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STAGE SET FOR SHARON-NETANYAHU BATTLE

By Leslie Susser, JTA

The agreement under which Egyptian forces will guard a perilous corridor along the border with the Gaza Strip could prove key to Ariel Sharon's future.

The success or failure of the agreement with Egypt goes to the heart not just of Sharon's Gaza withdrawal strategy but of his political leadership! Former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is highlighting the potential dangers of the agreement in a campaign, now moving into high gear, to unseat Sharon as Likud Party leader and as prime minister.

In a long-anticipated move, Netanyahu announced his candidacy to challenge Sharon on Tuesday, just weeks after resigning as finance minister, ostensibly to protest the Gaza withdrawal.

"Ariel Sharon has abandoned the Likud's principles and decided to take another route, the leftist route," Netanyahu told reporters and cheering party rebels who had broken with Sharon over the Gaza move. "He is threatening to destroy,



Benjamin Netanyahu, center, arrives at a news conference after handing in his resignation as Israel's finance minister at the morning's Cabinet meeting in early August. Credit: Brian Hendler/JTA

with his own hands, the house that he helped build."

If weapons smuggling from Egypt across the Gaza border intensifies – and especially if the Palestinians use smuggled weapons to launch a new wave of terrorism from Gaza –

Netanyahu is likely to make major political gains at Sharon's expense.

The Sharon-Netanyahu power struggle could come to a head sooner than expected after a Likud court ruled Monday, against Sharon's wishes, that the party's Central

Committee will convene in late September to set a date for a leadership primary.

Most political pundits agree that the ruling has set in motion a dynamic that will lead to a split in the Likud, with Sharon leading a moderate wing out of the party rather than losing a leadership race to Netanyahu, who is well ahead in party leadership polls.

Two large questions are at issue between Sharon and Netanyahu over the agreement to allow Egyptian forces to patrol the 8.5-mile Philadelphia route along the Gaza-Egypt border: Will having Egyptians rather than Israelis guard the corridor lead to more or less terrorism? And will the beefed-up Egyptian presence serve as a bridgehead for more Egyptian forces in the Sinai Desert, forces that might eventually threaten Israel?

Sharon argues that Israel and Egypt have a common interest in preventing Gaza from becoming a terrorist base that could threaten both countries.

The Egyptians, Sharon says, probably will use their influence to

prevent Gaza from becoming a jumping-off point for terrorist actions against them. That in turn will mean a weakening of terrorist militias working against Israel, he believes.

Sharon further says that the Philadelphia agreement specifically rules out any further Egyptian deployments in the Sinai. He notes that Israel specifically rejected an Egyptian proposal to deploy thousands more soldiers along the Israeli-Egyptian border south of Gaza down to the Red Sea port of Eilat.

Finally, Sharon argues, what alternatives did Israel have? Leaving a handful of Israeli soldiers exposed on the Philadelphia route would turn them into sitting ducks after the rest of the Israel Defense Forces leave Gaza – and could allow Palestinians and others to argue that Israel hasn't fully withdrawn from the coastal strip.

Netanyahu argues that by allowing regular Egyptian army forces on the border with Gaza, Israel has created a precedent for a much larger

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REGISTER NOW FOR LIVE GENEROUSLY MITZVAH DAY!

Mark your calendars for Live Generously Mitzvah Day, Sunday, October 9, 2005! The Jewish Federation of Delaware is thrilled to bring the area synagogues and Jewish agencies together as one to perform acts of loving kindness benefiting many of Delaware's most needy citizens. On this community-wide day of service, we will improve facilities, provide meals, and offer companionship along with life-sustaining and life-enhancing supplies such as food, clothing, books and the like. Live Generously Mitzvah Day is being held on the Sunday between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, our holiest time of year. This season of contemplation and renewal is the perfect time to do mitzvot together!

A sample list of projects includes serving lunch at the Sunday Breakfast Mission and Emmanuel Dining Hall, doing some light construction at Sojourner's Place, visiting residents at the Mary Campbell Center, doing yard clean up for elderly home owners, and much, much more. There will be tons of activities for parents to do with their children too! Craft projects, making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, gardening, even singing at the Kutz Home are just a

few of the projects that will give volunteers of all ages great pride in helping those less fortunate. We'll even be planting bulbs at every project site so that next spring, we'll be reminded of the good work we did together, helping so many people in so many places.

Look for a Donation Wish List that will include canned goods, linens, school supplies, clothing and other items that will be distributed throughout the community. We're even collecting roller hockey equipment for our sister city in Israel!

Register now on our website www.shalomdelaware.org or complete the form included in this issue of the Jewish Voice. Please register early since volunteers will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis; many projects have limited space and are subject to change.

Live Generously Mitzvah Day Co-Chairs Caryl Marcus Stape and Jon Brilliant have assembled a fantastic team (committee in formation) that has been working hard developing the wide variety of projects planned. Our gratitude to Committee Chairs Felisha and Gary Alderson (Health and Safety), Mark Delmerico (Security), Ilene Diamond (Public

Relations), Rabbi Michael Beals (Religious) and Rabbi Sarah Messinger (Family Projects) for all the tremendous work done so far. Many thanks also to the Project Managers who are on board to date: Lisa Driban, Mark Wagman, Karen Friedman, Michael Leff, Elaine Schmerling, Rina Wagman, Janet Rice, Dorothy Bobman, Regina Alonzo, Ronni Schwartz, Jodi Cohen, Rosi Crosby and Debbie Goodman. We still need more Project Managers! There's plenty of time to join this incredible team. If you want to be a part of the Live Generously Mitzvah Day Committee, call any of the people listed here or the Federation office and we'll help you find just the right fit.

The Jewish Federation of Delaware is a non-profit organization whose mission is to mobilize the Jewish community to address issues, meet needs and build an agenda for the future. It fulfills its mission by raising funds, allocating and managing community resources, developing leadership, fostering identification with Jewish teachings, and providing a structure for the Jewish community to interact with the non-Jewish community.

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United Jewish Communities (UJC) is establishing a mailbox to accept donations for humanitarian aid for members of the Jewish and general communities touched by Hurricane Katrina in Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi and the Western Florida panhandle.

The hurricane, characterized by authorities as one of the most powerful in U.S. history, lashed Louisiana's southeastern shore Monday morning. Hurricane Katrina swept across South Florida on Thursday, killing at least nine people. Although the extent of damages is still unknown, massive physical and infrastructure damage is expected throughout the region.

UJC is working with local federations and Network communities in the affected regions and will assess damages and help coordinate relief efforts.

"The Jewish community has always been at the forefront of responding to human and natural disasters, and playing a major role in alleviating such devastation," said Carol Smokler, chair of the UJC Emergency Committee. "Hurricane Katrina is taking a human, emotional and property toll of historic proportions. UJC and the Jewish federations of North America will, as always, respond rapidly to ease the challenges and suffering of our Jewish brethren and their neighbors."

UJC will serve as the conduit for distributing all funds collected by local federations in support of the humanitarian needs of all residents of the areas affected by Hurricane Katrina. Federations in the storm region ask that donations NOT be sent to them directly as they are unprepared to handle these efforts.

Please mark all donations: UJC Hurricane Katrina Disaster Relief, and send them to UJC, Inc. Hurricane Katrina Disaster Relief, P.O. Box 30, Old Chelsea Station, New York, NY 10113. For now, please send financial assistance only.

Your support for Hurricane Katrina victims is greatly appreciated.

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Samuel H. Asher
Executive Vice President

We all watched the gut wrenching scenes this past week, as the settlers in Gaza either left or were removed by the Israeli army. Most settlers left before the deadline, without incident.

It was and is a very difficult thing for 8,500 settlers to leave their homes and for the 5,000 children among them to be uprooted. The development of settlements in the West Bank and Gaza was first begun in the wake of the June 1967 Arab-Israeli war in which Israel successfully launched a preemptive attack against Arab forces massed along its borders. Yigal Allon, head of the Ministerial Committee on Settlements developed the first expansion proposal for Prime Minister Levi Eshkol's National Unity government. Although the plan was not officially approved, it became the framework for the Labor Party's future settlement planning. Now, all the settlements in Gaza and three in the West Bank are being abandoned by a Likud government and Prime Minister Sharon.

It was the decision of the Israeli government to pull back to more defensible borders. It is not for me as an American citizen to sec-

ond guess the Israeli government. On the face of things, leaving the Gaza Strip to the Palestinian Authority creates an opportunity for the peace process to move forward. Now is the time for the PA to seize this opportunity to reign in the terror groups of Hamas, Hizbollah the Al Aqsa Martyr Brigade and other groups bent on Israel's destruction, if any momentum toward peace is to be made.

Mahmoud Abbas must seize the moment. There is an expression that the Palestinians never fail to miss an opportunity to miss an opportunity. We have to pray that this isn't going to be one of those times.

This disengagement from Gaza refers to a strip of land on the Mediterranean Sea. This "disengagement of Israeli citizens from Palestinians in the Gaza strip is designed to keep Israeli citizens out of harm's way." The pull out of Gaza, coupled with the completion of the West Bank security fence, will create a barrier to keep the bombers out of Israel.

If this barrier holds, a unique situation will arise. Palestinians will be able to concentrate on State building rather than making war. This could work if, and only if, the radical members

of Palestinian society can be reigned in.

It would be foolish to think that these hateful men and women will readily give up their pursuit of terror. There is no doubt that they will continue to plot ways to attack our Israeli brothers and sisters.

This is why we, the Jews of the Diaspora, can't disengage. We must stay connected to Israel. We must make people aware of the concessions they have made for peace and the need for terrorism to stop in Israel and worldwide. We cannot become complacent. We must demand an end to the anti-Semitic and "Jihad" teachings in Palestinian schools and mosques.

We must not be surprised if Israel responds to terror attacks and we must tell people that Israel has a right to defend its people and its borders. The pursuit of a lasting peace may be arduous and lengthy. We must stand beside Israel and support her for however long the process takes.

Let us pray that the coming New Year will usher in an era of hope and opportunities.

May 5766 be blessed by shalom and salaam for Israel and its neighbors.

First Person Perspective: Arad

By Iris Tocker
Special to the Jewish Voice

If we are lucky, our lives proceed on a journey where we have the opportunity to learn something really spectacular. Many months ago, I was having one of my "I need to get to Israel" conversations with Jennifer Young. It was a snowy day in January. I expressed to Jennifer that I was still looking for an opportunity to travel there; however, I didn't want to go as a tourist. She said, "You can, you can go as a volunteer!"

Thus, I began an amazing journey. From that moment on, I could not believe that I was finally going to have the opportunity to travel on my own to Israel and have a "living experience."

Partnership 2000 gave me that chance. For a minimum of two weeks you can travel to Israel and live as an active participant in one of our sister cities, Arad or Tamar.

Considering most of my experience locally is with our senior community either at the Senior Center at the Jewish Community Center or at the Milton & Hattie Kutz Home, I requested to volunteer in a senior center. This is where I met the most beautiful people! Arad is a very diverse Jewish community. There is a Russian and an Ethiopian absorption center. Many times, families choose to stay in Arad after learning the Hebrew language and making friends in the area. I was fortunate enough to meet Estee Goldberg, the Executive Director of the senior center, Bet Gil Ad and Aliza Ben-Ner, the Art Director of the arts and crafts department. These women, as well as the day residents, made every effort to make me feel welcome. We worked on various art projects daily. Aliza was able to inspire everyone along with myself to create the most incredible



Ezra shows the progress on the sculptures he created with the help of Volunteer Corps participant Iris Tocker.

works of art! I performed as a sculptor along with my assistants, Ezra and Berta. Hannah and Sara worked on various knitting projects, while Eliahu performed the much-needed role as the local handyman cutting and clipping wherever necessary. While everyone looked very different, everyone spoke one language that bound him or her together. Then, there was Irena who worked in the kitchen. She was from Russia and only wanted to work on her English speaking skills. We spoke daily about the weather, how I liked my coffee, our families, etc.

Arriving in Israel knowing no one and never having been away from my family for more than one night, I was forced to step outside my daily routine that I've considered safe for so many years. Because of this unique opportunity, what better way to do it, but in Israel! Every one of my senses that I had begun to take for granted came alive when I saw Masada,

Jerusalem, Mt. Olive Cemetery, Ein Gedi, and The Dead Sea, just to name a few wonderful sights. Shraga Kelson, my tour guide and certified desert specialist introduced me to a place that only because of him, I must return as soon as possible.

Everyone that touched my life during those 15 days, I would like to thank for impacting my experience in such a fascinating way. I have many friends that I now look forward to visiting again and again. If you would like more information on this spectacular opportunity, please contact Jennifer Young, Director, Jewish Fund for the Future & Women's Philanthropy at 302-427-2100 ext. 19.

Iris Tocker participated in the Partnership

2000 Volunteer Corps program in Arad from June 26-July 12, 2005. Arad and Tamar are the Jewish Federation of Delaware's Partnership 2000 communities. JFD joined a number of New Jersey federations in this special relationship with the people of Arad-Tamar in Israel. The Partnership 2000 Living Bridge programs' purpose is to develop relationships - person to person, so that both communities can be enriched by the other. Living Bridge programs include Kefiada, JCC Maccabi Games Israeli athletes participation, Volunteer Corps and the Young Emissary program. Delaware's P2k chair, Lelaie Nemser and UJC Israel Initiatives chair, Toni Young are involved locally and nationally with the Partnership.



Iris Tocker (far right) talked about her Israel experience with Connie Sugarman, Allan Tocker, Lelaie Nemser (Delaware Partnership 2000 Chair), Stuart Nemser and Toni Young (United Jewish Communities Israel Initiatives Chair).

This Year in Jerusalem

By Josh Romirowsky
Special to the Jewish Voice

Every year at Passover time, we sit around the seder table and conclude the ritual with a very specific goal - "next year in Jerusalem." This past Spring, for the very first time, I was finally able to fulfill that promise that I've made for the past 24 years. For the first time in my life, I had the privilege - thanks in part to the financial assistance of the Jewish Fund for the Future's Jerusalem Study Fund - to spend Passover in Jerusalem as part of my semester-long study at the Pardes Institute for Jewish Studies.

I have a strong Jewish background. Yet,

when it came to really understanding the issues and things I've been practicing my whole life, I was lost.

The big questions - how is it that people today - are STILL studying Torah and Talmud thousands of years after their conception? Is there value to this tradition of understanding and do I want to be the weak link in the Jewish chain? These are the big overwhelming questions. But putting those aside, what about the everyday questions like - should women be counted in a minyan (the quorum needed for group prayer)? Does Jewish law apply to the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict? Is a McDonald's fish filet Kosher and why can I put cheese on my fish and not my chicken? Often

times, I knew where to go or whom to ask to find an answer, but I had no idea how to go to the actual source. I was tired of being the "simple son." So this past January I went to Israel to study at the Pardes Institute for Jewish Studies in Jerusalem for 5 months.

Pardes is dedicated to providing a safe, comfortable, learning environment for students to learn the skills and background to study traditional Judaism texts and to explore Jewish philosophy. As an institution, Pardes is guided by the Halacha - traditional Jewish law - and yet progressive in the sense that men and women study together without a coercive push towards the "right way" to be a Jew.

I studied sections of the Torah, Talmud,

and Jewish philosophy from an outstanding group of teachers, each with their own unique background and breadth of knowledge. I sat side-by-side with a diverse group of students - Reconstructionist rabbinical students, Modern Orthodox, and Reform men and women, and Conservative kids with my kind of upbringing. We grappled with some the "big questions" and knit-picked over the mundane. If such a thing exists as Klal Yisrael, the Congregation of Israel, this was it. Together we explored the texts and debated the very same issues that the Sages mulled over 2,000 years ago in Babylon, 800 years ago in France, and in today's schools, syna-

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EDITORIALS AND OPINIONS

Engaging hope

With apologies to song writer Cole Porter "It's summertime, and the livin' ain't easy." During the past few weeks, the world bore witness to two tumultuous events-Israel's disengagement from the entire Gaza and much of the West Bank and the devastation of Hurricane Katrina.

Miraculously, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's pullout plan from 21 settlements in Gaza and 4 in Northern Samaria has been completed ahead of schedule with relatively few major complications. The long-term psychological effects of uprooting these 8500 men, women and children from the communities they called home remain to be seen.

It is incumbent on us as American Jews to help ensure that the enormous sacrifices these settlers made are not in vain. We must advocate on behalf of Israel in the media, making the world aware that this brave nation honors its commitments to making peace with its neighbors. We must exert pressure on our president and other elected officials to hold Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas accountable to maintain security in the region now under his leadership and to reign in the influence of terrorist groups like Hamas and Hizbollah.

As we go to press, the conditions along our nation's Gulf Coast in the wake of Hurricane Katrina are horrific. Rising floodwaters in New Orleans have left countless people stranded. Tens of thousands have become refugees living in cramped condi-

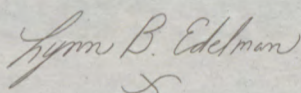
tions in the Louisiana Superdome without power and inadequate food and water supplies.

The death toll is rapidly rising throughout Louisiana and in neighboring Mississippi and Alabama. Fatalities are estimated to be as catastrophic.

The American Jewish Community is mobilizing its resources to help bring urgently needed humanitarian aid to those whose lives have been devastated by this catastrophic storm. United Jewish Communities, the umbrella organization for Jewish Federations throughout North America, has established a mailbox to accept financial donations for Hurricane Katrina victims. It will work with local federations and other organizations in the affected communities to assess damages and help coordinate relief efforts for Jewish and non-Jewish residents. Please give generously to this critical relief effort. Please make all checks payable to: UJC Hurricane Katrina Disaster Relief and mail to:

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B'Shalom,



Lynn B. Edelman, Editor

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We stand with Israel

The Jewish Federation of Delaware stands by Israel in its historic decision to disengage from the West Bank and Gaza to pave the way for peace with the Palestinians. We support the difficult Plan adopted by the democratically elected government of Israel under the leadership of Prime Minister Ariel Sharon.

Our hearts go out to the 8,500 settlers in the region who were forced to give up their homes and uproot their families. We understand that some Israelis do not agree with this decision and respect their right to peaceful protests. It is our hope that their collective sacrifices will help make the Jewish State stronger and more secure.

We trust that Palestinian President

Mahmoud Abbas will view this disengagement as an olive branch proffered by a people sincerely committed to making peace with its neighbors. We pray that he will seize this opportunity by working to disarm and dismantle the terrorist groups bent on Israel's destruction and implement reforms within the Palestinian Authority.

By taking these steps, President Abbas will position his government as Israel's true partners in the peace process.

B'Shalom,

Robert Pincus

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Executive Vice President

An open letter to the Jewish Community of Delaware

After three years of serving as the Jewish Student Life Coordinator at Hillel at the University of Delaware, it is time for me to move on. Born in Wilmington but raised in Philadelphia, I never thought that I would ever have returned to Delaware. More importantly, I never thought that it would be so difficult to leave.

Three years ago I was brought in as part of a commitment by local Jewish community leaders to help revitalize Jewish life at the University of Delaware. It was an exciting opportunity to make a difference, and I am grateful that I had the chance to be part of it. Our Hillel has grown by leaps and bounds and recently became nationally accredited. This is a testament to the hard work of Susan Detwiler, Jacque Spicer, our two Jewish Campus Service Corps Fellows, and the support we've all had from the community. Most of my work was with the student leaders, and it is to their dedication that I attribute so much of the change in our programming and our reach.

I know you've seen many of our successes on the pages of The Voice. Freshman Fest began in Fall 2003 with 48 freshmen, and this year we have 150 attending; that's one-half of all the known incoming Jewish students. Our birthright Israel numbers jumped to over 50 in

one year. I could go on to talk about so many other programs, from Israeli speakers such as Avraham Burg to Alternative Spring Break trips to South America to increased attendance at Shabbat services. Starting with one student group in 2002, we now support five Jewish student groups and we work with several sororities, fraternities and others to cosponsor events of Jewish value. In short, it has been a wonderful time to be a part of UD Hillel, and I look forward to watching the great things that will happen with the Kristol Center's new staff.

I would like to thank the Delaware community for their support over the past three years. It has been such a pleasure seeing so many different people getting involved in what we do, and I know the students thoroughly appreciate having community members attend many of our events. Thank you to all of you who helped make it possible for me to have the best job in the world, working to shape the next generation of Jewish leaders. May you, Hillel, and the entire Jewish community of Delaware continue on from strength to strength.

In peace and blessing,

Ian-Cooper

Former Jewish Student Life Coordinator

Kristol Center for Jewish Life

at University of Delaware

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AUGUST 29, 2003

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AUGUST 31, 1990

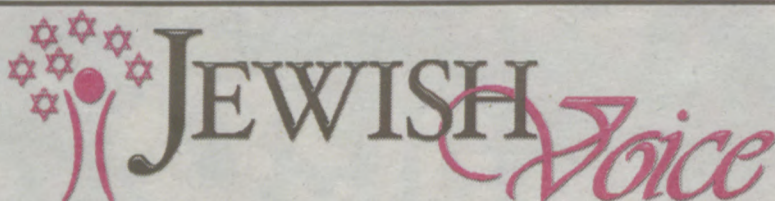
Rabbi Bonnie Koppell, the first female Jewish chaplain in the U.S. military, was profiled in the Omaha "Jewish Press" on August 31, 1990.

SEPTEMBER 3, 1910

Actress, singer, and arts advocate Kitty Carlisle Hart was born on September 3, 1910.

SEPTEMBER 4, 1893

The Jewish Women's Congress opened at the Chicago World's Fair on September 4, 1893.



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In the August 5 Shalom Delaware Guide the following community organization listings contained incomplete or incorrect information. The Jewish Voice sincerely regrets the errors and offers the corrected data below:

Dr. Bennett N. Epstein, President, Jewish Federation of Delaware, 1979-1981 And Dr. Leo Zefter, President, Jewish Federation of Delaware, 1983-1985 were inadvertently omitted from the list of Past Presidents in the Federation Annual Report.

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From Strength to Strength

By Charles R. Schiffman

With the dirges of Tisha B'Av still echoing in our ears, we turned on the television to see news reports from Israel that tore at our hearts. Villages and towns that have been home for two generations of Jews have been emptied; siege was laid to synagogues; women and children were carried out; and for thousands of Jews, a lifetime of work is for naught. How should we react, we who sit comfortably here in the far reaches of the West, seeing this tragedy unfold before our eyes?

I suggest we make a very deliberate decision to recognize certain important principles; and if we do so, we can get through these times and move ahead with the building that will need to be done.

First, we must not tolerate, much less engage in, hateful talk about those involved in this process. The so-called "settlers" are not right-wing fanatics or fascists, nor is the Prime Minister a traitor. Both sides are Jews, and both sides have expressed, in their lives and in their decision-making, a love of the Land and People of Israel that goes far beyond our understanding. We have recently read in our Torah portions about Caleb, and Joshua, and the Daughters of Zelofchad, and Moses himself. We thus have before us in the Torah examples of Jews expressing their love of Israel, and what we see playing itself out today is also love of Israel, even if it is

expressed in such different ways that it leads to a direct confrontation. What we must avoid at all costs is *lashon hara*, hateful gossip, and *sinat chinam*, causeless hatred. Let us not surrender to attitudes that will only make a bad situation worse - attitudes that will comfort our enemies.

Secondly, pay close attention to what is actually happening. It is easy enough to ramble on about "draconian methods", resistance unto death, expulsions, brutality, and the like. In fact, with very few exceptions, the evacuation took place peacefully. Even where there was determined resistance, there was no violence. The residents, the protestors, the soldiers, and the police, knew that ultimately they are all on the same side, and all members of the same family. Even some of the reporters on morning newscasts noted the tender concern of the troops for the people, and how in case after case the people were taken out and then they and the soldiers fell into each other's arms in tears. Let us avoid hyperbole and understand that this is not a civil war. I find Holocaust references particularly odious.

Third, Israel and our people have certainly gone through more difficult times. In recent years alone, think about the Altalena affair, when Jews were firing upon, and killing, other Jews on the shores of newly-born Israel. We emerged from that scarred but stronger, and we will do so this time as well. Sadness, def-

initely. Despair, never. We shall overcome.

Fourth, it must be said again and again, that Israel is making extreme sacrifices for peace. We may agree or disagree with the methods, but I doubt there is another instance in world history of a nation trying so hard, over so many years, in the face of such intransigent enemies, to make peace. Let us pray that Israel's leaders have the wisdom to take the right steps in the weeks and months to come. I know each of us has our own vision of what those steps should be.

Fifth, let each of us look in the mirror and ask: "Am I doing everything I can to help the people of Israel?" Look at the soldiers...look at the "settlers"...and look at rest of the country watching on in fear and hope. Consider what they are all giving to our people and our land. Are we doing our part to make their lives easier? This means not just concern, but concrete action based on that concern. What specific thing can I do today, right now, to help Israel? This must be a daily mantra for each of us. There are many ways to be active on behalf of Israel, some more dramatic, some less so. The only sin is to not do anything.

Finally, let us pay close attention to the incredible series of "Haftarot of Consolation". Read them carefully...they were written for today. They say, inter alia:

"Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, sayeth your God. Bid Jerusalem to take

heart...Behold, I will lift up My hand to the nations, and set up my flag before the peoples; they will bring thy sons in their bosom, and thy daughters shall be carried on their shoulders. Kings shall be thy foster fathers, and queens thy nursing mothers...thou shalt know that I am the Lord, and they shall not be ashamed that wait for me...Is My hand too short to redeem? Have I no power to deliver?...The Lord has comforted Zion; he has comforted all her waste places...Whoever shall gather against thee shall fall...no weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper...I, even I, am He that comforteth you; who art thou, that thou art afraid of man? For a small moment have I forsaken thee, but with great compassion will I gather thee. In a little wrath I hid My face from thee for a moment, but with everlasting kindness will I have compassion on thee, sayeth the Lord thy Redeemer...for the mountains may depart, and the hills may be removed, but My kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall My covenant of peace be removed, sayeth the Lord who hath compassion upon thee...Thy people shall be all righteous; they shall inherit the land forever...the smallest shall become a thousand, and the least, a mighty nation. I the Lord will hasten it in its time."

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Israeli soldiers deserve praise

By Motie Zaslow

Special to the Jewish Voice

I was just watching an army general listen to a woman who was crying and telling him how important her home is to her and how she's lived there six years. It is hard, but people leave their homes all the time. Another woman at the same time was very insulting and they both forget that the people they're pleading with can't help them and have a job to do. They also forget that they've done the job for the past 38 years and it was a ridiculous situation in which to place any soldier or army. I only found out this a.m. that there are settlements in Gaza of four families, another

of five and one or two of ten and eleven families. They are not adjacent to one another either. That meant the army had to build security fences around each of these places, have security inside and outside the fence and guard these people day and night. My son David guarded at a settlement of 17 families in the West Bank that was ridiculous and a complete waste. How much it cost the country and our people. And I'm sure that in Gaza just as in the West Bank the men of the yashuv walk around with weapons but do no guard duty and just live there, but the army protects them and their families.

Our army has been the real heroes in this whole thing and I don't know how the world

outside is reporting it, but I don't think any nation's soldiers treated it's citizens and people who were asked to leave and move for the good of all with more respect and patience. Think about what happens in the US when a government decision is made and how the police and the army react to the citizens. Look at what has happened in Europe under similar circumstances or anywhere else in the world. I also think it's a riot that there are some 6,000 foreign press now in the country. I wonder how many reporters the BBC or other leading networks have reporting famine in Africa, the slaughters that go on in Algeria, Sudan or the deaths of tens of thousands from Aids in Africa, India and other

places. Yet here is where all the world is presently focusing its press and reporters. Strange how the world reacts to us and what goes on here. Sometimes I think we are the most important place in the world. I'm proud of our soldiers and police and always had a great deal of respect for both and even more now.

Motie and his wife, Marlene have lived in Tel Aviv for the past 20 years. They are the proud parents of two children and five grandchildren. A retired journalist who worked as a reporter for the Jerusalem Post and freelanced for Israeli English radio, he currently produces films in English for Israel public television.

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Egyptian deployment in Sinai, no matter what the agreement says. His supporters claim that for the tactical value of preventing smuggling into Gaza, Israel has given up one of the biggest strategic gains of its 1979 peace agreement with Egypt: a fully demilitarized Sinai Peninsula as a buffer between the Israeli and Egyptian armies.

Netanyahu's immediate concern, however, is that Gaza will become a huge base for Palestinian and international terrorism. He maintains that the same logic behind the Gaza withdrawal and the invitation to Egyptian forces to patrol the border also will compel Israel to allow a seaport and airport in Gaza, enabling the Palestinians to bring in heavy weapons and explosives unimpeded.

"Sharon's decision to place Israel's security in the hands of Egypt instead of the IDF is another mistake that gives a tail wind to terror," Netanyahu declared after the Cabinet approved the agreement on the Philadelphia route Sunday.

The agreement is highly detailed: It allows the Egyptians to deploy 750 border police, 504 machine guns, 94 pistols, 44 jeeps, 31 armored personnel carriers, eight helicopters without spy cameras and three radar systems.

Egypt will not be allowed to supply weapons to the Palestinians without prior Israeli approval. The multinational force that

has been stationed in Sinai since the Israeli-Egyptian peace deal will monitor Egypt's compliance with the restrictions.

The argument over the Philadelphia route hints at the coming bitter struggle between Sharon and Netanyahu. Personal and ideological differences between the two men seem irreconcilable, and a torrent of harsh words make it unlikely that they can remain in the same party.

In announcing his challenge Tuesday, Netanyahu declared that Sharon was not worthy to be prime minister, that he had abandoned Likud ideology and that corruption under his rule was rife.

The night before, in a pre-emptive 45-minute television interview, Sharon characterized Netanyahu as a man who flees from responsibility and doesn't have the nerves to lead a country like Israel.

"In any stressful situation, he immediately panics and loses his cool," Sharon said.

Sharon also dropped several hints that he wouldn't stay around to lose to Netanyahu: He will not be Netanyahu's No. 2; the Likud had been infiltrated by far-right elements and is not the same party it had been; and he still had work to do as prime minister, Sharon said.

A political analyst for the Ma'ariv newspaper, Nadav Eyal, quotes Sharon aides as saying that the dynamic started by Netanyahu, leading to a Central Committee move in late

September to oust an incumbent prime minister, will be the perfect backdrop for Sharon to establish a new political party. Analysts have spoken of a "big bang" of Israeli politics, under which Sharon would take moderate members of Likud into a new party formed with the secular Shinui Party and centrist elements of Labor.

"The Likud Central Committee, perhaps one of the most hated bodies in Israel, sacking one of the most popular prime ministers because he took Israel out of Gaza, will be a dream start for a new party," Eyal writes, paraphrasing the aides.

Sharon can't afford to run against Netanyahu and lose: It would taint any subsequent decision to leave to start a new party, and would make it far more difficult for Sharon to take other leading Likudniks with him.

Pundits therefore believe he'll make his decision soon, probably when he returns from the opening of the United Nations General Assembly in New York in mid-September.

In any event, the Philadelphia route agreement and the Gaza pullout will be high on the agenda of the Sharon-Netanyahu showdown, whether it takes place inside or outside Likud. What happens on the ground in Gaza over the next few months could well decide who Israel's next prime minister will be, and what comes next on the Israeli-Palestinian track.

JTA correspondent Dan Baron in Jerusalem contributed to this report.

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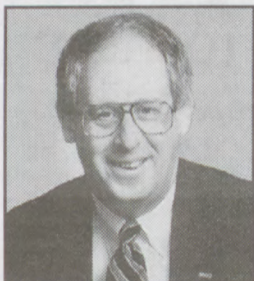
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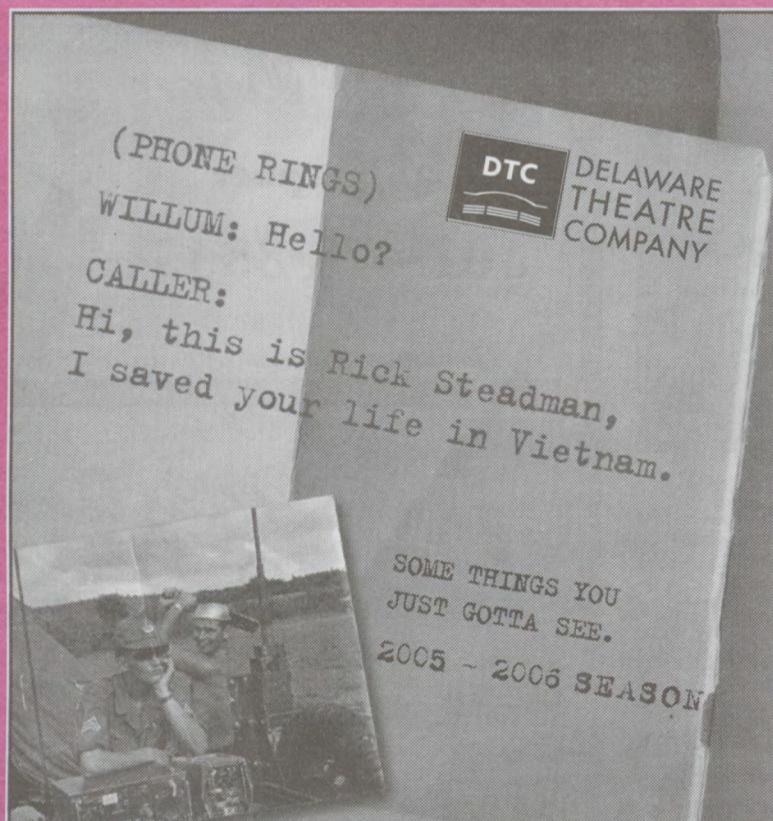
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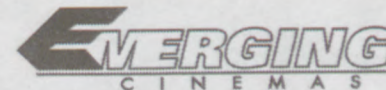
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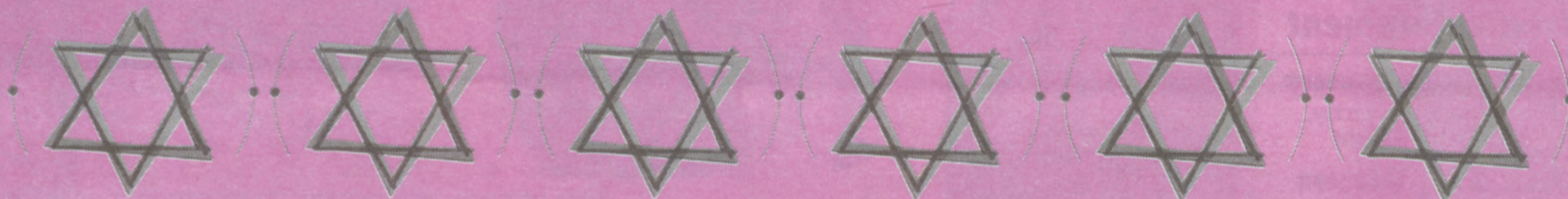
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INSIDE DELAWARE

Muslim/Jewish relations to be discussed in Seaside

The community is invited to attend a program on "Two Distinctions: Arab & Israeli / Muslim & Jew" hosted by the Seaside Jewish Community on September 22nd at 7:30pm. Afaf Mahfouz, Ph.D., a psychoanalytic psychotherapist whose clinical practice in Bethesda, Maryland will touch on the following provocative topics:

- Who are the Muslims and who are the Arabs?
- For the Arabs (Muslims or Christians), who are the Jews?
- For the Arabs, who are the Israelis?
- What is Islam?
- How do these identities relate to the political conflict in the Middle East?

Dr. Afaf Mahfouz, a native of Egypt, serves patients of diverse social and cultural backgrounds. She has organized an ongoing discussion group on prejudice with the American Psychoanalytic Association since 1994 and is Chair of the Committee on the United Nations of the International Psychoanalytical Association. Through these

activities she has sought ways of reaching out, within and beyond traditional boundaries of the psychoanalytic profession to deal with challenges of international development, where she has long been a volunteer activist for nongovernmental organizations.

She is the immediate Past President of the Conference of Nongovernmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations, which seeks to strengthen participation by nongovernmental organizations worldwide in work of the United Nations. Previously, she had for many years taught at Helwan University in Cairo. An early fighter for women's rights and human rights, she helped found several human rights and women's rights organizations in the Arab World, until leaving Egypt in 1985. In 1995 she was a member of the facilitating committee of the NGO forum on Women at the Fourth International Conference on Women in Beijing.

This program is free. No prior registration is required.

New facility, new equipment, new you...

By Wendi Weingartner
Special to the Jewish Voice

The new state of the art fitness center at the Bernard and Ruth Siegel Jewish Community Center opened its doors as the sunlight beamed in on June 1st. To the astonishment of our members, each machine sparked as the cool air called and welcomed them along with the superior personal training staff.

Up until now, the new facility has been a secret kept by our current JCC members who have had the pleasure of trying out the new equipment over the summer. However, this secret was not meant to be kept forever. Please join us for the fitness center's Grand

Opening Celebration on Sunday, September 18th from 1PM-5PM. Tour the new facility, enjoy a live radio broadcast from WSTW 93.7 and more! Special incentive: Bring this article and receive \$150 off of your membership and two free personal training sessions! (Incentive expires 9/23/05. Some restrictions apply.)

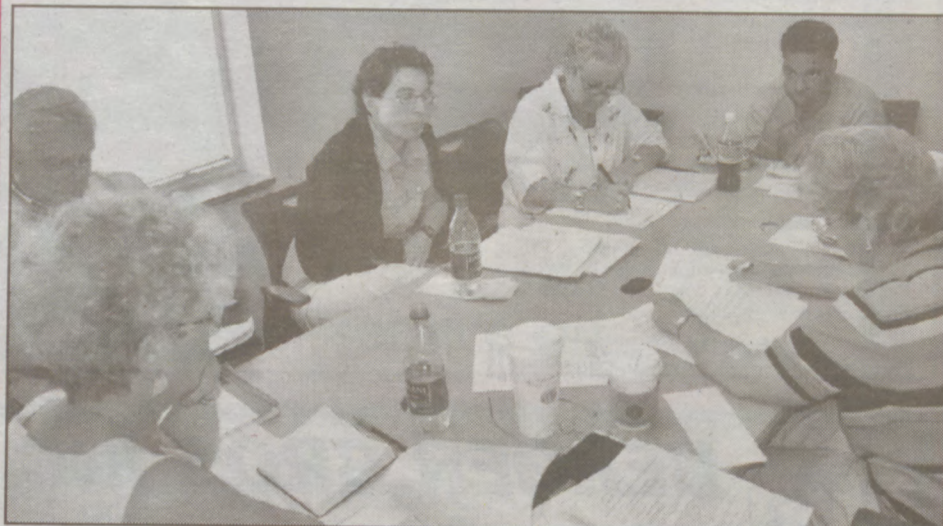
Whether you are a current member, rejoining member or brand new, we are sure that you will be impressed and joining in the fun without hesitation. Bring your sneakers on the 18th and get ready for the "New Facility, New Equipment, New You!"

For more information, please call the Bernard and Ruth Siegel Jewish Community Center 302-478-5660 or visit the agency on the web at www.siegeljcc.org



Try the new JCC Fitness Center on for size. Come to the grand opening celebration on September 18!

Training Holocaust educators



The Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Committee is creating a Professional Development cluster to train area educators in Holocaust Education. At work this summer on the cluster task force (clockwise from left) are: Joan Spiegelman, David Ruth, Ellie Alexander, Arlene Bowman, Shawndra Johnson and Margaret Crouch.

The professional development cluster will provide a complement to the extensive collection of Holocaust related books housed at the New Castle County library on Foulk Road. The Committee recently was awarded a grant thru New Castle County's Community/Library Development Fund to create further educational opportunities for the community. The Preston Holocaust Committee once again organized an annual summer bus trip to the United States Holocaust Memorial in Washington, DC. The trip was designed specially for educators.

Photo by Joel Glazier

Scholar-in-Residence Weekend at AKSE featuring Rabbi Hirschfield



Rabbi Brad Hirschfield

Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation invites the entire community to a Shabbaton September 9 and 10 in celebration of its 120th anniversary. The theme will be "K'lal Yisrael: Unity and Diversity in the 21st Century Synagogue and Community." The widely acclaimed speaker and teacher Rabbi Brad Hirschfield will lead an interactive program on Jewish identity Friday night after a 7pm dinner. His D'var Torah Saturday morning will address "The Community We Want. The Institutions We Need." Saturday afternoon at 5:30pm, he will lead a study session on the ethics of diversity. Following Mincha-Ma'ariv services, there will be a special community-wide interfaith program commemorating 9/11 beginning at 8:30pm. Entitled "Religion in an Age of Terrorism: Confronting the Darkness, Embracing the Light," the program will include the provocative documentary film "Freaks Like Me" followed by a discussion led by Rabbi Hirschfield.

The Shabbaton is funded in part by a grant from the AKSE Torah Scroll Endowment Fund. The Saturday evening program is funded in part by grants from the Kraft Educational Foundation and the Delaware Humanities Forum, a state program of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The Friday night dinner is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 10 and under. All other programs are free of charge. Please call the AKSE office at 762-2705 with questions and to make dinner reservations.

"Introduction to Judaism"

Once again the rabbis of the community are offering "Introduction to Judaism" classes for those considering choosing Judaism. These classes begin with an orientation program on Tuesday, September 6th at 7:00p.m. at Temple Beth El, 301 Possum Park Road in Newark, DE. At this time, Rabbi Michael Beals of Beth Shalom, Rabbi Peter Grumbacher of Beth Emeth, and Beth El's Rabbi David Kaplan will explain the curriculum and requirements of this program which has been an integral part of the community for well over twenty years.

Classes include, but are not limited to, Basic Beliefs, Comparative Religion, Liturgy

and History and run from after the Holydays into the spring. Graduates receive a "diploma" indicating their completion of the program. If they choose to continue towards conversion they pursue private instruction with their sponsoring rabbi. Everyone registering for the program must have a sponsoring rabbi so it is suggested that interested persons contact one of the rabbis before the orientation; so, too, if there are any questions about the Introduction to Judaism classes in general.

Rabbi Kaplan can be reached at 366-8330, Rabbi Beals at 654-4462 and Rabbi Grumbacher at 764-2393.



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BACK TO SCHOOL ... BACK TO SHUL

Beth Shalom says Shalom to new religious school leader



Roland Roth

hoping to convey his love of learning to "students of all ages" as the new Director of Education and Programming at Congregation Beth Shalom in Wilmington.

Roth comes to Wilmington from Seattle, Washington where he served in a similar capacity for that community's Congregation Beth Shalom. He is a young yet seasoned educator who has more than a decade of experience in teaching religious school. "It helped pay some of my college expenses," said Roth, who earned his bachelors degree in Child Development from Santa Fe State College in California. This Japanese native was raised in California in the Reform Jewish tradition.

His immersion into the Conservative movement began with his enrollment in the Jewish Theological Seminary where he pursued his Masters degree in Education. Although initially attracted to the Seminary because of its offer of a fellowship, "in just two short weeks I fell in love with the program," Roth recalled, adding that "A career in Jewish education allowed me to combine my two loves-Judaism and teaching. By studying at JTS, he was following in the footsteps of his great-grandfather, Morris Schussheim, who went on to become a rabbi in Providence, Rhode Island for more than 48 years.

He is excited by the prospects of putting his unique stamp on educational programming at Beth Shalom. He prides himself on having an open door policy and is actively seeking student input on new programming initiatives. "I want students to feel engaged and stimulated by their Jewish education," said Roth who hopes to integrate such electives as "Israel on the Internet" and "Jewish guitar-styling" into the curriculum along with more traditional programming.

Roth believes that Jewish education is a life-long process and plans to expand adult

education offerings as well as opportunities for some of the synagogue's youngest learners. New this year at Beth Shalom is Halutzim, the Hebrew word for pioneers. Designed as an introduction to Sunday School for four and five year olds, the group will meet for two hours, every other week.

Also on tap is a youth group for middle school students as well as programming for post-college singles and couples who wish to connect to their synagogue as young adults.

For more information about Beth Shalom programming visit the synagogue on the web at www.bethshalomwilmington.org.

In other community Religious School News:

AKSE opens Delaware Community Hebrew School

ADAS KODESCH SHEL EMETH CONGREGATION'S Educational Director Gail Weinberg announces the opening of its Delaware Community Hebrew School. Weinberg notes that "This superior education is available to all children, without exception, whether or not the family is affiliated with a synagogue.

Weinberg stated that "The primary goal of the school is to help all students master the skills that they will need to be active, confident and knowledgeable members of the Jewish community. This is achieved through study and experiences with history, customs, a love of Israel, Bible and prayers, Hebrew language, holidays, mitzvot and social interaction with other Jewish children."

She emphasized that "instruction is tailored to meet each child's specific needs, including those with learning differences." Weinberg herself has been teaching for over 30 years and has a Bachelor's of Jewish Education cum laude from Hebrew College. She has been an educational director for the past 12 years.

School instructors include: Karen Moss, a teacher at AKSE for seven years who earned a teaching certificate from Gratz College; Max Rosenberg, long-time history teacher who videotapes students enacting key moments in Jewish history; early-childhood specialist Lauren Rose, a pre-school teacher for 25 years with eight years at AKSE; Roni Sneiderman, senior psychology major at the University of Delaware and an eight year AKSE teacher and Cantor Joel Kessler who has taught at AKSE for four years and leads stu-

dents in spirited sing-alongs.

"Our faculty looks forward to offering our program to community children ages 5-13," said Weinberg. The school meets on Monday and Wednesday afternoons and on Sunday mornings. For more information, please call the school office at 762-3618.

THE SCHOOL BELLS ALSO ARE RINGING AT...

CONGREGATION BETH EMETH, Wilmington Where Hebrew School starts on Wednesday, September 7th at for students in grades three through six. Religious School

CONGREGATION BETH SHOLOM, Dover			
Monday (Hebrew)	Tuesday (Hebrew)	Wednesday (Judaica)	Thursday (Hebrew)
Aleph-Bet 5-6:30	K'Ton Ton 5-6	Aleph/Bet 5:15-6:15	Gimmel 5-6:30
	Dalet 4:30-6:30 (Some Judaica)		Gimmel 6:15-7:15

Please contact the synagogue at 302-734-5578 for information about registration.

Pre-schoolers explore the Jewish calendar with Hadassah

Al Galgalim: Training Wheels, a Jewish family education program created by Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, lets parents (or grandparents) and pre-school age children (2-5 years old) become partners in discovering the joys of being Jewish in the hands-on, pressure-free, friendly environment of small groups.

During nine fun-filled sessions throughout the year, learn how to celebrate Shabbat and the Jewish holidays of Rosh Hashanah, Sukkoth, Hanukkah, TuB'Shevat, Purim, Passover, Israel Independence Day and Shavuot.

The Wilmington/Newark Chapter of Hadassah will be starting a Training Wheels Group in September 2005 to be held at Congregation Beth Emeth and Beth El.

Join this Training Wheels Group and your family will soon learn that celebrating Shabbat and the Jewish holidays is a fun way to spend time together.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 2005/2006

September 18	Happy Birthday World: Rosh Hashanah Sunday, 11 am at Beth Emeth
October 2	Sukkoth sensations: Sukkoth Sun. 11:45 Beth El (bring a bag lunch/pareve (dairy))
November 20	Hallah Days: Shabbat Sunday, 11 am at Beth Emeth
December 18	Maccabee Mania: Hanukkah Sunday 11 am at Beth Emeth
January 8	Saplings, Seed and Such! Tu B'Shevat Sun 11:45 Beth El (bring a bag lunch/pareve (dairy))
February 12	Regional Board Meeting-No Training wheels this month
March 12	Costume-making, Hamantaschen-baking: Purim Sun. 11am at Beth Emeth
April 2	A Freedom Treasure Hunt: Passover Sun 11:45 Beth El (bring a bag lunch/pareve (dairy))
May 15	Climbing Mount Sinai: Shavuot Sun 11:45 Beth El (bring a bag lunch/pareve (dairy))

To learn more about this Training Wheels Group please call Amy Burr at 302-798-2486 or send an e-mail to: amycuddles@comcast.net or Deborah Mannis-Gardner at 302-239-4398 or send an e-mail to: dmgdeb@aol.com

Temple Beth El to welcome new Torah

Temple Beth El in Newark invites the community to celebrate its new Torah during special festivities on Sunday, September 25th at 9:30 a.m. The program will begin with a short service

and presentation ceremony to be followed by a parade, singing, dancing and a luncheon. Please RSVP to 302-366-8330. Temple Beth El is located at 301 Possum Park Road.



Jewish National Fund Makor Member Jerry Grossman, left, a member of JNF's Delaware Division's Executive Committee, discussed the importance of "Making the Negev Flourish during a program at the Virginia home of Rabbi Marvin and Mrs. Deborah Bash. Grossman emphasized the importance of developing Israel's South.

This Year in Jerusalem

Continued from page 3

gogues, and homes.

And after a day of intense learning the classic Talmudic arguments of such great Sages as Hillel and Shamai, I went out and grabbed a beer with my friends at a bar, no less at a bar on the Corner of Hillel St. and Shamai Ave. in downtown Jerusalem.

My semester of study in Israel, however, was more than just study. It was about a genuine Israeli experience and perspective. I saw the land of Israel carpeted with wildflowers in springtime. I hiked in the Negev desert and understood the context of the bible and its culture. I saw traffic come to a standstill as Israelis stepped out of their cars for a moment of silence on Israeli Memorial Day, when the official siren pierced the air. And 12 hours later I happily joined the country in her eruption of dance and song for its Independence Day celebration. I went to see the Israeli National Soccer Team play Ireland in a World Cup qualifier game and heard 35,000 face-painted, crazed Israeli fans sing Hatikvah (Israeli National Anthem meaning "The Hope") and chant slogans to the like of "If you will it, it is no dream" - the slogan for Political Zionism by Theodore Hertzl. I had a cabdriver confess his problems and start to

cry in a cab to me. Why? Because he said we are family, and should be able to talk about our problems with each other.

My semester in Israel was an experience I will carry with me for the rest of my life. It was only a small taste of what so many people spend a lifetime exploring. I still have a lot of questions. But for the time-being, I am satisfied that I am no longer intimidated to open up a page of Talmud, that I know where to find the best hummus and live music in Israel.

5 months is not long enough.

Next Year in Jerusalem!

Josh received a grant from the Jerusalem Study Fund, a fund of the Jewish Fund for the Future, the endowment fund of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. Last year, the Jewish Fund for the Future provided nearly \$1 million in grants to Jewish and secular charities, including national and local agencies and scholarships for students. Marc and Susan Pevar established the Jerusalem Study Fund to support students studying in Jerusalem. Please see the full scholarships guidelines and application forms online at www.shalomdelaware.org. For information regarding establishing an endowment fund or contributing to an existing fund, please contact Jennifer Young at (302) 427-2100 ext. 19.

MILESTONES In Memoriam

BECHER

Jane (Bogin) Becher, died July 31st after a brief illness, just 12 days after her 88th birthday.

She was born in Metuchen, NJ, and moved to Terre Haute, IN, at an early age. She studied for 1 year at Purdue University, and then transferred to the University of Michigan, from which she received a bachelor's degree in chemistry.

After graduation, she moved to NY to join her elder sister, the late Frieda Rubin. She worked at the quality control laboratory of R. H. Macy, and at the laboratory of St. Luke's Hospital in Manhattan. Shortly after the breakout of World War II Jane joined the Women's Army Corps (WAC). She was assigned to the research laboratories of the Chemical Corps at Edgewood Arsenal, MD where she met the man who would later become her husband, Paul Becher.

The couple returned to NY after they both were released from the military, and enrolled in the graduate program of the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn (now the Polytechnic University of New York) under the GI bill, Jane seeking an MS, and Paul his PhD.

After he received his doctorate, the couple moved to Dahlgren, VA where Paul had the position of associate professor at North Georgia College. Jane used the facilities of NGC to complete the experimental portion of her thesis, and her MS was granted the following year. After 3 years, the couple moved to northern NJ.

In 1957 they moved to Wilmington where they spent 48 happy years. Jane was a member of Congregation Beth Emeth and active in its

Sisterhood. She was also a member of Hadassah. All who knew her loved her.

In addition to Paul, her husband of nearly 60 years, she is survived by her two children, David and Naomi.

A memorial service was held at Temple Beth Emeth, 300 W. Lea Blvd., Wilmington, DE 19802, on Wednesday, August 31st. A contribution to Congregation Beth Emeth in Jane's memory would be appreciated.

CONCORS

Helen R. Concors, 68, of Northridge, died August 12th. She was a member of Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth Congregation and its Sisterhood and served as a volunteer for the American Cancer Society and the Delaware Heart Association.

She is survived by her husband, Sanford K. Concors; children, Robert Concors and his wife, Claudia, Joseph Concors and Nancy Concors; brother, Michael Axler and his wife, Sue; and sister-in-law, Beryl Axler. She was predeceased by her brother, Charles Axler.

She was interred in the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road.

Contributions in her memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

COPLEIN

Dr. Leonard E. Coplein of Brigantine, NJ and Palm Beach Gardens, FL, died July 29th at the age of 78.

Born and raised in Camden, New Jersey, he attended Temple University in Philadelphia where he received his bachelor's master's and doctoral degrees. He was a member of Phi Delta Kappa. Dr. Coplein had a distinguished career in the field of education. He began his career as a

teacher at Camden High School and then became an administrator in Camden School System where he served as assistant superintendent. He also served as assistant superintendent in Willingboro, NJ before stepping up to meet the challenge of superintendent of schools for the Haddon Township, NJ school system. He retired from this position in 1986.

Dr. Coplein was a member of Temple Beth Shalom in Brigantine, NJ and the Avoda service club of Atlantic City, NJ.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 53 years, Constance Gombert Coplein and is survived by his brother, Gordon D. Coplein of Dunwoody, GA; his two daughters, Gail E. Coplein and husband, Graham Tebb of Yardley, PA and Deborah B. Coplein of Newark, DE; four grandchildren, Elizabeth, Ariane and Nathaniel Tebb and Sarah Twist. He also will be missed by many cousins with whom he shared life-long friendships.

Graveside services were held on August 2nd at the Crescent Memorial Park in Pennsauken, NJ.

GOLD

Renee C. Gold, 75, a resident of North Wilmington, passed away quietly at home on August 24th.

A native of Chester, PA, she was a graduate of Chester High School and attended Goldey-Beacom College in Wilmington. She worked for a while as a buyer for the Rogers Department Store in Chester, however she and her husband, Sidney were best known as the owners/directors of two day camps-Spring Hill Day Camp in Wallingford, PA and Pine Hill Day Camp in Chadds Ford, PA.

Mrs. Gold was a lifetime member of Hadassah, where she served in a

variety of leadership roles and was formerly an active member of Temple Beth Emeth in Wilmington.

Predeceased by her parents, Harry and Betty Rossin, she is survived by her husband, Sidney; and her two sisters-in-law, Ruth and Lenore Gold. She also will be profoundly missed by her children, Karen Spair of Newark, Judy Gold Feinberg and her husband, Marc, of Ringoes, NJ and Dr. Richard Gold and his wife, Tori, of North Wilmington; and her grandchildren, Marissa Spair, Arika, Jeffrey and Rachael Gold Feinberg and Marc and Shelby Gold.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, August 28th at Schoenberg Memorial Chapel.

The family would appreciate memorial contributions to the Leukemia Light the Night Fund, 100 West 10th Street, Suite 209, Wilmington, DE 19801.

KRONFELD

Gerald Wolfe Kronfeld, DDS, died at home on August 16th surrounded by his entire family.

Born and raised in Wilmington, he practiced dentistry locally for more than 40 years.

He will be dearly missed by his children, Lisa and Jeffrey; and his grandchildren, Charlotte, Sydney and Isabel; his sister and brother, Adele Cohen and Harvey Kronfeld.

A funeral service was held on August 18th at the Chandler Funeral Home.

Contributions in his memory would be appreciated to: The Compassionate Friends, PO Box 114, Rockland, DE 19732 or to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Delaware, 100 West 10th Street, Suite #209, Wilmington, DE 19801.

LIEBERMAN

Jeno Lieberman, 90, a resident of the Kutz Home, died Saturday, August 27th. He was born in Hungary and survived the Holocaust.

Survivors include his daughter, Bonnie Zahn and her husband, Nathan; grandchildren, Rachel and Joseph; and niece, Nita Seidman and her family.

A graveside service was held on August 29th in Alliance Cemetery, Norma, NJ.

The family would appreciate memorial contributions to the Kutz Home, 704 River Road, Wilmington, DE 19809

LONDON

Janet Bank London, of Twin Oaks, died July 30th. She was a proud homemaker beloved by her family and friends.

Mrs. London is survived by her husband, Samuel; daughter, Ellen London; son, Randy and his wife, Mindy; son, Matthew and his wife, Kim; daughter-in-law, MaryEllen, the widow of late son, Philip; sisters, Rosalyn Balick Decktor and Cecilia S. Bell; grandsons, Daniel McVicker,

Kevin and Leo London; and many nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was held in the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road.

Memorial contributions would be appreciated to either the American Cancer Society, 92 Reads Way, New Castle, DE 19720; Congregation Beth Shalom, 1801 Baynard Blvd., Wilmington, DE 19802 or to a charity of the donor's choice.

SKLUT

Ruth Iona Sklut, a lifelong resident of Wilmington, died peacefully on August 26th at the Kutz Home.

She and her late husband, Morton, enjoyed traveling the world together. She cherished her roles as homemaker and hostess and was devoted to her children and grandchildren.

Mrs. Sklut was a lifetime member of Hadassah and also supported many local charitable organizations.

Predeceased by her parents, Fannie and Samuel Balick, her husband and her brother, Norman Balick, she is survived by her son, Stuart; daughter-in-law, Ruth; grandchildren, Stephanie and Brian; brother, Milford Balick and sister-in-law, Joan Balick.

A graveside service was held on August 28th in the Jewish Community Cemetery on Foulk Road.

Her family expresses their gratitude to the staff of the Kutz Home for the excellent care that she received and requests that memorial contributions benefit the Home which is located at 704 River Road, Wilmington, DE 19809.

SPINNER

Jack Spinner, 85, died peacefully in his sleep at home on August 15th.

A native of Toronto, Canada, he was the youngest and only boy in a family of six children. When the Depression hit, he was forced to leave school at the age of 15 to help support his family. He served for five years in the Royal Canadian Army.

He emigrated to Wilmington, DE in 1948 to join his sister, Margaret. He met and married a New York native, Jean Deutch in 1956. Their marriage remained a love affair for 49 years.

Mr. Spinner was proud of his work ethic. He worked continually until the age of 82.

In addition to his wife, Jean, he is survived by his daughter, Michelle, of New York City, his son, Stuart; daughter-in-law, Nora Lewis; his granddaughter, Louisa of Wilmington; his sister, Gladys Korman, of Toronto, CN; a niece and five nephews.

A memorial service was held on August 19th at Congregation Beth Shalom in Wilmington.

The family would appreciate contributions in his memory to the Alzheimer's Association, 2306 Kirkwood Highway, Wilmington, DE 19805.

NACHAS NOOK

Rappaport and Fieldman are wed

Alyson Dara Rappaport and Matthew Lee Fieldman were married in a traditional Jewish ceremony on Sunday, July 3, 2005 at Congregation Beth Shalom in Wilmington, DE. The ceremony was conducted by Rabbi Jeremy Winaker of Bet Torah Synagogue in Mount Kisco, New York and by Hazzan G. Michael Horwitz of Congregation Beth Shalom. A reception followed at Waterfall Banquet and Conference Center.

The wedding was featured in the Life section of the Wilmington News Journal on Saturday, July 23, 2005 in an article by Gary Soulsman entitled

"A marriage of past and present: For Jewish couples, weddings are living rituals, rooted in tradition but potent with the promise of the future."

The bride is the daughter of Dr. Jay and Bryna Rappaport of Brandywine Hundred. Alyson graduated from The George Washington University in 1999 with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a major in International Business and a minor in French. In 2001, she received her MBA with a concentration in marketing from The George Washington University. She is currently employed as an

account manager at Greenfield/Belser, a brand design firm in Washington, DC.

The groom is the son of Steven and Barbara Fieldman of Winter Park, Florida. Matthew graduated from the University of Florida with a Bachelor's degree in Psychology in 2000. He earned his MBA from The George Washington University in May 2005. He is working at Hillel's Schusterman International Center as a senior development associate, also in Washington, DC.

The couple will be taking a honeymoon in November to French Polynesia.

A New Son of Israel is born

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Goldlust are pleased to announce the June birth of their grandson, Jacob Ryan Goldlust. Jacob lives with his parents Katie and Josh and big sister, Tessa, in Wakefield, Massachusetts. Jacob's proud great-grandmother, Rose Gainen, lives in Margate, Florida.

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COMING EVENTS

COME TO BETH SHALOM'S COMMUNITY YARD SALE

Baby equipment, furniture, appliances, knick-knacks and clothing for the entire family will be available at Congregation Beth Shalom's Yard Sale. There's something for everyone at this community sale scheduled on Sunday, September 11th, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the synagogue's parking lot on 18th Street and Baynard Blvd. in Wilmington. Rain date: Sunday, September 18th.

BETH EMETH KICKS OFF CENTENNIAL WITH SHABBAT CELEBRATION

The "Kick-Off" for the 100th Anniversary celebration is on the weekend of September 23rd and 24th. Al Vorspan, a dynamic speaker on issues of social action, is the synagogue's Keil-Herrmann lecturer. He will speak during the Friday evening Shabbat Service. A special Oneg will follow. Mr. Vorspan will also speak prior to the Selichot service on Saturday evening. There will be a dessert at 8:30 PM followed by his talk at 9:30 PM. The Havdalah service will be at 10:45 PM with the Selichot service at 11:00 PM.

HIGH HOLIDAY PRAYER BOOKS FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED

The Jewish Heritage for the

Blind is pleased to announce the availability of the High Holiday Machzor in large print and in Braille free of charge for all those who need them. Due to the high expense involved a doctors note stating necessity is required. The JHB has striven to help the visually impaired community stay connected with their heritage by producing special publications in braille and in large print all at no cost to their recipients. To receive a complimentary High Holiday Machzor contact our main office at 718-338-4999 fax 718-338-0653 or email to Jewishheritage@gmail.com.

ISRAEL TRAVELERS TO SPEAK AT SEPT. AKSE BRUNCH

A panel of AKSE members will speak about their trips this summer during the September 25th Men's Club Brunch. The community is invited to attend the pre-program brunch and the Israel presentation. Breakfast begins at 9:30 a.m. and costs \$4 per person. The program is free.

CAR WASH BENEFITS BBOY

Need a car wash? Members of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization will bring their buckets, sponges and soap to the Exxon Station at the corner of Foulk Road and Silverside Road from 8 a.m. to 2

p.m. on Sunday, September 4th. Proceeds benefit youth programming.

JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY LOOKING FOR MEMORABILIA

Attention long-time Wilmingtonians. The Jewish Historical Society of Delaware is looking for photos, programs, invitations, news reports and other materials related to the Jewish High School fraternity and sorority dances and other social gatherings held at the YMHA in Wilmington during 1945-1960. The "Center" was the site of such dances as The Snow Ball, The Football, the Sweetheart's Frolic, Café Sans Souci and the Matzo Ball sponsored by such organizations as Sigma Alpha Rho, Alpha Zadic Alpha, Sigma Phi, TEX, B'nai B'rith Girls, Sigma Pi Sorority and Mu Sigma Fraternity.

If you were involved in some of these activities and can share your mementos, please send materials to The Jewish Historical Society of Delaware, 505 Market Street, Wilmington, DE 19801, attention: Marvin Balick.

DELAWARE GRATZ GOES TO WASHINGTON

Travel to Washington, D.C. on Sunday, October 30th and see a performance of Shear Madness at the famed Kennedy Center. Just \$57.50 per person includes a guided tour of the Kennedy Center, a ticket to this award-winning comedic interactive murder mystery, which is ideal for all ages, bus transportation and a tip. Lunch at the Kennedy Center and dinner are on your own. Performance time is 3:30 p.m. Bus will leave the Brandywine Town Center at 8:30 a.m. and will depart from Washington at 5:30 p.m. after the

performance.

Please make your check payable to Delaware Gratz Auxiliary and mail to Annette Chason, 400 Whitby Drive, Wilmington, DE 19803. For additional information, please call 479-0848 or email Annette at mannie5@aol.com.

DELAWARE GRATZ TRAVELS TO THE BIG APPLE

Be the first to see The Woman In White, one of Broadway's hottest new shows. The bus will leave for New York on Wednesday, November 30th at 8:30 a.m. leaving plenty of time for lunch (on your own) before the 2 p.m. performance. Leave New York for home at approximately 5:00 p.m.

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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.

DARLINGTON HOSTS OPEN HOUSE

New faculty members of the music, art, drama and dance

departments will be available to meet with prospective students and their families between 2:30 and 3:30 PM at the annual Fall Open House set for Saturday, September 10th at the Darlington Arts Center, 977 Shavertown Rd., in Concord Twp. The free event, which begins at Noon, features selected demonstrations of the four art forms, registration for the new semester, refreshments and an opportunity to meet and mingle with new and familiar members of the Darlington student "family." For more information, call 610 358-3632 or visit the web at www.darlingtonarts.org.

SUPPORT DELAWAREANS LIVING WITH HIV DISEASE

Wilmington Aids Walk, Sunday, September 25, 2005 at Rockford Park.

Dover Aids Walk, Sunday, October 2, 2005 at Silver Lake Recreation Area.

Georgetown Aids Walk, Sunday, October 9, 205 at North Bedford Street Park.

Register online at www.aids-delaware.org or call 302-652-6776 x220 for more information.

MAINTAIN YOUR BRAIN

The Alzheimer's Association of the Delaware Valley will sponsor two seminars on how to live a brain-healthy lifestyle. These free programs will be presented at Arden Courts Assisted Living, 700 1/2 Foulk Road, Wilmington on Monday, September 19th, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. and at National Evolution Trolley Square, 1715 Delaware Avenue, on Saturday, September 24th from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Advance registration is required. Please call 302-633-4420 or 1-800-272-3900 to reserve your seat.

Hadassah to host state treasurer



Jack Markell

Delaware's Treasurer Jack Markell will discuss the effects of changes in local and global economics on the First State during the Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah's first meeting of the season. The community is invited to hear Markell on Monday, September 26, 7 p.m. at Congregation Beth Emeth, 300 W. Lea Blvd.

Currently serving his second term, Markell is recognized in Delaware and across the country as a leader in promoting policies to help all people achieve their economic potential. He has won numerous awards for his innovations in making government more effective.

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