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U.N. APPROVES SHOAH COMMEMORATION

By Chanan Tigay, JTA

Sixty years after the United Nations was founded on the Holocaust's ashes, Jewish leaders are hailing passage of a Holocaust commemoration resolution in the General Assembly as an important step forward.

The document, called "Holocaust Remembrance," was passed by consensus Tuesday following speeches by representatives of more than 20 states, including Israel, the United States, Germany and Poland.

Co-sponsored by 104 member nations, the measure is the first Israeli-initiated resolution the General Assembly has ever passed.

"It's a good day for the Jewish people at the United Nations," said Amy Goldstein, director of U.N. affairs at B'nai B'rith International. "It demonstrates that it is possible for the United Nations to seriously address the basic human rights of the Jewish people."

In introducing the resolution,

Israel's U.N. ambassador, Dan Gillerman — who in June became a General Assembly vice president, Israel's first in more than 50 years — said the resolution was particularly significant because it represents the first time the United Nations has adopted a Holocaust-related resolution.

"The U.N. bears a special responsibility to ensure that the Holocaust and its lessons are never forgotten and that this tragedy will forever stand as a warning to all people of the dangers of hatred, bigotry, racism and prejudice," he said.

The move is the latest in a series of steps that observers say indicate a new U.N. openness to Israel and Jewish concerns.

In September, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon addressed a summit of world leaders in the General Assembly shortly after Israel's withdrawal from the Gaza Strip. Insiders said Sharon received a much warmer reception in New York than anyone



France's foreign minister, Philippe Douste-Blazy, speaks in favor of a Holocaust remembrance resolution during U.N. General Assembly deliberations on Oct. 31, 2005. Credit: Chanan Tigay/JTA

could have imagined just two years ago, when the intifada was at its height.

Over the past year, the United Nations has convened a daylong conference on anti-Semitism and the

General Assembly held a special session to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi death camps.

Secretary-General Kofi Annan attended the opening of the new Yad Vashem museum in Jerusalem, the first time a U.N. head traveled to Israel.

Deliberations on the Holocaust resolution stretched over two days, as Monday's meeting ended at dusk in recognition of Ramadan.

The deliberations came at the same time as Syria suffered a significant diplomatic setback at the United Nations, with the Security Council on Monday threatening "further action" if Syria doesn't cooperate with a U.N. investigation into the assassination of Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri.

Yad Vashem and American Jewish groups welcomed the Holocaust resolution's passage.

"It's the last days of the survivors, and this will help ensure that their

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STEM CELL RESEARCH EXPLORED

The community is invited to attend a provocative free program on the promise of stem cell research. The Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah is sponsoring the Monday, November 28th, 7 p.m. forum at Congregation Beth Emeth, 300 West Lea Blvd, Wilmington.

Participating in this program will be Councilwoman Karen Venezky, a National Board Member of Hadassah; Congressman Mike Castle, the author of H.R. 810, the Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act; Dr. Jeffrey B. Russell, Director of the Delaware Institute for Reproductive Medicine who is world-renowned for his work in infertility and Dina Feivelson, a stem cell recipient from New York City.

Participants in this community program will learn of Feivelson's diagnosis of multiple myeloma, a blood cancer, at age 32. As part of her medical treatments, she has undergone several rounds of different chemotherapies and participated in clinical trials of new drugs and new procedures. She has had two stem cell transplants, one using her own cells, and one using cells from an anonymous, matched unrelated donor. Because of her professional and academic training as well as her personal experience, Ms. Feivelson is an expert in issues related to cancer and its treatments. In March 2005, Ms. Feivelson won the Columbia College Alumna Achievement Award for her work in blood cancer and stem cell advocacy and activism. Ms. Feivelson regularly speaks to both professional and lay groups about the cancer experience, patient advocacy, and issues related to treatment and transplant.

For additional information about the November 28th Hadassah Forum, please call Bettina Heiman at 302-475-7912.

JFS OPEN HOUSE TO FEATURE SPEAKER AND ARTIST

Jewish Family Services of Delaware invites the community to enjoy a festive evening in celebration of its new facility. Its November 10th Festival of Family will feature a presentation by Itai Tennenbaum, Israel Shaliach, Minneapolis Jewish Federation, an art exhibit by Mitch Lyons and the presentation of the agency's Mishpachah Award to Ruth and Roger Pernick. The event will take place from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at JFS' new home on 99 Passmore Road on the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Jewish Community Campus.

As a community "Shaliach" in Minneapolis, Tennenbaum serves as the voice of Israel on such subjects as education, arts and cultural events, commerce, tourism and more. Since October, 2000 when the Intifadah erupted, this Tel Aviv native has been touring the United States, giving a series of lectures about Israel, including the Mid East Conflict, the history of the land of Israel and Israel's portrayal in the media.

Tennenbaum moved to Maryland at the age of 10 and attended the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School in Rockville Md. He returned to Israel at the age of 18 and joined the Army. He served as a tank commander during the 1982 Lebanon War.

After the Army, Tennenbaum completed his bachelor's degree in Jewish History at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Itai also completed the Israeli Ministry of Tourism Guiding Course and became a licensed tour guide. "In Israel, you see sights and you make connections with your heritage," said Tennenbaum. "It's not a story that happened to a distant people 1,000 years ago; it's your story, and every Jew who comes here can make a connection in front of his or her own eyes — whether it's in Jerusalem, Independence Hall in Tel Aviv, the seashore in Eilat or the Galilee."

In 1998, in honor of Israel's fifty year anniversary, Tennenbaum wrote and published a book titled Living the Dream - Israel at 50, which sold thousands of copies.

During the Festival, guests will have the opportunity to meet Mitch Lyons, an artist whose clay monprints can be found in numerous private and public collections throughout the United



States, including the Brooklyn Museum of Art, Woodmere Museum, American University and the University of Delaware.

Lyons has taught at West Chester University, Moore College of Art, Rowan University, Alfred University, and the University of Delaware. In the past 10 years he has led over 100 workshops. Some of his works will be available for sale during the Open House.

For additional information about JFS's Festival of Family or to RSVP, please call Michelle Kramer-Fitzgerald, JFS Communications Officer, at (302) 478-9411, ext.12

Art by Mitch Lyons



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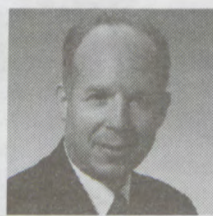
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Doing a World of Good



Ruth Rosenberg

Have you ever heard a story that sticks in your mind, gnawing at your heart, making you feel better for just having heard it? At the 2004 UJC General Assembly I heard such a story. I won't give you too many details because you will have the opportunity to hear it for yourself at this year's Federation Shabbat (Friday, December 9, 2005, 8 p.m. at Congregation Beth Shalom). Our special guest speaker will be Alina Gerlovin Spaulding, currently Director of Outreach and Education at the Greensboro (NC) Jewish Federation. Alina was born in the Former Soviet Union into a fairly comfortable middle class life. Things changed dramatically when her Olympic hopeful dad suffered a traumatic injury. I'll leave the rest of the story to Alina – trust me, she tells an amazing tale that you will not soon forget. You'll be inspired and entertained by this incredible young woman. You are sure to come away feeling proud of your part in an organization that literally saves lives.

Another opportunity to feel proud and part

of a life changing effort is at the Federation's biggest fundraiser of the year, Super Sunday (December 4 – 6, 2005). Whether you come out to help make phone calls or respond generously when called, you'll be an integral part of a system that for decades has done a world of good. Just like we did on Live Generously Mitzvah Day, our efforts will feed the hungry, clothe the naked, provide shelter and comfort to those in need.

Most of you who read this paper are very familiar with the good works Federation does. I believe that our message never gets old and we can all benefit from a quick refresher on why we work so hard to raise funds in our community. The Jewish community in Delaware is blessed with six direct service agencies; each fulfilling the value of tikkun olam, repairing the world, through their own unique missions. Together, we repair the world through education, recreation, health and social services offered to every age and socio-economic segment in our community. You know these agen-

cies well: Albert Einstein Academy, Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School, Bernard & Ruth Siegel Jewish Community Center, Jewish Family Services, Kristol Center for Jewish Life (Hillel) at the University of Delaware and the Milton & Hattie Kutz Home.

Did you know that about 1/3 of the money raised here in Delaware goes to needy Jews across the country and around the world? From the elderly remaining in the Former Soviet Union, to the victims of economic hardship in Argentina, to the new olim from Ethiopia in Israel – we are there, saving lives. It is not hyperbole or exaggeration; without you these lives would be unbearable and undoubtedly cut short.

You are invited to continue to make a difference. Come hear Alina's story. Participate in Super Sunday. Be a part of a system that has raised over \$23 million for the disaster relief for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Share your own story of changing lives. Live Generously...It does a world of good.

Greetings from Idan



Idan Kligerman

Today, I would like to focus on some of the encounters that I have had with our younger generation.

The first is a discussion that I had with some of Congregation Beth Shalom's teenagers on Yom Kippur. They demonstrated a lot of knowledge and understanding about this holy day. I was quite taken by the students' interest in how Israelis mark the Day of Atonement and their curiosity about what happened in Israel during the Yom Kippur War. I told them about my service in the army and how we celebrate the holidays in Arad.

It was a truly inspiring conversation for the students and for me as well. I am also excited about the classes I am leading every Friday at Albert Einstein Academy. These young people are fabulous. After some initial sessions spent getting to know each other, we are now actively planning a trip to Israel. Don't worry, this trip is free because we are traveling on a journey fueled by our imaginations, carrying new passports and luggage filled with good will. We are learning about Israel's land and people with the help of the giant Israel map at the Bernard and Ruth

Siegel Jewish Community Center and lots of 3D pictures. There is nothing like a group of young good kids to fill you with positive energy before Shabbat. All the children I have met are curious and eager to know more! Also, this school has a terrific staff that make the experience all the more enjoyable.

I have also enjoyed teaching older kids at Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School. So far, I have spoke on advocating for Israel in Mark Wagman's class, offered Cyril Milunsky's students some general information about Israel and led a discussion about how modern music influences and expresses Israeli society in Brett Tishler's class.

All you wonderful Jewish Voice readers are invited to meet me for community events in the synagogues, teen events sponsored by the JCC and other beneficiary agencies.

On November 15th, we will offer an Israeli cooking class at Congregation Beth Shalom. The class will be held from 10:00 a.m. to noon and everyone is welcome. Also on tap is an Ivrit Café—an opportunity to improve your Hebrew speaking skills. Please contact me for more information at 302-427-2100, ext. 30 or email me at idan@shalomdel.org.

Thank for reading this column. One last thing, each edition I will sponsor a column like this one and will offer prizes for the winners who can solve the riddle to appear in every article. Here's the challenge for this edition:

What city in the United States has the same name, if you translate it to Hebrew, as a city in Israel?

Call or email me if you think that you know the answer. Good Luck!

Idan Kligerman is Delaware's first Shlichut or Young Emissary in over 20 years. Support for the Young Emissary program in Delaware comes from the Jewish Fund for the Future, the endowment fund of the Jewish Federation of Delaware, Partnership 2000 and Matt Slap Subaru. Idan will be here full-time through February promoting Israel and strengthening the bond between Israel and Delaware, after February he will be in Cherry Hill and will visit Delaware once a month. Idan is fluent in Hebrew and English, and can be reached at the Federation office (302) 427-2100 ext. 30. Also visit the Partnership 2000 website for general P2K information <http://www.partner.org.il/arad/>

Save the Date

Halina Wind Preston Memorial Lecture

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Rochelle G. Saidel

Dr. Saidel is the founder and executive director of the Remember the Women Institute, a not-for-profit organization based in New York City that carries out and encourages research and cultural projects that integrate women into history. Dr.

Saidel's new book "The Jewish Women of Ravensbrück Concentration Camp" includes interviews with survivors and research that began on her first visit to the camp when it was part of the German Democratic Republic in 1980. The lecture

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Come to Federation Shabbat

Come one, come all to Federation Shabbat, Friday, December 9, 2005, 8 PM at Congregation Beth Shalom in Wilmington. Meet special guest speaker Alina Gerlovin Spaulding, currently Director of Outreach and Education at the Greensboro (NC) Jewish Federation. Alina will speak of her experiences growing up in the Former Soviet Union.



Super Sunday

December 4th
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EDITORIALS AND OPINIONS

Giving Thanks - Living Thankfully

On the heels of Sukkot is another opportunity to give thanks for the bountiful harvest that G-d has given us. Thanksgiving, a uniquely American celebration with a story that resonates with Jews, will be commemorated this year on November 24th. As American Jews, whose ancestors fled pogroms and the horrors of the Holocaust to seek safe harbor, we can relate to the Pilgrims' desire to flee religious persecution in their native England and settle in a new nation where they would be free to practice their faith.

Indeed, the American Thanksgiving story parallels the Exodus made by our ancestors who left Egypt for the Promised Land of Israel. Like the Puritans, we trusted that G-d would comfort and sustain us in a foreign land. During our harvest festivals of Sukkot, Shavuot and Pesach, we thank G-d for providing food for our bodies and souls.

In this Promised Land of America, we Jews have limitless opportunities to advance ourselves personally, professionally and spiritually. As part of our unique covenant with G-d, we Jews also have a sacred obligation to extend a helping hand to others in need.

H. Eric Schockman, Ph.D., president of MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger, suggests that Jews can honor this obligation by pressuring Congress to protect the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Stamp program from cuts that would leave 300,000 American people hungry with no where to turn. The House and Senate are charged with slashing the federal agriculture budget by

more than \$3 Billion and the Food Stamp program, which ensures that many of our nation's most defenseless citizens-children and senior citizens-have food in their stomachs and hope for the future.

In America, the richest nation on earth, it is inexcusable to make people choose between buying groceries, paying rent or heating their homes. By preserving the Food Stamp Program, these families and individuals who are struggling to make ends meet, have a safety net to protect them.

It is indeed a mitzvah to give tzedakah during a holiday. The 2006 Jewish Federation of Delaware Annual Campaign is in full-swing. Participation in this campaign is a wonderful way to ensure that Jews in our state, across our country and around the world receive a broad range of health, education, recreation and other critically-needed human services.

Please get into the spirit of the Thanksgiving season by making your 2006 JFD campaign gift then calling upon others to pledge their support as a Super Sunday volunteer. Details about the December 4th event, chaired by Debra Kimless-Garber and Eve Slap, can be found on page 11 of this edition.

When you "live generously" it truly does "a world of good" on Thanksgiving and the other 364 days of the year.

B'Shalom,

Lynn B. Edelman

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Editor

Photo of the Week



BON JOUR OLIM!

Eighty five new immigrants arrived in Israel from France on Monday night, October 31st under the auspices of the Jewish Agency for Israel and the aliyah association "Ami". This brings the number of olim from France to 2,600 for the period January-October 2005. By the end of 2005 over 3,000 new immigrants will have arrived in Israel-a 34 year high record number of new immigrants from France. The olim were welcomed by French speaking soldiers who handed them flowers & helped with the Aliya process.

This Week in Jewish History



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"This Week in History" is an introduction to 350 years of American Jewish history, brought to you by the Jewish Women's Archive. More information about each of the events described below can be found on JWA's website at <http://www.jwa.org/this-week/week-31.html>

NOVEMBER 1, 1961

"End the Arms Race - Not the Human Race" was the slogan of the first day-long strike organized by the Women Strike For Peace organization held on November 1, 1961.

NOVEMBER 2, 1883

On November 2, 1883, Emma Lazarus wrote her famous poem, "The New Colossus," which is engraved on a plaque on the pedestal of the Statue of Liberty.

NOVEMBER 2, 1970

Elected to the U.S. Congress on November 2, 1970, Bella Abzug claimed that she spent her days "figuring out how to beat the machine and knock the crap out of the political power structure."

NOVEMBER 2, 1975

The impact of the publication of "Against Our Will: Men, Women and Rape" was reflected in four different articles published in the Washington Post on November 2, 1975.

NOVEMBER 3, 1992

Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer were elected to the U.S. Senate on November 3, 1992, becoming the first Jewish women senators, the first female senators from California, and the first two women to ever represent any state at the same time.

NOVEMBER 5, 2002

On November 5, 2002, Linda Lingle became the first female and first Jew to be elected Governor in the state of Hawaii.



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MATTER OF OPINION

A call for Jewish social action

By Rabbi Michael Melchior

As Israeli government minister with responsibility for the world Jewish community, I have the privilege of meeting Jews of all types from all over the world. There are huge cultural, historical and theological variations among us, and these lend color and variety to our people.

But the differences also create problems. The deep rifts that occurred in Israel over the issue of disengagement from the Palestinians and the battles among different groups demonstrated once again the profound divisions among us. The Jewish people stand in danger of splitting into different factions with different narratives.

Amid so much diversity, what can unite us?

On a daily basis, we witness the disgrace that is attached to religion when it's linked with the horrors of priests engaging in child abuse and the fanaticism of "religious" suicide bombers. Tragically, our own faith also has spawned instances of the desecration of God's name. The rabbis recognized these and declared that it was our failure to show care, compassion, decency and loving kindness to one another that caused so many of our sorrows.

In our own times, the massacre of Arabs at prayer in the mosque in Hebron and the murder of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin were

desecrations of God's name that drove me to put to aside my work in the rabbinate to enter Israeli politics. I felt that it was crucial for the Israeli government to work on a grand scale to change Judaism's image from one of intolerance and fanaticism and restore it to one of ethics, tolerance and compassion.

Yet the desecration of God's name has not ended. Like so many of you, I was shocked and bewildered when I witnessed the terrible scenes of hurricanes hitting America's Gulf Coast, the devastation they caused and the victims' suffering.

In the midst of this tragedy, it has been wonderful to see how many Jewish communities have stretched out their arms to help those who have lost everything.

But I was saddened by the words of some leading rabbis who took it upon themselves to offer explanations for what had happened. Without any basis in logic or religion, they argued that Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita were the result of America's support for the Gaza Strip withdrawal and a lack of Torah study in America.

The rabbis' comments appeared just before the High Holidays, when we were in a time of deep reflection. Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are not the times when we stand in judgment on other people. On the contrary, they're the times when we must think carefully

about how we have treated others and whether we could have done more to help them.

Holiness is not the exclusive possession of those who engage in detailed ritual observance, nor is it the preserve of those who devote their energies to the pursuit of spirituality. True holiness is found in small actions that make a profound difference to the lives of the people around us and the world in which they live.

Wherever I travel in the Jewish world, I'm struck by the way that ordinary Jews are determined to perform *kiddush Hashem* – sanctification of God's name – and to avoid a *hillul Hashem*, the desecration of God's name.

The concept of *kiddush Hashem* offers a powerful challenge that has particular resonance in our times. Each one of us has to ensure that the word "Jewish" is always associated with the highest levels of ethics and kindness, so that our behavior always brings credit to our heritage and to our God.

That's why I'm so delighted to announce that in partnership with the Koldor organization, leading rabbis, youth movements, student organizations, community centers and synagogues, my office is launching the Jewish Social Action Month in Cheshvan, which just began.

It falls one month after Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, so it's a time to draw on all the res-

olutions we made over the High Holidays. It's also a month with no festivals in it, enabling us to dedicate time to social action.

Throughout the month, Jews from across the globe will perform acts of loving kindness to their neighbors, both Jewish and gentile. The concept of social action can be interpreted broadly, and there are endless possibilities for action.

Israeli Friends of the Earth, for example, will launch initiatives to clear up the debris that ruins our countryside; Israel's police force will engage in projects to show care and concern in the community; one youth movement will organize a sports event for the underprivileged, while another will arrange a national blood donation drive.

It's beautiful to see how in Israel, South America, North America, Russia and Europe, Jews ranging from chief rabbis to the most secular will be engaged in social-action activities.

I very much hope that you will feel moved to join the project; to perform *kiddush Hashem* and turn our world into a better place. I look forward to hearing about your activities and reading about them on the Web site of the prime minister of Israel, office.melchior@it.pmo.gov.il.

Rabbi Michael Melchior is a deputy minister in the Israeli government with responsibility for Israeli society and the world Jewish community.

We must help Darfur refugees

By Rabbi David Saperstein

It was Sukkot without a lulav or etrog, but with a vibrancy and authenticity etched into our memories.

We stood on Sukkot amid the Darfur refugee camps in eastern Chad along the Sudanese border: two prominent rabbis, Rabbi David Stern of Temple Emanu-El in Dallas and Rabbi Rick Jacobs of Westchester Reform Temple in New York; John Fishel, president of the Los Angeles Jewish federation, who is deeply knowledgeable about Africa; and Ruth Messinger, president of the American Jewish World Service, which organized the trip and does such effective development work world-wide.

Together we traveled to assess the needs of these camps and the quarter-million refugees who fled the terror and persecution in Darfur to these camps. (Almost 2 million more people remain in camps within Darfur itself.)

Their stories were riveting and wrenching: Janjaweed militias sweeping down without warning, killing, raping and branding women and burning villages to the ground.

Pictures drawn in the camps by traumatized children depict the Sudanese government helicopter gunships that flew support missions for the Janjaweed militias, whose goal was clear: to rid large areas of Darfur of these tribes.

It was this ethnic cleansing, and the slaughter

of more than a quarter-million people, that led the U.S. Congress and President Bush to declare Darfur a genocide.

In the face of such tragedy, one would expect refugee camps of bleakness and despair. It's a tribute to the resilient spirit of the people of Darfur, and the dedication and talents of the non-governmental humanitarian groups serving them, that the camps aren't bleak or desperate.

Among the tents and huts that stretch across the barren landscape for miles, the refugees have planted and built. Among the first things erected in the camps, even before the thatch huts and mud-brick homes, were freestanding, sukkah-like structures.

Topped with thatch, they provide shelter from the hot sun and a place to eat (and sometimes cook) outside. Like the ancient Israelites traveling through the wilderness, here was a modern-day people fleeing oppression, whose first act often was to erect such structures.

Standing in them on Sukkot linked these oppressed people with millennia of Jewish history.

The NGOs, coordinated through the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, do a remarkable job in providing food, water, sanitation, medical care and education.

They all work against incredible odds: Chad is one of the poorest nations on earth. Outside the capital there are no paved roads, no central elec-

tricity, no running water.

The medical facilities run by the International Medical Corps are the most basic, yet we saw skeleton-thin children being saved by emergency feeding programs, children being vaccinated and community health workers teaching people how to identify illnesses and find help.

Such steps have, remarkably, driven the infant mortality rates down below Third World norms. Still, there is never enough, and every contribution saves lives, every gift improves the quality of life for so many.

I remember vividly a group of mothers and 30 small children on blankets, playing for hours with one single elaborate dollhouse that someone had sent.

It doesn't take much to help. If, for example, the International Medical Corps can get funding for a sterile basic operating room that allows for Caesarian sections, more infants would be saved.

Since the surrounding Chadian villages often are poorer than the camps, the corps has begun programs to benefit the camps and villages, building its new health center at a location that will benefit both, so that it will continue to serve Chadians when the refugees return to Darfur.

That type of community building is what attracted AJWS, which has made infrastructure building a hallmark of its work across the globe.

But as the situation in Darfur deteriorates and

violence – including attacks on aid workers – escalates, the refugees' return-home isn't imminent. If things worsen and a new flood of refugees moves into Chad, they will quickly overrun the camps' ability to serve them.

We returned with a clearer sense of the urgent response needed from our community. First, we must support the NGOs doing such extraordinary work. Second, we must urge Congress and our administration to keep up pressure on the international community and the Sudanese government; Congress must pass the Darfur Peace and Accountability Act immediately.

Third, the United Nations Security Council must expand the mandate of the African Union troops in Darfur to include protection of civilian populations. Fourth, NATO, the European Union and the United States must step up to the plate with expanded funding, air support for peacekeeping troops and provision of peacekeeping forces themselves.

Finally, we must do everything possible to urge our government and the United Nations to assist in negotiations for a real peace treaty among the Darfur parties.

The refugees dream of that day and look to us for help. If we succeed, maybe these refugees can rest, and their sukkot will be called, in the words of our tradition, truly sukkot of peace.

Rabbi David Saperstein is director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism.

U.N. approves Shoah commemoration

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voices will be heard," he said.

John Bolton, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, said the resolution doesn't mean Israel has gained full acceptance at the United Nations.

"While the Holocaust occurred 60 years ago, its lessons are no less relevant today," he said.

Just last week, for example, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad called for Israel to be "wiped off the map."

"When a president or a member state can brazenly and hatefully call for a second Holocaust by suggesting that Israel, the Jewish homeland, should be wiped off the map, it is clear that not all have learned the lessons of the Holocaust and that much work remains to be done," he said on the U.N. floor.

"And when some member states shamefully hesitate to decisively con-

demn such remarks," he added, "it is clear that much work remains to be done."

The resolution was co-authored by countries including the United States, Russia, Australia, New Zealand and the European Union nations. It establishes Jan. 27 – the anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz death camp – as Holocaust Remembrance Day at the United Nations.

It also calls on member states to include the Holocaust in their educational curriculums and condemn manifestations of Holocaust denial. In addition, it calls on the secretary-general to create programs under the rubric of "The U.N. and the Holocaust" and report to the General Assembly on the programs' progress.

"With today's General Assembly action, a majority of U.N. member states has affirmed the uniqueness

of the Nazi genocide of the Jewish people," said David Harris, executive director of the American Jewish Committee.

This "can only help to deepen worldwide understanding of this horrific chapter in world history, as well as embolden all within the U.N. system who strive daily to combat the hatred that can lead to genocide anywhere in the globe," he said.

An effort two years ago for a General Assembly resolution on anti-Semitism hit a wall. A diplomatic source told JTA that Tuesday's resolution is not meant to replace the one on anti-Semitism that failed.

"The resolution on the Holocaust has its own merits; it's not any sort of fall back position," the source said.

Indeed, the Holocaust resolution passed Tuesday does not mention the word "anti-Semitism."

"We would have hoped that a reference to anti-Semitism would be included in that, but we were aware that this was going to make our lives extremely difficult and we did not want to compromise the sanctity of the 6 million who were murdered in the Holocaust just for the sake of having everything we wanted in the resolution," the source said.

Poland's U.N. ambassador, Andrzej Towpik, said the resolution "is particularly important" to Poland, which "lost millions" in the Holocaust, including over 90 percent of the country's Jews, he told the General Assembly.

Poland is committed to commemorating the Holocaust by building a Jewish history museum in Warsaw and preserving Nazi concentration camps in Poland, Towpik said.

Speaking of the Holocaust as "the very darkest chapter" of German his-

tory, Gunter Pleuger, Germany's U.N. ambassador, said the resolution will help "keep the fate of the victims alive in the memory of the world."

"It is our responsibility to keep continual guard against anti-Semitism, racism" and other forms of hatred and intolerance, he said.

For Shai Franklin, director of international organizations for the World Jewish Congress, the Holocaust resolution is "bigger for the U.N. than it is for the Jews."

"We see this as another step in the effort to bring the United Nations into conformity with its origins and with its charter," he said. "This is not an Israeli resolution. This is not a Jewish resolution. It's a resolution by the member states of the U.N. taking responsibility for the memory of the Holocaust, and it's a very big day for the U.N."



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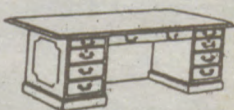
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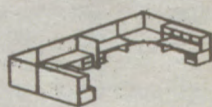
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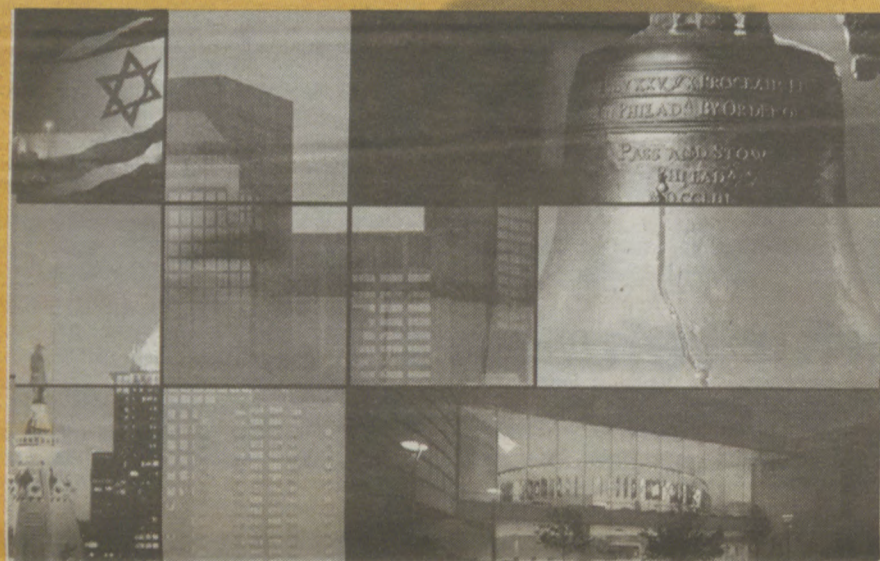
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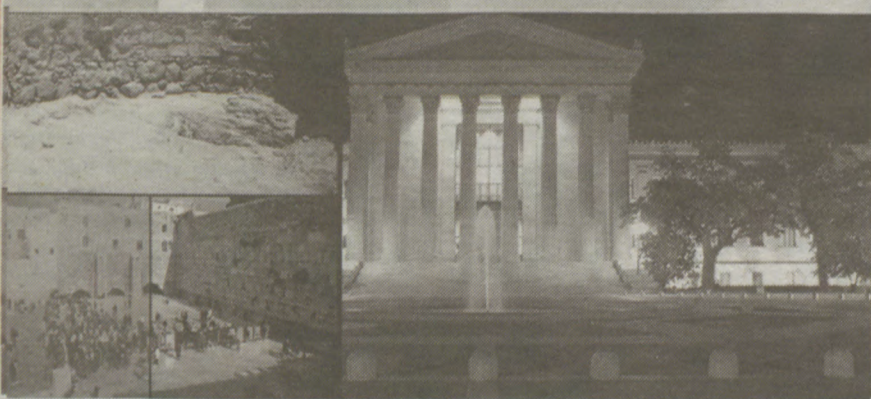
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Give Thanksgiving a Jewish Flavor

By Linda Morel, JTA

"My sister-in-law stuffs Thanksgiving turkeys with a matzah ball mixture," says Faye Levy, food columnist and author of 14 cookbooks. "Instead of making patties and poaching them, she cooks this tasty mixture inside the turkey."

This never struck Levy as odd, because her mother used to make noodle pudding on Thanksgiving. "Her Thanksgiving dinners were almost like Shabbat meals," she says.

Levy, author of "1,000 Jewish Recipes," has sprinkled Thanksgiving dishes throughout this enormous international compendium. Why did she feel the necessity to include American harvest fare in a Jewish cookbook?

"Because most Jews I know, whether they're Orthodox or not, celebrate Thanksgiving," says Levy. "If you think about it, Thanksgiving food is basically kosher. It's turkey, plus a lot of vegetables and bread."

THANKSGIVING TZIMMES

- 4 cups canned pineapple chunks
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 2 pounds carrots, sliced 1/2 inch thick
- 3-4 tablespoons honey
- 1/2 cup dried cranberries
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground ginger
- Pinch of ground cloves
- Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
- 1. Drain pineapple and reserve 1/4 cup juice. Mix reserved juice with the cornstarch in a cup.
- 2. Combine carrots with 2 cups water and a pinch of salt in a large saucepan. Bring to a boil. Cover and cook over low heat about 12 minutes, or until just tender. Remove carrots with slotted spoon.
- 3. Add honey to carrot cooking liquid and bring to a simmer, stirring.
- 4. Mix juice-cornstarch mixture to blend. Add to simmering liquid, stirring. Cook over medium-low heat, stirring, until sauce comes to a simmer and thickens.
- 5. Stir in carrots, cranberries, pineapple, ginger and cloves. Heat until bubbling.
- 6. Season with salt and pepper. Serve hot.

Yield: 4 servings

SPICED ROASTED TURKEY

- 5 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground turmeric
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- Salt to taste, optional
- One 10-12 pound fresh or thawed turkey
- About 2-4 tablespoons olive oil
- About 3/4 cup chicken or turkey stock or dry white wine
- 1. Preheat oven to 425 F. Remove top rack.
- 2. Mix cumin, turmeric, pepper and salt in a small bowl. Rub turkey with olive oil. Rub it inside and out with spice mixture. Truss turkey, if desired, or close it with skewers.
- 3. Put turkey on a rack in a large roasting pan. Pour 1/2 cup stock into pan.
- 4. Roast turkey 30 minutes.
- 5. Reduce oven temperature to 350 F. Roast turkey 1 1/2 hours, basting with additional olive oil or with pan juices every 30 minutes. If pan becomes dry, add 1/4 cup stock.
- 6. Cover turkey loosely with foil and continue roasting 20 to 30 minutes, or until meat thermometer inserted into thickest part of

thigh registers 180 F, or until juices run clear when thickest part of thigh is pricked.

7. Transfer turkey carefully to a large board. Discard trussing strings or skewers. Baste turkey once with pan juices and cover it.

Reserve juices to add to Hot Cumin-Tomato Sauce (below).

8. Let turkey sit for approx. 20 minutes

9. Carve turkey and arrange on a platter. Serve hot, with hot cumin-tomato sauce.

Yield: 6-8 servings

HOT CUMIN-TOMATO SAUCE

- 3-4 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 large onion, minced
- 4 large cloves garlic, chopped
- 2 or 3 jalapeno peppers, ribs and seeds removed and minced (See note at bottom)
- Three 28-oz. cans tomatoes, drained and chopped
- 1 tablespoon tomato paste
- 1/2-1 cup pan juices from turkey (optional)
- 2 1/2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon turmeric
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground pepper, plus more to taste
- 1/4 teaspoon hot red pepper flakes (optional)
- Salt to taste
- 1. Heat oil in a large saucepan. Add onion and saute over medium heat about 7 minutes, or until beginning to brown. Add garlic and jalapeno peppers and saute 30 seconds.
- 2. Add tomatoes, tomato paste and turkey pan juices. Bring to a boil, stirring. Add cumin, turmeric, black pepper, pepper flakes, and salt. Cook uncovered over medium-low heat 20 minutes, or until thickened to taste. Season with salt and pepper.

NOTE: Wear rubber gloves when handling hot peppers. If not using gloves, wash hands well after touching hot peppers.

CHALLAH STUFFING

- 12 slices stale challah
- 6 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2 medium onions, chopped
- 2 red or green bell peppers, chopped
- 8 ounces mushrooms, chopped
- 4 medium carrots, coarsely grated
- 4 medium zucchini, coarsely grated
- Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
- 2 large eggs, beaten
- 1. Soak challah in water. Squeeze out water. Mash challah in a bowl.
- 2. Heat 2 tablespoons oil in a large skillet. Add onion, pepper and mushrooms and saute. Stir occasionally for about 7 minutes, or until onion begins to turn golden.
- 3. Add vegetable mixture to bowl of challah and mix well. Add carrots, zucchini, salt and pepper. Adjust seasonings. Add egg and mix well. Cool completely before spooning into turkey.
- NOTE: For safety reasons, if cooking stuffing in turkey it's important to make sure stuffing reaches an internal temperature of 165 F by testing the center of the stuffing with thermometer.**
- 4. To bake stuffing separately, preheat oven to 350 F. Grease a 9-inch square baking dish. Spoon stuffing into dish. Drizzle with remaining oil. Bake about 30 minutes, or until firm.

Yield: 8-10 cups, about 8 servings



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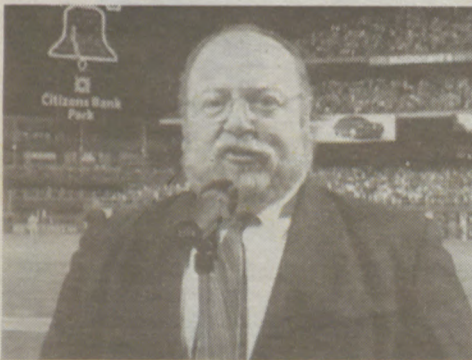
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INSIDE DELAWARE

Cantor Joel sings again!



Cantor Joel Kessler

For those of you who do not know, Cantor Joel Kessler, known to his congregation, Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth, as Cantor Joel, has become a one man billboard for the Wilmington Jewish community, singing at a number of well-known public venues in the tri-state area. Upcoming on December 7th at 7:00 p.m. is a per-

formance singing the National Anthem before a Philadelphia 76ers game in the Wachovia Center in Philadelphia.

This began innocently enough two and a half years ago when the President of the Mens Club at AKSE, Joel Panitz, thought that it would be a good idea to get Cantor Joel to sing the National Anthem at a local Wilmington Blue Rocks game as part of a sponsored family trip to the ballpark for the synagogue. The event turned out to be a great success both for AKSE and Cantor Joel and he has since been asked back twice to repeat his performance.

However, that was only the beginning. Approximately one year ago, the Philadelphia 76ers advertised that they were holding a Jewish community day at one of their games. Cantor Joel called the Sixers ostensibly to inquire about Kosher food but in passing he mentioned that he had sung the National Anthem for the Blue Rocks. "I had nothing to lose and I thought that again, it would make a great outing for our congregation."

Much to his surprise, the 76ers said they were interested although they did not think that there were any dates available but to send them a tape nevertheless. Three days after sending the tape, he got the surprise phone call asking to sing the National Anthem on Jewish Community Day.

On that day, with 90 congregants and friends in attendance, Joel was shown into a special dressing room for performers where, besides panicking over whether he would remember all of the words, he had the opportunity to mull over what he was doing. "I realized what a great moment this was not just for myself and my congregation but also for our entire Jewish community. Occasionally, because of our love for the State of Israel, our loyalty to the United States is sometimes questioned by rather harsh and unknowing critics. Here I was, about to perform the Star Spangled Banner, before 15,000 people (and Bill Cosby!), in the middle of the Wachovia Center, with my large black kippah on my head for all to see. The symbolism was very obvious. Most of

these people did not even know that every Shabbat and Yom Tov, we actually and specifically pray for the government and armed forces of the United States."

Fortunately for Cantor Joel, he did remember all of the words and since then he has sung the National Anthem at Governor Ruth Ann Minner's inauguration and G-d Bless America before 40,000 people during the Seventh Inning Stretch of the July 3rd Philadelphia Phillies game as well as a third time for the Blue Rocks. The upcoming game on December 7th represents a return to the Wachovia Center and is especially important to Cantor Joel as it is taking place on Delaware Day, the anniversary of the date when the State of Delaware ratified the United States Constitution. Cantor Joel is hoping for support from the whole community and discounted tickets for the price of \$29.00 each are being sold. If you are interested in coming, please call AKSE at 762-2705. Deadline for purchasing tickets in November 7th.

Suskind to help Beth Emeth celebrate



Ron Suskind

Pulitzer prize winning author Ron Suskind, author of *The Price of Loyalty*, *George W. Bush, the White House and the Education of Paul O'Neill*, will speak on Friday, December 2nd, 8:00 p.m. during Shabbat services at Congregation Beth Emeth.

Suskind, the son of Shirley and the late Walter Suskind, celebrated his Bar Mitzvah on the synagogue's bimah. His talk about the Bush White House will set the stage for Beth Emeth's Centennial Celebration and will commemorate Jewish Book Month.

Suskind's book contains the insights of O'Neill, who served for two years as U.S. Treasury Secretary-the Bush administration's top economic official. He is the only member of the President's innermost circle to leave and then to agree to give an insider's look inside the White House."

From 1993 to 2000 Ron Suskind served as the senior national affairs writer for the Wall Street Journal. A distinguished visiting scholar at Dartmouth College, he graduated from the University of Virginia, and the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism.

Then on December 16th, at 8:00 p.m., Beth Emeth will welcome Laurel Leff, author of *Buried By the Times: The Holocaust and America's Most Important Newspaper*, as its Rosenthal Jewish Book Month speaker. Professor Leff, cousin of synagogue members Richard and Sarah Leff, has been on the faculty of Northeastern University's School of Journalism since 1996. Her book contends that The New York Times minimized and misrepresented the fate of European Jews from 1939-1945 in its coverage of the Holocaust, resulting in public misunderstanding of modern history's worst genocide.

Both Suskind and Leff's presentations are open to the community. For additional information about the synagogue's Centennial Celebration, please call Congregation Beth Emeth at 764-2393.

BBYO Corner

I'm Eran Preble and I'm the Mazkir for Wilmington AZA, that is the boy's chapter of our local BBYO organization. I really love AZA, it is a lot of fun and it allows me to meet lots of Jewish teens and get in touch with my Jewish side. This past weekend I attended the IT convention, which stands for In Training, and was for the entire Central Region East. This year it was held in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania and was just amazing. The IT convention is for all the new members of BBYO and believe me, there were a lot. Between the many new members and few old members in attendance there was over 160 people there-truly a great turn out. At the convention I was privileged enough to meet many of these kids who came from eastern Pennsylvania, Delaware

and even as far away as New York. At the convention we were involved in many activities and programs, learned the traditional songs of AZA and BBG and got to just hang out and socialize with one another. My favorite part of the convention was just seeing the new members become really involved in BBYO and meeting all of the new people. This really made me feel proud of the new members from Wilmington AZA and BBG. Wilmington AZA holds their meetings at the Bernard & Ruth Siegel JCC on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. The BBG group meets every other Wednesday night. For more information, please contact our AZA chapter president Alex Resch at 302-475-8678, or our BBG chapter president, Samantha Diamond at 479-9876.

Einstein Eagles win big!



The Albert Einstein Soccer Team, The Eagles, scored a victory earlier this month against the Wilmington Montessori School, at the Bernard and Ruth Siegel Jewish Community Center. Coach Rich Crosby said "the season has been fabulous, and our Einstein kids are playing in great form. As the season comes to a close, the school's basketball team is gearing up for an equally successful season!"

JCC hosts annual Jewish Women's Gathering



The Bernard and Ruth Siegel Jewish Community Center will host the Eleventh Annual Jewish Women's Gathering on Monday, November 21, 2005 at Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation. There will be an organization information session held at 6:30 p.m., followed by a dairy buffet dinner and the program at 7:00 p.m.

This year's Jewish Women's Gathering will feature entertainment by MIRAJ, a fabulous female musical group who writes and sings a capella music for Shabbat, Rosh Chodesh and other sacred times. MIRAJ is a blending of harmony and a weaving of friendships. MIRAJ offers songs for new liturgy, for meditation, for fun.

The cost for the buffet dinner and program is \$15 per person or you can become an event patron at the cost of \$25 per person. Registration received after November 14th is subject to space availability and the cost is \$20 per person.

This program is being co-sponsored by Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, Albert Einstein Academy, Congregation Beth Emeth, Bernard and Ruth Siegel Jewish Community Center, Congregation Beth Shalom, Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School, Hadassah, Jewish Family Service, Jewish Federation of Delaware,

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A night out with Hadassah

The Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah is hosting, "Dinner and a Movie," an event for members, potential members and Associates on Monday, November 14 at 6:30 p.m. at Congregation Beth Emeth.

A free dinner will be served and those in attendance will be treated to a skit about Hadassah's projects in Israel and a movie, "Treasurer on the Roof," which explains how funds raised by Hadassah members benefit these projects. Raffle tickets will be sold and a drawing will be held for gift certificates to Continental Jewelers, donated by owners Paul and Chryssa Cohen.

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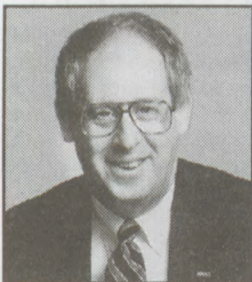
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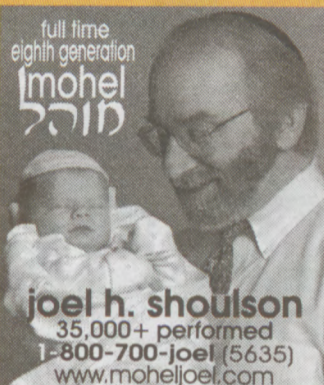
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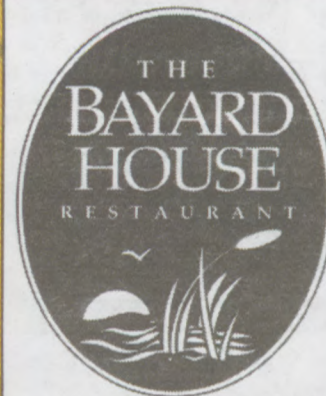
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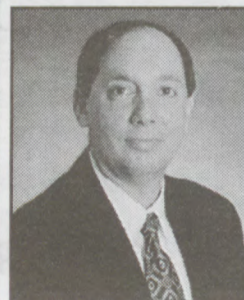
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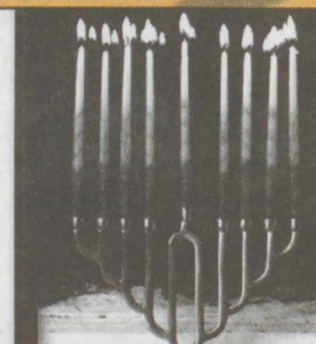
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Alito's shades of gray

By Ron Kampeas, JTA

The long paper trail of hard-hitting conservative opinions that Judge Samuel Alito has left in his wake is perfect fodder for the kind of left vs. right, black-and-white confirmation battle that Washington, D.C. relishes.

For Jewish groups, however, the clarity of Alito's record fades to gray.

President Bush's new nominee to the U.S. Supreme Court has upheld religious freedoms that the entire Jewish community cherishes, on one occasion strongly defending the right of a Jewish employee to Sabbath observance. Yet his views on the establishment of religion as well as abortion hew to a tough conservative line that much of the community repudiates.

"He wrote a very important opinion in expanding what little is left of the free-exercise clause," Marc Stern, co-director of the legal department of the American Jewish Congress, said, referring to the constitutional guarantee of free religious practice.

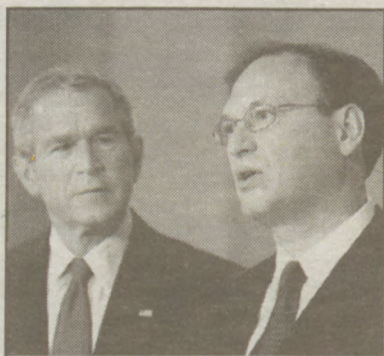
On the other hand, in several cases dealing with the constitutional prohibition against the establishment of a state religion, Alito indicated a leaning in favor of religious speakers "to the exclusion of those who might not want to listen," Stern said.

Stern emphasized that the AJCongress had yet to make a decision on where it stands regarding Alito.

The National Council of Jewish Women, which usually takes the lead in abortion-related announcements, was the first Jewish group to formally oppose Alito.

"Judge Alito has ruled to severely restrict a woman's constitutional right to abortion and against civil rights protections for both women and minorities," NCJW said in a statement Monday.

Bush announced the nomination of Alito, 55, on Monday, just days after Harriet Miers, his White House counsel, withdrew her name. Miers' lack of a paper trail was the straw that broke the back of support among social conservatives, who for years have been clamoring for an unam-



President Bush looks on as Judge Samuel Alito acknowledges his nomination Oct. 31, 2005, as Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Credit: Paul Morse/White House biguously conservative nominee.

A corporate lawyer, Miers also drew fire because of her lack of judicial or constitutional experience.

By contrast, Alito's 15 years on the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, based in Philadelphia, establishes a strong constitutional and conservative record. Social conservatives who vigorously opposed Miers' nomination immediately hailed the decision.

"President Bush has hit a home run with this nomination," Roberta Combs, president of the Christian Coalition of America, said in a statement.

Just as predictably, liberal groups mounted an immediate battle.

"The judicial philosophy of Samuel Alito is far to the right," People for the American Way wrote at the start of a 24-page evisceration of Alito's record, posted on the group's Web site within minutes of his nomination.

"He has demonstrated hostility toward the principles undergirding a woman's constitutionally protected right to govern her own reproductive choices."

Liberals already were making much of a nickname Alito earned among some lawyers, "Scalito" — meaning "little Scalia," a reference to Antonin Scalia, widely regarded as the most conservative judge on the Supreme Court.

National Jewish groups at times have been pivotal in joining liberals in

opposing judicial candidates; President Reagan's failed nomination of Robert Bork in 1987 stands out as an example. The White House was eager on Monday to get out the message that Alito was safe for the Jews.

"Judge Alito has been a strong defender of religious liberty as guaranteed by the First Amendment," Jeffrey Berkowitz, White House liaison to the Jewish community, wrote in an e-mail within minutes of the announcement.

Legal scholars say Alito substantially expanded First Amendment rights in 1999, when he ruled that the Newark, N.J., police department violated the rights of Muslim officers by banning them from wearing beards, though it allowed an exception for health reasons.

Another Alito opinion had a more immediate impact on Jewish observance. In *Abramson v. William Patterson College* in 2001, the court considered the case of Gertrude Abramson, who sued the New Jersey institution in 1995, claiming that it violated an earlier agreement to allow her to take off Jewish holidays. Abramson also alleged a pattern of harassment, including meetings scheduled on the Jewish Sabbath.

The court ruled in Abramson's favor, but Alito's separate concurrence was even stronger, citing favorably an amicus brief filed by the National Jewish Commission on Law and Public Affairs, an alliance of Orthodox groups.

Title VII, the applicable civil rights law, "does not permit an employer to manipulate job requirements for the purpose of putting an employee to the 'cruel choice' between religion and employment," Alito wrote.

Such insights are typical of Alito, his former law clerk, Jeffrey Wasserstein, told JTA.

"He is a Catholic, but his sensitivity to non-majority religions was quite interesting to watch, not what one would expect from someone being tarred by the press as extraordinarily conservative," said Wasserstein, an observant Jew who served with Alito from 1997-98 and now is a health care attorney.

Despite his tough opinions, Alito has a reputation as a modest, accommodating figure, even among his most strident opponents. People for the American Way noted that — unlike Scalia, whose sarcasm is notorious — Alito's "tone during oral arguments is probing but always polite."

Wasserstein agreed. "He is very modest and self-effacing," he said.

Alito expressed interest in Wasserstein's own Sabbath observance, and was quite probing when it came to religious cases, he said.

"During the Muslim police case, we spoke about Islam and its precepts," Wasserstein recalled.

Wasserstein insisted that Alito did not come to cases with preconceptions, but liberal groups and their allies in the Jewish community already were fretting at a body of work that suggests otherwise. Of special concern are two cases in which Alito upheld the right of New Jersey towns to display Christmas-season creches.

In the opinion in the creche cases, "he was on the opposite side of much of the Jewish community," said Mark Pelavin, associate director of the Reform movement's Religious Action Center.

Alito's assent in a 1991 abortion-rights decision is perhaps his most controversial. The court upheld a Pennsylvania law that imposed a 24-hour waiting period for women who wanted abortions, required minors to inform their parents and required abortion clinics to publish reports about their operations. Abortion opponents saw the decision as a death knell for *Roe v. Wade*, the landmark 1973 Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion, and looked forward to the Supreme Court affirming the decision. Instead, in a complex 1992 decision, the Supreme Court simultaneously affirmed *Roe v. Wade* and upheld the provisions in the appeals court decision.

Defeating that case became a rallying cry for pro-choice advocates, and the U.S. Supreme Court struck it down in a landmark decision the same year.

Significantly, however, the appeals court had struck down a portion of the law that required women seeking abortions to inform their husbands. Alito was the lone dissenter from that part of the decision, saying such notification was not an undue burden for women. His willingness to go a step beyond marked him as an "extremist" in liberal circles.

Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.), the Democrats' leader in the U.S. House of Representatives, already has linked Alito to "the radical conservative right."

Sen. Arlen Specter (R-Penn.), the Jewish chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, which must consider Alito's appointment, was more circumspect, but notably held back the enthusiastic endorsement of other Republican senators.

"We are in the process of assembling his opinions," said Specter, a Republican moderate who is pro-choice. "It is estimated that he has been involved in about 3,500 cases and has some 300 opinions which he has written."

That record suggests a clear battle, Pelavin said.

"We're going to have the kind of debate over judicial philosophy in the Senate that has long been brewing," he said.

The Jewish lines already were being drawn.

The Orthodox Union does not endorse judicial candidates, and Alito is not an exception, said Nathan Diamant, the O.U.'s Washington director.

However, Diamant said, Alito is "clearly someone who is sensitive to religious minorities."

Should the left mount a multibarreled assault on Alito's church-state record, Diamant said, "our role will be making his record clear, trying to prevent it from being distorted."

Pelavin suggested the Reform movement also would have a role to play — probably not one particularly sympathetic to Alito.

"It's not just about competence, it's about the court shifting on fundamental issues, including reproductive rights and religious liberty," he said.

Iran's call for Israel's destruction helps Garner sympathy for Jewish state

By Dan Baron, JTA

Israel often comes under international criticism for its counter-terrorist and settlement-building policies.

But comments by Iran's president calling for Israel's destruction have elicited international sympathy for the Jewish state.

In itself, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's call, at a televised anti-Zionist rally in Tehran last week, for the Jewish state to be "wiped off the map" wasn't so new, a reiteration of the traditional rhetoric of hard-line Iranian religious officials.

But since the comments came not from one of the country's ayatollahs but from its president, and came soon after Israel garnered international plaudits for its Gaza Strip withdrawal, and as international scrutiny on Iran's nuclear program intensifies — they drew a lot of attention.

Israel found its objections to the radical rhetoric echoed worldwide —

from the United States to Europe to the United Nations.

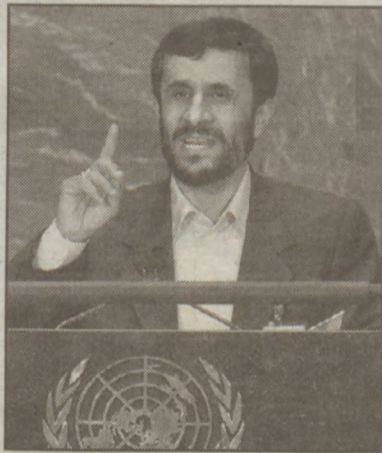
Even Russia, which is helping Iran build its Bushehr nuclear reactor and has long been hesitant to criticize its trading partner in the Persian Gulf, joined in.

"What I saw on television is unacceptable. We will bring this to the attention of the Iranians," Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, who only last month in his landmark United Nations address bemoaned the fact that "no one opens their mouth" when such threats are made against his country, launched a campaign to have Iran expelled from the forum.

"A country that calls for the destruction of another people cannot be a member of the United Nations," Sharon said.

Jerusalem officials admitted that a U.N. ouster of Iran was unlikely, given that it would require a Security Council recommendation and two-thirds majority vote in the



Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad addresses the U.N. General Assembly.

Credit: Paulo Filgueiras/UN

General Assembly — traditionally a bastion of anti-Israel sentiment.

"I don't know if it has any chance of success," Vice Premier Shimon Peres said of the campaign. "But it is something we must say. I don't think it is a matter of

what one thinks is worthwhile or not. This is intolerable."

Last Friday, the U.N. Security Council did rebuke Iran for Ahmadinejad's comments.

For its part, Iran over the weekend accused the West of using its president's comments about the destruction of Israel in order to intensify pressure on Iran over its nuclear program.

At the same time, Iran's Foreign Ministry released a statement over the weekend, saying that the government's official stance "is that the occupation of Palestine should end, refugees should return and a democratic state should be formed with Jerusalem as its capital."

According to some Jerusalem officials, the international community responded so strongly to Israel's diplomatic offensive in a bid to avert an Israeli military offensive.

Sharon, like President Bush, has long hinted that force could be a last resort for preventing Iran from getting the bomb. Ahmadinejad's

speech at the "World Without Zionism" rally — where the title was posted in English, not Farsi, for international consumption — coupled with his lack of cooperation with European-led efforts to curb Iran's nuclear program, have made this specter of confrontation loom ever larger.

"Such a country, with nuclear arms, is a danger, not just to Israel and the Middle East, but also to Europe," Sharon said. Similar comments came from the White House.

Still, no one expects military escalation before the exhaustion of U.S.-led efforts to bring Iran before the Security Council and impose sanctions unless it abandons its quest for weapons of mass destruction.

Ahmadinejad has made this possibility more likely.

"I cannot fail to recognize that those who favor transferring the Iranian nuclear issue to the U.N. Security Council now have an additional argument," Lavrov was quoted as saying.

JEWISH ARTS AND CULTURE

Friedman Tome a clarion call to action

"The World is Flat"

Author: Thomas Friedman
Published by: Farrar, Straus, and Giroux
New York, 2005, \$27.50

Reviewed by Martin Roffman, PhD.

When preparing a review, I sometimes deliberately wait to accumulate sufficient emotional energy to release in one gigantic writing surge that lasts clear through the piece. At other times, the story is so delightful and presented so well that it reverberates with personal insights that just can't wait to be told. With "The World is Flat", the overall experience is closer to the former so dear reader, be prepared!

The "World is Flat" focuses mainly on one principal theme and truthfully, if you only read the first half of the book, that would be enough (dayenu) to benefit from his findings. The central theme is rational, challenging, and evocative, centered around the following aspects:

1. US jobs are rapidly departing for India and China. This is a real and irreversible trend.

2. Shrinkage of the domestic job market tends to flatten the competitive playing field by allowing Indian companies to challenge our wage scales with their own very low salaries.

3. Job market shrinkage also occurs due to the aggressive, low salaried manufacturing capability exploding in China. Chinese manufacturing acts as a competitive weapon that likewise flattens the world.

4. Americans must actively seek job retraining to prepare for higher value opportunities that will, presumably arise as they always do when jobs migrate from the US to other parts of the world.

5. Any American who chooses not to retrain and prepare for a flat world risks becoming hopelessly obsolete and potentially unemployable.

These extraordinary observations pose a clarion call to face painful new realities of the 21st century. Friedman's interviews with corporate leaders in Bangalore, India, offers remarkable insight on how India is successfully becoming the outsource destination of choice for repetitive, back-office operations. Likewise, Chinese companies are well focused on outproducing all other countries

with competitive prices that significantly undercut local manufacturers. Both the Chinese and Indians benefited from creation of the web infrastructure by US high-tech companies during the height of the Internet Bubble. This infrastructure remains intact and supports efforts to globalize faster than would have been the case if India and China had to build the infrastructure themselves.

About halfway through the book, Friedman begins applying his findings to individual countries. As the ultimate judge, he assesses which countries are ready to compete on a level playing field and which are hopelessly mired in twentieth century lobbying for tariff protection to secure their jobs.

In Friedman's view, several countries aren't ready for a level playing field, among them Mexico, much of the Arab World, and Israel. He dismisses Mexican benefits derived from American job outsourcing due to the NAFTA Agreement. Most of those benefits evaporated when faced with China's manufacturing whirlwind.

The Arab World has issues connected with self-image, many of which Friedman traces directly or indirectly to Israel and its treatment

of Palestinians. He blames low self-esteem and insignificant productivity of more than a billion people in 22 countries on the actions of Israel in Gaza and the West Bank. Israel is consistently portrayed either in a negative light or by clear omission, even though Friedman liberally quotes from Jewish sources, going so far as to include a discussion with a rabbi. Apparently, he distinguishes between Jews and non-policy making Israelis who are basically OK, and Israelis in positions of power who are evil.

Here's my quandary. I want to recommend the first half of the book due to its reasonable findings but the bias presented in the second half of the book is offensive. His tactic of throwing a bone to Jews while simultaneously vilifying Israel is blatantly insensitive. Friedman's strong ties to the Arab World are not the issue. His attempt to justify low Arab productivity on an Israeli scapegoat hurts me. If you decide to read The World is Flat, please be aware that bias is present and painful to see in print.

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Ushpizin, "The Guests" arrives on film

Review by Joel F. Glazier

For many Jewish families, the holidays of the New Year are over when there are no more concerns about days off from school, special synagogue services and large meals. For more observant Jews, the holidays seem over when remnants of the family Sukkah are disassembled, and extra visitors and meals give way to more routine traditions. Ushpizin is the Hebrew word for guests who honor a family and their Sukkah by their presence. Sukkah guests are common among the ultra Orthodox, or haredi, population of Jerusalem.

Life among the haredi is beautifully filmed in a new Israeli movie, "Ushpizin", which opened in Philadelphia this week. "For an hour and a half the audience is taken on a trip into another world and without any conflict," Israeli film director Gadi Har explained to THE VOICE. "Viewing the film caused something small to change among the secular population in Israel," claims the admittedly very sec-

ular Jewish director. There was an overwhelming positive reaction to his award winning film from theater audiences in Israel.

The Haredi, (ultra Orthodox), including the Hasidic community, also reacted favorably to their separate lifestyles "being portrayed safely in the movie."

Abiding by Orthodox rules and traditions, Har's film provides an authentic and accurate portrayal of Orthodox life. "All the comments and reactions I've heard from the Orthodox have been of admiration," says Har. Many Orthodox viewers watched the film in private using downloaded DVD's via computer.

It was reported in Israel that when such haredi DVD viewers learned they actually had viewed a commercial product, they sent in money to pay for their viewing. Some screenings in Jerusalem, and more recently in Brooklyn, have had separate seating or gender specific showings to accommodate those who prefer not to be in a mixed theater setting.

The Real Thing

What all viewers see is a movie that is wonderfully filmed with excellent acting from a mostly Orthodox cast. Moshe and Malli are the main characters (and a married couple in real life) dealing with financial and domestic tensions, but also believing in miracles, as Sukkot approaches. One scene of the loving couple looking with awe and respect at a prize etrog for Sukkah as lovingly as they look at each other, is one of the film's most touching scenes. The neighbors and extras in the film are largely observant residents and the unexpected "ushpizin" (guests) to their sukkah are rough acting criminals from Moshe's past.

"Moshe and Malli are being tested throughout the film with several ordeals. This is truly a universal lesson," Gar says. There are conflicts but eventually both the criminal-ly secular and religiously observant come to accept each other as people.

This film is the first such movie featuring Orthodox lead performers. The story is set

around the Sukkot holiday and a glimpse of life in an Orthodox enclave of Jerusalem is revealed for all. One scene of Moshe davening alone with his lulav and etrog is the real thing...tastefully filmed in a small shul with the morning sun in the hazy interior—it resembles a painting. Another touching moment has Malli quietly rocking in prayer in their small apartment while Moshe flails his arms in prayer outdoors amongst the trees.

For those with some knowledge of Sukkot, the film brings the holiday's traditions, preparations and observances to life on the screen. Explanations are given and even the most unobservant person will not be confused. The Hebrew language film has English subtitles and the characters' body language also enhances the subtle nuances in this well written story.

With no current plans for the Israeli Academy Award winning film to be shown in Delaware, it is worth a trip to see in Philadelphia or elsewhere.

New Newark film festival a success

By Paula Shulak

For those who managed to get to the Cinema Center for the recent fledgling Newark Film Festival, it was an artistic success. I am

not sure whether it was a financial success, but for the sake of future festivals, I hope so. I could get to only 3 of the 22 films included, but I have talked to several people who saw more movies and who were as pleased as I.

One of the best aspects of the weekend was the fact that entrepreneurs Barry Schlecker and Lisa Lucas chose to include both classic and independent movies from which to pick. I chose Sideways, a masterful story of the hegira of two California anti-heroes through the wine country, and two documentaries. The first was Mad Hot Ballroom filmed in New York in 2005 and the second was Paper Clips, a marvelous 2004 movie about the Holocaust project in an Appalachian school, which touched the lives of millions of people around the world.

The cinematography of Sideways was spectacular, presenting not only breathtaking scenery but also spicy commentary on the unfolding story. I loved writer-director Alexander Payne's About Schmidt when I saw it and did not want to miss Sideways, so I was very happy to see that it was on the playbill. Paul Giamatti and Thomas Hayden Church play their roles to the hilt, the former a would be writer and the latter a second rate actor. They search for their dreams but find only loneliness and failed ambition. Along the way though, they provide a very funny journey through California's twists and turns—geographic, philosophical and physical. Mad Hot Ballroom was not my first choice; I had expected to see Raging Bull, another classic that I had missed. But when I was urged to view the heartwarming tale of New York schoolchildren and their introduction to ballroom dancing

instead, I changed my plans. While not a blockbuster, Mad Hot Ballroom is an inspiring film which gives hope for future generations. Ghetto kids are introduced to the world of civility, style, commitment and healthy attitude through dance lessons, and cultural diversity takes on a whole new meaning. Finally, Paper Clips alone made the whole Festival worthwhile! There was not a dry eye in the house as the story unfolded of how Whitwell, TN responded to what was for them an unknown bit of history and how it changed their lives forever. The amazing result was a simple monument in a Tennessee schoolyard, a cattle car filled with 11 million paper clips sent in from all over the world as a memorial to all those who perished under the Nazis - Jews, gays, gypsies etc. This is an excellent documentary and an unforgettable narrative which should be seen by everyone.

The Newark Film Festival is over but hopefully plans are being laid already for next year's installment. Schlecker and Lucas, joined by associates Greer Firestone and Gordon DelGiorno have set a high standard for themselves. With no parking problems (such as you might have at Wilmington's Festival), no long distance to travel (if you were to go to the Rehoboth Festival) and a very reasonable admission charge, the Newark Film Festival is a real winner in my book.

This article appears courtesy of the Community News where it first appeared.



ARTS BRIEFS



GET READY FOR JEWISH BOOK MONTH

In celebration of Jewish Book Month, The Florence Melton Adult Mini-School will hold a Book Discussion led by Cyra Gross of "Rashi's Daughters" by Maggie Anton, on Wed. Dec. 14th at the Siegel JCC at 7pm. This novel takes place in 11th century France and centers on Rashi's daughter, Joheved. It is highly recommended for historical fiction lovers. This event is open to the community.

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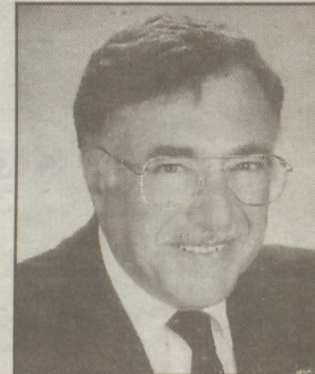
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PERSPECTIVES

Evaluating Rabin's legacy

By Leslie Susser, JTA

As world leaders gather in Israel to commemorate the 10th anniversary of Yitzhak Rabin's assassination, Israelis are asking to what extent the killer's bullet changed the course of Israeli-Palestinian history.

Had Rabin lived, would the Israeli-Palestinian conflict have been resolved? Or would the peace process he started still have unraveled?

The latter possibility raises additional questions: If Rabin realized that the Oslo process was a debacle, would he have continued to insist on a negotiated peace deal? Or, like Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, would Rabin have concluded that without a credible Palestinian peace partner, Israel should set its borders unilaterally?

The legacy Rabin left is not simple. His life as soldier and peacemaker underlined the Sisyphean struggle to keep Israel strong and, when possible, to cut peace deals with its neighbors. His death highlighted the need for greater tolerance in Israel's politically divided society.

A decade after the assassination, it's not clear how much of Rabin's legacy has been implemented. Though left-wing politicians such as Yossi Beilin, who sponsored the "Geneva Accord" peace initiative, try to present themselves as the successors to Rabin's legacy, a recent poll in the Yediot Achronot newspaper shows that 24 percent of Israelis see Sharon — the Likud Party leader who vehemently opposed Oslo during Rabin's lifetime — as Rabin's true heir.

Only Shimon Peres, with 27 percent, outpolled Sharon in that survey — but 73 percent hold that Rabin's and Peres' own Labor Party is doing little to promote the slain leader's legacy.

The poll also shows that nearly 70 percent believe another political assassination is likely in Israel.

Rabin wanted to be a water engineer, but his belief in the need for a strong army made him a general. He was always defense-minded, a man with limited faith in the goodwill of Israel's neighbors and a conviction that only a militarily strong Israel can survive in the Middle East.

For Rabin, the main strategic goal was to secure Israel's survival in a tough neighborhood. Peace was a means to that end, not an end in itself.

In 1993, Rabin cautiously embraced the Oslo peace process with the Palestinians in the hope that it would lead to Israel's acceptance in the region, but he insisted that it be

reversible: If the process threatened Israel's security instead of advancing it, he insisted, Israel would be able to revert to the pre-Oslo status quo. Some see that as a shocking bit of naivete from a man who at other times displayed keen strategic thinking.

Rabin called Oslo "an experiment in laboratory conditions," which he believed could be stopped at the first signs of failure. It's not clear whether Rabin would have stuck to that principle had he lived, since many Israeli politicians who initially were skeptical of the peace process felt constrained to see it through, even as evidence that the process was failing became overwhelming.

Five years after Rabin's death, the Oslo concept was put to the test at Camp David in July 2000. It failed: Then-Prime Minister Ehud Barak was unable to reach agreement with then-Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat on a final settlement of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

The result was nearly five years of Palestinian terrorism. Yet Barak, and many in Labor and parties further to the left, insist that if negotiators do get back to work one day they should pick up roughly from where Barak's team left off.

Some speculate that Rabin might have succeeded where Barak failed, arguing that he would not have labored under the burden of the three-year interruption under Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, which Palestinians claim eroded their confidence in the Oslo process.

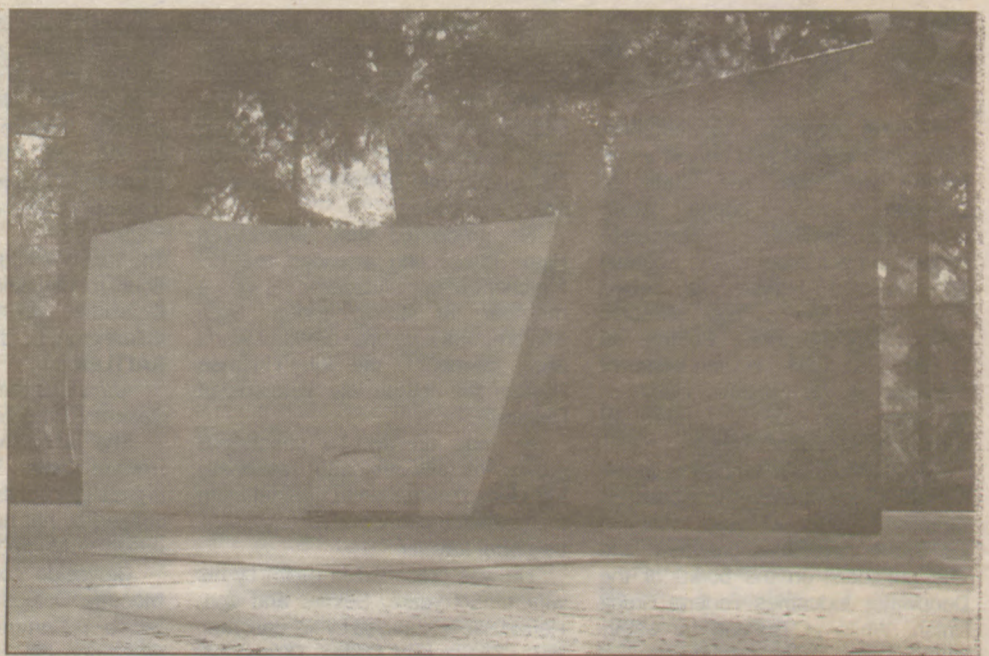
Moreover, unlike Barak, Rabin was trusted and even liked by Palestinian leaders — though it's not clear if Arafat's protestations of affection for Rabin after his death were anything more than crocodile tears.

And no one will ever know whether, by force of his personality, Rabin could have overcome the huge differences between Israel and the Palestinians on basic issues such as refugees, Jerusalem and borders.

Many believe that if Rabin had failed to bridge those gaps, he would have called an end to the Oslo experiment and gone down the unilateral route — the way Sharon has done, and for much the same reasons.

Rabin's strategic outlook was very close to Sharon's: Like Sharon, he put a premium on close ties with the United States, prioritized the achievement of a state of non-belligerency with potential adversaries and recognized the long-term demographic problem caused by Israel's presence in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

That in itself probably would have been enough to lead Rabin down the unilateral



A memorial stone lies on a plaque next to the grave of assassinated Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in Jerusalem, ten years after he was killed by a Jewish extremist, Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2005

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road.

The fact that so many Israelis see Sharon as Rabin's heir is one of the most significant facts in Israeli politics today: It's symptomatic of the blurring between security-minded peacemaking in Labor and Likud and the creation of a new ideological center in Israeli politics, in which both Rabin and Sharon are iconic leadership figures.

Sharon's image as a security-minded peacemaker in the Rabin tradition wins him the support of large segments of Labor's right wing, one of the main reasons for his enormous cross-party popularity in Israel.

Even if Rabin's legacy continues to dominate the political scene through Sharon, however, the drive for tolerance and reconciliation in the wake of the assassination has been far less successful. The Yediot Achronot poll shows a disturbing degree of support on the far right for Rabin's jailed assassin, Yigal Amir.

Some 20 percent of those polled believe Amir should be eligible for parole. Carmi Gillon, head of the Shin Bet security service at the time of the assassination, says the findings show that the chances for another political assassination in Israel are high.

"There is a group of hundreds of thousands of people, not all of whom are killers

but who all think the Rabin assassination achieved its purpose by stopping the Oslo process," Gillon said in a recent interview. "They think today that if Sharon were to disappear, the moves in the West Bank would disappear/evaporate too."

Amir's family feels confident enough to make inflammatory remarks and demand his early release. In a television documentary, Amir's mother declared that she would like to see all the politicians who supported Sharon's withdrawal plan "hanged in the city square."

One of Amir's brothers, Amitai, said Amir had served a long enough sentence because the man he killed was "a criminal." Amir himself is said to want a retrial because of "new ballistic evidence."

The chances of Amir being paroled or retried are negligible, and the danger posed by his family's rhetoric isn't great. But Gillon and other experts say another potential assassin could be lurking somewhere in the extremist, religious milieu that produced Yigal Amir.

On the 10th anniversary of Rabin's assassination, they reiterate a chilly warning: Israel's brittle democracy withstood one assassination, but may not be able to withstand another.

In the Hand of God

By Melody Amsel-Arieli

With Rosh HaShana and Yom Kippur behind us, we should feel safe for another year, but life has its little tricks. Though living here on the rim of the Mediterranean we'll never suffer a hurricane unless the world turns completely topsy-turvy, we're told that our earthquake-chances are sky high.

Even faraway earthquakes can rock our world, it turns out. The pious may swear that the Biblical parting of the Red Sea was the Hand of God, but lately, scientists have been brainstorming the idea that the phenomena that washed our Egyptian pursuers into a watery grave was generated by an earthquake somewhere out there in the Greek Islands. The result: a Biblical tsunami so awesome that it entered the ancient Guinness Book of records, never to be forgotten.

As if we didn't have earthquakes of our own. Israel perches precariously along the Syrian-African Rift, which extends from Turkey down through the Dead Sea south to eastern Africa. Periodically, small tremors shake our world, rocking bookcases and skittering glasses. So far, that's it. But within living memory,

Safad, Tiberias, and Jerusalem have all suffered grievous earthquakes, leaving thousands dead. Not for nothing Jerusalem is called the Navel of the World. It's dead-center earthquake country.

Talk about vulnerable. If biggies are cyclical, as experts would have us believe, the Big One is just around the corner, any day, any minute. Suddenly homeowners are quaking. Earthquake insurance coverage suddenly just as important as war coverage here, it turns out—as if that would save us. We have been told, in the event of an earthquake, to expect no blankets, no shelter, no help. We can expect total chaos, at least until the authorities and tractors and cranes dig themselves out.

Not enough tsuris? The avian flu has recently reached Turkey, a favorite watering ground of thousands of Israeli vacationers. Will someone carry back the virus, along with souvenir copper vessels and rolls of silk? The Ministry of Health expects a full-fledged epidemic, yet holds medicine for only one-sixth of the population. And Israel, which bounds three continents, is a major corridor for millions of birds who follow the seasons. It's not 'what if,' it's when.

For hundreds of years, news circled the globe at a far slower rate than it does today. Reports of floods and quakes and disease were read out by town criers and discussed on street corners long after the actual events

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FINEMAN

Albert Fineman, age 84 of Wilmington, DE died October 26, 2005.

He was a member of Corinthian Lodge #20 AF&AM and served as its Master in 1964, the State of Delaware Grand Lodge Staff, Commander-in-Chief, Sovereign Prince, and a trustee of the Scottish Rite Bodies of Delaware. He received 33 Degree, the highest Masonic honor, at an Inventure in Boston, MA in 1975. He served on the board of manager of the Masonic Home of Delaware and as a trustee of Lombardy Hall Foundation, Inc.

Mr. Fineman was employed by the DuPont Co. Chambers Works in Deepwater, NJ for 40 years, retiring in 1979. He served as president and vice president on the board of the Deepwater Industries Federal Credit Union. While at DuPont, he established Azalea Acres, which began a hobby, raising azaleas and rhododen-

drons. Azalea Acres moved from Wilmington, DE to Smithbridge Road, Concord Twp., Glen Mills, PA in 1967, where it grew and flourished until his second retirement in 1985. He then was associated with Waterloo Gardens in Exton, PA for 9 years as a sales associate.

He graduated from Wilmington High School and attended the US Merchant Marine Academy. He was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom, was a veteran of World War II and a member of the Harry Fineman Post of the Jewish War Veterans of Delaware.

He was an avid, a passionate grower of azaleas who personally introduced more than 100 varieties to the Delaware Valley, and an enthusiastic global traveler.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Selma; and son, Harold. He is survived by his daughter, Betty Fineman of Dallas, TX and her partner, Barbara Stone; son and

daughter-in-law, David and Elizabeth of Arlington, VA; and granddaughter, Megan Fineman of Richmond, VA.

A funeral service and a special Masonic Service was held on Friday, October 28, 2005, at Schoenberg Memorial Chapel. Interment was in the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Rd.

The family would appreciate contributions to Highfield Masonic Home of Delaware, 4800 Lancaster Pike, Wilmington, DE 19807.

KATTLER

Anna Kattler, age 95, died Saturday, October 22, 2005.

She is survived by her son, Dr. Howard Kattler; 5 grandchildren; and 8 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Hyman; and daughter, Mildred Dubois.

Graveside services were held on Monday, October 24, 2005, in Mt. Jacob Cemetery, Oak Lane, Glenolden, PA.

The family would appreciate contri-

butions to either the Kutz Home, 704 River Rd., Wilmington, DE 19809; or to a favorite charity.

KESSLER

Sidney Kessler, age 79 of Centerville, MA, died on Monday, October 24, 2005, at Cape Cod Hospital in Hyannis after a lengthy illness.

He was born and raised in Worcester, MA and was a graduate of Worcester Polytechnic Institute. He was an Army veteran of WWII and an engineer for Thiokol Corp. in Elkton, MD, a company involved with the NASA space program. As a young couple in Worcester, Sidney and Charlotte were members of Temple Emanuel and its couples club. He was a member of the Cape Cod Synagogue in Hyannis, where he led Saturday morning services, was the house chair and was the leader of it's seniors group called La'am. He was an instrumental member in the development of the new J.C.C. in Wilmington, DE.

He leaves his wife, Mildred (Oven) Kessler; 3 sons, Jon H. Kessler and his wife, Maryanne, of West Chester, PA, Edward W. Kessler and his wife, Nora, of Newark, DE and Steven M. Kessler and his wife, Sandra, of Houston, TX; 3 beloved sisters, Gladys Rudnick and Barbara Manne, both of Worcester, MA and Claire Harfield of Framingham, MA; and 8 grandchildren, Lauren Kessler DeNigh, David A. Kessler, Scott A. Kessler, Abby L. Kessler, Zachary G. Kessler, Laura E. Kessler, Rian M. Kessler and Wm. Luke Kessler. Sidney was predeceased by his first wife, Charlotte M. (Gordon) Kessler; and his sister, Ruth Steinberg.

The funeral service was held on October 27, at Cape Cod Synagogue, 145 Winter St., Hyannis, MA. Burial will be in B'Nai Brith Cemetery in Worcester, MA.

Memorial contributions may be made to Cape Cod Synagogue, 145 Winter St., Hyannis, MA 02601.

DELAWARE NEWS NOTES

Sukkah stretching across Delaware

The Sukkah at Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth was the setting for a lavish hors d'oeuvres reception attended by more than 70 community members who belong to the Jewish Federation of Delaware's prestigious L'Chaim Circle. Circle members have contributed to the JFD Annual Campaign for twenty-five years or more. L'Chaim Circle honors people who are a vital part of the Jewish tradition of tzedakah. For thousands of years,

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After enjoying their appetizers, L'Chaim Circle members moved into AKSE's social hall for a dinner and an informative program featuring a presentation by Idan Kligerman who talked about his experience as Delaware's Young Emissary from Arad, our Partnership 2000 region in

Israel. Support for the Young Emissary program in Delaware comes from the generosity of individuals that established funds or left a bequest to the Jewish Fund for the Future.

For more information regarding L'Chaim Circle and the Jewish Fund for the Future, please contact Jennifer Young at 302-427-2100 ext. 19.

Photos by Joel Glazier



Gloria Taub chats with Idan Kligerman.



Faith Brown reminisces about Delaware with Helen Schutzman.



SEASIDE JEWISH COMMUNITY hosted a "Pizza in the Hut" party where Jacob Latta-Morissette, 9 and his brother Aaron, 7, display their homemade Torah wimples. The 'Sukkah at the Shore' may have been the southernmost Sukkah in the state of Delaware.

(Right) Aaron Nachlis, 8 and brother Josh, 9, students at the Albert Einstein Academy, show off their lulav and etrog in their family's sukkah, just yards from the PA border. This is probably the northernmost Sukkah in the state of Delaware.



NACHAS NOOK

A New Son of Israel is Born

Sarah and Jason Kittinger of Pennsville, NJ joyfully announce the birth of their son, Jacob Michael, on October 16. Thrilled grandparents are Mara and Ira Tartack of Wilmington and Joanne and Barry Kittinger of Pennsville, NJ. Delighted aunts are Miriam Tartack and Regina Mavrin. Great grandparents are Beldayre Ellis and Gladys and Glover Kittinger.



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Jewish War Vets Slate November Program. Roger Hall, a member of the OSS and author of a popular book called "You're Stepping on My Cloak and Dagger" will speak on Sunday November 20th, at the B'nai B'rith Building, in Claymont at 10:30. Members, spouses, patrons, and new members are welcome to attend.

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For further information, please contact Elaine Schmerling at (302) 475-3708.

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Washington Boulevard and Torah Way in Wilmington is pleased to announce that their own Cantor Joel Kessler is being honored with the singing of the National Anthem before the December 7th (7:00 P.M.) Philadelphia 76ers game at the Wachovia Center in Philadelphia. Cantor Joel has had the privilege of singing at a number of important venues including the National Anthem at Delaware Governor Minner's inauguration and before a number of Wilmington Blue Rocks games. This past summer he also sang God Bless America during the seventh inning stretch of the July 3rd Philadelphia Phillies game. If anyone is interested in coming to the game, discounted tickets are on sale for \$29.00 and may be purchased by calling AKSE at 762-2705. Act now! Deadline for purchasing tickets is November 7th.

Beth Emeth Hosts Bowling Bonanza. Bring your family to Bowlerama in New Castle for the holiday on Friday, November 11 at Noon for a special event for the kids. Children under 12 enjoy a hotdog lunch and bowling for the special Beth Emeth Outreach Outreach price of just \$5 per Child (includes shoes). Adults can bowl separately at the cost \$2.75 per game plus \$2.75 for shoe rental (lunch is extra). Reservations are required - call the Temple Office at 764-2393 or write bethemethoutreach.com. The Outreach Committee is proud to also hold events for singles, interfaith families, those new to the community, and gay and lesbian families. More information is always available at www.bethemethoutreach.com

Get Ready for Jewish Book Month. In celebration of Jewish Book Month, The Florence Melton Adult Mini-School will hold a Book Discussion led by Cyra Gross of "Rashi's Daughters" by Maggie Anton, on Wed. Dec. 14th at the Siegel JCC at 7pm.

This novel takes place in 11th century France and centers on Rashi's

daughter, Joheved. It is highly recommended for historical fiction lovers. This event is open to the community.

Reserve your place by calling Melton Director, Lynda Bell at 302-478-5660 or lyndabell@siegeljcc.org.

Perlman and Zukerman Come to Philadelphia. A trip is planned to take in the April 23rd matinee performance of two classical superstars- Itzhak Perlman and Pincus Zukerman at Verizon Hall in the Kimmel Center, Phila.

The seats are in the conductor's circle. The cost of \$59.50 includes ticket and transportation. Be in touch if you are interested. Checks are to be made out to Delaware Gratz Auxiliary and mailed to Annette Chason at 400 Whitby Dr. Wilm. 19803.

Bus leaves Brandywine Town Center/Dart Parking lot at 11 AM allowing time for a leisurely lunch either at the Kimmel Center or another restaurant.

Kimmel Center tours are available. Your check holds your reservation. Seats are limited and should sell quickly

AKSE Men's Club to Stroll Down Memory Lane. Join Marvin Balick, past president of the Jewish Historical Society of Delaware and Jeffrey Seidel, a native Wilmingtonian for an AKSE Men's Club brunch program on Sunday, November 13th at 10a.m. The speakers will take a look at Wilmington's Jewish neighbor-

hoods from the 1900s until today. Breakfast will be served at 9:30 at a nominal cost of \$4 per person. The program is free and open to the community. For additional information, please call the synagogue office at 302-762-2705.

Chanukah Shop in Manhattan. New York City is particularly lovely during the Winter Holiday season. Take a bus to NYC on December 14th for a mere \$35.00 including tip! Shop, see a show, catch a museum exhibit or tour Lincoln Center. It's up to you. Bus will depart from the Brandywine Town Center at 8:30 a.m. and will leave New York for home at 5 p.m. There will be a pay-your-way dinner stop at the famed Harold's New York Style Deli. Your check is your reservation. Please make checks payable to Delaware Gratz Auxiliary and send to Annette Chason, 400 Whitby Drive, Wilmington, DE 19803.

Jewish Family Services Open House. A Festival of Family - Thursday, November 10, 7:00pm to 9:00pm. JFS welcomes friends, family and the community to celebrate their new home! The evening's informal program will include facility tours, a guest speaker, and special acknowledgement of community friends. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served. There is no charge for this event, but you **MUST RSVP** to Michelle Kramer-Fitzgerald, 302-478-9411, ext. 12 or info@jfsdelaware.org.

Save the Date

The World Affairs Council of Wilmington will sponsor a dinner in honor of **NATAN SHARANSKY** Former Israeli Cabinet Member and Spokesman for the Soviet Jewry Movement
TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 6:00 P.M.
Chase Center on the Riverfront
Christina Ballroom
800 S. Madison Street, Wilmington, DE
Reservations required by January 16. Cost: \$60 per person.
R.S.V.P. to Susan MacNab, 302-651-7662, or macnab@rjf.com

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Great White Tuna Wrap - white tuna salad, tomatoes & lettuce on a honey wheat tortilla wrap

Served with your choice of side salad: potato, macaroni or cole slaw. \$5.95 per person



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an assortment of some of our favorites, including the:

Chicken Caesar Wrap - chicken breast, tomatoes, lettuce, onions & caesar dressing on a honey wheat tortilla wrap

Great White Tuna Wrap - white tuna salad, tomatoes & lettuce on a honey wheat tortilla wrap

Wall Street Roast Beef - roast beef, mild horseradish sauce, tomato & lettuce on a cheddar roll

Tribeca Turkey - turkey breast, mild chipotle mayo, red onion, tomato & lettuce on pesto focaccia

Served with choice of side salad: potato, macaroni or cole slaw.

\$5.95 per person



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appetizers

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