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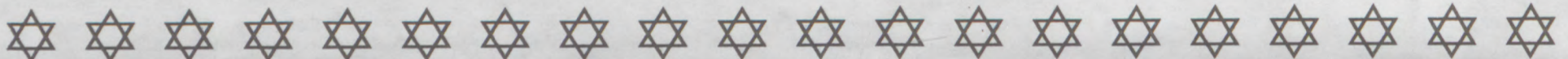
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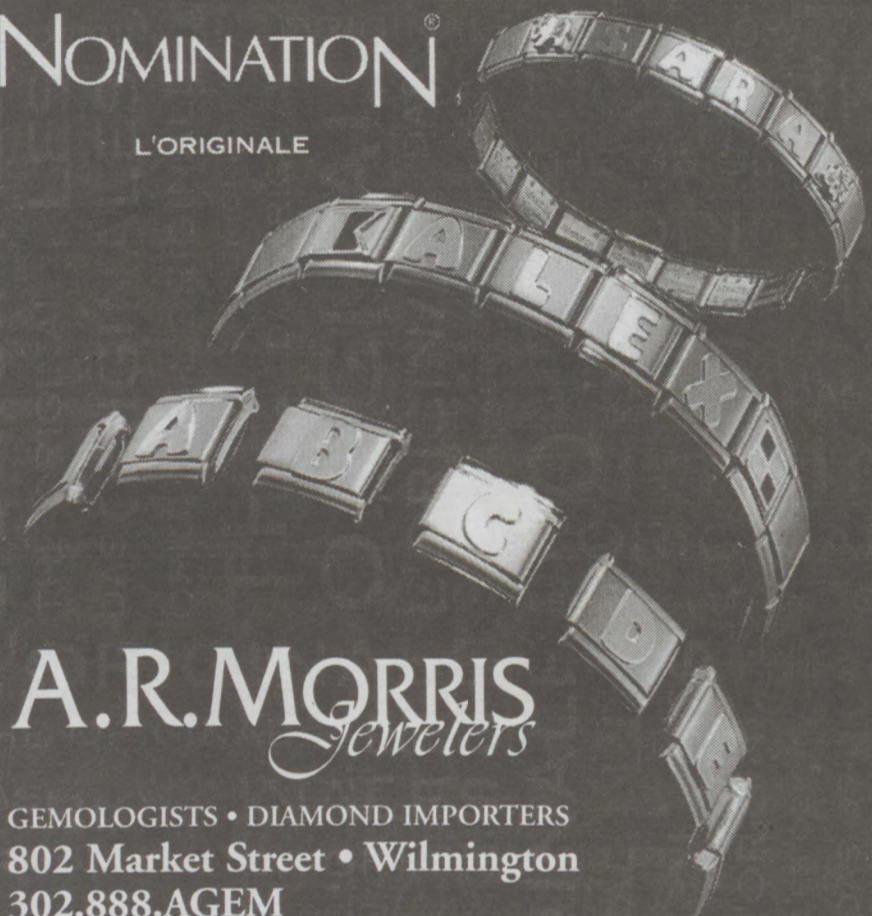
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## EDITORIAL

## Reflection And Renewal

This Saturday night is Selichot—a time to reflect on the coming Days of Awe. On **this** Selichot, we have additional fuel for solemn introspection as it is a yitzkor—the first anniversary of the Hebrew date corresponding to 9/11/01.

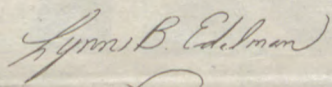
How fitting that we gather with loved ones in the sacred space of our shuls to end a year of international mourning and reflect upon how the events of that horrific day have impacted our lives.

In the immediate aftermath of 9/11, many of us flocked to synagogues, churches and mosques. We found comfort in the company of shell-shocked friends and neighbors, who, like us, sought G-d's guidance in making sense of the senseless shattering of innocent lives. Some of us found such solace in this fellowship of spiritual explorers that we made prayer a priority and increased our involvement in congregational life.

How ironic, but yet, how apropos that these atrocities committed by perverted madmen who defamed G-d's name, could cause people of all faiths to draw closer to our common creator.

In 5763, may we honor the memories of the men, women and children who perished in these despicable acts of terror by living our lives fully and freely. During the coming Days of Awe may we pray for the ability to banish the darkness of evil and strive to bring the healing power of peace to a world in turmoil.

From my family, to yours—La Shana Tovah!



Lynn B. Edelman  
Editor

## PARSHA PLACE

VAYELECH

Deuteronomy 31:1-30

## A TIME FOR JUDGEMENT

By Rabbi Yaacov Haber

Week of August 31

How does the Ribono Shel Olam decide our destiny for the upcoming year? How does He judge us? The answer is simple. The same way we judge others.

A Medrash Hashem said to Moshe "Hain Kirvu Yamecho Lamus". Your time has come. The end of your life is here.

The Hebrew word 'Hain', the commentaries explain, implies finality. Hashem told Moshe, "You have been praying, arguing and negotiating with me to extend your life. It is not going to happen. The conversation is closed. The decision is in. 'Hain!' Your time has come. You will not live to enter the land of Israel."

Moshe cringed at the finality of the statement. "Why do you have to say 'Hain'? It's so final!"

Hashem responded, "Because you said 'Hain' when describing the condition of the Jewish people. Way back at the burning bush, when I originally charged you with the mission of freeing the Jewish people, you said 'Hain lo Yishma lee'. The Jewish people will definitely not listen to me. You were so final about that. I too am final." (Medrash Rabba)

Moshe Rabeinu passed a life sentence on his people. They will not listen, period. His psychological assessment was correct. The people of Israel did not appear to be candidates for redemption. But they did listen. Moshe did not take into account their ability to change and to grow. He looked at what they were and he pegged them. That was a mistake. One can never label someone or freeze them into a slot. Yesterday is not today, and what I do today is not necessarily the definition of my life. We certainly do not want G-d to judge us by what we are, we want Him to look at what we could be. We want Him to tie our destiny to our potential. If we want that kind of decision from G-d we must stop categorizing people, stop pigeonholing them and perhaps stop judging them altogether. The way we judge is the way Hashem judges us.

In honor of the New Year let us all take a fresh new look at our children, our friends, the person sitting next to us, our husbands, our wives, our teachers and our students. Look at them carefully, look at them with fresh eyes, look at their potential, exactly the way you want G-d to look at you.

Rabbi Haber is the Orthodox Union's National Director of Jewish Education and the spiritual leader of the OU's Pardes Program

## HIGH HOLIDAY GREETINGS

## From Our Consul General

The people of Israel have gone through very difficult times in the last two years, especially in recent months. During the past year, Palestinian terrorist organizations used all possible methods, including suicide bombers, to inflict their message of blood and death on the citizens of Israel. Israel is now engaged in a battle that is different from all its previous wars of self-defense. It is the first time that the prime target of our enemy is our civilian population—unarmed men, young mothers, teenagers, infants, grandparents, students and innocent by-passers. Everyone and anyone is considered a target by these cruel and vicious terrorists. But if the goal of Palestinian terrorism is to break us, to demoralize our people, to change our way of life—they are mistaken.

The people of Israel are now stronger than ever, our spirits are high, because we understand that there are no alternatives for us, other than to protect our citizens and continue our fight against terrorism. We are sure that the day is not too distant when we shall see not only an end to violence, but the resumption of talks to achieve peace with security and prosperity for all the people in our region.

In our struggle against terrorism, we have



Giora Becher

two major allies—the United States and the worldwide Jewish community. We are confident that with your support, we shall see better days for all of us in the coming New Year. B'Shalom,

Giora Becher

## Answer: Chinese Restaurants on the Night of December 24th (Question to follow)

"On what other occasion than the Holydays do Jews gather in such density?"

Sounds sort of silly for the solemnity of these Days of Awe, right? Actually, there's a point to all of this based upon something that happened a couple of years ago. My family went to a local Chinese restaurant on Christmas Eve. Lo and behold, virtually every table was filled with co-religionists. After 30 years in this community I know a whole host of you. I looked around and saw my own congregants, those of Beth Shalom and Adas Kodesch and a few I couldn't recognize. Quite a number of you waved when you saw us.

What I soon realized is that I knew at least one person or one couple—usually more—at every table, **but you didn't know each other!** Even those affiliated with the same congregation were strangers. It struck me that while I shouldn't expect every one of our sisters and brothers to be bosom-buddies with every other one, our Jewish community should perhaps be a bit closer. Especially after the events of the past year... September 11th as well as the situation in Israel... we need one another even more than in the past.

There's another point to this as well. I was speaking with a staff member from the Jewish Community Center who decried the cliques that continue to dominate our People. Now this person wasn't speaking merely of friends,

but an "attitude" about others, about "outsiders" who may either belong to other congregations, be employees (and Heaven forbid that employees of our agencies/synagogues be brought into a conversation!), a little lower on the socio-economic scale... yada, yada, yada. It may be mixing metaphors around this time of year, but maybe we should say "Dayenu!"... Enough already! kol Yisrael Arevim zeh la-zeh, "All our People are responsible one for the other."

Do I have a solution? Not an overarching one, nothing brilliant (although I'm sure that our agency/synagogue leaders might come up with a few), but I do know that it's time to be a little tighter when it comes to learning who we are, what we believe, and what we can do to strengthen each other as we surely enter some difficult times. This is the season when we gather in strength, both in terms of numbers as well as faith. Let the season stretch out all year in different ways, beyond the walls of our synagogues and the borders of our community agencies.

On behalf of my colleagues in the Rabbinical Association of Delaware, I wish you and yours, our sisters and brothers in Israel and around the world, a year filled with joy, happiness and, above all, peace.

Rabbi Peter H. Grumbacher,  
President, Rabbinical Association of Delaware

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## FEDERATION FOCUS

### Political Forum Scheduled For September 9th

*Hadassah and JCRC Plan Campaign Kick-off*



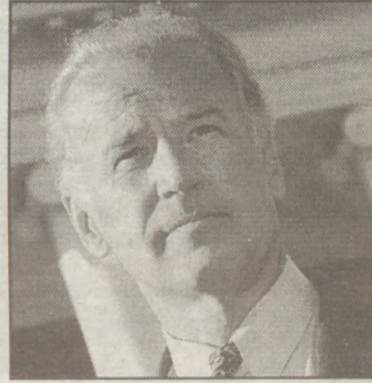
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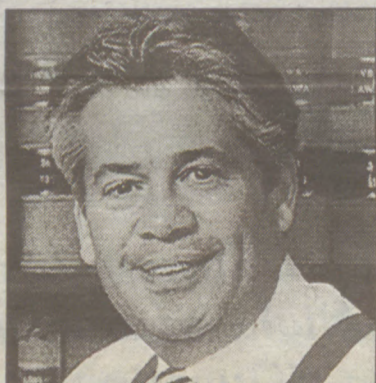
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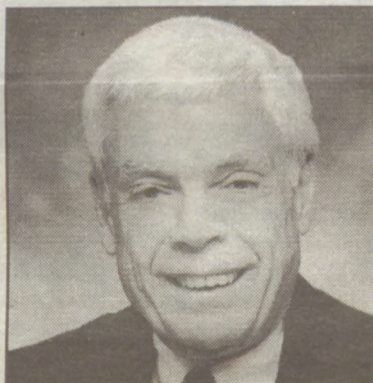
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M. Jane Brady (R)

A September 9th Forum is planned for candidates for U.S. Senate, U.S. Congress, State Attorney General, Treasurer and Auditor.

The Forum, set to begin promptly at 7:15 PM, will be held at the Jewish Community Center, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington. Each candidate will have the opportunity to present comments, and entertain questions from the audience. In accordance with the recent practice of the Delaware League of Women Voters, this forum includes all candidates who have filed for office.

Every candidate running for State office has committed to attend the Forum. This list includes:

For U.S. Senate:  
Joseph R. Biden Jr. (D)  
Raymond J. Clatworthy (R)  
For Representative to U.S. Congress:  
Michael N. Castle (R) and either

Michael Miller (D) or Steve Biener (D)

(Based on the outcome of the Delaware Primary election set for September 7)

For Delaware Attorney General: M. Jane Brady (R), Carl Schnee (D); Vivian Houghton (G)

For State Treasurer: Jack Markell (D)

For State Auditor: R. Thomas Wagner (R)

The Forum, co-sponsored by

the Jewish Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware and the Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah, offers the candidates a public forum to present their views, educates the public, and motivates voters to participate in the election. As non-profit organizations, Hadassah and JCRC have no interest in the outcome of the election.

The event, which will begin promptly at 7:15 PM, is free of

charge and open to the general public. Light refreshments will be available following the formal part of the program, which is scheduled to end by 9:00 PM. Candidates have been invited to stay and circulate among the guests.

For more information about the Candidates Forum, contact Amalia Snyderman, Jewish Federation of Delaware Campaign Associate by phone (302) 427-2100, ext 30 or by E-mail at [amalia@shalomdel.org](mailto:amalia@shalomdel.org).

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There's really not enough time left to reliably handle the absentee voting process by mail. However, get yourself down to the Department of Elections office in your county, and you can vote in person in a matter of minutes. This week the New Castle County Department of Elections office in downtown Wilmington will be open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8am to 7pm and Friday from 8am to noon.

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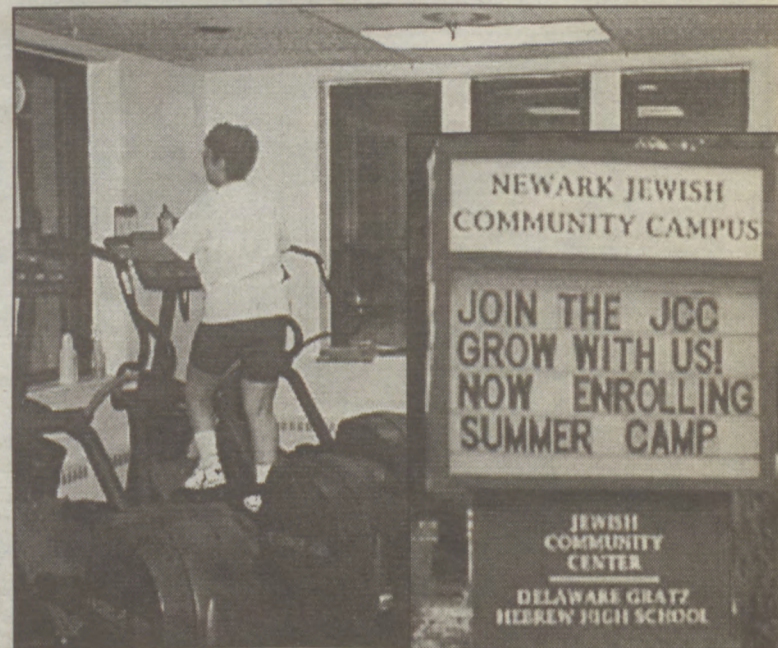
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### Newark Jewish Community Campus Slates Sept. 15th Grand Opening

5763 is kicking off in super style, with an Erev Yom Kippur grand opening of the Newark Jewish Community Campus. On Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the community is invited to tour the newly renovated fitness center, indoor pool, air-conditioned locker rooms and classrooms that will house the Newark JCC recreation, full day, year-round child care, before and after school program, summer camps and Jewish education programs and will afford Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School a satellite location. Sign up for a Newark JCC membership during the grand opening festivities and save up to \$150!

The Jewish Federation of Delaware purchased the facility at 318 South College Avenue from the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) in April, 2002 to meet the needs of a growing Newark Jewish community. Site Director Chris Smith and Program Director Lynda Bell invite you to stop by on September 15th and say hello. There will be refreshments, entertainment, music per-



formed by a disc jockey and much, much more.

So before the fast, why not feast your eyes on this important new addition to the ever-expanding network of services offered by the Jewish Federation of Delaware

with funding secured by the Federation Community Capital Campaign.

For further information about the Newark Jewish Community Campus call Smith or Bell at 368-9173.



## DELAWARE UP FRONT

### Federation Names New Executive Vice President



Samuel H. Asher

Barry S. Kayne, president of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, announces the appointment of Samuel H. Asher as JFD Executive Vice President. "I am delighted that Sam will come on board on Tuesday, September 17 and hope that he, his wife, Michele and their children, Adam, Zack and Anna will feel very much at home in our Delaware Jewish community," said Kayne.

Asher served for three years as executive director of the Hartford Jewish Federation. He spent a decade as executive director of the St. Paul, Minnesota United Jewish Fund and Council. His Jewish communal leadership experience also includes tenure as chair of the United Jewish Communities' Intermediate Executives Group.

A Detroit native, he received his undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan. He holds dual masters degrees in Social Work-Community Planning from the University of Maryland and Jewish History from Baltimore Hebrew University.

He may be reached at 427-2100, ext. 14 or through email at [sam.asher@shalomdel.org](mailto:sam.asher@shalomdel.org) after September 17.

### Rachel Gross Embarks On New Career Journey



Rachel Gross

Rosh Hashanah is a time for new beginnings. Rachel Gross, assistant executive director of the Jewish Federation of Delaware and director of its Financial Resource Development effort, will begin 5763 with a new career challenge. In September, she will join the staff of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia as an Endowment Officer.

While Rachel is excited to be working close to her Center City home helping to grow and develop a fund with assets of more than \$170 million, she will miss her colleagues and donors in the Delaware Jewish community. She has enjoyed the "small yet vital and vibrant character" of the community and has been impressed by "the high level of commitment to Jewish continuity"-the cornerstone of endowed giving.

She is proud of the efforts that she and her assistant, Gina Kozicki, have devoted to broadening the community profile of the Jewish Fund for the Future. Since she joined the JFD staff in January, 1999 as director of the Fund, it has grown from \$7.5 million to \$10.5 million in assets. "More importantly, we have broadened community understanding of the value of endowed giving to afford Federation the flexibility to fund innovative programs and meet emergency needs," Rachel emphasized. She is pleased that all six Federation beneficiary agencies, two synagogues and several other Delaware Jewish organizations have invested in the Fund and is gratified that "we have increased partici-

pation by individuals and families who are interested in perpetuating their proud legacy of Tzedakah."

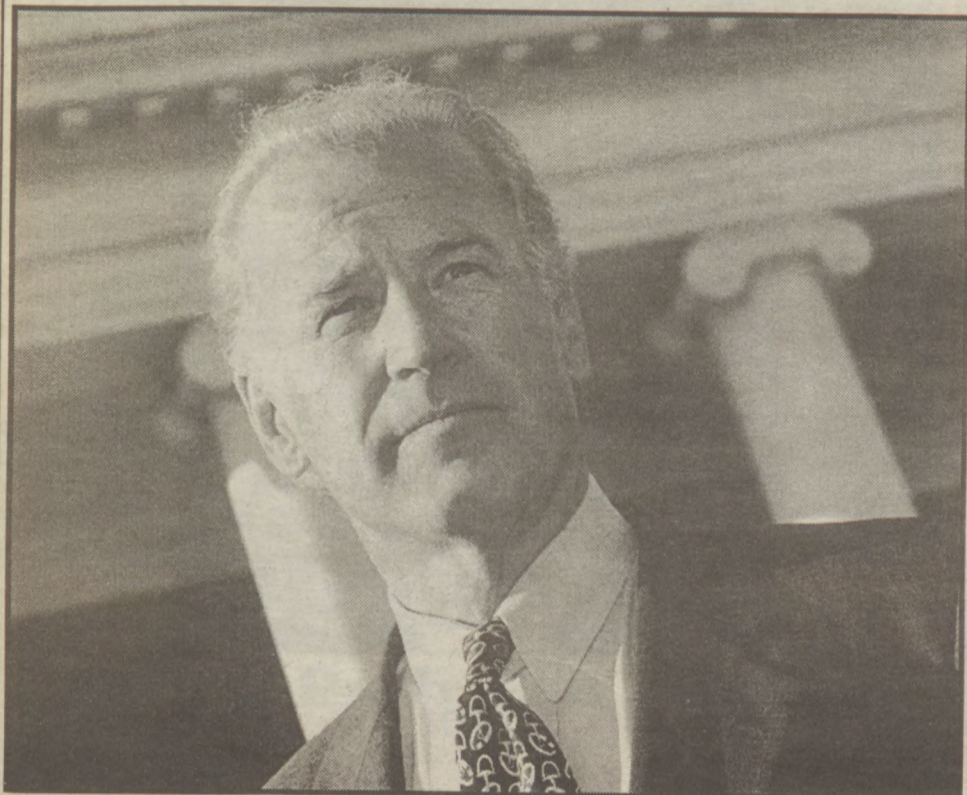
She has high praise for the caliber of her lay leadership. "During my tenure, I have been privileged to work with three extraordinary chairpersons-Steve Dombchik, Miriam Edell and Richard Levine," said Rachel, adding that "Together, we have been able to help secure the financial future of the Delaware Jewish community."

Yasser Koach, Rachel. You will be missed.

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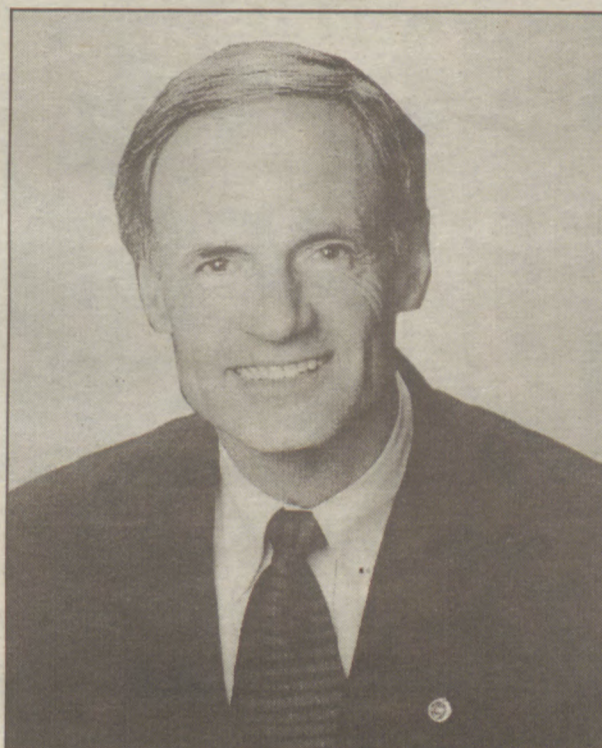
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## COMMUNITY FOCUS

### Community Capital Campaign Features Friedman In Concert



Save the date, Sunday, October 27th, 3:00 p.m. for a Community Capital Campaign CELEBRATION featuring famed recording artist Debbie Friedman. Friedman will perform at Congregation Beth Emeth, 300 Lea Boulevard. This concert is open to the entire community!

The celebration continues on the 27th at 5:00 p.m. with a special reception at the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home for donors who make a \$10,000 commitment or higher to the Federation Community Capital Campaign.

As we go to press, the campaign has raised \$17,750.00 for the future growth and development of Federation's six beneficiary agencies.

### Rabbis Offer Intro To Judaism

Rabbis Peter Grumbacher of Congregation Beth Emeth, David Kaplan of Temple Beth El, and Dan Satlow of Congregation Beth Shalom invite interested persons to join the 5763 INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM program for those considering choosing Judaism.

Please encourage those who are thinking about becoming part of the Jewish People and faith to contact one of the rabbis. Each class member must have a sponsoring rabbi (who may be selected after the orientation evening).

The Orientation session will be held on Tuesday, September 17, 7 PM, at Temple Beth El, 301 Possum Park Road in Newark. At that time

the rabbis will discuss all facets of the program including the schedule, the required texts and other important details. Subsequent classes take place in the synagogue of the instructor.

Subjects include Comparative Religion; Holidays, Holydays and Festivals; Basic Beliefs; Life Cycle; Liturgy; Jewish Texts and Ancient and Modern Jewish History. There is also a special program with a counselor from Jewish Family Service as well as other aspects of the Jewish community.

This program is only for potential Jews-by-Choice and, if applicable, their significant Jewish others. Beginning its third decade as a community-oriented class involving the

rabbis of New Castle County synagogues, it allows the participants to experience the differences in thought and approach to Jewish life and encourages them to involve themselves in the activities and programs of Delaware Jewry.

Again, tell someone about this program. **There is absolutely no requirement to convert;** many have taken these classes merely to learn more about the religion of their partner/spouse. It is, however, essential to have a sponsoring rabbi. Rabbis Grumbacher (764-2393), Kaplan (366-8330), or Satlow (654-4462) would be happy to answer any and all questions of perspective students.

### AKSE/Beth Shalom Community School Resumes

AKSE/BETH SHALOM COMMUNITY SCHOOL will open for the 2002-2003 school year on Tuesday, September 10th at 4:00 p.m. All classes will be held this year at Beth Shalom in Wilmington on Tuesdays and Thursdays. On the week-ends, students will return to their home synagogue for classes.

Faculty will consist of teachers from both synagogues: Elaine Friedberg, Eta Knepler, Dina Lipschultz, Karen Moss, Victoria Book, Max Rosenberg, Roni Sneiderman, Judy Goldbaum, Gail Weinberg and Arlene Davis.

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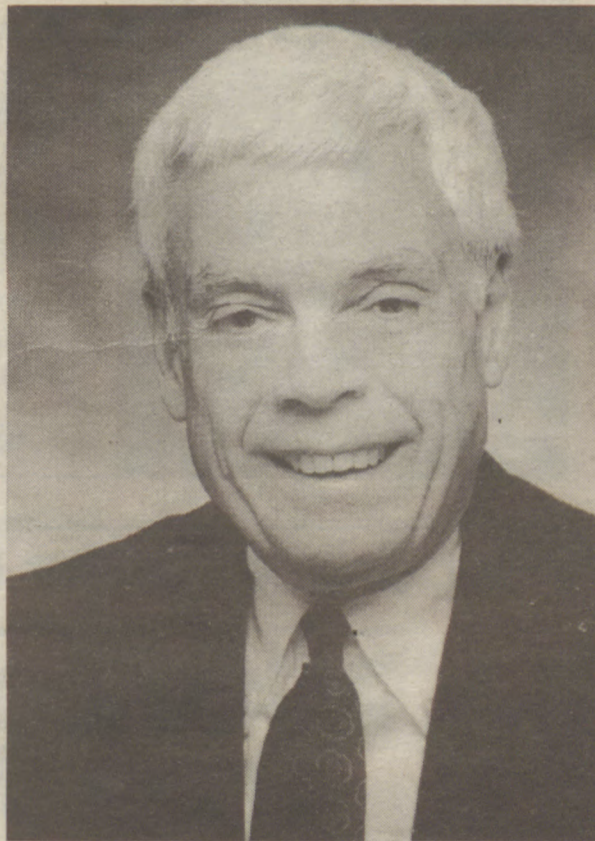
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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2002 at 7 PM

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Save the date of November 9. The Auxiliary is planning a spectacular night of dinner, dancing and entertainment at HARRY'S SAVOY.

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## COMMUNITY FOCUS

# Rabbi And Educational Director To Be Honored

By Mark Wagman

Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation will recognize its spiritual leader **Rabbi Sanford Dresin** and Educational Director **Gail Weinberg** with special "endowed" honors at High Holiday services. The endowed honor program, now in its twelfth consecutive year, honors members of the congregation who have worked tirelessly for the benefit of AKSE and the community. The Rabbi is being honored at services on the first day of Rosh Hashanah; Gail, on the second day.

Both the Rabbi and Gail are now in their tenth year of service in their current positions. In that time they have become essential to their congregation, helping to define its identity and direction.

Rabbi Dresin came to AKSE after a distinguished 26-year career as a chaplain with the United States Army. He was the Senior Jewish Chaplain in the U. S. Armed Forces and the Chief of Chaplains at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Since coming to Wilmington, he has sought to maintain and strengthen AKSE as a dynamic force for Traditional

Judaism. The Rabbi has instituted a variety of services to meet the needs of different segments of the membership. He also has promoted new and more meaningful B'not Mitzvah celebrations. Rabbi Dresin is very active in the community, having served as President of the Rabbinical Association of Delaware, on several Boards, and as an instructor at Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School and the adult institute of Jewish studies. Also, through his able leadership of the Va'ad Hakashruth, the availability of kosher food in Delaware has greatly expanded.

Gail has nearly 30 years of experience as an educator, including 19 years as a classroom teacher at AKSE. As Educational Director, she has guided the Talmud Torah through challenging times, maintaining the high standards and reputation of the school. She plays a leading role in every aspect of the school, including administration, curriculum, Junior Congregation, B'nei Mitzvah instruction, and the annual Purim Carnival. She spearheaded and organized the recent successful merger of the AKSE and Beth Shalom afternoon schools.

Gail is also a leader in the AKSE Women's Tefillah Group and a member of the AKSE Choral Group.

AKSE invites individuals wishing to honor Rabbi Dresin and Gail Weinberg to make contributions "endowing" their honors. For further information, or to make a contribution, please contact the AKSE office at 762-2705. Contributions of at least \$18 made by September 3 will be included in a special leaflet to be distributed at Rosh Hashanah services.

(Submitted by Mark Wagman)

## It's Back To School Time - For Adults!

By Marion Y. Hamermesh

Imagine yourself in a Jewish classroom in which students are paying close attention to the teacher, listening to each other, and respectfully discussing different points of view; a classroom in which your life's experience both contributes to the learning and is clarified by it; a classroom in which future community leaders study side by side with current and retired leaders; a classroom in which parents and grandparents are connecting and re-connecting to the heritage into which they are hoping to raise their offspring; a classroom in which the teachers of the next gen-

eration and the teachers who taught them as youngsters are now students together.

This is a Melton classroom and these people are engaged in a quest. They are here to become literate Jews, to know their way around the ancient, medieval, and contemporary texts (taught in English translation) which are the source material of their tradition. They are here to gain a sophisticated level of knowledge and understanding of Judaism. And you can join them simply by signing up to be a student in The Florence Melton Adult Mini-School. The Melton School curriculum, developed in conjunction with the Hebrew

University of Jerusalem and used at over fifty Melton School sites in the US, Canada, England, and Australia comprises four, 30-week courses, two of which are taught in the first year of study and two in the second year. In the first year, *Rhythms of Jewish Living* uses primary sources to examine the symbols, rituals and life cycle events central to Jewish life and *Purposes of Jewish Living* explores the meaning and purpose of Jewish life, placing seemingly disparate Jewish rituals and beliefs into a coherent and accessible context. Second year courses explore *The Ethics of Jewish Living* and *The Dramas of Jewish Living through the Ages*.

The Melton School Director, with guidance from a community advisory board, has hired professional Jewish educators who bring a great depth of knowledge and experience teaching adults to their positions with Melton, Delaware. On Wednesday mornings, Rabbi Deborah Glanzberg-Krainin will teach *Rhythms* and *Ethics*, Rabbi Steven Pik-Nathan will teach *Purposes* and *Dramas*. Rabbi Amber Powers will teach *Purposes* on Thursday evenings. We are still interviewing teachers for the Thursday evening *Rhythms* class.

Classes are forming now for this year. Choose from Wednesday mornings from 9:15 to 11:30 a.m.

or Thursday evenings from 7:15 - 9:30 p.m. Classes begin on September 18 and run for thirty weeks. Tuition is \$399/year. Thursday evening classes will be held at the JCC but due to space limitations, Wednesday morning classes will be held this year at Congregation Beth Emeth. **Experience a sample Melton lesson on Thursday, September 12, 7:30 p.m. at the JCC.** For more information or to request a registration form, please contact Marion Hamermesh at (302) 478-5660 x: 201 or melton@jccdelaware.org. Also, if you are interested in teaching this year or in the future, please contact Marion.

## Plant A Memory With JFS September 11th

In memory of those who died in last year's World Trade Center tragedy, Jewish Family Service (JFS) invites the community to join in a garden planting ceremony and memorial service on Wednesday, September 11, outside its

Wilmington office.

"This commemorative event is part of the healing process," said Dory Zatuschni, executive director, JFS. "In creating this hillside memorial garden at the entrance to our office, we are taking the time

for reflection. We encourage volunteers to join with us in planting the garden. We would also appreciate donations for the garden."

Planting begins at 8:30 a.m. and is expected to end by lunch time. Volunteers can join in at any time.

at 2:30 p.m., JFS will hold a memorial service in front of the newly planted garden. Rabbi Deborah Glanzberg-Krainin, director of JFS's Kimmell-Spiller Jewish Healing Center, will officiate, and children from Albert Einstein

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JFS gratefully acknowledges the Garden Design Group of Hockessin and Garden Valley Nursery for their contributions to the garden.

For more information, please call JFS at (302) 478-9411.

## Back To School For Delaware Gratz

Classes for Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School begin on September 9th. In addition to Gratz classes held at the Delaware Jewish Community Center in Wilmington, off-campus classes will also take place at the Mary

Campbell Center, Congregation Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, Congregation Beth Emeth, and, for the first time, at the Delaware Gratz satellite extension in the Newark Jewish Community Campus.

Classes are held Sunday mornings and Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Registration is still being accepted. For additional information, please call Marlene Milunsky, principal, at 302-478-8100.

## AKSE Welcomes Women To Simchat Torah Service

Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation will hold its 21st annual Simchat Torah Women's Service on Sunday morning, September 29th. The reading will begin in the Berlin Chapel at

approximately 10 a.m. after the sixth *hakafah* in the main sanctuary is completed. All women and girls are invited to attend and participate. Everyone who so chooses will be honored with an

aliyah. For further information, please call Anne Breikss, 762-9728.

AKSE is located on Washington Street Extension and Torah Drive in Wilmington.

## Don't Miss This Opportunity To Learn About Islam

The Jewish Community Relations Committee of Delaware, in cooperation with the Adult Institute of Jewish Studies, is sponsoring a special course on Islam.

The instructor is Professor Khalid Blankinship, chair of the

Department of Religion at Temple University. He is a prominent scholar of Islam and is active in inter-religious dialogue. Together with other Islamic scholars, Professor Blankinship will present an overview of Islam. There will be ample time for questions after each

lecture.

The timing of the course and instructions for registering can be found on the back page of this edition of the Jewish Voice. For additional information, please call Mark Wagman, JCRC co-chairperson, at 475-8351.



The installation luncheon of the Department of Delaware, Jewish War Veterans at the Double Tree Hotel was an unqualified success with 130 veterans, spouses and patrons in attendance. Entertainment was provided by Al Santoro and the Highlighters. Ted Mattes, JWV Advisor, installed the officers. First row: Bunny Cohen, Gerald Greenwald, Betty Chambers; Top row: Claire Rudnitsky, Rene Gold, Ann Drucker, Lillian Balick. The next regular meeting will be held on October 20th, 10:30 a.m. at the B'nai B'rith Building in Claymont.



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# ENDOWMENT FOR THE FUTURE



By Rachel A. Gross, Esq.

Rosh Hashanah, the beginning of the Jewish Year, is a great time to think about re-jew-venating.

What, you may ask, is re-jew-venating? Re-jew-venating means recommitting or reminding oneself about personal Jewish commitment – be it religious, spiritual or communal. In what ways will I “be and do Jewish” in the year to come?

As we sit in synagogue and listen to the High Holiday prayers or read their meanings, we are reminded that each year brings

with it new opportunities: new opportunities to rectify past wrongs with our friends, neighbors and relatives; new opportunities to make different choices; and new opportunities for participation in our community.

One of the main points of Rosh Hashanah is that an individual can change and, therefore, change his or her “destiny.” A community can also change or be changed by its members. A community might decide to be more friendly, to create more opportunities for Jewish education or to raise more money for specific causes.

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**Re-Jew-venate.** Start the New Year with a resolution to change your world. Call Rachel Gross at the **Jewish Fund for the Future**, 302-427-2100 ext. 19 for a free, personal, confidential consultation.



Rachel Gross

## Arad, Israel: Home Away From Home

by Ann Young

Imagine hiking amidst glorious sunsets that set over beautiful terrain. Picture yourself soaking in the culture of harmonious concerts and lively folk dancing. Imagine floating in the waters of a natural spa, followed by a day at the beach. Picture yourself wandering through a small town, where you can meet people with greetings of “Shalom” and engage in conversations of Hebrew with those you meet in the street, all while you are surrounded by views of the desert.

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And we, from the Delaware and New Jersey Partnership 2000 communities, are the fortunate ones to be offered this opportunity to spend 3 weeks in Arad engaging in the volunteer project of our choice.

I feel so fortunate to have had so many meaningful experiences and fond memories of my time here in Arad, that it would take a novel to describe them all. Although I haven't had the opportunity to participate in the Partnership 2000 Volunteer Project, I have had the experience of calling Arad my home. Since February 2002, I have been studying at the WUJS Institute, a 7-month program for post-college students up through 50. WUJS has been an amazing experience for me. The program consists of a combination of Judaic

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of WUJS is made-up of people from all backgrounds: Secular, Traditional, Conservative, Reform, Reconstructionist.....

There is a nice balance between people here respecting each other for who they are and the path they take, but also challenging each other too, in a thoughtful, inspiring way.

My main concern in first coming to Arad for the WUJS program was the safety. Although a big part of me choose to come in this difficult time to better understand what it

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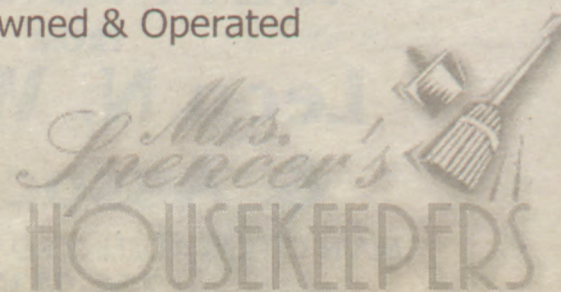
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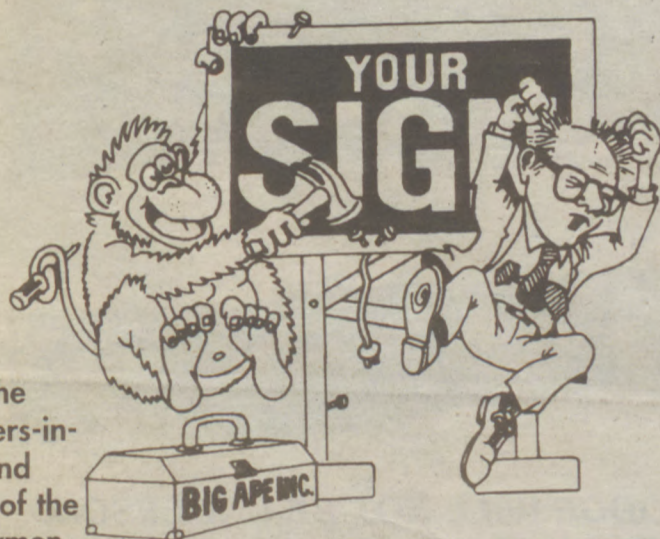


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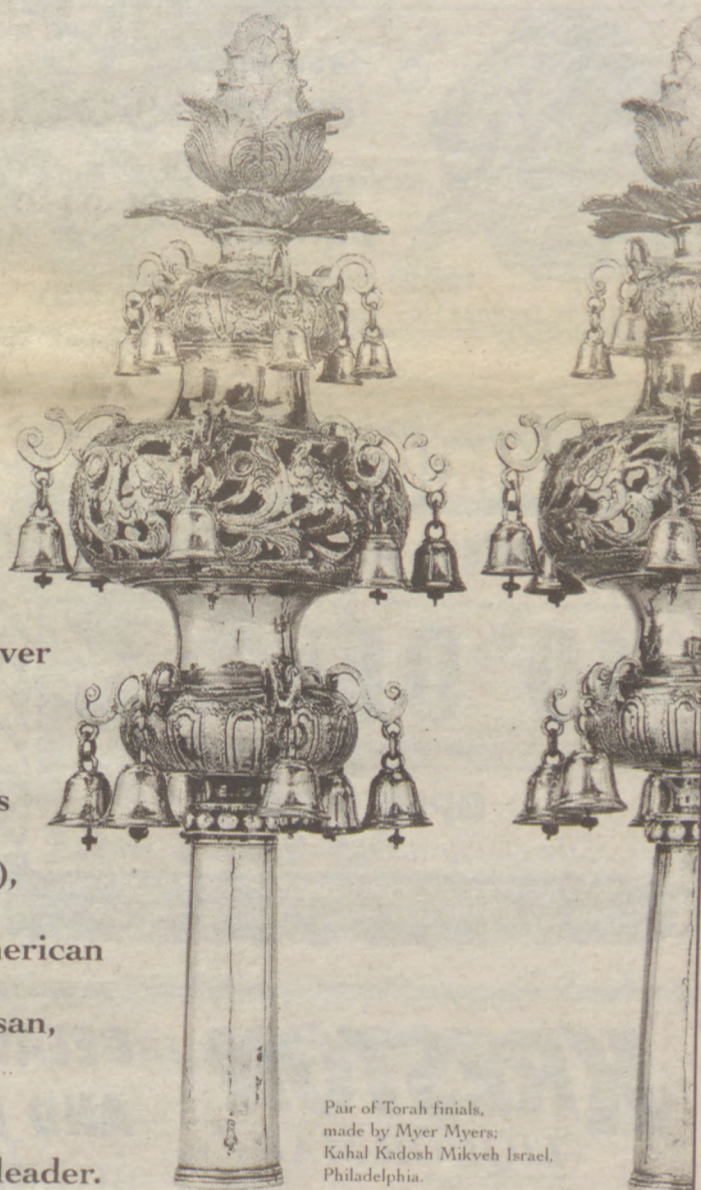
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### Arad, Israel: Home Away From Home

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was like to live in Israel now, I was very hesitant to make the final commitment because—how was I really to know the safety of Arad? It comforted me to know that Arad was away from all the terrorist attacks, but I still wasn't sure if I could stomach living in Israel, even in a quieter place. I feel extremely comfortable in Arad, whether walking through town, with a group or by myself.

While the situation in Israel is on the minds and in the hearts of all of us day in and day out—especially when living in Israel, I am able to go through my day more at ease living in Arad than I would in a big city. I feel comfortable walking around Arad freely and don't feel nervous as I imagined I might have before arriving. Living in Arad, I am able to see, as I had imagined, that Israelis continue to live their life and deal as best they can with the situations they and their friends and families face each day. It has been important for me to experience this first-hand and understand that they too go about their daily lives, despite the terror that occurs in the country. And Israelis are so grateful that we are in Israel and supporting them with our presence during these difficult times. I am glad that there is a place like Arad where I can show my support and experience the daily life of Israel without feeling

completely out of my comfort zone. The beauty of coming to Arad and participating in the Partnership 2000 Volunteer Project is that it can instantly become your home if you are open to the experience.

The families in Arad are extremely friendly and welcoming. It took me a little time to adapt to the Israeli style of just stopping by whenever you want; but they really open their home to you and make you feel welcome, like you are part of the family. Arad is a place where faces become familiar and neighbors and storeowners become friends. With a town of only 26,000 people, you feel its intimacy when you join people gathered for moments of celebration like Yom Hatzmaut and days of sadness and remembrance during Yom Hazikaron and Yom Hashoah. Although our town of Arad is small, we still have a weekly *shuk* (open air market) that people frequent on Mondays for fresh fruit & vegetable, clothes, music and odds & ends. And then there are walks to "the point" where you can see even better the vastness of the desert terrain, where on a clear day, you have a straight view to the dark blue water of the Dead Sea. The sunsets are a spectacular show every night too. There are weekly folk-dancing evenings in the *mercaz* (town center) and an annual music festival in July. Where in the states can you

experience an all night concert of Israeli music in the front yard of someone's home with 300 people singing along? For those of you from Wilmington, Arad has that same sense of smallness and community, where everybody knows each other, I imagine you too will feel at home as I have felt these past months.

In Arad, some of the volunteer programs involve: working at a Senior Citizen Day Center (Beit Gilad); a Center for citizens of Arad with physical and emotional challenges (MeLev VaLev); a daycare center for working women (children from 6 months to 3 years) (WIZO) and also helping children at all levels from 4th grade to 12th grade in English.

Imagine the feeling of helping a young teenager practice their English and the seeing them shine with excitement when they are able speak phrases that they couldn't have imagined learning just a few weeks before. Think of the fun of spending your mornings playing with 2 and 3 year old Israeli children, and the thrill of picking up Hebrew phrases as you entertain each other. You can't believe how much Hebrew you can learn from children that age; it's great. How about the warm feeling you get in your heart when you see the smile of an older citizen of the community shine because you have blessed them with company and a listening



Ann Young makes a difference in Arad.

ear; imagine that feeling of making someone feel loved and cared for. I had the opportunity to participate in a mock-Passover Seder with residents of a retirement home in Arad and they were so grateful for our energy and enthusiasm; it brought tears to my eyes to see their bright smiles. There are also options of working with the new Israeli immigrants from Ethiopia, Argentina and Russia.

During the morning of Purim we walked over to the other *Mercaz Klitas* (WUJS students live in one with teenagers from Ethiopia, families and adults from Russia and Argentina). As we approached the other *Mercaz Klita*, over 20

Ethiopian children greeted us at the entrance—staring at our strange costumes and sending us smiles and welcomes. We walked in and were met by the parents of the children, who also extended their warm welcome. Together, we spent the next hour handing out Purim baskets, wishing each other "Chag Sameach", and singing and dancing as one community. At one point we asked if they would sing a song for us from Ethiopia and they burst into a lively version of the song "Next year in Jerusalem"—an experience that brought tears to many of our eyes.

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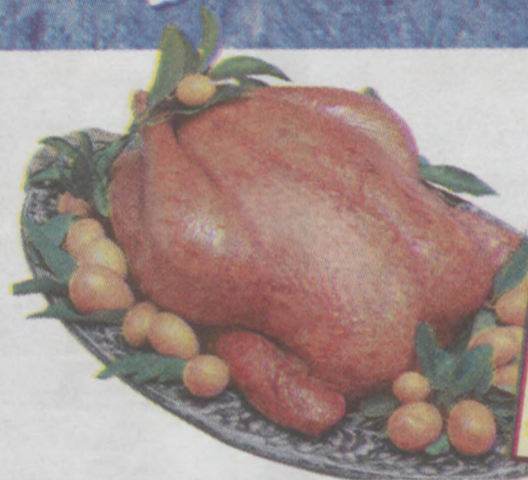
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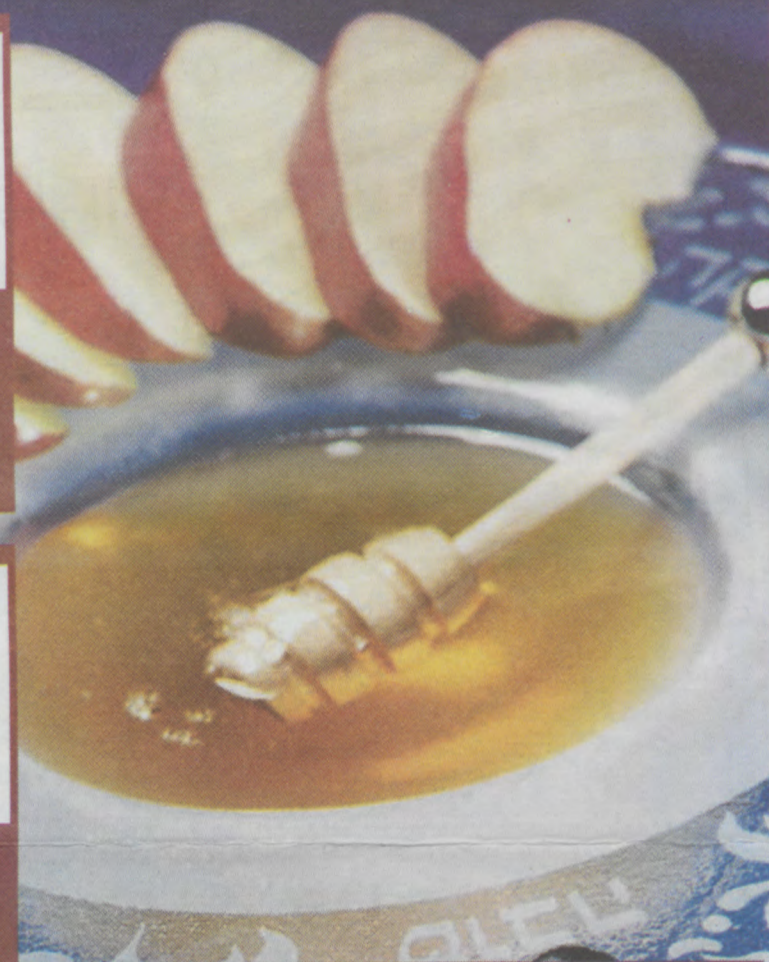
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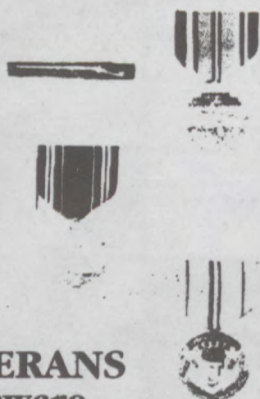
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*To all our family and friends, L' Shana Tova.*  
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*Many wishes for a happy, healthy and safe New Year.*  
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*L' Shana Tova to our family and friends.*  
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*Wish a happy and healthy New Year to all.*  
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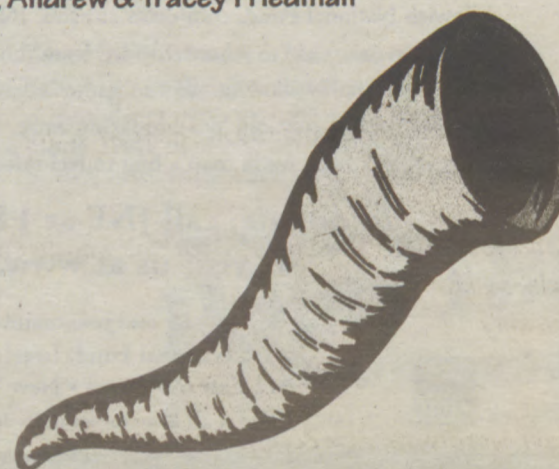
*May we all live to see peace in the Middle East in the New Year.*  
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*L' Shana Tova.*  
Allen, Karen, Andrew & Tracey Friedman





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*L' Shana Tova to a wonderful community.*

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*Wishing everyone health and happiness in the New Year.*

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*L' Shana Tova and Toda Rabah to the JCC for the wonderful welcome to our visiting Israeli family.*

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*L' Shana Tova.*

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*Wishing our family and friends a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.*

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*Best wishes for the New Year.*

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*Happy New Year.*

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*Best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year.*

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*L' Shana Tova umitukah.*

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*Happy New Year to our friends and family.*

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*New Year's Greetings.*

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*L' Shana Tova.*

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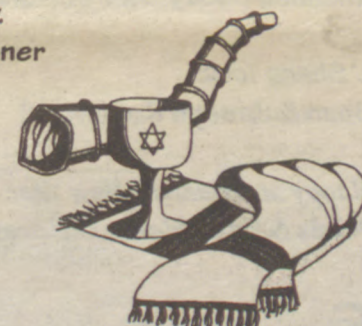
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*May we have a year of peace and fulfillment.*

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*A sweet and happy New Year to all.*  
Leslie, Jim, Mike & Craig Newman

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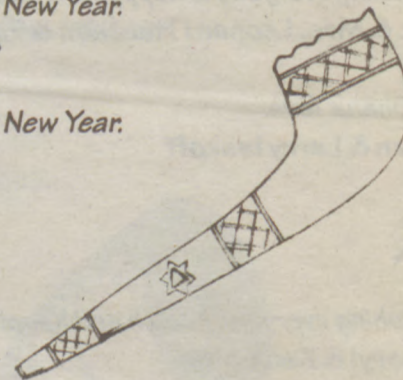
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*L' Shana Tova!*  
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# MATTER OF OPINION

## Israel's Twice-A-Year Jews

By Nechemia Meyers

Next week Israeli synagogues will be filled to overflowing, thanks in large measure to twice-a-year Jews. But unlike their counterparts in the American Jewish community, they don't leave their Jewishness behind when they leave the Beit Knesset. It accompanies them everywhere they go.

For early risers, it begins at 6:00 a.m., when the hourly newscast is always preceded by a familiar passage from the Bible: "How goodly are thy tents O Jacob, thy dwelling places O Israel."

Afterwards, in the course of the day, one frequently encounters peo-

ple whose behavior is clearly influenced by traditional Jewish customs. It is quite common for those who make a promise or talk about plans for the future to immediately add: "im yirtzeh ha'shem" (God willing). These same men and women, not all of them Orthodox, won't pass a mezuzah without kissing it.

And while the average Israeli doesn't think about it, he lives by the Jewish calendar: his weekly day of rest is Saturday, not Sunday; his important holidays are not Easter and Christmas but Passover and Chanukah; and it is Purim rather than Halloween when his children put on masks and transform themselves into cowboys or queens.

That is not to say that all the Jews in Israel accept a common definition of their Jewishness. Far from it. The nearly 50% who declare themselves to be secularists have some disagreements with the 35% of their fellow citizens who are traditional and major disagreements with the approximately 16% who are Orthodox or ultra-Orthodox.

Unfortunately, these differences are unlikely to be resolved any time soon because there is very little interaction between the various groups. Israel has several school systems for the Orthodox and the ultra-Orthodox on the one hand, and a secular school system on the other. And while there is no law mandating the

arrangement, neighborhoods are frequently separate, with special housing estates for the ultra-Orthodox and many of the Orthodox.

The forthcoming elections, which could be held as early as January if the Sharon government is dissolved, are serving to highlight the gulf between the observant and secular sections of the public. A public opinion poll just published shows that the major beneficiary of such elections is likely to be the Shinui party. Pollsters report that its Knesset delegation will be doubled (from six to 12), presumably because it is constantly criticizing the behavior of the Orthodox and ultra-Orthodox, who, the party claims, are trying to impose their

mores and lifestyle on the secular population. Also bolstering support for Shinui is the fact that the major parties have surrendered to the ultra-Orthodox demand that tens of thousands of yeshiva students continue to be exempted from military service, even at a time when Israel is fighting a de-facto war.

Hopefully these differences will be muted during the High Holidays, when many of the self-defined secularists will attend Rosh Hashana services and/or fast on Yom Kippur. But what happens afterwards depends on how much tolerance the various groups will have for one another, and tolerance is not a common commodity in this part of the world.

## Meet The New Names Of The New Year

By Carl Alpert

Haifa - Names make the news. Some make their appearance like meteors, attract vivid attention, and then disappear. Others remain on the scene and become permanent fixtures like, say, Arik Sharon or Shimon Peres. Each year at this season we take inventory of the ten new names which made their first appearance in the headlines during the past twelve months. Once listed in previous years, a name is no longer eligible for mention. Here is the past year's list, in alphabetical order.

**Esther Alon.** A senior member of the staff of the small Trade Bank, she carried out an unprecedented theft of 250 million shekels from the bank. Sharing the headlines with her was her brother, Ofer Maximov, an inveterate gambler and the ultimate recipient of the money. He was extradited from Rumania to stand trial here.

**Effie Eitam.** Despite his espousal of Orthodox Judaism, he rose high in the military ranks, achieving the rank of general. But he really made the news when he doffed his uniform, joined the National

Religious Party, and became the active head of that party.

**Dalia Itzik.** Active in the Labor Party, she became Minister of Industry and Trade in the unity government, but really cracked the headlines this year when Shimon Peres chose her to be Israel's ambassador to Great Britain despite her lack of any diplomatic experience and her reputed weak knowledge of the English language.

**Ephraim Kishon.** For decades Kishon's by-line topped some of Israel's best humor writing, but professional jealousies and his espousal

of a particular political line damped down any personal publicity, constituting almost a conspiracy of silence against him - until this year when he was awarded the prestigious Israel Prize for Life Achievement.

**David Klein.** As Governor of the Bank of Israel he has been in a position to influence the direction of Israel's economy. This influence he exercised repeatedly during the year by periodically raising or lowering the Bank's interest rate and by open assault on the policies of the Ministry of Finance.

**Michael Melchior.** Former

rabbi of the Jewish community in Oslo, Norway, he took up residence in Israel, became active in politics and was named Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, representing the Meimad Party in the unity government. He has been in the news frequently, espousing a line which seeks harmony between the religious and the secular, the nationalist and the so-called peace camp on the local scene.

**Sari Nusseibeh.** In the search for a "moderate" Palestinian leader, his name is the one most frequently

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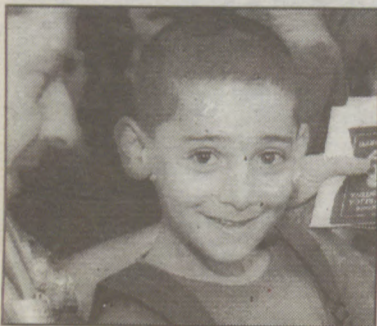
# 5762 - A YEAR IN REVIEW

## In Israel - A Year Of Terror And Turmoil

By Leslie Susser, JTA

Launched in the shadow of Sept. 11, the Jewish year 5762 was marked for Israel by two developments directly related to those terror attacks: a tightening of ties between Israel and the United States and growing American disaffection with Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat.

Shortly after the planes hit the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, many Americans said they understood how Israelis felt to live in a society threatened by terror. Aside from the immediate emotional identification between the two nations' plights, however, a larger strategic alliance developed in the ensuing months.



Despite the violence, Argentinian emigres begin new lives in the Jewish homeland.

In one of the defining policy pronouncements of his early presidency, President Bush said shortly after Sept. 11 that the international community would be divided between those who supported terrorism and those who opposed it.

Arafat ultimately came down on the wrong side, and paid the price in diplomatic ostracism. The discrediting of Arafat in American eyes was, for Israel, the most significant political development of 5762, and appreciably changed the diplomatic balance between Israel and the Palestinians.

The process of discrediting the Palestinian leader took several months. Sensing the political shift,



Terror attacks claimed 25 Israeli lives during a single weekend in December, 2001.

Arafat on Sept. 19 prudently declared a cease-fire in the intifada against Israel. If Palestinian attacks on Israel continued, he realized, he risked being branded as a sponsor of terrorism.

Although the cease-fire failed to hold even for a few days, Bush gave Arafat the benefit of the doubt and in early October formally noted America's support for the creation of a Palestinian state alongside Israel. In November, Secretary of State Colin Powell followed this up

with a major policy speech at Louisville University in which he called for an end to the intifada, an end to the Israeli presence in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, and the creation of a viable Palestinian state.

With the Palestinian terrorist onslaught continuing and even intensifying, however, American perceptions began to change.

In late November, retired Marine Gen. Anthony Zinni arrived in Israel as Powell's special envoy, charged with hammering out a cease-fire. Instead, the Palestinians greeted Zinni with a series of terror attacks that, over the course of a single weekend in early December, left 25 Israelis dead and almost 230 wounded. The attacks shattered Zinni's mission.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon held Arafat personally responsible for the attacks.

"He is directly responsible for everything that's happening," Sharon said, "and he is the great obstacle to peace and stability in the Middle East."

A few days later, after an Israeli bus was attacked outside the West Bank settlement of Immanuel on Dec. 12, killing 10 people and wounding 23, the Israeli Cabinet issued a statement declaring Arafat "no longer relevant," and severing all contact with him.

Signaling his dismay at the Palestinians, Bush temporarily recalled Zinni, but sent him back to the region in late December.

The decisive shift in Bush's attitude toward Arafat came after Israel on Jan. 3 seized the Karinea, a ship purchased by the Palestinians and laden with arms acquired in Iran. The 50-ton cargo included Katyusha rockets, mortars, anti-tank missiles, anti-tank mines, sniper rifles and other munitions.

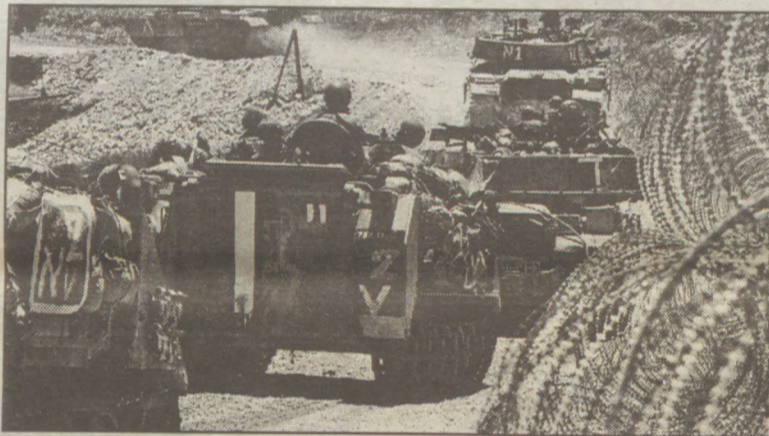
Arafat repeatedly denied any involvement, and the Americans at first were reluctant to believe that the arms had been purchased on

eral weeks later formally suspended the Zinni mission and announced that he "was disappointed in Arafat." In early February, Powell told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that Arafat "must confront terror and choose peace over violence. He cannot have it both ways."

Still, the administration stopped short of severing ties with the Palestinian leader.

After months of suicide bombings, culminating in the Park Hotel massacre in Netanya on March 27, in which 29 Israelis, mostly elderly, were killed as they sat down to a Passover meal, Israel launched Operation Protective Wall, a major ground offensive designed to crush the Palestinian terrorist infrastructure in the West Bank.

However, when the Israel Defense Force trapped Arafat in his headquarters in Ramallah, Powell crossed the army cordon to meet the Palestinian leader in an abortive attempt to broker a cease-fire.



Israeli troops invade the West Bank in an effort to control the bloodshed.

The invasion of the West Bank ended in controversial standoffs at Arafat's compound and at the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, but Israel did manage to uncover a trove of documents in Palestinian Authority offices clearly proving Arafat's personal involvement in Palestinian terror.

In early June, Sharon convinced Bush that persisting with Arafat was "a cardinal error." On June 24, in a long-awaited policy speech, the president appeared to signal the end of the Arafat era, calling on the Palestinians to elect new leaders "not compromised by terror."

The Bush speech was followed by a joint Israeli-American demand for extensive reform of Palestinian political, financial and military institutions. This was a logical outcome of the new insistence on a Palestinian leadership that could be trusted to keep a peace agreement that entailed major Israeli concessions.

For the Israelis the key demand was reform of the Palestinian security apparatus, in the hope that once this was implemented, the Palestinians would be able — and willing — to control terror.

One of the immediate implications of Arafat's gradual loss of credibility was that Israel was able to take increasingly tough countermeasures against Palestinian violence as the year progressed. When, after the Oct. 17 assassination of Tourism Minister Rehavam Ze'evi in Jerusalem, the IDF moved

ground forces into six Palestinian cities, the Americans immediately pressured Israel to withdraw.

The same thing happened soon after Operation Protective Wall was launched in the spring, though that time Sharon rebuffed Bush's call for a speedy withdrawal and kept Israeli troops in place for several weeks.

When, after another wave of terror attacks, Israel moved back into Palestinian cities in mid-July in Operation Determined Path, there was virtually no American protest.

So, too, with Israel's policy of targeted killings of known Palestinian terrorists. While at first controversial, the killings elicited less and less criticism as the year progressed — though critics argued that at times they were counterproductive.

After Israel's mid-January killing of Raed Karmi, the head of Arafat's Tanzim militia in Tulkarm and a leading instigator of attacks, Palestinians launched an unprece-

al, especially European, criticism for its handling of the intifada. Sharon was castigated in the European press for refusing to allow Arafat to attend Christmas services in Bethlehem or the Arab League summit in Beirut in late March, where Arab countries endorsed a Saudi initiative for "normal" relations with Israel in exchange for an Israeli withdrawal to its pre-1967 borders.

But the heaviest criticism came after a heated early April battle in the Jenin refugee camp, where Palestinians claimed a "massacre" had taken place with several hundred to several thousand victims. Though Israel said only some 52 Palestinians — most of them armed fighters — had been killed, the massacre claim gained credence around the world.

Israel initially agreed to allow a U.N. Security Council team come to Jenin to investigate the claims, but later reversed its stand when the U.N.'s refusal to address Israeli concerns led some to conclude that Israel was being set up for condemnation by a biased jury.

In July, a U.N. report dismissed the massacre claims, but criticized the IDF for allegedly not allowing humanitarian aid to reach Palestinians for several days.

The Jenin battle also coincided with calls throughout Europe to boycott Israeli goods and end contact with Israeli academics and other professionals. Such calls made little progress, but anti-Israel media, anti-Israel demonstrations throughout the continent and an outbreak of anti-Semitic attacks tied to the intifada showed how low Israel had fallen in Europe's estimation.

The intifada took an enormous economic toll on both Israel and the Palestinians. On the Palestinian side, economic activity ground to a halt and food supplies grew scarce when Israel imposed long curfews on Palestinian cities to curb terrorist movements.

On the Israeli side, investments dried up, GDP per capita fell by 6 percent over a two-year period, fewer than 400,000 tourists visited in the first half of 2002 and unemployment was rapidly reaching record levels of more than 10 percent. The government introduced a number of austerity programs, but failed to reinvigorate the economy or restore public confidence in its economic policies.

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## For U.S. Jews, Year Was About Terrorism

By Michael J. Jordan, JTA

Two years ago, American Jewry buzzed with talk of Jewish "continuity" and "renaissance," and fretted over intermarriage and assimilation.

Last year — already a year into the Palestinian intifada — the community wondered whether solidarity visits, street rallies or good old-fashioned fund-raising was the best way to support Israel.

It all seems so long ago.

"Off the top of my head, I would say the main story today is terrorism, terrorism and, oh yeah, terrorism," said Stephen Hoffman, the president and CEO of United Jewish Communities, the umbrella organization of North American Jewish federations. "We'd been watching its



An April 15th Israel Solidarity Rally drew more than 100,000 people to our nation's capital.

poison spreading throughout the Middle East; then when it came to our shores, it was hard to lift your eyes from it."

Following the most lethal terrorist attack ever on U.S. soil last Sept. 11, a broad Jewish communal agenda — spanning the political and religious spectrums — was shoved to the back burner.

The attention of lay members and



Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl was targeted for assassination by terrorists.

leadership turned almost exclusively to international affairs: the ongoing Israeli-Palestinian conflict, America's "war on terrorism," the upsurge in global anti-Semitism, even Argentine Jewry's plight amid the country's economic meltdown.

First and foremost, the events of Sept. 11 produced greater American appreciation for Israel's predicament — to which many Israelis said, "Now you know what it feels like."

"There is a level of anxiety about the very survival of Israel as a viable, modern society, as the wave of suicide murders literally undermine civil society," said Mortimer Zuckerman, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. "You can't live with that kind of insecurity, and people here now understand it even more."

Added Rabbi Eric Yoffie, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the umbrella of the Reform movement: "We began to see Israel not as a local conflict but in more global terms, as a struggle between democratic countries everywhere and fanatic Islam and religious fundamentalism throughout the world."

The empathy for Israel seemed to infuse and re-energize the Jewish community's advocacy on its behalf. This would help Israel garner stronger support from somewhat surprising sources: the Bush administration, conservative Republicans and evangelical Christians.

Yet Jews were immediately thrown on the defensive by the outlandish charge that the Mossad, the Israeli intelligence agency, was behind the attacks. The charge gained credence among Internet conspiracy theorists and throughout the Arab world.

A more serious image problem for pro-Israel advocates was the question many Americans asked after Sept. 11: "Why do they hate us?"

The media dutifully put the question to local Arab-American leaders, who responded — often unchallenged — that the Arab world's hatred of America was derived, in large part, from perceived U.S. support for Israel at the expense of the Palestinians.

Some American analysts and pundits, desperate to assign blame for the catastrophe, went along with it.

Trying to pin it on Israel, though, was not enough to stave off a frenzy of attacks, both verbal and physical, against Arab- and Muslim-American individuals, shops and mosques nationwide. One Sikh man, mistaken for an Arab, was murdered.

A dragnet by U.S. immigration and police officers ensnared some 1,200 of Arab-looking residents. In the process, it also scooped up some 60 Israelis on visa violations, many of whom subsequently were deported.

The roundup triggered a debate that would continue all year in the Jewish community and the society at large: How to strike a balance between enhanced security and protection of civil liberties?

"The war on terrorism is confronting some pretty important civil rights and liberties issues the Jewish community has championed for decades," said Hannah Rosenthal, executive director of the Jewish Council for Public Affairs. "Where do you draw the line between people's right to live in freedom? You have to constantly remember that we can't protect or defend our values as Americans, and as Jews, by subverting those very values."

Despite the clampdown, many American Jews still felt insecure. American security was one thing, Jewish security quite another.

In late September, Al-Qaida reportedly faxed a statement to Pakistani news organizations in which it warned, "Wherever there are Americans and Jews, they will be targeted."

Then came the anthrax scares.

They generally targeted the media, but Jewish institutions were on alert. In October, anthrax spores



The Bush administration made history in calling for Yasser Arafat to step down as PLO chairman.

were found in the Manhattan offices of New York Gov. George Pataki, prompting a check for contamination in the numerous Jewish organizations that share his building.

Then there was the dramatic rise in attacks on European Jews and their institutions as Israeli-Palestinian violence intensified. This followed a wave of anti-Semitic attacks in Europe after the Palestinian intifada erupted in September 2000.

Most attacks reportedly were carried out by young Arab immigrants, but Jews were startled and distressed by the failure of governments, such as France's, to respond.

"I'll tell you point-blank: I have two grown daughters, and I didn't think that my kids were going to have to deal with some of the same anti-Semitism that I did as the daughter of Holocaust survivors," Rosenthal said. "It's a scary time, with people losing the ability to differentiate between a Jew, any Jew, and what's going on in Israel."

Some European pundits on the left and right brushed off charges of latent anti-Semitism. They seemed to excuse the violence by blaming it on Diaspora Jews' presumed support for Israeli actions against the Palestinians.

To some observers, however, that smacked of an age-old canard: that Jews themselves are the cause of anti-Semitism.

Closer to home, American Jews went back on alert in late June when the FBI warned Jewish organizations that Al-Qaida might be planning to assault Jewish institutions with gasoline tankers.

The warning wasn't taken lightly, as Al-Qaida had claimed responsibility for an April 11 attack on the Tunisian island of Djerba in which a fuel truck rammed a centuries-old synagogue, killing 21 people.

Jewish facilities reinforced their security.

American Jews would be rattled once more during the year: On July 4, an Egyptian man and longtime U.S. resident walked up to the El Al ticket counter at Los Angeles International Airport and shot and

killed a clerk and passenger.

The FBI declined to brand it terrorism, but Israel said it had no doubt.

Many American Jews nodded in agreement; they now felt they, too, recognized the face of terrorism.

Indeed, the events of Sept. 11 gave rise to a new rallying cry for pro-Israel supporters: "Israel and

Jewish activism was the April 15 rally in Washington. It drew some 100,000 Jews from around the country to deliver a message of solidarity with Israel to both Jerusalem and Washington.

Organized in less than a week, it was the largest Jewish demonstration since 1987.

Jewish activism and events on the ground seemed to make an impression: The Bush administration came to align itself more and more with Sharon's policies.

This came despite Bush's call for a two-state solution and his explicit reference to "Palestine," a first for a U.S. president. The White House also issued occasional criticism of Israeli actions, such as the April battle in the Jenin refugee camp — a nest of Palestinian terrorists — in which some 50 Palestinians died, or the July bombing of Hamas terrorist leader Salah Shehadeh, which also killed 14 civilians.

Jewish leaders were relieved and delighted when Bush on June 24 took the "historic" step of calling for the replacement of Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat and democratization of the Palestinian Authority.

"To me, the single most important event of the year is the unbelievable friendliness and affinity of President Bush and the major part of his administration toward Israel and the Jewish state," said Dr. Mandell Ganchrow, executive vice president of the Religious Zionists of America and former president of the Orthodox Union. "He looks at the issue of suicide bombers with a vision of what's moral and immoral, and acts on it. He has done what's right



Two kindred spirits in the fight against terrorism — former NYC Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon.

Israel was prevailing on the opinion pages and among commentators.

Undaunted, Jewish activists lobbied elected representatives, took to the airwaves and did battle on college campuses — often against Arab and Muslim students, sometimes against left-wing Jewish students and faculty.

Israel supporters also put their money where their mouths were: The UJC announced it raised \$303 million specifically for Israel during the year, including \$213 million since the launch of an emergency campaign on April 8, Hoffman said. In addition, some 30 percent of the \$860 million raised during UJC's annual fund-raising campaign went toward Israel.

But the crowning achievement of

for Israel."

Zuckerman was more surprised.

"That an American president, whether you agree with him or not politically, had the political will to be as clear and outspoken both on moral and political grounds, is unprecedented," he said.

While mainstream Jewry reveled in Washington's support for Israel, Jews more critical of Israel's policies felt their voices were being muzzled. By summer's end, however, the Jewish left appeared to be gaining strength.

Their dissent was felt primarily through newspaper ads and petitions circulated via e-mail, demanding Israel "end its occupation."

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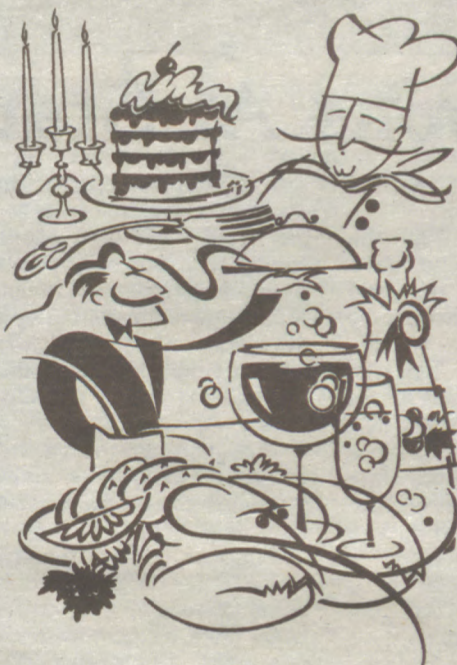
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## BEHIND THE HEADLINES

### Report Looks At Status Of Old City

By Gil Sedan

Since the intifada began two years ago, Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert had boasted that Arab residents of eastern Jerusalem had opted to stay out of the violence for fear of losing Israeli social service benefits.

With the recent arrest of an eastern Jerusalem terrorist cell deemed responsible for several recent attacks—including the July 31 bombing of a Hebrew University cafeteria that killed nine people—Israelis were left asking: Arabs in eastern Jerusalem, too?

The discovery of the cell nearly coincided with a survey by the prestigious Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies. The survey reported alarming figures concerning the standard of living in Jerusalem's Old City and raised questions about 35 years of Israeli rule in eastern Jerusalem.

Unlike Israeli Arabs, most Arab residents of eastern Jerusalem who came under Israeli rule following the 1967 Six-Day War do not carry Israeli citizenship. They are not entitled to Israeli passports, are not entitled to vote and cannot be elected to national bodies.

They are eligible to vote in municipal elections, though most choose not to—with help from Palestinian groups—so as not to legitimize Israeli rule in the city.

Still, they do have Israeli identity cards, which allow them free movement throughout Israel and relatively free movement in and out of the West Bank—freedom that the terrorist gang allegedly put to bloody use.

Most importantly, Arabs in eastern Jerusalem are entitled to the range of social benefits available to all Israelis, such as national health insurance, unemployment payments, minimum wage benefits, child allowances and other social security benefits.

It was access to such services that Olmert figured would deter residents of eastern Jerusalem from joining the Palestinian campaign of terror—a calculation that authorities now say was tragically wrong.

True, the level of terrorism emanating from eastern Jerusalem has been low in comparison with terrorism from the adjacent West Bank. Though far fewer Israelis and tourists visit the Old City today than in past years, very few hostile acts have been carried out against those who do come.

But the hatred is still there. The eyes of the frustrated merchants sitting in front of their empty souvenir stalls on David Street in the Old City tell all.

The merchants look at the few Israelis who dare to enter the Old City walls—mostly religious Jews on their way to the Western Wall or other sites in the Jewish Quarter—with sad and angry eyes.

"Why don't you understand? We don't want you here," said tour guide Ali Jadda, who spent 17 years in Israeli jails for throwing a grenade in the western part of the city, wounding nine Israelis. "You are welcome as tourists, but as occupiers you are not wanted here."

That is the story in a nutshell:

Many Jerusalem Arabs see the Jews as occupiers.

"One should not forget the facts: It is us who came to them; they did not come to us," said Meron Benvenisti, a former deputy mayor of Jerusalem.

In Israel's 1948 War of Independence, Arab soldiers forced the Jews from the Old City's Jewish Quarter, ending a presence dating back centuries. In the ensuing 20 years of Jordanian occupation, evidence of Jewish history was systematically destroyed.

In 1967, after it was attacked by Jordan, Israel conquered the Jewish Quarter and the other parts of eastern Jerusalem.

The conquered parts were annexed to Israel, but—fearful of changing the country's demographic balance—the inhabitants were not offered citizenship.

Thus, just as the Arabs do not want the Jews in Jerusalem, many would say that the Israeli authorities do not regard the city's 220,000 Arabs as equal partners.

The Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies report showed the poor living situation in the Old City.

With some 280 people per acre, the Old City is one of the most crowded places on earth. The population has grown rapidly since the unification of the city in 1967,

both due to natural growth and the illegal immigration of Arabs from the West Bank who wanted to enjoy Israeli social service benefits.

Israeli authorities could not cope with the phenomenon: They lacked the space, budget and tools to provide the Arab population with modern housing inside the Old City walls.

Providing alternative housing would be too costly—and would go against the Palestinians' nationalist credo.

Suppose the government offered you a decent sum to build a home elsewhere? a reporter asked Umm Raed, a stocky woman in her 40s, who covers her hair with a traditional headscarf and lives in a shabby flat in the Old City's Muslim Quarter.

"You mean, bribe us to get out of here," she responded angrily. "We will never get out of here."

The result: An increasing number of illegal construction, with rooms crowding on top of each other and basements turned into living quarters. Some 25 percent of the flats in the Muslim Quarter have no shower, and a number of families often will share the same toilet.

Some Jewish families also are moving into the Muslim Quarter, living in homes purchased from Arab owners in roundabout ways.

Under the guidance of the Ateret Cohanim settlers' organization, these Jews hope one day to outnumber Arabs in the Old City.

The Jewish families live under heavy protection: Surveillance cameras transmit images of people approaching the Jewish residences to Old City police headquarters, and armed guards respond to knocks on the doors.

Some 6,000 families, or about 35,000 people, live in the Old City. Sixty-eight percent of them are Muslims, 24 percent Christians and 8 percent Jews.

Unlike the Muslims and Jews, the Christians are eager to leave, often emigrating overseas.

Umm Raed, who suffers from diabetes, receives regular unemployment allowance from the Israeli government. That's enough of an incentive to make sure none of her nine children join Hamas.

But, given the heavily politicized atmosphere and the incitement by Palestinian Authority agents, economic incentives aren't enough to win Israel much loyalty from Jerusalem's Arabs.

The seizure of the terrorist gang is unlikely to change political views about the fate of eastern Jerusalem.

Critics of the government, like Benvenisti, say the most Israel can hope for is to keep the situation

under control.

Hawks like Internal Security Minister Uzi Landau and his deputy, Gideon Ezra, say the cell's capture shows that anti-Israel feelings are endemic in the Palestinian population, regardless of their social and economic condition. The fact that the cell members received Israeli social benefits and worked in Israel proves it is not poverty that causes terrorism, they say.

Some are looking beyond last week's news to possible political solutions. The Jerusalem Institute study points at eight alternative solutions to the conflict over Jerusalem.

Ruth Lapidot, a law professor who chaired the report team, prefers one of the alternatives: Both Israel and the Palestinians relinquish sovereignty claims in the Old City and try to reach a functional agreement on running the holy area.

Israel has been open to various compromise proposals, but the Palestinian Authority insists on full sovereignty over all Arab neighborhoods and denies that the Jews have any connection to the Temple Mount, the Old City's crown jewel and the holiest site in Judaism.

With such lofty claims to the city at stake, it may be no surprise that residents' earthly concerns often are neglected.



The Arab neighborhood of Silwan in eastern Jerusalem, bottom right, where a cell of Israeli Arab Hamas terrorists had been operating, is not far from Hebrew University, top right, where the cell set off a deadly bomb July 31. Credit: Brian Hendler/JTA

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## PERSPECTIVES

## More People Seek Career As Rabbis

By Max Heuer

After Sept. 11, Matthew Reimer decided to keep a journal of his thoughts and experiences while applying to the Reform movement's rabbinical school. He remembers one of his entries vividly.

In it, he describes a "yearning" to sit with his fellow congregants to celebrate the High Holidays in the weeks after the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon.

Reimer, 27, says he was "looking forward to being part of a community." After the attacks, "you could feel it — everyone was paying attention a little more, saying the prayers a little louder."

After working as a paralegal at a large, corporate law firm for two and a half years, he says he decided to apply to Hebrew Union College's rabbinical school in February 2001.

Even prior to the attacks, he was looking for "a real sense of self-fulfillment," something that he couldn't find at his job, he says.

Since the attacks, Reimer's resolve has only strengthened.

Starting this fall, despite ongoing violence in Israel and the West Bank, he will study for a year in Israel — the start of a five-year program with Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, the Reform movement's rabbinical school.

Reimer's turn to the rabbinate as a second career is part of a trend that

began several years ago, as students junked careers in other fields as part of a search for meaning.

At the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary at Yeshiva University, an Orthodox rabbinical school, enrollment has grown 50 percent during the past decade — from 200 10 years ago to 300 today, according to Rabbi Chaim Bronstein, an official at the school.

But after Sept. 11, interest in attending rabbinical schools around the country spiked in almost every denomination, while enrollment has grown in several sectors.

The change is most startling at the Academy for Jewish Religion, a nondenominational school based in the Bronx, which has seen an unprecedented increase in interest over the past year.

An estimated 40 new applicants and 60 inquiries have flooded the school, which currently has fewer than 100 students enrolled.

This year there has been a 20 percent increase in enrollment at HUC, a number that has not been rivaled for more than 20 years, says Jean Rosensaft, a spokeswoman for the school.

And even Y.U.'s number is a record, Bronstein says, although he says it is not a result of Sept. 11.

Officials at Conservative and Reconstructionist seminaries say they have had more interest since Sept. 11, but not necessarily more applications or a higher enrollment.

Of course, many students enrolling to become cantors or rabbis — whether as a first or second career — have been thinking about it since before the tragic events of Sept. 11.

But there's little doubt that political events affect these very personal decisions.

Adina Newberg, an associate professor at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College outside Philadelphia, recently interviewed second-career rabbinical students in Israel — and has also conducted extensive research in the United States.

"People who start to study religious texts, who are not necessarily very religious, said events like the war in Lebanon and Rabin's assassination were a major part of why they decided they need to do it," she says about those Israelis she had interviewed.

"I would not be surprised if it would be the same" for American students, but "Sept. 11 cannot be divorced from the effects of the second intifada," she says.

For Daniel Septimus, a 24-year-old from Bellaire, Texas, Sept. 11 "definitely had influence" on his decision to enroll at HUC.

"It made me think about what's going on in the world," he says, "and made me feel closer to Israel. 9/11 made me think that even America is not completely safe, which I never had before."

For many of those motivated by

Sept. 11 — like many others who are becoming rabbis or cantors for second careers — there are many obstacles.

Prerequisite courses to boost one's knowledge of Hebrew is one of the hurdles — and many students have families and almost every school includes a year of study in Israel, although seminaries allow students to apply for exemptions. HUC, one of the last to require the year, recently waived that rule because of ongoing violence in Israel.

Debra Rappaport, 38, a second-year student at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, spent a year taking preparatory classes in Hebrew simply to be able to begin her study at the Philadelphia-area school.

In addition, some parents find themselves back in college, at the same time they have to finance their children's higher education.

"The biggest issue for us is that we're a full-time, five- to six-year program. It's not so much about the school's policy, it's about are they in a position to move, pay, etc.," says Rabbi Stephanie Dickstein, assistant dean and director of admissions at the Conservative movement's Jewish Theological Seminary.

The demanding time and monetary constraints help explain recent changes in schools aimed at this new class of students, including part-time programs.

Despite such obstacles, second-career rabbinical candidates come

from almost every professional field.

"Congregations want accomplished people with enormous life experience and enormous talents. The second career students have been, among other things, doctors, lawyers, authors and educators," says Rabbi Cherie Koller-Fox, interim president at the Academy for Jewish Religion.

Some second-career cantorial students have sung in operas, Broadway musicals and at nightclubs, she says.

Some cite a steady increase in second career rabbis over the past decade as a response to a shortage of rabbis in congregations.

For many rabbis, working in the congregation is "becoming better known as a stressful career," where people "don't make a whole lot of money," says Rabbi Philip Bentley, a former dean of admissions and student life at the Academy of Jewish Religion.

For people pursuing it as a second career, they say, "I've made my money and now I want to express some of my principles and beliefs," he says.

And if early returns are any example, these numbers are likely to increase even further.

Says Reimer, who is off to Israel for his first year of HUC: "Post 9/11, it's safe to say" he and his future classmates "did a self-examination, and said this all of a sudden seems a little more important."

## Sept. 11 Forced U.S. Shift Toward Israel

By Matthew E. Berger, JTA

It was only a day after the Twin Towers had fallen, and already it seemed that United States policy toward Israel was changing.

Walking into a packed briefing room on Sept. 12, Secretary of State Colin Powell outlined America's intention to retaliate against Osama bin Laden and the Al-Qaida terrorist group and head off the threat of subsequent attacks.

"I think when you are attacked by a terrorist and you know who the terrorist is and you can fingerprint back to the cause of the terror, you should respond," Powell said. "If you are able to stop terrorist attacks, you should stop terrorist attacks."

Many pro-Israel activists hoped those words, along with countless other utterances in the weeks and months that followed, would force the United States to drop its "even-handed" approach toward the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Israeli policies like targeted killings of terrorists and military incursions into Palestinian areas, which once brought rebukes from the United States, seemed to be little different to the pro-Israel community from what American forces were doing in Afghanistan — and Israel's supporters hoped the similarities would be noticed.

Almost a year later, analysts say they believe the United States has noticed: It is increasingly empathetic to Israel's plight in the face of Palestinian terror, and U.S. policy has shifted substantially.

But it was not a knee-jerk reac-

tion, analysts say.

"The government went through an evolution," said Daniel Pipes, director of the Middle East Forum, a Philadelphia-based think tank.

After the initial empathy toward Israel, the Bush White House began to broaden its view of the war on terrorism and considered an attack against Iraq. The need for Arab support was seen as crucial to the effort, and there was concern that Israeli concessions to the Palestinians would be demanded as an enticement to Arab states to join a coalition to remove Iraqi President Saddam Hussein from power.

For several months, pressure grew on Israel to drop its insistence that Palestinian violence end before peace talks could resume, and the Bush administration began to speak openly about a future Palestinian state.

All that was necessary, it appeared, was for Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat to take some steps against terrorism — or at least appear to do so — for the ball to be placed firmly in Israel's court.

"In the immediate aftermath of 9/11, there developed an unexpected opening for U.S. influence on the Palestinians to end their terrorism," said Henry Siegman, senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York.

But Arafat, misreading the new geostrategic map, gambled that he could continue sponsoring terrorism without sacrificing American support — and miscalculated badly.

The turning point came in

January, when Arafat baldly lied to the Bush administration about his ties to a shipment of 50 tons of forbidden weapons from Iran, a charter member of President Bush's "Axis of Evil."

The Bush administration found that, in any case, it would not have Arab support for its actions in Iraq. Bush vowed to go into Iraq alone if necessary, reducing the importance of the Israeli-Palestinian as a factor in American planning.

"The Arab leverage is much reduced because they are not on board and are not about to be," Pipes said. "Earlier attempts to win their approval have ended, and one sees a much tougher-minded Arab policy."

The new U.S. perspective has been one of increasing empathy and tolerance for Israeli self-defense tactics. Much of the change coincided with a rash of suicide bombings around the Passover holiday in late March, including one at a seder in Netanya that killed 29 Israelis, including elderly Holocaust survivors.

"I think the Passover bombing was suddenly viewed as something more comparable to the Twin Towers," said Lenny Ben-David, a former Israeli diplomat. "That probably cemented American attitudes toward Israel."

Before the Sept. 11 attacks, Ben-David said, there was a reluctance to draw parallels between Israel and the United States, but that has since vanished. Today, he says, there is an increased realization that "the friend of my enemy is my enemy, too."

Looking around the Middle East, America saw few real friends aside from Israel.

In the eyes of the American public and government, skepticism has grown about the Arab states' true allegiances.

Ben-David said the most significant change since the Sept. 11 attacks is the new scrutiny given to radical Muslim groups.

"Before 9/11 people discounted what was being said in the Muslim world," he said. "Osama bin Laden was threatening for several years and no one took it seriously. Arafat was threatening and people didn't take it seriously."

American frustration with the actions of the Palestinians and Arafat has grown.

"I always felt that the Palestinians play a tremendous role in affecting the U.S.-Israeli relationship," one American Jewish leader said. "Arafat's complicity in terror is an often overlooked variable."

Many were startled by the scenes of Palestinians dancing in the streets after the World Trade Center collapsed. But it was the arms shipment from Iran that placed the Palestinian leadership squarely in the category of a friend of terrorism, in the minds of the Bush administration.

Presumed links between Saudi Arabia and Palestinian terrorist groups, and between Arafat and Saddam Hussein, also helped place the Palestinians on the wrong side of Bush's "you're either with us or against us" equation.

In contrast, the past year has seen greater U.S. reliance on Israel.

So often the beneficiary of the U.S.-Israeli alliance, Israel was able to give the United States advice and resources on the new challenges America faced in the post-Sept. 11 world, such as airline and homeland security and information on the terrorist infrastructure.

Analysts also say that the shift toward Iraq as a target has solidified U.S. attitudes toward Israel.

"When the United States went after Osama bin Laden in Afghanistan, Israel was a problem," Ben-David said. "For the United States to go after Saddam Hussein, Israel is not the same problem."

But with the Bush administration divided on the wisdom of attacking Iraq, some voices still believe the United States should be courting Arab support.

"There's constantly a need to respond to Arab pressure," Siegman said. "Every so often, it will produce a White House statement of support."

By and large, however, administration hawks who advocate regime change in Iraq are winning the president's ear, and there has been less open courting of Arab leaders.

Hypothetical questions remain as to whether U.S. policy toward Israel and the Middle East would have evolved as it did regardless of Sept. 11, given the intensification of the Palestinian terror onslaught.

But analysts say that Sept. 11 focused the Bush administration's foreign policy.

"We tend to forget that prior to Sept. 11, the administration was simply uninvolved" in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, Siegman said.



# HOLIDAY PERSPECTIVES

## Rosh Hashanah Reflections -

## Helping One: Helping Hundreds

By Joel F. Glazier

5762 has been a unique year, for reasons which make so many of the other years pale. Rosh Hashanah 5762 was a time when many had the additional thoughts, and the then very recent images of the attacks on The World Trade Center and Pentagon. The year continued with steady assaults of homicide bombers against Jews in Israel and assaults on Jewish people, beliefs and institutions in Europe and other parts of the world. This year as the anniversary of "9/11" occurs during the Ten Days of Repentance, some reflection of events which continue to occur present a more positive perspective from the past year.

### Freedom in North Dakota

North Dakota is one of the few American states that often has no full time rabbi in residence. With a population less than Delaware's but a size that could accommodate almost 30 of our small wonders, North Dakota during the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century did have vibrant Jewish communities in Fargo, Grand Forks, and capital Bismarck. Amid this agricultural state, Jewish owned retail businesses could be found along the main streets in the state's few large cities. Also many German sounding names are sprinkled among the restaurants and menu selections in this northern prairie state.

A summer visit took me to North Dakota. When I spotted an empty storefront with the electric sign reading Straus Clothiers in picturesque Valley City, I could not be sure, was it German or Jewish in its history? I learned it was both. An amazing story of a German Jewish emigrant was directly related to this name—a name, which in North Dakota history has been referred to as a moral giant by some in this vastly non-Jewish state.

One active shul remains in Fargo, the state's largest city. During the summer months, when the area's college student population disappears, so does the permanent Reform rabbi of Temple Beth El. Nearby in the same tree lined neighborhood is the now closed and empty Orthodox Hebrew Congregation of Fargo. Like many small communities, Fargo's Beth El holds only Friday night services during the summer month, with an acting rabbi to lead the egalitarian minyan.

"You're the only one here I don't know", I was told after a Shabbat service.

I had entered, participated and along with the older man who addressed me, said Kaddish on that hot June evening. After some conversation over cookies and wine about my interest in Jewish communities in different locations, I was invited by Mr. Ed Stern for breakfast the next morning at his home in a very new, large, and beautiful senior living complex. He had never met anyone from Delaware even though he had studied at the University of Pennsylvania in the 1940's.

Mr. Stern went on to tell me on that memorable Shabbat morning about his late father, Herman. At the time of the elder Stern's death at the age of 92, he still mourned the fact that he was unable to get two of his

brothers out of their native Germany during the 1930's. Yet, his son recalls, Herman Stern was successful in saving many other Jews from uncertain futures in Eastern Europe. "One hundred twenty five people owed their lives to my father, as he was responsible for bringing them to North Dakota during the 1930's." Living in the small house in Valley City, got very, very crowded at times, remembered Ed Stern, but never once did he ever hear his father complain.

"I myself remembered all these people eating our food, and using up our hot water, but then I did not fully understand what my father was doing," commented a smiling Ed Stern. This also was during The Depression in America, including Valley City, North Dakota.

Herman Stern saw to the legal and safe entry of 125 German Jews, some of whom were related, some strangers, to North Dakota. Remarkably, through his standing as a reputable and successful businessman, his word and efforts demanded the attention of government officials. Unexpectedly, this included the isolationist U.S. Senator from North Dakota, Gerald Nye. Nye, in correspondences, persisted on behalf of a man well respected and one for whom the government red tape and immigration quotas of the 30's were very unfamiliar. The American Consul in Stuttgart Germany was to be hounded and pressured regularly by literally thousands of kind letters from Herman Stern and his Senator Gerald Nye, until over 100 German Jews were allowed to leave planned persecution and death to go to North America. Mr. Stern's private life and business finances were to become an open book, as he had to vouch for the economic upkeep of 125 German refugees.

"Maybe more Jews around Stuttgart, Germany knew of Herman Stern and his efforts, than did people in North Dakota," noted Terry L. Shoptaugh, writer for the North Dakota History Journal. Stern never boasted of his efforts, but son Ed, remembers his father putting business aside many days, as he worked 15 hours a day writing letters, issuing affidavits of financial support and contacting Senator Nye, who had been a clothing customer of Stern's before going off to Washington. Nye's reputation was noted for his strong isolationist views prior to World War II.

When Herman Stern died in 1980, he was remembered as a successful businessman, but few knew then of his activities on behalf of Jewish refugees. Not much is known generally about the reactions of Jews or Gentiles in the rural West to the Nazi persecution of the Jewish population of Europe. Many of those he helped remained in touch with Stern as they moved throughout The West. When son Ed, now retired from the clothing business, once asked his father how much the whole effort of affidavits, loans, travel, etc. had cost, Herman, replied, "They didn't owe me anything." Actually many may have owed their lives to the humble Jewish businessman in North Dakota.

I was privileged to meet the son,

Ed, on the Yahrtzeit date of his father, Herman. The Jews of Fargo today probably had not traveled as far as 125 such Jews had just 60 years earlier.

### Being Vouched for in England

The Moresque style Princes Road Synagogue in Liverpool England is a historically registered building. Many consider it one of the 3 most beautiful shuls in all of the United Kingdom the other two being in London. Its membership has dwindled since the days of its consecration in 1874 but it still operates as a full service Jewish shul.

During a Pesach visit in the northern English city of Liverpool, I followed the Jewish community's nice "Jewish Heritage Trail" pamphlet and found the Princes Road Synagogue. This last day of Pesach, 5762, was a Yizkor day. As visitors to European synagogues know, presenting a passport is often a requirement for entering, due to security concerns, which we in America cannot really appreciate. This time, however, a passport was not enough for admission for Yizkor and Yom Tov Services. This year, the "intifadah" was raging and attacks on European shuls made admission difficult.

"But we don't know you and you don't know anyone in this congregation," I was told by a congregation

security group at the shul's front door. I had already been searched, frisked and questioned by the pleasant but stern security committee. During this impasse, passport in hand, kippah in my jacket pocket, and Yizkor request repeated, a jolly looking gentlemen was entering the property.

"Are you a visitor?", he asked me in a weak sounding English accent. "Where are you from?" Again I explained Wilmington, Delaware and that even though I had Jewish friends in London, I had none in Liverpool. "Do you live near Route 13 and the chicken farms?", asked the smiling character.

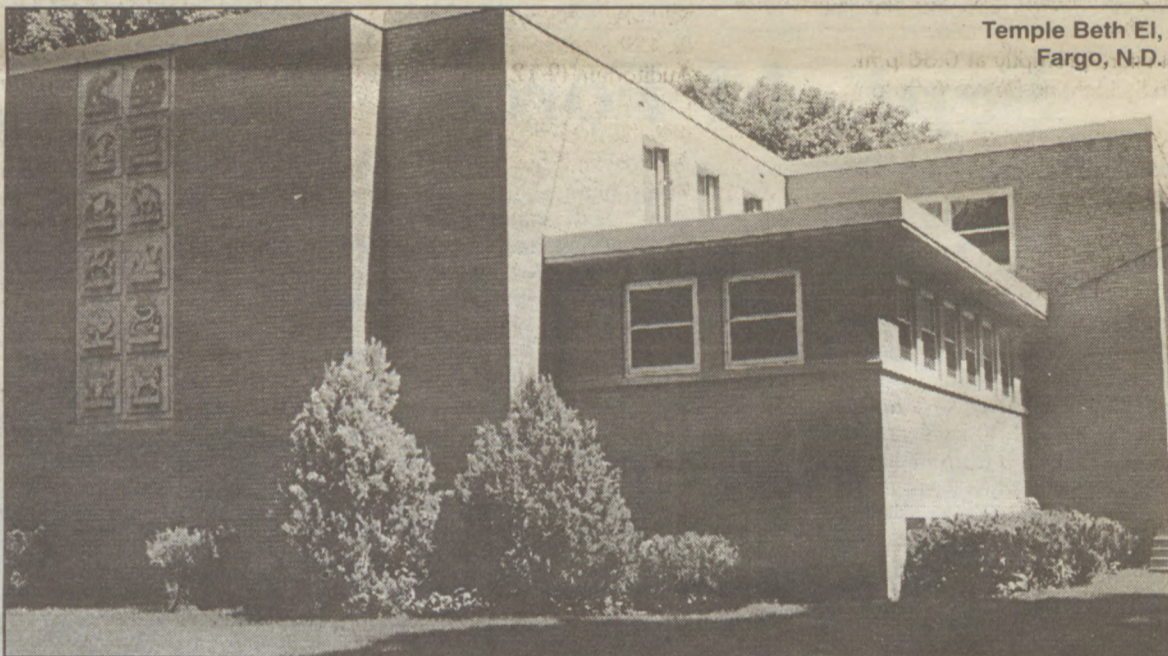
He was a native of Portsmouth, Virginia and had moved from there 30 years ago. His career had taken him from Virginia to Israel and now for 10 years in Liverpool. "Hey, I had an uncle who ran a business in nearby Hampton, Virginia all those years ago," I explained. After some small talk, the newly English Gentlemen said, "Let him come in, I will vouch for him—I knew his uncle's business." "But you don't know him," warned the conscientious security committee. "He will sit next to me, I vouch for him," was the serious answer.

I was privileged to not only to say Yizkor, but to participate fully in a

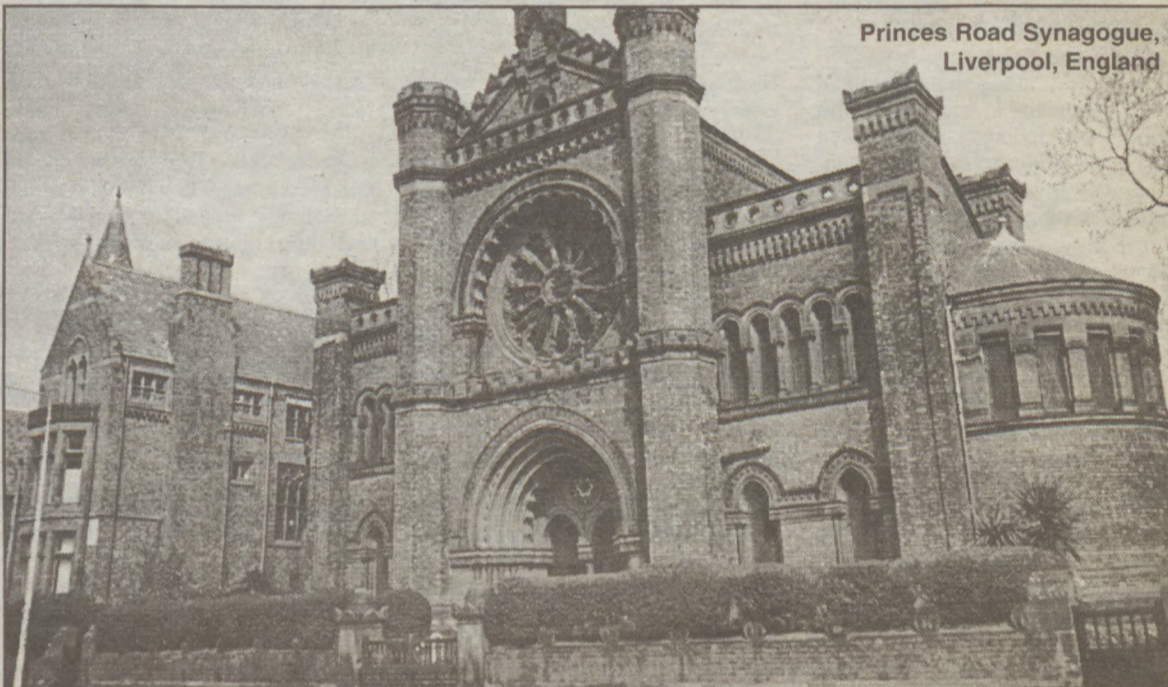
wonderful Orthodox service in a beautiful shul, with well-dressed English ladies peering down from the balcony. A Kosher for Passover Kiddush was held and I was told by the top hatted officers of the shul, "Please understand our security cautions, but we rarely get visitors here, even during the best of times." "You are most welcome here anytime, now that we know your face."

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"Ya, Fargo is far to go, you betcha," as they might say there. But as Rosh Hashanah approaches, what a place to remember as one reflects on past deeds. In the 1930's, Jewish strangers were welcomed, to a strange land. In Europe, that same decade, Jews were hiding for their lives. A small Reform Temple today welcomes all, no questions asked in the American West, while in England, only the word of a former American, allows a stranger in. What judgments are to be made for 5763? Has history changed that much in Europe? But still there were individuals whose judgments made life saving events occur and also made single decisions to effect one person.

May this season be one of healthy reflections and may 5763 be one of life saving decisions and events. *La Shana Tovah.*



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## ADAS KODESCH SHEL EMETH

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**EREV ROSH HASHANAH-Friday,**  
September 6, 2002

Mincha Service-6:45 p.m.  
Ma'ariv Service-7:00 p.m.  
Candlelighting-7:09 p.m.

**FIRST DAY ROSH HASHANAH-**  
Saturday, September 7, 2002

Birchot Hashachar-8:00 a.m.  
Shacharit-8:30 p.m.  
Torah Service-9:30 a.m.  
Sermon-11:10 a.m.  
Musaf Service-11:30 a.m.  
(Youth Services 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.)  
Mincha Service-7:30 p.m.  
Ma'ariv Service-8:00 p.m.

**SECOND DAY OF ROSH HASHANAH-**  
Sunday, September 8, 2002

Birchot Hashachar-8:00 a.m.  
Shacharit-8:30 a.m.  
Torah Service-9:30 a.m.  
Sounding of the Shofar-10:45 a.m.  
Sermon-11:10 a.m.  
Musaf Service-11:30 a.m.  
(Youth Services 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 a.m.)  
Mincha Service-6:00 p.m.  
Tashlich-6:30 p.m.  
Ma'ariv-7:45 p.m.

**EREV YOM KIPPUR, Sunday, September 15, 2002**

Kol Nidre-promptly at 6:30 p.m.  
Candle Lighting-Before 6:56 p.m.

**YOM KIPPUR MORNING, Monday,**  
September 16, 2002

Birchot Hashachar-8:00 a.m.  
Shacharit-8:30 a.m.  
Torah Service-10:00 a.m.  
Sermon-11:00 a.m.  
(Youth Services 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.)  
Yizkor Memorial Service-11:45 a.m.

**YOM KIPPUR (Afternoon and Evening)**

Musaf Service-12:30 p.m.  
Rabbi's Teach-In-3:00 p.m.  
Mincha Service-5:00 p.m.  
Remarks-6:15 p.m.  
Ne'ilah-6:30 p.m.  
Sounding of the Shofar-7:55 p.m.  
Ma'ariv Service-7:57 p.m.  
Break the Fast-8:10 p.m.

## BETH EMETH CONGREGATION

300 West Lea Blvd.  
Wilmington, DE  
764-2393

**EREV ROSH HASHANAH-Friday,**  
September 6, 7:00 p.m. and 9:15 p.m.  
**ROSH HASHANAH-Saturday, September 7**

Adult Services-8:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.  
Family and Tashlich-4:00 p.m.

**YOM KIPPUR-Sunday, September 15**  
Kol Nidre-7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.  
Monday, September 16  
Adult Service-10:00 a.m.  
Family Service-1:30 p.m.  
Afternoon Service-3:00 p.m.  
Yizkor and Neilah to Follow

## CONGREGATION BETH SHALOM

18th and Baynard Blvd.  
Wilmington, DE 19802  
654-4462



**EREV ROSH HASHANAH-Friday,**  
September 6, 2002  
8:00 p.m.

## FIRST DAY ROSH HASHANAH

Saturday, September 7-8:30 a.m.  
Jr. Congregational Service, Balick Auditorium (9-12 year olds)-11:00 a.m.  
Children's Service, Aleph Classroom (5-8 year olds)-11:00 a.m.  
Alternative Service, Leibowitz Auditorium-10:00 a.m.

Saturday afternoon, September 7-  
Mincha/Ma'ariv Services-7:00 p.m.

## SECOND DAY ROSH HASHANAH

Sunday, September 8-8:30 a.m.  
Family Service, Leibowitz Auditorium-11:30 a.m.  
Taschlich Service-1:00 p.m.

## SHABBAT SHUVAH

Friday, September 13-6:00 p.m.  
Saturday, September 14-9:30 a.m.

## YOM KIPPUR

Kol Nidre, Sunday, September 15-6:30 p.m.  
Alternative Service, Liebowitz Auditorium-6:30 p.m.

Monday, September 16-9:00 a.m.  
Yizkor, approximately-12:15 p.m.  
Jr. Congregational Service, Balick Auditorium-11:00 a.m.  
Children's Service, Aleph Classroom, 11:00 a.m.  
Alternative Service, Leibowitz Auditorium, 11:00 a.m.

Afternoon  
Mincha Service-5:15 p.m.  
Ne'ilah Service-6:45 p.m.  
Shofar Service, Ma'ariv, Havdalah-7:45 p.m.  
(Special Light Ceremony for Children)  
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**CONGREGATION BETH SHOLOM**  
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## ROSH HASHANAH

Friday, September 6-7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, September 7-9:00 a.m.; 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday, September 8-9:00 a.m.  
Tashlich-4:00 p.m.

## YOM KIPPUR

Sunday, September 15-9:30 a.m.  
Kol Nidre-6:30 p.m. Sharp  
Monday, September 16-9:00 a.m.

## CHABAD CENTER

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## Times for Services

Erev Rosh Hashanah  
7:00 PM

First & Second Day Rosh Hashanah  
Shacharit 10:00 AM  
Sounding of Shofar 12:15 PM  
Mincha and Tashlich (on Sunday) following Kiddush

Kol Nidrei - 7:00 PM  
Shacharit 10:00 AM  
Yizkor 12:30 PM  
Mincha - 5:15 PM  
Neilah - 6:45 PM

## HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES AT HILLEL

47 West Delaware Avenue  
Newark, DE 19711  
453-0479

## ROSH HASHANAH

Friday, September 6-7:00 p.m.  
Saturday, September 7-9:30 a.m.  
Sunday, September 8-9:30 a.m.

## YOM KIPPUR

Kol Nidre-Sunday, September 15-7:00 p.m.  
Monday, September 16-9:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Hillel encourages all students to attend holiday services and makes them available to all students wishing to attend. Hillel also encourages unaffiliated faculty and community to share the high holidays with the students. We also recognize that affiliated faculty and community members may wish to share the services with the students and therefore, Hillel welcomes all those who are affiliated at no charge if they have a valid ticket from their home synagogue.

Students are always admitted free of charge. Faculty not affiliated with a synagogue will be charged \$100. Individual community member not affiliated with a synagogue will be charged \$150 and may bring his or her family for an additional \$50.

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Ocean Wave Lodge Building  
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Rehoboth Beach, DE  
Information-Cheryl Fruchman: 302-227-1056

## ROSH HASHANAH

Friday, September 6, 8:00 p.m.  
Saturday, September 7, 10:00 a.m.

## YOM KIPPUR

Sunday, September 15, 7:00 p.m.  
Monday, September 16, 10:00 a.m.  
Neilah, Monday, September 16, 6:00 p.m.  
Break the Fast after concluding service.

## TEMPLE BETH EL

301 Possum Park Road  
Newark, DE 19711  
366-8330

## ROSH HASHANAH

Friday, September 6-7:30 p.m.-EREV  
ROSH HASHANAH  
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DAY ROSH HASHANAH  
(Babysitting Available)  
Saturday, September 7-9:30 a.m.-ALTER-  
NATIVE SERVICE  
Saturday, September 7-11:00 a.m. to  
12:30 p.m.-CHILDREN'S SERVICE  
Sunday, September 8-9:30 a.m.-SECOND  
DAY ROSH HASHANAH  
Sunday, September 8-4:30 p.m.-TASH-  
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## YOM KIPPUR

Sunday, September 15-7:00 p.m.-Kol  
Nidre  
(Babysitting Available)  
Monday, September 16-9:30 a.m.  
(Babysitting Available)  
Alternative Observance-9:30 a.m.  
Yizkor-Approximately 12 Noon  
Children's Services-11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
Afternoon Service-5:15 p.m.

Please call 366-8330 for ticket information.





# RECIPES FOR A SWEET NEW YEAR

## Apricot Chicken

**Submitted by: Shirley Rickey**  
Tangy, fruity chicken made in just 3 easy steps! It's great served with rice.

Servings: 6

Ingredients:

6 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves

1 1/2 (1 ounce) packages dry onion soup mix

1 (10 fluid ounce) bottle Russian-style salad dressing

1 cup apricot preserves

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).

2. Place the chicken pieces in a 4 quart casserole dish. Mix the soup mix, dressing and jam together, and pour over the chicken.

3. Cover dish and bake for 1 hour in preheated oven.

## Applesauce Noodle Kugel

**Submitted by:**

**Angela Creighton**

Low fat, and so delicious.

Servings: 12

Ingredients:

1 (16 ounce) package wide egg noodles

1 cup reduced fat margarine

1/2 cup fat free sour cream

1 1/2 cups egg substitute

2 cups white sugar

1 teaspoon lemon juice

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1/2 (16 ounce) jar applesauce

1/4 cup raisins

1/4 cup graham cracker crumbs (optional)

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon, or to taste

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Coat a 9x13 baking dish with cooking spray.

2. Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Add pasta and cook for 8 to 10 minutes or until al dente; drain.

3. Mix together margarine, sour cream, egg substitute, sugar, lemon juice, vanilla extract, and applesauce. Stir in noodles and raisins.

4. Spread graham cracker crumbs on bottom of prepared pan. Pour noodle mixture over crumbs. Sprinkle top with cinnamon.

5. Bake at 350 degrees F (175 degrees C) for 45 to 60 minutes, or until set. Cover with foil if it browns too quickly.

## Apple Spice Cake

**Submitted by: Kristin Pan**

Very moist spicy sweet cake with chunks of tender apples and raisins.

Servings: 14

Ingredients:

2 cups all-purpose flour

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1 teaspoon ground nutmeg

1 teaspoon ground allspice

1/2 teaspoon salt

1 cup butter, softened

2 cups white sugar

4 eggs

1 teaspoon baking soda

1 tablespoon warm water

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

3 apples - peeled, cored and chopped

1/2 cup raisins

1/4 cup confectioners' sugar for dusting

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Butter a 10 inch tube pan. Cover raisins with warm water, let soak for 10 minutes and then drain. Whisk together flour, spices, and salt. Set aside.

2. Cream together butter or margarine and sugar. Mix in eggs and vanilla. Stir together soda and

1 tablespoon warm water, and mix into the sugar mixture. Stir in flour mixture, apples, and strained raisins until well blended. Pour batter into prepared pan.

3. Bake for approximately 1 hour, or until a tester comes out clean. Cool in pan. Once cool, shake pan to loosen cake. Turn onto plate, and dust with confectioners' sugar.

## BREAK THE FAST IN STYLE Mark Siegel's Whitefish Salad

I particularly like this version of whitefish salad, because there is no filler in it. Mark, a political consultant who served in the Carter White House, makes it for break-the-fast as well as during the year brunches.

1 4-pound smoked whitefish

5 stalks celery, strings removed

2 cups sour cream (approximately)

3 heaping tablespoons mayonnaise

Freshly ground pepper to taste

2 tablespoons snipped fresh dill

2 tablespoons chopped parsley

Garnish: sprigs of fresh dill and/or parsley

1. Keeping the skin of the whitefish intact and the head still

attached, carefully remove the bones from the whitefish and place the meat in a mixing bowl.

2. Dice the celery and combine with the whitefish, along with 1 cup of the sour cream, the mayonnaise, and the pepper. Add the dill and parsley and as much more sour cream as is wanted.

3. Stuff the mixture back into the skin of the whitefish, remaking the shape of a fish. Garnish with additional dill and parsley.

Yield: enough for at least 10 people (D).

## Pickling Your Own Herring

The trick to pickling today is to find fresh herring or fresh salted herring. Once you've pickled it, use the herring in any favorite recipe, or just mix it as I do, with sour cream, red onion, and dill, to break the fast of Yom Kippur. It will keep for weeks.

6 Canadian herrings

1 tablespoon to 1/2 cup sugar

1 cup white vinegar or to cover

1 large onion, sliced

1 thinly sliced lemon (optional)

2 cloves

6 peppercorns

4 bay leaves

## Meet The New Names Of The New Year

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mentioned, though he endorses major planks in the Palestine Authority platform. He serves as PLO Commissioner for Jerusalem and as president of Al-Quds University in East Jerusalem.

**Silvan Shalom**, Minister of

Finance, has been the center of considerable controversy because of his revolutionary program for revision of Israel's tax laws, and his presentation of a drastically streamlined government budget for the year 2003 which, it is alleged, will have harmful effects on the lower socio-economic strata of the population.

**Anna Smashnova**, Israel's leading tennis star, has had an erratic year, winning some tournaments and being ignominiously eliminated in the first rounds of others. Her high point was reaching the rank of 16th in the world.

**Tatiana Soponova**. A native of Moscow, she was badly wounded

when she stopped her car on a road outside Moscow to remove an offensive anti-Semitic sign, which had been booby-trapped and exploded in her face. She was given medical treatment in Israel and her eyesight was restored.

The following are the ten names listed last year. How many do you

remember? Alex Averbuch, Daniel Barenboim, Mohammad Dura, Margalit Har-Shefi, Lenny Krayzelburg, Lt.-General Shaul Mofaz, Shalhevet Pass, Omri Sharon, Sallah Tarif, Lt. Roni Zuckerman.

Carl Alpert is a syndicated columnist based in Israel.

## A Year of Terror And Turmoil

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the Labor Party remained in disarray as it struggled to find a leader and many members called on the party to leave Sharon's national unity government. Defense Minister Benjamin Ben-Eliezer bested Knesset Speaker Avraham Burg in a disputed election for party chairman, but was expected to face additional opposition when Labor held yet another leadership vote in

November.

For a time it seemed that longtime Labor politico Haim Ramon would challenge Ben-Eliezer in November. In August, however, Haifa Mayor Amram Mitzna, a former general whose initial interviews suggested strongly left-wing views, emerged as a potential challenger.

More ferment was evident on the two fringes of the political spectrum. In March, the far-right National Unity-Israel, Our Home

bloc deserted the unity government because it felt Sharon was not being tough enough on Palestinian terror.

On the left, more dovish elements of the Labor Party and some leaders of the Meretz Party debated breaking away to form a new left-wing movement that would focus on social justice and seek to revive the peace process with the Palestinians.

On the religious front, the fervently Orthodox Shas Party threat-

ened to withdraw from the government in May unless Sharon met their funding demands at a time when the government was facing severe budget cuts. Unlike previous prime ministers, who largely gave in to Shas' demands, Sharon stared them down, firing the Shas ministers and allowing them back into the government only when they agreed to vote for his budget.

Yet for many Israelis, political intrigue and realignment seemed an

abstract concern in 5762; the main priority merely was to stay alive.

Some pinned their hopes on the construction of a security fence that Sharon approved in June along Israel's convoluted border with the West Bank. But others warned that in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, not even good fences would make good neighbors.

(Leslie Susser is the diplomatic correspondent for the Jerusalem Report.)

## For U.S. Jews, Year Was About Terrorism

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The movement hoped to crack the veneer of Jewish unanimity successfully projected onto Washington, which some say was done out of concern that disunity might jeopardize U.S. support and further endanger Israel.

Among U.S. Jews and their leadership, "You see signs of despair and panic all over the place, some of it with good reason," said Rabbi Brad Hirschfield, vice president of CLAL — The National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership. "But there's also a rhetoric of demise, a lot of us-versus-them language, and people running around saying it's just like Germany in 1939. It's not Germany in 1939. I think they're sincere, but scared to death."

"As the year wore on, there was less attention paid to Jewish unity and more attention paid to Jewish uniformity," Hirschfield continued. "Very few people are out there

looking for new ideas, and that's never a recipe for community vitality."

In the end, despite the extraordinary focus on terrorism and Israel, communal life — and its lingering concerns — went on almost as normal.

Few issues were shelved altogether; they only received less attention.

Rabbi Baruch Lanner, a former professional in the Orthodox Union's youth group, was convicted of sexual abuse in a case that critics said exposed the Orthodox communal leadership's insensitivity to the victims.

Meanwhile, the Orthodox community applauded the U.S. Supreme Court verdict that school vouchers — which the community had lobbied for — did not breach the constitutional barrier between church and state.

"We are not a unidimensional community," Ganchrow said. "Despite the fact that our commu-

nity grieves unbelievably for Israel, this has in no way lessened our efforts and dedication to all the things we believed in and worked for before."

Similarly, Yoffie said, "Building and strengthening our synagogues, educating our children, adult edu-

cation — those concerns are still there."

But, he added, "matters of life or death, war or peace, they take priority."

Added Hoffman: "We have a chronic problem in the Middle East, not an acute problem. Just as

the Israelis have gotten adjusted to living with it, so too we're finding that we're going to have to live with it. That doesn't mean we ignore it — we'll maintain our support and activism but you don't just put Jewish life on hold everywhere else."

## Save-the-Date Sunday, October 27

Community Capital Campaign CELEBRATION

featuring Debbie Friedman in Concert

Congregation Beth Emeth, 300 Lea Boulevard, Wilmington

3:00 p.m.

Open to the entire community

The Celebration Continues Sunday, October 27, 5:00 p.m. at the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home

For donors to the Community Capital Campaign of \$10,000 or more

Details to Follow



# Holiday Fun Page

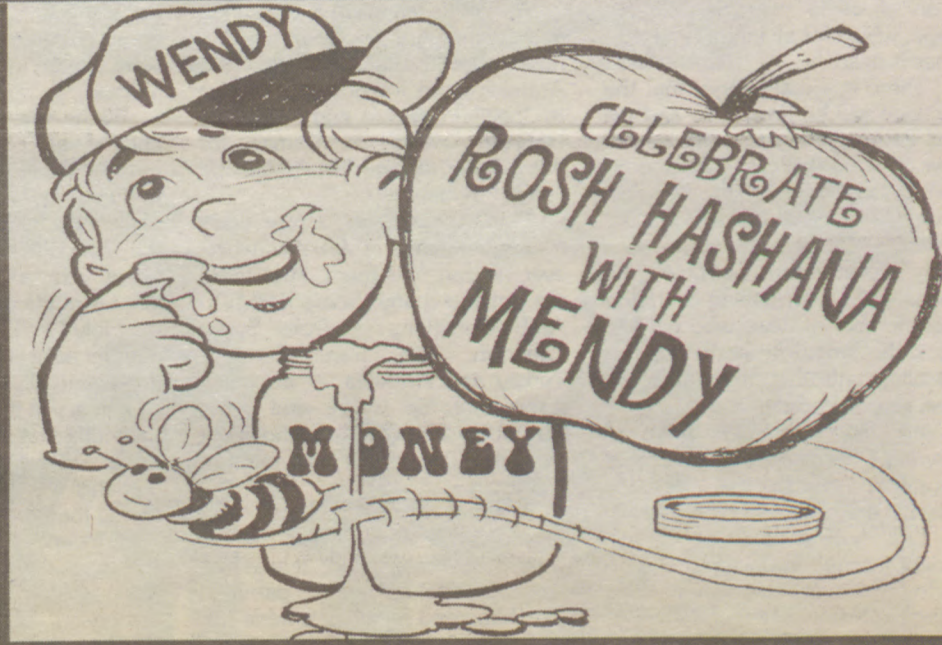
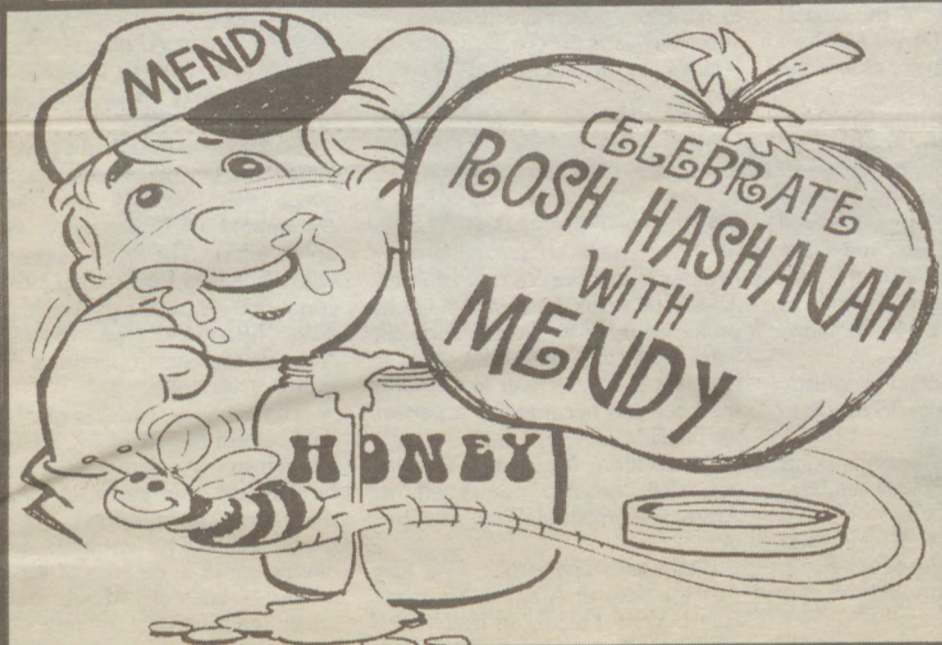


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ta-poo-ach bih-dih-vawsh

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YOU SHALL BE WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF LIFE  
tee-kuh-tay-voo bih-say-fehr ha-cha-yim

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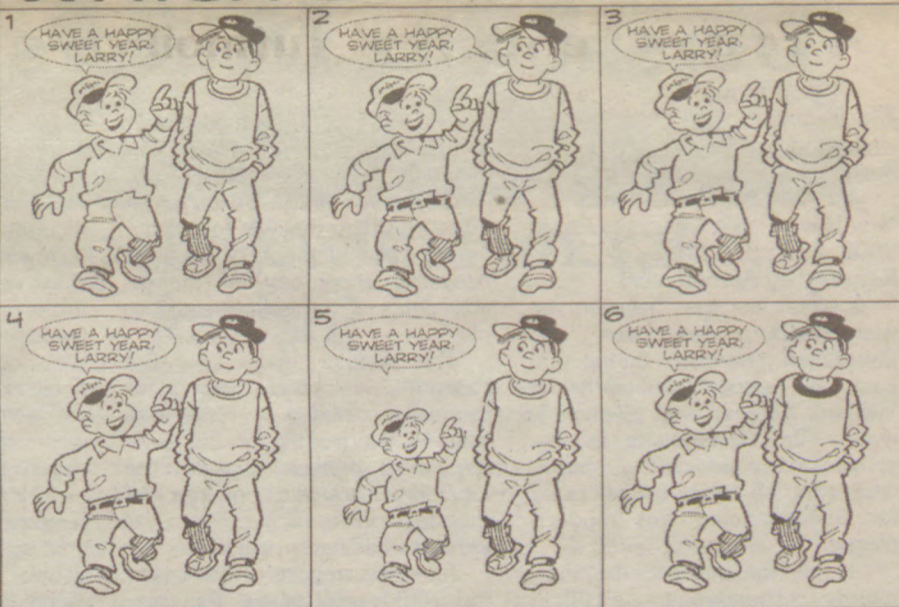


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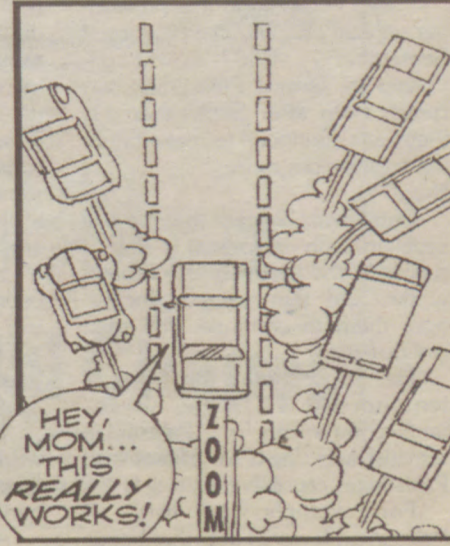
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# JEWISH ARTS AND CULTURE

## Groups Try To Revive Ancient Language

By Gil Sedan, JTA

What do these three locales have in common: a remote village in Syria; Sydney, Australia; and the Old City of Jerusalem?

The answer is: Aramaic, a dominant language in the ancient world.

Now, Jews, Christians, Arabs and others are trying to preserve the language of our sages and of Jesus.

And they are doing so not only in the Middle East. In Sydney, Christian emigrants from Syria and local academics have joined forces in an effort to preserve the language, which for all intents and purposes is dead.

"There is a real danger that the language will be forgotten, and we shall do everything possible to preserve it," said Archbishop Sewerios Malki Murad, head of the Assyrian Church in Israel, the West Bank and Jordan.

By "everything possible" he means even cooperating with the small number of Jews who used to speak the language in their native Kurdistan until they immigrated to Israel several decades ago.

Very few worshippers visit the Assyrian Church in the Old City of Jerusalem, though the Assyrians insist it's the place where Jesus held his Last Supper. The proof: An ancient inscription on the wall, dating to the fifth or sixth century C.E., telling the history of the church — in Aramaic.

However, linguistic experts such

as Hezi Mutsafi, 32, an Israeli doctoral student at Tel Aviv University and perhaps one of the most knowledgeable experts on Aramaic in the world, have little hope for the language.

"Prospects are dim, because very few people still speak the language," he says.

The language mostly is used for prayer by the Assyrian Church, which seceded from the main body of Christianity in the fifth century C.E.

A Semitic language like Hebrew and Arabic, Aramaic sounds like a mixture of the two. "Beita," the Aramaic word for house, is similar to "beit" in Arabic and "bayit" in Hebrew. "Kalba" is Aramaic for dog, similar to "kalb" in Arabic and "kelev" in Hebrew.

Mutsafi has spent a few years tracing remnants of Aramaic wherever he can find them. And there are not too many: Some 400,000 Arab Christians — from Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, Iran, Georgia, Turkey and Armenia — dispersed throughout the world, and some 15,000 to 20,000 Jews who came from the Iranian and Iraqi parts of Kurdistan.

Aramaic was born in Mesopotamia present-day Iraq at least 3,500 years ago. It was the language spoken by the patriarch Abraham, and served as a trade language among the various peoples of the ancient Middle East, very much

like English does today.

In a phenomenal wave of expansion, Aramaic spread over Israel and Syria and large tracts of Asia and Egypt, replacing many languages, including Akkadian and Hebrew. For about 1,000 years, it served as the official and written language of the Near East, officially beginning with the conquests of the Assyrian Empire, which had adopted Aramaic as its official language.

The earliest known inscriptions in Aramaic date back to the ninth century B.C.E. Parts of the biblical books of Jeremiah, Daniel and Ezra were written in Aramaic, as was the Talmud.

By the time of the later Chaldean and Persian conquests, Aramaic had become the closest thing to an international language. Despite Hellenistic influences that followed the conquests of Alexander the Great, Aramaic remained the vernacular of the conquered peoples in the Holy Land, Syria, Mesopotamia and the adjacent countries. It eventually ceded linguistic supremacy in the region to Arabic in the ninth century C.E.

As a result, the Assyrians boast that this was the spoken language during the times of Jesus.

"Modern" Aramaic is very different from the ancient language. It has a western version and an eastern one.

The western dialect is still used in three villages in Syria, where people

use the language not only for prayer but for everyday life. This is the only place in the world where the language is still alive.

The eastern dialect was used in the northeastern corner of Iraq, where it borders Iran, Turkey and Russia; this is the dialect used by Kurdish Jews in Israel.

As is the case with Eastern European Jews and Yiddish, however, very few Kurdish Jews still speak the language. Nissan Aviv of Tel Aviv has organized a theater group in Aramaic, which has followed — successfully — in the footsteps of Israel's Yiddish-language theater groups.

The halls are packed, usually with an elderly audience which used to speak the language at home.

Some 150 years ago, Aviv's grandfather, Yissachar Ben-Hacham Mashiah, wrote an entire book in Aramaic about the customs of Azeri Jews. The worn, handwritten book, protected by Aviv like a vulnerable baby, is falling apart, but Aviv is reluctant to hand it over to a library; the book has become like a part of his family.

In addition, Mordechai Yona of Jerusalem recently completed an Aramaic-Kurdish-Hebrew dictionary.

Still, Jews and Arabs alike fear that the days of Aramaic are numbered. Yona Tzabar, an Israeli who teaches Semitic languages at UCLA, told JTA that he did not

expect the language to survive more than 30 to 40 years.

"Even when Jewish parents still speak the language, their children no longer do," Tzabar said. "Villages in Kurdistan where the language was spoken were deserted by their inhabitants, who emigrated to the west."

The government of Syria has encouraged the study of Aramaic in the Christian village of Ma'alula to give a boost to the local tourism industry. However, even there children no longer speak the language.

"This is a world plague," Tzabar said. "Many minority languages die out, particularly those which have no political backing."

So far, Jews and Arabs have not joined forces to preserve the language they used to share; each community works separately in an uphill effort. The most impressive effort is that of the Syrian Christian community in Sydney, which publishes newspapers and books in Aramaic and even operates a radio station in Aramaic.

The scene in Israel is gloomier. Archbishop Murad of the Assyrian Church in Jerusalem admitted that he was not even aware of the fact that some Jews spoke the language. He said he was interested in closing ranks in defense of the language — but even Murad and his small Jerusalem community switch to Arabic as soon as services are over.

## Dershowitz Delivers Controversial New Book

Why Terrorism Works:

Understanding the Threat,  
Responding to the Challenge

by Alan M. Dershowitz.

New Haven: Yale University Press, 2002. 222 pp. \$24.95.

Reviewed by Aaron Leibel

A direct line runs between the wishy-washy responses to Palestinian terrorism during the past 35 years, particularly by Western Europe, and Sept. 11, writes Alan Dershowitz in this provocative, well-written book, destined to become a major source for understanding this modern plague.

"In all, the international community responded to terrorism between 1968 and 2001 by consistently rewarding and legitimizing it, rather than punishing and condemning it," the Harvard University law professor writes.

"Seen in this light, it is no wonder we had to suffer the horrors of September 11, 2001. ... By continuing to reward Palestinian terrorism even after September 11, they have continued to make future terrorist attacks more likely."

Dershowitz believes that the real problem with terrorism is that it succeeds, the terrorists know that it works, and that success encourages them to continue with their evil designs.

He demonstrates the fruits of terrorism with a 21-page, two-column comparison of "Palestinian terrorist acts" next to "Benefits to Palestinian cause."

For example, he lists 11 Palestinian terrorist acts that began

in July 1968 with the hijacking of an El Al flight from Rome and culminated in the November 1969 hand grenade attack on an El Al office in Athens that was followed a month later by the U.N. General Assembly recognizing the "inalienable rights of the Palestinian people."

This vividly shows how the Palestinians pushed their cause from near visibility in 1968 to a state in the making in 30 years through a ruthless campaign of sabotage, hijackings, bombings and shootings. From their perspective, terrorism has really paid off.

To stop support of terrorism, the world must show that any cause served by that tool will be worse, not better off, the author explains.

Many analysts refer to the importance of dealing with "the root cause" of terrorism, but so doing, Dershowitz convincingly argues, has the perverse effect of increasing terrorism. Attempting to deal with those so-called root causes signals that "if you resort to terrorism, we will try harder to understand your grievances and respond to them than we would have if you employed less violent methods."

In any case, Dershowitz discounts any root causes of terrorism. People always have had grievances, often justified, but most have never resorted to violence against civilians.

This doesn't mean that the world should ignore people's grievances, but timing is all important here.

An analogy, the lawyer notes,

would be the relationship between poverty and crime. When there is a drug-related murder, we try to catch and punish the murderer. But recognizing that poverty and unemployment may contribute to street crime and that dealing with those problems is a positive good, we separately fight those social ills. We should deal the same way with political grievances.

Dershowitz has some concrete recommendations for fighting terrorism, including:

- \* Never allow terrorists to benefit from their actions and assure that serious attention is paid to people with grievances who eschew terrorism.

- \* Deter those who send the suicide bombers. Dershowitz favors punishing Palestinians, the over-

whelming majority of whom support suicide bombings, with economic sanctions. He further recommends that the Israeli government — after publicly enunciating the policy — bulldoze houses in villages used by terrorists or confiscate land that might be part of a future Palestinian state as retaliation for suicide bombings.

- \* Incapacitate the apocalyptic terrorist. The only way to deal with religiously motivated zealots is to imprison them, interdict their supply lines and destroy their organizational, financial and communications systems.

- \* Get tough with nations that support terrorism.

He also suggests that the United States institute an effective "border control system" and consider a

national ID card and systems of keeping track of visitors.

Whatever steps are taken, they should "improve our security without losing the feel or the reality of freedom."

The main problem with Why Terrorism Works is that it will be read by the members of the infamous choir that is always being preached to. I'm sure that most readers of Jewish newspapers, who closely follow events in Israel, already know that appeasing terrorists simply leads to more terrorism.

But maybe if we sent a copy of the book to the French foreign minister.

This reviewer serves as the Arts Editor of Washington Jewish Week

## Hadassah And JCRC Slate Political Forum

A September 9 Forum is planned for major-party candidates for U.S. Senate, U.S. Congress and State Attorney General, Treasurer and Auditor.

The Forum, set to begin promptly at 7:15 p.m., will be held at the Jewish Community Center, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington.

Each candidate will have the opportunity to present comments, and entertain questions from the audience. Most candidates running have already confirmed their par-

ticipation.

The Forum, co-sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation of Delaware and the Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah, offers the candidates a public forum to present their views, educate the public, and motivates voters to participate in the election.

As non-profit organizations, Hadassah and JCRC have no interest in the outcome of the elections.

The program, which begins

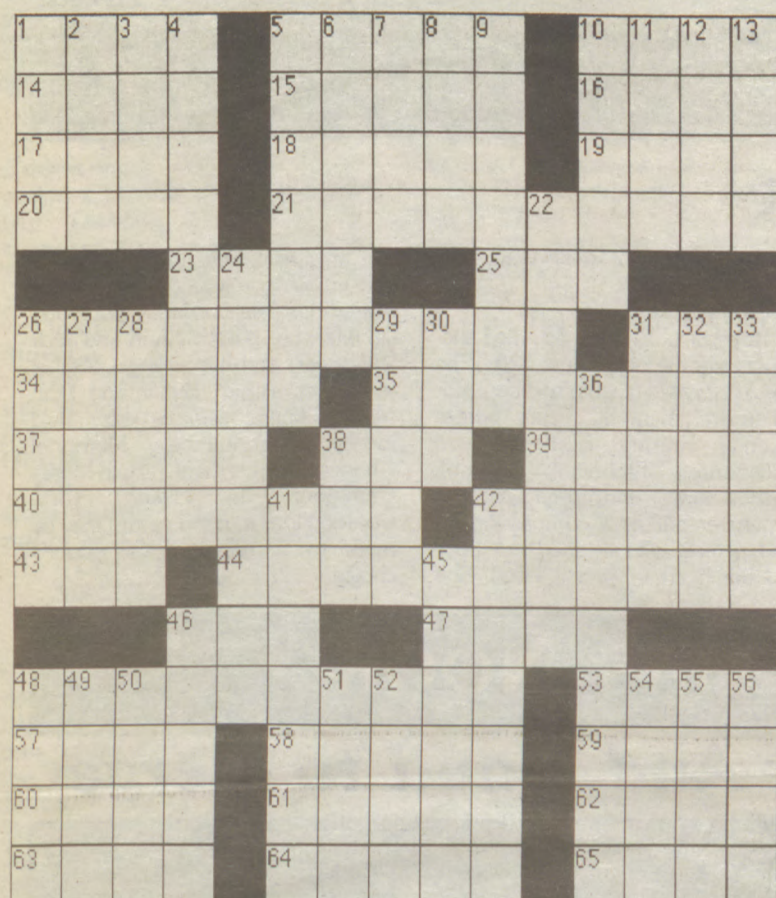
promptly at 7:15 p.m., is free and open to the general public.

Light refreshments will be available following the formal part of the program, which is slated to end by 9:00 p.m.

Candidates have been invited to stay and circulate among the guests.

For more information, please contact Amalia Snyderman, Federation Campaign Associate by phone at (302) 427-2100, ext. 30, or by E-mail at [amalia.snyderman@shalomdel.org](mailto:amalia.snyderman@shalomdel.org)





## Good Yom Tov by Legacy Crosswords

## Across

1. Corporate heads
5. One who practices this will be recorded in the book of life (with -ty ending)
10. Egyptian queen, for short
14. Naysayer
15. Kohanim are his lineage
16. Boat propulsion tools
17. Came into being
18. Offer a freebee dinner
19. The rabbi will ask the congregants to do this
20. Coke production waste
21. Kippurim, literally
23. Matic preceder
25. Color
26. Head of the year
31. What one finds at Timna
34. Where the Bog Man was buried
35. Entraps
37. Dade County city
38. Brit. House of \_\_\_\_
39. Winning position
40. Reign ruled by eight
42. Work oxygen into
43. Born as
44. English name for succot
46. Arabic for head or headland
47. "\_\_\_\_ little more!", good Jewish mama talk
48. Two of three at succot
53. Ago tense
57. Fishing rod device
58. All thumbs
59. Big lake
60. But, in Hebrew
61. Nine, in Greek
62. "He \_\_\_\_ a tight ship"
63. Little ones
64. SEA OF \_\_\_\_
65. Warehouse funct.

## Down

1. Hackneys
2. Sci. of that which fills the Kiddush cup
3. Other, in Barcelona
4. Declare the faith
5. Dr. Suess' "\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_"
6. Writer Bret and family
7. Compaq hand held model
8. Horse color
9. Doctors in training
10. Did a kitchen maneuver
11. \_\_\_\_ in wait
12. Used to be
13. Pharoah Thutm's fitting end
22. "That achievement was no \_\_\_\_"
24. Recliner label
26. Pomegranate, in Hebrew
27. In a holding mode
28. Slew or surge
29. Variant of actress Lamar's first name
30. Reply to quest.
31. With C, you can hold your horses
32. Remainder, in Rouen
33. Kefauver
36. Plane stunts
38. Football team position
41. Check-out counter person
42. Czar's daught.
45. What farmers did
46. Goes with Royce
48. Was, in Rome
49. Nature, in Israel
50. What Siddur holders do
51. Green Gables girl
52. Sandy reach by the sea, in England
54. Ar ending makes this Noah's landing?
55. China prefix
56. One might shed this



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## MILESTONES

### In Memoriam

#### BAUERNFREUND

Gary G. Bauernfreund, 74, of Wilmington, died August 16. Mr. Bauernfreund was a resident of Vineland, NJ until his 1992 retirement from his job as a meat cutter at the Eatmor Market in Bridgeton, NJ. He held a similar position at Goldstein Brothers in Rosenhayn, NJ. A United States Army veteran, he was a past Master of the Brotherhood Masonic Lodge #292 F&AM in Berdley, NJ. He was an avid sports fan, fisherman and reader. Survivors include his wife, Jeannette Feldman Bauernfreund; a son, Kenneth D. Bauernfreund of San Diego; a daughter, Debra Sue Bauernfreund of Wilmington, DE; and a brother, Kurt Bauernfreund of Florida.

Graveside services were held on August 18 at Beth Emeth Memorial Park in Wilmington. Contributions in his memory may be directed to the American Heart Association.

#### COHEN

Mimi Cohen, died August 14. She was the beloved wife of David Cohen and mother of Jay Cohen, Stephen and his wife, Ruth and Neal and his wife, Florence. Also surviving are her brother and sister-in-law, Dr. Harry

and Marlene Moskowitz and her grandchildren, Michael, Rebecca, Sarah and William. Interment was in the Jewish Community Cemetery in Wilmington.

#### KAYE

Sarah C. Kaye, 80, a resident of the Dorset, died August 17. Prior to her retirement in 1995, she was the Accounts Receivable bookkeeper for West Windsor Township, NJ. She recently served as a volunteer at the Rockwood Mansion. Mrs. Kaye will be dearly missed by her husband, Maurice; her son, Richard P. Kaye and His wife, Susan A. Stickler; daughter, Barbara Roisman and her husband, Joel; grandchildren, Ari Roisman, Zachary Kaye and Alexandra Kaye; and devoted nieces and nephews. She was interred in Beth Emeth Memorial Park. The family requests that contributions in her memory be made to Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, Washington Blvd. and Torah Drive, Wilmington, DE 19802.

#### SHAPIRO

Howard Bruce Shapiro, 50, of Bear, DE, died August 10. He was employed by the Wilmington law firm of Potter, Anderson and Corroon and was an alumnus of Syracuse

University and Albany Law School in New York. He earned his Master of Taxation Law degree from New York University.

Mr. Shapiro is survived by his wife, Michele McKercher; his children, Bree and Quinn; parents, Dr. Marvin and Millicent Shapiro; and his brother, Michael.

He was interred at Beth Emeth Memorial Park in Wilmington. Contributions in his memory would be appreciated to the American

Cancer Society, 92 Reads Way, New Castle, DE 19720.

#### STEINER

Roberta L. Steiner, 55, died suddenly at home on August 12th. She was a dedicated teacher and educator for more than 30 years before recently retiring from Howard Vocational Technical School. Friends, family and colleagues alike remember her as a compassionate, kind person who opened her door and her heart to all she loved. She

was an avid crossword puzzle solver and enjoying traveling. She will be missed by her children, Ross and Jennifer; her parents, Ann and Jack Wlodawer; and her siblings, Mitchel Wlodawer, Aileen Buttar and Fran Miller. Funeral services were held locally at Schoenberg Memorial Chapel with interment in Beth Moses Cemetery in New York. Contributions in her memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

## NACHAS NOOK

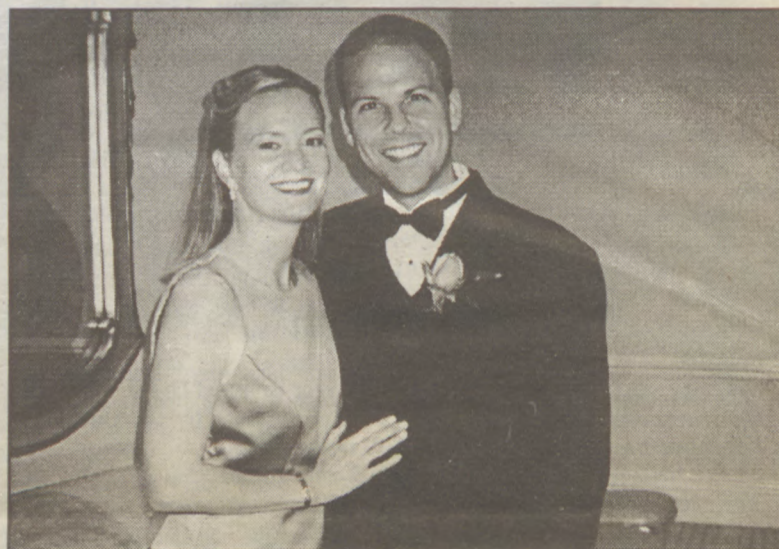
### McCormack And Mand to Merge

Linda and Patrick McCormack of San Francisco and Atlanta announce the engagement of their daughter, Erin Leigh, to Michael Evan Mand, a son of Shelly and Martin Mand of Wilmington.

Erin is a graduate of the American School in London and Pepperdine University. She is a public relations account executive with Manning, Selvage & Lee in Los Angeles, CA. Michael is a graduate of Wilmington Friends School and the University of Virginia. He is a public relations executive with Creative Artists Agency in Beverly Hills, CA.

A fall wedding is planned.

**Erin Leigh McCormack and Michael Evan Mand**



### Daffner And Bakes To Wed

Dr. Ruth Morelli of Chadds Ford, PA and Gerald N. Daffner, Esq. of East Hampton, N.Y., announce the engagement of their daughter, Sharon Lynne Daffner, to Robert Bakes, son of the late James Michael Bakes and Jean Mary Bakes of London, England.

Sharon is a 1979 graduate of Westfield High School in Westfield, N.J. and graduated from the University of Delaware with a Bachelors Degree in Human Resources and Public Administration. She currently serves as Vice President, Employee Benefits, at Kornreich.NIA in New York City.

Bob is a 1979 graduate of Heathcote Secondary School in the United Kingdom. He then graduated from the University of Trent with a Bachelor's Degree in Building. He serves as Managing Director of Kitchens of Fullan, a design company in central London.

Sharon is the granddaughter of Dorothy Schwartz of Sunrise, Florida and the late Herman Shuman of Bala Cynwyd, PA.

The couple is planning a September wedding.



Sharon Lynn Daffner and Robert Bakes

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### Two Daughters Of Israel Are Born

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Jeffrey & Kara Green and Leah Morgan Schneider born on July 23, 2002 daughter of Randy and Melissa Azlant Schneider.

### Yoel Wexler Becomes A Bar Mitzvah

Dr. and Mrs. David Wexler, of Israel, announce the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Yoel Pincus Wexler, on Saturday, July 27, 2002 in

Netanya. Yoel is the grandson of Mrs. Betty Wexler-Rosen of Claymont, Delaware.  
Yasser Koach, Yoel!



# CALENDAR

## SAVE-THE-DATE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

**Community Capital Campaign CELEBRATION featuring Debbie Friedman in Concert Congregation Beth Emeth 300 Lea Boulevard, Wilmington 3:00 p.m.**

**Open to the entire community.**

**The Celebration Continues Sunday, October 27 5:00 p.m. at the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home.**

**For donors to the Community Capital Campaign of \$10,000 or more.**

### Details to Follow MACHZIKEY HADAS SLATES MEETING

The Machzikey Hadas Congregation will hold a general congregational meeting on Wednesday, September 18, 8:00 p.m. in the Potter Auditorium of the B'nai B'rith House, 8000 Society Drive in Claymont. All Congregation members and anyone else interested in the services provided by the Congregation are invited to attend.

### NEWS FROM NEWARK

The new Newark Jewish Community Campus, formerly the Newark YWCA, is a fun place to visit this summer. The fitness center has been completely renovated and furnished with state-of-the-art equipment. Pool renovations are completed and the pool is officially reopens this month. Come to the grand opening celebration on Sunday, September 15th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call Cheryl Smith at 368-9173 for more information on Newark programs.

### JCC NEWARK TO HOST GOLF DAY

The JCC Newark will host the second annual JCC Newark Golf

Day. The date is Sunday, October 6th with a rain date of October 13th. Last year's event was a true success. The tournament will take place at Chisel Creek Golf Club, located on Appleton Road in Landenberg, PA. Tee times start at 11:00 a.m. Organize your foursome now! The fee is \$70 per person which includes cart, course set up, scoring, chips and sodas on the course, BBQ and prizes. To register, contact Lynda Bell at JCC Newark, (302) 368-9173.

### JFS BRINGS COMFORT TO THE BEREAVED

Jewish Family Service sponsors an on-going Support Group which meets every other Tuesday, 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Congregation Beth Emeth. The group helps widows and widowers cope with the loss of a loved one. For additional information, please call JFS at 478-9411.

### IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL

The Florence Melton Adult Mini-School has Come to Delaware!

The Melton School is designed to fit into the life you lead. No tests. No grades. Just two hours a week of Jewish learning for its own sake. Study in an informal setting with other adults who are there because they want to be. Classes meet at the Delaware JCC on Wednesdays mornings from 9:15-11:30 a.m. and on Thursdays evening from 7:30-9:45 p.m. Each of the thirty sessions consist of two one-hour classes and a fifteen minute break for refreshments and schmoozing. The tuition is \$399/year and includes 30 two-hour sessions, special programs and refreshments.

For additional information on the Florence Melton School Adult

Mini-School, contact Marion Hamermesh, Melton School Director, at (302) 478-5660 (ext. 201) or [melton@jccdelaware.org](mailto:melton@jccdelaware.org)

### MITZVAH BASKETS

Jewish Family Service invites you to extend your heart to others while supporting the great work of Jewish Family Service by ordering gift baskets from the agency's Jewish Volunteer Network. There's a variety of items to choose from to commemorate a special occasion or just to show you care. Prices range from \$24 to \$40 with a \$2 local delivery charge. To order, please call JFS at (302) 478-9411, ext 21

### DON'T MISS OUT ON "OKLAHOMA"

The JCC Newark is sponsoring a New York Theatre Trip to see Oklahoma on Sunday, December 15th. Tickets are going fast for

this Tony-Award winning musical featuring choreography by Delaware's own Susan Strohman. Don't miss out on the fun. Orchestra seats are available to JCC members for \$140 and \$147 for non-members. Call Lynda Bell at 302-368-9173 to purchase tickets.

### DELAWARE GRATZ GOES BACK TO SCHOOL

Registration is now going on for the Fall semester at Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School. For additional information, please call Principal Marlene Milunsky at (302) 478-8100.

### FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR STUDY IN ISRAEL/JUDAIC STUDIES

The Greenbaum Scholarship Fund of the Jewish Fund for the Future-the Endowment Fund of the Jewish Federation of Delaware-

provides funds to Jewish undergraduate students from Delaware and those who are studying in Delaware for the following purposes:

\*To attend an accredited college or university program in Israel.

\*To pursue Jewish studies at an accredited North American college or university.

Interested students may apply by completing an application. Applications and guidelines are available from the Jewish Fund for the Future. In addition, students completing 80 credits of study at Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School or graduates of a high school level Jewish Day School such as Akiba Hebrew Academy, may be eligible for Gratz-Greenbaum monies towards their undergraduate studies. Applications and guidelines are available at Gratz and Akiba.

## BUSINESS NEWS BRIEFS

### Shattuck Receives Web Award

Just one year after its debut, the Jewish Delaware website (<http://JewishDelaware.eSmartWeb.com>) received the **2002-2003 Golden Web Award** for excellence in web design, originality and content. The presentation came from the International Association of Web Masters and Designers, which operates in 147 countries.

Webmaster Jack Shattuck of Claymont began creating web pages in March, 2001, with a family picture newsletter, *The Bear Den*. After the annual appearance of the *Jewish Voice* "Shalom Delaware" Newcomers' Guide supplement appeared last August, Shattuck switched his efforts to creation of a website to add additional

topical timely information to Jewish Internet viewers.

Among features found at his *Jewish Delaware* site are pictures of Delaware's synagogues, rabbis and cantors, and other community facilities. The site also contains maps, a community and holiday calendar and links to local, national and global Jewish resources.

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# Adult Institute of Jewish Studies 2002-5763

## Class Dates: October 9th through November 6th

# Class Offerings for 2002-5763

### 7:15-8:15 p.m. Classes Listing by Topic

1. Introduction to the Computer for the Beginner
2. From the Shtetl to the Global Village: Jews in Cyberspace
3. Yiddish
4. Translating Selections From Sefer Ha-Aggadah
5. Where Is He Already?
6. Seeking The Eternal One
7. Homebrew Hebrew
8. Let's Dance
9. Want to Learn About Judaism?
- 10 & 11. Going to the Movies

### 8:30-9:30 p.m. Classes Listing by Topic

12. Climbing the Tree of Life
13. Am I a Jew?
14. From Far Off Lands to the Golden Land
15. The Rhythm of Life
16. Refu' at Hanefesh - Soul Healing
17. Right and Wrong: Contemporary Moral and Ethical Issues
18. What They Didn't Teach You In Hebrew School
19. Introduction to Islam

### 7:15-8:15 p.m. Classes Listing by Instructor

1. Rami Goren
2. Professor Vivian Z. Klaff
3. Dr. E. E. Jaffe
4. Dr. Dov Seidel
5. Rabbi Eliezer Sneiderman
6. Rabbi David B. Kaplan
7. Hayim Weiss
8. Faith & Lou Brown
9. Rabbi Daniel Satlow
- 10 & 11. Ruth Fisher Goodman

### 8:30-9:30 p.m. Classes Listing by Instructor

12. Lew Bennett
13. Claire Sullivan
14. Dr. Lex Vega, Cas Anolick,  
Cantor Michael Mandel,  
Nelly Marzouk, Yadja Zeltman
15. Rabbi Peter Grumbacher
16. Rabbi Deborah Glanzberg-Trainin
17. Rabbi Sanford L. Dresin
18. Rabbi Chuni Vogel
19. Professor Khalid Blankenship

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#### ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS URGED

Enrollment for all Adult Institute of Jewish Studies courses can be made by mail to the JCC, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington, Delaware 19803 - Attention Adult Institute, at the JCC Front Desk or your synagogue.  
 The registration fee per adult for five sessions, two classes per session, is \$20\*. This includes admission to the November 13th Cantorial Concert.  
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