly, a National Merit Semifinalist, was given the Brown University Book Award. She is a member of the Spanish National Honors Society, holds six varsity letters and is in the All-District Band. add all of these activities to Marching Band, Winter and Spring Track, the National Honors Society and part-time work at the Charcoal Pit and you will understand why she was voted Most Likely to Succeed by her peers. Her plan is to major in Spanish at the University of Virginia. Parents: Elliott and Mitzi Echt



Lev Yampolsky

Lev has been playing Lacrosse, Box Lacrosse and Soccer for four years of High School. He was Captain for both sports. His Belt Rank in Karate is 1st Kyu. Lev is a tournament player in the US Chess Federation. He is President of the Chess Club, a member and/or participant in: BBYO, Regional Leadership Training Institute, Washington Workshops Foundation Nat'l Student Congressional Leadership Seminar, the Nat'l Art Honor Society, American Foreign Service Club, Art Club, Yearbook co-editor, Russian Club, Book Club, and he is an Eagle Scout. His volunteer work includes: the A.I. DuPont Institute, Beth Shalom Synagogue and a summer on an Israeli kibbutz. He worked part-time babysitting, refereeing winter Lacrosse and as a JCC Camp Counselor. Some of his awards include: the Ner Tamid Award in Scouting, National Society of Colonial Dames of America Essay Contest Winner, American Legion Good Citizenship Citation, US Military Academy Invitational Academic Workshop, and Bill Roth Youth Leadership Conference. Lev will attend the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Parents: Olya and Michael Yampolsky



Matthew Tanzer

Matthew has enjoyed being a part of the BHS Varsity Tennis Team where he has become Delaware's First Doubles State Champion. He is a member of the National Honor Society, the Spanish Society, and he has also been a part of the Brandywine DECA. In the Delaware DECA he won First Place in Food Marketing. Matt has volunteered as a tutor at AKSE and has worked there part time as a Teacher's Aide. Matt's immediate plans are to go to the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania to major in International Management and Finance. Ultimately, he would like to become CEO of a small corporation. Hope he attains his goals! parents: Hinda and Daniel Tanzer

NACHES

Levinson-Sullivan Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Levinson announce the engagement of their daughter, Frances L. Levinson, to Mr. Ronald Sullivan, son of Mr. Edward Sullivan, of Elmira, New York.

Frances is a graduate of Mt. Pleasant High School and received a B.A. from University of Delaware, as well as her Master of Arts from Murray State University,

Kentucky. She is owner-manager of Travelworks, a travel agency in West Chester, PA.

Ron, a graduate of St. John Fisher College, Rochester, New York, is vice president of Operations of Soft-mart, Inc. of Downingtown, PA.

The wedding is planned for October 18, 1998.

Loomis-Paul Engagement

Dr. and Mrs. Robert Loomis of Davis, California, announce the engagement of their daughter Sarah to Rodney K. Paul of Oakland, California, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Paul of El Cerrito, California, formerly of Rockford Village in Wilmington, Delaware. Sarah is a senior product manager for Bio-Rad of Hercules, California. She has a BS from University of California in Davis, a MS in clinical science from

Francisco State University and MBA from Golden Gate University.

Rodney Paul holds a BA from the University of Pennsylvania. He is a manager of internet development for the Azena Group in Orinda, California. Following their wedding July 19, 1998 at Chateau Pointelle near Yountville, California, the couple will reside in Kensington, California.

OBITUARIES

BERNARD J. GOLDMAN

Formerly of Ringsride, Wilmington, DE. Former member of Congregation Beth Emeth, Graduate of Philadelphia Textile College. B'nai Brith.

Survivors: wife, Doris M. Goldman; son, Michael Norman of Montclair, NJ; 2 daughters, Marti Coppel of Fairfax, Andrea Dowling of the Timbers; Sister, Jean Silverman of Delray Beach, FL and five grandchildren.

Interment Place: Beth Emeth Memorial Park, Faulkland Road.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to American Cancer Society, 92 Reads Way, New Castle Commons, New Castle, DE 19720.

ROSE SALZMAN

Rose Salzman, 86 of Wilmington, DE formerly of Thomas West House, Claymont, DE died Friday morning, May 15, 1998.

She was the widow of Martin Salzman.

Suvivors include a son, Dr. Steven K. Salzman of Wilmington, and two granddaughters.

DR. LEONARD SIMKINS

On May 4, Dr. Leonard Simkins, age 90 of the Kennedy House, Philadelphia, PA, husband of Dorothy Greenspun Simkins. Also survived by son, Dr. Alan Simkins (Sandra) of Wilmington, DE and granddaughter Andrea Simkins of Washington, D.C. (married for 64 years).

Lifelong resident of Philadelphia, having graduated from McIntyre Elementary in 1923; Germantown High in 1927; Villanova College in 1931; University of Pennsylvania Dental School in 1936. In private dental practice in Philadelphia for 50 years. Prior to that, he was a Captain in the Army Dental Corps during World War II with the 177th General Hospital in Europe. He was with the Board of Health of Philadelphia, in the dental department, before and after the war, for a total of 12 years. He was on the staff of the University of Pennsylvania for 11 years; Temple University School of Dentistry for 4 years and the Einstein Medical

Center for 2 years. He was a Fellow in the Academy of General Dentistry, appears in the Who's Who of America, 1964 edition; lifetime member of the American Central Association, Pennsylvania Dental Clinic Club, Philadelphia County Dental Society and the Eastern Dental Society. He retired in 1986.

ELI A. BLATT

Eli A. Blatt died May 13, 1998 in Christiana Hospital. He was a self employed grocer at 1201 North Heald Street for 25 years and Pathmark for 10 years.

Mr. Blatt is the widower of Dorothy Blatt who died Nov. 17, 1991. He is survived by two sons, Robert Blatt and Stephen Blatt, both of Wilmington; three daughters, Cynthia Blatt, Kimberly Blatt,

Sydney Baker, all of Wilmington; a sister, Ruth Kolber of Wilmington; six grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

ROSALIE BERMAN KURFIRST

89, of 1420 N. Franklin St., Wilmington, died Sunday in Wilmington Hospital. Mrs. Kurfirst, a homemaker, graduated in 1927 from Wilmington High School and in 1931 from the University of Delaware. She was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom and achieved life master status in contract bridge. Her husband, Dr. Harry Kurfirst, died in 1970.

Survivors: daughters, Joyce Jeshiva of Dobbs Ferry, N.Y., and Judith Zucker of Westwood Manor; sister, Ida B. Simon of Wilmington; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

MAY

SUNDAY 24

Yom Yerushalaim, Congregation Beth Shalom, 654-4462.

JCC Family Campus Opens

For more information call Scott Katz, Recreational Services Director at (302) 478-5660.

WEDNESDAY 27

Volunteers for Israel

Alumni group will hold its next meeting at the Klein Branch, JCC, Room 114, Red Lion Road and Jamison Avenue, Philadelphia, PA. Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend and admission is free. Refreshments will be served.

TUESDAY 26

Rosh Hodesh, Executive Board Meeting, Congregation Beth Shalom, 654-4462.

THURSDAY 28

Kraft Education Meeting, Congregation Beth Shalom, 654-4462.

FRIDAY 29

Lunchtime Parenting Workshop "Siblings: The Rivalry, The Bond" presented by Lauren Pokras, MSW; Jewish Family Service. 12:00-1:30 p.m. at Temple Beth El, Newark. Call 302-366-8330.

SUNDAY 31

Shavuot Services, 9:30 a.m., Confirmation. Congregation Beth Shalom.

JUNE

MONDAY 1

Shavuot Services, 9:30 a.m., Confirmation. Congregation Beth Shalom.

SUNDAY 7

Annual Y.J.A.D. Canoe

Trip, 9:45 a.m. Approximately \$25.00. RSVP by June 4. Call 652-6688 for more information.

MONDAY 8

Community Forums Discuss Patients Rights, 7:30 p.m. Pipefitters Union Hall, 2111 W. Newport Pike, Stanton.

WEDNESDAY 10

Jewish Family Service Annual Meeting of Officers and Installation, 7:30 p.m. Call JFS for further info, 478-9411.

SUNDAY 14

Race Unity Day Celebration 3:00-6:00, Rodney Square, Wilmington, DE. For more information call 239-4668.

TUESDAY 16

Annual Meeting, Congregation Beth Shalom. Call 654-4462 for details.

MONDAY 22

JCC Sports Classic. All day. A full day of golf, tennis and lawn

bowling tournaments held at the DuPont Country Club. Awards reception held following tournaments.

THURSDAY 25

Young Jewish Adults of Delaware Monthly restaurant sampler at Caffe Bellissimo on Kirkwood Hwy. 6:00 p.m. To RSVP by June 22, or for more information, call Phil at (302) 652-6688.

SUNDAY 28

JCC Annual Meeting, 4 p.m. Annual Meeting includes election of Officers and Board members, followed by a family picnic with entertainment and family activities. Free of charge.

MONDAY 29

Congregation Beth Shalom Night at the Blue Rocks. Call 654-4462 for details.

ONGOING

Meet the Physical Therapist. Bob Catalano from Rehabilitation Consultants will be available

every Wednesday at 12:00 noon in the JCC Fitness Center. For more info, call Suzanne Rodriguez, Fitness Center Coordinator at (302) 478-5660.

Young Jewish Singles of Delaware 20's and 30's. Weekly volleyball and dinner sampler after. For more information or to be put on our groups mailing list call Phil Gross at (302) 652-6688.

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Jewish Family Service is working in coordination with the Jewish Community Network Committee of Greater Newark to sponsor three engaging family life education programs in the Newark area.

The first event of the series, BABES, has already begun at the Newark site of the JCC preschool. BABES is a seven week primary prevention program for preschool children, providing factual information through story telling with puppets to increase each child's self esteem and introduce positive decision making and coping skills.

The second program will take place on Friday, May 29,

12:00-1:30 at Temple Beth El. Bring a brown bag dairy lunch and enjoy a lively discussion on "Siblings: The Rivalry, The Bond." We will look at the nature of the sibling relationship and discuss ideas and techniques to help ease the tensions which naturally exist. To register, call 366-8330.

On Wednesday, June 17 from 7-9 p.m. the Chesapeake Bay Girl Scout Council building on S. College Ave. in Newark, JFS will present "Talk So Your Children Will Listen and Listen So Your Children Will Talk." All parents are challenged by the prospect of positive communication with their children. We will review ideas

for handling feelings effectively, active listening and creative problem solving. Join us for an evening of learning and sharing. To register, call 478-9411.

The presenter for this series of workshops is Lauren Pokras, MSW, Family Life and Community Educator for Jewish Family Service. These programs are offered at no charge to the community and child care will be provided for those participants who pre-register.

For more information, call JFS at 478-9411 or Daniel Chalifec of the JFD Newark Jewish Community Network at 427-2100, ext.22.

To Family & Friends: Thank you for all of the cards, letters and prayers during my recent illness. My family and I are all grateful for your friendship and caring. - Faga Orgiefsky

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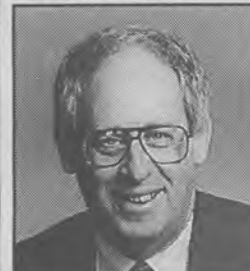
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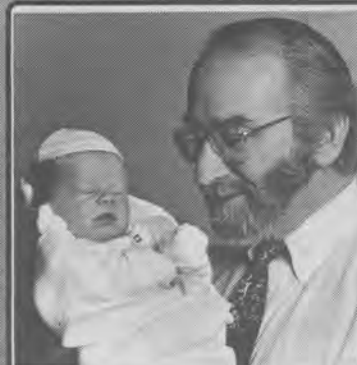
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