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TONI YOUNG TAKES ON NEW NATIONAL CHALLENGE

By Lynn B. Edelman, Editor

Toni Young will really be racking up those frequent flyer miles over the next few years. As the new National Partnership 2000 Chairperson for United Jewish Communities, Toni will travel extensively throughout North America to work with the more than 40 communities participating in this unique program that allows American Jews to meet and work with Israelis on a "people to people" basis"

This program has been Toni's passion since 1996 when her term as Jewish Federation of Delaware President ended and she agreed to

serve on the board of United Israel Appeal. She met Judge Jerry Weinstein, head of the Southern and Central New Jersey Partnership 2000 cluster who urged her to get Delaware to sign on with the cluster and share in their successful pairing with the people of Israel's Arad/Tamar region. In 1998, Toni became Delaware's Partnership 2000 chair -a position she holds to this day.

"I truly believe that this partnership is the ideal way for Israeli and American Jews to form real friendships with each other and understand each other's needs, hopes and desires," said Toni, who stresses that the ensuing relationship mutually beneficial. "Diaspora Jews need Israel as much as Israel needs us," she explained.

During this time of crisis in the Jewish State the close ties shared by these partnered communities are a tremendous morale booster to the Israelis. For Toni and all those lucky enough to have met face to face with Arad/Tamar residents, it is especially gratifying to see how Israel Emergency Fund Campaign dollars have strengthened the region and helped its people feel

It's particularly fitting that Toni's appointment was made public last week's

between our two peoples is Jersey/Delaware Mission to Arad to celebrate the community's 40th anniversary. She was excited to share her good news with people she has come to regard as extended family. Look for perspective pieces from Mission participants in future editions of The Jewish Voice.

Toni assumes this leadership challenge as Partnership 2000 turns 10. "As the program enters its second decade, we must make many critical decisions about its future growth and development," she commented. She is eager to see the program move forward and expand to reach many more people in the years ahead.

Yasher Koach, Toni. The



Toni Young

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WISH LEADERS

By Ron Kampeas, JTA

U.S. support for a U.N. Security Council resolution endorsing the "road map" peace plan has rattled Israeli and U.S. Jewish officials, who worry that the move could wrest control of the peace process from Israel's closest ally.

"There is a potential danger here. We don't think the United Nations is an objective party," said Ambassador Arye Mekel, Israel's deputy permanent representative to the United Nations. "We always considered the Americans the only honest broker and we still do.'

The resolution, unanimously approved on Wednesday, calls on the parties to "fulfil their obligations under the road map in cooperation with the Quartet and to achieve the vision of two states living side by side in peace and security."

The road map, envisioning Palestinian statehood and an end to terrorism within three years, had always been nominally the project of the "Quartet" - the United States, the United Nations, the European Union and Russia

but in effect it had been administered by the United States.

Israel sees the Europeans and the United Nations as pro-Arab and the Russians as questionable at best, but U.S. control of the road map until now had eased any Israeli concerns.

Israel was so concerned about this resolution that Israel's ambassador to the U.N., Dan Gillerman, had urged U.S. Jewish organizational officials to lobby the White House against it.

Apparently they were unsuccessful, since the United States voted for the resolution.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon also brought up the resolution with Russian President Vladimir Putin during his visit to Moscow earlier this month.

Things could change now that the Security Council has formally endorsed the plan, because the council's resolutions have the force of international law.

"Not only will this resolution undoubtedly be used for further anti-Israel action by the council, but it will also place the U.S. government in increasingly difficult circumstances where it will have to decide whether to veto unbalanced resolutions," Abraham Foxman, the Anti-Defamation League's national director, said in a statement. "This resolution is an unfortunate step that foreshadows greater and more destructive involvement in the process."

U.S. officials downplayed the resolution's significance, saying they could hardly have opposed a process they helped initiate.

"We're members of the Quartet, we all support the road map and the president's vision of a two-state solution and didn't see this as being contrary to that," said an administration official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The only question, the official said, was one of timing.

The Russians, who initiated the resolution, had wanted to pass it last month, but the Americans preferred to wait until a new Palestinian Authority government was in place.

Jewish officials were not assuaged, especially because the resolution also demands "an immediate cessation of all acts of violence, including all acts of terrorism, provocation, incitement and destruction."

That could allow a country hostile to Israel serving one of the 10 two-year terms on the Security Council to make Israel legally answerable for actions it deems necessary for security, such as the demolition of homes belonging to suicide bombers or homes serving as snipers' nests.

Syria, one of Israel's most implacable enemies and a country on the U.S. State Department's list of terrorist-sponsoring nations, currently occupies a seat on the

"You can see the potential for mischief and abuse," said Malcolm Hoenlein, the executive vice chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations. "It could allow them to catalog every perceived violation by Israel as a Security Council violation."

Hoenlein said that efforts to persuade Washington to back away from the resolution were fruitless.

"Many people in the administration shared concerns, others did not, and it was clear that they could not and would not veto this when it's clear it's their own road map."

But not all Jewish groups were so concerned.

The Israel Policy Forum, a New York-based group that promotes peace initiatives, said concerns that the U.S. role in the region would suffer were overstated, and that Israel should welcome the Security Council's endorsement of an initiative that the Jewish state had embraced.

"It's clear that nobody is going to wrest control from the United States nor diminish its influence in the Middle East," said Jonathan Jacoby, the forum's founding executive vice president. "It's refreshing that the Security Council is engaged in doing something positive rather than knee-jerk resorting to denunciations."

Other Jewish groups said they were confident the United States would use its status as one of the five veto-holding permanent council members to stymie any efforts to target Israel.

"We remain confident that the United States will not allow the

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delicate search for peace to be derailed," said Rebecca Dinar, spokeswoman of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee.

The question that baffled Israel, Mekel said, was why the United States put itself into the potential position of perpetually using its veto to swat away mischievous Security Council initiatives.

He cited a Hebrew aphorism: "A wise man never gets himself into a position in which only a clever man knows how to get out," Mekel said. "The question is why put all of us in this situation in the first place?"

One reason might be that the

United States was in a position of having to repay the Russians for their support last month for a resolution that let the United States seek more international troops and funds for the occupation of Iraq.

Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov, who pressed hard for Wednesday's resolution, is seeking to bolster Russia's influence among Arabs.

Another reason could be that with tensions in Iraq on the rise, the Bush administration is tiring of the Israeli-Palestinian standoff and was using the resolution to pressure the Israelis into greater concessions.

The U.S. government's unhappiness has increased in recent

months, and President Bush and others have criticized what they see as unduly harsh measures against the Palestinians.

In London on a state visit Wednesday, Bush told an audience of influential Europeans that Palestinians had to end terrorism but much was incumbent on Israel as well.

"Israel should freeze settlement construction, dismantle unauthorized outposts, end the daily humiliation of the Palestinian people and not prejudice final negotiations with the placements of walls and fences," Bush said, referring to U.S. worries that Israel's planned security barrier would predetermine borders with a Palestinian state.

David Mack, a former assistant deputy secretary of state for Near East affairs, suggested that the Bush administration has been frustrated by Sharon's insistence that the road map requires a halt of Palestinian violence as a precondition for Israel to fulfil its obligations.

"The simultaneous steps are not dependent on one side or the other," said Mack, who now works at the Middle East Institute, a think tank. He said that in Israel's case, that means freezing settlement activity and easing life for the Palestinians.

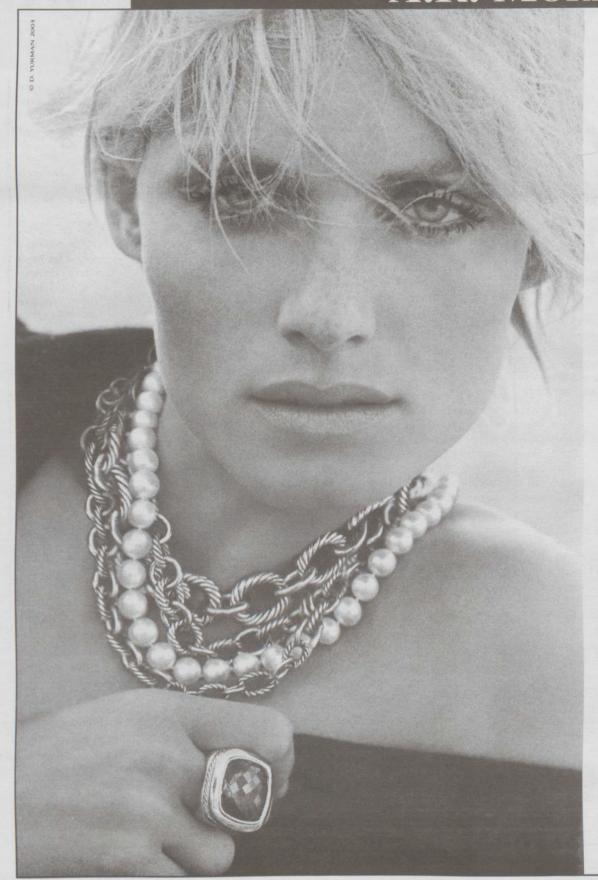
Attaching the legal veneer of a Security Council resolution to the road map could be the Bush administration's way of forcing Israel to comply with the letter of the document, Mack said.

Edward Abington, a former U.S. consul to Jerusalem who now advises the Palestinians, says the resolution will have little practical application but puts the parties on notice that they are being watched.

"It puts the road map on a different level than where it was," Abington said.

"I can see why the Israelis are concerned," he said. "There is a feeling among Palestinians and in Washington that Sharon doesn't have any policy except military pressure and confrontation, and I suspect the Bush administration is not too unhappy to see this happening."

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EDITORIAL

A time to give thanks

I love Thanksgiving. Like Christmas, it's a national holiday-one of the very rare occasions that much of America closes shop. Fast food stores are shuttered, the mall is closed and the postman does not deliver. It's one of my very few days off when I don't have to worry about chauffeuring teenagers or myself to appointments or activities. I give thanks for having the exquisite opportunity to sit back, relax and count my blessings.

Chief among my many blessings is my family. My parents are the reason that I have leisure time on Thanksgiving. Five years ago, my mother retired from work and declared a moratorium on Turkey Day cooking. She invited us to help her celebrate a new family tradition-a long, restful weekend in the Catskill Mountains-a place where time stands still.

We take a break from email and "chat" in real time, sharing family stories and making new memories. Miniature golf, bocci, swimming and indoor ice skating provide ample opportunities to work off the extra calories consumed during lavish meals which rival many cruise ships. It is a time to recharge our batteries and rediscover the pleasures of a quieter, simpler world.

I am especially thankful for the opportunity to live my life as an American Jew. Here I am free to attend the school of my choice, work in whichever field I like, andmost importantly- practice my faith without fear of persecution. When anti-Semitism or anti-Israel sentiment is publicly expressed, we have the constitutional right and communal obligation to protest these

Next Thursday, I will say a prayer for my fellow Americans of all faiths who will mark this holiday far from their families on the frontlines in Iraq, Afghanistan and other nations where our troops are stationed.

From my family to yours, Happy Thanksgiving!

Thus, we may understand that there is no necessary conflict between the Torah's vision and a woman of power and insight. Whatever one wants to make of "traditional womanly values," taking command of her own affairs and the affairs of her nation need not be thought to be in tension with such values.

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lenging one, well worth considering in an age when powerful women often imagine (and not without some reason) that Jewish tradition preserves few models for the kind of women they aspire to be. The Torah makes it clear that Rebekah is exemplary of traditional values. First, we are

told that in addition to being beautiful, she is (at the time we first meet her) "a virgin, neither had any man known her" (Gen. 24:16). She is modest as well; upon being introduced to Isaac, "she took her veil and covered herself" (24:65). She is even pious; when afflicted with two children struggling within her womb, "she went to inquire of the Lord" (25:22).

PARSHA PLACE

Chayei Sarah

In Chayei Sarah, we are introduced to perhaps the most powerful woman in Torah (or the Bible as a whole, for that matter), Rebekah. The model that Rebekah offers is a chal-

At the same time, Rebekah is a confident woman, willing to assert herself and use the power available to her. When asked whether she would accompany Eliezer to Canaan, she responds without hesitation: "I will go" (24:58). After God reveals to her which of her sons would rule the other (25:23), she does not hesitate to orchestrate affairs so that God's will would be done. Rebekah is the insightful partner, the protector of the covenant; Isaac is blind to it all (until the very end).

Myths and Facts about Israel's water shortage

•There are two major reasons that Israel's water shortage has reached such extreme proportions—drought and over-consumption—and each problem exacerbates the other.

•During the last decade, Israel experienced an unprecedented series of diminished annual rainfalls. The extended drought cycle has caused a dramatic dwindling of Israel's fresh water

•Currently, Israel's water resources yield 449 billion gallons each year, but population growth and a general increase in the standard of living have boosted annual consumption to 580 billion gallons. With an annual deficit of 131 billion gallons of water, Israel is over-consuming its water resources by 25 percent. This means that the water levels of Lake Kinneret and the mountain and coastal aquifers (Israel's only sources of fresh water) have been lowered with serious detriment to water quality and the destruction of ecosystems.

•Sixty percent of Israel's fresh water goes to the agricultural sector-down from 72 percent. While current quotas have reduced agricultural consumption of water resources, they have also put many farmers out of business. Dropping agricultural consumption even further would mean, among a host of other consequences, the inability to sustain communities in the Negev, Arava and Galilee, and thus the loss of Israel's future land reserves.

•In August 2002 Israel signed an agreement with Turkey wherein Turkey will ship 13.2 billion gallons of water to Israel annually, about 3 percent of its water supply. It will take two years for the agreement to go into effect. While this agreement was politically important for Israel in terms of developing their relationship with a Moslem country and the only other democracy in the Middle East, it is not an economically advantageous arrangement for Israel. Israel will pay Turkey approximately three times what it would cost them for the same amount of recycled water and about twice that of desalinated water. At best, this agreement will replace the 13.2 billion gallons of water that Israel supplies to Jordan as part of their 1994 peace agree-

•Israel's long-term plan for supplying water over the next 40 years is concentrated on increasing the quantity and uses of recycled water. While Winter 2003's rains helped improve matters, the gap between Israel's natural resources and annual consumption of water is constantly widening. Desalinized water will also play a vital role in closing that gap, however it is more expensive than recycled water and can also be recycled, thereby making efforts that focus on recycling water all the more valuable.

•Jewish National Fund foresaw the significance of the water issue and began allocating resources to build reservoirs beginning in the late 1980s. Thanks to the contributions of JNF supporters, more than 150 reservoirs and dams were built, and provide for the water supply of 1.2 million people. JNF has committed to building another 75 reservoirs over the next five

•JNF is also involved in working to rehabilitate Israel's rivers. As the coordinating body in the effort to restore rivers, JNF together with Israel's Ministry of the Environment manages a highly intricate network of partners and authorities. In 1993, JNF along with the Ministry of the Environment created the River Rehabilitation Authority that is the umbrella authority of over 15 governmental, non-profit and research bodies concerned with river health. River restoration includes channel regulation to conduct floodwaters, reduction programs in the quantity of waste and raising the purification level to a suitable baseline for fish breeding and selective irrigation. Over a dozen streams have already benefited from JNF's efforts, including the Ein Harod River bordering the Jezreel Valley and the Alexander River near Netanyah. Currently, JNF is embarking on a major joint program to rehabilitate the Yarkon River running through Israel's largest population center.

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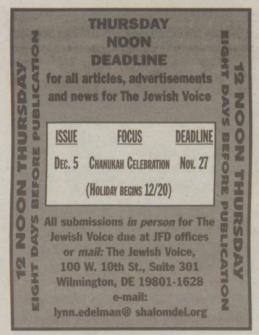
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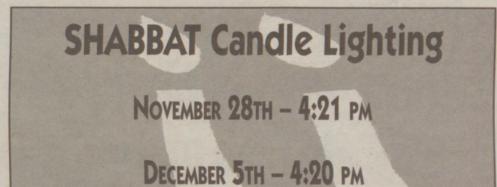
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FEDERATION FOCUS

Federation names Community Leadership Institute Inaugural Class

The Jewish Federation of Delaware is pleased to announce the participants in the first Community Leadership Institute. These sixteen (as of this writing) individuals will participate in a 12-month training program that will cover such diverse topics as "Tzedakah and the Ethics of Allocations," "Tikkun Olam: Responsibility to Change the World" and leadership communication.

CLAL, the National Center for Leadership and Learning, along with local presenters Michael Sigman and Toni Young will provide the faculty. The Institute also includes a Shabbaton and minimission to New York City. This program has been made possible by the Jewish Federation of Delaware, the Jewish Fund for the Future, the Gilbert J. Spiegel Memorial Fund and the past presidents of the

Jewish Federation of Delaware.

CLI co-chairs Suzanne Grant, Amy Leviton, Jack Markell and Robin Saran have worked diligently to bring this initiative to fruition. It is through their vision and careful planning that this class has been brought together with the goal of securing motivated and qualified leadership for the future. These leaders will become more creative both spiritually and institutionally, and better prepared to use the personal, communal and institutional resources at their disposal to upgrade and enhance both their personal lives and the lives of the entire Delaware Jewish community.

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Five things to remember for year-end giving



Jennifer Young Endowment Director

by Jennifer Young Endowment Director

The end of the year will soon be upon us. Consider making a charitable gift to the Jewish Fund for the Future, the endowment of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. We manage endowment funds for sev-

eral local synagogues and our six beneficiary agencies (Albert Einstein Academy, Gratz Hebrew High School, Jewish Family Service, Delaware Jewish Community Center, Hillel at the University of Delaware, and the Kutz Home). If you would like your gift to be used for a specific purpose or program, we can work together to ensure that your charitable intentions are followed. Year-end giving is as easy as making a charitable gift and saving taxes. To help you finish up this year in charitable style, here are five reminders to help you give- and

1. Charitable giving benefits you, as well as the Jewish Fund for the Future. A special, year-end gift during "The Season of Giving" can bring you added pleasure, especially as you consider the value of your gift to our Jewish community. You will enjoy knowing that your generosity has made a difference and that your planned gift is there to assist those in need – no matter

where or when in the future, you can be there to help.

2. Appreciated assets can make excellent gifts. Take stock, for example. If you have owned the stock for more than one year, you can receive full value for the gift, including all the appreciation. What's more, neither you nor the Jewish Fund for the Future will have to pay capital gains tax on the gift. The more the stock has appreciated, the greater the benefit. Your tax advisor can spell out the specifics for you. Mutual funds, real estate and other appreciated assets can also make great gifts.

3. Tax-wise charitable gifts often require advance action. A stock gift usually takes more time to complete than writing out and mailing a check. Real estate gifts require even more time — often several weeks. You should also plan for time to discuss your non-cash gift with your attorney or financial advisor. Getting appointments and handling the paperwork takes time.

So ... start early!

4. Charitable gifts can be accelerated. There are several reasons why this might make sense. First, you may be looking at a higher tax bill this year, due to larger-than-anticipated income. Additional giving this year may create higher charitable income tax deduction and help ease your added tax burden.

Second, as you move closer to the end of the year, you may find you have extra cash on hand and may want to make an "advance" on your charitable giving plans for the new year. For example, you can establish a Donor Advised Fund/Philanthropic Fund with the Jewish Fund for the Future to receive your charitable contribution this year and make grant distributions to your favorite charities after the New Year.

Third, you may want to give more this year simply because you are sure of the tax benefits now, but unsure what Congress may do next year regarding the charitable income tax deduction. After all, who knows what a year can hold?

5. A life-income plan may make sense for you at this time. These planned gifts allow you to establish a gift arrangement now, obtain current tax benefits, create a stream of lifetime income and provide a future gift to the Jewish Fund for the Future. They are especially attractive to donors who cannot afford to give up current income from retirement-related assets. Charitable Gift Annuities allow you to receive a fixed amount of income from your gift to the Jewish Federation of Delaware, while receiving tax benefits.

The Jewish Fund for the Future can help coordinate the planning and giving process by meeting with you and your professional advisor(s), and handling the various details of your gift. All consultations are complimentary and confidential. Please contact Jennifer Young, Endowment Director, at (302) 427-2100 ext. 19.

Don't believe the myths about the Jewish community!



Todd Polikoff Campaign Director

In my free time, which is limited, I am a BBYO advisor for an AZA chapter in South Jersey. I have been and advisor for over twelve years. It is by far one of the most rewarding volunteer jobs that I have been involved with. The kids that I work with are primarily from the Cherry Hill area and would not be considered needy by the standard definition. But if we look at their needs in the Jewish sense, they are indeed

needy. The need is not for clothing or food; it is for positive Jewish role models and people who have integrated their professional life with their Jewish life.

By being a positive role model for the BBYO chapter, I am able to dispel some of the common myths about Jewish involvement. You can be the cool kid in high school and still attend Jewish youth group events, you can be proud of your last name being obviously Jewish, there is no shame in missing a sporting event because it falls on a high holiday. Dispelling these myths has had the most impact on the Jewish teens that I have encountered.

In today's world this message is not only for teens. There are many adults in our community who feel that they don't have the financial resources to be involved in the Jewish community or don't have the right Jewish background. These misperceptions, or myths, are destructive to the fabric of the community.

Hill area and would not be considered needy by the standard definition. But if we look at their needs in the Jewish sense, they are indeed its six constituent agencies, run on

very tight budgets. Unfortunately the Jewish community of Delaware does not allocate enough of its philanthropic dollars to the Jewish federation; therefore our agencies must have a fee scale for services. This does not however mean that anyone who needs assistance will be turned away unless they can pay. The Jewish Federation of Delaware is committed to assessing and addressing the needs of all Jews throughout the state no matter their economic situation.

As for the myth regarding a Jewish background...it also is not true. There are many facets to the Jewish community. Some of them do lean to the ritual side of the Jewish community through synagogue and organizational involvement. There are other facets that deal with finance and community relations that are much more of a business setting. The bottom line is that whether you grew up in a Jewish home that was Orthodox, Conservative, Reform, Reconstructionist or nothing at all, there is a place for you in the Jewish community. Frankly, the more diverse the group the better the conversation and interaction. Bottom line is that everyone is welcome to help

This leads me now to Super Sunday, which is December 14, 2003 at the JCC in Wilmington. Set aside all of the myths and join the community for a day of fundraising and community building. The BBYO kids from Wilmington and

Newark will surely show up and help out. Be a Jewish role model and show them how much fun they can have working with the Jewish community.

For more information on Super Sunday or the JFD Annual Campaign, please feel free to contact me at (302)427-2100 ext. 16 or www.shalomdelaware.org.



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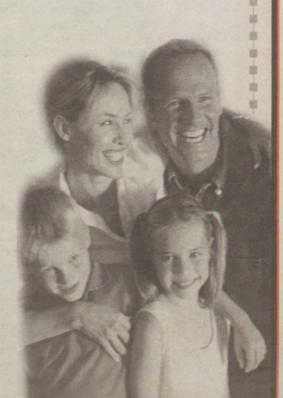
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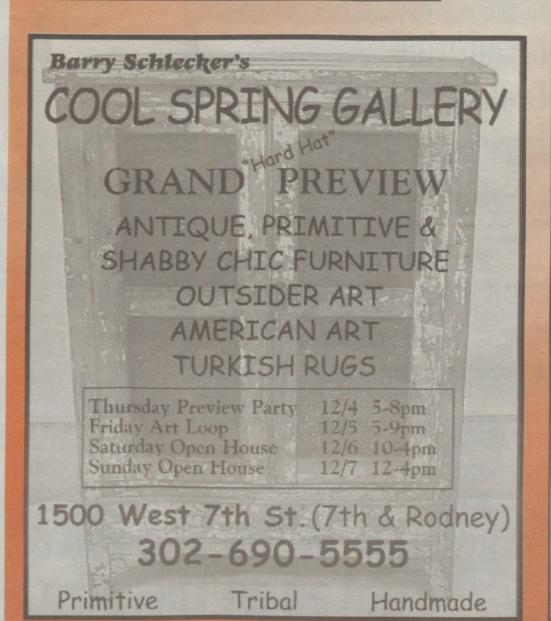
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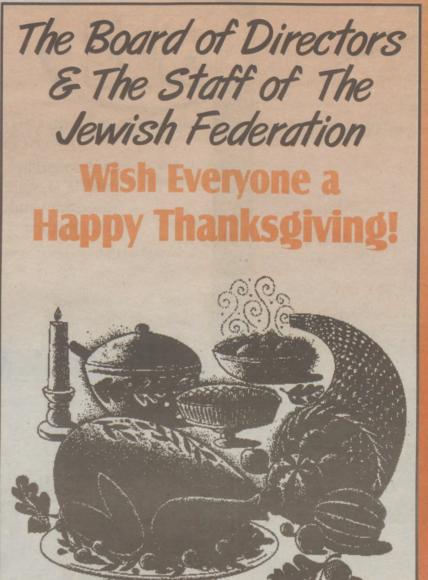
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DELAWARE GOES TO ISRAEL

Thoughts from the Jewish Homeland

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It's the night before my last day in Israel, and I'm beginning to reflect on the experience. This is my second trip to Eretz Yisroel and I have experienced a wide range of emotions and insights.

I still got goosebumps and cried when I prayed at the Kotel. We arrived at 11:00 PM, after a long day of traveling, but the fatigue was wiped away by the power of the experience. There is no place on earth like the Western Wall.

Before I left, many people asked me, "Why are you going to Israel now?", when they really meant to say, "Aren't you scared of being killed by a terrorist?"

Unfortunately, the blood and gore coverage of Israel on CNN has misinformed my well-meaning friends. Israel isn't any more dangerous than being in a big city in America. While the local news shows air footage of car accidents, muggings, shootings, and murders each evening, most of us don't think twice about traveling downtown for dinner or a show.

Same with Israel. Yes, terrorists attack innocent civilians. But you have a better chance of being killed at home in a car accident on the way to work, than you do of being killed in a terrorist attack in Israel. And you don't think twice about

driving to work, do you? That's why I wasn't afraid to come to Israel.

To my surprise, I felt safer in Israel than the USA. Half of our trip was spent in Arad, a town in the northern Negev Desert where parents allow their teenage children to walk alone at night or stay late at the local mall, free of fear that they will be hurt. I can't say that about my teenage daughter being out late in my hometown.

One big difference I noticed from my last trip was the attitude of the ordinary Israelis. Twelve years ago they were optimistic about the Oslo Peace Process. After its failure, and the last three years of poor economy and attacks, they are dis-

couraged. Our visit, along with 4,000+ other North Americans helped pump \$15 million into the economy and put a smile on the Jerusalem shopkeepers' faces. Just our being there made them feel less alone. But there will need to be more visits like this one to make that smile permanent again.

This was my first General Assembly and I wasn't disappointed. Being briefed by Israeli political leaders, hearing from experts in Israel Hasbara on best practices, and marching with thousands of people along the streets of Jerusalem were all well worth the visit. But the contacts I made with other professionals in Jewish communities around

the world will be even more valuable over the long haul.

We broadcast three times on WILM and WDEL from our trip (email me with feedback if you heard any of them). The last time was live on the noon WILM news from Ben Yehuda Street when Toni Young described how the day had been one of the most exciting of her life. While I hope you heard her on the radio, you only experienced Israel with one of your senses.

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(More reactions from Mission participants in future issues of the Voice)







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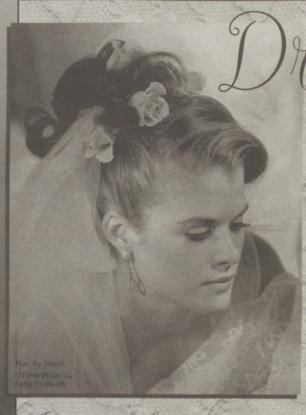
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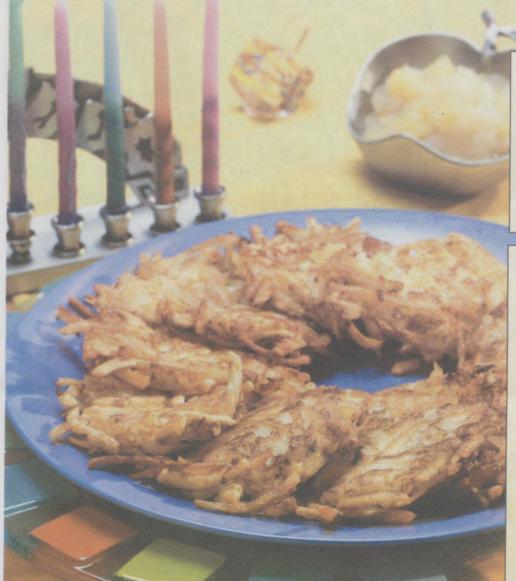
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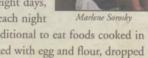


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of the holiday an additional candle is lit on a menorah. It is traditional to eat foods cooked in oil, such as Latkes (potato pancakes). Shredded potatoes are mixed with egg and flour, dropped by spoonfuls into simmering oil and fried until deliciously crisp and golden.

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Recipe reprinted from Fast & Festive Meals for the Jewish Holidays by Marlene Sorosky.

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1 onion, peeled

2 eggs, lightly beaten

1 teaspoon salt

2 tablespoons flour or matzah meal

Applesauce for serving, optional

Place shredded potatoes and onions in large bowl. Stir in eggs, salt, baking powder, and flour or matzah meal. Use immediately.

In a large skillet, heat 1/2-inch oil over medium high heat until it bubbles rapidly when a shred of potato is added. Spoon about 2 tablespoons batter into oil for each pancake. Do not crowd. Flatten slightly with the back of a spoon. Fry pancakes until golden on both sides, turning once. Squeeze the end of the batter lightly to remove excess liquid. Remove to paper towels to drain. Serve with applesauce, if desired.

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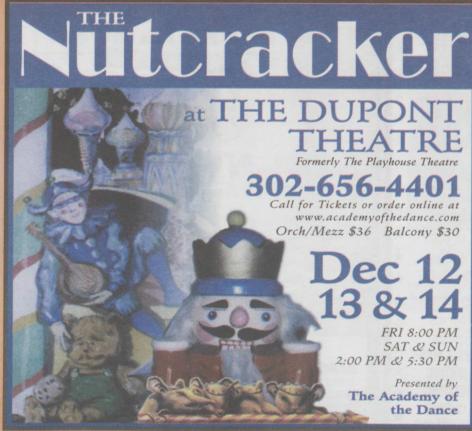
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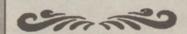
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Hadassah hosts Lipton at 'Bigger Gifts' event

By Naomi Wright Special to the Jewish Voice

Bonnie Lipton, immediate past president of Hadassah National, was the guest speaker at the October 26 Bigger Gifts Event sponsored by Wilmington Hadassah.

Lipton, who has made more than 100 trips to Israel since 1975, commented on the impact of the more than three years of violence on Israel's people. She stated that "while the daily bombings, shootings, and terrorist attacks make life difficult, anxiety-laden, and tenuous, they cannot and will not destroy the spirit of the homeland, the Israeli people and our spirits as well." Her eye-witness accounts of these atrocities have become too painful for her to relate to audiences. "What I have seen is too terrible to believe, but not to terrible to have happened," she explained.

She prefers to focus on the programs and services provided by

Hadassah to sustain Israel's people during this time of crisis. Hadassah Hospital offers state of the art equipment to care for victims of acute trauma. Highly trained staff provide services on emotional, personal, psychological and family levels.

Lipton believes the entire country is suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome. She wonders "What problems will the Israelis face in five, ten, twenty years from now, after what they've been through?"

Hadassah is building a center for Emergency Medicine that will have the space that is needed to treat trauma victims. Currently, ICU islands provide a "band-aid approach" alleviating the overcrowded emergency rooms at Hadassah Hospital. However, there is little that can be done to alleviate the stress experienced by members of the ER staff. She told of the ER nurse whose father died in an explosion and comes

face to face with the wounded man alleged to have orchestrated the bombing. This incident was broadcast on television and the nurse was asked her reaction. She replied that "It's not easy. I'm a nurse and this is a hospital that treats everyone."

Lipton also related the story of a pregnant women whose blood wouldn't clot. Testing indicated that she had rat poisoning. It was found that the nuts, bolts and screws from the bombs dropped on Israel are dipped in rat poison. Hadassah paid \$10,000 for a drug to counteract the poison.

"We do what we do best" Lipton stated. "We make certain that people have the best care, not only the patients but their families as well". These people who have lost limbs, families, friends and homes, say they are surviving because of Hadassah. They tell Lipton "Thank the women of Hadassah. Tell the women of Hadassah what is being done."



Gathered recently at a Bigger Gifts program sponsored by the Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah are (from left) Wilmington Co-President Cheryl Kamm, Northern Seaboard Region President Ronnie Rosen, National Past President Bonnie Lipton and Wilmington Co-President Tina Heiman.

Lipton exhorted her audience to be proud of their involvement in an organization that "does holy work and helps to guarantee a Jewish future for our own children and grandchildren."

Local lawyer has the "ultimate" mission experience

By Sheldon A. Weinstein, Esq. Special to the Jewish Voice

I was recently privileged to participate in a program which was promoted as "The Ultimate Mission to Israel"- a judicial, military, humanitarian, historical, religious and political reality check. The program, which ran from Sunday, November 2nd through Monday, November 10th, 2003, was sponsored by Shurat HaDin, Israel Law Center. There were 72 participants, including lawyers, judges, doctors and numerous businesspersons and their spouses. There were a number of first time visitors to Israel and they were so very much impressed and overwhelmed by the construction of ultramodern high rise office and apartment buildings and state of the art highways throughout the country. They appreciated and observed, to a limited extent (time permitting), the historical perspectives. However, they were surprised by the hustle and bustle of this beautiful modern nation during a week blessed by glorious

By way of background, Shurat HaDin assists hundreds of Israeli victims of violence in their battle against the Palestinian terrorists groups and their financial patrons. It tracks the funding and material support for terrorist groups by Syria, Iran, Iraq and within the European Union. It also serves as a legal resource and research institute for the numerous struggles, now being waged in the Israeli, American and European courts on behalf of Israel. Shurat HaDin institutes lawsuits throughout the world seeking judgments against individuals, organizations and countries. The organization attempts to recover damages from funds that may have been frozen.

We received a briefing by the Chair of the Legal Department on the Foreign Ministry of Israel, Daniel Taub, Esquire. We then met with Col. Miri Eizen, an IDF Intelligence officer. Ms. Eizen, American born, is often seen on CNN as a spokesperson for the IDF providing articulate and comprehensive responses to reporters questions regarding IDF activities. We held a meeting with Devorah Chen, the Director of the Department of Security Matters and Special Affairs in the State's Attorneys' office - she heads the prosecution and trials against Fatah-Tanzim terrorist leaders. We were briefed by a former Shin Bet Commander on the use of informants, analysis and counter terrorism. Further, we met at length with an Arab informant who is now living in Jerusalem, in protective custody.

The mission was treated to an early morning lecture and discussion by the national best selling author, Michael Oren who wrote "How the Six Day War Created the Modern Middle East." Shortly thereafter, we were briefed by the Chief Judge of the Military Courts, Shaul Gordon at a military base and attended and observed a portion of a security trial of an alleged Hamas terrorist. Needless to say, the security was extremely tight

We were briefed by the Chief of Police/Forensic Expert of the Criminal Identification Unit of the Israeli Police whose subject was "Utilizing forensics to determine the identity of suicide bombings (including DNA). We traveled to Hadassah Ein Karem Hospital where we were briefed by the Head of the Intensive Care Unit

which responds to bomb scenes and treats terror victims. We learned of the creative and progressive innovations being successfully utilized when 80 to 100 individuals in shattered condition (physically and mentally) are rushed to the hospital for critical care within minutes after a homicide bombing.

Often, the waiting rooms for relatives are filled with the families of Jewish victims in addition to Arab families. We were delighted and pleasantly surprised to learn that there has never been "an incident". Our entire mission was so very impressed by the report that, with the exception of insurance payments and limited occasional personal payments, Hadassah Hospital, one of the leading institutions in the world for research, study, treatment and rehabilitation, is funded by the gracious, dedicated and committed women of North America (mainly the US).

We met with Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz shortly before his trip to Washington on the November 7th. It is widely rumored that he is being strongly encouraged to run for the position of Prime Minister in the next election with an excellent prospect of success. We were taken in six-seat private airplanes for low flying flights from Tel Aviv to Rosh Pina in the Galilee. After traveling to the Golan Heights, we met with Gen. Avigdor Kahalani who escorted us to the high observation point overlooking the main Israeli-Syrian battlefield of the 1973 Yom Kippur War. General Kahalani commanded the tank division that defeated the Syrians on that particular battlefield, Emek Habacha. It was enthralling to have him provide us with a review of the battle which he commanded as he pointed out the various locations in the far and near distance.

As the mission moved towards conclusion, we toured a military forward position on the Lebanese Border, saw a portion of the fence (note - no one in Israel refers to it as a "Wall") being constructed and while we received a briefing by the Deputy of the Northern Front Command, the IDF staged a few examples with live ammunition of the counter measures that are taken to prevent Hezbullah infiltration.

On our final evening together, we were provided a presentation by Dr. David Tzengen, Chief Medical Officer for Operation Defensive Shield. Dr. Tzengen took part in the house to house fighting in Jenin and has written a book on the subject entitled "The Inside Story of the Battle for Jenin."

During the event packed week (on the rise at 5:30 am and to bed often at midnight), the mission was briefed by Senior Officials of the Mossad and the Commander of the Counter-Terrorism Division of the Israel Security Agency, "Shin Beit." Their (no last names, no pictures and no recordings) subjects included the tracking of material, support and resources of the PLO as well as the challenge of combating terrorism on the domestic front. We visited the Prime Minister's office and met with his senior political advisor, Ra'Anan Gissin. He is one of Israel's leading spokesperson to the foreign press and the international community on security and strategic issues. On a number of occasions in the past (prior to his present position), Col. Gissin has visited Wilmington. Finally, we received a guided tour of the Israel Supreme Court and met with its Chief Justice, Aharon Barak. Justice Barak led a most informative discussion regarding

the tensions between civil rights and security and the challenges that face the Court in this arena.

I was deeply impressed by the caliber of the individuals we met with during these high level briefings. These men and women were intelligent, articulate and deeply committed to the State of Israel. The future of our homeland is in capable, compassionate hands.

The Mission certainly lived up to its promotional materials - it was truly "ultimate". Major impressions that its participants observed, included: 1) Israeli public relations is poor in comparison to the Palestinian narrative of portraying its position as the victims; 2) in order for terrorism to cease, its funding from Saudi Arabia and Iran must be terminated; 3) the fundamentalist Islamic revolutionary terroristic movement is very patient and incisive and desires not only the total destruction of Israel and the Jewish people throughout the world but also a movement to return Islam to its position of 2000 years ago - when it powerfully populated the world. It is presently in the process of creating infrastructures to overthrow all of the leaders of the major Arab countries; and 4) as the Intifada continues to take its relentless tolls, families of Israeli casualties are utilizing the court system to battle terrorism and seek redress.

Sheldon A. Weinstein, Esquire is the former Managing Partner of Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP. where he presently serves Of Counsel. He and his wife Ruth, travel to Israel often to visit their children and their families.

Anyone desiring more information regarding Shurat HaDin and its missions should contact him at 302 571 6631.

A Kosher Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving influenced by Bible

By Linda Morel, JTA

Did you know that Thanksgiving is really a Jewish hol-

Although Thanksgiving is not on the Jewish calendar, historians believe that Sukkot may have inspired America's favorite farewell to fall, often nicknamed "Turkey

"The pilgrims based their customs on the Bible," says Gloria Kaufer Greene, author of the "New Jewish Holiday Cookbook" (Times Books, 1999). "They knew that Sukkot was an autumn harvest festival, and there is evidence that they fashioned the first Thanksgiving after the Jewish custom of celebrating the success of the year's crops."

Linda Burghardt, author of "Jewish Holiday Traditions" (Citadel Press, 2001), said, "Sukkot is considered a model for Thanksgiving. Both holidays revolve around showing gratitude for a bountiful harvest.

Today Thanksgiving is celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November, but President Franklin Roosevelt didn't propose this timing until 1939.

It was Abraham Lincoln who made Thanksgiving a national holiday. Roosevelt actually changed Lincoln's decree that Thanksgiving be observed on the last Thursday in November, which may fall on the fifth Thursday of the month.

The pilgrims' invited local Indians to the first Thanksgiving during the fall of 1621. Historians speculate that this celebration occurred somewhere between September 21 and November 9, but most likely in early October, around the time of Sukkot.

"Originally, Sukkot entailed a pilgrimage to Jerusalem," says Greene, who believes the two holidays share much in common.

The Puritan Christians who landed on American shores seeking religious freedom were called pilgrims, in deference to their journey from England. Their dream of finding a place where they'd be free to worship as they pleased is a recurrent theme in Jewish history.

After their pilgrimage to Jerusalem, the ancient Israelites lived for a week in temporary huts while giving thanks for a plentiful harvest. Likewise, during their first winter in Massachusetts, the pil-



grims dwelled in makeshift huts, wigwams that the Indians helped them build.

While Sukkot remains a sevenobservance, the first Thanksgiving celebration continued for three days, a time frame more similar to the Jewish harvest festival than today's Thanksgiving dinner, which often begins in late afternoon and ends several hours

With its pumpkin pies and cranberry garlands, Thanksgiving mirrors many of Sukkot's customs and culinary themes.

Burghardt says she is amazed at how many of the same foods are connected to both holidays.

Piping hot casseroles brimming with vegetables and fruit grace the American and Jewish harvest tables, as do pastries that are filled with apples, nuts, pumpkins and squash. Stuffing one food inside another as a metaphor for abundance is the hallmark of Sukkot

Yet there's nothing more opulent than the elaborate bread stuffings found inside Thanksgiving turkeys. Burghardt's favorite dishes at both holidays are hearty and basic. When entertaining, she starts with her harvest vegetable soup, which sets a homey tone.

'Sometimes we roast sweet potatoes outside on the grill just because it's past the season and therefore fun," she says. "I make my

applesauce from scratch."

Greene enjoys transforming traditional Thanksgiving recipes into kosher cuisine.

"I like mixing new and old world themes," she says.

One of her favorite recipes is glazed turkey with fruit-nut stuffing. Bursting with so much produce, it's a one-dish harvest festival. Because the pilgrims and Indians shared roasted corn during the first Thanksgiving, Greene's doublecorn bread is a fitting choice. It is soft and moist, almost like a kugel.

"Participating in Thanksgiving is how we feel American," says Greene, a former food columnist for the Baltimore Jewish Times, who used to submit a Thanksgiving story every year.

She agrees with Burghardt that Thanksgiving is a lovely experience. It's an easy holiday to include friends and neighbors of other

"While Thanksgiving is not technically a Jewish holiday, it's not a Christian one either," says Burghardt. "It's a great equalizer with a multicultural theme.'

"Like Sukkot, at Thanksgiving you're supposed to invite people to share abundance with your family," says Burghardt. "You can't serve too much food. Could there be anything more Jewish than that?"

VEGETABLE SOUP

Holiday "Jewish Traditions," by Linda Burghardt

- 3 cups chicken stock
- 2 medium potatoes, diced
- 1/4 cup diced onions
- 1/2 cup diced carrots
- 1/2 cup corn kernels
- 1/2 cup lima beans
- 1/2 cup diced zucchini
- 1 large leek, diced 1/2 cup stewed tomatoes
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1/4 cup chopped parsley 1. Combine all ingredientsexcept for salt, pepper and parsleyin a large saucepan and bring to a

boil, then reduce heat and simmer

- for 10 minutes. 2. Add salt and pepper.
- 3. Pour into a large tureen or individual bowls and sprinkle parsley on top.

Yield: 6 servings

The following 3 recipes are

"The New Jewish Holiday Cookbook," by Gloria Kaufer

GLAZED TURKEY WITH FRUIT-NUT STUFFING

- Fruit-Nut Stuffing:
- 2 Tbsp. canola oil
- 1 large onion, finely chopped
- 2 celery stalks, diced
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 11/2 cups cranberries
- 12 pitted prunes, coarsely chopped
- 6 dried apricots, coarsely chopped
 - 1 cup raisins
- 3 medium apples, cored and
 - 11/2 cups chopped nuts
 - 1/2 cup finely chopped parsley 1 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp. ground cloves
- 1/8 tsp. ground ginger
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 large eggs, lightly beaten In a medium-sized saucepan
- saute the onion and celery in oil over medium-high heat, stirring until tender but not browned. Transfer to a large bowl. Set aside.

In the same (unwashed) pan, combine orange juice and sugar, bringing mixture to a boil over medium-high heat.

Stir in cranberries and bring to a boil. Lower the heat and simmer cranberries, stirring occasionally for about 10 minutes, or until berry skins pop.

3. Mix in prunes, apricots and raisins. Remove from heat. Transfer mixture to bowl containing onion and celery.

Cool to room temperature. Add remaining stuffing ingredients and

1 12-14 pound turkey, completely defrosted in refrigerator

Canola oil

- 1. Clean turkey well and discard giblets. Rub skin with canola oil.
- 2. Fill the body and neck cavities of the turkey with stuffing, allowing room for expansion. Tuck the legs under the band of skin or tie legs together with heavy cord. Skewer or sew neck skin closed against the body.

Place turkey, breast up, on a rack in a shallow roasting pan. Roast in a preheated 325 degree oven for about 3 hours.

Yield: 10 servings

DOUBLE CORN BREAD

- 1 cup yellow cornmeal
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 3 Tbsp. sugar
- 4 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 2 large eggs
- 1/3 cup canola oil
- 1 (about 15-ounce) can creamstyle corn, including liquid. (Note: Because cream-style corn does not contain dairy products, it is pareve.)

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Coat an 8-inch square baking pan

with no-stick spray. 2. In a medium bowl, combine

cornmeal, flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. Make a well in the center, and add eggs, oil and canned corn. Beat wet ingredients with a fork to combine them, then incorporate dry ingredients. Stir only until all ingredients are completely moistened and combined.

3. Spoon mixture into prepared pan. Bake for 20-25 minutes, or until knife inserted in center comes out clean. Cut into 16 squares and serve directly from the



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AROUND OUR JEWISH WORLD

Turkish Jews dig out after bombs

By Yigal Schleifer, JTA

Turkish Jewish leaders are shocked by the force and sophistication of the bombings of two synagogues here during Shabbat services — but not surprised that the Jewish community was targeted.

"This was bound to happen," said Lina Filiba, executive vice president of the Turkish Jewish community. "Something here is changing. The peaceful life here is different now."

A pair of truck bombs exploded outside two of Istanbul's largest synagogues Saturday morning, killing at least 24 people and injuring more than 300. At least six of the dead were known to be Jewish.

The first explosion occurred at 9:30 near the main entrance of the city's central synagogue, Neve Shalom. The second took place a few minutes later at the back side of the Beit Israel synagogue, in Istanbul's Sisli neighborhood, about three miles away.

The blasts were heard from miles away and left the streets surrounding the synagogues littered with shards of broken glass. It's still not clear if the explosions were set off by suicide bombers driving by or if they were ignited by remote control, in trucks parked near the buildings. Turkish authorities have said they believe they were suicide attacks.

An usher working in Neve Shalom said it was filled with close to 400 people celebrating a Bar Mitzvah.

"We were in the middle of reading the Torah when we felt a big explosion. Everybody ran out," said the usher, who asked not to be named.

Another congregant standing atop the rubble looked out on the scene of destruction, holding a handkerchief to his face to keep out the strong smell of ammonia that filled the air after the explosion. The bombs were made of ammonium sulfate and nitrate, a Turkish security officer told CNN.

"What kind of peaceful Sabbath is this?" the congregant asked.

Condemnations poured in from around the world, including from such unlikely sources as Iran and Malaysia, both Muslim nations

Israel's foreign minister, Silvan Shalom, flew to Turkey on Sunday to visit the bombing sites and meet with his Turkish counterpart, Abdullah Gul. Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan also toured the site Sunday afternoon, accompanied by Gul.

Turkish police arrested three people in connection with the bombings, but they already had been released a day later, according to news reports.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon opened the weekly Cabinet meeting with a statement of condolences for the victims.

"We saw yesterday yet again that terrorism knows no bounds," Sharon said. "Terrorism doesn't discriminate by religion or blood. The aim of terrorism is one, to sow fear and terror through the slaying of innocent people."

International Jewish organizations also mobilized. The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee is raising funds to help Turkey's Jewish and general community after Saturday's attacks.

This was an attack on Turkish society," in which Jews have lived since the Spanish Inquisition, said Steven Schwager, executive vice president of the JDC. Schwager said the group hopes to raise a few million to rebuild the synaogues destroyed in the attack and restore local shops.

For its part, the Jewish Agency for Israel dispatched a mission of high-level staff to the region Saturday evening. The group included two psychologists who are terror specialists and two youth leaders who are familiar with the Istanbul Jewish community.

In addition, the Jewish Agency held an emergency conference call Saturday evening with members of world Jewish communities, including France, England, South America and the United States, to determine ways to combat anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism.

The group plans to meet again soon to address threats to Jews worldwide.

Overnight, religious Israeli forensic volunteers, still in their Sabbath clothes, donned fluorescent vests and scoured the bomb sites for body parts.

"We are, unfortunately, used to terror in Israel and feel we can help here, in accordance with Jewish law," their spokesman told curious local journalists.

An Israeli diplomat noted that Turkey was ripe for violence by Islamic terrorists.

"As the world's only Muslim democracy, with ties to Israel, Turkey is doubly likely to be hit by Islamist terrorism. That puts Turkish Jews all the more at risk," the diplomat said, according to Pouters.

Such concerns were nothing new for Nessli Varol, a 23-year-old daughter of Turkish emigres who flew in from Israel for the funeral of an uncle killed in the Beit Israel

"The Jews here have a prosperous life, but there is also fear. They stick together and avoid too much exposure," she told Reuters. "When I used to visit my grandmother as a child, she would tell her Muslim friends I was from France, rather than Israel."

Jewish community officials said they have been on high alert for the last three months regarding possible attacks and had notified the police about their concerns. Security at Istanbul's synagogues had been increased in response, officials said.

"If we didn't have security as good as it is, the tragedy could have been a lot worse. We wouldn't have been as lucky," community leader Filiba said.

In front of the Neve Shalom Synagogue, a deep crater marked the spot where Turkish officials said the small, explosives-packed truck blew up. A blackened axle was all that remained of the vehicle.

The stone and wrought-iron facade of the synagogue was completely destroyed, the synagogue's foyer filled with a tangle of twisted metal and shattered glass.

The synagogue is located on a narrow street in one of Istanbul's most historic districts, an area filled with small shops selling lamps and chandeliers. The explosion devastated the entire length of the street, shattering store windows and leaving some balconies on the verge of collapse.

"I heard the explosion. I thought it was an earthquake. From my front terrace I saw people coming out of the synagogue, some of them covered in blood," said Gulen Guler, who lives in a building a few doors down from Neve Shalom. "We could see bodies lying in the street and windows smashed everywhere."

Neve Shalom's sanctuary is set off from the street, so the number of injured was relatively low and the damage was limited to the

Most of the day's injured came from the Beit Israel synagogue, which was filled with an estimated 300 people, many of them there to celebrate the recent renovation of a smaller sanctuary in the back of the synagogue, close to where the car bomb exploded.

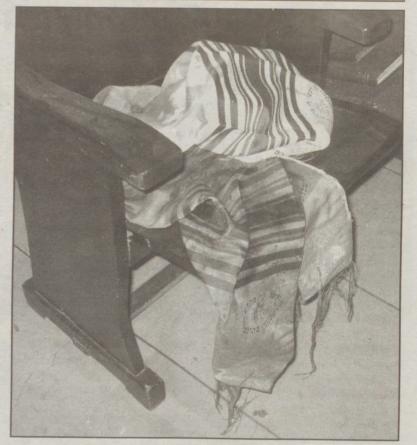
After the bombing, that sanctuary was littered with dust and shattered glass, prayer books and blood-stained prayer shawls covering the ground and the rows of wooden chairs.

The force of the explosion carried through the synagogue, completely blowing out a large window in the building's front, leaving a large empty circle where a stained glass Star of David used to be.

Among those killed at Beit Israel were a woman in her 80s and her 8-year-old granddaughter. At Neve Shalom, the victims included a woman who was four months pregnant.

Turkey's chief rabbi, Isak Haleva, and Ben Zion Pinto, president of the 20,000-member Turkish Jewish community, were at Beit Israel when the bombing occurred. Neither was injured.

"I was praying when suddenly there was an explosion under us and all the windows blew open and I was left standing there in



A bloody tallit lies on a pew in Istanbul's Beit Israel synagogue, shortly after a terrorist bombing Nov. 15, 2003. A pair of truck bombs exploded outside two of Istanbul's largest synagogues Saturday morning, killing at least 24 people and injuring more than 300. At least six of the dead were known to be Jewish.

CREDIT: Yigal Schleifer/JTA

the middle of house missed

shock in the middle of heavy smoke," Haleva said.

Neve Shalom, which means "Oasis of Peace" in Hebrew, was the target of a terrorist attack in 1986, when gunmen believed to be Palestinians from the Abu Nidal terrorist group burst into the synagogue, killing 22.

Since then, security at Istanbul's synagogues has been extremely tight, with 24-hour police protection augmented by a private security force hired by the Turkish Jewish community.

An outlawed Turkish radical group called the Great Eastern Islamic Raiders Front claimed responsibility for the attacks. Turkish officials dismissed the claim, however, saying the group did not have the resources to mount this kind of coordinated attack.

In a news conference, Turkey's interior minister, Abdulkadir Aksu, said similar trucks were used in the two attack and that they contained similar explosives, according to initial police analysis.

"It is obvious that this terrorist attack has some international connections," Gul, the foreign minister, said.

Gul's claim was echoed by local Israeli diplomats, who compared the attack to an April 2002 Al-Qaida car bombing of a historic synagogue on the Tunisian island of Djerba. That attack killed 21 people, mostly foreign tourists.

Several other high-profile attacks on Jewish targets have been carried out in the past year. Last November, an Israeli-owned hotel was bombed in Kenya, and missiles fired at an Israeli passenger plane leaving a nearby airport narrowly

missed.

Then, in May, Jewish institutions were targeted in a series of terrorist bombings in Casablanca, Morocco.

Israel had warned Turkey several times of the possibility of an attack on the country's Jewish community, the Israeli daily Ha'aretz reported.

"I'm sure the Turkish government has done everything possible to prevent an attack like this," said Pinchas Avivi, Israel's new ambassador to Turkey. "To my great sorrow, the organization and sophistication of this attack indicate that it wasn't a local organization."

Turkey's Jewish community traces its roots to 1492, when Jews expelled from Spain were welcomed to the Ottoman Empire. Despite living in a predominantly Muslim country, Turkey's Jewish community prides itself on being an example of successful religious coexistence.

In addition, Turkey has strong economic and defense ties with Israel that have angered elements in the Muslim world.

"Unfortunately, we are seeing this kind of attack again," said Moris Levi, a member of the Jewish community's advisory board.

"After the Neve Shalom attack in 1986, our community was very united," Levi said. "Today our synagogues will be open in the afternoon and I'm sure many people will go. All we can do is help the families who lost people."

Funds for the JDC's relief effort in Turkey can be sent to "JDC-Turkey Assistance," at Box 372, 8472-A Second Avenue, New York, New York, 10017.

JEWISH EXPRESSIONS

Putting the "Judaism" in Reform

By Joe Berkofsky, JTA

The prospect of a new, catchier name did not seem to excite many Reform Jews — until it actually happened.

Thousands gathered at the 67th biennial of the Union of American-Hebrew Congregations in Minneapolis last week, yet few seemed to have much passion for the impending vote to change the venerable synagogue association's name to the Union for Reform Judaism.

The sentiments of Stephen Lynn, president of one of the oldest and most prestigious Reform congregations in North America, the Stephen S. Wise Free Synagogue on Manhattan's Upper East Side, were typical: The name-change "is silly," Lynn said. "I don't care. I'll still come to the conventions."

But that was before the Nov. 7

The president of the body representing more than 900 Reform congregations, Rabbi Eric Yoffie, urged the name change in a speech that touched on the spiritual.

Names "are not unimportant" in Jewish tradition, Yoffie said.

Referring to the weekly Torah portion that coincided with the conference and the vote, Yoffie said, "Abram becomes Abraham and Sarai becomes Sarah, signifying that they are no longer leaders of a clan or a tribe but of a people — and not only a people, but a religious people covenanted to God."

In Judaism, he added, "a change of name takes place when a person or

a group undergoes a change in essence."

That transformation is taking place in the Reform movement, Yoffie said.

Since its founding 130 years ago, Reform Judaism has gone from a German Jewish movement advocating enlightenment and emancipation from ritual to one seeking more tradition and more active participation in Jewish life.

Reform has grown into "the largest and most dynamic religious movement in American Jewish life," Yoffie said, with 1.5 million members and 920 congregations.

Studies bear that out.

Of the 46 percent of 4.3 million Jews who claim affiliation with a synagogue, 39 percent identified as Reform, compared to 33 percent Conservative; 21 percent Orthodox; 3 percent Reconstructionist and 4 percent other, according to the National Jewish Population Survey 2000-01.

In the past decade, Reform Judaism grew 4 percent, while the Conservative movement fell 8 percent in terms of affiliation.

Reform attributes some of its success to its outreach to unaffiliated Jews, and its embrace of non-Jewish spouses of Jews.

Yet the congregational umbrella has found it difficult to win acceptance in wider circles, Yoffie said, in part because of an "awkward" moniker.

The UAHC was founded in an era when "Hebrew was considered a genteel substitute far more accept-



Delegates at the Reform movement's 2003 biennial convention overwhelmingly vote to change the name of the organization from the Union of American Hebrew Congregations to the Union for Reform Judaism, effective immediately. *CREDIT: Michael Fox*

able in Christian society," he said. Today, the term Judaism "plainly asserts our Jewish identity."

Apparently hoping to ease the concerns of the more cost-conscious among the group, Yoffie said that the change of stationery and signs at summer camps should cost little.

The new name required a twothirds vote, by a show of hands, of the 4,500 delegates to the biennial.

Yoffie hoped to avoid a floor fight on the day of the vote, telling the assembly that after a handful of failed name changes over 60 years, the UAHC's 270-member board took great pains to devise the new name

But the debate went on. Asked for delegates' views, a few dozen people quickly assembled to say yea or nay.

One critic was Rabbi Eric Wisnea, of Congregation Beth Chaim, in Princeton Junction, N.J., who echoed other opponents in saying the move should be low on the list of organizational concerns.

"I don't ever have a congregant who calls me and says, 'Just change the name, and I'll write a check to HVAC or whatever it is!" "Wisnea said.

Others, such as David Ellenson, president of the movement's seminary, the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, echoed Yoffie's call.

"Names have tremendous significance," Ellenson said. In a post Sept. 11-era of religious fanaticism, "it is important for us to express who and what we are, and to do so proudly."

The name change passed immediately — and overwhelmingly. The group's official new name is the Union for Reform Judaism: Serving Reform Congregations in North America.

And movement officials seemed confident of the switch long before the vote. They had already registered the new Web domain, www.urj.org.

Terrorists must not be appeased

By Rabbi Yechiel Eckstein

Once again, Islamic terrorists are murdering Jews, this time turning their crazed hatred on Sabbath worshippers in two Istanbul synagogues. Early reports listed 23 dead and more than 300 injured – among them the Muslims hired to

guard these synagogues.

Once again, we understand – but reject – their sick message that human life is expendable, even the lives of their co-religionists – because they place their determination to wipe out western culture above all else. Terrorism experts immediately speculated that the bombings were meant to punish Turkey, the most imoderatei of Muslim nations, for its ties to Israel and the United States. As the only Muslim country in NATO, looking forward to possible admission into the European

Union, Turkey apparently was moving too close to the West, they said.

As the level of worldwide violence increases scarily, clearly unprovoked by western nations seen as the alleged enemies of Islam, it is time to look back six decades and learn from the mistakes of past generations. Appeasement failed to stop Nazi Germany - indeed, it proved encouraging to a mad dictator who saw no resistance from the United States or democratic Europe. Ultimately, the Holocaust brought the deaths of 11 million people, including one-third of the worldis Jewish population, before Nazism was brought to its knees.

Once again we have the choice. We can appease the Arab and Muslim countries whose governments, machine-like, generate anti-Semitism and anti-Jewish hatred as an excuse for their own despotic regimesi cruel treatment of their citizens. We can agree to the dismantling of tiny Israel, the only democracy in the Middle East, home to .0008 of the worldis population. And then, with the "Jewish problem" again handled in Nazi-like fashion, we can watch the Muslims ratchet up their

hatred against the Christian west - including those nations that continue to proclaim the peaceful nature of Islam.

This choice was not lost on the Turkish prime minister who had this reaction to the bombings: "A platform of shared struggle against international terror has been established," he said. iI believe these events have an international dimension."

They do, indeed. And our response must be international as well. Whether we are religious; whether we are Jews, Christians or peace-loving adherents of any other faith - we are obligated to stand up against bigotry, hatred and violence. How often I come back to the words of Pastor Martin Niemoeller, words that begin with, "When they came for the Jews, I was silent because I was not a Jew" and end with, "When they came for me, I cried for help, but there was no one left to help me." We must not wait to find out if history is repeating itself. We are here today, and we must not be silent.

Rabbi Yechiel Eckstein is the President and CEO of the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews.

Pevar to speak at AKSE Brunch

Marc Pevar will discuss his recent trip to Israel, Turkey and the Ukraine during a December 7th program at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth. The 10:00 a.m. program is sponsored by the synagogue's Men's Club and will be preceded by brunch at 9:30 a.m.

Pevar, whose grandfather and great-grandfather emigrated to the United States from the Ukraine, will discuss his exploration of his family's Jewish roots.

During the family's three-week odyssey, Pevar shot digital stills, video and audio, using the latest ultraminiature equipment. Because the equipment was no larger than a pack of cigarettes, he was able to document rare footage, which he will share with his audience on December 7th.

The entire community is invited to attend at a cost of \$4, including breakfast. For additional information, please call the synagogue at 762-2705.



MATTER OF OPINION

What are the odds?

By Carl Alpert

Israel is faced with myriads of problems encompassing a vast area ranging from security, the economy, international reputation and domestic politics, to name but a few of the major ones. Yet still another is shortly to make its appearance - the demand to open a gambling casino.

Gambling is not foreign to this country. The law already recognizes an organization known as Mifal Hapayis which conducts a series of numbers games, offering prizes running into the millions of shekels. Hundreds of thousands of Israelis buy the various tickets weekly, hoping that their choice of numbers will bring them fortune. There is a parallel outfit known as Toto which entices Israelis to bet on the outcome of sports events. The enterprises are under careful legal scrutiny, and profits are divided among various sport teams, educational programs, health projects and other public causes

In addition, illegal gambling joints seem to flourish, and, as rapidly as they are raided and closed down by the police, they reappear Clients are always available

It is no secret that tens of thousands of Israelis, smitten with the urge, go abroad annually to haunt the halls of casinos in nearby countries. Others take short cruises out of Eilat on casino ships which begin their operations once the ships have departed from Israel's territorial waters. In an intermission between intifadas, the foreign Palestinians found investors who erected and operated a casino in Jericho. The project was a great success, largely because of the patronage of Israelis, who swarmed to the place. Renewal of the intifada made a visit there dangerous, and it closed down, but the optimistic Palestinians are keeping the place in good condition, to be reopened when peace comes to the area

Of late there have been repeat-

ed demands for operation of a local casino within Israel, and foreign promoters promise that the government will benefit richly from its share of the take. Political strings are being pulled, government committees have been studying the matter and proposals will shortly be brought before the Knesset. A major issue seems to be the question as to whether the casino should be operated by private professionals, with suitable percentage to be paid into the national treasury, or by the present structure running the Mifal Hapayis. Of course there will be a great wave of opposition, based on moral, social and religious grounds

Political leaders in various towns are already agitating for location of the casino in their communities. The mayor of Eilat has proclaimed that his city is the natural location, but there are other serious contenders

Spirits are already running high, and in this atmosphere it is

not surprising to learn that separate negotiations are already being conducted with government agencies, seeking legalization of horse racing, with its accompanying betting system. The whole gambling controversy is due to erupt into public discussion very shortly

At the moment, the temptation of a great source of income for the national treasury seems to have the upper hand. An excellent, thoughtful review of the situation was given expression recently by former Supreme Court President, Justice Meir Shamgar. Interviewed by the paper, Haaretz, he declared:

"I would have been happy if it was possible to remain without a casino, but since there are already illegal casinos operating in the country on a wide scale, and since there are casinos in the neighboring countries, in Turkey and Europe, which are accessible to a large section of the Israeli public, it is preferable that a casino operate

for the public good, rather than having the money flow into private pockets which sometimes cannot be described as completely clean. The trouble is that nowhere in the world have they been able to put an end to gambling or overcome the urge to gamble."

To this we can add that the principle applies all the more so to Israel, a country which lives from one gamble to another. In agriculture, crops are planted with the gamble that there will be ample rainfall Terrorists are to be released from prison in the gamble that they will not return to their evil ways. Our position on the world scene is dependent on the gamble that we shall continue to have American backing. And anyone who travels on Israel's highways and is familiar with the ways of Israeli drivers, realizes that whether he gets home safely or not. is a great gamble.

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Palestinian incitement to kill and hate Americans

By Itamar Marcus

Introduction:

Vicious incitement of hatred towards the United States continues unabated in the controlled Palestinian media. The PA daily condemned the Khawza Shiite institutions, for not encouraging suicide terror against the US in Iraq. President Bush and Secretary Rumsfeld are "bloodthirsty beasts", Bush is "the Great Liar", the USA is the "imperialist power". American involvement in Iraq is called: "fascism and cruelty... repression and humiliation of the Iraqi people". It should be noted that the PA leadership is not limiting its incitement against the US to the PA areas. In a speech in Brazilian Parliament a PA National Council Member called the "triangle of terror and evil... Bush, Sharon and Blair" and their policies "organized terror... and war crimes." USAID, while it continues transferring hundreds of millions of dollars to the PA, is called "spies". [A full report on PA attacks on USAID will be distributed next week.]

The following are 4 articles that appeared recently in the PA press:

Article #1: The PA daily criticizes the Shiite leadership for not supporting terrorism against the US, using a play on words: "Shahid" - "Martyr" and "Shaa'hid" - "a witness". The Shiite religious leaders are condemned for merely "Shaa'hid" - "witnessing" the terrorism and not encouraging its people to become "Shahids"-"Martyrs", fighting Americans.

Title: "The Shaa'hid and the Shahid" [The Witness and the Martyr] -"There is consensus in Iraq that American and British forces symbolize military occupation of Iraqi territories... Recent activities against America forces including helicopter interception,

bombing of command centers and convoys and attacking political targets undoubtedly prove that the resistance is getting stronger. And that there are many reasons, foremost among them the occupation's Fascism and cruelty, which helps the flow of many to the Iraqi resistance... The Khawza [Shiite religious institutions] admit publicly - and can not do otherwise that the U.S. forces are invading forces, but they [the Khawza institutions] offer unclear and unconvincing ways for the long run concerning the attitude towards them [the U.S. forces]. The Khawza Shiite institutions try to achieve historic benefit from the presence of these forces... even if this involves participation in the Ruling Council, which is appointed by the American Governor!!!

Are the [institutions of] Khawza capable of maintaining this dangerous balance?! Are they capable of reaping substantial achievements... in this way; after all, the people of the Shiite Congregation have historically been Shahids [Martyrs] and view the Shahada [Martyrdom] - since their first Shahid, Ali, as a sacred obligation. Can the Khawza convince the Shiites to [merely] witness [Shaa'hid] the armed resistance that is growing more fierce due to the increased American repression and humiliation of the entire Iraqi people... Will the Khawza keep silent and [merely] witness [Shaa'hid] leaning toward the American occupier in the middle of a sea of Shahids [Martyrs]?" [Al-Ayyam Oct. 27,

Article # 2: PA leadership is not limiting its incitement against the US to the PA areas. Palestinian National Council representative,

Basam Abu Sharif, attacked the United States while meeting with Brazilian officials. In a speech in Brazilian Parliament he referred to the "triangle of terror and evil... Bush, Sharon and Blair" and their policies "organized terror... and war crimes." He called for a boycott of the United States by Brazil.

"[Palestinian National Council representative] Basam Abu Sharif spoke later in [Brazilian] Parliament about the dangerous developments in the Middle East and Palestine. He called for the nations and the UN to confront the triangle of terror and evil, in the figures of Bush, Sharon and Blair. He further stated that the sources of organized terror are the occupation and war crimes that these three states are committing in order to subjugate the nations and force hegemony and enslavement... He asked the representatives of the Brazilian nation to support the Palestinian people politically and boycott Israel the US and Britain until the occupation ends and the UN decision are implemented." [Al Hayat Al Jadida, Oct. 30, 2003]

Article # 3: Bush and Rumsfeld "are human beings whose ambitions have turned them into bloodthirsty beasts" is the conclusion of this article condemning US involvement in Iraq, written by a Member of the PA Legislative Council in the official PA daily, Al Hayat Al Jadida.

"The American soldiers [in Iraq] are collapsing emotionally, because they are fighting a cruel war, that in their opinion has no justification and which appear to have no end. And this, while their enemy believes in their battle"

Bush says that he will stay in Iraq and win. To which victory is he referring? Did he not rain mis-

siles down on Iraq, projectiles and explosives that equal at least 3 nuclear bombs? Did he not enlist the army, the navy, aircrafts and hundreds of millions of dollars in order to take over Baghdad, thanks to the treason of some spies? What additional victory does he want? Does he want the Iraqis to turn into domestic animals that surrender and bear the [yoke of] occupation while seeing the oil and the good of the land plundered, and when the honorable Iraqis turn to beggars, expecting the grace of the Americans.

"Donald Rumsfeld recently spoke about the victory of the, what he called: "the war of ideas". Which war and which ideas? Is it possible to put entire nation into solitary confinement"

"Is this victory about which Rumsfeld speaks? Is it enough that Rumsfeld calls the "occupation" - "liberation", "interests" "theft" and the "military administration" "independence"? Is it enough to overthrow the legitimate government of the country [as legitimate as it may be] and replace it with Al-Jalabi and similar people "

"No, no, no! I do not think that Bush, Sharon and their counterparts like Rumsfeld and Mofaz truly believe that they have any logical sense" They are human beings whose ambitions have turned them into bloodthirsty beasts."

[Nahidh Muneer Al-Ris, PA Legislative Council Rep, official PA daily Al-Hayat Al-Jadida Nov. 3, 2003]

Article # 4: Since Bush is the "The Great Liar" the US "has to bury all of its imperialistic illusions," as the primary condition for victoryin the war fo ideas over terror.

"The American Agency for International Development [USAID] (of spies) decided to award a grant of \$1,350,000 to fund the training of 50 [Egyptian] journalists in an American University so that when they return to Egypt and work in the Egyptian press, they will be able to speak about the United States with "professional expression" that humiliate the Egyptian people and The nation. [American] Ambassador represents a country where the majority of the inhabitants refer to their president as "The Great Liar". He [the Ambassador] accused the Egyptian press of "distorting the facts" at the very time it became clear to the whole world and to most of the American citizens that the "lie" and the "distortion of facts" were the basis for the excuses of the Bush administration for waging war on Iraq. [It also became clear that the American press needs, more than any other press. "professionalism" in its expression.

Rumsfeld wanted to resurrect the bones of the "Liberal" American idea, which have rotted. In order to implement this miracle, America, first and foremost, on its own and with the help of other nations, has to bury all of its imperialistic illusions. The death of the USA as and imperialist power is the primary condition for its victory in the "ideas war" against "terror" and "terrorists". How nice it would have been had those who are as dead as Rumsfeld, would buried their dead." [PA daily, Al-Ayyam November 1, 2003, Jawad Al-Bashiti, PA columnist and political commentator, living in Jordan]

Itamar Marcus is director of Palestinian Media Watch, an organization that monitors the Arab Press.

JEWISH LIFESTYLES

Six Day War - A compelling Read

Reviewed by, Martin Roffman

This past summer, the Israel National Science Museum in Haifa organized a scientific mission for North Americans to observe the museum's excellent program in action. My wife and I participated in the mission, enjoyed it thoroughly, and when it was over, rented a car to visit friends and relatives living in northern Israel. One of our visits was to cousins living in Mishmar Hayarden, a pleasant village situated in the Golan Heights, about 20 miles north of the Sea of Galilee. The cousins originally lived in Philadelphia but five years ago, moved the family to Israel and settled in the Upper Galilee. We sat with them on their outdoor patio one warm Friday afternoon enjoying a beautiful view of the Hula Valley and Golan Heights. I glanced at the rolling hillside and remarked that the hills looked superb for hiking. My cousins laughed and told me that was impossible because the territory still contained land mines and was clearly demarked with red triangular warning signs to avoid the area entirely. After lunch, we drove a mile or two to the Jordan, crossed a bridge, and took pictures

at the foot of the river which is perhaps 50' across but with a surprisingly rapid current that's excellent for canoeing and kayaking. Forty years ago, it was impossible to complete the short, ten minute drive that I easily made in August because the territory across the Jordan belonged to Syria and was heavily guarded.

Many international boundaries in this region changed as a result of Israel's fortunes in the Six Day War. Michael Oren has written an entirely absorbing and actionpacked documentary entitled "Six Days of War, June 1967 and the Making of the Modern Middle East", published by Oxford University Press, 446 pages (327 pages of dynamic text and 119 pages of notes), \$30.00, 2002. This incredible book is an excellent read, so much so that I could not put it down even though I am somewhat familiar with many of the facts it describes.

Oren did a splendid job of establishing the historical context for the war, both regionally and globally. He then placed a magnifying glass on events occurring each of the six days, and finally summarized outcomes and futures of major players after the war. The author careful interwove details

and included a profusion of interviews not just from the Israeli and Arab sides but also from Russia and the United States. All of this material is assembled into a truly exciting and comprehensive story that reads like a novel.

He described in vivid detail how the Israeli cabinet agonized about whether to attempt capturing the Old City or to just concentrate forces on the Egyptian front. He lavished special attention on Moshe Dayan who, as Defense Minister, was the principal player responsible for setting military policy. Dayan's decisions were often at odds with those of the other cabinet ministers but his popularity and talent for accomplishing the impossible secured him a unique niche in Israeli history. The cabinet tried several times to speak privately with King Hussein but was unsuccessful in convincing him that no action would be taken against Jordan if that country remained a noncombatant. King Hussein unfortunately felt compelled to ally himself with Egypt and placed his armed forces under direct control of Nasser. Nasser immediately ordered those forces to shell the central region of the country in order to open a second front durng the war.

My wife, Selma, was a student at Hebrew University during 1966-67 and occupied a bomb shelter during those tense days. The shelter was located about two blocks from Israel's border with Jordan in Jerusalem. She expounds upon her experiences today primarily because the tanks and forces rolled from Israel toward Jordan in the first few days of the war, and not from Jordan to Israel.

It's interesting that Oren specifically mentioned that residents of Kibbutz Mishmar Hayarden were in fact located on the front lines and constantly received bombardments from the Syrian side. Those residents received no relief from the IDF until the fifth and sixth days of the war because planes and tanks were busy elsewhere defending against attack from Egypt in the Sinai and couldn't be diverted elsewhere until late in the war. There were major tank battles on the road connecting the kibbutz to the Jordan River and a battalion of Syrian soldiers actually controlled the bridge I drove across to reach the parking lot by the river. It was a pleasure walking along the river and snapping family pictures but

when we did so, we were unaware of the significance of what had precisely occurred there 36 years prior.

Oren carefully documents tensions, uncertainties, and personalities of major players who influenced and participated in the war, and then created a context for why the Yom Kippur War had to occur as a result of events that happened in June, 1967. In particular, the Six Day War led to Israel's incorporation of millions of Palestinian Arabs within its national boundaries, a result that still reverberates in today's front page news. That, however, is a good introduction for a subsequent article.

Do yourself a favor and Obtain a copy of this book. You'll definitely enjoy it. Participate in the next scientific mission organized by American Friends of the Israel National Science Museum. It's a super opportunity. See www.israelscience.com for more information. Consider kayaking on the Jordan River. It looks like a lot of fun.

Shalom!

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Innovative ways to buy Israeli

By Len Rosen

There has been a program going on advocating "buying Israeli"—buy Osem noodles or snacks, Tnuva cheese, Yarden or Carmel wines, Maccabee beer, Jaffa oranges. This is great and very important, however, I believe that it does not, perhaps, go far enough. Let me tell you about a few more ways to buy Israeli:

1. Make a cellphone call and leave a voicemail message when the call doesn't go through. Or, make calls simply to leave voicemails. How is this buying Israeli? Because an Israeli company, Comverse Technology, has its main operations in Atidim, Tel Aviv. It is the world's largest producer of voice messaging systems. Or, send text messages, SMS or pictures. While we can't yet send movie clips through our cellphones, people in Korea can. Comverse's systems make that possible. Comverse earned over \$700 million in revenues last year from those products, and their stock is up almost 50% so far this year.

2. Use more prescription drugs. When your doctor writes the prescription, have him or her check the box that permits dispensing a generic version. Teva Pharmaceuticals of Petach Tikva is the world's largest manufacturer of generic pharmaceuticals. One out of every 16 prescriptions filled in the United States is for a Teva product made in Israel (or outside Israel but by Teva, an Israeli company).

They earned over \$2.7 billion in revenues last year, and their market cap, at \$15 billion is at an all time high.

3. Try to hack a computer system and it is more than likely that the firewall that will keep you out is developed by Checkpoint, market cap \$5 Billion, of Ramat Gan. Spend too much time talking on the phone and you will touch on the products of Amdocs, the world's largest provider of complex billing systems software for communications service providers. This company, also based in Ramat Gan, has a \$5 ? Billion market share.

4. Get stuck on the phone with phone with customer service and you'll hear a message that says "To ensure proper service, this call is being recorded." The two largest companies providing the systems that monitor these calls are Verint Systems of Tel Aviv and Long Island and NICE Systems of Ra'Anana. These systems detect when callers' speak in rising decibel levels or the calls themselves go on for long periods of time. These "problem calls" will be directed to a manager the next morning who will evaluate what went wrong. You can buy Israeli by yelling at a customer service representative.

More on Verint: If you are a bad person (and I know Jewish Voice readers are not) and you are communicating with other bad guys over the phone, cellphone or email, and the FBI figures out that you are the caller,

blame Verint's communications interception products. The company's primary business is analytic software for homeland security. Verint products also pick up chatter and provide digital security surveillance at airports.

5. Try a new way of having an endoscopy. If your doctor indicates that this exam is necessary, request that he or she use a special product designed by Given Imaging, an Israeli company trades on Nasdaq. This company imbeds a tiny camera in a pill that, when swallowed, examines the large intestine in the same way that an endoscopy would, but without the discomfort associated with that procedure. The product is derived from military technology.

These companies and over 100 other Israeli firms are traded in the United States on Nasdaq or the NYSE. In addition to buying Israeli, you can purchase their stocks. Israel, as I am sure that you have heard many times before, has more companies traded in the United States than any foreign country except Canada.

Why is this? Let me give you a little history:

Part of the reason is governmental: Israel fueled its high-tech boom in its infancy, when capital was hard to come by, by providing a unique assortment of state-funded Research and Development grants and investment benefits. However, the most important reason for Israel's extraordinary economic development is not related

to the government but to the county's people. Israel's population is the most highly educated in the world, with 135 engineers for every 10,000 people in the work force. In comparison, the United States, which ranks second in this regard, has 70 per 10,000. In addition, the 700,000 to 800,000 new immigrants who arrived in Israel from the former Soviet Union contributed an enormously talented pool to the local work force.

These are what you buy when you buy Israeli. You support "natural resources"-Israel's people.

Let me point out another statistic. In 1999-2000, Israeli entrepreneurs raised \$5.5 Billion in venture capital, or \$1,000 for every man, woman and child in the country. That was during the tech bubble of course, and since then, investment fell off a cliff. However, all those companies I mentioned earlier-Checkpoint, Amdocs, Comverse-came from that environment, Israel's entrepreneurial culture, the human capital that, at its height, had 26 companies out of Israel traded in the United States worth over \$500 million. This capital created an environment where an optical called equipment start-up Chromatis sold to Lucent in 2000 for \$4.5 billion, making a few very young people very, very wealthy.

6. Buy bonds or funds. Everyone knows about Israel Bonds. Institutional investors can also purchase the Government of Israel's 10-year bond, which Lehman Brothers issued \$750 million of in June. Or, on the corporate level: Israel Electric Corporation's 100 year bond, maturing in 2096 yields over 7%. First Israel Fund, traded on the Anex, tracks Israeli companies. It is up 50% so far this year!

7. One final and fun way to buy Israeli is to watch a lot of television, preferably on one of those cool, flat panel display TVs. The leading company that manufactures the inspection equipment used to produce those displays is Orbotech. The company is traded on Nasdaq and is based in Yavne, Israel.

There is an old Midrashic story about how, during the siege of Jerusalem, the emperor Vespasian told Rabbi Yochanan ben Zakkai that, at his request, he would save one thing. Yochanan answered "Ten Li Yavneh V'Chachameha", give me Yavne and its wise men. Because of that, the Jewish people were saved.

Today, you can invest in these wise men of Yavne. And you can buy Israeli by watching the flat screen televisions that they help produce. And while you are at it, relax with a snack of Osem pretzels washed down with Maccabee beer or Yarden wine.

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MILESTONES

In Memoriam

BENDERSKY

Mordko Bendersky, 72, died November 7. Born in Odessa, Ukraine, he came to the United States in 1975 and began a new life as a carpenter. He was beloved by his family and will be dearly missed by his wife, Manya; his children, Galina and Robert Chadwick, Irina and Scott Capaldi and his grandchildren, Zachary and Chadwick Benjamin Samantha Capaldi. Graveside services were held on November 11 in the Jewish Community Cemetery The family on Foulk Road. requests that contributions in his memory be sent to the American Diabetes Association, Memorial Program, P.O. Box 2680, North Canton, Ohio 44720.

Anna S. Metzker, age 91, died November 8. A native of Philadelphia, she moved to Delaware 50 years ago and became an active volunteer with the Retired Senior Volunteer Program. For her tireless service, she was honored with the 2003 Governor's Volunteer Award. She was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom in Wilmington.

METZKER

She is survived by her children: Shelley Buxbaum and her husband, Stephen and William Metzker and his wife, Lucy Hornstein; and her three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on November 12 from Schoenberg Memorial Chapel. Contributions in her memory may be directed to "The Knitting Program", Charles

Debnam Building, 1901 North DuPont Highway, New Castle, DE 19720.

MOCH

Cynthia Rice Moch, a former resident of Wilmington, has died. She was the beloved wife of Irving, mother of Dr. Anne Steinberg and her husband, David; grandmother of Evan and William; niece of Evelyn Frank; sister-in-law of Gerald and Joan Moch and the late Royce and Dr. Frank Roth; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Funeral and interment were private. The family requests that contributions in her memory be directed to Temple Beth Emeth in Wilmington or to a charity of the donor's choice.

MORRIS

Rabbi Herbert Morris, 73, a native of Trenton, New Jersey who grew up in Wilmington, DE, died November 7 at his Walnut Creek, California home after a valiant battle with prostate cancer. He served Rabbi Emeritus of Congregation Beth Israel-Judea in San Francisco and presided over the successful merger of two city congregations. It was the first merger of its kind in a large American city.

Rabbi Morris retired in 1998 after serving 36 years on the bimah in San Francisco. Rabbi received his history degree from the University of Delaware and continued his education at Hebrew Union College Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati. After his ordination, he served as a Navy chaplain. His rabbinic career took

him to Minnesota, Chicago and Ventura County, California. He moved to the Bay Area in 1962 and accepted a pulpit at Temple Judea, a relatively new Reform congregation. In 1969, Congregation Beth Israel, a conservative shul which, at 110 years of age was the oldest synagogue west of the Mississippi, merged with Temple Judea to become Congregation Beth Israel-Judea.

"It was a major achievement that would not have worked otherwise," said Judy Morris, Rabbi Morris' wife. "He was the guiding light and he made it work."

Congregants, family and friends believe that his gregarious personality and compassionate nature made him so beloved during his long rabbinic career. He had a unique ability to reach out to people and to turn strangers into friends.

Even after his retirement, he continued reaching out to others, trying to inspire hope in those around him. Two days before he died, he comforted an 11- year-old girl who was struggling with cancer. In addition to his wife, Judy, he is survived by his daughters, Dena Kaufman of Scottsdale, Ariz., Tammy Dollin of Denver, and Rayna Arnold of San Ramon; son, Bram Morris of Oakland; brother and sister-in-law, Irving and Doris Morris of Wilmington; and 10 grandchildren.

Donations can be made to the Rabbi Herbert Morris Fireside Room Fund, in care of Congregation Beth Israel-Judea, 625 Brotherhood Way, San Francisco, CA 95032.

STEINBERG

Dr. Marshall Steinberg, a resident of Kennett Square, PA and Great Falls, VA, died November 9. He will be dearly missed by his wife, Patricia Zobac Steinberg; his children, Leslie Shifrin and her husband, Richard, and Michael and Maureen Steinberg; his sister, Michele Schwartz and her husband, David; and one beloved grandchild, David Zahn.

Graveside services were held on November 20 in Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, VA. Contributions in his memory would be appreciated to the American Cancer Society, 11331 Amherst Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20902 or to the Brandywine Valley Association, Unionville-Wawaset Road, West Chester, PA 19832.

Nachas Nook

Berry named Brenner award winner

Jennifer Berry, daughter of Sharon and Dan Berry of Wilmington, has been selected as the recipient of the 2003 Leo Brenner Holocaust Study Memorial Fund Award. She is a senior at the University of Delaware.

This award was established by the family of the late Mr. Brenner to keep the memory and lesson of the Holocaust alive. The Fund accepts applications from members of the

Delaware community who are studying or teaching the Holocaust. Leo Brenner, who died in 1998, was a Holocaust survivor from Berlin, Germany. He was imprisoned by the Nazis from 1939 to 1945-first in Sacghsenhausen and later in Auschwitz, Buna Monowitz and Buchenwald.

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Shel Emeth, Washington Blvd. and Torah Drive, Wilmington, DE 19802. Please return completed applications to Mrs. Marion Brenner, c/o AKSE.

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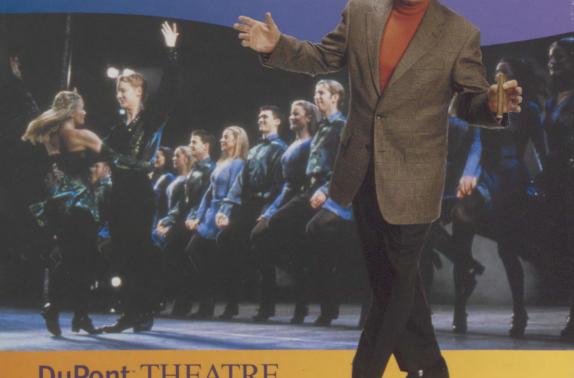
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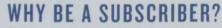
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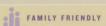
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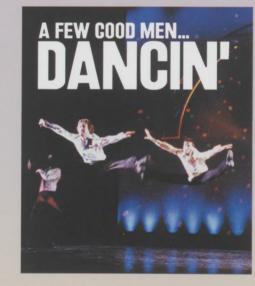
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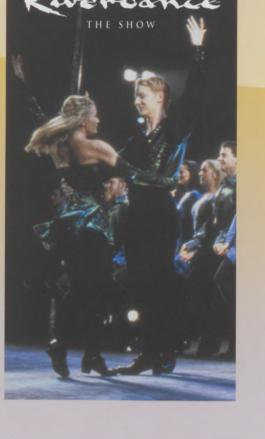
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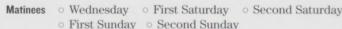
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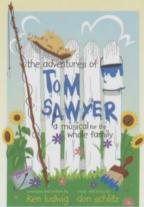
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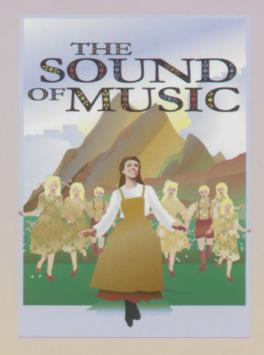
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For more information and to

register to attend, contact Marlene Milunsky or Gratz at 478-8100.

COME TO THE JCC CHANUKAH GIFT AND CRAFT BAZAAR

The Jewish Community Center of Delaware will hold its Annual Chanukah Choopla celebration on Sunday, December 7, 2003. The gift and craft bazaar will feature a variety of area merchants and artists who display and sell their goods. The bazaar will opens at 10:00 a.m. and will continue through 3:00 p.m.

Other event highlights include holiday-related games and activities for children and families, plus a wide variety of foods are available at our Kosher Deli. Community leaders will serve as celebrity waiters for this year's event. The deli will be open from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

There will also be a special musical performance for children starting at 11:00 a.m.

Chanukah Choopla offers something for all ages, food, shopping and more. A full array of family entertainment will also be featured. The event is free of charge and open to the entire community. For more information, please call the JCC at (302)

Synagogue Notes

BETH SHALOM MARKS PEARL HARBOR DAY

On December 7th, "the date which will live in infamy", Congregation Beth Shalom in Wilmington will remember Pearl Harbor during a 10:00 a.m. brunch program featuring Professor Raymond Callahan. This noted speaker, author, teacher and historian will address the topic: "Remembering Pearl Harbor-Why Do Intelligence Failures Happen?" The brunch program will be preceded by Mincha Services at 9:15 a.m. Recently retired, Professor Callahan had served as director of the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Program and as Associate Dan of the College of Arts and Science at the University of Delaware. He has taught at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and lectured at the Marine Staff College, as well as the Army of USAF War Colleges. He is the recipient of two prestigious honors-the University of Delaware Excellence in Teaching Award and the E.A. Trabant Award for contributions to women's equality.

This program is free and open to the entire community.

Seaside Jewish Community Center will host its next movie night on Saturday December 6th @ 7pm. Prior to the screening of "Life is Beautiful," the organization will select the winner of its raffle for a \$3000.00 cruise. This is expected to be packed as attendance is limited to 50 people. For information, please call Cindy at (302) 227-1107

BETH EMETH PLANS **NEW MEMBER SHABBAT**

Members of Congregation Beth Emeth who joined in 2003 or people currently considering membership and their families are invited to a new and potential member Shabbas dinner and service planned for Friday evening, December 12th at Congregation Beth Emeth, 300 West Lea Blvd. in Wilmington. Dinner will be served in the social hall at 6:00 p.m. New members and their families will be blessed and honored at the service, which will be held at 8:00 p.m. in the chapel. The Oneg following the service will provide an additional opportunity for members of the congregation to welcome guests and enjoy a relaxed chat following the service.

Families and individuals who are currently unaffiliated but would like to learn more about Wilmington's Reform congregation are especially welcome to attend this event. Call Adele Kessel at 302-478-0776 for reservations.

BETH EMETH HELPS **FAMILIES IN NEED**

On Sunday, November 23, members of Congregation Beth Emeth and Christ Church will once again meet to prepare Thanksgiving packages for local agencies to distribute to needy families.

This is the fifth year that these two congregations have worked together to collect the foods that make up a traditional Thanksgiving dinner.

Families from both congregations will meet at Beth Emeth to assemble and decorate the food packages that will include items for a complete dinner and a voucher for a turkey. The event will close with socializing and a potluck supper for all the participants.

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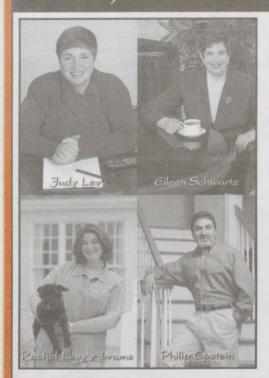
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