

## CRITICS DEMAND SHARON TAKE HARSHER MEASURES

By Leslie Susser, JTA

As Palestinian terrorism takes an ever-increasing toll, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon is seeking to walk a fine line: taking tougher measures to deter terrorists without escalating the situation further.

The volume of terror continues apace — 13 people died and more than 80 were wounded in a series of attacks on Sunday alone — despite the fact that the army has been in West Bank cities for seven weeks, keeping nearly 2 million Palestinians under curfew.

Figures released this week show that more than 600 Israelis, most of them civilians, have been killed since the Palestinian intifada began in September 2000, and more than 4,000 wounded.

Right-wing critics now are demanding harsher action against Palestinian leaders and the Palestinian population as a whole.

Avigdor Lieberman, leader of the National Union-Israel, Our Home bloc in the Knesset, says the army should have no compunction about targeting political leaders like Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat or Hamas leader Sheik Ahmed Yassin, who he says are behind the terrorism.

"They don't send their children to be" suicide bombers, Lieberman said in an early August radio interview.

"They send their children overseas. And if they knew their own lives were in danger, the terror would stop."

Hard-liner Michael Kleiner goes further: He says Israel should kill 1,000 Palestinians for every dead Israeli.

But Sharon is showing no sign of responding to the right-wing demands. On the contrary, he continues to distinguish between the Palestinian population, whose suffering he says he wants to ease, and the terrorist organizations.

Sharon's aides say the prime minister hopes to drive a wedge between the overwhelming majority of the civilian population and the terrorists — a strategy that so far has been singularly unsuccessful. Opinion polls show that the Palestinian public overwhelmingly supports suicide bombings, despite the harsh Israeli counter-measures they provoke.

Sharon also has another reason for rejecting the right-wing pressure: He does not want to jeopardize major

political gains, like strong U.S. support for Israel, and international pressure on the Palestinians to replace Arafat and reform the Palestinian Authority's political, financial and military institutions.

Still, the pressure from the right, and the new tone in the public debate, raises the fundamental question of how far a democracy can or must go to defend its citizens. Are actions permissible in a state of war that would not be acceptable in peacetime?

In other words, can a democracy win the war against terror while maintaining the full gamut of democratic values? And if not, just how much can it reasonably suspend?

In July, the government sought to deter would-be suicide bombers by making it clear that their close relatives would suffer for their actions: houses would be demolished and families expelled from the West Bank to the Gaza Strip. On Sunday alone, for example, the government destroyed nine homes.

Israeli human rights organizations were sharply critical of the new policy, arguing that it violated a cardinal principle of jurisprudence: that only the guilty can be punished for their actions.

In early August, the Ma'ariv newspaper sprang to the government's defense. Reflecting a hardening mood in Israel, it wrote: "It is high time people realized that we are within our rights to try various methods of punishment and deterrence to reduce the volume of the vicious and murderous terrorism we are facing. There is nothing immoral about this, and those who claim that there is are indulging in attempts to be 'holier than the pope.' In order to save lives we are proposing not to kill anyone, perish the thought, not to torture or imprison the relatives of the terrorists, but to transfer them from one place of residence to another."

Ma'ariv also predicted that the terror would continue despite the new measures, and that soon Israelis would "reach a moral crossroads where we will face far more difficult choices."

Within days the moral spotlight had turned from the Palestinians to Israeli Arabs, after Arabs in the Galilee were suspected of aiding a suicide bomber who blew up a bus on road to Safed, killing nine people and wounding more than 40.

Police Chief Shlomo Aharonishky called for a thorough investigation of

the connection between Israeli Arabs and terror. In a controversial deterrent move, Interior Minister Eli Yishai announced that he was revoking the citizenship of two Israeli Arabs accused of aiding terrorists.

Cabinet ministers from the Labor Party challenged the move. While they agreed that Israel must clamp down on terror wherever it can, they warned that they would only support measures approved by law.

That suggests that the Israeli Supreme Court will have a lot to say over the next few months on whether proposed punitive and deterrent measures are compatible with fundamental human rights.

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



Friends and fellow students of Benjamin Blutstein, 25, who was killed July 31 in a bombing at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem say goodbye over his coffin at the cargo terminal of Ben Gurion airport near Tel Aviv on Aug. 1 before Blutstein's body was to be shipped to the United States for burial. CREDIT: Brian Hendler/JTA

## TODAH RABAH JUDY Federation Bids Shalom to Executive Vice President

After nearly a decade of service as the Jewish Federation of Delaware's top professional, Judy B. Wortman is taking on a new challenge. In September, Judy will serve as executive vice president of The Jewish Reconstructionist Federation (JRF), the international congregational organization of the Reconstructionist movement.

JRF President Richard Haimowitz terms Wortman's appointment "historic." He explained that "We are proud to be the first major denominational organization of any kind to hire a woman as our top professional leader." He added that the search for the position was "gender-blind" "We were looking for the right person and that person was Judy." Wortman has a long and distinguished career in Jewish communal service including tenure as the assistant executive director of the Jewish Federation of Southern New Jersey and senior planning associate with the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia. She also has served as co-chairperson of the Tri-State Institute for Jewish Communal Leadership and has been an active member and an officer of Reconstructionist congregations in Philadelphia and New York.

Daniel Cedarbaum, co-chair of the search committee and incoming President of JRF is pleased that Wortman has accepted the position. "Judy brings a depth of experience and a combination of wonderful leadership skills that will

enhance JRF's ability to serve its affiliates and to represent the Reconstructionist movement in the broader Jewish and non-Jewish worlds," he said.

Among the challenges that Wortman will face as she assumes her new role will be to stabilize and enhance the infrastructure, budget, and programmatic offerings to JRF's 101 affiliates. "Programming is at an all-time high, membership is up, and new congregations are affiliating at an impressive rate. We continue to grow overall at more than 10% annually. Judy's leadership will be an important focal point for the dynamic team we've developed among our staff and Board," said Lani Moss, Director of Administration.

Wortman is looking forward to the challenges ahead and is excited to oversee operations of the Reconstructionist movement's summer camp, which launched this summer outside of Chicago and formalizing its new national youth network, *No'ar Hadash*. "The future of American Judaism depends upon our youth and camping is of central importance in shaping Jewish identity," she said adding that "My own Jewish identity was greatly strengthened by my experiences as a camper and staff member."

The synagogue and larger Jewish community will also be among Wortman's priorities. "I welcome the opportunity to work with the Movement's



Judy Wortman

rabbis and lay leaders to help strengthen the role of the synagogue in people's lives," she said. "In addition, one of my goals is to reach out to Jewish communal organizations to help them understand the mission of Reconstructionism and to appreciate better the unique gifts that this vision of Jewish life has brought to American Judaism."

Wortman will commute to the Elkins Park, PA headquarters of the JRF from the Wilmington home she shares with her husband, Rabbi David Wortman. She plans to remain an active member of the Delaware Jewish community and will serve on the board of Congregation Beth Shalom.

Please turn to page 3 to read Judy's reflections on her decade of service as JFD's executive vice president.

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## UPFRONT

## Perspectives And Views From Jerusalem

## Ruth &amp; Sheldon Weinstein

We have spent 6 weeks in Jerusalem this summer visiting our children and grandchildren. If not for our family in Israel, would we be visiting at this time?

Perhaps not ... and what a loss had we not traveled — for us and the people of Israel — many volunteering expressions of gratitude for our support and visit. But for CNN, BBC TV, internet news and an occasional Jerusalem Post, one would not know what is taking place short minutes and miles from our lovely apartment on a quiet street in a quaint neighborhood, possessed of outdoor cafes and

restaurants— cloudless blue skies, warm and humidity free days and cool nights — and, of course, Shabbat in Jerusalem — an inexplicable and metaphysical experience.

In conversations with average Israelis we have gleaned the following perceptions of life in the heat of the Intifada (These are not necessarily our opinions but rather the talk on the street):

1. Israel is nearing the last lap of a complex and very hurtful campaign — and although it does not seem like it, Israel is winning and the Palestinian Authority (PA) knows it.

2. The Intifada has been a fiasco for the Palestinians, a major setback for the prosperous Israeli economy and truly the 6th Israeli/Palestinian war — one ordered by Arafat who created a climate and culture of hatred which no longer carries the popular encouragement of his impoverished and beleaguered people. There are many unreported conflicts within the PA and demands to learn where all of the funds received by Arafat have been used. Representatives of the US Administration, including Colin Powell, have been provided demonstrative evidence of Arafat's

complicity in terror and none have tried to visit with him — the IDF would let them do so if they were interested. The Palestinians have choices and the majority want to normalize relations with Israel.

3. Israel has no interest in keeping possession of the West Bank and its cities. But, Arafat — or his successors — control the trigger of the Israeli guns in the present mode. The challenge presented by the terrorists cannot be contained without drastic methods even if these include poor international PUBLIC RELATIONS. Israel's message is — you cannot hide behind the skirts of women and

children anymore with impunity — it is "your choice if the innocent are injured and killed — cease the killing of our innocent citizens and do not expect that the masterminds of your murders are any longer protected".

4. The European Union knows that the US approach to terror is consistent with that of Israel's but it has its own agenda in not being publicly forceful. The Arab states, excepting Iraq, are also supportive of Arafat's withdrawal and it is noted they do not protest the US position. Concepts are being floated for a "babysitting regime" for the PA with or without Arafat. The perception is that Arafat wanted a state without peace and without a deal with Israel and expected the protection of international forces so that he could continue to do what he wanted behind protected fences — the Palestinians and the PA and the Arab countries now know this will not work. Arafat has dramatically set back the opportunity for a new state in the near future. The Arab world has concluded that Arafat has had decades of leadership which has now resulted in failure and the future of the people in the region are no longer Arafat's to determine.

5. The concept of a strong PA government has been extinguished near term. In that regard, Oslo has proved a disaster for Israel — "a snake slowly strangling". Power will need to rest in regions and not centrally — perhaps 2-4 local coalitions will be formed and the real power of control and administration of peace will be in those regions. Egypt will need to control Gaza and is itself very concerned with Islamic fundamentalism.

6. Due to the IDF, there is little left of the terrorists infrastructure — but "little" is too much — and it has not been eliminated — they are like "H" bombs — human bombs — and they are threatening, sophisticated and successful in creating panic and fear and instability. The perpetrators are not acting alone and spontaneously because behind every bomber is a network of planners and providers — there are no "volunteers" in the usual sense — some have been encouraged to participate when located in a hospital with a fatal disease — this is known from the interrogation of those captured. There are 5 major production lines of terrorism and Operation Defensive Shield has been successful but total elimination has not been achieved as yet. Yet, there are hundreds of Arab villages within Israel — Arabs who are Israel citizens — who are not part of the Intifada and who are passive and want peace.

7. The Arab world now recognizes that Israel is "here to stay" and it will not go to war on a regional basis, to protect Arafat whom no one seems to want (excepting perhaps Iraq). President Bush has labeled him "compromised by terror" — no European country is anxious to host him.

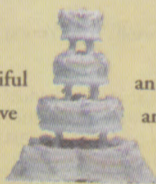
8. A Palestinian state is to be supported, but not at any price — Israel is staying the course and it is working — there is cautious optimism — but the Palestinian economy must be revitalized and renewed and if there is no interna-

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## EDITORIAL

## Shalom, Shalom

Summer is waning. Soon, it will be time to say goodbye to long, lazy days in the sun and prepare to go back to school, work and a crazy calendar of meetings and appointments.

Life, like the seasons, is filled with bitter-sweet beginnings and endings. For with each tearful good-bye, there's the promise of a new and exciting friendship.

As you can see from our front-cover, it is time to say Shalom to Judy Wortman. Judy's departure, after nearly a decade of exemplary service as Federations chief professional is particularly poignant for me. I had the distinct privilege of working with Judy some 18 years ago (both of us were child prodigies) and was delighted to renew our working relationship 3 1/2 years ago when Judy invited me to join her talented staff as editor of this dynamic publication. While I will be sorry to see her leave, I wish her well in her new career journey and look forward to welcoming her successor, Sam Asher, when he moves to Delaware next month. Make sure to read the August 30th edition of the Jewish Voice to learn more about the leadership vision of Sam and his lay partner, Barry S. Kayne, JFD president, who will guide the Jewish Federation of Delaware through an era of unprecedented growth and development.

Next month we will celebrate the official grand-opening of the Newark Jewish Community Campus and the realization of a

dream to provide a comprehensive network of services for this burgeoning Jewish population. This newly renovated facility, formerly the home of the Newark YWCA, will offer a second site for the Jewish Community Center and Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School as well as meeting space for other Jewish organizations.

Save the date for the grand re-opening festivities on Sunday, September 15th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Funding for this exciting new venture was secured largely through the efforts of the Federation Community Capital Campaign.

As of today, the campaign has raised \$17,750,000 for the future growth and development of Federation's six beneficiary agencies.

Read about these agencies in the Shalom Delaware supplement to this edition. Avail yourselves of the many wonderful programs and services that make our Jewish community so vibrant and vital.

Welcome to our new residents, agency professionals and lay leadership. May we all work together to move this community forward in the months and years ahead.

B'Shalom,

*Lynn B. Edelman*

## Photo Of The Week



Students, family and friends light candles after a memorial service Aug. 7 at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem marking seven days since a terrorist bomb killed seven people including five Americans. CREDIT: Brian Hendler/JTA

## An Open Letter To The Jewish Community Of Delaware

In January of 1993, I was hired by the Board of the Jewish Federation as the new Executive Vice President. Now, almost 10 years later, it is time for me to say goodbye. I have accepted a new position in Philadelphia as the Executive Vice President of the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation, the synagogue arm of the Reconstructionist Movement. David and I will continue to live in Delaware and I plan to serve our Jewish community as a volunteer leader. Because I will be leaving the Federation soon, I have asked Lynn Edelman, the Editor of the Voice, to allow me to say some departing words.

Thank you for giving me the privilege of directing the Jewish Federation of Delaware. It has been a labor of love. We are so incredibly fortunate to have the visionary, committed volunteer and professional leaders with whom I have been honored to work. Together we have accomplished so much for the benefit of our community members and organizations. I would like to highlight some of our achievements during this past decade:

A 38% increase in the Annual campaign  
A 100% increase in the Jewish Fund for the Future

A Community Capital Campaign that has raised just under \$18 million to date

An Israel Emergency Campaign of more than \$500,000 to date

Renovation of the Kutz Home and completion of the successful campaign

Renovation of Albert Einstein Academy  
Completion of the Federation Priority Study

Completion of the 1995 Jewish Population Study

Federation's move to the Community Service Building

Outreach Project to Newark and Southern Delaware

Development of JCC, JFS and Gratz

services in Newark

Development of a full day pre-school in Newark

Purchase and renovation of the Newark Jewish Community Campus

Four successful Israel Missions

Establishment of our Partnership 2000 with Arad - Tamar

Completion of a 2 year CLAL Young Leadership Seminar

Development of a community planning process for facilities management

Planning for the renovation and capital expansion of our six agencies

While it is impossible to thank everyone by name for their participation in all that has been accomplished, I would like to pay special tribute to the Federation Board, our wonderful staff and my partners Steve Dombchik, Toni Young, Leslie Newman, Barbara Schoenberg, John Elzufon and Barry Kayne. Thanks also go to a wonderful group of agency executives, presidents and boards, and to our community rabbis, cantors, synagogues and organizations. To our donors - thank you for your extraordinary commitment and for making this growth possible.

Finally I would like to thank my beloved husband David and our children and grandsons for their support and love throughout the years. This community has been with us when we lost our parents, celebrated our children's graduations and marriages, celebrated my Bat Mitzvah and our grandsons' births. You are all mishpocha and will be part of our lives for generations to come. May we all live to see a myriad of new accomplishments in the next decade and may we all soon be able to see our Israeli brothers and sisters live in peace and prosperity with their neighbors.

B'shalom,  
Judy Wortman

## PARSHA PLACE

Week of August 10

SHOFTIM

Deuteronomy 16:18-21:19

There is no doubt that Deuteronomy 18:13 is a very important verse. At times it is either neglected or underrated because it appears in a portion that includes many significant rules and admonitions pertaining to justice, war crimes, conscientious objection, and protection of the environment. And as if that were not enough, in *Shoftim* we also find the famous phrase "Justice, justice shall you pursue" (Deuteronomy 16:20), which is always worthy of serious study and discussion.

I believe that there is a reason why being wholehearted appears in this week's portion. Perhaps Deuteronomy 18:13 will lead us to justice. And since this verse is viewed as one of the five great biblical passages, it possesses the power to be both timely and timeless.

The purpose of this verse may be to remind us that at times we approach God with an insincere heart, a heart that is neither whole nor full. Accordingly, we create a distance between ourselves and God. We erect barriers and obstacles that keep us far away from God. Is it our behavior alone that stops us from being wholehearted? Our behavior is indeed part of the problem, but it is not the entire problem.

Maybe we cannot be holy because we are not wholly for God: We only give and show part of ourselves to God. We are plagued by a disharmony that prevents us from connecting our hearts, words, and deeds to create a beautiful tapestry that is prosaic as well as Mosaic. In essence, you cannot be wholehearted for God when your heart is reserved for another God or when you are unwilling to give any of your heart to God. A heart that belongs only to you and cares only for you is not a heart that can be whole for God.

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# FEDERATION FOCUS

## Last Call For Absentee Ballots

*Delaware's Primary Election Day is Sept. 7th-Rosh Hashanah*

By Mark Wagman

As was reported in the June 28 issue of the Voice, Primary Election Day in Delaware falls on Saturday, September 7, which is the first day of Rosh Hashanah. Therefore the absentee balloting process is the only recourse for observant Jews who wish to exercise their right to vote.

The primary features a race between Steve Biener and Mike Miller for the Democratic Party candidacy for U.S. House of Representatives. In addition, there are primary races for State Senate and House seats in many districts. In some cases, incumbents are running against each other as a result of redistricting. There are also a handful of county primary races.

For detailed absentee voting instructions, refer to the previous issue of the Voice or view instructions online at <http://www.JewishDelaware.esmartweb.com/PrimaryElections.htm> or [http://www.state.de.us/doe\\_ncc/info-absentee.html](http://www.state.de.us/doe_ncc/info-absentee.html)

In summary, the absentee voting process involves two parts: 1) applying for an absentee ballot and 2) voting the ballot. The entire process may be accomplished all at once by visiting the Department of Elections in your county. Alternatively, the process may be handled by mail. In either case, ballots must be received by noon on the day before Election Day (September 6) at the Department of Elections in your county.

Absentee voting applications (affidavits) are available at all area synagogues and at the JCC, as well as on-line or by calling the Department of Elections. All affidavits requesting an absentee ballot must be notarized or witnessed by a person authorized to administer oaths. Most banks and law offices, as well as many insurance agencies and workplaces, have notaries, but some may charge for the service.

Much thanks to the following

individuals who have offered to notarize affidavits for absentee balloting at no charge:

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Barbara Siegell, 992-4931 (day - Barley Mill Plaza), 478-3397 (eve - Chalfonte)

Joan Rosman, 658-7161 ext 222 (day), 738-4657 (eve), Newark/Bear area)

They ask that you call to make specific arrangements. Persons requiring notarization should not sign the document prior to appearing before the notary and should bring a government issued photo identification document (e.g., a driver's license). These individuals may have affidavit forms, eliminating the need to get these elsewhere.

Thanks are due to several people who have helped bring the primary election day conflict to the attention of legislators, media, and the Jewish community. We owe our appreciation to Gary Panitz,

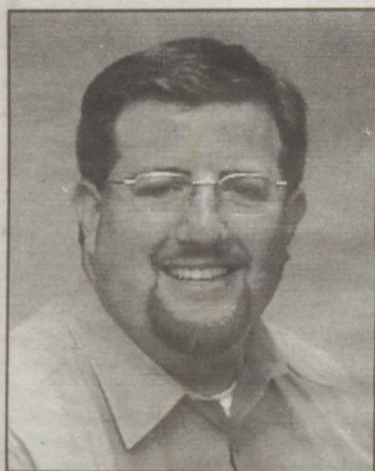
Jack Shattuck, and Steve Biener. Thanks also to state legislators Bob Valihura and Cathy Cloutier, who tried to get the primary election day changed but were unfortunately overwhelmed by an insensitive legislature. Even the News Journal has recognized the callousness of the legislature in an August 1 editorial. Hopefully, the new public awareness will spur a drive

for a permanent change away from the Saturday primary.

**Contact information for the Department of Elections:**

New Castle County—820 N French Street, Wilmington, DE 19801, 302-577-3464, website [www.state.de.us/doe\\_ncc/](http://www.state.de.us/doe_ncc/); Kent County—302-739-4498; Sussex County—302-856-5367.

## "I Am To My Community, And My Community Is Mine"



Todd Polikoff  
Assistant Director, FRD

We are currently in the Hebrew month of Elul. On the surface, Elul is simply the month before the High Holy days begin. It is the time when we prepare ourselves for a

reconnection with our families, community and culture. We anticipate wiping the slate clean and welcoming the New Year. If we dig a bit deeper, we find that the month of Elul also provides great lesson in Jewish communal responsibility.

The Hebrew letters that make up the word "Elul" (Aleph, Lamed, Vuv, Lamed) are an acronym for the words, *ani l'dodi v'dodi li*, "I am to my beloved, and my beloved is mine." As Jews we may recognize these words from the context of a Jewish wedding. These words do more than just connect husband to wife, they direct the couple to pursue a life of mutual responsibility and caring.

Just as a bride and groom must commit to these pursuits, so should our community. *Ani l'dodi v'dodi li* does not only apply to the bond in matrimony, it also applies to the covenant that one Jew has with all other Jews. It is essential that in a

year of crisis, our commitment to Jews in Delaware, Argentina, Europe and Israel is stronger than ever.

Even in a year of crisis, especially in a year of crisis, we must renew our commitment to our global community. *Ani l'dodi v'dodi li* is the commitment that drives the JFD annual campaign. It is why we raise money for our six local agencies and for Jewish communities around the world. The JFD annual campaign is your connection to Jewish people across the street and Jewish people around the world. It's meaningful philanthropy, hands-on voluntarism and shared commitment - from childhood to old age. Please give generously of your time and resources.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions regarding the JFD annual campaign at 302-427-2100 ext. 16 or [www.shalomdelaware.org](http://www.shalomdelaware.org).

## Hadassah And JCRC Slate Political Forum

A September 9 Forum is planned for major-party candidates for U.S. Senate, U.S. Congress and State Attorney General, Treasurer and Auditor. The Forum, set to begin promptly at 7:15 p.m., will be held at the Jewish Community Center, 101 Garden of Eden Road, Wilmington. Each candidate will have the opportunity to present comments, and entertain questions from the audience. Most candidates running have already confirmed their participation.

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

The program, which begins promptly at 7:15 p.m., is free and open to the general public. Light refreshments will be available following the formal part of the program, which is slated to end by 9:00 p.m. Candidates have been invited to stay and circulate among the guests.

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

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## ENDOWMENT FOR THE FUTURE

### Destruction And Renewal



By Rachel A. Gross, Esq.

On the Ninth of Av, *Tisha B'av*, (which fell this year on July 18th) Jews worldwide com-

memorated the destruction of the First and Second Temples in Jerusalem. The book of Lamentations, read on *Tisha B'av*, describes the destruction of Jerusalem by comparing the city and its inhabitants to a widow, a slave and a wanderer. She "weeps bitterly in the night" and has "no

comforter" "all her allies have betrayed her; they have become the foes." (Lamentations 1:1-2).

While the Temple has not been rebuilt, we have witnessed the rebuilding of the modern State of Israel and the city of Jerusalem. The Romans, the Babylonians and all those who came after them were unable to destroy the Jewish people.

Through the years since, and despite the destruction of the Temple, the Crusades, the Spanish

Inquisition, the Holocaust and the current situation in Israel, the Jewish people have persevered and have even managed to thrive. The Jewish community has managed to maintain a distinct religious identity, cultivate a Jewish culture reflecting our roots in many lands, engaged in scholarship in all fields and made contributions to our entire society.

With your help, the Jewish community will remain strong - in stark contrast to *Tisha B'av*. You can contribute to the foundation of our

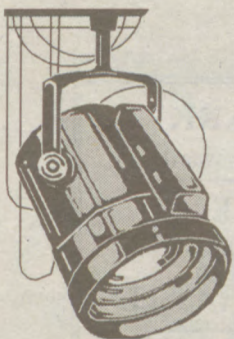
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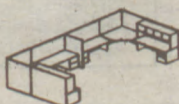
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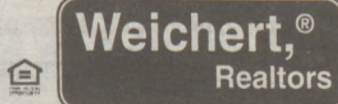


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A celebratory picnic conducted the day as students reflected on their accomplishment and the renovations planned for their school. The Walk-a-thon was chaired by Caryl Marcus-Stape, AEA Parent and member of the Community Capital Campaign Steering Committee.



Parent volunteers led by Walk-A-Thon Chairperson Caryl Marcus-Stape help put the students through their paces. From left are Robin Saran, Lisa Lessner, Benjie Cohen and Marcus-Stape.



Jewish Federation of Delaware President Barry Kayne is the thrilled recipient of a check for \$3,483.15, payable to the Federation Community Capital Campaign. Albert Einstein Academy student Walk-a-Thon representatives are Mark Stape, Ali Saran, Stephi Saran and Kenny Rosenberg. The Campaign has raised \$17,750,000 to date.

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### Jewish Holydays One By One

#### Question 1:

What is the name of the custom to go to a water source before Rosh Hashanah?

- A. Tahanit
- B. Tashlich
- C. Kiddush Rosh Hodesh
- D. Troha

#### Question 2:

What is forbidden to wear on Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement)?

- A. leather shoes
- B. shirts
- C. Talit
- D. shoes

#### Question 3:

Which of the following has NO connection with Sukkoth?

- A. Kaparot
- B. Simchat Torah
- C. Hosanna Rabah
- D. Shmini Azeret

#### Question 4:

How many candles will you light in all Hanukkah if you use one Menorah (not including the Shamash)?

- A. 40
- B. 46
- C. 32
- D. 36

#### Question 5:

Which of the following holidays most resembles Purim?

- A. Easter
- B. Halloween
- C. Valentine's Day

- D. Thanksgiving

#### Question 6:

Which book is read on Shavuoth-Pentecost?

- A. Ruth
- B. Malachi
- C. Haggai
- D. Esther

#### Question 7:

What kind of bread is obligatory to eat on Passover Eve?

- A. Gefilte fish
- B. Challah
- C. Matzah
- D. Rolls

#### Question 8:

To whom is the 15th of Shevat a New Year's Eve?

- A. animals

- B. Jews
- C. trees
- D. girls

#### Question 9:

What is customary to do in 33rd day of the Omer count?

- A. fast
- B. light bonfires
- C. build huts
- D. blow the Shofar

#### Question 10:

Which holiday is associated with the seven kinds (Shivhat Haminim)?

- A. Tabernacles
- B. None
- C. Purim
- D. Passover

Courtesy of [www.FunTrivia.com](http://www.FunTrivia.com)

## Community Rabbis Offer Introduction to Judaism Program

Rabbis Peter Grumbacher of Congregation Beth Emeth, David Kaplan of Temple Beth El, and Dan Satlow of Congregation Beth Shalom invite interested persons to join the 5763 INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM program for those considering choosing Judaism. If you know someone who is thinking about becoming part of our People and faith, have them call one of the rabbis. To be a member of the class each student must have a sponsoring rabbi (who may be selected after the orientation evening).

The Orientation session will be held on Tuesday, September 17, 7 PM, at Temple Beth El, 301 Possum Park Road in Newark. At that time the rabbis will discuss all facets of the program including the schedule, the required texts and other important details. Subsequent classes take place in the synagogue of the instructor.

Subjects include Comparative Religion; Holidays, Holydays and Festivals; Basic Beliefs; Life Cycle; Liturgy; Jewish Texts and Ancient and Modern Jewish History. There is also a special program with a

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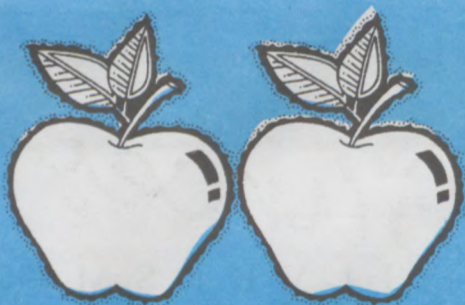
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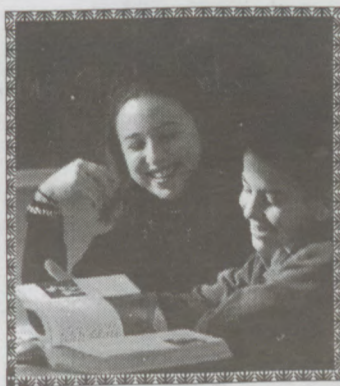


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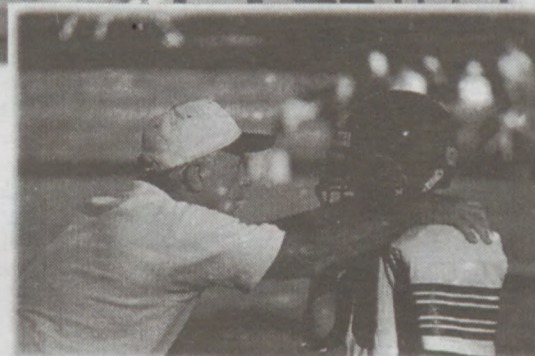


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# AROUND OUR JEWISH WORLD

## Wilmington Hadassah Enjoys National Convention

Submitted by  
Aileen and Tina Heiman  
Special to the Jewish Voice

Delegates from the Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah recently returned from the Zionist organization's 88<sup>th</sup> National Convention and 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration. The convention was held in Orlando, Florida, but the magic of Walt Disney World paled in comparison to the excitement provided by enlightening speakers and innovative programming.

A panel of journalists, including Kevin Klose, President and CEO of National Public Radio, discussed news coverage and analysis of the Middle East issues. Hadassah members voiced their concerns over biased media coverage involving Israel. Ruth Gruber, who cele-

brated her 90th birthday together with Hadassah, received the esteemed "Women of Distinction" award. She shared her personal experiences and interwove her stories with Hadassah's contributions to society throughout her life. Wendy Wassestein employed her comedic talents to share how being a Jewish woman influenced her life as a playwright, and two young Ukrainian girls now living in a Hadassah youth village in Israel, used drama to convey their experiences as part of Hadassah's Identity mission to Poland. Leaders of Young Hadassah international spoke of volunteer efforts by 18-26 year olds all over Europe, including England, Holland, and France. The Young Women/Young Leaders of Hadassah explored "Leadership

Disney Style," while the youngest Hadassah members, delegates' pre-school aged children, took part in the Al-Galgalim workshop, combining Debbie Friedman music and a Shabbat lesson.

Over 1200 delegates voted on a policy statement reflecting Hadassah's view on combating anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism. Another statement criticized the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for its lack of effort in helping Palestinian refugees. A policy statement regarding the School Prayer amendment reaffirmed Hadassah's belief in the separation of church and state. Additionally the delegates called on all Jewish communities to not support organized boycotts and encouraged the support of U.S. energy policies that will reduce

dependence on foreign sources of oil.

Known primarily for its work in Israel, Hadassah works domestically to educate women about heart disease, breast cancer, and abuse awareness, and to sponsor programs involving public policy. Hadassah helps with voter registration drives and lobbying efforts, most specifically our "Day on the Hill," when Hadassah volunteers from all over the country come to Washington to speak with their representatives in Congress and the Senate. Hadassah's programs here and abroad epitomize the slogan, "Hadassah: Changing People's Lives."

Among many other functions in Israel, Hadassah funds the hospitals on Mt. Scopus and at Ein Karem, supplying emergency

medical aid and groundbreaking medical research. These hospitals offer superior care and treatment regardless of race, ethnicity or religious beliefs. At the convention's closing banquet Mayor Ehud Olmert of Jerusalem thanked Hadassah for its support, stating, "You are the ones that make [saving lives] possible- people of Jerusalem know what a wonderful job you do and are grateful."

The only downside to the convention was that we failed to make Minnie Mouse a life member of Hadassah. Maybe next year at the National Convention in New York we will have more luck with Lady Liberty. For more information about Hadassah's programs and to learn how you can further assist Israel through Hadassah, call (302) 478-9095.

## Summer Camp Helps To Heal Wounds

By Naomi Segal, JTA

More than a year has passed since 8-year-old Yaniv Amousha was wounded in a suicide bombing at the central bus station in his hometown Hadera.

But there are still nights, especially following terrorist attacks in Israel, when the nightmares return and Yaniv asks to sleep with his parents, says his mother, Tova Amousha. "The physical recovery was easy, but the emotional recovery has been very hard," she told JTA.

But this summer, a day camp funded by the United Jewish Communities' Israel Emergency Campaign helped Yaniv's emotional recovery.

"It was something else," Amousha says of the three-week day camp program, which ended in July. "Every day, he came home with a different story. He had such a good time. They went to the pool, played games, he had a great time."

Yaniv was playing soccer in a field adjacent to Hadera's central bus station on May 25, 2001, when a car pulled alongside a public bus and blew up. The two terrorists inside the car were killed and 45 people were wounded in

the attack. The force of the blast destroyed a wall surrounding the soccer field, and Yaniv was injured in the chin and chest by flying stones.

While the physical injuries healed, the emotional ones did not.

"He internalized everything, he didn't want to talk about it," Tova Amousha says. The boy's behavior changed as well. When September rolled around, Yaniv did not want to sign up again for soccer or any other extracurricular activity. He refused to be left alone.

When he would shower, he would ask one of his parents to pull a chair into the bathroom to keep him company. Yaniv shares a bedroom in the family's home with his two younger sisters, Leital and Zohar, and "I think he prefers the company," his mother says. Worried by their son's behavior, Yaniv's parents, Tova and David Amousha, sought out professional help to deal with the trauma. At the same time, Yaniv's parents wondered how they would deal with the upcoming summer break. The family lives on what David Amousha earns in a factory and could not afford to send Yaniv to day camp. It was then that Tova Amousha's sister mentioned the subsidized

municipal day camp being offered in their area. Amousha immediately signed Yaniv up for the camp, which turned out to be a summer highlight in more ways than one. Most importantly, Amousha says, the camp's supportive environment helped her son reclaim some of the self-confidence and independence he lost as a result of the attack.

"It opened him up more. It gave him freedom to be on his own and deal with other kids. He went to the pool on his own, did all of these things for the first time without the family."

The day camp Yaniv attended was part of a country-wide program funded this summer with a \$25 million grant from the Israel Emergency Campaign.

The campaign, launched by the UJC and federations across North America, has already raised nearly \$300 million to offset security, medical, child welfare and other humanitarian needs in Israel. The funding is administered by a committee of representatives from the UJC, the Jewish Agency for Israel, the Israeli government and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.

The \$25 million donation for the "Summer Experience" camp pro-

gram was aimed at providing a safe recreational framework for Israeli children.

Project organizers estimate that as a result of the financial assistance offered to families, participation in municipal day camps was tripled this year.

Some 260,000 children in grades one through six attended the day camps, which were funded with \$20 million of the donation. The JDC, Israel's Education Ministry and the Union of Local Authorities operated the camps.

The remaining \$5 million was used for summer programs for special needs children and at-risk youths, and served 40,000 children throughout the country.

The camps were located around the country, with a special emphasis on areas particularly vulnerable to terrorist attacks, including Jerusalem, Afula, Hadera, Netanya and Kfar Saba.

The camps aimed to reach as many Israeli children as possible. They were not geared specifically towards youths who had been involved in terrorist attacks. But counselors were briefed on how to act in an emergency situation, as well as how to facilitate a discussion should children raise con-

cerns.

Most of all, the counselors were trained to help the kids have fun.

Asked what his favorite activity at camp was, Yaniv's answer is definitive.

"I liked the pool days best," he says. "I learned to swim."

Professionals who work with children who have suffered post-traumatic stress syndrome say an important part of recovery is maintaining a regular routine, instilling self-confidence in the child and reinforcing the sense that they are safe.

A summer camp experience can help kids forget pressures and fears, says Jackie Weinberg, head of school psychological services for Hadera.

"A child goes to summer camp, he's taught to feel he's a normal child who can play and not worry about anything happening to himself," Weinberg says. "Kids go to camp, they forget about everything. It's not school, not exams, no pressure. They just have a good time."

Tova Amousha still sees the aftereffects of the terrorist attack in her son's daily behavior. But slowly, things are improving.

"It takes time," she says.

## Latet (Giving)

By Shmuel Kaplan

"Arad is unique not only for its beauty and location in the heart of the desert, but also for its people and primarily its volunteers," said Arad Mayor Bezalel Taviv at the June 9 awards ceremony for Jewish Agency volunteers.

On a hot, sultry day, volunteers gathered from all over the Negev. They have given part of their time, energies and often their personal finances for the benefit of others. Arad stands out for its great number of volunteers who received certificates of commendation.

The new Orly Absorption Center, that welcomes immigrants from Ethiopia, granted a Volunteer Award to several Ulpana (religious high school) girls who assist new immigrants through the Gilad

Association.

Javier Miropolsky, who came to Israel from Argentina only two years ago, received a Volunteer Award for his work among new immigrants from his native land at the Yafit Absorption Center. Javier, who spoke on behalf of the volunteers, touched our hearts when he told us that he was severely wounded in the Israeli Consulate building explosion in Argentina and that Israeli doctors saved his life. "It's thanks to them that I'm standing here today," he said.

Partnership 2000 granted Certificates of Appreciation to community volunteers Yehoyakim Gavish, Eitan Goldberg, Iris Koslowitz and Yuval Shefi. Dudu Shai was awarded the Key to the City for his never-ending involvement in immigrant absorption and

other community projects. As Dudu was abroad at the time, Hannah Greenberg accepted the award on his behalf. Luis Castel and Lima Albert received certificates as well.

The touching ceremony concluded with a special dance by young women from Ethiopian immigrant families, who spelled out the Hebrew word *toda* (thank you) with ribbons.

On this occasion, we would like to express our gratitude to all local volunteers, including those who were not mentioned specifically, thanks to whom we have a unique city with a fine reputation. Keep up the good work!

Kaplan serves as coordinator of the Living Bridge program in Arad-Tamar, Israeli communities with which Delaware Jews are linked through the Partnership 2000 initiative.

## Perspectives And Views

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tional body willing, interested and capable of monitoring the millions of dollars that could begin to flow, then Israel will need to do so.

**POSTSCRIPT:** The Weinsteins returned to Wilmington last Friday-just days after the bombing of the Hebrew University student cafeteria where five Americans and two Israelis lost their lives. Two of the students were friends of their

son, Mickey, who was an instructor at the Padres Institute for Jewish Studies. "Ruthie and I feel deeply for their parents. Imagine the horror of sending their children off to Israel to study and watching them return home in body bags," said Sheldon. Both are hopeful that this incident and Sunday's terrorist attack on a bus in northern Israel that killed nine Israelis and injured more than 40, would not detract from the Israelis fervent quest for peace.

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# MATTER OF OPINION

## Playing By Hama Rules

By Mitchell Bard

In the 1980's, a number of Americans were kidnaped in Lebanon. Some were held for years before they were released, a few were killed. During that time, there was a story about the kidnaping of a Soviet citizen in Lebanon. The Soviets sent a message to the Lebanese that if he was not released they were going to kill the kidnaper's father, mother, sister, brother, aunts, uncles, grandparents and everyone else in the family. The Russian was immediately released and no others were ever kidnaped. The Soviets understood that the Arabs play by Hama rules.

For those who don't recall, "Hama rules" was the description Thomas Friedman gave for the Arab approach to dealing with their enemies. The name is taken from the town that Syrian President Hafez Assad razed in

1982 to eliminate the Muslim fundamentalists who were challenging his rule. Rather than arrest or target the specific individuals, Assad killed an estimated 20,000 people in the town. End of opposition.

I was reminded of the Lebanon story by the debate over how to best fight terror and suggestions that extreme measures — from demolishing the homes of terrorists to deporting or even killing their family members — are required to stop, or at least deter the violence. Clearly threatening the lives of terrorists themselves has little deterrent effect, because, by definition, the suicide bombers are prepared to die. But are they willing to see their families die as well?

Israel's assassination of Salah Shehadeh has provoked a firestorm because of the number of bystanders killed along with him, including his wife and children. The

United States flayed Israel for using such heavy firepower in an urban environment and for being "heavy-handed." Did anyone notice the irony that on the very same day, it was disclosed that the Bush Administration had been trying to assassinate a Taliban official and, because of faulty intelligence, bombed an Afghan village and killed 50 people (five times more than died in Gaza) at a wedding party? Not only did innocents die, but the target was not even there.

No one seriously believes that Israel deliberately targeted those civilians, in fact, Israel has a record of pinpoint accuracy in taking out bad guys without harming innocents. Commandos, for example, assassinated Arafat's deputy in Tunis while he was in bed with his wife and the woman was unharmed. It was a terrible tragedy that innocent people were killed in

Gaza, and Israel has apologized. Imagine Hafez Assad or some other Arab leader doing that?

The message Israel has now sent is one of weakness. The terrorists' point has been proven. They can hide with impunity among Palestinian women and children. They can kill Israeli women and children with impunity. Had the Israelis stood up to the criticism and said they will go after the terrorists — and their families — wherever they are, and they will do what they did in Gaza again and again, a different message would have been sent, that the terrorists can't count on civilians as shields, that they are putting their own families in danger, and that Palestinian bystanders should think twice before protecting terrorists.

But Jews don't behave this way. We don't play by Hama rules. I am glad that we adhere to a set of rules

value human life. Those of us who like it up here on the moral high ground, however, have to understand that we are alone, and that the Palestinian terrorists do not have the slightest hesitation about killing our women and children. The terrorists know the United Nations and the international community will not say "boo" when they blow up pizzerias, buses, and discos. Jews will continue to die and their lives will be assigned less value by the rest of the world than the Palestinians. That is the cost of playing by Torah rules.

Mitchell G. Bard is a foreign policy analyst in Maryland. His most recent books are *Myths and Facts: A Guide to the Arab-Israeli Conflict* and *The Complete Idiot's Guide to the Middle East Conflict*. He is also the director of the Jewish Virtual Library, <http://www.JewishVirtualLibrary.org>

## Skip The Headlines

By Carl Alpert

Haifa - Newspaper editors must decide each day what news stories deserve the biggest headlines on the front page. Then comes the choice of headlines for stories of lesser interest, on the inner pages. What is left over are considered fillers, little odds and ends to fill up the small empty spaces, usually at the bottom of the page. Want to get a new perspective on what is going on? Begin with the fillers. We applied that principle to the Israeli press, and came up with the following:

Need a Doctor? There are 469 physicians to every 100,000 of population in Israel, putting this country in third place in the world, preceded only by Italy and Norway, with slightly more doctors per 100,000.

The Eyes Have It. Young Rafael Halprin of Israel was a world wrestling champion in 1949. Retiring from the wrestling mat, he got religion and devoted himself to spiritual studies. In 1988, bearded and Orthodox, he decided to open a store for optical supplies, then another, and another. Today, at the age of 78, he reigns over fifty stores and sells eyeglasses to thousands of Israelis.

Distorted English. The Hebrew press frequently inserts English names or phrases in the Hebrew text, but because one language runs from right to left, and the other from left to right, the insertion sometimes gets distorted. Thus a recent American TV show about an undertaker was listed as "Feet Under Six".

Smoke Signals. All cigarette advertising here must be accompanied by a notice warning that smoking is injurious to health. A law has now been proposed to ban all advertising of tobacco products. If enacted, the law will cause the newspapers to lose an estimated 30 million shekels a year in advertising income. The papers are up in arms.

A Matter of Priority. The news that another Israeli woman had successfully passed all courses and exams and had been qualified as an air force fighter pilot, was widely publicized. The Chief Rabbi of

Ramat Gan, Rabbi Yaakov Ariel, had a different perspective. What the country needs, he said, is not more fighter pilots, but more mothers. There is no substitute for the latter.

Employment Problems. Bituach Leumi, Israel's Social Security, found that its headquarters in Tiberias needed major renovations and engaged a contractor to do the job. The agency, which pays out millions of shekels each month in unemployment compensation, found to its consternation that the contractor had hired imported Chinese laborers exclusively to do the work.

Out of the Past. The rash of bombings of buses has recalled the

story of the massacre of 11 Israelis aboard a bus at the Scorpion Pass in the Negev in 1954. How the murderers' trail was followed by a Bedouin tracker, is told in a new book, "The Scout" (Gefen Pub. House) by Prof. Steven Plaut. The author discovers that the patient lying next to him in a hospital bed is none other than the Bedouin scout. A fascinating and highly informative book.

Everyone Wants to Learn. The desire to learn English is so widespread in Israel that schools have sprung up like mushrooms to meet the need. One school advertises: "In 12 hours you will be able to speak 250 English words." We assume they really mean words like

radio television, OK, scandal, telephone, professor, dynamics, student, university, dollar, model, mathematics, physics, festival, million, liberal, music, taxi, bus, campus, cafeteria and hundreds of others which have been adopted by the Hebrew.

Time for Refreshments. In many Israeli movie houses it is still common procedure to interrupt the feature film at about half way through, turn on the lights, and proclaim a short intermission, affording opportunity to the patrons to get out into the lobby and purchase drinks or replenish their supply of popcorn.

Your Kingdom for a ... Mitzpeh Ha-Agam, a new village in the Galilee, in a country atmosphere,

has put new houses up for sale and is offering a bonus gift to each purchaser - a horse.

A Real Bargain. The Israel Institute for Democracy offers four new books for sale at 50 shekels each. And as a special inducement, customers can purchase all four for only 200 shekels.

Gone but Not Forgotten. Most friends of Israel overseas still make reference to Kupat Cholim (Sick Fund) the health insurance fund sponsored by the Histadrut, which at one time insured the vast majority of Israelis. It still exists, but its name has been changed to "Briyut Clalit" which could be translated as Over-all Health. The difference in emphasis is obvious.

## "It's Not So Easy To Be A Kid Here"

By Teddy Weinberger

One of the most popular Israeli songs for children to perform at assemblies, talent shows, and concerts is called, "It's Not So Easy To Be A Kid Here." Indeed, my eleven-year-old daughter Ruthie performs this song with her Israeli dance troupe (the children sign the first part of the song and then the movements of the signing are incorporated into a poignant dance). The song speaks about, "listening to the news every half an hour, knowing that somewhere another mother is praying, each tick of the clock greeted by a tear and then another tear." The song exposes what most Israeli adults rarely talk about—the fact that "the situation," here takes a psychic toll on our children.

Thankfully, Givat Ze'ev schools (four primary and one middle) have given our children ample opportunity to express their fears and anxieties throughout this past school year. Already two years ago, Shaul Mizrahi, the Mayor of Givat Ze'ev, had the foresight to organize a workshop retreat for Givat Ze'ev's school principals concerning how a school can help children cope with stress. With the help of psychologists, the principals (and subsequently their teachers) systematic-

ly approached the problem and created responses to different scenarios. The main approach, says Atara Davidovich, my children's principal at the public religious school in Givat Ze'ev, is to give the kids every opportunity to, "let it all out."

In practice, the system works largely as follows: the first part of the day after a terrorist incident is devoted wholly to addressing the children's anxieties and concerns. The teachers are gathered at the first bell (7:55) and briefed about the exact facts of what happened. School begins on this day not with the usual prayer services but with the teachers asking their children if they know what happened. After allowing the kids to give their (often wildly exaggerated) accounts, the teacher provides a brief factual account of the incident, and then the kids are encouraged to discuss it and say anything about what they are thinking and feeling. Sometimes this discussion period will be followed by drawing. The kids take out their markers and drawing pads and are told to draw whatever they are feeling. (Atara and her teachers were specifically trained in this area through a seminar entitled, "identifying problems through drawing"). The teachers

look at all the drawings and direct any that they feel needs special attention to the school's advisor and/or to a municipal school psychologist (several of whom rotate between Givat Ze'ev's schools). An example of a drawing that was passed on was one of a black, black heart. The child, when asked about it, said that that's how his heart was feeling.

I told Atara that I was writing this column for readers in the States and that many of them would be wondering why people would choose to bring children up in a country where they have to deal with this kind of stress. She said, "I am here because this is my destiny. If something is going to run after me, let it run after me here." Atara added: "Without faith, one cannot exist here. I'm doing God's work in settling this land—it's my purpose in life."

In point of fact, "It's Not So Easy To Be A Kid Here," expresses a similar type of fortitude. The bridge of the song (connecting stanza to chorus) gives one hope for the future: "Because here we can go it together and also alone, and I am sure that not everything is lost, and here I can do it, despite despite everything, to smile and to dream and to grow. And the song's chorus continues in a similar vein: 'Blue skies, purple sunsets, boats on the water, flowers and tears, white houses, rains of blessing, ours in pain and in joy.' If it seems unfair for kids to have to sing about both pain and joy, well it comes with the territory in this part of the world. There's plenty of joy in the lives of children in Israel, however. I guess it's for this reason that the line leading up to the song's chorus proclaims: 'I only know that here is where I want to live.'

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# JEWISH PERSPECTIVES

## Notes From Jerusalem

By Dina Lipschultz,  
Special to the Jewish Voice

Every night around midnight I looked out from my tiny patio at the Crowne Plaza Hotel and thought how beautiful and peaceful Jerusalem appeared to be. But every day of my ten days in Israel the physical beauty and calm was replaced by a feeling of depression and sadness. The two major terrorist events (Gilo and French Hill) near the beginning of my stay in Jerusalem were never far from my mind. The nearly empty stores and streets were a far cry from my other trips to Jerusalem. I jumped every time I heard a siren. I visited patients in Hadassah Hospitals at Mount Scopus and in Ein Kerem, patients who have survived terrorism, but whose lives will never be the same again.

I came to Jerusalem as a Hadassah delegate to the World Zionist Congress and meetings of the Jewish Agency for Israel. I will admit to some nervousness about traveling to Israel at this time, but it never crossed my mind not to go. Israel needs the support of all of us, and I knew that our group would be as well protected as anyone can be. I have close family in Jerusalem, and they have been living through this matsav (situation) every day for the last 21 months, so my visit was also important to them.

The World Zionist Congress delegates, from every Zionist organization, from the Israeli political parties, and from the various religious streams, came together to discuss major issues of aliyah to Israel, the nature of a Jewish and democratic state, and the world-wide problems of anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism, as well as the current situation in Israel. As a first-time delegate to these meetings, I watched and listened as different speakers presented their own views, and sometimes as delegates with opposing views disrupted the sessions or even walked out in protest. I was assured by the "veteran" Congress delegates that these protests and disputes have always occurred since the time of Theodore Herzl!

Hadassah is a constituent of the World Confederation, a grouping of international Zionist organizations not linked with specific Israeli political parties. Each morning we gathered to hear the reports from the delegates from Mexico, Greece, Argentina, Brazil, France, Venezuela, South Africa, England, Denmark, Australia, and the Ukraine. Most of these countries only had one or two delegates present.

One aspect of the Congress that I found particularly interesting was the committee process. Delegates from each faction and party divided into ten groups to debate and pass resolutions, resolutions which are, in effect, the output of each Congress, the principles which will guide Zionist activity throughout the world for the next four-five years. My own committee assignment was Klal Yisrael, Jewish Unity, and the Centrality of the State of Israel. Within the committee, delegates argued passionately for differing views, but in a respect-

ful manner, and the voting was democratic. Our resolutions, passed the next day by the entire Congress, called for greater Zionist education throughout the world.

The Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) meetings which immediately followed The World Zionist Congress had as a theme, "One Family, One Future." Speaker after speaker stressed the interconnectedness of Israel and Diaspora Jewry. For example, Defense Minister Ben Eliezer said, "The stronger Israelis are, the stronger is world Jewry. The weaker the Israeli's, the weaker is world Jewry." And Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said that while Israel is the anchor and center of Jewish life, nothing can be stronger than the relationship between Israel and the Diaspora.

One session put a very human face on aliyah. Six young Argentinean olim who have been in Israel for a few months up to a few years had an opportunity to be part of a video conference with their families still in Argentina. The young people talked about their reasons for making aliyah and their experiences since they have lived

in Israel. The families were very supportive of their children, and several of the family members said that they, too, expect or hope to make aliyah in the near future.

During the Congress, I had an opportunity to be part of a welcoming Committee for new olim arriving at the airport from Russia and Argentina. The band played "Heveinu Shalom Aleichem" and "Ole, Ole".

In the midst of the overwhelming sadness in Israel, it is a real joy to witness the promise and optimism of aliyah. These new immigrants, arriving only a day after a terrorist event, were full of excitement and the hope that Israel, despite its current problems, will still offer them and their families a better life than the places they left. That afternoon at the airport was the emotional high-point of my trip.

And during the JAFI meetings I participated in the first-ever visit from The Jewish Agency to Kfar Etzion and Tekoa, two of the communities of the Gush Etzion bloc. We traveled past the destruction of Gilo in two armored busses, through a tunnel built to bypass

some of the Arab villages, in order to learn a little more about the history and reality of this area. We stopped at an ancient mikveh along the Path of the Patriarchs, a mikveh used by thousands on their way to the Temple in Jerusalem for each holiday. This area is, of course, beyond the Green Line, but very close to Jerusalem. Some of these communities were settled by Jews in the 20's, 30's, and 40's, before being destroyed in 1948. After the Six Day war in 1967 these communities and others were reestablished. The residents we met there said that until the current intifada began in 2000, they were happy with their quieter and less crowded towns, and that they view their presence as part of an outer ring of defense for Jerusalem.

In my last two days in Jerusalem, our group went to both Hadassah Hospitals to meet with patients and staff. We met with three teenage boys, still in hospital beds, with burns and serious injuries from stepping on a landmine near Hebron. (All three thanked us for coming, and then returned to watching soccer on TV.) We met a policeman seriously

injured last February in a hand-to-hand shootout with a terrorist. We met a woman paralyzed over a year ago, but still coming for outpatient therapy. The stories are heartbreaking. Hadassah Hospital in Ein Kerem regularly receives the worst trauma cases in the Jerusalem area.

We also heard from staff, doctors, nurses, and social workers. I was most affected by the social workers, who described for us what they do each and every time there is a terrorist event. They meet with families who are desperately searching for their loved ones, they answer the phone lines, they go with family to see (or identify) patients, they help them make funeral arrangements.

One of the victims is Gila Weiss, a young American woman who made aliyah about a year ago. She was injured in April, but is now receiving outpatient therapy for serious injuries, including eye, facial, and ear damage. She will be speaking in Wilmington in September. (Watch for further information.)

Dina Lipschultz is the president, Northern Seaboard Region, of Hadassah

## Why Don't Children Come With Instructions?

By Rabbi Ellen Bernhardt

How often do we as parents wish that we had a manual for raising our children? This is our most important job and we come ill prepared, anxious and inexperienced. As educators, we hear the same concerns from parents and often, parents turn to teachers and school administrators as guides for child rearing.

As the Head of a Jewish Day School, I often turn to our Jewish tradition as well as educational and psychological philosophies to advise teachers, staff and parents. The Torah and our rabbinical tradition are loaded with practical advice based on the ethical teachings of our people. Now, Dr. Wendy Mogel has published a book which articulates these concepts beautifully.

In *The Blessing of A Skinned Knee*, Dr. Mogel uses Jewish teachings to raise self-reliant children. As a psychologist herself who "returned" to her Jewish roots, she describes her odyssey as a professional and as a parent to weave the two schools of thought into one. I have made this book required reading for our faculty and staff and have urged our parents to read it as well. We will use this as a text for parenting discussions next year.

Dr. Mogel presents case studies from her practice and from raising her own children and touches on key areas such as: respect for adults, chores, keeping expectations in line with your child's temperament, mealtime battles, coping with frustration, avoiding over scheduling, over-indulging and more.

She points out that in the story of Abraham and Isaac in the book of Genesis, G-d tells Abraham to "Lech Licha-go forth from your father's house to a land that I will

show you." She compares this to the journey of life that each child must take. Unless our children are given the freedom to make mistakes (under our guidance of course) they will never learn how to become self-reliant adults. Other characters from the Bible are described as well to depict the different aspects of our children's personalities and character development.

Judaism is a religion of action. Dr. Mogel instructs parents (and educators, by extension) to be excellent role models so that children can see the values reflected in everyday life. If we want to teach children not to gossip (lashon harah) then we adults must refrain from it, as well. Adults need to speak to other adults and to children in a respectful manner, if we are to expect children to speak appropriately. If we wish our children to be charitable, they must see us giving charity.

And what about the "hurried child syndrome" about which many books have been written? Our chil-

dren are programmed fully: dance, sports, arts and crafts, horseback riding lessons, etc., leaving virtually no free time to "veg" or to learn how to occupy themselves. Dr. Mogel looks to the laws of Shabbat as she brilliantly explains that built into our tradition and laws is one day a week when we are not supposed to work. It is the time for families to relax and spend time together, read, think and "veg". If Shabbat is quintessential to Judaism, by extension, time to relax and unwind is necessary for proper child development.

The last example is the battle over food. So many children, even in elementary school, are grappling with issues of food, body image and self-esteem. It is so sad to hear a third grader proclaim that he is too fat or another child worrying that he must complete his entire lunch or his parents will get angry. Again, Dr. Mogel points to our tradition. The requirement that we bless the food before we eat it and to thank G-d for it after we are finished allows us time to pause and

reflect and not to eat out of control. On Shabbat and holidays there are special foods associated with them that we are commanded to enjoy; foods to be enjoyed, to keep us healthy and to enhance life's events. The laws of Kashrut teach us discipline and restraint and implore us to look at our table as a holy place. Thus, Jewish law grapples with the tough issues of food.

In a Jewish Day School, we use our tradition to provide a road map to faculty and parents on the tough issues of child rearing and education. How fortunate we are to have the Torah and thousands of years of Jewish wisdom to guide us. The challenge is to have our tradition be accessible to our parents. Our students are the fortunate ones to be taught to navigate the language, laws and traditions. It is here for us. Let us use it!

Rabbi Ellen Bernhardt serves as Head of School for the Albert Einstein Academy in Wilmington. For additional information about the school, please call her at 302-478-5026.



## From Arad With Love

Members of the Arad Youth Wind Band performed for an appreciative audience at the Delaware JCC. These 18 talented musicians are "youth ambassadors" from Delaware's Partnership 2000 community in Israel.

Photo by Joel Glazier



# JEWISH ARTS AND CULTURE

## Sharon Katz's Peace Train Rolls Into Delaware

By Joel F. Glazier

Like thousands of Jewish women before her, Sharon Katz in the 1980's studied at Philadelphia's Temple University. What separated her from the others was the fact she was a student from South Africa. At that time her government's policy of Apartheid kept different racial groups separate from each other in her home country. "By the time I was 10, I felt things in my home were wrong. I could see how miserable it was for Black people in our country," commented the 45 year old Katz at a recent performance in Delaware.

At age 11, Katz's parents bought her a guitar. "I used to hear music by Bob Dylan and Simon and Garfunkle on the radio. Radio was one place races and cultures could mix," she remembered. She learned the music of protest by ear. By day, she was a student at Port Elizabeth's new Theodore Herzl Jewish Day School. At night she joined audiences at Port Elizabeth's Underground protest plays. Her later teen age years found her hiding in car trunks to travel to the Black [restricted] Townships to hear

and absorb music of her homeland. "My parents never knew of those trips at the time. But like many Jews in South Africa, they were absolutely opposed to the apartheid system."

### Israel and World Travels

Sharon's brother worked on a moshav in Israel and on a family trip there, Sharon had her bat mitzvah celebration on top of Masada. She now has a sister in Israel who works as a Yoga Teacher. Sharon traveled abroad after college and lived with the mountain tribal people in Lesotho where she began working with handicapped people and connecting music to their therapy.

That interest took her to Philadelphia and Temple University where she earned a Master's Degree in Music Therapy. While working with gang members "converting them into band members," Katz met Joseph Shabalala, leader of South Africa's famed Lady Smith Black Mambazo music and dance troupe. He persuaded Katz to return home and work for social change.

In Durban she assembled a 500 member multicultural choir and after a broadcasted performance, her



Sharon Katz

choir and band organized a Peace Train of music that traveled the country. Bomb threats and harassment did not stop the determined artist and Nelson Mandela declared Katz's music, "The music of non-racial democracy." When apartheid ended and Mandela became South Africa's President, he practically

adopted the Peace Train band and Katz was asked to write songs in various South African languages to teach people how to vote for the first time in their lives.

In recent years, Katz and the Peace Train have performed throughout the continent of Africa, in Israel, Canada and now The

United States. "I would like to get back to the Middle East, which I believe is an area which certainly needs messages of hope and peace." Katz has been in discussion with officials in Israel, Jordan and the Palestinian Authority for a future tour there. The South Africa/Israel Foundation has been very supportive of her work.

Sharon Katz and The Peace Train are currently based in the Philadelphia area, with a group of South African and American musicians. "Our current group includes Jews, Muslims and Christians and we are multi-raced," Katz proudly points out. "IMBIZO" (a Zulu word meaning a gathering of hearts and minds) is the name of their new CD of 12 selections of traditional and modern rhythms with words of political and personal concerns.

Sharon Katz and The Peace Train performed at Delaware's Rockwood Ice Cream Festival in July and had a CD release party at Rehoboth's Sydney's Blues and Jazz Restaurant. They are scheduled to perform at Longwood Gardens on August 15. The CD, IMBIZO, is available on Appleseed Recordings.

## Stetl World Comes Back To Life On PBS

By Tom Tugend, JTA

"In many ways it was a good world, in many ways it was a hard world," narrator Elliott Gould observes in introducing "A Yiddish World Remembered."

It's not easy to evoke a lost era through television footage, but "Yiddish World" largely overcomes the difficulty.

The one-hour PBS special, which premieres Aug. 14, presents lively interviews with six elderly men and women who remember the shtetls from their childhoods, vintage photos and some newly discovered archival films, including one showing the bloody

aftermath of a 1919 pogrom.

The picture of shtetl and city life in the Eastern European Pale painted by these survivors tends to be more "good" than "hard," shading into the sentimental in the vignettes of childhood life recalled many decades later.

The smells and savor of mama's heavenly cholent, chicken soup, gefilte fish, or even herring and potatoes all but leap off the screen in the ecstatic reminiscences.

"Rockefeller wasn't as happy as I was on Friday nights when we made kiddush," recalls one former shtetl child.

The vibrant cultural life of the

time and place is perhaps familiar, as are the political and religious rivalries among Chasidim, Bundists and Zionists. Still, it gives one pause to learn that there were no less than 24 competing Yiddish dailies in Poland at the turn of the century.

In the end, it is the language itself that binds together all other aspects of this lost world.

"Yiddish is the soul of the Jewish people, it speaks by itself," says one old-time immigrant to America. "Sometimes I want to talk in English, but it comes out Yiddish. Even if you don't know the language — you feel it."

## Arab and Jew: Return To the Promised Land On PBS

David K. Shieler returns to Israel to revisit some of the people featured in the 1988 award-winning ARAB AND JEW: WOUNDED SPIRITS IN A PROMISED LAND and to explore fundamental conflicts and tensions that have continued to divide this land. In the intervening years, Israeli Jews and Palestinian Arabs have put each other through the twilight peace of Oslo and the increasingly violent twilight war of the second intifada. The special re-examines the symbolic and emotional issues that have been the most difficult to resolve—the right of return, the holy city of Jerusalem and the West Bank Jewish settlements. PBS-Channel 12-WHYY-Thursday, August 29, 9 p.m.

## An African Kingdom's Memorable Jews

By Moira Schneider, jta

The head of the Jewish community in Swaziland, the last of Africa's kingdoms, is a black South African who has not yet converted but already practices as a Jew.

Geoff Ramokgadi is fully versed in the rituals and tradition of the religion — he is largely self-taught since his decision to register for Orthodox conversion with the Johannesburg Beit Din 12 years ago — and succeeds in holding the 50-strong Swazi Jewish community together. He sports a kipah, speaks Hebrew and sprinkles his conversation liberally with Yiddish expressions.

At a recent conference of the African Jewish Congress, Swaziland's prime minister, Barnabas Dlamini, said the country appreciates the contribution of its Jewish community.

"The Jewish community is small, numbering in the tens rather than hundreds, but over the years it has had quite an influence on the development of our country," he said.

"The names Kirsh and Goldblatt will be remembered long after their time," he said, referring to two well-known entrepreneurs.

The above-mentioned Kalman Goldblatt — who later changed his name to Kal Grant — arrived in Swaziland from Lithuania at the age of 17 some 70 years ago, and set about building his fortune through several trading stores and by developing the first townships in the country.

He owned a number of exotic cars, including a white Cadillac that had belonged to Elvis Presley.

When Goldblatt died, he was buried according to Jewish custom in a simple pine coffin. The Swazis, who go in for elaborate burials, were astounded that a man of such wealth should be buried in such a humble manner, and the story made the local newspaper under the headline, "Millionaire receives pauper's burial."

In earlier years, Jewish immigrants to Swaziland entered into liaisons with indigenous women. As a result, many Swazis today

bear Jewish surnames.

Among them, a former Cabinet minister and a leading businessman both openly acknowledge their Jewish roots, with the latter donating money and time to Jewish projects in the country.

Israel and Swaziland generally have good relations, but there were some awkward moments at the recent African Jewish Congress conference held in the kingdom when members of the Swazi Jewish community expressed anger at Israel's sudden closure of its embassy a few years back.

"Swaziland has kept diplomatic relations with Israel in good times and bad. You should have at least left someone here," Ramokgadi said.

Israel's ambassador to South Africa, Tova Herzl, said that because of budgetary constraints there were no plans to re-open an embassy in the country, but that she hoped to present her credentials shortly and include the country in her bailiwick.



Attending the African Jewish Congress' recent conference in Swaziland, are, from left, Rabbi Moshe Silberhaft, spiritual leader of the African Jewish Congress, Geoff Ramokgadi, Israeli Ambassador to South Africa Tova Herzl and Mervyn Smith, chairman of the African Jewish Congress at the organisation's annual conference.

Credit: Moira Schneider/JTA



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## MITZVAH BASKETS

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

## NEWS FROM NEWARK

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

## LEARN TO READ HEBREW FOR THE HIGH HOLIDAYS

The Ner Tamid Jewish Center of Chester County will host a series of intermediate Hebrew Reading classes for adults. The series, sponsored by the National Jewish Outreach Program is geared to the individual who wants to improve his/her Hebrew reading skills and learn more about the High Holiday services.

The course, which will run once a week for approximately five weeks, is designed to strengthen the participant's skills in reading the High Holiday prayer book and understanding the ideas and concepts behind the

prayers. Eliezer Abrahamson, a Jewish educator from Project Gesher in Lakewood, NJ will conduct the class. The entire adult community of Chester County is invited to attend. For additional information, please call Leonard Tehrani, director, Ner Tamid Jewish Center at 1-610-399-1265.

## AKSE/ BETH SHALOM COMMUNITY SCHOOL RESUMES

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

Faculty will consist of teachers from both synagogues: Elaine Friedberg, Eta Knepler, Dina Lipschultz, Karen Moss, Victoria Book, Max Rosenberg, Roni Sneiderman, Judy Goldbaum, Gail Weinberg and Arlene Davis. Registrations are now being accepted. Please call the synagogue office at 654-4462 for information and applications.

## JCC NEWARK TO HOST GOLF DAY

The JCC Newark will host the second annual JCC Newark Golf Day. The date is Sunday, October 6th with a rain date of October 13th. Last year's event was a true success. The tournament will take place at Chisel Creek Golf Club, located on Appleton Road in Landenberg, PA. Tee times start at 11:00 a.m. Organize your foursome now! The fee is \$70 per person which includes cart,

course set up, scoring, chips and sodas on the course, BBQ and prizes. To register, contact Lynda Bell at JCC Newark, (302) 368-9173.

## JFS BRINGS COMFORT TO THE BEREAVED

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

## CHIP IN FOR ISRAEL

Adas Kodesch/Beth Shalom Community School are baking cookies to raise a lot of dough for Israel's terror victims. They are teaming up to raise money for our Israeli brothers and sisters by selling gourmet chocolate chip cookies. This is a Rosh Hashanah tzedakah project in hopes for a sweet new year.

Cookies will be baked at AKSE and will be sold at \$12 per baker's dozen. All proceeds will help families of terror victims through the Israel Emergency Fund. Call Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth at 762-3618 to place your order by August 22nd. The cookies will be ready in time for Rosh Hashanah. Help us to fulfill this mitzvah. Order today.

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

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

The Melton School is designed to fit into the life you lead. No tests. No grades. Just two hours a week of Jewish learning for

its own sake. Study in an informal setting with other adults who are there because they want to be. Classes meet at the Delaware JCC on Wednesdays mornings from 9:15-11:30 a.m. and on Thursdays evening from 7:30-9:45 p.m. Each of the thirty sessions consist of two one-hour classes and a fifteen minute break for refreshments and schmoozing. The tuition is \$399/year and includes 30 two-hour sessions, special programs and refreshments.

For additional information on the Florence Melton School Adult Mini-School, contact Marion Hamermesh, Melton School Director, at (302) 478-5660 (ext. 201) or [melton@jccdelaware.org](mailto:melton@jccdelaware.org)

## DELAWARE GRATZ GOES BACK TO SCHOOL

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

## FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR STUDY IN ISRAEL/JUDAIC STUDIES

The Greenbaum Scholarship Fund of the Jewish Fund for the Future-the Endowment Fund of the Jewish Federation of Delaware-provides funds to Jewish undergraduate students from Delaware and those who are studying in Delaware for the following purposes:

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

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

Interested students may apply

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

## DON'T MISS OUT ON "OKLAHOMA"

The JCC Newark is sponsoring a New York Theatre Trip to see Oklahoma on Sunday, December 15th. Tickets are going fast for this Tony-Award winning musical featuring choreography by Delaware's own Susan Strohmman. Don't miss out on the fun. Orchestra seats are available to JCC members for \$140 and \$147 for non-members. Call Lynda Bell at 302-368-9173 to purchase tickets.

## SAVE-THE-DATE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

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

**Open to the entire community.**

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

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

**Details to Follow**

# SIMCHA STORIES

## A Ghostly Bar Mitzvah

by Ted Roberts

**A tale about a father and son who plan a Bar Mitzvah celebration in a ravaged Polish village in 1946.**

They tell the story of Jacob Zigowski and his son, Adam, who returned to their Polish village in early 1946 — the only survivors of a family of mama and papa and six children. In fact, the only Jews of Riegle still alive.

One day, as Adam and his father sat over a supper of cheese, boiled cabbage and dark bread, the boy uncharacteristically began the suppertime conversation.

"In six months, on June 14th, I'll be 13. Should we not start my Bar Mitzvah training? Shouldn't we hire the tutor, Shimon Mendel from Warsaw — if he's still alive — to come and teach me to chant the Torah and Haftorah?"

His father laid down his knife and fork. His jaws ceased their chewing. He smiled at his son, but only to gain time to order his thoughts — shocked by the idea of

a Bar Mitzvah. A Bar Mitzvah, he thought? A Bar Mitzvah here in this lawless land; in this godless time where the Supreme Judge, Himself, had apparently broken his vows with his people Israel? A 24-hour repetition of the Kaddish would be more appropriate, followed by a funeral march around the town square. That would make sense, thought Jacob. But a Bar Mitzvah celebration? A tribute to the forgotten covenant? How stupid.

To the boy, he said, "Adam, I think the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob has forgotten us. Eat your cheese."

"Maybe He needs reminding," softly suggested the boy.

Over the following two weeks his persistence continued. Jacob had never heard such eloquence and passion from this child who had lost most of his childhood. So, finally he agreed. Yes, they'd bring Shimon, or some substitute if Shimon had fed the Nazi appetite for Jewish flesh. Yes, he'd come twice a week and Adam, like whole

tribes of boys before him, would recite prayers of praise to God for illuminating us with the light of Torah. And he would read the dusty, tattered village Torah Scroll. It had survived the war in a peasant's barn, a far-sighted peasant who knew the Jews would pay well for it, if any of them remained.

Only a few weeks before the event did it occur to the Zigowski family — father and son — that theirs might be the first Bar Mitzvah without spectators. Except for one, of course, who would stare down in astonishment. "If God lived here, our remaining Polish Jews would throw stones at his house," Jacob often said during those months. "That is assuming that any Jewish stone throwers survived," he usually added.

Besides Adam and Jacob, the few remaining survivors in the district had scurried as far as possible from the fields and towns of sorrowful memories.

"So, who's going to come?" said the papa to the Bar Mitzvah boy. "Ghosts? Well, at least we'll

save a bundle on the Kiddush. How much herring and cheese can they eat?"

"If we do it, they'll come. There's the Abramowitz family in Posen, they'll come. And Dahlia here in our own town, she's got a Jewish grandmother."

"Great, we'll fill six seats in a 500-seat sanctuary. There'll be a bigger crowd watching the ice melt on the river."

"You forgot someone, Father," added the boy.

"Yeah, OK, He'll, maybe, be there, too," replied Jacob. "Maybe the reading of His Book will remind Him of His obligations."

The Bar Mitzvah day dawned as fresh as the first day of creation. It was Spring and the cornflowers in the meadows of Riegle celebrated with vivid blues and purples and pinks. The Bar Mitzvah boy, his father, and the tutor walked the few

blocks from their house to the old wooden synagogue, unfrequented for years. Jacob took the key from his jacket pocket. It turned easily in its lock. With a loud click, the weathered door swung open.

As they stepped in, a hum — a buzz — of expectation flooded over them. The pews were full. Not one empty seat. It was a crowd befitting a Bar Mitzvah of long ago, not the Bar Mitzvah of the only Jewish boy in Riegle in June of 1946.

The chandelier in the old shul blazed with an uncanny brilliance that could have lit the world in its blackest midnight. Down the center aisle, their cheeks shining with tears, walked Adam and his father. They waved exuberantly. They threw kisses. The Jewish community of Riegle and the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob awaited the Bar Mitzvah of Adam Zigowski.

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# MILESTONES

## In Memoriam

### BERG

Faye Natalie Berg died July 14th. She was a lifetime member of the Kutz Home Auxiliary and the Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Emeth and was a former board member of the synagogue and the Brandywine Country Club. She enjoyed a loving 57 year relationship with her husband, Melvin. Her surviving friends and family members, which include: sons, Gary, Daniel and James; daughters-in-law, Nancy and Maria and grandchildren; Nicole, Danielle and Alexander, will miss her sense of humor and compassion for others.

Mrs. Berg was interred in the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road in Wilmington. Contributions in her memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, 92 Reads Way, New Castle, DE 19720.

### BIRKENRUTH

Evelyn B. Birkenruth died July 6th. She is interred in the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road in Wilmington. Mrs. Birkenruth will be missed by her daughter, Judith Seeherman of New York City.

### BLOCK

Michael Block, 39, of Chadds Ford, PA, died June 28th. He was

an attorney for the Philadelphia law firm of Berger & Montague. Mr. Block was an avid bicyclist and had participated in the Ride for the Roses a fundraising program for the Lance Armstrong Foundation and had marched on Washington, D.C. with NBC Today Show's Katie Couric to raise awareness of colo-rectal cancer. He is survived by his wife, Allyson; sons, Jonathan and Joseph; daughter, Sophia; mother, Paula; father, Robert; brother, Howard; and sister, Dori.

He was interred in the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road in Wilmington. Contributions in his memory would be appreciated to the Lance Armstrong Foundation, PO Box 161180, Austin, TX 78716-1180 or to the Delaware Hospice, 3515 Silverside Road, Wilmington, DE 19810.

### BLOOM

Lillian Cohen Bloom, died July 12th. The wife of the late George S. Bloom, she is survived by her daughters, Herme Bloom and Chaile Steinberg; her son, Marc; her daughter-in-law, Eileen and son-in-law, David; seven grandchildren; five great grandchildren and her sisters, Frances Foster and Ethel Schulman.

Interment was in the Ohev Shalom Cemetery. Contributions in her memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

### GOLDBERGER

Sadie Yelner Goldberger, 85, of Deerfield Beach, Florida, died July 9th after complications from Alzheimer's disease. A former resident of Wilmington, she worked for many years at Finkels and at the Wilmington Trust. Mrs. Goldberger will be missed by her daughters, Joanne Palangi of Wilmington and Lenora Blackiston of Coconut Creek, FL; her grandsons, Michael Bensinger of Wilmington, Steven Bensinger of Newark and Thomas Blackiston of Coconut Creek, FL; and a great-grandson, Andrew Bensinger. Graveside services were held on July 12th at Beth Emeth Memorial Park in Wilmington.

### GOLDSTEIN

Jean H. Goldstein, died on June 23rd after a courageous battle with pulmonary and heart disease. A native of Philadelphia, Mrs. Goldstein was raised in Newark, DE. She graduated from the University of Delaware in 1932 and did her post graduate work in elementary education. She taught full-time for twelve years in the Lora Little Elementary School in Stanton, DE.

She was a life member of Hadassah and was also a member of Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation.

Predeceased by husband, Morris and her brother, Robert Hoffman, she is survived by her children, Lawrence S. and Barbara L. Goldstein of Wilmington; her brothers and sisters-in-law, Irving and Connie Hoffman of Ft. Lauderdale, FL and Sydney and Clara Hoffman of Pompano Beach, FL and Abraham and Beatrice

Hoffman of Wilmington; brother-in-law, Louis Goldstein of Wilmington and his wife, Selma; sister-in-law, Shirley Hoffman of Pasadena, CA; cousins, Simon and Vera Steinberg of Ft. Lauderdale, FL and nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were held at the Machzikey Hadas Cemetery in Minquada. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Delaware Humane Association, 701 A Street, Wilmington, DE 19801.

### HORWITZ

Charles (Chick) Horwitz, age 70, died July 8th at peace after a long illness at the Veterans Medical Center in Coatesville, PA. He was a life-long resident of Wilmington, employed in the container industry. He was a veteran of both the Navy and the Air Force. The son of the late Sam and Sadie Horwitz, he is survived by his brothers, Harry and Joe and a sister, Mrs. David Berger. Funeral services were held at the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Bear, DE.

### LEWIS

Robert A. Lewis, 86, a resident of the Kutz Home and long-time resident of Wilmington, died July 24th. He worked for the U.S. Postal Service for 38 years until his retirement in 1978. He was president of the Postal Workers Union for many years and was an Army veteran of World War II. Mr. Lewis was involved in the Delaware Jewish community as a member of Congregation Beth Shalom, the Delaware Jewish Community Center and its predecessor, the YMHA and the Montefiore Mutual Benefit Society. His community involvement also included membership in the Oriental Lodge #27, AF & AM and the Delaware Consistory.

Predeceased by his wife, Bessie

and his sister, Anna L. Leviton, he is survived by his son, Jeffery M. and his wife, Judith G. of Greenville; his daughter, Linda L. Kornreich and her husband, Dr. Lawrence D. of Montville, NJ; grandchildren, Liza M. Lewis, Wendy L. Kornreich, Jonathan G. Kornreich and Jill and her husband, Howard Goldman; a great granddaughter, Samantha Goldman and a sister, Reba L. Brenner of CA.

He was interred at the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road. Contributions in his memory would be appreciated to Congregation Beth Shalom, 18th St. and Baynard Blvd., Wilmington, DE 19802.

### MILLER

Henrietta Miller, 90, of Forwood Manor, died peacefully on July 13th. She was a life-long resident of Wilmington and graduated from Simmons College in Boston, MA. She was the first woman president of the Auxiliary at the Kutz Home. She also served as president of the Delaware Association for the Blind. For many years, she translated books into Braille. A member of the board of Planned Parenthood, she was a senior volunteer teacher at P.S. DuPont Elementary School, an avid Bridge player, gardener and animal enthusiast.

Predeceased by her husband, Howard A. Miller and her daughter, Shelly (Rachel) Miller Pearson, she is survived by her brother, Byard Grant and two grandchildren, Nikki M. Oemler and Michael Wirschafer.

Interment was in Beth Emeth Memorial Park on Faulkland Road. Contributions in her memory would be appreciated to either the American Cancer Society or to the Delaware Humane Association.

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## NACHAS NOOK

### Tolpin And Hochschild To Wed

Eugene and Gail Tolpin of Wilmington, announce the engagement of their son, Daniel Aryeh Tolpin, to Laura Jill Hochschild. Laura is the daughter of Robert and Charlyne Hochschild of Houston, Texas.

Laura graduated from Northwestern University with a Bachelor of Arts degree. She majored in psychology and political science. She currently is

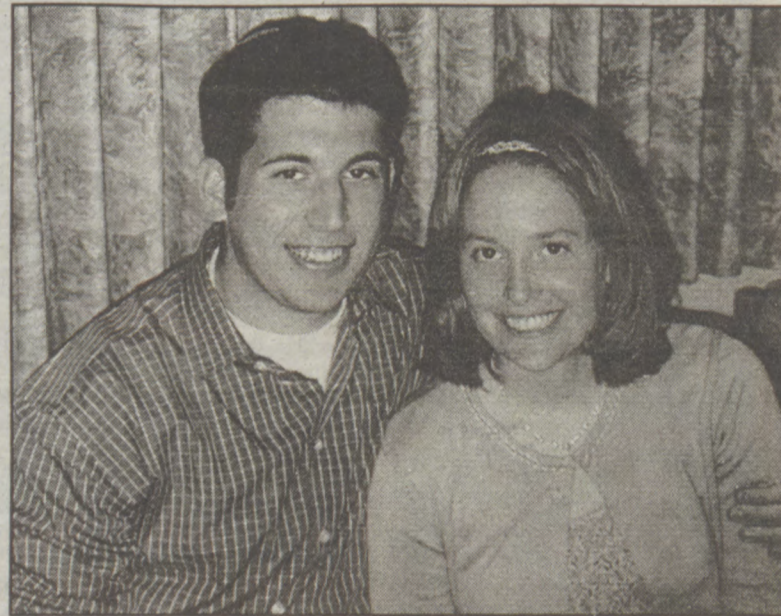
a fourth year graduate student in the doctoral program in clinical psychology at the University of Delaware.

Daniel earned a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in economics from Northwestern University. He currently is in his third year of medical school at Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia.

Laura is the granddaughter of Peter Hochschild, the late Henrietta Hochschild, Max Goldman and the late Sarah Goldman.

Daniel is the grandson of Terry and Ernst Dannemann, Elinor Tolpin, and the late Samuel Tolpin.

The couple plans a December wedding.



Daniel Tolpin and Laura Hochschild

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## CELEBRATIONS

### Kimmel And Penner To Wed

Marcia and Morton Kimmel of Wilmington, DE announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle Wendy, to Douglas Mark Penner, son of Joan Penner and the late Arthur Penner formerly of

Tucson, Arizona.

Michelle graduated from the University of Maryland with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice. She is presently the Director of Marketing for Corporate

Financial Services in Philadelphia, PA.

Doug graduated from the University of Arizona with a Bachelor of Science in Sociology, and a minor in Health Education. He played foot-

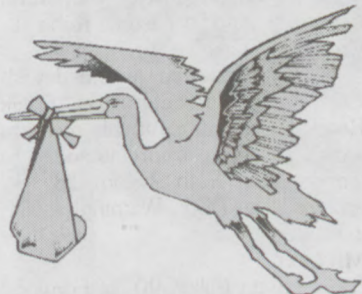
ball at Arizona and was a four year letter winner. Doug currently is a Senior Account Executive for Viacom Outdoor in New York City.

Michelle is the granddaughter of the late Sylvia and Bert Kimmel and

the late David Weber. Doug is the grandson of the late Levis and Rose Penner and Benjamin and Regina Fox.

The couple is planning a November wedding.

### Two New Daughters Of Israel Are Born



Oryeh and Chuni Vogel announce the birth of their daughter, Chaya Sarah Shoshe on 9,

Tammuz. Sarale is named in memory of two great-grandmothers, both of whom were Holocaust survivors. She will undoubtedly be spoiled by her brothers and sisters: Levi, Areleh, Dovi, Avremel, Sholom, Chavi, Esti and Mendel, her grandparents and cousins by the dozens.

Dory Zatuchni and Joe Goldberg announce the birth of their granddaughter, Emma Faye Reese. Emma, who is named in loving memory of her maternal great grandmother, Evelyn Zatuchni, is the daughter of Captain Travis and Alia Reese.

### Zatuchni Chairs Emergency Food And Shelter Board

Dory Zatuchni, executive director, Jewish Family Services, has been elected Board chair of the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP), which is charged with distributing federal funds throughout the State to agencies providing emergency financial assistance to individuals and families for shelter, utilities and food.

"Many people don't realize that EFSP has been in operation for almost twenty years," said Zatuchni. "It supplements the crisis management programs that local social service and governmental agencies use to help people through economic emergencies

and is available to all organizations helping hungry and homeless people."

The Board has determined that EFSP funds will be used toward feeding, sheltering (including transitional sheltering) and providing rent/mortgage and utility assistance efforts only. Since it was signed into law in November 1988, EFSP has distributed \$2.05 billion to more than 11,000 human service agencies in 2,500 communities across the country.

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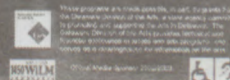
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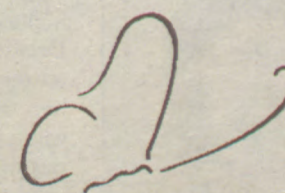
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ready to help them connect to a comprehensive network of programs and services that help build Jewish identity.

The mission of the Jewish Federation of Delaware is to mobilize the Jewish community to address issues, meet local and global Jewish needs and build an agenda for the future. JFD invites indi-

viduals to come together as a community coalition committed to *tikkun olam*-repair of the world and work with us to enhance the quality of Jewish life here in Delaware, in Israel and around the world.

To carry out this mission and vision, the Jewish Federation raises funds for the needs of Jews locally

and globally through the Federation Annual Campaign-plans for our community's immediate and long-range needs and serves as a spokesperson on Jewish issues for the community at-large. We do all this in coordination with other Jewish agencies, organizations and synagogues.

Locally, there are six agencies that receive Federation funds. Two of them focus on Jewish education, one of our community's chief priorities. Albert Einstein Academy is the Brandywine Valley's only Jewish day school, serving students from pre-kindergarten through sixth grade. Delaware Gratz serves students who wish to continue their Jewish studies beyond their bar or bat mitzvahs. Jewish students at the University of Delaware can connect with their heritage and one another through Hillel. Our elderly receive comprehensive, compassionate care at the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home-a modern, kosher, skilled nursing facility. Individuals and families in need of counseling and support can find it at Jewish Family Service. The Delaware Jewish Community Center provides a broad-range of



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recreational, social, camping and child care programs to the community in North Wilmington and in Newark at the former site of the Young Women's Christian Association.

This new Newark Jewish Community Campus, purchased this past year by the Jewish Federation of Delaware in recognition of the tremendous growth in our greater Newark Jewish population, will serve as a second address for Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School and will provide meeting space for programs and events sponsored by other Jewish organizations. Other JFD agencies may utilize this renovated facility in the future.

Throughout the pages of this publication, you will find additional information about Federation, its agencies as well as community synagogues and other Jewish organizations. I urge you to fully participate in the many programs and activities they offer. Make the Jewish connection to benefit yourself, your family and your fellow Jews locally and globally. Please call the Jewish Federation at 427-2100 or visit our website at [www.shalomdelaware.org](http://www.shalomdelaware.org).

## From Our Editorial Committee Chair



**Frances Klein**  
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The Jewish Voice extends a warm welcome to all who are reading this special edition which includes our annual Shalom Delaware. Whether you are new to this community or have been here for years, we trust that you will find this publication a valuable resource now and throughout the year.

We are proud to serve as the First State's only Jewish newspaper. We strive to provide our readers from North Wilmington to the Delaware beaches with local, national and international news with a decidedly Jewish perspective.

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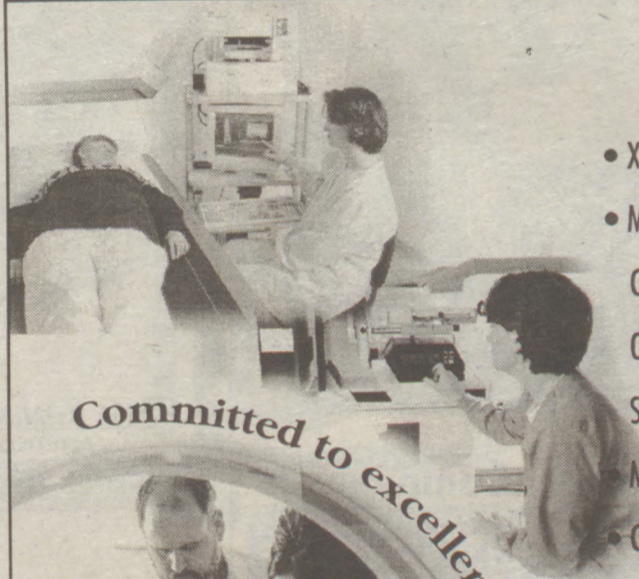
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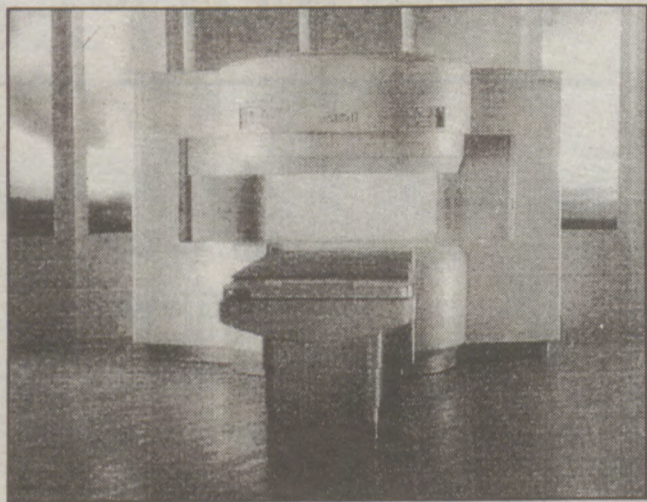
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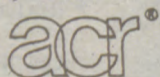
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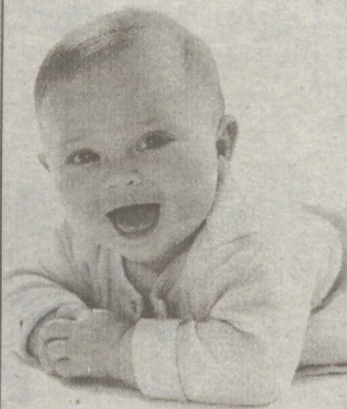
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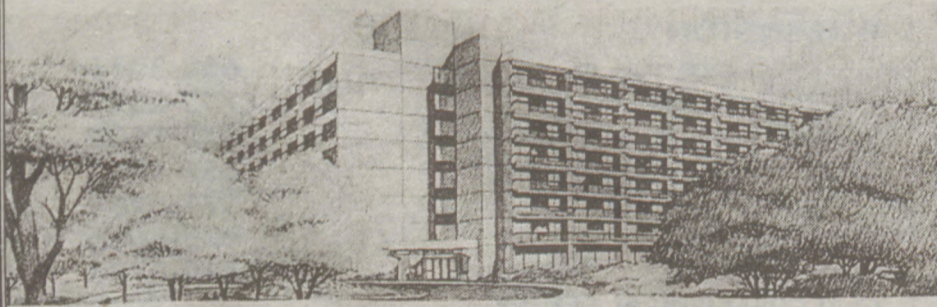
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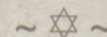
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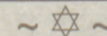
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The Jewish Community Relations Committee (JCRC) is the public affairs arm of the Jewish Federation of Delaware (JFD), the central planning and funding agency for the Jewish community and its agencies throughout the State of Delaware. Co-chairpeople for 2002-2003 are Mark Wagman and Rabbi David Wortman.

Through the JCRC, the Jewish community interacts with the community at large. The JCRC works with government leaders and the media as an advocate for Israel and

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"The JCRC advances the gener-

al welfare of the community by promoting positive relations with other cultural, religious and ethnic groups."

"The JCRC supports Israel by providing educational opportunities for the public through speakers, briefings and articles as well as by educating public officials about Israel, combating anti-Israel propaganda in the media and the general community, and monitoring issues of concern."

"The JCRC facilitates the democratic process by promoting local

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"The JCRC provides community information and creates awareness through its work with the media by monitoring local media for fair and appropriate coverage of issues of concern to the Jewish community and providing background information to assist local reporters."

For more information and to get involved with JCRC please call 302-427-2100 ext.15.

## Jewish Fund for The Future

The Jewish Fund for the Future is the planned giving and endowment arm of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. The **Jewish Fund for the Future** is charged with developing a permanent base of support for our Jewish community, agencies and programs, assisting individuals and families to achieve their philanthropic goals and working with attorneys, accountants and other financial planning professionals to provide current information pertinent to charitable giving in the Jewish community.

Each year the Jewish Federation of Delaware's Annual Campaign collects funds and dis-

tributes all that it collects. The Community Capital Campaign is raising funds to enlarge and renovate the buildings that house our local Jewish community agencies. Once these campaign dollars are spent there is nothing left - nothing available in times of emergency or crisis - nothing to address an unexpected need or to fund a wonderful new program. This is why the **Jewish Fund for the Future** is so very important.

All of us, regardless of means, share the obligation to secure the future of the Jewish community. Each of us views that obligation from a different perspective. There are many different ways to

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To find out more about the **Jewish Fund for the Future** please call 302-427-2100 ext. 20.

## Jewish Federation Annual Campaign

Throughout Jewish history, in small towns and large cities, within both Israel and the Diaspora, it was the custom of Jewish communities to create an address for centralized giving. This guaranteed the privacy and dignity of the poor as well as the successful maintenance of communal agencies. Today, the *kupah* (literally translated as community fund) is the annual campaign of the Jewish federation.

The gift to the communal *kupah*, or centralized campaign, is a noble expression of devotion to the entire Jewish people. It demonstrates a love of community, which is, without limitation a proud statement of commitment to our individual communities and to every individual Jew.

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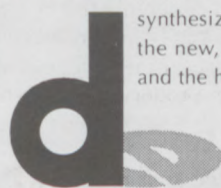
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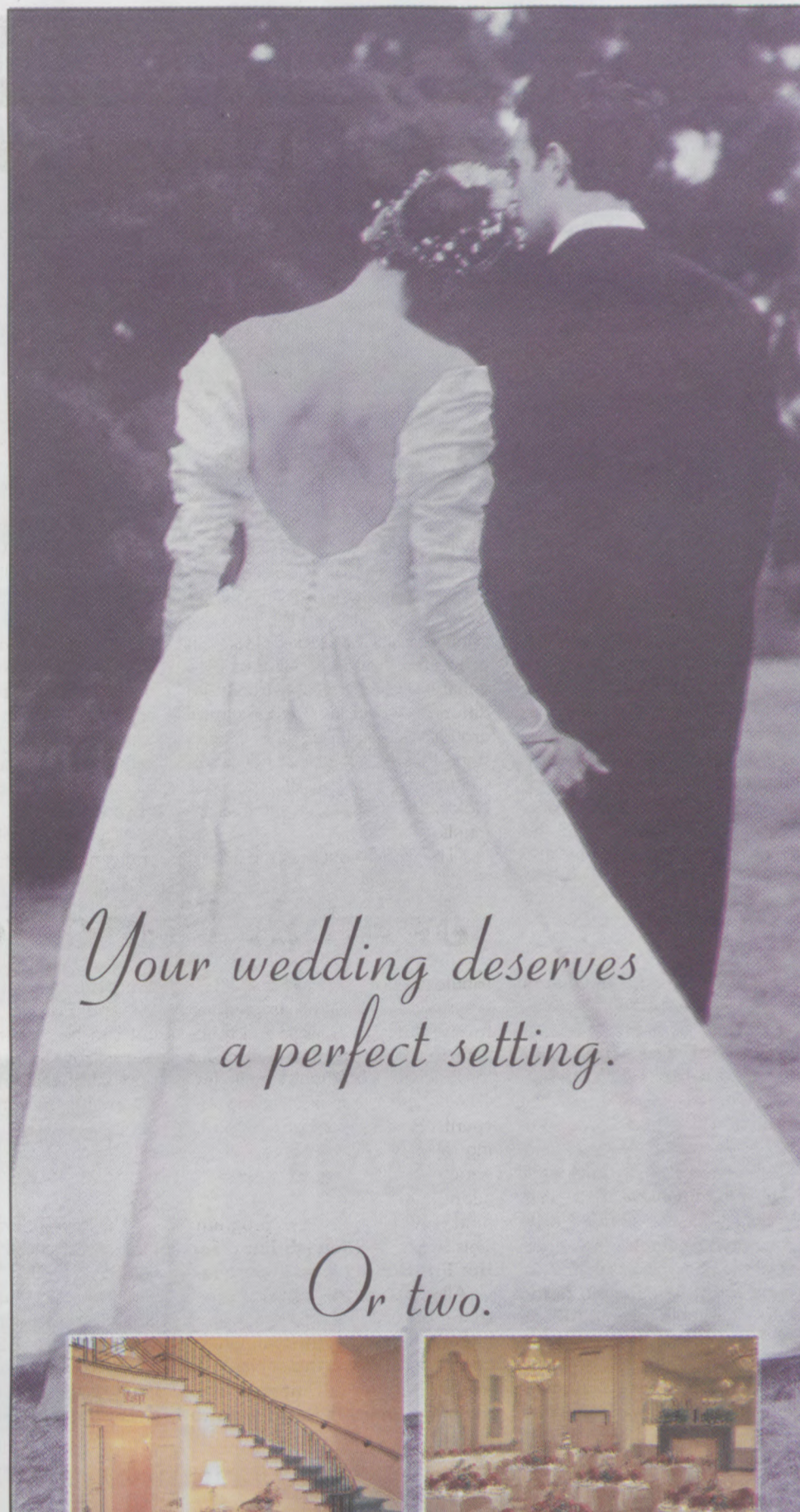
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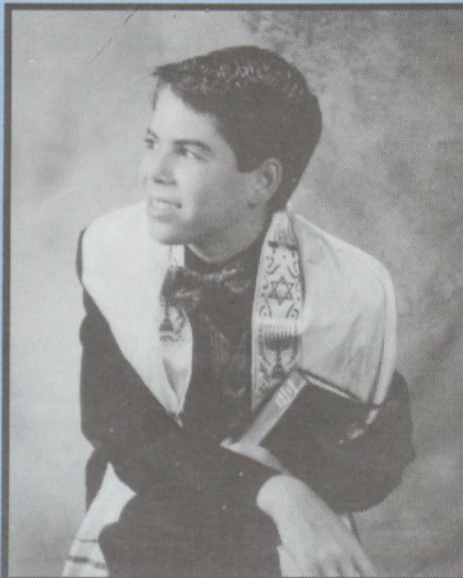
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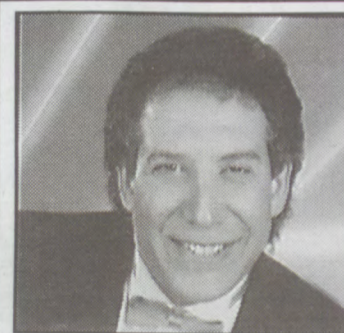
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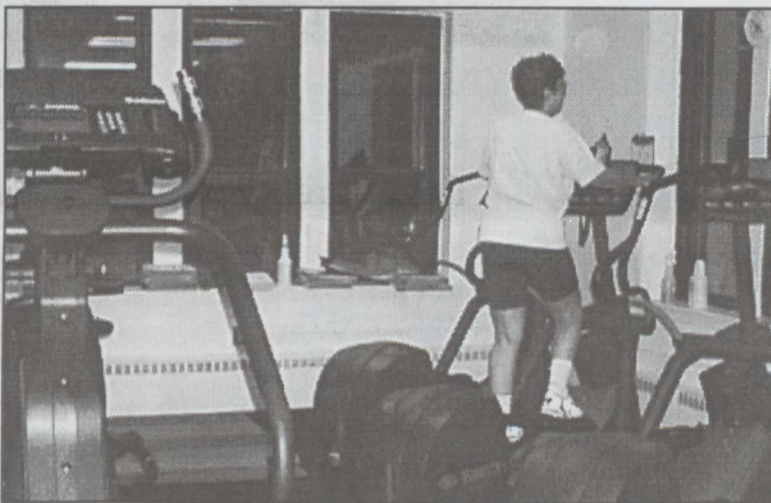
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**Leslie Wiener, Coordinator**

Providing today's parents with before and after school childcare options is but one part of our program goal. We offer children creative, safe and enriching group experiences that allow them to feel good about themselves and the group. When school is out, a full day option is available.

#### Program Components

- KinderPlace and KidsPlace Programs
- School's Out Days
- KidsTime (Satellite After School Care)
- Club and Enrichment Programs
- Birthday Parties
- Family Activities
- Pre and Post Camp Programs
- Vacation Camp Programs
- Family and Holiday Programs
- Scouting Programs



### DAY CAMP SERVICES

**Ivy Harlev, Executive Camp Director**  
**Joe Consiglio, Summer Camp Director**

Camp JCC offers exciting summer opportunities for all ages from toddler to teen. Campers learn swimming, arts-n-crafts, sports, Judaics, nature, Israeli culture, drama, rock climbing, archery, music and more.

#### Program Components

- Eight-Week Day Camp
- Specialty Camps (Computers and Fine Arts)
- Sabra (Teen Travel) Camp
- Maccabi Sports Camps
- Science and Space Camps

### TEEN SERVICES

**Donna Schwartz, Director**  
**Leslie Wiener, Coordinator**

The Community Teen Program focuses on offering unique, outstanding, youth programs for junior and senior high school students. Programs are developed, organized and implemented by youth leaders. Programming touches all aspects of Jewish life, with strong emphasis on social, educational, spiritual, recreational, leadership and community service events.

#### Program Components

- Teen Leadership Council
- Shabbatons

- Community Service
- Synagogue and Youth Groups
- College Resources/SAT Readiness
- Maccabi Club
- Sabra (Teen Travel) Camp

### YOUNG JEWISH ADULTS OF DELAWARE (YJAD)

YJAD provides opportunities to meet and socialize with other Jewish singles and young professionals in a social environment focusing on a connection with our community. YJAD generates, organizes and implements programs and services for its members providing leadership opportunities within the group and the community as well.

#### Program Components

- Social Mixers
- Chavurah Discussion Groups
- Recreational Volleyball
- Recreational Softball
- Jewish Education
- Restaurant Samplers
- Synagogue Drop-Ins

### Adult Services

Provides opportunities for active participation in various Jewish educational, cultural, social and recreational activities for self-enrichment.

#### Program Components

- Classes, Programs, Lectures and Forums
- Entertainment/Performances
- Discussion Groups
- Cultural Caravan Trips
- Art Exhibitions
- Elderhostel
- Annual Book Fair
- Jewish Heritage Video Collection

### SENIOR CENTER

**Orly Wallach, Director**  
**Iris Tocker, Assistant Director**

A wide range of social services are offered to meet the emotional needs of older adults: to promote social relationships, reduce isolation and stimulate creative growth among this age group, to provide a Jewish community focal point where people come together for activities which support their independence and encourage community involvement.

#### Program Components

- Daily Activities
- Nutritional Kosher Lunch Program
- Transportation Service
- Counseling, Information and

- Referral
- Health and Wellness
- Candlelight Dinners/Birthday Celebrations
- Day Trips
- Overnight Trips
- Max and Jeannette Podlosky Lunch and Learn Series
- Telephone Reassurance and Outreach
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Holiday Celebrations and Trips
- Ongoing Classes (Bridge, Exercise, Painting, Swimming and Current Events)

### SPECIAL EVENTS

Provides opportunities for active community, family and individual participation in various arts, cultural, recreational activities and holiday celebrations. Emphasis is placed on Jewish values and culture and provides opportunities to work cooperatively with synagogues and other Jewish organizations.

#### Program Components

- Jewish Holiday Celebrations
- Jewish Book Month
- Community Picnic and Annual Meeting
- Adult Socials

### RECREATIONAL SERVICES

**Randy Rosenthal, Director**  
**Scott Bowers, Coordinator**  
**Michael Strouse, Coordinator**

Healthy mind, healthy body is a value first described by Maimonides, an acclaimed Jewish philosopher. The value of preserving health and wellness is rooted in Jewish tradition and law.

In addition, this environment attracts the single largest population to the Center and thus provides quality opportunities for socialization.

The Family Campus provides a wholesome, safe environment for families and individuals to meet and enjoy the leisure hours in a quality outdoor environment.

### FITNESS, SPORTS AND WELLNESS

- Cardiovascular Conditioning
- Strength Training
- Evaluation/Fitness Assessments
- One-On-One Personal Training
- Exercise Routines and Programs
- Teen Exercise Classes
- Senior Exercise Classes

### Therapy and Rehabilitation

- Hydrotherapy and Arthritis

- Swim Program
- Cardio Rehabilitation
- Physical Therapy

### Lifestyle Management

- Nutritional Assessment
- Health and Fitness Lectures
- CPR Training and First Aid
- Massage Therapy Services
- Yoga and Tai-Chi Classes

### Lifetime/Sports Classes

- Indoor Rock Climbing
- Gymnastics and Dance Classes
- Children's Sports Leagues
- Adult Pick-Up Sports
- Afterschool Sports Classes
- Tennis Lessons and Clinics
- Racquetball Tournaments
- Basketball and Volleyball Lessons
- Aerobics and Karate Classes
- Special Events (Snowball Run, Sports Classic)

### Family Campus

- In-Line Hockey Rink
- 50 Foot Long Water Slide
- Swim Club
- Summer Swim Team and Aquatic Classes
- Arts and Nature Exploration
- Family Entertainment and Dinners
- Sports and Tournaments
- Rental of Facilities

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**Chris Smith, Site Director**  
**Lynda Bell, Program Director**  
**Ryan Nelson, Recreation Director**  
**Clarice Ritchie, Administrative Director**

#### Program Components

- Judaic Quilting Class
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The Milton and Hattie Kutz Home, Inc. is a non-profit agency which receives funds from the Jewish Federation of Delaware, the United Way of Delaware and contributions from the community. In the early 1900s, a home caring for the Jewish elderly was the dream of a group of Jewish women, the Bichor Cholem Society, who raised funds to make this dream a reality. This tradition exists to this day, and includes Sabbath observance, Jewish holiday services, and delicious and plentiful kosher food. Today, the Kutz Home cares for men and women of many faiths requiring nursing care.



Casino Day, one of the many activities at The Milton and Hattie Kutz Home.

The Rehabilitation Department provides physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy as needed. The Home's Medical Director is on call around-the-clock. A podiatrist visits bi-monthly, and the Home's psychiatric consultant advises staff on the care of residents with emotional and dementia-related problems. The Home's Resident Relations and Counseling staff assists residents and family members with adjustment and other concerns.

The Kutz Home has an active

Auxiliary which raises funds to provide many additional services, such as a paratransit van, patio furnishings and special medical equipment. Our caring volunteers spend their time and energy making life for our residents interesting and pleasurable.

The Milton and Hattie Kutz Home is proud of its long history of caring for the community's elderly with the reverence they deserve. For further information, contact Sheila Mensch at (302) 764-7000 or E-mail smensch@kutzhome.org.

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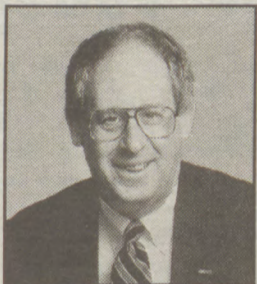
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At the Albert Einstein Academy, the Jewish day school serving the Brandywine Valley, children are engaged in the learning process with an interdiscipli-

nary approach to teaching that brings our classrooms alive. Housed in a renovated and expanded wing on the Jewish Community Family Campus, the school served 129 children in transitional Pre-K through sixth grades during the 2001-2002 academic year. With a curriculum that integrates a superb general and Jewish education along with the Hebrew language instruction,

the Albert Einstein Academy meets the needs of families who want their children to develop a strong and secure Jewish identity as they pursue a high quality elementary education.

As the Albert Einstein Academy marks its 33rd anniversary, it remains faithful to its mission of providing a challenging education program in a warm Jewish environment that will

encourage each child to reach his or her fullest potential. The school maintains low student/teacher ratio staffed by a dedicated team of faculty and administrators. At the same time, the school is committed to moving forward with programs designed to prepare students with the skills they will need to respond to a changing world. Towards that end, the school's

expanded facilities include new classroom space, a new library and technology lab-all of which will enhance enrichment classes in the sciences and creative arts.

Albert Einstein Academy is a non-denominational institution that welcomes students from various religious backgrounds. For further information, please contact Rabbi Ellen Bernhardt, Head of School, at (302) 478-5026.

### Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School

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Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School offers Jewish studies for 7th through 12th grade students. Formal and informal education provides students with knowledge of Jewish sources and familiarity with Israel, Hebrew language skills, Bible, literature, contemporary teen issues, Jewish history and laws, Jewish life, ethics, heritage and contributions to the world, leadership training and community service opportunities.

Social interaction with other Jewish teens from throughout the region in a learning environment

where discussion, debate, and sharing of views and knowledge are invigorating and satisfying is an integral part of the school's mission.

A Delaware Gratz education gives teenagers the foundation to develop an enhanced sense of pride and identity as Jews; it helps them to understand the basic values and practices of Judaism in its diverse forms, and encourages feelings of belonging, loyalty, and responsibility to the Jewish community and to Israel.

Committed to providing the

highest quality education, the Delaware Gratz faculty consists of teachers and other specialists from a variety of disciplines, who have both talent and experience relating to adolescents and who possess knowledge and credentials in the areas offered for study.

High school and college credits, as well as both the JCHS and the I. M. Wise teaching certificates are granted to those students who qualify.

Classes meet on Sundays from 10 am - 1 pm, on Mondays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and on

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 pm - 9 PM. Part-time programs are also available.

Newark classes meet on Sunday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. plus Event Programming.

Gratz graduates who meet certain criteria may apply to the Jewish Fund for the Future, the Jewish Federation of Delaware's Endowment Fund, for the Greenbaum Jewish Studies College Scholarship. For more information about eligibility please contact Gina Kozicki, at 427-2100, ext. 20.

### Promoting The Growth Of Jewish Literacy

### Florence Melton Adult Mini-School

The Florence Melton Adult Mini-School opened in Delaware in September, 2001 in response to a perceived need for a sophisticated source for Jewish adult learning in Delaware. The Florence Melton Adult Mini-School promotes the growth of Jewish literacy through the sequential, systematic study of Jewish sources in a pluralistic environment. During the past 16 years, 16,000 adults in Jewish communities all over the United States, and in Canada, the United Kingdom and Australia have discovered and re-discovered the joys of studying and learning using this curriculum

which was created by a team of scholars and educators at the Melton Center for Jewish Education at Hebrew University.

The Melton School is a unique opportunity for Jewish adults from all backgrounds to acquire Jewish literacy in an open, trans-denominational, intellectually stimulating learning environment. Connections between Jewish learning and Jewish living are revealed as students explore Jewish history, religion, ritual, language, ethics, philosophy, literature, theology and contemporary Jewish life in an informal setting which offers direct

contact with primary sources, critical and reflective analysis, and interaction with skilled faculty and with similarly motivated students.

The orientation of the curriculum has both theoretical and practical applications. Its overall rubric for study is "learning for Jewish living," with the student's presumed life concerns serving as a point of reference for the subject matter. The lessons, presenting information in a descriptive rather than prescriptive manner are designed specifically to meet the educational needs of adults. There are no prerequisites, no grades and no exams.

The Melton School meets once a week for thirty weeks for two years. The curriculum consists of four courses, each of which meets for one hour per week. In the first year, **Purposes of Jewish Living** deals with the big ideas such as creation, revelation, miracles, sin and redemption and **Rhythms of Jewish Living** explores theological and philosophical roots of familiar symbols, rituals and life-cycle events. In the second year, **Ethics of Jewish Living** examines timely issues of right and wrong and **Dramas of Jewish Living** is a journey through 5000 years of the

long and dramatic history of our people. The first year is a pre-requisite for the second. Graduates receive certificates of completion from The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Morning classes begin on September 18 and meet on Wednesdays from 9:15 - 11:30 a.m. Evening classes begin on September 19 and meet on Thursdays from 7:15 - 9:30 p.m.

Contact Marion Hamermesh, the Director of the Melton School in Delaware at the JCC, (302) 478-5660, ext. 201 or by e-mail at melton@jccdelaware.org.

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Hillel at the University of Delaware is the place to find Jewish students excited about being Jewish and doing great things together.

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First Year Students of Hillel (FYSH) is a club for freshmen by freshmen. This successful organization lets first-year students acclimate themselves to the campus and to Jewish life with their peers.

Hillel serves as the "Jewish voice on campus" and continues to work to create "Clal Delaware", a unified Jewish community on campus. Hillel works with student groups throughout the campus to bring a Jewish perspective to daily life. No matter how Delaware students choose to experience their Judaism, Hillel is there to make it happen!

To see more, check out the Hillel website at <http://udel.edu/stu-org/hillel/>



Hillel students have fun at Jewish Community events.

### The Frank And Yetta Chaiken Center For Jewish Studies

The Frank and Yetta Chaiken Center for Jewish Studies at the University of Delaware was established in 1994 with an endowment grant from Frank and Yetta Chaiken of Wilmington, Delaware. The Center was created to foster appreciation for the depth and richness of Jewish history, culture, literature, art and philosophy. It provides a Jewish perspective to the multicultural social environment and the interdisciplinary intellectual environment at the University. The Center serves the entire University community by highlighting the significant contributions of the Jewish people to cultural and intellectual life.

Among the activities of the

Center are providing support for the minor program in Jewish studies, providing an intellectual base for faculty teaching in the program, housing a library of resources for use by students and faculty and bringing to campus a variety of lectures and activities. The Center functions as a drop-in location for students interested in learning about international programs (with an emphasis on Israel), graduate programs in Jewish studies and work opportunities.

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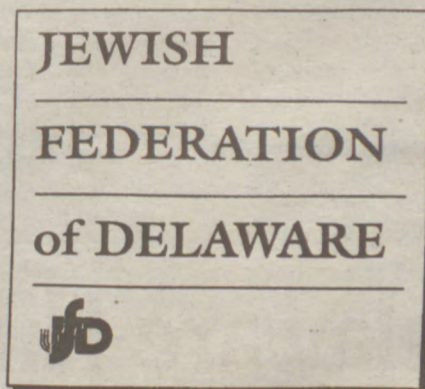
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The Jewish Federation of Delaware welcomes those who would like to connect with the Jewish community and encourages the participation of interfaith families, couples and significant others in all its activities.

The official website for Delaware's Jewish Community

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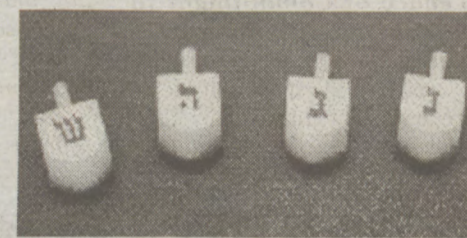
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# Preserving Our Legacy

## Jewish Family Service



**Jewish Family Service Of Delaware**  
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### A Legacy of Commitment to Strengthening Community

For more than a century, JFS has improved the quality of life of those we serve through an ever-widening range of quality pro-

grams and services:

#### Professional Counseling

- Adult counseling for individuals, groups, families
- Adolescent counseling
- Workshops/seminars/support groups (Our slate of topics changes in response to community needs...call us to find out what's currently being offered.)

Counseling is offered in two locations. Appointments are required:

In our Wilmington Office—call (302) 478-9411.

For our Newark office, the Relationship Center, call (302) 286-1402.

#### Services for Older Adults

Information and referrals  
 Psychosocial assessments

- WINGS Homemaking Program
- Caregiver and Family Support Program

#### Frail Elderly Support Program

- Educational presentations

For more information on any of our Services for Older Adults, call (302) 478-9411, ext. 15  
 Community Education and Outreach

•Healing Hearts (a program Certified by Family Court for divorcing parents and their children)

•Parenting...AGAIN! (for grandparents or other relatives who are caring for others' children)

•On-site educational seminars (Including our Productivity Booster, which focuses on stress management in the work place)

•Support groups for personal and professional transitions

Ask about any of our educational outreach offerings. Call (302) 286-1402 or 478-9411

#### Services for Adolescents

- Counseling for adolescents and their families

•Life Lines (to support youth transitioning out of foster care)

•Adolescent Achievement and Personal Enrichment Program (increasing opportunities for at-risk youth)

•Media Matters

For more information, call (302) 478-9411, ext. 18

Émigré Services

•Case management

•English as a Second Language

•Job Placement/development/retention

For more information, call (302) 798-0600

#### The Kimmel-Spiller Jewish Healing Center

- Spiritual counseling

•Rosh Chodesh group

•A changing roster of semi-

nars and workshops

For more information or to make an appointment, call (302) 478-9411, ext. 12

Jewish Volunteer Network

•Give your time and heart to others in need.

•Participate in our **Mitzvah Basket Program** (You can volunteer to decorate baskets or rent them as centerpieces for special occasions or purchase any of the variety we offer as gifts, including anniversary, birthday and holiday baskets as well as SweetStacks, Soothease, Feel-Goodies, Chocolate Bouquets, and more).

Show your care and support JFS at the same time. Call (302) 478-9411, ext. 21

In Wilmington: Jewish Family Service • 101 Garden of Eden Road

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## Shalom Delaware - A History Of Jewish Delaware

Although there were Jews in Delaware from the seventeenth century days of Dutch settlement, Judaism did not flourish in early Delaware, and by 1840, it appears to have been nonexistent. Not until 1879, when the Moses Montefiore Mutual Aid Society was organized, did Delaware have a permanent Jewish institution. Therefore, Delaware became the last of the original thirteen states to have an organized Jewish community and worship services for the High Holidays. In 1879, Wilmington had a Jewish population of less than 100 people, and most of the new immigrants engaged in retail businesses. A small number of Jewish retailers lived in Dover, Smyrna and Milford.

Between 1880 and 1920, the Jewish population of Wilmington grew tremendously as Eastern European immigrants found their way here. By the early 1920s, Wilmington's Jews numbered more than 4,000 people.

The influx of struggling immigrants, primarily merchants and

peddlers, spurred the formation of many service organizations. Between 1899 and 1902, three of today's primary institutions were founded to offer assistance to the new arrivals. The Hebrew Charity Association, today's Jewish Family Service was founded in 1899; The Young Men's Hebrew Association, today's JCC, in 1901; and the Bichor Cholem Society, today's Kutz Home, in 1902.

The immigrants also established several synagogues to meet their differing religious expectations. Three of the early synagogues survived: Adas Kodesch, founded in 1885; Chesed Shel Emeth, founded in 1901, merged with Adas Kodesch in 1957; and Beth Emeth, founded in 1906.

Although Wilmington had the largest concentration of Jews in the state, Jews continued to live in Kent and Sussex counties. By the early twentieth century, Dover, Lewes, Smyrna, Felton, Laurel, Georgetown, Millsboro, and Seaford had some Jewish

retailers, peddlers, canners, distillers or hotelkeepers. The first Jewish farmers arrived in Viola in 1897 and 1900. With support from the Jewish Agriculture Society, 25 Jewish families settled on Delaware farms between 1912 and 1929. Jewish immigrants also entered farm-related businesses - livestock, poultry, and farm supplies.

No Jewish organization existed downstate until 1916, when the short-lived Jewish Farmers Association was established. Religious services were held informally, in individual homes, until 1939 when the Jewish Congregation of Lower Delaware, today's Congregation Beth Shalom, was incorporated.

As the Wilmington Jewish community grew, it became increasingly fragmented. A fourth Wilmington synagogue, Congregation Beth Shalom, was formed in 1922. By 1929, there were more than twenty Jewish organizations, often working at cross purposes. Attempts to unite the community were unsuccessful until 1935 when the Jewish Federation was established as a representative body of Wilmington's Jewry. In the following decades, the Federation's role was expanded statewide.

A few Jews attended the University of Delaware before the turn of the century, but Jews do not appear to have settled in Newark until early in the twentieth century. The Newark Jewish Community, today's Temple Beth El, was formed in 1954.

Throughout the twentieth century, the majority of Jews continued to live in Wilmington. Between 1929 and 1945 the Wilmington Jewish community increased 60 percent, to 6,156 people. Only an estimated 80 Jewish families lived in Lower Delaware in 1945. By 1974, the Jewish population of Delaware was 9000 with 96 percent in Northern Delaware. However by 1995, a dramatic shift had taken place. A new population study estimated the state's Jewish population at 13,500 people with 51% in Wilmington, 32% in the

Newark-Hockessin area, and 16% in Southern Delaware.

In this brief introduction, it is not possible to name all the people who have distinguished themselves in the 123 years of active Jewish life in Delaware. Suffice it to say that Jews have held high positions and made significant contributions in numerous fields, including law, business, government, medicine, finance, teaching, farming, and journalism.

The Jewish Historical Society of Delaware continues to collect and preserve information on Delaware Jews. The archives of the JHSD are available to all who wish to know more about the rich Jewish heritage in Delaware.

(This introduction is based on information from *Becoming American, Remaining Jewish: the Story of Wilmington, Delaware's First Jewish Community* by Toni Young, unpublished work by Charles Salkin, and the 1995 *Jewish Population Study of Delaware* by Ukeles Associates, Inc.)

## Jewish Historical Society

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Often, people ask what the Jewish Historical Society of Delaware (JHSD) is all about and wonder what they can do to assist in the work of the Society. The JHSD was established in 1974 and was incorporated the following year. Our purpose is to collect, preserve and share those materials that tell the story of the Delaware

Jewish community. The Society's collections encompass information on the history, activities and the people who have lived in and affected Jewish life in our State. These collections, which make up our Archives, contain over 350 linear feet of materials relating to synagogues and temples, Jewish organizations, Jewish-owned business, Jewish families and Jewish individuals. The JHSD Archive is located at 505 Market Street in downtown Wilmington. It is housed within the building of the Historical Society of Delaware.

The JHSD, however, is more

than old records, photographs, and collectibles. Our organization serves as a resource center for information on the preservation and conservation of documents and photographs. It is a place where individuals and families can place various items and that reflect the history and life of a family throughout the generations. Perhaps we have materials relating to your family on file! The Archives serve as your "Community" Archives and reflect "Your History". Our most time consuming function is to "process and preserve" the materials that

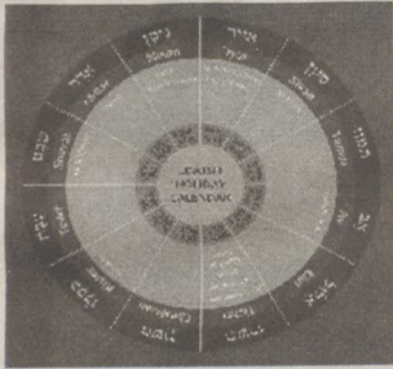
become part of the Archive. Items are processed and catalogued and housed in acid-free archival folders and boxes. This ensures that the items are protected and that they are available for future generations. Materials in the archive are open to individuals and organizations interested in research, genealogy, or those who just love learning about Delaware's Jewish history.

Not only does the JHSD maintain the archive and serve as a resource center, but it also produces displays and publishes a newsletter and various booklets

and pamphlets as well as videos. We maintain a small wall-case at the Delaware Jewish Community Center with changing displays.

We need your assistance and support! Why not consider joining our organization, making a financial contribution, or donating items for our Archives. Membership forms are usually available at the synagogue offices, at the Jewish Community Center, or by calling the Society at (302) 655-6232. Join us today! You will glad you did. By preserving and understanding our past, we help ensure a strong and healthy future.



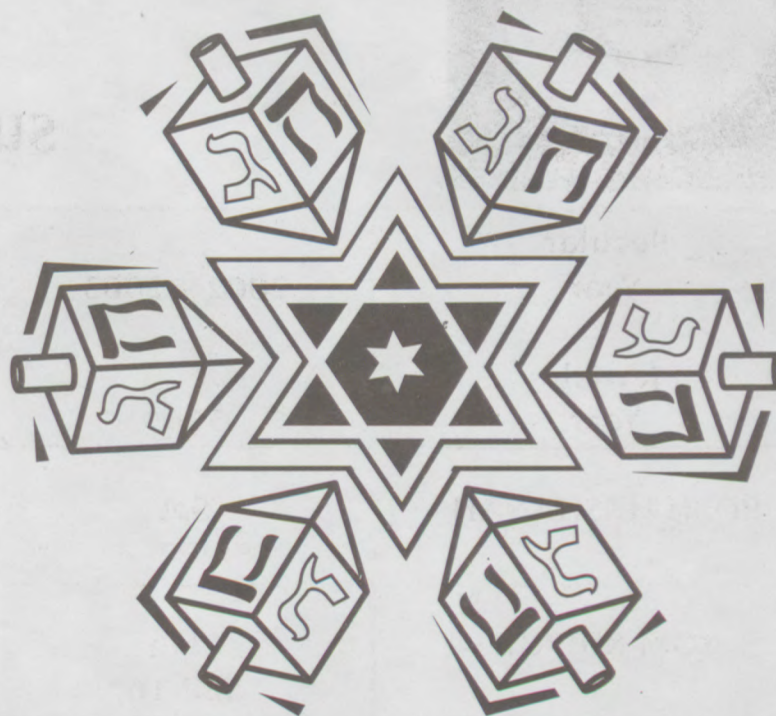


# Calendar Of Jewish Holidays

Each holiday begins at  
sundown the previous day.

Secular Year	2002 - 2003	2003 - 2004	2004 - 2005	2005 - 2006
Jewish Year	5763	5764	5765	5766
ROSH HASHANAH	Sat SEP 7-8	Sat SEP 27-28	Thu SEP 16-17	Tue OCT 4-5
YOM KIPPUR	Mon SEP 16	Mon OCT 6	Sat SEP 25	Thu OCT 13
SUKKOT	Sat SEP 21	Sat OCT 11	Thu SEP 30	Tue OCT 18
SIMCHAT TORAH	Sat SEP 28	Sat OCT 18	Thu OCT 7	Tue OCT 25
CHANUKAH	Sat NOV 30	Sat DEC 20	Thu DEC 8	Mon DEC 26
TU BISH'VAT	Sat JAN 18	Sat FEB 7	Tue JAN 25	Mon FEB 13
PURIM	Tue MAR 18	Sun MAR 7	Fri MAR 25	Tue MAR 14
PESACH	Thu APR 17	Tue APR 6	Sun APR 24	Thu APR 13
YOM HASHOAH	Tue APR 29	Sun APR 18	Fri MAY 5	Tue APR 25
YOM HAZIKARON	Tue MAY 6	Sun APR 25	Fri MAY 11	Tue MAY 2
YOM HAATZMA-UT	Wed MAY 7	Mon APR 26	Thu MAY 12	Wed MAY 3
LAG BAOMER	Tue MAY 20	Sun MAY 9	Fri MAY 27	Tue MAY 16
SHAVUOT	Fri JUN 6	Wed MAY 26	Mon JUN 13	Fri JUN 2
TISHAH B'AV	Thu AUG 7	Tue JUL 27	Sun AUG 14	Thu AUG 3
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