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DON'T MISS EVA MOZES KOR-SURVIVOR OF MENGELE'S HOLOCAUST EXPERIMENTS!

Eva Mozes Kor will deliver the May 4th Preston Memorial Lecture in a rededication of the Preston Holocaust collection at the NEW Brandywine Hundred Library

Eva Mozes Kor, a survivor of the diabolical medical experiments performed by Dr. Josef Mengele at the Auschwitz Concentration Camp, will present the 2003 Preston Memorial lecture on Sunday, May 4, 2003, at 3:00 PM.

Life for the Mozes family was irrevocably changed when then 10-year old Eva, her identical twin, Miriam, her two older sisters and her parents were rounded up in their village of Portz and taken to a ghetto in Simeul Silvaelei, Transylvania. Some six weeks later, they were transported with approximately

7,000 others to Auschwitz, the largest of the death camps. After they disembarked from the train, Kor and her twin were separated from their mother by German guards and sent to the laboratories of Dr. Josef Mengele to be used in medical experiments. She never saw her parents or older sisters again. Over 3,000 multiples were used in the experiments and fewer than 200 were alive at liberation. Today only about 80 survive.

Kor, the president and founder of C.A.N.D.L.E.S. - (Children of Auschwitz Nazi Deadly Lab Experiments Survivors) has spent the last 19 years of her life, attempting to find the records of the twins so they might know what experiments were done on them. In a time when people must all face a myriad of problems, Kor believes "It is important to know that no one is truly prepared for what he or she must face."

Kor emphasizes to audiences

through her lectures and her books the importance of remaining vigilant in the face of the hatred and prejudice that still pervades our society. She is the author of *Echoes From Auschwitz, The Story of Eva and Miriam Mozes and Little Eva and Miriam in First Grade*.

At a time when survivors' numbers are decreasing, this will be a rare opportunity to hear a first person account of what happened and to learn the lessons of the Holocaust, as experienced by Mrs. Kor. Community members are invited to hear what promises to be a unique and powerful presentation. The lecture is free and open to the public. Copies of Mrs. Kor's books will be available for purchase.

The Halina Wind Preston Holocaust Education Lecture is funded by the Halina Wind Preston Memorial Fund at the Jewish Fund for the Future. The Jewish Fund for the future is the planned giving arm of the Jewish Federation of

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For additional information, please call Amalia Snyderman at 302-427-2100, ext. 30.

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DELAWARE YOM HASHOAH COMMEMORATIONS:

*Monday, April 28-7:30 p.m. Community Service at Congregation Beth Shalom, 18th and Baynard Blvd., Wilmington

*Monday, April 28-7:30 p.m. University of Delaware Hillel, Brian Mark Rigg, author of *Hitler's Jewish Soldiers*, will speak at Purnell Hall, Room 115, Newark.

*Tuesday, April 29-12:00 Noon Holocaust Remembrance Day Program-Keynoted by Karen Wallace, Holocaust Educator, Ekbert Carvel State Building Auditorium, 820 French Street, Wilmington.

*Tuesday, April 29-7:30 p.m. Seaside Jewish Community Yom HaShoah Commemoration, Holland Glade Road, Rehoboth. Holocaust survivor and participant in 1000 Children program will speak.

ISRAEL WEIGHS IRANIAN THREAT

By Leslie Susser, JTA

On the face of it, the American military victory in Iraq has significantly enhanced Israel's national security, removing a threat from weapons of mass destruction and opening new chances for peace between Israel and the Palestinians.

But there is a downside: Israeli leaders are concerned that Iran could emerge strengthened from Iraq's defeat and continue to promote terror while developing nuclear weapons that could pose a threat to Israel's very existence.

One worry is that the defeat of Iraq could lead to a fundamentalist backlash in the region spearheaded by Iran, using its close ties with Syria and the Lebanon-based Hezbollah to wage a campaign of terror.

Another is that Shi'ite Iran could build close ties with a new Shi'ite-dominated Iraq, projecting fundamentalist influence across the region.

But of most concern by far is that, according to some Western experts, Iran is barely two years away from producing a nuclear bomb.

Over the past few months, Sharon has been urging visiting U.S. legislators and administration officials to take action to stop Iran from going nuclear. The message seemed to be getting through: After mid-March meetings in Jerusalem, U.S. Undersecretary of State John Bolton announced at an Israeli-American strategic forum in Washington that "the U.S. will focus on stopping Iran getting nuclear weapons."

But it could be too late.

Over the past few years, undetected by the world's most vaunted intelligence agencies or the United Nations' watchdog International Atomic Energy Agency, Iran developed two sites capable of producing the fissile materials from which nuclear bombs are made.

One, near the desert town of Natanz, 200 miles south of Tehran, will be able to produce weapons-grade uranium. The other, farther west at Arak, will be able to make plutonium from heavy water.

The tip-off on the two sites came last August from an Iranian dissident group, the National Council of Resistance. Until then, the Iranians had claimed that the Natanz site was for "desert irrigation."

Satellite pictures, released in December by the American Institute for Science and International Security, proved otherwise. And when Mohammed Baradei, an Egyptian who heads the International Atomic Energy Agency, visited the Natanz site in late February, he counted 160 brand-new centrifuges capable of producing weapons-grade uranium, as well as parts for assembling 1,000 more.

Baradei's Iranian hosts acknowledged that by 2005, they planned to have 5,000 centrifuges fully operational at the desert site. Experts say that would enable Iran to produce enough enriched uranium for at least two nuclear bombs a year from 2005 onward.

Experts believe Iran had some help

from Pakistan in developing the Natanz technology, but the centrifuges are unique in shape and clearly were engineered by the Iranians themselves. Moreover, Iran has begun mining its own uranium ore in the Yazd area, 400 miles southeast of Tehran.

Taken together, these two facts mean that Iran has passed the point of no return: Its nuclear program can no longer be stopped by getting third parties to withhold materials or technologies.

The same is true of Iran's missile technology.

"The Iranians cannot be stopped anymore. They have their indigenous capability now, and they will continue their programs regardless of what the international community thinks," said Uzi Rubin, former head of Israel's Arrow anti-missile defense program.

One of the Iranian-developed missiles, the Shahab-3, has an estimated range of nearly 800 miles, able to reach targets in Israel from western Iran.

What makes the Iranian threat most chilling is that Iran's fundamentalist leaders remain formally committed to Israel's destruction. For example, Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, a former Iranian president who retains an influential post, in December 2001 called publicly for the Muslim world to develop nuclear weapons in order to annihilate Israel.

Iran also has shown a marked capacity to act against Israeli interests.

According to Israeli intelligence, Iran was behind the 1992 and 1994



United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan, left, meets with Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, religious leader of Iran, in 2002. CREDIT: Eskinder Debebe/UN/DPI

terrorist attacks on the Israeli Embassy and a Jewish cultural center in Buenos Aires, Argentina; Iran regularly supplies Hezbollah with weapons, including long-range rockets, through Damascus, Syria; and in 2002, Iran tried to sell arms to the Palestinian Authority for use against Israel.

Indeed, Israel experts say, it was the January 2002 interception by Israel of the Karine A, a vessel loaded with Iranian arms for the Palestinians, that led President Bush to include Iran in the "axis of evil" in his State of the Union address later that month.

So what can be done to contain or assuage the Iranian threat? First, Israeli experts say, Israel must enhance its defensive and deterrent posture.

The Arrow, which could intercept incoming Shahab missiles, does both.

Moreover, according to foreign sources, Israel has mounted special launchers on its submarines that are capable of firing nuclear warheads. This would give it a "second strike" capability, hopefully deterring potential enemies from contemplating a first strike.

To weaken Iran's terrorist capacity and ability to spread its fundamentalist message, Israeli experts propose putting pressure on Syria rather than Iran. Syria, they maintain, is more susceptible to Western pressure and also has the power to disarm Hezbollah relatively quickly.

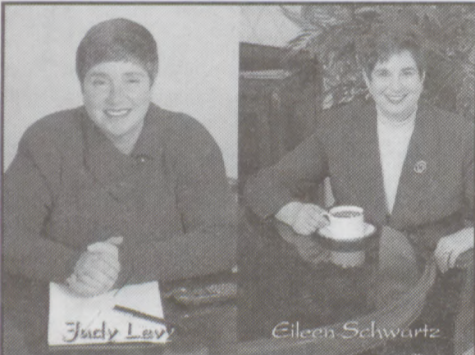
Once Hezbollah is disarmed and Damascus distances itself from Tehran, Iran's scope for terror and political influence will decline, the argument goes.

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

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Echoes from Auschwitz

A Holocaust child survivor tells her story

Sunday, May 4, 2003

3:00 PM

Brandywine Hundred Library

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Eva Mozes Kor



A Mengele twin and survivor of the medical experiments of Dr. Josef Mengele at the Auschwitz Concentration Camp.

Eva's story will touch the hearts of all who listen and will leave them with an understanding of what happened - and the way it affected the survivors.

The lecture is **FREE** and open to the public.

Her books will be available for purchase

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EDITORIAL

Is the roadmap to peace taking shape?

International pressure can move mountains or power-hungry world leaders. The United States, Great Britain and Egypt played diplomatic hardball with Yasser Arafat over his dispute with Palestinian Prime Minister Designate Abu Mazen's Cabinet selections. On Wednesday, Arafat was convinced to cede defeat-clearing the way for much-needed changes in Palestinian leadership and removing a major stumbling block to the U.S. backed Road Map to Peace.

Abu Mazen, a man who is respected by the Israelis, will serve as Interior Minister and Mohammed Dahlan, the former Gaza security chief will be in charge of security affairs. In return, for Arafat's concessions over Dahlan and other key Cabinet appointments, Egyptian Envoy Omar Suleiman promised the PA chairman that he would remain leader of the Palestinian nation.

The key question on the minds of all involved in the quest for an end to the Israeli-Palestinian

conflict is "Can Arafat be trusted to cede control to his cabinet ministers?" If Arab, European and U.S. leaders lower the heat on the PLO Chairman, how quickly will his professed ardor for peace cool?

In the words of Israeli Cabinet Minister Ehud Olmert, "...Judge the deeds and not the declarations." In the coming months the world will learn whether or not this new regime has both the moxie and the mandate to stem the tide of terrorism and bring the healing waters of peace to this troubled region.

We pray that G-d, the author of peace; continues to inspire those who seek shalom and salaam!

In the spirit of peace,

Lynn B. Edelman

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Editor

Photo Of The Week



A Mideast Milestone

U.S. soldiers from the Air Defense Artillery task force take part in a ceremony marking the end of their mission, at Tel Yona Israeli army base near Tel Aviv on April 20, 2003. Hundreds of U.S. soldiers normally based in Germany were deployed in Israel with their Patriot missile batteries to improve Israel's defense against Iraqi Scud missiles during the last months.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The Job Is Only Half Done

The Delaware Jewish Community did a great job in the House! On April 2nd, the House Administration Committee held hearings on House Bill 47, legislation that would change the date of primary elections in Delaware from Saturday to the second Tuesday in September. The hearings were moved to a larger room to accommodate supporters of the bill from northern Delaware and Dover. Several speakers testified eloquently for passage of the bill. Besides those speaking from a Jewish perspective, there were also representatives of the Seventh Day Adventist Community, the League of Women Voters, and Common Cause who spoke in support of the bill. Representative Bob Valihura, the primary sponsor of HB 47, addressed the committee, saying that this was simply the "right thing to do."

The effects of our presence were obvious. Speaker Terry Spence, a member of the committee, stated that we should have changed the date long ago, and placed the bill on the House agenda for the next day. The bill was voted out of committee unanimously, and the House passed the bill by an overwhelming vote of 34-6.

Now we need to do a repeat performance in the Senate. The primary bill was taken up in the Senate Insurance and Elections Committee last Wednesday afternoon (yes, Erev Pesach!). We thought it would sail smoothly out of committee, but without our presence the discussion focused on technical issues raised by the Election Commissioner, such as finding polling places and poll workers and security and parking problems in

the schools. There was even some confusion about whether conflict with Rosh Hashanah or conflict with the Sabbath was the issue. As a result, the committee tabled the bill. My discussions with Senator Cathy Cloutier, co-sponsor of the bill, suggest that this is just a delay and not a derailing of the bill. However, she does feel we need to "pull out all the stops" in terms of showing our support to the Senate.

Hearings in the Senate Insurance and Elections Committee on whether to vote HB 47 "out of committee" will take place at 3 pm on Wednesday, May 7th in Dover. I would like to have as many community members as possible come down to Dover to show support for the bill, just as we did in the House. We also need to get people to contact their Senators to let them know that there is strong support for this legislation. Call 577-3464 (Dover Phone-739-4498) to find out who your senator is. Then call 577-8744 (Dover Phone-744-4286) to get your senator's phone number. District and contact information is also available on the web at www.legis.state.de.us. A husband and wife count as two constituents, so be sure to both call or else mention that you both support the primary day bill, HB 47.

We would like to organize carpools to Dover on May 7th. Please call Amalia Snyderman at 427-2100, ext. 30 and let her know that you will be able to participate.

Chag Sameach,

Mark Wagman, Chairperson

Jewish Community Relations Committee

Myths and Facts about Israel

MYTH #95

"American Jews goaded the United States to go to war against Iraq in 2003 to help Israel."

FACT

One of the most absurd arguments made by opponents of the U.S.-led war against Iraq in 2003 was that American Jews somehow were responsible for persuading President George W. Bush to launch the military campaign on Israel's behalf. The truth is that President Bush decided that Iraq posed a threat to the United States because it possessed weapons of mass destruction and was pursuing a nuclear capability that could have been used directly against Americans or could have been transferred to terrorists who would use them against U.S. targets. The removal of Saddam Hussein was also designed to eliminate one of the principal sponsors of terrorism.

The war in Iraq liberated the Iraqi people from one of the world's most oppressive regimes. Even in the Arab world, where many people objected to the U.S. action, no Arab leader rose to Saddam Hussein's defense.

It is true that Israel will benefit from the elimination of a regime that launched 39 missiles against it in 1991, paid Palestinians to encourage them to attack Israelis, and led a coalition of Arab states committed to Israel's destruction. It is also true, however, that many Arab states benefitted from the removal of Saddam Hussein, in particular, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. This is why these nations allowed Allied forces to use their countries as bases for operations.

As for the role of American Jews, it is important to remember that Jews comprise less than 3 percent of the U.S. population and were hardly the most vocal advocates of the war. On the contrary, the Jewish community had divisions similar to those in the country as a whole and most major Jewish organizations purposely avoided taking any position on the war. Meanwhile, public opinion polls showed that a significant majority of all Americans supported the President's policy toward Iraq.

Some critics have suggested that prominent Jewish officials in the Bush Administration pushed for the war. In fact, only a handful of officials in the Administration is Jewish, and not one of the President's top advisers — the Secretary of Defense, Secretary of State, Vice President, or National Security Adviser — is Jewish.

The suggestion that American Jews are more loyal to Israel than to the United States, or that they have undue influence on U.S. Middle East policy, is an example of anti-Semitism. Unfortunately, some critics of the war on Iraq chose the age-old approach of blaming the Jews for a policy they disagreed with rather than addressing the substantive arguments in the debate.

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FEDERATION FOCUS

Chicken Soup and Candlesticks:

Rituals Create Security for our Families



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Amy Hirshberg Lederman

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Guest Columnist

My husband and I don't always agree on things. When it comes to family matters, we have fought over everything from cloth versus paper diapers to whether M and M's constitute one of the four food groups. The one thing we do agree upon however is that our home should be a safe haven for our children; a place where they can take risks as they grow, express opinions without fear and learn to understand the challenge inherent in loving and living with others.

How my husband and I create a safe environment is by very different means. He locks the doors and windows; I sit on the couch and invite conversation. He wants a dog, an alarm system and to know where the kids are at all times; I want to cook a big pot of soup and have dinner together. Neither of us is complete without the other and together we have created our own gourmet blend of physical and emotional security that works.

Despite our differences, there is a singular tool that we both rely upon in creating a safe family environment. Ritual, that age-old vehicle which societies have used for centuries to transmit values to its members, has

done more to help build our family than almost anything else.

Sociologists and anthropologists have long known that rituals function as powerful tools to define family roles and to pass on cultural norms and family values from one generation to the next. Rituals create a sense of identity and belonging; they tie the individual to a group or community. They mark important life-cycle events, commemorate life transitions and permit us to express important emotions such as love, fear, joy and grief. Perhaps most importantly, rituals provide us with a sense of stability, order and regularity. They constitute an anchor in a tumultuous world and act as a compass by which to navigate.

When I was growing up my family did not observe many Jewish rituals. We did not celebrate Shabbat or keep Kosher. None of us knew which prayers were said for eating, drinking, or celebrating the holidays. As a child it didn't matter much but as an adult it felt like a huge impediment. I sheepishly muddled my way through Jewish

events and services feeling culturally disadvantaged and downright stupid. Then one day I read about Rabbi Akiva, one of the most highly acclaimed Jewish sages, who began his Jewish studies at the age of forty. Since I was in my early twenties at the time, this left me feeling as if I had a definite advantage. I took this as a good sign and began a course of Jewish learning that continues to this day.

My own definition of ritual is quite simple: It is the creation of sacred time or sacred space in our lives, our home, and our communities. In our home it has taken many forms and has evolved through the years as we have grown up as a family together. It speaks to us in our kitchen where we are daily reminded of the commitment we make to our tradition as we place the turkey burgers on our "meat only" plates. It carries its force into our family room, where we have shelves dedicated solely to Jewish collectables, art music and books, many of which have special meaning or were made by our children. It makes its way into our

bedrooms where we have hung mezuzas on each door that contain personal blessings and prayers for our family.

Each week as we usher in Shabbat, we whisper something special to each of our teenage children acknowledging their uniqueness and why we love them. Years ago this time was allocated to "happy thoughts", when our children would share the happiest moments of the week with us. We light my grandmother's brass candlesticks, smuggled out of Russia over 100 years ago in the lining of a coat, while my daughter wears her black lace head covering that still smells of Grandma's rosewater cologne.

We find new ways to celebrate the holidays using art, music, food and games. On Rosh Hashanah, we bake a birthday cake for desert to honor the world's birthday. On Passover, we sit on pillows and blankets in a tent we build on our back porch to experience the Seder as if in Egypt. When it is time to eat, we exit the tent and walk the long distance through our sandy

back yard "to the Promised Land" for dinner. The opportunities to create meaningful rituals are unlimited if you are willing to spend some time doing a little background reading and experimenting with your family.

Making our homes a safe harbor for our children is no easy undertaking. I am grateful for what Judaism has to offer us as individuals and parents as we continue to embrace the challenge.

Amy Hirshberg Lederman is a syndicated columnist, Jewish educator, national speaker and attorney. She lives with her husband and two teenage children in Tucson, Arizona and can be reached at Amyleder@aol.com. Lederman will be the keynote speaker for the Lion of Judah brunch in May. For more information on becoming a Lion of Judah, please call Jennifer S. Young, 302-427-2100 ext. 19.

We are not a community – we are Mishpochah!



Todd Polikoff
Campaign Director

By Todd Polikoff,
Campaign Director

My wife's extended family is a very close knit unit. Her aunts and uncles,

most of her cousins and all four of her grandparents live with in 20 miles of each other. In today's world of convenient travel to the four corners of the earth, my in-laws are more the exception than the rule. A simple family dinner can turn into a scene from My Big Fat Greek Wedding. While some might see this as being a burden at times, there is an important lesson to learn...they can always turn to each other for any immediate need. In many ways my wife's family mirrors the Jewish community that we have in Delaware.

While there are many other communities in our state; the Italian community, African American Community, the Irish community, they are not Mishpochah. That is to say that the Jewish community is more than family, more than community and more than having a culture in common. We are fingers on the same hand all connected no matter in

which direction we point. This is an important fact that is often lost in the minutia and process that comes with an organized Jewish community.

For Jews in Delaware, the Jewish Federation Annual Campaign is the hand to which all of the fingers in our community are connected. A single Jewish living in Dover instantly has an extended family of over 13,500 Jews throughout our state to turn to for immediate and long-term needs no matter their level of observance or membership status in any of our constituent agencies. The importance and impact of this fact cannot be diminished or understated. We are one, we are seamless...we are Mishpochah.

Just as my in-laws are close knit and celebrate together, the same is true for our community. We have come a long way as a community. Certainly we have had our Tsuris and hard times, but we have become stronger

from those events. We now have six incredible agencies (Albert Einstein Academy, Delaware Gratz Hebrew High School, Hillel at the University of Delaware, Jewish Community Center, Jewish Family Service, Milton and Hattie Kutz Home) that cover the needs of our community from cradle to grave. We have raised over \$500,000 for the Israel Emergency Campaign; our Community Capital Campaign now stands in excess of \$18 million; and we have opened a Jewish Community Campus in Newark. All of these accomplishments have been done with the help and support of you...our family...our Mishpochah.

Please remember your Mishpochah in Delaware, Israel and around the world by making your JFD Annual Campaign gift today. For more information on the JFD Annual Campaign, please contact me at 302-427-2100 ext. 16 or www.shalomdelaware.org.

"Hair" – Mainstreaming at-risk girls

by Donny Ross

This would have never happened were it not for the support of the Jewish Agency Partnership 2000 Program.

Uzi, the owner of a hair-care salon at the Mall in Arad, Delaware's Partnership 2000 community, habitually reached out to kids who had dropped out of school offering them work at his salon, creating for these youngsters an alternative framework, later even trying to talk them into continuing their education.

Those who chose not to resume their studies at least had the opportunity to acquire a profession.

Sagit Saniya, the municipal crime reduction coordinator, who heard of Uzi's initiative, contacted him asking for his help in formulating, with the municipal social workers, a hairdressing technicians course for young girls at risk. The concept has become a reality,

with 12 young girls presently enrolled in the course. Five times a week, the girls meet in groups to get practical experience and twice a week for theoretical lessons that include communication skills in general and with clients in particular as well as a professional education. As a bonus, the girls are taught make up tips.

All this happens in a room allotted for this purpose in the hair salon. The course is conducted in an amiable ambiance, a fun experience for both parties. The girls attend regularly and willingly spend much of their free time practicing. At this stage, the girls are still practicing on mannequins, but will soon begin to practice on each other and later on will have the opportunity to shampoo hair and interact with clients.

Uzi and his staff are well aware of the importance of this project and have gone out of their way to help. The proj-

ect is unique in terms of the extensive attention and care lavished on these girls, both during the training sessions as well as during their leisure time, by social workers Galit, Sandra, accompanied by Nechama Gibor from the Municipal Youth Unit, who do much more than ensure the girls' regular attendance but spend quality time conversing with the girls and inspiring them with self-confidence.

'A', a student in the course said that "We are presently practicing on mannequins, but I can't wait to actually start working". At the end of the course and after an internship some of these girls will become part of the professional staff at the salon. Partnership 2000 funds 30% of the project.

Uzi notes that being involved in this project is very satisfying and he already has an idea for an extension program - he hopes to create a hair styling internship school that would allow course



graduates to service clients on its premises. To this end he wishes to build a second floor in the salon. This will

require additional funding and Uzi hopes to find organizations and supports for this unique project.



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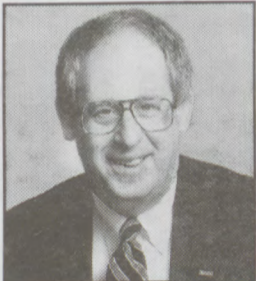


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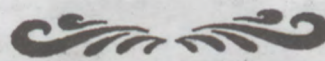


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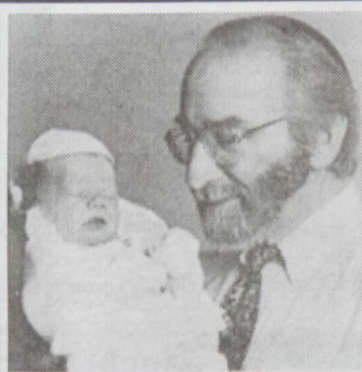
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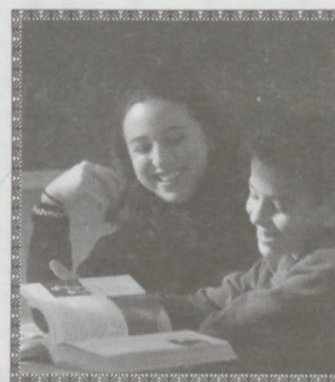
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Beach visitors, find open arms, and warm Jewish hearts

By Susan L. Towers
Special to The Jewish Voice

The voices of nearly 100 Passover goers chanted the words of *Dayanu*, filling the dining room with a beautiful melody that flowed past the open door and throughout the Rehoboth Beach restaurant.

Bowls of matzo ball soup and plates of orange-honey chicken and roast brisket of beef were passed down the narrow tables that were wedged into the room. Not another person could have squeezed into that room.

"We're so glad that you all could come," said Seaside Jewish Community Parliamentarian and Lewes family practitioner Dr. Jeff Hawtof, the man who led this year's second night ceremony.

The atmosphere was vibrant. Married couples, grandparents, cousins, old friends and giggling four-year-olds had arrived from Baltimore, Arlington, Falls Church, Philadelphia, and Wilmington to join those from Rehoboth, Dewey, Lewes and Bethany Beach in the traditional Jewish celebration. Many were congregation members, but many were not.

So it is with Seaside Jewish Community — a unique, eclectic collection of Jewish people who are drawn together by tradition and the power of the ocean. The eight-year-old congregation has 130 members. Of those, 81 live locally. The rest are resi-

dents of the Washington D.C. and Baltimore areas, Wilmington and Pennsylvania. There's no permanent rabbi, only those who come to lead services on a visitor basis. There's no affiliation to the orthodox, conservative, reformed or reconstructionist movement. And at present, the group holds its discussions, studies, services and children's education and festivities in the Odd Fellows Hall on Holland Glade Road in Rehoboth Beach. There is a dream to have a permanent Jewish building.

"We're Jewish people coming together," says Lynne Chichi, who served as president for eight years until October 2002 when she stepped down and Dewey Beach resident Cheryl Fruchtmann was elected to a three-year term.

"We are not affiliated with any particular Jewish movement so as to welcome all Jewish people to our Southern Home. We are most defiantly all inclusive," Chichi, as well as the rest of the board members, want beach goers to feel as if they belong to the local Jewish community when they visit the area. This summer's list of services and discussions are open to all visiting Jews.

"Our philosophy is that if someone comes, maybe they might join," Fruchtmann says. "We'd like to see our community continue to grow."

One of Fruchtmann's goals is to work toward buying or building a home for the community.

"My goal is to have a place where our children can learn the Jewish religion," Fruchtmann says, noting that she and her husband Marc had to drive their sons to Wilmington in order to study for their Bar Mitzvahs.

Hawtof, who has two young daughters with his wife and pediatrician Dr. Nancy Gideon, agrees. "Our first goal is to offer services and programs that our congregation needs and wants. Only then will we attract more Jewish families and be able to purchase our own building. The first part of our goal is almost complete."

Hawtof is among the members working hard to raise money for the congregation. "Don't forget to work on selling the raffle tickets for the Caribbean Cruise valued at \$3,000. The tickets are on sale now and the drawing is targeted for December 6," he said.

For those visiting coastal Delaware this summer, Caribbean cruise raffle tickets will not be the only offering from Seaside Jewish Community. A list of discussion groups, services and other events already are organized. To find out more, or to receive the member's email, call the group's voicemail messaging center at (302) 226-8977 or members mentioned in the sidebar box.

Seaside Jewish Community activities for the 2003 spring/summer season

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May 17: Evening party honoring contributions made by Lynne Chichi

June 6: 6 p.m. dinner service

June 19: 7:30 p.m. Bible study

June 21: 10 a.m. Shabbat service

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Aug. 1: 6 p.m. dinner service

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Aug. 21: 7:30 p.m. Bible study

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JCC Newark Opens Its Doors for Community Fun

By Jen Berry
Special to The Jewish Voice

Last month, the Jewish Community Center of Newark held an Open House for the community and showcased the center's offerings, including their many summer programs.

Chris Smith, director of JCC Newark, headed the planning of the open house. She said the event enticed the community to visit the center. The center currently maintains a membership of 300; at the open house, The JCC gained 16 new memberships, 6 of which were family memberships.

Approximately 200 attendees enjoyed the arts and crafts, games, scuba info table, entertainment like clowns and musicians, and many other activities during the Open House. People were pleasantly often surprised by how many different programs are offered by the Newark JCC.

The Jewish Federation of Delaware envisions the Newark Campus as a hub of activity for the Jewish community, providing such offerings as early childhood programming, summer camps for children, fitness activities, and cultural events, according to Todd Polikoff, campaign director of the Jewish Federation. He explained that the federation purchased the building due to the results of their population study, which showed that there was, and still is, a tremendous surge of Jewish families living in the Newark area.

"Being new," Smith says, "we're trying to get new members and get the community to check us out. We want people to see our renovations. We offer a lot of programs here—like massage therapy and a monthly flea market starting April 27 and running on every fourth Sunday of the month, that people are unaware of."

The center was bustling with

activity during setup, as staff members scurried to decorate and prepare the center for the day's activities. Volunteers from the community, including the University of Delaware's VISTA AmeriCorps joined forces to inflate heart shaped balloons, set up the crafts tables, arrange the face painting table, and prepare the various exhibits.

Once the first visitors started arriving, the fun really began. As the guests ascended the concrete steps and opened the glass doors, a greeter

would welcome them and orient them to the Open House's offerings. To their left, were Jewish books galore suited for children. On their immediate right was a table displaying a variety of JCC, wearable items to be raffled. Next to this, was a balloon-covered table where the visitors could become members — with a special, one-day of hundred-dollar discount!

Executive Director of JCC Delaware, Jeffrey S. Metz, was impressed with the turnout of the open house and feels the event was a

success. "Our purpose was to expose the Newark community to the Jewish Community Center. We did that. This event provided the Newark JCC with positive exposure, we got the message out to the public about our many programs, including summer camp, fitness center, before- and after-child care programs, and parenting class, to name a few.

Polikoff felt the open house was a success, noting the large volume of attendees as well as the abundance of positive comments.

Lynda Bell, program director of JCC Newark, praised the amount of community involvement. "What was really wonderful was that we had a large group of volunteers from the AmeriCorps program. We were very grateful for their help."

Bell continued, "We provided an enjoyable day for those that attended. We provided food and activities for children and adult alike. I thought it was a very organized event. I was impressed with the amount of community involvement."

JHS program explores Delaware Jews and Israel

The third program of "Delaware Jews and the Land of Israel", sponsored by the Jewish Historical Society of Delaware, will be held on May 13th, 7:30 P.M. at Congregation Beth Emeth in Wilmington.

Faith and Lou Brown will speak about moments from their eight trips to Israel. The couple first traveled to the Jewish State in 1949 and lived on a kibbutz with the intent of making aliyah. Ruth and Dr. Albert Goodman

will discuss their experiences volunteering in Israel-Ruth at an Israeli school and Albert in a hospital. The Goodmans will also talk about learning Hebrew in an intensive program known as an ulpan.

Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the program.

Mark your calendars for the final program in the series on Monday, November 3rd, 7:30 p.m. at the JCC. Rabbi David Geffen will discuss William Topkis, the prominent businessman who spent six months in Palestine in 1923. Topkis produced the first film encouraging aliyah. Rabbi Geffen will show clips from that film.

For additional information about the series, please call Diane Sklut at 302-475-4229.

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Gladys Gewirtz and Helen Gordon, pioneers in Jewish education, will address the group during services.

Shabbat T'lamdeini is sponsored by JOFA, the Jewish Orthodox Feminist Alliance. Its name comes from a sentence in *Shir Hashirim*: "I will lead you. I will bring you to my mother's house;

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Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Talmud Torah was the first Jewish institution in Delaware to hire women to serve as educational directors, Gladys Gewirtz, as Curriculum Director, and Clara Mattes, as Administrator. When Clara Mattes stepped down, Helen Gordon took her place.

As part of the Women's Tefillah Group Service on Shabbat T'lamdeini, Helen Gordon and Gladys Gewirtz will speak of their experiences as Administrator and Curriculum

Director, respectively, of the AKSE Talmud Torah for a period of over 20 years. They epitomize the spirit of Shabbat T'lamdeini in their contributions to learning and teaching, their work to build Jewish institutions in the community and their active support of Judaism as a way of life.

The Women's Tefillah Group Service begins promptly at 9:30 a.m. and is open to all women of the community. A Kiddush-luncheon will be sponsored by the Women's Tefillah Group after services.

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children that learning to swim is fun and easy. Swim gem apparatus is also used, which helps promote feelings of security and confidence in the water. Class levels include Parent and Tot for ages 6 to 36 months, Floaters for children ages 3 to 4, Beginner, Advance Beginner and Intermediate for children ages 4 and up. Swim classes for adults are also offered through class sessions or private lessons. Students are evaluated

on the first day of class to assure they are placed in the proper skill level. The JCC Sharks offers spring conditioning programs for children ages 4 through 18, who want a head start or introduction for any teams' summer competitions. For more information on the JCC Swim School or the JCC Sharks Swim Team, contact Heather Sprague, Aquatics Coordinator, at (302) 478-5660.

Hadassah Seeks Women's Career Clothing

The Wilmington Chapter of Hadassah is collecting women's clothing for the Clothing Bank of Delaware, a Friendship House Ministry.

The purpose of The Clothing Bank is to provide job training and temporary employment for women entering the work force and to dis-

tribute surplus clothing. It encourages volunteers to organize clothing drives, then makes the clothing available to any agency, church or institution that will distribute the clothing free of charge.

Hadassah is collecting clothing that can be used by women who are returning to work. Suits, dresses and

other items of clothing that are appropriate for work will be accepted. All items should be in good condition. A collection box will be located at the Jewish Community Center from April 28 - May 9. Receipts are available for tax deductions. For further information, please call Michele Sands, 478-6391.

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AROUND OUR JEWISH WORLD

French heroes helped Jews survive

By Philip Carmel, JTA

There is a plaque just in front of the war memorial in Festalemps, a tiny village in the Perigord region of southwestern France.

The plaque commemorates 24 Jews who were taken from farms and homesteads in the village on the night of Oct. 8, 1942.

The Jews were put onto a bus by French gendarmes and taken to a nearby town. From there they were transported by train to Drancy, a concentration camp in the northern suburbs of Paris.

From Drancy, they were taken to Auschwitz — and, like more than 70,000 French Jews, from Auschwitz they did not return.

They were not, however, the only Jews who had taken refuge in Festalemps — and some survived the war, thanks to heroic efforts.

In 1939, as the French government waited for the German army to cross the Rhine and enter France, a decision was taken to evacuate the population from the eastern border areas.

People from across Alsace, Lorraine and the Moselle — and the large Jewish communities of eastern France, including from cities such as Strasbourg and Metz — poured into the French interior.

Initially, the easterners were placed in empty houses on the Atlantic coast. They were not to remain there long.

France was cut in two during the war, with an occupied zone run directly by the German army and a "free"

zone, administered from the central French spa town of Vichy, by the collaborationist government of World War I hero Marshall Philippe Petain.

Fearing a potential allied invasion from the west, however, the Germans soon set up another zone, the "Forbidden Area."

All "non-residents," including the Jews who had been relocated from eastern France, were thrown out of towns along the Atlantic coast. Under orders from Vichy, they were spread around the rural villages of Perigord in the occupied zone.

For the residents of Perigord, the arrival of the strange "Easterners" — many of them city dwellers and some speaking a Germanic-sounding Alsatian patois — must have seemed strange.

So strange, in fact, that most of the locals were not even aware that some of the Easterners actually were speaking another Germanic-sounding language, Yiddish.

Isidore Drabinowski was born in Metz in 1930, the son of Polish Jews who had arrived in France after fleeing pogroms in the mid-1920s. With the outbreak of war in September 1939, the Drabinowski family arrived in a small town on France's Atlantic coast.

In the middle of 1940, "we were taken by train and bus to Festalemps and placed in abandoned farm houses" near the 200-person village, Isidore Drabinowski says.

For the next two years, Jewish children went to the school next to the

village hall, even though Festalemps was in occupied France, under the control of the German army.

In 1941, a young man named Henri Neyrat arrived in Festalemps to take up his first teaching post. Neyrat is still alive today, and it is difficult to imagine this mild-mannered, humble man spending much of the war organizing Resistance operations against the Germans across southwest France.

Throughout almost three hours spent recalling the war at his home, Neyrat's easygoing tone of speech disappeared only once — when he described the day in 1942 when Jewish children in Festalemps were forced to wear the yellow star.

"That was intolerable," he said. "I told all the children in the school they were not to make fun of the Jewish kids."

Fernand Peyronnet, a young man in the village at the time, remembers it a bit differently: "Neyrat told the children he would give the first child who made fun of the Jewish children a kick up the arse," Peyronnet says.

Peyronnet knew Neyrat well, and was an active participant in the soccer team Neyrat set up in town. A scion of generations of Perigord farmers, Peyronnet also helped Resistance activities.

He knew the region like the back of his hand, including the location of the Demarcation Line, the crossing point between occupied and free zones, a few miles south of Festalemps.

Neyrat, an accomplished soccer player, had asked Peyronnet to pass the wife of a professional soccer player across the line in early 1942. Peyronnet was happy to oblige, he said, "just to annoy the Germans."

The way both Neyrat and Peyronnet describe it today makes it sound like youthful fun, but the Demarcation Line was patrolled by German troops. Detection could have led to death.

Unlike some "passers," Peyronnet received no money for doing it, and repeated the mission at least four times, saving the lives of at least seven people.

Drabinowski has spent the last few years searching for details about the period and, with the assistance of the Perigord archives, can put exact dates on Peyronnet's night passages.

Drabinowski himself was passed over the line by Peyronnet in late August 1942 and spent the rest of the war together with his family in the village of St. Cyprien in the free-zone section of Perigord.

He did not remember Peyronnet's name until he was contacted more than 50 years later by Robert Frank, another Jewish child who spent most of 1942 in Festalemps.

Peyronnet also kept his exploits from his fellow villagers, even when the war was long over.

"He led us through woods and forests and we stopped on the side of the road which marked the Demarcation Line," Drabinowski

recalls. "We waited for a German patrol to pass and then we crossed over. But I never saw his face. He was just a shadow in the night, leading us to safety."

Peyronnet passed Isidore Drabinowski's father, Jacques, over the line in July 1942. The rest of the family followed a month later.

It's doubtful that Jacques Drabinowski knew what was beginning to happen to French Jews in the occupied zone, though he was passed over just a day after the infamous roundup at the Velodrome d'Hiver in Paris, the first major deportation of French Jews to Auschwitz.

Nevertheless, Jacques Drabinowski had decided that he and his family had to leave Festalemps.

Luckily for the Drabinowskis, Jacques' eldest child, Annie, knew of Neyrat, and it was she who asked the teacher whether he could help the family. Once again, Peyronnet was only too happy to oblige Neyrat.

According to official Perigord archives, French officials carried out a deportation in the free-zone section of the region on Aug. 26, 1942, some two and a half months before the deportation in the occupied zone, which included Festalemps.

However, the Vichy regime at that time was still making a pretense of protecting its citizens, and French citizens like Isidore Drabinowski — and even parents of those Frenchmen like Drabinowski's father — were exempt from the deportation and, thus, survived the war.

JEWISH PERSPECTIVES

A Bar Mitzvah gift of par excellence

By Marvin S. Cytron
Special to the Jewish Voice

Sociologists and historians describing Jewish life in America in the 1950s often refer to this period as Coming of Age or A Renaissance of American Jewry. World War II was over, the exodus to the suburbs was in full throttle, the economy was booming, and social attitudes were changing. The birth of Israel and its fledgling success added to the pride and confidence of Jewish life. During one period, a new synagogue was built at the rate of one each day. Soon the era of neighborhood *shuls* would be a thing of the past. These new houses of worship were grand in scale and function and no longer limited to a place of prayer and learning. Building committees and architects added professional kitchens, elegant social halls, teen centers, libraries, day schools, nursery schools, gifts shops, etc. thus changing synagogues and temples to the social center of the community. Along the way, the celebration of bar mitzvah underwent dramatic changes. Grand and elegant celebrations became a major social event, planned years ahead; parents often referred to the event as my bar mitzvah. It would be another

decade before *bat mitzvah* became de rigueur in most synagogues and temples. Each celebration had to be more creative and grander than another family's *simcha* and, all too often, these events bordered on the obscene. Rabbis and community leaders lamented that there was too much *bar* and not enough *mitzvah* in these celebrations.

Happily today, while *bnai mitzvah* are still grand events for family and friends, *mitzvah* has become a significant part of the celebration. As part of their preparation for this wonderful day, these young men and women will select a charity that will benefit from this *simcha*. While family and friends still shower gifts on the newest adult member of the community a donation to charity by the celebrant their family and friends are often included. Recently, a young man in Columbia, Maryland, in celebration of his bar mitzvah, elevated his mitzvah project to a new level.

Yonatan Grossman-Boder, son of Rabbi Susan Grossman and David Boder, learned of the need for new ambulances for Magen David Adom, MDA, the Israeli counterpart to the Red Cross while preparing for his Bar

Mitzvah last year. He writes "Israelis are living in a life of fear because of the current terror attacks...MDA needs our help to buy more ambulances and medical supplies. That is why I created *Raffi-The Bear That Cares* for my Bar Mitzvah project, to raise money to buy an ambulance and help the victims of terrorism." Through talks, interviews, local publicity and visits throughout the region Yoni has sold thousands of these 7 inch cuddly bears that are dressed in a red sweater with a red Magen David. He is about halfway to his goal of \$55,000, the price of an ambulance. Yoni is a student at the Krieger Schecter School in Baltimore, an avid baseball fan and an aficionado of Broadway musicals. He recently appeared in a full length Hebrew production of *The Sound of Music* at his school.

During a recent visit to Wilmington, where his mother served as the Rabbi Jacob Kraft Educational Foundation Scholar-In-Residence at Congregation Beth Shalom, Yoni spoke about his project. Congregational reaction to *Raffi-The Bear That Cares* resulted in a sell-out response. Yoni is well on his way to meeting his goal and members of the



Yonatan Grossman-Boder and his Mitzvah menagerie

Delaware Jewish community are invited to participate in this mitzvah by placing order for Raffi. Cost is \$12.99 per bear, plus \$8.00 shipping. Orders, with checks payable to MDA/Bears for Life, should be sent to Beth Shalom

Congregation, 8070 Harriet Tubman Lane, Columbia, MD 21044. As one Beth Shalom congregant commented as he took his bear home for his grandson "This is the right kind of a bear market!"

Earth Day, Israel and JNF

By Gary Fitleberg

Each and every day is EARTH DAY in Israel thanks to the nurturing caretaker of the land partnership of Jewish National Fund (JNF) and its Israeli counterpart Keren Keyemeth Le'Yisrael (KKL). The Earth and environment are its business as well as its primary responsibility.

The creation of the Earth is the first miracle in the Torah in Genesis. The importance of the environment of the Earth and the environment in

Jewish tradition blossomed from there.

From seedlings a homeland grew. David Ben Gurion, the first Prime Minister of Israel recognized the importance of planting trees when he commented during 1949 "Of all the blessed acts in which we are engaged in this country, I do not know of a more fruitful enterprise whose results are so useful, as the planting of trees, which adds beauty to the scenery of our country, improves its climate, and adds health

to its inhabitants."

Jewish tradition encourages the planting of trees as an expression of concern for future generations. Even before the Jewish people entered the "Land of Israel", they were told to plant trees.

Israel is the only nation that has more trees than it had when it began the 20th century.

JNF-KKL has planted over planted over 220 million trees, built 135 reservoirs and created created more than 450 parks throughout Israel.

Israel is a small semi-arid country and more than 60% of its land is desert. The planting of trees holds back the desert, prevents soil erosion and improves air quality.

In a region where every drop of water is important, JNF-KKL is now concentrating on the critical issue of water and drought that has plagued the nation. It does so in many ways. Cleaning up existing rivers and water supplies. Harvesting water through an important network of reservoirs and dams. Recycling through

desalinization efforts.

The environment, Israel, and JNF-KKL are all intertwined together regarding Forestry and Water. This "caretaker" commitment and dedication is exhibited with community development, education, research as well as tourism and recreation.

JNF-KKL is historically committed to strengthening the ties between man and land.

For further information about JNF-KKL please visit the organization's website at www.jnf.org

Obscene meets the Glory

by Leo Lieberman

Maybe because it was Shabbat Zachor, the Sabbath of Remembrance — that special Sabbath service that comes right before the holiday of Purim. Or perhaps it was because I was in a synagogue being rebuilt in the city of Berlin, a place that I never thought I would ever want to visit. Or then again, maybe it was because I was surrounded by students from New Jersey as well as German Jews whom I had met for the first time. Or maybe I was just feeling a bit lonesome thinking about being back home and listening to Rabbi Aaron explain the portion of the week while the Cantor intoned the melodies in his usual melodious tones. Or then again, it might have been a combination of all of the above factors.

But here I was in Germany, where it all began and my mind was filled with all those obscene pictures — the parade grounds where Hitler had addressed a multitude of cheering citizens; the rubble of a synagogue destroyed during the Kristallnacht pogrom and now marked by a little plaque; the square that witnessed the burning of the books so that the Nazis could wipe out all the precious words recorded by Jews (and I remembered the words, "Where first they burn books, then they burn men and

women" (Such a prophetic forecast.); and finally the scenes of the deportation to the death camps and the endless tracks leading to the annihilation.

I closed my eyes tight and hoped that the Hebrew prayers recited in an foreign accent, but couched in familiar melodic strains, would somehow erase these pictures and help me to forget. But the word *zachor* — "remember!" kept intruding, more than a request, a command. Over and over again, I heard, "Yizkor" — You Shall Remember. And even though I heard the Rabbi joining the command to remember with the name of that ancient villain, Amalek, and sometimes it was co-joined with the name of the arch disturber of Israel, Haman, and even though the words were spoken in a language that was alien to me, I began to get the uneasy feeling that it was I who was being addressed.

And so I moved and shifted in my seat most uneasily and tried to distract myself by thumbing through the prayer book, concentrating on the Hebrew words and trying to ignore the translations that were in German. Once in awhile, I glanced sideways at my students who had come to view the sites of destruction and who, once in awhile, were persuaded that this trip was not only an educational one, but that there could be some "fun and

games" as well — especially when they visited beer halls and souvenir shops and cafes.

But now, as we sat here in this house of worship, the New Synagogue, we were joined by some strange and almost mystical sense of mission. I observed some of these young people, those not of the Jewish faith, who had never entered a synagogue before and who were a bit unsteady on their feet, who had asked me to let them know when to stand and when to sit, how to dress and what customs to observe. And I wondered too, what pictures were circulating in their heads, what memories, what questions buzzed about like gadflies?

And I was aware too that no one was looking at his watch to check the time and to find out how much longer the service would last, no one seemed to be concerned that the afternoon was a free time to explore and to do last minute viewing or visits or shopping. Time took on a special meaning that day. And then the Rabbi looked in our direction and in German and then in English explained that it was the time to recite the Kaddish prayer and that all those who had lost dear ones, close members of their family, might wish to stand and join in the recitation of this traditional prayer — a doxolo-

gy in praise of God.

For a minute I hesitated and then I noticed that, without prompting, one after another, each of the students, both Jewish and Gentile, stood and joined both in oral and silent devotion. And I too joined them, remembering all those who had perished though no fault of their own, at this place in those days.

And for a little bit the obscene pic-

tures were replaced by glory and a holiness as we said together, *Yisgadal v'yiskadash*, affirming what we most fervently hoped Auschwitz had not erased.

Excerpted from the book "Memories of Laughter and Garlic: Jewish Wit, Wisdom, and Humor To Warm Your Heart" by Leo Lieberman (\$12.95, ComteQ Publishing). Leo can be reached at features@comteq.com.

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JEWISH ARTS AND CULTURE

Jewish life thrives in America's south

By Martin Roffman, Ph.D.
Special to the Jewish Voice

I don't usually go out of the way to read picture books and to tell the truth, never tried reviewing one either. However, "Shalom Y'All: Images of Jewish Life in the American South" by Bill Aron and Vicki Reikes Fox, published by Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill, 2002, \$24.95, is an incredibly delightful book that is easy to devour in a single sitting, one that I encourage you to enjoy as well.

The book is filled with stories and pictures that weave a warm, inviting, and informative tale about how Jews settled in towns large and small throughout the deep South from the late 1800s onward. Those who acclimated to living there had to maintain their culture under the handicap of being part of an extremely small minority. The South was a powerful economic magnet that retained Jews who could adapt to their surroundings, didn't mind being separated from families in the north, and who could create their own support systems. For

the most part, those who settled in the rural south opened stores and prospered as well-to-do merchants with tight connections to the power centers of their towns.

"Shalom Y'All" is filled with tales about real people who lived in unlikely places between the Carolina coast and Mississippi River bayou country. Southern and Jewish cultures appear to mix best in the small town experience and it is there that Jews settled in with their neighbors, built one-room synagogues, and actively sought out each other's company whenever possible.

Some towns honored their founding Jewish residents by naming the towns after them. Examples of this are Kaplan, Louisiana and Levy, Arkansas. Other areas used natural resources to attract outside visitors such as Hot Springs, Arkansas which had the reputation of a Spa from the 1920s through 1950s. During that time, it had its share of kosher hotels to serve the needs of northern Jewish visitors. When pharmaceutical companies

developed medicines to improve the lives of arthritis patients, the need for visiting Hot Springs declined and many of those hotels were forced to close.

Of the people interviewed for the book, stories like the following from Dotty London Stetelman of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, are representative of the down-to-earth content shared by the interviewees: "Before my daddy married, he was working in a shoe store. He used to see the KKK parades and he could recognize the men by the shoes he had sold them. He could see their shoes under the sheets."

A humorous tale is told by Robert Gartenberg about how his grandfather met his future wife. In 1898, a Jewish acquaintance walked into his grandfather's store in Hot Springs and asked if he would like to be married. The grandfather answered: "Who would marry me?" The acquaintance showed him a picture of Carrie and said "Isn't she beautiful?" The grandfather said "Okay" and they traveled

together to New Orleans where he was introduced to Carrie. "This is not the woman in the picture" he said. "No, this is her sister. The woman in the picture is Lena, who is married and lives in Shreveport. Would you like to marry Carrie? She is single and available". The grandfather thought "Well, I have no other prospects and I did come all the way to New Orleans". He decided to marry Carrie and lived quite happily afterward.

The authors present a several page description of the Museum of the Southern Jewish Experience which is located in Utica, Mississippi. The museum, housed on the grounds of a Jewish summer camp, is entirely devoted to preserving the kind of stories described in Shalom Y'All. Interested readers may obtain further information about the museum from its website, www.msje.org.

I had the opportunity to visit Duke University in the 1960s and traveled by bus from Philadelphia to Durham, NC, to check out the envi-

ronment. While staying with a Jewish family in Durham, I remember walking through a pleasant residential neighborhood at sunset one evening carrying a transistor radio. The station began its signoff process by playing "I wish I were in the land of cotton..." and somehow, that didn't resonate so well with my psyche. I eventually chose to attend a northern school instead, and that made all the difference. Later in the 1970s, I found myself building a pharmaceutical production line in the Sky Line Drive area of Virginia for about six months. The scenery was dramatic and the people quite friendly but the absence of Jewish interaction caused me to begin putting on tephillin each morning just to affirm my identity. People have different ways of adapting.

Shalom Y'All!

Martin Roffman crosses the Mason-Dixon line every day from his Montgomery County, PA home. He is an active member of Congregation Beth Shalom in Elkins Park.

Eye on the Arts

by Paula Shulak

Two upcoming events offer some interesting entertainment in the near future for Delaware's Jewish Community. From April 26 through May 18, the Prince Music Theater in Philadelphia will present the world premiere of a new show by Elise Thoron which is based on the story of Marc Chagall and his interaction with the Soviet Yiddish Theater. Entitled "Green Violin", the show boasts an exuberant Klezmer score sure to please musical aficionados. But in addition, it recounts the tale of how Chagall painted scenery for the theater company and developed a strong friendship and collaboration with its lead actor Solomon Mikhoels. The latter made Chagall's art "move, sing and dance onstage". And we see reminiscences of that brilliance as we watch this new musical play and struggle with these two Russian citizens torn between the urge to flee to a free life or remain in

Russia and fight the repression they saw all around them. It is an astonishing story of life for Jews under Stalin directed by Rebecca Bayla Taichman. Following close on the heels of Pesach, the holiday of freedom, this should be a must see for theater goers. For tickets call the Prince Theater at 215-569-9700 or order on the web at www.princemusictheater.org.

And on May 10, Flash Rosenberg, Delaware native and nationally known comedian, returns to her home town of Newark to regale us with her "Camping in the Bewilderness". In a recent interview Flash confided, "My parents were among the first families to found and support Temple Beth El and I am an 'alumnitwit' of UD where I majored in a question! The question was 'How do we know the things we know when we haven't been told?' " That is a sample of the kind of comic logic which fills her presentation. She



Flash Rosenberg

uses photos and cartoons to illuminate her mental wanderings in a truly unique way. And all this comedy comes with a very Jewish flair. According to Arthur Kurzweil, famous editor and writer, "Camping in the Bewilderness is a true Jewish act. Others do Jewish jokes. But, if Flash were in a shtetl in Eastern Europe, she'd be showing a slide of Maimonides' structure of the Mishneh Torah. She looks at details like a Talmudist; she thinks about how to order the world like the Rambam; she finds HaShem in the details; she's a role model as a thoughtful mensch; she plays with ideas of infinity like a mystic; she looks at the world with awe and inspires awe in others... Flash uses humor to get us all to think about 'How do we structure things? How do we understand our world?' I will never eat a slice of pizza again the same way since she taught me about Pizza Infinity. Her observations can be

simultaneously funny and not funny, generating a thoughtful comedy that is deep." Need I say more?

Flash wanders in and out of hundreds of life sized, projected images and inhabits a "live-storyboard" form of photo-cartoon theater. Flash Rosenberg is presented by the Newark JArts Committee consisting of representatives from Newark JCC, Temple Beth El, UD Department of Jewish Studies, Chabad and Hillel. Tickets for the 8:30 PM performance on May 10 in Purnell Hall on the UD campus are \$18 for adults and \$9 for students. They may be purchased from the JCC at 368-9173, Temple Beth El at 366-8330 or at the door. If you would like to drop your children off at the JCC for an evening of their own at the same time, call for reservations to Kids Night Out at 368-9173.

Discounts are also available at several Newark restaurants for dinner preceding the show.

Douglas clan stars as chaotic film family

By Tom Tugend
JTA

In his 86th year and his 86th movie, Kirk Douglas has fulfilled a long-cherished dream by uniting his clan in the film "It Runs in the Family."

The picture's Gromberg family, for whom the word "dysfunctional" could have been invented, consists of patriarch Alex (Kirk, naturally), son Mitchell (Kirk's son, Michael Douglas), and grandson Asher (Kirk's grandson, Cameron Douglas).

Rounding out the family is Diana Douglas, Kirk's ex-wife and Michael's mother, who plays the patriarch's wife, Evelyn.

The Grombergs of Manhattan are over the top in every conceivable way. They are gratingly Jewish - Kirk sprinkles his comments with Yiddish vulgarisms, he screams out a Kaddish as he sets fire to a boat carrying the corpse of his senile brother, and for good measure, there is a family Seder from hell.

Adding to the stereotypes, the

Grombergs are obscenely rich, thanks to the patriarch's successful career as a corporate lawyer. At the Seder, when the youngest grandson, Eli (Rory Culkin), finds the afikomen, Kirk whips out a \$1,000 bill, and has another greenback of the same denomination for the 24-year-old grandson Asher, who didn't find the

afikomen.

There is almost constant intramural bickering between the crusty Gromberg patriarch and his son, between the son and his wife, Rebecca (Bernadette Peters), and between this couple and their children. Ultimately, the family rallies around one of its own when Asher is

busted for growing and selling marijuana.

Relief comes occasionally, as in the warmly portrayed relationship between the Gromberg grandfather and his wife, and the brotherly bonds between the two grandsons.

But most of the time, the film is as dysfunctional as the Gromberg fami-

ly, running off in a dozen different directions and with a convoluted plotline that defies description.

Hollywood veteran Fred Schepisi directed the film, with co-star Michael Douglas doubling as producer. "It Runs in the Family," released by MGM and Buena Vista International, opens today.

Seinfeld, Bennett headline Israel's 55th Anniversary Celebration

A star-studded array of top entertainers will headline "The Spirit of Israel," Monday, May 19, at the capital's 14,000-capacity MCI Center. The Israel Forever Foundation (IFF) is calling its event "the single largest salute to Israel this decade."

Comedian Jerry Seinfeld, musical icon Tony Bennett and at least one surprise Grammy Award-winning superstar will headline the tribute and will be joined on stage by Israeli singing sensation Noa (Achinoam Nini), actor/TV personality Ben Stein, Broadway star Tovah Feldshuh

and others. A 70-piece orchestra featuring top Israeli and U.S. ensemble musicians will also be featured.

"The Spirit of Israel" is the first in a yearlong series of programs and events emphasizing the unique US-Israel relationship being organized by The Israel Forever Foundation, in cooperation with the Embassy of Israel in Washington and the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

U.S. President George W. Bush and Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon are expected to attend.

This event would mark the first time the President and Prime Minister have met since the outbreak of war.

Individuals or groups interested in securing an invitation can contact the

Israel Forever Foundation (israel55@israelforeverfoundation.org). Tickets to the event can be obtained through Ticketmaster (www.ticketmaster.com) or the IFF. Tickets range from \$36 to \$1000.

Yom Hashoah Commemoration

Monday, April 28 7:30 p.m.

Community service at Congregation Beth Shalom
18th St. and Baynard Blvd., Wilmington

MILESTONES In Memoriam

ALBERA

Barbara Sampson Albera passed away on April 20th at Brinton Manor Nursing Home in Glenn Mills, PA. Mrs. Albera and her late husband, Charles, were residents of Wilmington for more than 60 years. Barbara was a member of Congregation Beth Emeth for 50 years and was an active member of the synagogue's Sisterhood.

She is survived by her two daughters, Sandra A. Price and Leatrice Pereira-Ogan, both of Wilmington; seven grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by a daughter, Georgene Price and a grandson, Craig Price.

A private memorial service was held on April 21st for Mrs. Albera's family. Shiva was not observed due to Passover.

Contributions in her memory may be directed to the Craig and Georgene Price Memorial Fund, 506 North Church Street, Wilmington, DE 19801.

BARTH

Louis Barth, 83, died April 7th in Boston, MA. He was an Army veteran of World War II and worked as a taxi cab driver in Boston until his retirement. He was a proud member of the Disabled War Veterans and of the Jewish War Veterans.

Predeceased by Sara Hurwitz, his

wife of 53 years, he is survived by his children, Andrea Goldstein of Cambridge, MA and Howard Barth and his wife, Nedda of Wilmington; his sister, Janet and her husband, Murray Kessin, of Stoughton, MA; his brother, Max Barth and his wife, Ester of Stoughton, MA and his beloved grandchildren, Samara and Abram Barth of Wilmington, Jeffrey and Nathaniel Goldstein of Cambridge, MA and Alexis, wife of Kevin Harrington of North Andover, MA.

Contributions in his memory may be made to United Cerebral Palsy of Delaware, 700 A River Road, Wilmington, DE 19809 or to the Emmaus House, 34 Continental

Avenue, Newark, DE 19711.

SAYER

Coleman Sayer, 87, of Wilmington and Philadelphia, died on April 20th. He was the president of Sayer Brothers, Inc., a linen, dry cleaning and laundry business started by his father and great uncle in 1894 on the banks of the Brandywine at 18th and Market Streets. The property was originally Lee Flower Mills, a historic landmark, which is now known as Superfine Lane.

Mr. Sayer's father, William, was one of the founders of Congregation Beth Shalom. His great uncle was the second president of the synagogue. Coleman Sayer graduated from

Wilmington High School and attended Franklin and Marshall College. He served in the Army Air Corps in WWII and was a member of the Jewish War Veterans and B'nai B'rith.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Evalyn Gellens Sayer; his brothers, Paul, Leon, Maynard and Alvin. He is survived by his children, Douglas of Bryn Mawr, PA and Stacey Wettstein of Pittsburgh; grandchildren, Ali, Ricky, Lindsey, Zachary and Emma; and by nephews and nieces.

Graveside services were held on April 22nd. Donations in his memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

BUSINESS NEWS

Schoenberg Memorial Chapel receives BBB award

The Better Business Bureau of Delaware has awarded The Torch Award to the Schoenberg Memorial Chapel for outstanding businesses in the one to ten employee category. This prestigious award, which recognizes businesses for outstanding commitment to customers, employ-

ees, shareholders and the communities they serve, was presented at a banquet on Tuesday, April 1st in the Gold Ballroom of the Hotel DuPont.

Schoenberg Memorial Chapel was founded in 1950 by Harold Schoenberg. Harold's father, Charles,

assumed responsibility for the ritual preparation of the deceased for funeral and burial in accordance with Jewish community standards and traditions.

Alan Schoenberg trained as a funeral director to carry on the family business. In 1994, when his father

passed away, Alan left a promising career in the military to dedicate himself to major renovations and upgrades of the Philadelphia Pike facility.

He works with Jewish Family Service to provide bereavement assistance programs and educates

students, parents and members of the Jewish and secular community on Jewish burial traditions.

Alan and his wife, Barbara are active members of the Delaware Jewish community. They are the proud parents of Joshua and Geoffrey.

DELAWARE VALLEY BRIEFS

LAMBERTI'S CUCINA restaurants throughout the Delaware Valley have donated a total of over \$9,000 to charities and non-profit organizations since the inception of the Dine for Dollars fundraising program.

The Program, which takes place on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

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For additional information about this program, please call 1-800-2Lamberti or visit the website at www.lambertis.com.

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LIONS GATE, a continuing care retirement community currently being developed in Voorhees, New Jersey in affiliation with the Jewish Federation of Southern New Jersey, is now accepting reservations.

It is the only such community developed under Jewish auspices in New Jersey and one of the few in the United States.

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NACHAS NOOK

Miranda and Slack are wed

Stacey and Willy Miranda of Newark, Delaware proudly announce the marriage of their daughter, Alexis Anne Miranda to Benjamin C. Slack. Benjamin is the son of Roslyn Slack and the late Jay Slack of Clark, New Jersey.

The ceremony and reception were held on August 4, 2002 at the Hotel DuPont in Wilmington. Rabbi David Kaplan of Temple Beth El in Newark officiated. The bride was escorted to the chuppah by her parents.

Alexis, a graduate of Newark High School and the University of Florida, is a teacher at Warren Middle School in Warren, New Jersey. Ben, a graduate of Arthur L. Johnson High School in New Jersey and the University of Florida, is Vice President of Major Mills, Inc. in Clark, New Jersey.

The couple resides in northern New Jersey.



Alexis Anne and Benjamin C. Slack

Two Wilmington families to unite in marriage

Daniel and Hinda Tanzer announce the engagement of their daughter Katie to Michael Scott Glazier, son of Richard and Amy Glazier.

Katie is a campaign associate at The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington. Michael is the youth director at Congregation Har Shalom in Potomac, Maryland.

Katie and Michael are 4th generation Wilmingtonians whose great-grandfathers were "lantzman" in Europe before coming to America.

The wedding will take place on November 1, 2003 at Congregation Adas Kodesh Shel Emeth.

They currently reside in Rockville, Maryland.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY HAPPENINGS AT ALBERT EINSTEIN ACADEMY

Albert Einstein Academy, the Brandywine Valley's only Jewish day school, will sponsor the following events during the month of May. Please call 302-478-5026 for more information:

Lag B'Omer - Field Day
May 20th from 12:15-2:00 pm
Special Friends Day
May 28th at 9:30 am
Fine Arts Celebration - Wilmington Library
May 28th at 7:00 pm

HILLEL TO SCREEN THE PIANIST

On Wednesday, April 30, the Academy Award winning film, *The Pianist*, will be playing at the Trabant Center Theatre, at 7:30 pm. The cost is \$2.00. Hillel is co-sponsoring this event with the Student Center Program Advisory Board of the University of Delaware.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact either Ian Cooper, ijcooper@udel.edu or Susan Detwiler, sdhillel@udel.edu or telephone 302-453-0479.

BRENNER FUND AIDS HOLOCAUST STUDIES

The Leo Brenner Holocaust Study Memorial Fund was established in 1999 by the family of the late Mr. Brenner and is dedicated to keeping

the memory and lessons of the Holocaust alive. The Fund accepts applications from members of the Delaware community who are studying or teaching the Holocaust.

Leo Brenner passed away on February 5, 1998. He was a Holocaust survivor from Berlin, Germany who was imprisoned by the Nazis in Sachsenhausen, Auschwitz, Buna Monowitz and Buchenwald concentration camps from 1939 until his liberation in 1945.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and may be obtained from Adas Kodesch Shel Emeth Congregation, Washington Blvd and Torah Way, Wilmington, DE 19802. Please return completed applications to Mrs. Marion Brenner, c/o AKSE.

The Leo Brenner Holocaust Study Memorial Fund is a Fund of AKSE and is invested with the Jewish Federation of Delaware's Fund for the Future.

Contributions to the Fund are always welcomed.

JCC NEWARK SPONSORS FLEA MARKETS

The Jewish Community Center Newark will host monthly Flea Markets beginning this Sunday, April 27th and continuing every fourth Sunday of subsequent months. The Market will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., rain or shine, with reason-

able rates for vendors. Contact Lynda Bell at 302-368-9173 to reserve a space or to receive additional information. The JCC Newark is located on the corner of West Park Place and South College Avenue, off I-95 on Route 896 Northbound.

KIDS NIGHT OUT IN NEWARK

The Jewish Community Center Newark is holding "Kids Night Out", for grades K-6 on Saturday, May 10th, from 6:30 to 10:00 p.m. Come to the "J" without your parents for an evening of pizza, games, swimming and other fun activities. Reservations are required. Call 303-368-9173 for more information.

POSSUM POINT PLAYERS PRESENT...

And Then They Came for Me, a unique play about the Holocaust. The play tells the story of three young people living in Amsterdam before WWII. It is recommended for grades 6 and up. Performances will be presented at Delaware Technical and Community College in Georgetown on Thursday, May 1st at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Performers will address questions after each show. Tickets are \$5.50 each. Please call 302-856-4560, ext. 2 for reservations.

FREE GENETIC SCREENINGS DURING MAY

Free Tay-Sachs and Canavan

screenings will be available throughout May at Christiana Hospital, Medical Arts Pavilion, Outpatient Lab, in Newark and at Wilmington Hospital, Outpatient Lab in Wilmington, with no appointment necessary at either location. Children with Tay-Sachs or Canavan disease are usually born into families with no apparent history of the disease because the gene defect often remains hidden in a family for generations. One in 27 Ashkenazi Jews is a Tay-Sachs carrier and one in 35 is a Canavan carrier. A carrier has no symptoms but can be at high risk for having a child with the disease. A carrier always has a 50 percent chance of having a child who is also a carrier. Therefore, it is absolutely critical to know if the gene defect is part of your family's medical history.

JFS REACHES OUT TO SEPARATING & DIVORCING PARENTS

Jewish Family Service of Delaware offers Separating and Divorcing Parent Education courses certified by Family Court. "Healing Hearts," parent seminar and children/teen seminars are held at the Jewish Community Center in Wilmington, the first 2 Wednesdays of each month from 6:45-9:45pm. The fee for the 6 hours course is \$100, free for the children of participating parents.

(Scholarships are available.) For more information, please call Karen Townsend, ACSW at 302-286-1402.

APPLY FOR USA MACCABI BASKETBALL TEAMS

Applications for the USA basketball teams, which will represent the United States at the 10th Pan American Maccabi Games in Santiago, Chile next winter are now being accepted. There will be three men's teams and a women's open team (any age). The men's teams are Juniors (born in 1987, '88 or '89); Youth (born in 1984, '85, '86); and Open (any age).

The Pan Am Maccabi Games will take place from December 24, 2003 through January 5, 2004 and a training camp will be held in Boca Raton, Florida beginning Saturday night, December 20, 2003. The commitment to take part in this event is two full weeks. The teams will be selected by tapes and recommendations, however, if enough applications are received tryouts in Los Angeles and Philadelphia may be held.

Please direct questions and interest to Brian Schiff at 215-952-5362 during the day, 215-285-5936 in the evening, or e-mail him at bschiff@comcastsportsnet.com. To apply online go to the Maccabi USA/Sports for Israel website at www.maccabiusa.com or contact their office at 215-561-6900.

Former FBI director to speak at Kutz Home Luncheon

Louis J. Freeh, former director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, will be the guest speaker at the Annual Donor Luncheon of the Auxiliary of the Milton and Hattie Kutz Home on Wednesday, May 14, at the Brandywine Country Club.

Judge Freeh, currently the Senior Vice Chairman for Law Enforcement and Government Affairs and General Counsel with MBNA Bank, N.A., served as FBI director from 1993 to 2001. Early in his distinguished career, Judge Freeh

worked as an FBI Special Agent, serving the Bureau in New York City and Washington, D.C.

A former United States District Judge for New York State's Southern District, Judge Freeh also served the Southern District as an Assistant United States Attorney. He has been recognized on numerous occasions for his exemplary accomplishments including investigations and prosecutions relating to racketeering, drugs, organized crime, fraud, and terrorism.

Becky Rosen serves as Luncheon

Chair. Committee members also include Patti Berk, Julie Friedlander, Susan Kreshtool, Shelly Mand, Ann Rosen, Susan Sandler and Deidre Vecchione. The cost for the luncheon is \$55.00 for a Silver donor, \$100.00 for a Gold donor and \$180.00 for a Diamond donor. Proceeds support programs and events that enhance the quality of life for Kutz Home residents.

Please call the Kutz Home at 302-764-7000 for more information or to receive an invitation.

SAVE THE DATES ! ! !

Preston Memorial Lecture

Sunday, May 4 - 3:00 PM, Preston Memorial Lecture, with speaker Eva Mozes Kor, survivor of Mengele Twin's Experiment at the NEW Brandywine Hundred Library (on Faulk Rd.)

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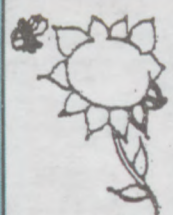
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